

EXPERIMENTAL FARM FOR GREEK REFUGEES

Massachusetts Farmer Plans to Help Raise More Food in Place of Charity

The Near East Relief has received a gift of \$7000 a year to assist in a five-year demonstration of practical agriculture in Greece.

The gift will supplement the work already begun by the American organization at its demonstration farm on the island of Syra, which is in charge of Frederick Midgeley of Worcester, Mass., a retired New England farmer who made a fortune in celery on his Massachusetts farm.

Mr. Midgeley arrived in Greece three months ago, bringing with him a truck load of seed, a head full of common sense, and a life full of experience, and his expenses are being met by funds which otherwise would have been used to send food to Greek refugees. He expects to grow the first year about five times as much food as could have been purchased with the same amount of money.

"Money spent for food is soon gone and there is little to show for the expense," says Mr. Midgeley. "The same amount of money employed in a demonstration farm will assist persons in distress to find work, and soon they can be producing food for themselves. In some cases relief must concern itself with immediate necessities, and there is no course possible save to send food and clothing. Building for the future, however, the founding of self-sustaining communities is the important matter. This is what the demonstration farm hopes to accomplish."

SWIMS CHANNEL IN INDOOR POOL RACE

So far as is known, Winston Waddell, a 21-year-old Brooklyn plumber, is the first man to swim the English Channel in an indoor pool. Enjoying all the thrills except the grease and fog, he covered the twenty-one miles in 11 hours 47 minutes swimming time, during eight swimming periods in the Central Y. M. C. A. pool, Brooklyn, N. Y., and dropped nine pounds en route.

Waddell's record later was broken by Howard Hanson, Swedish natator of Bay Ridge, who covered the distance in 10 hours and 5 minutes, and thus won the Walter Spence medal for the best performance by a member of the Central Swimming club.

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URGES OPPOSITION TO GASOLINE TAX

Motor Club Suggests Those Against It Write Representatives in State Legislature

The Chicago Motor club is sending out letters to members urging them and others interested to write their representatives in the state legislative opposing passage of a law providing for a tax on gasoline. The club argues that all roads possible for the state highway department to build can be financed out of the state auto license fees; why should auto owners pay another tax?

There may be many motorists in Highland Park who would like to add their influence against the proposed tax, and if they want to write the legislators from this district, the addresses of these are as follows:

State Senator Rodney B. Swift, Highland Park, Ill.; Representatives: William F. Weiss, Waukegan, Ill., Roy J. Stewart, Woodstock, Ill., N. L. Jackson, Belvidere, Ill., or they may be addressed care of the House of Representatives at Springfield.

INCANDESCENT LAMPS SOLD DURING 1926

The estimated number of incandescent lamps, exclusive of miniature bulbs such as are used in automobile and flashlights, sold in the United States during 1926, was 315,000,000, an increase of 12 1/2 per cent over sales during 1925, and the greatest increase ever shown in one year. About 205,000,000 miniature lamps were sold.

POLICIES TO INSURE CHILDREN EDUCATION

Several of the large insurance companies are now writing policies to guarantee a college education to a child, regardless of the misfortunes that might overtake the family. As in other forms of insurance the lowest rates apply to those policies taken out for the young children.

BRIDGE CLUBS AND PRIVATE PARTIES MAY HAVE SCORE PADS FREE BY TELEPHONING H. P. 178 OR CALLING AT THE RELIABLE LAUNDRY. adv

MORE PET PEEVES OF BUSINESS MEN

It is difficult to conceive of doing business without the telephone, but there are telephone users who irritate us. One is the man who has a secretary or a telephone operator call us up, with the result that we interrupt our dictation, turn to the telephone and are met by a voice saying: "Mr. Whoffles calling; just a minute please." Then we wait four minutes, growing hotter and hotter.

In spite of well organized campaigns there seems to be a growing tendency to put on letters: "Dictated, but not read"; or "signed in the absence of Mr. Blank," and all the other alibis for inaccuracies. The other day came one which said: "Dictated but not read by Mr. Blotz. Signed during his absence by Miss Blotz."

We are planning, ourselves, to send out letters in this fashion: "Dictated but not read by Mr. Blank. Signed in his absence getting a hair cut, by his secretary, Miss Dash. Stamp licked by Willie, the office boy, who also put it down the mail chute."

Attempts are being made to link the capitals of several Balkan states into one long distance telephone system. Greece wants her capital, Athens, connected with Sofia and Belgrade. Through the latter city Athens could then reach Bucharest, Budapest, Vienna, Rome and Paris. Although the distance between Paris and Athens is far less than many of the distance spanned by the American continent-wide network, no telephonic communication is as yet possible between them.

TELEPHONE TO LINK BALKAN CAPITALS

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HIGHWOOD WOMAN HAS BIBLE 380 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Ida Sheridan Owns Volume Printed in Swedish in Year 1540

Mrs. Ida M. Sheridan, Central avenue, Highwood, has a very old Bible, which has been handed down from generation to generation in her husband's family since the 16th century, and when she read recently in the Press of a much valued Luther's translation in possession of Northwestern university, which was printed in 1545, she looked up the date on the old volume which she cherishes carefully and found it to have been printed in 1540 and 1541, by Laurentius and Olaus Petri. It was probably printed in Germany, she thinks, but is in the Swedish language, and its imprint states that one book was printed for each church in Sweden at that time. The type is of the very oldest hand-engraved wood characters and the work of making it must have been a very laborious one. The Bible was an heirloom in the family of her husband, Frank Oscar Sheri-

dan who died seven years ago. Mrs. Sheridan also has an old John Ward watch, made in London over 100 years ago, and also a sterling silver table spoon bearing the date 1781 stamped on the back. This is one of many spoons given in that day by the king of Sweden to those who planted trees for the benefit of the country.

AMERICAN WOMAN TO AID MEXICAN WOMEN

Miss Leona O. Scott, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, is leaving this week for Mexico City, under appointment of the foreign division of the national board, to assist in the Young Women's Christian association there. The Mexican association practically 100 per cent Mexican in its membership and committee has invited the American movement to send an American worker to them. Their need dates back to the resignation of Miss Caroline Smith last summer prior to her marriage to Doctor Alva Taylor of Indianapolis. Mrs. Taylor spent several years in Mexico City developing the work.

When seen yesterday, Miss Scott expressed her warm interest in Mexican women and faith in their future. "The women of Mexico are

playing an increasingly strong part," she said. "They are struggling to organize and to carry forward the woman's movement. It is important for American women to realize this and to aid them in every way they can." The Y. W. C. A. which is the pioneer one in Mexico has nearly a thousand girls in its activities. The Club Cuicuilco has young men as well as girls as members. Aid to girl students attending the University of Mexico is vital to those coming from impoverished districts. They face eking out an existence on meager funds. Students live at the association and all use it for a social and recreational center.

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