Report of Committee on Resolutions

On the third day of the tour the following committee on resolutions was appointed by J. Frank Smith in charge of the Publicity Department:

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Mr. M. C. Hale, Chairman Agril. Com. C. of C., Tulsa, Okla.

This committee had several meetings during the last two days of the tour and on the last evening at Waukesha made the following report:

STRONG RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The following resolutions were unanimously passed and by a rising vote every delegate authorized his name attached to same. It was further recommended that a copy of the resolutions be sent to every newspaper in the three states with the request to publish.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Through the efforts of J. Frank Smith, Manager of the Good Roads Association of Greater Kansas City, D. L. Harcourt, dairy expert of the De Laval Separator Company, and T. M. Jeffords, Dairy Agent of the M. K. & T. railroad, a party consisting of 135 farmers, bankers, editors, county agents, business men and others, from the states of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, each at his own expense, made a trip through the state of Wisconsin, devoting a week of his time to investigating the agricultural and dairy interests of that state and its system of roads and highways, traveling over eleven of the principal dairy counties of the state, and,

Whereas, In making our investigations, we visited a large number of typical dairy farms in each of these counties, obtaining first hand information from the operators themselves, discussing dairying with bankers, farmers, business men, county agents, officers of dairy organizations and others, therefore, we submit this statement to the people of our respective states for their careful consideration. In view of the fact that we believe in our own minds that a program similar to that carried on in the state of Wisconsin could be gradually introduced to a greater extent in our respective states than is now being practiced, and being fully convinced of the soundness of this program, from our personal observations, we submit the following as expressing the sentiments of the members of this delegation, individually and collectively:

The most outstanding condition which was evident in every county visited was the fine co-operation among the bankers, business men, county agents, college representatives, cow testers, and all others with the farmers in every activity looking to the betterment of conditions and increased prosperity. This co-operation has brought about a most prosperous and wholesome agricultural condition in Wisconsin and as a result we find this picture:

CO-OPERATION AND DIVERSIFICATION

Farms averaging from 60 to 160
acres, well farmed with a diversity of agriculture.

Rotation of crops and liberal use of animal fertilizer to increase fertility of the soil.

The acre yield of all grain and hay crops increasing annually.

Cheese factories and creameries in every community, and milk condensers in the larger towns.

A contented and satisfied people, prosperous and happy.

Comfortable homes and attractive surroundings.

Modern and convenient barns and buildings for cattle and crops.

From one to two silos on ninety per cent of farms.

Calf clubs in almost every community, with enthusiastic members.

Good schools and churches in each community.

Gravel and concrete roads in every direction.

An ample supply of pure water obtained principally from deep wells and piped into the homes and cattle barns.

These farms are occupied and operated largely by the owners, and from the statements of the farmers and bankers it was learned that seventy-five per cent were free from mortgage.

In some of the counties visited we were told that 95% of the farmers owned their farms.

On every hand we found the appearance of thrift and contentment.

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This impression corroborates what the entire country has come to understand, through published statements and personal reports, that the state of Wisconsin has suffered less depression during the past three years than any other agricultural section in the United States.

These conditions, everyone tells us, are due to the intelligent and scientific management of the dairy cow as the most important item in their program of diversified farming, supported and encouraged by all of the business interests of the state.

Realizing the need of increased dairying and diversified farming in our own states and knowing now, after this inspection trip, that sections of our states are well adapted to the Wisconsin plan, Therefore, Resolved, that we recommend to the people of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri a more extensive and scientific dairy program as a means of overcoming some of the difficulties of our present agricultural system, chief of which are the depleted condition of our soil and the lack of proper co-operation on the part of our bankers, business men and the people generally with the farmers in helping to solve their problems, therefore,

Resolved, that we regard the natural conditions of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma to be, on the whole, as favorable for the success of dairying and the diversification of crops as they are in Wisconsin, and that the only conditions lacking are a common resolution and a common co-operation to immediately enlarge the dairy business by local organizations, assisted by the bankers and business men of our various communities.

These facts, secured by the 135 representatives from three states, were obtained largely through the efforts and interest shown us by the bankers associations, the dairymen's associations, college representatives, and county agents, business men and farmers in the counties visited, to whom we express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

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