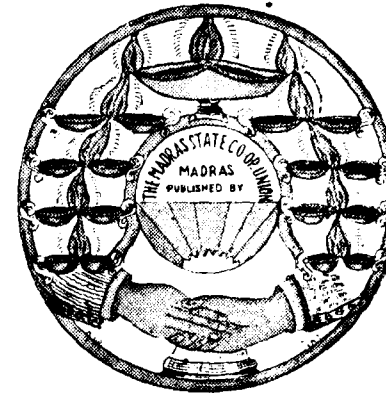


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Thought for the Month

Close Co-operation Needed

Close co-operation between the farmer and the scientist has done much to step up our production, but still greater Co-operation is needed. Firstly, the farmer must co-operate with the scientist once he has made his discoveries that will benefit agriculture, and secondly, the scientist and the departments with which he is concerned must co-operate with the farmer by making known to him what he has discovered and how he (the farmer) can get greater production by adapting to his farm the methods evolved by the scientist. Science has given the farmer many answers to various problems, but our extension systems are frequently found wanting, and if it were not for newspaper and radio channels, the farmer would too often be left in the dark regarding scientific advancement in farming.

We have stepped up production in many phases of agriculture, but there is no room for complacency, or time to think that what we have done is sufficient. The world and our home market needs food urgently, and the only people who can provide it are the primary producers of this country. From an economic and a moral standpoint, there rests a great responsibility on the shoulders of the primary producers, but we are confident that they will be able to carry it.

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