

With the WIND, the SUN and the RAIN

Strange but true the typhoons bring the rain in the Philippines. That is why if there are no typhoons the rice crop suffers from drought. Yet typhoons constitute one of the most destructive enemies of the farmers, because in the wake of a furious typhoon crops and farm buildings are destroyed. It is the mastery of men over typhoon that will mean permanent progress in making crop production stable. And this is now possible with the modern knowledge of meteorology and the advanced knowledge in plant behavior and breeding, in following a planting program that will evade the destructive effects of typhoons.

October is the month of typhoons. In thirty years from 1903 to 1934 the Philippines suffered from no less than twenty two typhoons all passing outside of Mindanao. For this reason Mindanao can be considered a typhoon free agricultural region making that island a much safer place for agricultural operations for most of the crops than the

rest of the Philippines.

During the month of October the provinces lying along the eastern coast of the archipelago have more rains than the provinces to the west. It is still rainy season in Tayabas, the Bicol Provinces, Samar, Leyte, and Eastern Mindoro. Signs of approaching dry season are already in evidence in the Ilocos Provinces, Zambales, Batangas, Cavite and Rizal. In the latter provinces the early rice season crops are being harvested. While as a general condition Mindanao is rainy the southern coast particularly Koronadal valley is now with lesser rains than during the early part of the year.

As a general rule the conditions of the wind, the sun and the rains determine the crop seasons in the Philippines. It is for this reason that *Farming and Cooperatives* will maintain this column to give our readers pertinent information about weather conditions in the different parts of the Philippines.

Our RURAL Scouting Plan

IN planning out a service program for the rural district, *Farming and Cooperatives* has not overlooked the important fact that farm boys must be served. For this reason we have interested the leaders of the Boy Scouts Movement to give their attention to the propagation among the rural districts of this movement that has done untold benefit to millions of farm boys all over the World. We are printing the initial call and we shall cooperate whole-heartedly to give Philippine Farm boys the benefits of this World-Wide Movement.

"SCOUTING for the boys—wherever they are. One of the main reasons behind the success and progress of the Boy Scout Program is that it is highly adaptable to all type of boys, wherever they may be. Thus, in the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, we find several so-called 'less chance boys,'—deaf and dumb Scouts, leper Scouts, Moro Scouts, Igorot Scouts, and Scouts residing in remote barrios, unable to participate as actively in Scouting as other boys do, but definitely playing the game through the Rural Scout Plan.

"The Rural Scouting Plan answers a great need in scouting in our country. Our nation is still young and is still in its early stages of growth. Cities are a handful, and towns are not even half as big as the cities. A great majority of our population live in far-away rural areas, apart from the many conveniences and living facilities offered by modern civilization. To the sons of the people who constitute our rural population we offer Boy Scouting through the

Rural Scouting Plan.

"In Rural Scouting, we do not seek to draw the boy away from his home. Neither do we urge him to abandon his life on the farm. On the other hand, we bring to him Scouting as it can be worked in rural areas. We offer him activities centered on his own activities on the farm. We give him recognition for his achievements in farm work. Further, we open to his vision a broader field of ambition than the one his town-bred eyes are accustomed to see.

"The Rural Scout Program introduces a golden chapter of romance and adventure to the monotonous, uneventful tale of the farm boy's life. It infuses new blood into his veins, it brightens his horizon to a blinding radiance, it sweetens his otherwise doleful existence.

"Let us do a good turn by trying our best to extend the benefits of Scouting to our friends in the barrios through the Rural Scout Program."

"Scouting—The Wonder Program"—For further information write the Boy Scouts of the Philippines Headquarters 1001 Oroquieta, Manila.

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