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CHIRNOGI STATE FARM GETS IMPROVEMENTS

DIKE, CANAL BUILT -- U 'versul, No 267, 15 Nov 49

The workers and technicians of the ChirnoGI State Agricultural Farm have just completed a dike, 19 kilometers long and 6 1/2 meters high, to protect the property of the farm and the land of the vicinity from inundations of the Danube River. An irrigation canal of 8 kilometers has also been built for the rice fields. The farm spent 9 million lei annually for irrigation and invested 16 million in motors and pumps for the 400 hectares used for rice. In 1950, the area of the rice fields will be increased to 800 hectares and 16 million lei will be spent for equipment.

The canal will receive water from the Arges River at Clotesti and will also supply the communities through which it passes. The work is to be completed by the end of the year at a cost of about 20 million lei. By using this canal, the production cost will be reduced about 18 million lei per year. Work on the canal is being done with two draglines sent by USSR; one dragline has a capacity of 750 cubic meters per day and the other 1,000 cubic meters.

By applying Soviet methods, the rice yield has reached 3,361 kilograms per hectare. The grain weighs 72 kilograms per hectoliter. The ChirnoGI State Agricultural Farm greatly exceeded its plan in many products: corn 261 percent; beans 201; small lentils 12; winter wheat 25; barley 49; peas 27; and garden vegetables 130 percent.

Schools have been organized to train agricultural specialists. The present enrollments are 28 pupils in the rice school, 12 in the garden school, and eight in the animal husbandry school. Before the beginning of the 1950 work year, the schools will have graduated 100 specialists in rice cultivation, 30 in vegetable gardens, and 25 in animal husbandry.

Living and social conditions have also been improved. There is a movie which shows free movies of current events weekly, Soviet documentary films, and Rumanian releases; an open-air theater, an athletic field with complete equipment, bath-houses, family and bachelor quarters, a canteen, a modern dispensary, an infirmary, and a library with books and magazines contributed by ARLUS.

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STATE FARM HAS BUMPER POTATO CROP -- Universul, No 266, 13 Nov 49

The Chirnogi State Agricultural Farm at Chirnogi in Ilfov Judet is one of the largest state farms in Rumania, having 4,700 hectares. By using the Soviet method of cultivation, the potato crop at this farm has reached 30,000 kilograms per hectare, in place of 8,000-10,000 kilograms per hectare under the old system. This new method has produced yields worth 500,000 lei per hectare.

COLLECTIVE FARMS COMPLETE FALL PLOWING -- Universul, No 273, 22 Nov 49

Twenty-five collective farms have completed their scheduled fall plowing with aid of machine-tractor stations. The farms which have finished their plowing are: Roma (Botosani Judet), Osmanu (Braila), Caldaresti (Buzau), Luna de Jos (Cluj), Vacaresti (Dambovita), Cotofenii de fata (Dolj), Galicea Mare (Dolj), Saveni (Dorohoi), Rosesti (Falcu), Baltati (Iasi), Paicu (Ilfov), Vanjule (Mehedinti), Crampoia (Olt), Muncelul de sus (Roman), Castranova (Romanati), Paulesti (Satu Mare), Selimbar (Sibiu), Salatiu (Somes), Belitiori (Teleorman), Slobozia-Mandra (Teleorman), Lenanheim (Timis), Ceaurilia de jos (Tulcea), Pribesti (Vaslui), Fratesti (Vlasca), and Stoicanesti (Olt).

JUDETS COMPLETE FALL PLOWING -- Universul, No 262, 9 Nov 49

The Ministry of Agriculture announces that to date 911,981 hectares have been plowed. A list of the leading judets and the plowed area on 6 November follows: Constanta 81,740 hectares, Ilfov 67,604, Dolj 65,280, Cluj 53,853, Romanati 46,157, Teleorman 45,425, and Arad 38,989. The judets in which the least plowing has been done are: Severin, Buzau, Vaslui, Tecuci, Tutova, Covurlui, Arges, and Ramnicu-Sarat.

Universul, No 272, 20 Nov 49

On 17 November, 50.2 percent of the scheduled fall plowing had been completed. The leading judets with the percentage of completed plowing are: Brasov 104.9 percent, Turda 102.9, Arges 92.5, Ciuc 90.6, Romanati 85.5, and Olt 82 percent. The following judets are behind schedule: Corvului 16.4 percent, Ialomita 17.3, Putna 19.1, Timis 22.9, Tecuci 23.9, and Ramnicu-Sarat 25.4 percent.

Universul, No 275, 24 Nov 49

By 21 November, 58.6 percent of the fall plowing had been completed. The leading judets, with percent of area that has been plowed, are: Turda 114.9, Brasov 110.9, Somes 105.31, Ciuc 103.7, Muscel 101.9, Arges 100.4, Romanati 94.3, Tarnava Mare 93.4, Mures 91.3, Olt 87.9, Vlasca 86.6, Odorhei 86, Ilfov 85.9, Valcea 83.1, Dolj 84, Tarnava Mica 83.6, and Teleorman 83.6. At the bottom of the list are: Covurlui 17.7 percent, Putna 20.4, Ialomita 22.3, Ramnicu-Sarat 29.6, Tecuci 30.2, Botosani 30.7, Radauti 30.7, Timis 30.7, and Falcu 30.8.

FALL SOWING 95.4 PERCENT COMPLETED -- Universul, No 261, 6 Nov 49

On 3 November, 95.4 percent of all scheduled sowing had been completed for the entire country. State and collective farm workers, under the impetus of socialist competitions, have exceeded their plans by 5.2 percent. In judets where the sowing has been finished, an intensive program of plowing has been inaugurated. Taking advantage of the favorable weather, plowing in the Constanta, Ilfov, Cluj, Vlasca, Arad, and Dolj Judets has been greatly stepped-up.

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TO USE RECLAIMED LAND -- Universul, No 265, 12 Nov 49

The Ministry of Agriculture announces that 6,500 hectares of arable land will be added by improvements, irrigation, and drainage of Lunca Prutului, a swampy region along the Prut River. Work was started in March of this year and by 30 November all the dikes, totaling 940,000 cubic meters, will be completed. The total cost of the work will be 94 million lei. The working classes of the region have built 40,000 cubic meters of dikes by voluntary labor, bringing a saving of 4 million lei.

CANNING PLAN EXCEEDED -- Universul, No 263, 10 Nov 49

The Ministry of Agriculture, aided by UFDR (Union of Democratic Women of Rumania), established 450 canning centers throughout the country. At these centers, 5,389,896 kilograms of vegetables and fruits were canned by people for their own use; this quantity exceeded the original plan by over 4 million kilograms. In addition to these centers, instructors have visited the middle and poor peasants and have instructed them in the proper way to preserve foodstuffs. The peasants have canned 5,540,753 kilograms of fruits and vegetables. The total amount of canned products was 10,930,649, which was 8,605,794 kilograms more than the preceding year. The Ministry of Agriculture distributed over 200,000 pamphlets on canning.

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