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CARRIER PIGEONS AID FORESTERS.

During the recent severe forest fires in certain sections of the West, carrier pigeons were successfully employed to convey messages from fire fighters "at the front" to headquarters. The test of the birds for this use was on a limited scale but has encouraged the Forest Service officials to believe that they can be employed profitably on a larger scale.

The experiment lends special interest to a plan which is being considered for co-operation between the Department of Agriculture and the Navy Department, under which the carrier pigeons and equipment of the latter department may become available. To establish a successful carrier pigeon system it will be necessary to lay plans during the coming winter, to have the posts properly located, and get the birds acclimated and begin their training. Flights of 600 miles in a single day have been made, while a distance of 140 to 200 miles means a two or three hour flight for the average bird. Since the distance which would be covered in Forest Service work are considerably less than this there appears to be no difficulty in this regard. In most instances the flights from fire fighting headquarters would be considerably less than 50 miles. The value of the birds would be particularly great in mountainous regions where travel is difficult. —*Every Day Life.*

LOANS TO BOYS AND GIRLS

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lent to club boys and girls on their personal notes by southern bankers, whose confidence has not been betrayed in any known instance.

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.30 THIS EVENING 8.30

"The Bull's Eye."

EPISODES: 17 & 18.

CHAPTERS: 33, 34, 35, & 36.

REMEMBER: This is the last show of "THE BULL'S EYE".

See how North and Sweeny receive their just punishment for all their crimes, and see what happens to Cody."

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ADMISSION.

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A banking system in Mississippi, through its 15 banks, last year lent between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to the boy and girl club members of the State. This spring the president of this system told the State boys' club agent that out of these loans, a thousand in number, there had not been a single piece of bad paper. Many of the boys were the sons of men who could not get credit at a bank.

The boys and girls in Mississippi borrowed, in all, during the year 1918, \$40,000 from the banks to purchase seed corn, pure-bred pigs, calves, and other live stock, and so far as is known, every loan has been repaid. The banks in Kansas lent the juvenile club members of that State \$75,000 last year with which to carry on their club work, and were ready to loan more if it had been needed. The members of the boys' and girls' clubs, which are organized by the Department of Agriculture and the State colleges, are taught by their leaders to look upon these obligations as sacred and binding. —*Ibid.*

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NOTICE

AN Extraordinary General Meeting of The St. Croix Club is hereby called to take place in the Club Rooms on SATURDAY the 27th. December 1919 at 5 o'clock p. m.

All members are urgently requested to attend.

Christiansted, St. Croix, December 9th. 1919.

For the Board,

WILH. JENSEN.
Secretary.

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