

County CROP Leaders Named



COUNTY CROP LEADERS—These men will direct the 1950 Christian Rural Overseas Program in Lee County. They were named at a meeting held last Thursday afternoon in Giddings. Left to right are Walter A. Schulz Sr., chairman; Walter E. Kasper, vice-chairman; Durwood L. Fuchs, secretary; August Wolff, treasurer; and W. A. Drews, commodity chairman. (Polaroid 1-Minute Photos by The News)

Group Hears Gedat Tell Of CROP Need

Men who will direct Lee County's 1950 Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) were elected at a meeting in County Agent Brown O. Spivey's office last Thursday afternoon.

Walter A. Schulz Sr. was named chairman of the Lee County organization. Walter E. Kasper was elected vice-chairman; Durwood L. Fuchs, secretary; August Wolff, treasurer; and W. A. Drews, commodity chairman.

The group of interested citizens at the meeting also voted to accept cotton as the principal commodity to be collected throughout the county for CROP.

Those present heard Gustav A. Gedat, leader of the Boys Town Movement in Germany, discuss the urgent need for such programs as CROP in Europe. He said that the people there, especially the German people with whom he had worked, were greatly appreciative of the help they had received from America. His work, he said, was mainly with the youth of the county, and he felt that we would have to exert a greater influence on the youth to prevent the spread of communism.

He described vividly conditions in Europe, especially the fact that thousands of boys and girls are roaming the streets today, unemployed and excellent material for communist propagandists and organizers. It is through such movements as his that young people are taught a trade and find employment to preserve the ideals of free enterprise in that part of the world.

Mr. Gedat pleaded that at least a part of the material raised in the county this year for CROP be ear-marked for his work with the youngsters of Germany.

Mr. Gedat was accompanied by Gustav A. Krapf, German student who has been studying in America and soon will return to Germany.

The Rev. E. C. Poehlmann of Greenvine, district supervisor of CROP, also was present at the meeting and helped organize the local unit.

Material for CROP is to be raised by individual churches, each church having its own chairman and committee and each church being responsible for organizing its own group. County officers of CROP are merely to direct the efforts on a county-wide basis.

County CROP officials will advise the various churches as to their part in the program.