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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

1940 - 1941

To the Members of the Board: *Grant Co.*

DEC 1 - 1941

Gentlemen:

In the next few pages we will try to present some of the highlights of the work of your Agricultural Agent for the past year. It is a pleasure to present this information to you.

Please bear in mind that most of the work carried on during the year requires the assistance of dozens of leaders throughout the county. It is the cooperation of all of these folks that makes the work of this office possible.

Statistical Review for 1941

Number of farm and home visits	353
Number of personal letters	1693
Number of different circular letters	92
Number of telephone calls	1973
Number of business office calls	5524
Total number of meetings held	216
Attendance at meetings held	18,012
Days specialists aided in the county	52
Number of 4 H club members	710
Days in field	215

Days in office	83
Days on vacation	7

1941 is Excellent 4 H Club Year

Seven hundred and ten Grant County boys and girls were members of Grant County 4 H Clubs last year. This is about the same enrollment as in 1940. Five new clubs were begun this year. They are Brunson Go-Getters, Busy Badgers, Happy Hilltoppers, Hustle Bustle, and Switzer Climbers. This has been a very active year in all phases of work in which our 4 H members are interested. Here is a list of the clubs in the county with the adult leaders of each. These leaders deserve the thanks of everyone of us for their unselfish contribution of time and work to the cause of rural youth.

1. Bloomington Badgers
Mrs. Clive Brown, Bagley, Wisconsin
Mr. Keith Martin, Bagley, Wisconsin
2. Boscobel Badgers
Mr. R. W. Davis, Boscobel, Wisconsin
3. Brodsville Busy Bees
Mrs. Ora Millin, Bagley, Wisconsin
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4. Brunson Go-Getters
Mr. Percy Stich, Mt. Hope, Wisconsin
Mr. Harold Enke, Bloomington, Wisconsin
5. Bunker Hill Climbers
Miss Neva Dennis, Platteville, Wisconsin
Mr. Jack Bevan, Platteville, Wisconsin
6. Busy Badgers
Miss Alice Kraemer, Lancaster, Wisconsin
7. Busy Brownies
Mrs. Fred Eisele, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Mr. Phil Bausman, Fennimore, Wisconsin
8. Clifton Climbers
Mrs. Fred Lemanski, Stitzer, Wisconsin
Mr. Glen Kemper, Livingston, Wisconsin
9. Cuba City Cardinals
Mr. Clarence Buss, Cuba City, Wisconsin
10. Farview Stars
Mrs. John Krohn, Lancaster, Wisconsin
Mr. Donald Vesperman, Lancaster, Wisconsin

11. Franklin Livewires
Miss Kathryn Olthafer, Platteville, Wisconsin
Mr. Clinton Kenny, Platteville, Wisconsin
12. Georgetown Boosters
Mrs. Roy Greene, Cuba City, Wisconsin
Mrs. Bill Peacock, Platteville, Wisconsin
Mr. Burnell Egan, Cuba City, Wisconsin
13. Green River Valley
Mrs. F. C. Culver, Woodman, Wisconsin
Mr. Eugene Freymiller, Woodman, Wisconsin
14. Happy Hilltoppers
Miss Margaret Matt, Cassville, Wisconsin
15. Hickory Hustlers
Mrs. Ben Johnson, Boscobel, Wisconsin
Mr. Donald Kovars, Boscobel, Wisconsin
16. Hurricane Hustlers
Mrs. Charles Wieland, Lancaster, Wisconsin
17. Hustle Bustle
Miss Genevieve Hauk, Cassville, Wisconsin
Mr. Chester Hauk, Cassville, Wisconsin
18. Ideal Hilltoppers
Mrs. Raymond Baumgartner, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Mr. Donald Ketterer, Fennimore, Wisconsin
19. Livingston Lifters
Mrs. Joseph Gates, Livingston, Wisconsin
20. Livingston Willing Workers
Mrs. Harley Newman, Livingston, Wisconsin
Mrs. Leroy Grunenwald, Livingston, Wisconsin
21. Maple Glen Poller Bears
Mr. Leslie Lory, Platteville, Wisconsin
22. Merry Mixers
Mrs. Ora Govier, Lancaster, Wisconsin
Mr. Claire Jerrett, Lancaster, Wisconsin
23. Mt. Hope Hilltop Helpers
Mr. Donald Martin, Mt. Hope, Wisconsin
24. Patch Grove Handy Helpers
Mrs. Louis Tornowske, Bagley, Wisconsin
Mr. Charles B. Finn, Bridgeport, Wisconsin
25. Plum Valley Boosters
Mrs. Delbert Wepking, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Mr. Richard Munns, Fennimore, Wisconsin
26. Prairie Hustlers
Mrs. Elva Stucky, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Mr. Tony Bukowski, Fennimore, Wisconsin
27. Rising Sun
Mrs. Wesley Walker, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Mr. Lester Wehrle, Fennimore, Wisconsin
28. Smelser Boosters
Mrs. C. O. Manuell, Platteville, Wisconsin
29. St. Rose Blue Ribbon
Mr. Clarence Buss, Cuba City, Wisconsin
30. Stitzer Go-Getters
Mrs. Virgil Loy, Stitzer, Wisconsin
Mrs. Adolph Lenz, Stitzer, Wisconsin
Mr. Donald Finnegan, Stitzer, Wisconsin

31. Sunshine Workers
Mr. Laverne McClain, Potosi, Wisconsin
Mr. Wilbur Stanton, Platteville, Wisconsin
32. Switzer Climbers
Mrs. Orval Govier, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Mr. Orval Govier, Fennimore, Wisconsin
33. Wingville Pioneers
Mrs. Vertice Addison, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Mrs. Carl Brice, Fennimore, Wisconsin

4 H Events for 1941

A complete program of events and activities is carried on by the 4 H Clubs each year. The first of these was the annual winter 4 H leader's meeting, which was held at the Lancaster High School on March 19. Sixty-four leaders from all parts of the county were present to lay out the year's work and exchange ideas.

The annual 4 H Club Camp was held at Wyalusing Park the latter part of June. Eighty members from Grant County spent three days at the camp. Most of the time was spent on educational activities such as tours, nature study, handicraft, weed studies, soil erosion, health, demonstrations and forestry studies. All members attending camp were elected by their local clubs, and all parts of the county were represented.

In June and July a series of ten meetings were held to enable all 4 H members to receive help with their particular projects. The main ones included sewing, baking, canning, dairy calf, beef calf, swine, poultry, gardening and home improvement. Listed below we have the 4 H projects carried on by members in 1941.

Dairy I	65	Colt I	10
Dairy II	25	Colt II	2
Dairy III	24	Food Preservation I	26
Dairy IV	9	Food Preservation II	25
Dairy V	8	Food Preservation III	6
Beef I	25	Food Preservation IV	7
Beef II	30	Foods & Nutrition I	53
Clothing I	66	Foods & Nutrition II	35
Clothing II	55	Foods & Nutrition III	11
Clothing III	32	Foods & Nutrition IV	9
Clothing IV	23	Foods & Nutrition V	11
Clothing V	17	Garden I	42
Clothing VI	5	Garden II	13
Grain	11	Ducks	12
Handicraft I	37	Geese	11
Handicraft II	8	Turkeys	3
Handicraft III	3	Sheep I	19
Home Improvement I	16	Sheep II	11
Home Improvement II	1	Sheep III	4
Home Improvement III	11	Wild Life	3
Home Service	2	Bees	1
Junior Leadership		Corn I	10
Boys	12	Corn II	11
Girls	14	Farm Records	2
Pig I	38	Home Records	1
Pig II	30	Soil Conservation	2
Pig III	4	Insects	5
Potato I	35	Special Bull Calf	12
Potato II	15	Rural Electrification	1
Poultry I	29	Capons	1
Poultry II	15		
Poultry III	7		
Poultry IV	3		
		TOTAL NUMBER OF	1033
		PROJECTS	

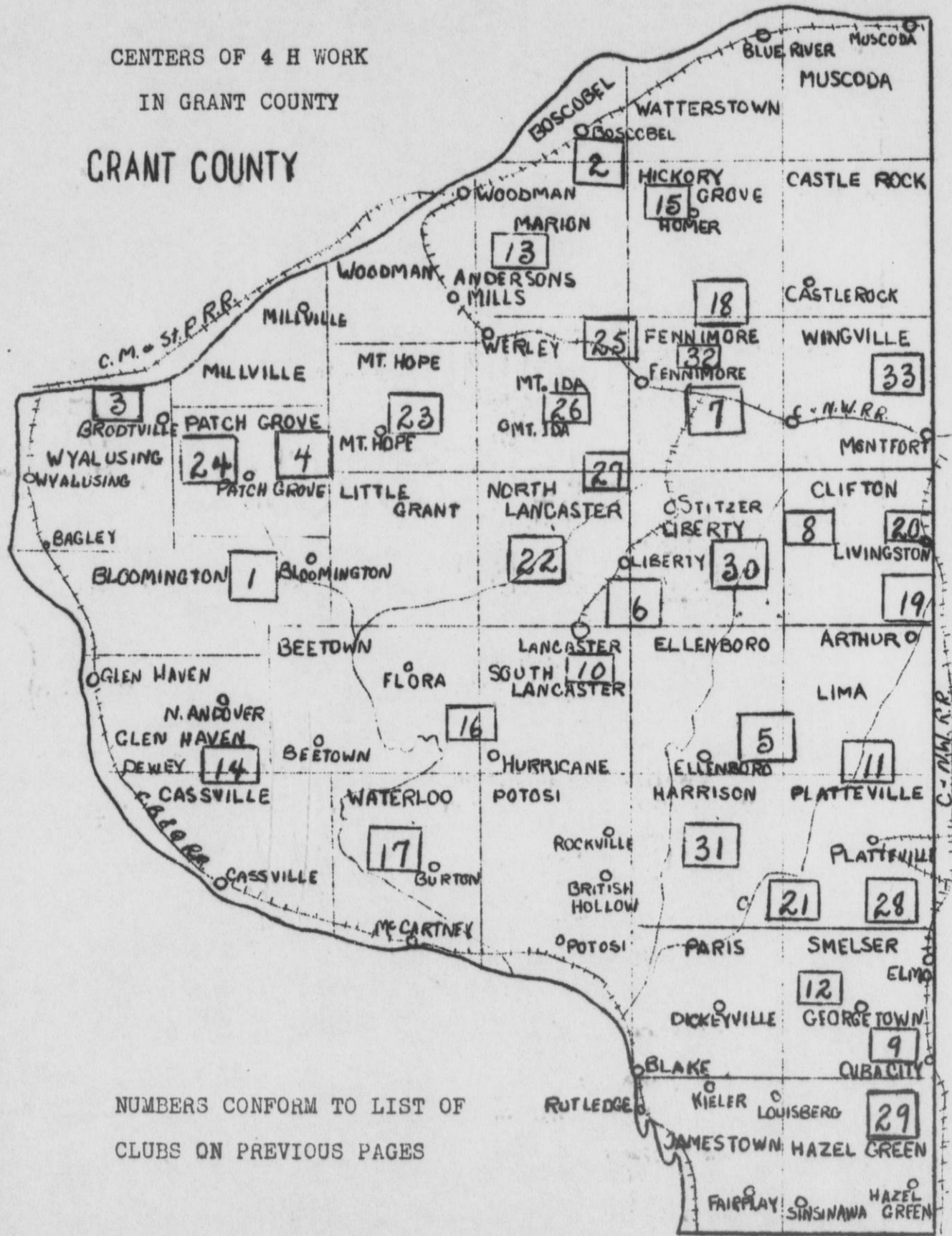
A County Junior Fair Round up is held each year at Lancaster previous to the State Fair. This year it was held August 8. About five hundred 4 H members and leaders were in attendance. Judging contests were held in poultry, dairy products, crops, livestock, dairy cattle, canning, baking and clothing. Several demonstrations were held. Forty-two girls took part in the girls style dress revue. The healthiest boy and girl were selected, as well as a dairy queen. Here is a list of the various contests with the winners in each:

Dairy Cattle Judging Contest
Maynard Nelson, Lancaster, Wisconsin
Richard Fivecoat, Mt. Hope, Wisconsin
Livestock Judging Contest
Malcolm Miller, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Thomas Murphy, Woodman, Wisconsin
Poultry Judging Contest
Harold Myers, Bloomington, Wisconsin
Miles Scallon, Boscobel, Wisconsin
Dairy Products Judging Contest
Malcolm Miller, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Dale Uren, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Crops Judging Contest
Merrill Pinch, Cuba City, Wisconsin
Charles Myers, Bloomington, Wisconsin
Canning Judging Contest
Joyce Schwer, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Phyllis Clifton, Platteville, Wisconsin
Baking Judging Contest
Eleanor Needham, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Margaret Matt, Cassville, Wisconsin
Clothing Judging Contest
Eleanor Brandt, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Loretta Lepeska, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Style Dress Revue
Phyllis Thornton, Bagley, Wisconsin
Marjorie Brandt, Fennimore, Wisconsin
4 H Demonstration Team
Maple Glen Poller Bears
Grace Lory, Platteville, Wisconsin
Berniece Olson, Platteville, Wisconsin
Girls Health Contest
Evelyn Welsh, Lancaster, Wisconsin
Boys Health Contest
Harold Wagner, Stitzer, Wisconsin
Dairy Queen Contest
Margaret Mc Burney, Glen Haven, Wisconsin

Grant County 4 H Clubs were well represented at the State Fair this year. Twenty-five members officially represented the county in the many contests. Many head of livestock were also shown. The biggest winning made was the title of healthiest boy in the State won by Harold Wagner of Stitzer. Evelyn Welsh of Lancaster was declared the third healthiest girl. Several first places were won in livestock classes, also placings in many judging classes.

CENTERS OF 4 H WORK
IN GRANT COUNTY

GRANT COUNTY



NUMBERS CONFORM TO LIST OF
CLUBS ON PREVIOUS PAGES

Harold Wagner will represent Wisconsin at the National Club Congress at Chicago.

This year's 4 H Achievement Day is scheduled for November 8, so it isn't possible at this time to give the results of that event.

Soil Conservation Activities

Grant County erosion control activities now centers around the District, which was created by the Board in the Spring of 1940. Under this arrangement the government puts Soil Conservation Service personnel into the County without any cost to us. The Agricultural Committee of the Board acts as Supervisors of the District. A fine group of technicians has been assigned to the county.

About five hundred farms are now carrying on erosion control activities in cooperation with the District. Peder Lund is the District Conservationist in charge of the work. He will be glad to give further information as to the accomplishments of the work in the county so far.

The Agent has continued to aid with the educational aspects of erosion control work, and has assisted the activity of the District in every way possible. Among projects carried out along this line, we have pasture renovation demonstrations, local and township erosion meetings, use of movies and slides, and farm tours.

County Weed Program

An organized campaign against weeds was again carried on in the county. The annual weed commissioner's meeting was held on June 18. Henry Lunz was present from the

State Department of Agriculture. He complimented the work of the weed commissioners on the effectiveness of their weed control work compared to many counties in the State.

The county again paid half the expense of sodium chlorate used by farmers for field bindweed control. It was impossible much of the summer to obtain the amounts of chlorate needed by farmers. The publicity and education on field bindweed control has helped make people bindweed conscious, and it is hoped that it may be possible to continue the distribution of chlorate at half price.

Soil Testing

The soil testing service offered by this office was used this year more than in several years past. A total of 2039 soil samples were tested by the secretary. Complete tests were made on these samples for lime, phosphate and potash. About 60% of the soils tested needed lime, 90% needed phosphate and 75% needed potash to put them in the best productive condition.

Recommendations for lime and fertilizer are made to the farmer for every test run. Soil testing is important, because it pays to determine soil needs before an expensive soil building program is started. A soil test simply makes a diagnosis of soil ills, and an accurate prescription can thus be given.

SHEEP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The State Ram Truck again made two stops in Grant County, one at Mt. Hope and one at Lancaster. At these

stops farmers have the opportunity to buy rams from the best flocks in the State. They also bring in rams that they are through using, and trade with their neighbors or sell outright. At these meetings James Lacey of the College of Agriculture presents the latest information on profitable flock management.

This is the third year that sheep owners have had a chance to use the portable dipping outfits now operating. This work got its start through dipping demonstrations put on by the Agent in 1939.

W. P. A. Lime Grinding

The Agricultural Committee through this office again sponsored several lime grinding projects in various townships. These included Clifton, Fennimore, Harrison, Hazel Green, Jamestown, and Smelser. In each of these the town chairman takes the responsibility of taking orders and making collections.

A total of 14,841 tons of lime were ground and delivered under the project last year. We have estimated the total savings to farmers in these townships to be about \$2000, due to the reduced price at which they were able to secure lime under the W. P. A. set-up.

Southwestern Wisconsin Horse Show

Eighty-five of the best draft horses in Southern Wisconsin were exhibited at the recent Horse Show held at the Platteville Fair Grounds October 11. A total of \$550 was paid out in premiums, some of which went to saddle horses. The only championship going to Grant County was champion percheron stallion to Carl Forck of Glen Haven.

A light-horse show was held in conjunction with the draft show this year and drew horses from a radius of 200 miles. The Agent acted as Secretary of the show for 1941.

County Agricultural Statistics

A very valuable book on Grant County agriculture was made available this year. Five hundred copies of the book were purchased by this office for distribution around the county. It was compiled by the Wisconsin Crop Reporting Service under the direction of Walter Ebling. It consists of a tremendous amount of information on yields of all crops in the county as well as livestock, sources of income, etc. All information is broken down into townships. These books have been sent to all libraries and all schools in Grant County.

Vicland Oats Outstanding

The new Vicland Oats developed by the Wisconsin Experiment Station made a wonderful record in the county in 1941. Seventeen county farmers grew the oats for seed this year. Yields from sixty-five bushels to about ninety bushels were common. This is an oat which is practically rust-resistant. That is why it was so outstanding in comparison to other oats in this year, which brought a heavy rust infestation.

Very disappointing were the results of the Canadian Oats brought into the county. Five year's work by the University had proved them to be inferior to native varieties. The Agent gave wide publicity to these long

time tests showing that the northern grown oats was not suitable in this area where rust and hot south winds are big factors in oats production.

Swine Improvement Program

A rather intensive swine program was put on in the county last year with the able assistance of James Lacey of the College of Agriculture. Twelve winter swine meetings were held with an attendance of six hundred and seventy-one farmers.

During the summer dipping and worming demonstrations were held on farms in the county. Farmers showed a great deal of interest in the control of mange, lice and worms. With steadily rising hog prices, farmers have shown a keener interest in swine projects than has been the case for years.

4 H, Community and County Fairs

Grant County has the record for having the most Fairs of any county in Wisconsin. This year a total of thirteen Fairs were held. The Agent had the pleasure of working with nearly all of these, mostly with the boys and girls work.

About five hundred and fifty 4 H members exhibited at one of these shows this year. They were encouraged by the county aid, which you as a Board of Supervisors, have seen fit to give. These Fairs are of great help in making possible the public exhibit required of each 4 H member.

Corn Husking Contest

Due to the earlier session of the Board, we have no report on this year's county corn husking contest. This year it will be held on the R. I. Griswold farm in Fennimore Township on October 28. Almost sixty huskers have made entry, and complete committee arrangements have been made.

Seed Certification

Each year the Agent spends parts of several days in inspecting small grain fields for certification. Barley, oats and wheat fields are inspected for rust, smut, weed infestation, purity and general appearance. Fields inspected must meet rigid requirements in all of these, along with being grown from certified and registered seed. This purebred seed work is important in keeping pure sources of seed grain in Grant County.

Fertilizer Demonstrations

Several fertilizer test plots were conducted in various parts of the county this year. These were mostly on small grains and new seedings. Along with these about eighty men used fertilizers in their pasture renovation program.

Last year five farmers in the county carried on fertilizer demonstrations. An 0-20-10 fertilizer was used on oats and barley fields, and these were being seeded down to alfalfa. On these farms the oats yield per acre increase of the fertilized over the unfertilized fields averaged 14.5 bushels. Oats was valued at 35 cents per

bushel. After figuring the cost of 250 pounds of 0-20-10 fertilizer per acre we still had a net profit of \$1.30 per acre.

This is not the important thing, however. In the first year only 40% of the fertilizer is used by the crops. The other 60% remains in the soil to grow more legumes and corn in succeeding years. It is in these crops that the real profit is made by the use of commercial fertilizers.

Two D. H. I. A. Associations

Forty-eight Grant County farmers are members of the two Dairy Herd Improvement Associations in the county. Donald Kovars is Fieldman of the Grant No. 1 Association, and James Lowell is Fieldman of the Southwestern Wisconsin Association. The office has offered its assistance where possible to these two associations.

Other Livestock Activities

The County Holstein Association was aided in their work this year. Harold Tuffley is president and Burnell Edge, Secretary. The annual tri-county holstein show was sponsored at the city park at Boscobel in May.

The Angus Sale at Lancaster in June brought an average of \$174 per head for almost fifty head consigned.

The Southwest Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association maintained their place as one of the outstanding breed associations in the State. Their work in maintaining dairy cattle prices in the county has meant many thousands of dollars to our farmers. Charles Wilkins is their active and able secretary.

A campaign for the increase of poultry and egg production in the county has been begun in connection with the National Defense campaign for more of these products. This will be intensified in 1942.

Community Clubs Active

There are community clubs in almost every township in Grant County, and many of them have two or more. These groups perform a real service in their communities, and do not get the mention their work deserves. They usually center around the local school, but not always. Many of them have been organized continuously for almost twenty years. The Agent feels it a privilege to be called on to help these clubs with their program and enjoys the opportunities for Extension work that these meetings afford.

Miscellaneous Activities of the Office

Four bulletin display boards were put up in different parts of the county for easier distribution of free bulletins.

A new Smith-Hughes Agricultural Department has been put in at the Cassville High School. The Agent did what he could in promoting this step.

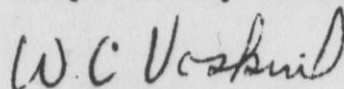
The Platteville Short Course was assisted in every way possible, and the Agent arranged part of the program. Two forestry demonstrations were held. The Agent was on the program of the annual teachers' meeting. Farm and Home Week at Madison was attended, also annual conference. Several speeches were made at annual meetings of various organizations.

Cooperation With Other Agencies

The County Agent's Office has tried to cooperate to the fullest extent with other agencies working in the county. These include Agricultural Conservation programs, Rural Electrification, Soil Conservation Service, Farm Security, Production Credit and other action agencies. The Agent acted as Secretary for the County Agricultural Conservation Committee and enjoyed the fullest cooperation from that group. We have tried to keep farmers informed of the manner in which they can make the best possible use of these other agencies.

We have enjoyed working with the several High School Agricultural and Home Economics Departments. The newspapers have been of invaluable help in disseminating vital agricultural information.

Respectfully submitted,



W. C. Voskuil
Grant County Agricultural Agent