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ANNUAL
NARRATIVE REPORT
OF THE
PRICE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL AGENT

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PHILLIPS WISCONSIN

November 1, 1943 through October 31, 1944

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRICE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present the annual report for the office of the Agricultural Agent of Price County, Wisconsin, for the year ending October 31, 1944.

This Narrative Report is a brief summary of the activities and accomplishments for the year, including a few pertinent statistical facts. I will not attempt to discuss in detail all the work that has been carried out, but rather call attention to the most important features.

I have, in practically every case, enjoyed very fine relations with all farmers, businessmen and public officials in the county, for which I am truly grateful, and express my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin S. Peterson
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Price County Agr'l. Agent.

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ORGANIZATION

The program of the County Agricultural Agent is set up and administered by the Agricultural Committee from the County Board of Supervisors, Mr. E. J. Aschenbrenner, chairman; co-operating with the Price County Conservation Committee, Nels Risberg, chairman; College of Agriculture, W. W. Clark, director; and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., M. L. Wilson, Director.

The members of the Agricultural Committee are:

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1. E. J. Aschenbrenner | Park Falls | Chairman |
| 2. Herman Tegen | Georgetown | |
| 3. Roy Jorgenson | Elk | |
| 4. John Mittenmeyer | Kennan Township | |
| 5. Elizabeth Dunn | Phillips | Co. Sup't. of Schools and Ex-officio sec'y. |

The work of the Committee and of the County Agricultural Agent is supervised and directed by W. A. Rowlands of the State Extension Staff of the College of Agriculture.

The function of the County Agricultural Extension Office is to disseminate information and agricultural publications from the Federal and State Agricultural Experiment Stations and the State Agricultural College to the farmers and people of the county. This is accomplished through personal contact, use of the newspapers, circular letters and community meetings. The work is facilitated to a great extent by organizing and working through 4-H, Homemaker and Community Clubs, and other organizations such as the AAA, FSA, REA, DHIA, LSM, Grange, Forestry Division, and the War and Draft Boards. Information is also given out through special meetings and demonstrations, conducted by specialists from the various departments of the College of Agriculture and State Experiment Stations.

The major portion of the county agent's time has been devoted to counseling with farmers and others on such problems as outlined in the summary of work for the year on succeeding pages.

To alleviate the financial load on the county, the forestry committee co-operated with the agricultural committee, hiring the county agent as administrator of the forest crop land.

The county agent is a member of the War Board, investigating requests for service deferments, farm labor employment and farm labor releases. To assist with this increased load of work for the county agent's office, Mr. William Milne has been employed by the Government as a labor assistant to the County Agent to handle all problems in connection with farm labor and referral of certain registrants to other essential industries.

PRICE COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR 1943 - 1944

The agricultural committee met with Walter A. Rowlands and the county agent and planned the following program of work for the year 1943-1944.

1. FOOD FOR WAR

Assist farmers in meeting National Agricultural goals. Continue sheep demonstration work. Hold series of winter meetings on feeding. Promote dairy cattle improvement and feeding. Land clearing work and live-stock shipping associations.

2. CONSERVATION OF
MEN AND MATERIALS

As a member of War Board, assist farmers in securing needed equipment. Assist A. A. A. in distributing lime and fertilizer. Promote cooperative use of equipment and exchange of labor on farms, labor saving equipment.

3. HEALTH AND MORALE

20 Homemaker Clubs - Enrollment 250 in 4-H Club Work. Achievement 70% - Emphasize projects which contribute most to war efforts (i.e.) poultry, pig, sheep, garden, canning and food preservation projects.

4. LONG TIME
IMPROVEMENT

Administer County forests under direction of County Committee. Assist zoning committee as needed. Promote production of pulp and sawlogs this winter.

5. OTHER WORK

Approved:

E. J. Aschenbrenner,
Chairman, Agr'l. Committee

Alvin S. Peterson
Agricultural Agent.

October 6, 1943

STATISTICS ON WORK FOR THE YEAR (including Labor Ass'ts. Time)

| | <u>Peterson</u> | <u>Milne</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Days in the office | 195 | 278 |
| Days in the field | 113 | 26 |
| Days outside the county | 10 | 3 |
| Miles travelled | 11,327 | |
| Farm and Home visits | 599 | |
| Office Calls | 1,806 | (including Mr. Milne's) |
| Telephone calls | 2,477 | (includes Mr. Milne's) |
| Individual Letters | 955 | |
| Circular Letters | 5,857 | |
| Post Cards | 423 | |
| News Articles published | 85 | |
| Bulletins distributed | 2,872 | |

PROJECTS WORKED ON BY COUNTY AGENT

- I. DAIRY
 1. Breed Improvement Associations
 2. D.H.I.A. (Milk Testing & Dairy Records)
 3. Livestock Health (Bangs, T.B. Mastitis)
 4. Feeding
 5. Quality Milk Production
 6. Marketing (Dairy cattle and milk)

- II. POULTRY
- III. SHEEP
- IV. SOILS AND FERTILIZERS
 1. Soil testing
 2. Limeing
 3. Fertilizers and their use
 4. Soil erosion control
 5. Soil improving crops,

- V. LAND CLEARING
 1. Bulldozers
 2. "A" Drags

- VI. CROP PRODUCTION
 1. Pasture Improvement (Demonstration Plots)
 2. Hay
 3. Corn (new varieties)
 4. Silos
 5. Grains (new varieties)
 6. Cash crops
 7. Special and Emergency crops (soy-beans)
 8. Weed control (demonstration plots)

- VII. 4-H CLUES
 1. Organization
 2. Work with leaders on
 - (a) club projects (Agr. and Home Economics)
 - (b) demonstrations (Agr. and Home Economics)
 - (c) contests
 - (d) recreation
 - (3) achievement day. (5)

VIII-HOME MAKERS

1. Planning meetings with county Home Makers' committee and state leader.
2. Organization of Home Maker clubs
3. Project meetings with state leader and leaders from local clubs, (3 or 4 during the year).
4. Home Maker Achievement Day.

IX - FORESTRY

1. Monthly meetings with forestry committee in carrying out forestry work such as:
 - (a) Surveying
 - (b) Typemapping
 - (c) Timber Sales
 - (d) Reforestation
 - (e) Keeping forestry records

X - COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

1. Fairs
2. Festivals
3. Motion Pictures
4. Distribution of Bulletins

XI - MARKETING

1. Feeder stock
2. Dairy cattle
3. Wool
4. Dairy products
5. Poultry and Eggs
6. Honey
7. Forest products
8. Fur

XII- FRUIT AND FARM ORCHARDS

1. Fruit trees
2. Bush fruits
3. Planting, pruning, spraying the orchard
4. Harvesting and storage of fruit

XIII- LABOR AND MACHINERY

1. Manpower
2. Cooperation with other agencies
3. Machinery repair
4. Special labor problems
5. Farm deferment

XIV- GARDEN

1. Planning
2. Planting
3. Cultivation
4. Spraying
5. Harvesting
6. Canning and storage

XV - FARM MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING

1. Investment
2. Income
3. Expenditure
4. Taxation
5. Farm organization
6. Farm buildings (planning and construction)
7. Farm and land sales and purchases

XVI - WAR WORK AND POST WAR PLANNING

XVII¹⁰ OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

1. Program planning
2. Consultation
3. Conferences

IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND EVENTS DURING 1944

1. County Agents' Conference at Madison, December, 1943
2. 3 Quarterly meetings and one annual meeting with the Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Ass'n.
3. 16 meetings with Breed Association and D.H.I. A.
4. 4-H Achievement days, one at Park Falls, one at Prentice.
5. ¹² Forestry meetings and one forestry tour
6. State Forestry meeting at Hayward with representatives of State Conservation Committee
7. County Wide leaders' 4-H meetings -Miss Baumann and Mr. Bewick
8. 4-H program planning meeting with Miss Hanson of the State Dep't
9. Twenty-three 4-H members attended 4-H camp at Pigeon Lake
10. County-wide 4-H picnic
11. ⁴ Home Maker center meetings with Miss Pearson
12. ¹ Home Maker planning meeting with Miss Bangham
13. Price County fair committee meetings (4)
14. 2 Day Community fair at Park Falls
15. 1 Day community fair at Spirit
16. Feeders' meeting at Rhinelander in December (43)
17. 1 - Feed dealers' meeting
18. D.H.I. A. field man arrives from Iceland.
19. Wm. Milne attends labor meeting at Spooner
20. Series of 8 Farm and Home day programs
21. 2 - FSA meetings at Kennan and Prentice
22. 1 - Price County Victory Institute
23. Meeting with agricultural committee for consideration of offer by Marvin Jones of the National Food Administration of a Dairy Assistant to promote increased milk production.

24. Labor conference at Phillips for sixteen northern counties
25. Quality Milk meeting with Dairy Plant Operators
26. Equipping Central laboratory for Dairy Testing
27. Meeting with city milk distributors in regard to O.D.T.
28. Dairy day picnic at Park Falls
29. 2 - Dairy Day programs at Spirit and Brantwood.
30. Meeting at Ashland with County Agents, Dean Fred of College of Agriculture and Mr. Hodges of the Board of Regents of the University and heads of all of the departments of the College of Agriculture.
31. 2 - meetings at Ashland with County Agents in the northern part of the state planning extension program for Northern Wisconsin.
32. Trip to Neilsville and Wausau to inspect dairy laboratories.
33. Trip to Eau Claire and Minneapolis inspecting dairy laboratories for purchasing equipment
34. 1 Conference at Spooner for all County Agents with George Werner and Dr. Heiser, planning the dairy extension program for the winter months.
35. Sponsoring the milk weed pod collection program.
36. 2 - meetings at Park Falls, promoting Dairy Marketing Co-op.
37. 1 - trip to Ladysmith with men interested in Dairy Marketing Co-op.

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY SPECIALISTS

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY SHOWING THE NAMES OF SPECIALISTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER AGRICULTURAL AGENCIES WHO HAVE ASSISTED IN THE COUNTY AGENT'S AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM DURING THE YEAR.

| <u>NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE</u> | <u>AGENCY</u> | <u>SUBJECT WORKED ON</u> | <u>NO. OF VISITS</u> | <u>NO. OF DAYS</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Wl A. Rowlands | Ex. Dep't. | Prog. Plan. | 5 | 5 |
| F. H. Turner | " " | TVA | 1 | 1 |
| R. E. Vaughn | " " | Plant Pathologist | 1 | 1 |
| Mr. Honey | " " | Forestry " | 2 | 1 |
| Edith Bonham | " " | Home Makers | 3 | 3 |
| Agnes Hansen | " " | 4OH | 2 | 4 |
| A. O. Follett | " " | Farm Accounts | 1 | 1 |
| Helen Pearson | " " | Home Makers | 3 | 6 |
| W. McNeel | " " | 4OH | 1 | 1 |
| George Briggs | " " | Feeding | 3 | 3 |
| Victor Burcalow | " " | Feeding | 1 | 1 |
| G. Amin | " " | Feeding | 2 | 2 |
| Mr. Cheaman | " " | Feeding | 2 | 2 |
| Edna Baumann | " " | 4-H | 1 | 3 |
| Jack Trust | " " | Forestry | 3 | 3 |
| Carl Wallin | " " | Forestry | 5 | 5 |
| Glen Vengeront | " " | D.H.I. A. | 2 | 2 |
| I. Hall | " " | Farm Institutes | 1 | 2 |
| Josephine Pollock | " " | Farm Institutes | 1 | 2 |
| A. J. Cramer | " " | Farm Institutes | 1 | 3 |
| Allen Bibbey | Ex. Station | " " | 1 | 3 |
| F.B. Trenk | State Forestry | " " | 1 | 1 |
| E. Pfeifer | Ladysmith | Co-op. Marketing | 1 | 1 |
| B. R. Dugdale | State Dep't. | D.H.I. A. | 3 | 4 |
| E. Wallenfelt | " " | Quality Milk | 1 | 1 |
| W. Roper | Portland Cem. | " " | 1 | 1 |
| L. I. Legrid | State Dep't. | " " | 3 | 3 |
| Mr. Wetak | " " | " " | 2 | 2 |
| Dave Holt | Ex. Station | Breeders' Ass'n. | 1 | 1 |
| Mr. Rydberg | " " | " " | 1 | 1 |
| A. F. Wileden | " " | Prog. Planning | 1 | 1 |
| Dr. Frances Cline | Rhineland | 4-H Health | 1 | 1 |
| Mrs. L. Niebauer | Phillips | 4-H Health | 1 | 1 |
| Loretta Zastrow | FSA | 4-H Judging | 3 | 3 |
| John Reedal | Phillips (fair) | 4-H Judging | 1 | 1 |
| Wm. Miller | Labor Ass't. | Com. Fair Judging | 1 | 1 |
| Elizabeth Dunn | School Dep't. | " " " | 1 | 1 |
| Axel Forsberg | FSA | " " " | 1 | 1 |
| M. W. Torkelson | Ex. Dep't. | Labor | 1 | 1 |
| John Zagorski | State Sons. Dep't. | Forestry | 4 | 4 |
| Mr. Fosshage | War Hemp Indus. | Milk Weeds | 1 | 2 |
| Ray Olson | St. Paul Stock Yards | cattle & sheep | 1 | 1 |

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A glance at the summary of work for the year will show a large number of projects, many of which would require a man's full time in order to do justice to the job. It has been my policy to devote my time to two or three of these major projects with the thought that when the program has been thoroughly set up, it will more or less perpetuate itself, as is the case with the land clearing work. Now that the farmers have become familiar with that program, and know what the bull-dozers and "A" drags can do, they will more or less take care of themselves, securing the services of these operators.

The major programs selected for special emphasis for the year were:

- I -DEVELOPING DAIRY FARMING
- II -CROP IMPROVEMENT
- III -4-H CLUBS

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I. DEVELOPING DAIRY FARMING

The Live Stock Breeders' Association, which was started in 1943 has continued to function. The various district groups have held several meetings during the year. Of the five groups in the county, the Park Falls district has been particularly active, working particularly on the problem of dairy marketing. As a result of this activity, they are promoting a Co-operative Dairy Marketing Association, with the prospect of providing for a central receiving station in the vicinity of Park Falls, shipping their milk to either the Ladysmith plant or some other similar organization. As a result of the breed improvement program, a considerable number of farmers in the county have secured pure bred sires with papers and a number of cows or heifers as well. This organization will continue to be an important factor in improving the dairy farming industry in the county.

Instead of a County-wide Dairy Day program, one program was held in each district, with the Park Falls group sponsoring an all day picnic at the City Park, with evening programs at Brantwood and Spirit.

D.H.I.A. - At practically all of the Breed Association meetings the discussion centered with the D.H.I.A. work. All farmers were interested in getting records of production on their cows, bemoaning the fact that Price County did not have a testing association.

The negotiations started with the American Consulate at Iceland for a tester were followed up with a man, Mr. Gunnar Jonsson, arriving on the job in January. Arrangements were made for him to attend the short course to study the testing association program. He returned to Phillips and started his work with the association on April 6th. Within a very short time twenty-five members were signed up in the standard association, and by July 1st. our owner-sampler members were signed up to start the laboratory work.

At the meeting of the County Board in May an appropriation of \$200.00 was made for the purpose of organizing and setting up a laboratory to carry on the testing work. At the present time there are approximately 105 members signed up for dairy record work, with one man assisting the field man with the laboratory work.

During the early part of the summer considerable time was devoted to promoting this work. As other problems developed during the summer, so much of my time was taken up that this program became side-tracked. Price County was particularly fortunate in getting this type of program under way, particularly in view of the difficulty in getting field men to take care of the work. It is a project that Price County can well be proud of.

Bangs and T.B. - The third area test for Bangs and the second area test for T.B. was scheduled for Price County, but due to the shortage of veterinarians, this program had to be post-poned. In spite of this fact a large number of the farmers carried on a private test, maintaining a certified herd.

Artificial insemination - Another subject that always came in for its full share of discussion at the Breed Association meetings was artificial insemination. This program as well has been post-poned, due to shortage of veterinarians and men to do the work.

II - CROP IMPROVEMENT

An effort has been made to bring to the farmers of Price County the newest development in grain and crop varieties. Several of these are most important, being hybrid corn and Vicland oats. Arrangements were made with several dealers in the county to provide good quality seed oats of the Vicland variety and hybrid corn of the Spooner No. 279 variety, each of which has yielded increased production over the older varieties.

Use of lime and fertilizer has played an important part in improving the crops and pastures. This is due largely to the efforts of the AAA and the soil testing program of the county agent. 29,579 tons of ground limestone and carbide lime and 288,700 lbs. of fertilizer have been distributed to the farmers during the year.

Due to the difficulty in securing good alfalfa seed, the alfalfa acreage in the county has decreased, which is also true for the future. In view of this fact, we are looking for other crops that may be used to take its place. With that in mind, a small demonstration on the use of ladino clover was carried on in cooperation with Anton Norek. This ladino clover is an entirely new crop in this county, which, if it proves satisfactory, will be used as a pasture crop, being resistant to drought. This project was sponsored by Victor Burcelow of the Agronomy Department of the University of Wisconsin.

Another crop that has been given special attention is soy-beans. Three demonstration or test plots were set up on three farms in the county, - Roy Bodenber, Frank Tom and D. V. Nusbaum. Each of these three men were given a supply of five different varieties of seed, sufficient to plant a lot a rod long. This demonstration was carried on in cooperation with George Briggs of the Agronomy Department of the University of Wisconsin.

Of these five varieties Mandar in No. 507, Manchu No. 606, and No. 83914 proved heavy producers and very desirable for silage or legume hay. The Manchu No. 3 and Cayuga were fair producers, but the Wisconsin Black did not prove very desirable.

This demonstration is a continuation from last year and should make an interesting discussion for farm meetings during the winter when farmers are planning their crop rotation for the coming year.

In line with increased crop production we have the problem of weeds to contend with, our first menace in our wild pastures being the Devils Paint Brush. Mr. Burcalow of the Agronomy Department arranged to send me 500 lbs. of ammonium nitrate, which was used on several small plots in the county and two one-quarter acre lots on the farm of Elmer Nelson at Prentice and Mrs. Mary Detzl in the town of Elk. These plots showed very promising results and will be continued next summer. When these demonstration plots get fully developed, it is planned to sponsor a farm tour showing the results of the various varieties of soy-beans, ladino clover and the use of ammonium nitrate to combat Devils Paint Brush.

III -4-H CLUBS

At the beginning of the year plans were made with all 4-H leaders in the county to make the 4-H club program our leading program in the county. All the old clubs were re-organized early in the year and during the early part of the year many new communities were contacted and new clubs organized. This work made steady progress until the early part of the summer when there was such a heavy demand on my time in other projects that this issue became sidetracked.

In addition to this difficulty, due to shortage of labor on the farms, leaders were limited in the time available for club work, and due to the limitations on travel such as gas and tires, it was quite impossible to hold as many county wide meetings with the leaders as would have been desirable. Despite these various limitations in carrying on the program, twenty-three club members from over the county were able to attend a three day camp at Pigeon Lake, which served as a wonderful inspiration to the club members in carrying on their work, both in their own projects and in the local clubs.

We were also able to hold County-wide picnic and Achievement programs at both Park Falls and Prentice. One county-wide leaders' meeting was held with Miss Hanson and advantage was also taken of the County picnic and achievement day to discuss with the leaders further plans for carrying on the work.

The bull calf program, which was started three years ago, was carried on in the northern part of the county with the businessmen of Park Falls and Fifield contributing money for the purchase of five pure bred bull calves, which were offered for sale at the Northern Price County Community Fair. There not being a sufficient number of 4-H clubs in that part of the county to take up all the calves offered, some calves were given to boys and girls other than club members. At the last report of the Northern Price County Fair Association, there was \$600.00 in the fund with which to buy calves next year, at which time they may buy pure bred heifer calves as well as bull calves, thus making it possible for club members to get started in the pure bred breeding business.

There not being a County Fair where club members could exhibit their work, many members lost their incentive for doing their best work. The club members in the northern and southeastern parts of the county, however, took a very active part, however, in sponsoring their local community fairs, making some very fine exhibits.

With the health and county nurse, Mrs. Carl Niebauer, and district health officer, Dr. Cline of Rhinelander, the health contest was sponsored in the county-wide picnic, selecting the health champion boy and girl for the county.

OTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR.

I-MARKETING

Marketing: - The Farmers Cooperative Marketing Association for shipping butcher cattle, which was revived last year, has continued to operate and has done a very fine business. Shipments have been made practically every Wednesday according to plan. During the first ten months of the reorganization, this association did \$7,000.00 worth of business. During the past year their business has amounted to \$32,000.00, and for the first four months of this year it has gone up to better than \$20,000.00. With

Harry Knight as manager and Art. Rasmussen as trucker, the association has developed and enjoyed excellent progress, extending its business to all corners of the county and beyond in some instances. A copy of their annual report is attached herewith.

The dairy farmers of Price County are fortunate in having an outlet for their milk through the Ladysmith Cooperative Milk Company, operating their modern plant at Prentice. From 500 to 600 farmers have availed themselves of this market, and others are looking forward to making arrangements to deliver their milk to this plant. With their tremendous volume, good management and excellent outlet for their products they are able to pay a considerable margin above the small local plants. Several of the local small plants have found it to their advantage to sell to the Ladysmith Co-op.

II - LAND CLEARING

The land clearing program has been recognized by farmers and businessmen throughout the county as the most important problem to bring our farming industry up to a profitable level. Although it was expected that this program would perpetuate itself, there being a considerable number of private operators located throughout the county, there was an endless stream of requests by the farmers for assistance in securing services of the land clearing operators, and for information as to the best procedure for clearing land and the crops to be grown on this new land. There was considerable complaint from the farmers that our local operators went outside of the county to secure work. In talking with these operators it was felt that they were able to start work earlier in the spring, and once getting started in a neighborhood they were not able to get back, due to the demand for their services. They also found that the jobs paid better. There was, however, a considerable amount of land-clearing work done in the county with the "A" drag proving itself quite profitable. Since "A" drags can be made by the farmers, and tractors to work them with are more readily available, we can expect a wider use of the "A" drag in the future, particularly for wild pasture improvement, and also for crop land development.

III - FORESTRY

With the wide spread publicity given to the war needs for pulpwood and the great demand for lumber coupled with the good prices for woods products, the work in connection with the forestry program was very greatly increased. A special report of this phase of the work is attached hereto.

IV-LABOR

Workers for hire for farm labor are very few, and high wage rates demanded by those who are available make it difficult for the small income farmer to hire help.

Exchange labor must be encouraged and established if older persons are to continue and remain on the farm. The common welfare of the farmer depends upon efficient co-operation.

A high percentage of farm employment is delegated to unpaid family workers. Farm women and young children have aided more than formerly, and their labor has been extended to all farm activities.

Men-equivalent is decreasing in many instances, due to advancing age and these older people cannot be expected to carry the full load year after year. Farm production will diminish under such conditions. Return of servicemen is the only solution of the present alarming sale of stock and farms. Younger farm owners, with children ranging from ten to seventeen years of age, will maintain production at its present level, and may even increase production as increased acreage will permit. A number of these younger farmers are clearing more acres.

There is a very limited number of year round jobs for farm labor. Small income farms do not warrant continuous employment of non-family labor.

Short time employment on the farms offers no inducement to a laborer who can command high wages for continuous employment on off-farm jobs.

Wages offered for the cranberry harvest were very attractive and earnings almost double those paid for the 1942 harvest. This wage adjustment was profitable to both employee and employer. The workers employed were principally farmers on part-time employment.

Temporary release of labor for off-farm employment during "off-season" is quite extensive and offers a means of cash income at a season when farm income is somewhat negligible. A major portion of this labor is engaged in the cutting of pulpwood and in logging operations. A lesser part of the releases are referred to ship-building and other essential activities. 87 temporary releases have been granted, 13 permanent releases have been granted to men who had disposed of farm or stock or both farm and stock.

Review of IIC and IIIC classifications, to get information desired by the Selective Service Board has required considerable study and investigation and has included 778 cases from February 1, 1944 to October 31, 1944. To accomplish results in this work several methods of approach have been used. Personal contacts with employee and employer, addressing groups of farmers at community

meetings and teachers at educational meetings, and by means of circular letters.

There is further need of impressing upon farmers the possibility of production through exchange of labor and hire of machinery during the peak season of production. Additional information is included in the statistical report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1944-1945

In line with developments as they are shaped up, the dairy industries which have been given a very fine start with the growing interest in the Breed Association and establishment of the dairy laboratory, this program should continue to receive major consideration. The dairy farmers should be encouraged to combine their interest and efforts through the Breed Association, crop and pasture improvement.

With the abundance of natural permanent pastures and the limitation for production of corn and grain for barn feeding, emphasis should be placed on securing greater dairy production out of our natural pastures. A program on pasture improvement and renovation by "A" dragging, fertilizing and re-seeding, should be in line. Farmers should be encouraged to get their soils tested and use the proper amount of lime and fertilizer required.

Several fertilizer plots with the use of ammonium nitrate started last year should be continued. In addition, whole farm fertilizer demonstrations in connection with the TVA should be set up. Meetings should then be planned to be held at each farm to demonstrate the results of the use of lime, nitrogen, phosphate and potash. Some preliminary work has been done in establishing these TVA demonstration farms, which work should be carried through.

The variety tests with soy-beans, which were put on last year should be carried through on a larger scale. Larger plots of each of the varieties that proved best in the demonstrations last year should be established.

The work with ladino clover seed should be continued.

4-H Clubs. The one foundation upon which to build a sound agricultural program for better farming and rural living is our work with youth through the 4-H. 4-H club members will invariably do their very best work from the ages of 12 to 18. If a close contact could be made with them, meeting and directing them in their interests during these years, it would be only a matter of a few years before we would have men and women on our farms possessing a greater understanding and fundamental knowledge of the better practices essential in modern farming. Successful club work is dependent upon capable, voluntary leadership, opportunity to attend district 4-H club camps, county wide 4-H picnics, club round-ups, and demonstrating and exhibiting locally the results of their efforts in preparation for local, county and state fairs. Participation in such events is an important factor in developing their incentive to participate in dress revues, health, judging and demonstration contests. Prospects for this kind of program look favorable for the coming year, except possibly that of leadership.

To encourage the adults to take on leadership, some provision might be made to supply a few extra gas ration stamps and a small remuneration for gas. Leaders willing to contribute of their time to work with the clubs should not be required to bear their own expenses in connection with the work.

SUMMARY OF 4-H ENROLLMENT, PRICE COUNTY, JUNE 1, 1944

I - BY CLUBS

There were 19 clubs with 13 men and 12 women adult leaders:

There were also 6 boys and 2 girls in Junior Leadership projects.

II - BY MEMBERS

There were 143 boys and 139 girls, making a total of 282 enrolled.

III - VICTORY PROJECTS.

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| Canning Crops | _____ | SWEET CORN | _____ | Peas | <u>3</u> | Beans | <u>5</u> | Cucumbers | <u>1</u> | Total | <u>9</u> | | | |
| Clothing I | <u>59</u> | II | <u>42</u> | III | <u>3</u> | IV | <u>5</u> | V | <u>1</u> | VI and Over | _____ | Total | <u>110</u> | |
| Food Preservation: | Beginner | <u>18</u> | Older | <u>14</u> | | | | | | | Total | <u>32</u> | | |
| Foods & Nutrition: | Beginner | <u>16</u> | Older | <u>15</u> | | | | | | | " | <u>33</u> | | |
| Beef: | I | <u>2</u> | | | | | | | | | | " | <u>2</u> | |
| Dairy: | I | <u>50</u> | 2A | <u>21</u> | 2B | <u>7</u> | 2C | <u>1</u> | 2D | <u>3</u> | 2E | <u>2</u> | Total | <u>84</u> |
| Garden: | Beginner | <u>54</u> | Older | <u>24</u> | | | | | | | | | " | <u>78</u> |
| Pig: | I | <u>6</u> | II | <u>2</u> | | | | | | | | " | <u>8</u> | |
| Poultry: | IA | <u>16</u> | IB | <u>2</u> | 2A | <u>1</u> | 3A | <u>1</u> | | | | " | <u>19</u> | |
| Sheep: | I | <u>4</u> | II | _____ | | | | | | | " | <u>4</u> | | |
| Field Crops: | Corn | <u>8</u> | Grain | <u>4</u> | Potatoes | <u>16</u> | | | | | | " | <u>28</u> | |

OTHER PROJECTS

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Colt: | I | <u>1</u> | Total | <u>1</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Goats | | | <u>2</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm and Home Service | | | Total | <u>1</u> | School Lunch | Total | <u>3</u> | | | | | |
| Forestry | I | <u>9</u> | II | <u>3</u> | III | <u>7</u> | IV | <u>2</u> | " | <u>21</u> | | |
| Farm Records | <u>3</u> | Home Records | _____ | | | | | " | <u>2</u> | | | |
| Fruits | I | <u>6661</u> | II | _____ | III | _____ | | | | | " | <u>12</u> |
| Handicraft: | I | <u>10</u> | II | <u>2</u> | III | _____ | | | | | " | <u>6</u> |
| Home Improvement | I | <u>6</u> | II | _____ | | | | | " | <u>10</u> | | |
| Home Grounds Btfcn. | I | <u>10</u> | II | _____ | III | _____ | IV | _____ | | | | |
| Soil Conservation | <u>2</u> | Insect Study | <u>1</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Wild Life Management | I | <u>10</u> | II | _____ | Insect Study | <u>1</u> | | | | | " | <u>10</u> |

ANNUAL REPORT
of
FARMERS CO-OP. MARKETING ASSOCIATION
Normal Building - Phillips, Wis. - C/o Agr'l. Agt's. Office

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|---|--------------------------|
| Mike Stanke, Phillips - - - Pres. | Robert Ziemer, Phillips |
| Charles Mohrbach, Park Falls - Vice Pres. | Halgar Peterson, Catawba |
| Bernard Kempen, Catawba - - Sec.-Treas. | John Hoffman, Brantwood |
| A. S. Peterson, Phillips - Ex-officio | Ed. Andreae, Ogema |

Harry Knight, Kennan - Tel. 3R55 - - Manager
Arthur Rasmussen, Phillips, Tel. 608-13 - Trucker
Paul Pastor, Butternut - - - - - Trucker

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944

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|--|----|------------------|-------------|
| Bal. on hand July 1, 1943 | \$ | 279.19 | |
| Gross receipts July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944 | | <u>32,820.92</u> | \$33,100.11 |
| | | | |
| Paid to patrons | | 31,054.66 | |
| Trucking to Medford | | 394.64 | |
| Commissions, Postage and Telephone | | 1,044.78 | |
| Advertising | | 34.71 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 51.76 | |
| Balance June 30, 1944 | | <u>519.56</u> | \$33,100.11 |

LIVESTOCK SHIPPED

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Cattle - - - 409 | Hogs - - - 437 |
| Calves - - - 341 | Sheep - - - 84 |

The Farmers Cooperative Livestock Marketing Association was incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin with non-capital stock for the purpose of handling any and all types of business for the farmer.

FARMERS COOPERATIVE MARKETING ASS'N.

Mike Stanke, President
Harry Knight, Manager

FARMERS' CO-OP. MARKETING ASSOCIATION

The Farmers' Cooperative Livestock Marketing Association has had a very fine business during the year. A substantial increase was made in the number of cattle shipped. The number of patrons has also increased. In former years the farmers served were located principally in the neighborhood of Prentice, Kennan and Catawba. During the past year the service has been extended to all communities in the county and the southern part of Ashland County. During the past year it has been the policy of the Association to ship cattle every Wednesday regardless of number listed. This was made possible through an arrangement with the Medford Cooperative, whereby truckloads were included in the shipments with the Medford Association at no cost. During the year the Medford Association changed management, who made a charge of 6¢ per cwt. for including our shipments in their car.

Since that time truck shipments have been made to Eau Claire. The Association would prefer to ship to the Equity at Milwaukee, but that is not profitable on small shipments of less than carload lots. Since the manager is required to order his car Friday evening for Wednesday morning shipment, it will be necessary for all patrons who wish to have their cattle shipped on the following Wednesday to list their cattle with the manager or the truckers not later than Friday evening, 8:00 P.M. In the event that there is not sufficient listing for a carload lot, shipments may have to be held over for one week. To succeed under this plan, all farmers should so cooperate when necessary by holding their cattle over for shipment the following week. When cattle are listed, they should be held until you hear from the trucker or manager, and if an agreement is made that he will call for them, the farmer should hold them over.

The trucker has often had the experience of calling for cattle that have been listed to find that they have been sold, thus placing on him the extra cost of additional driving and making the shipments for other farmers more costly. The Farmers' Cooperative Marketing Association is your organization. You can help make it more successful by being a good co-operator.

Make your word as good as your bond!

FARMERS COOPERATIVE MARKETING ASS'N.

Signed:

Mike Stanke, President.