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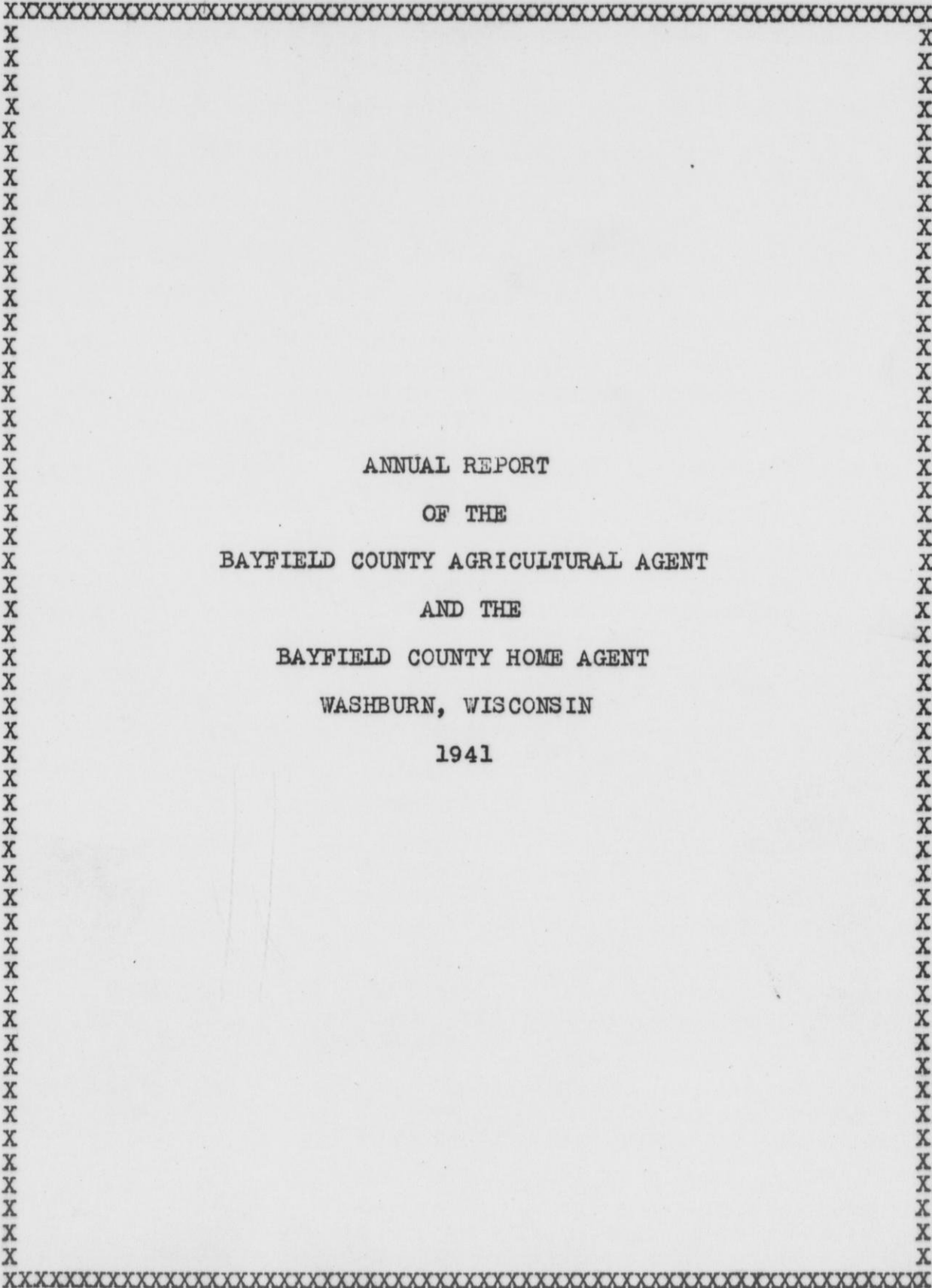
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BAYFIELD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT & HOME AGENT

The following program of work for Bayfield County was adopted by the County Agricultural Committee for 1941 on October 23, 1940.

<u>Phase of Work</u>	<u>Goals</u>
COUNTY FORESTS	Administer County Forests as directed by the County Forest Ordinance and under the direction of the County Forestry Committee and in cooperation with the Wisconsin Conservation Department.
LAND USE PLANNING	Proceed with land use planning program as approved by County Agricultural Committee on July 1, 1940.
LAND CLEARING	Direct clearing of additional agricultural lands. Administer land clearing program and management of men, machines, and equipment.
LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT	Continue work in sheep projects. Work out program of dipping and drenching if county dipping tank is made available. Continue farm poultry projects. Encourage use of high-producing dairy sires.
OTHER PROJECTS	Personal service as needed. Assist County Fair Committee. Other work as approved by County Agricultural Committee. Small fruit production work as developed.
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION	Emphasize soil testing - liming - fertilization - development of new seedings - and farm woodlot improvement under the AAA.
4-H CLUB & HOME ECONOMICS	Enrollment 300 - achievement 70% for 4-H clubs. Hold leaders' conference, club camp, achievement, and rally day. Homemaker goal - 450 members. Develop projects as selected by homemaker clubs in cooperation with State Department of Home Economics.

COUNTY FORESTS



The present Bayfield County Forest acreage by townships is as follows:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Barnes	26,881.85	Hughes	15,515.00
Bayfield	26,032.80	Iron River	5,158.81
Bayview	10,988.02	Oriente	4,040.00
Bell	13,672.23	Port Wing	6,557.53
Cable	5,356.33	Russell	5,754.95
Clover	3,753.50	Tripp	5,360.00

Forest Planting

In accordance with the Committee's plan to expand the forest planting activities, a total of 1,269 acres were planted on County Forest in the Towns of Bayfield, Tripp, Hughes, and Barnes during the past year. Much of the planting was done by county residents. The forest aid fund payroll was \$1,566.48.

Additional county labor, using county, state, and private equipment, plowed and scalped 344 acres for planting next year. To date there have been planted, by various agencies, a total of 2,016 acres on the County Forest.

Our planting program was greatly enlarged through the assistance of the Brule and Smith Lake CCC Camps and WPA crews. Most of the planting by WPA crews was done in the Town of Bayfield.

Timber Stand Improvement

Stand improvement work, consisting of thinning, pruning, weeding, and culling pine and hardwood stands, is becoming a major project. The Committee employed sixteen men this fall to work under supervision of the district forester on this project. CCC crews furnished the rest of the labor.

Fire Hazard Reduction

The Brule CCC Camp did cleanup and fire hazard reduction work on 700 acres in Township 46, Range 9 in preparation for planting. In this work the fire-killed jack pine is piled either in windrows or brush piles.

The Smith Lake CCC Camp also did timber stand improvement in Township 43, Range 7. This consisted of 95 acres which were also planted this year. Additional timber stand improvement was done in the same unit.

Timber Sales

During the past twelve months 26 contracts were let for timber sales in the Towns of Bell, Delta, Orienta, Clover, Barnes, Lincoln, Bayfield, Bayview, Tripp, Russell, Cable, and Pratt. Five of these contracts have been completed which, together with the completion of other contracts let prior to the current year, made a total of \$5,798.85 received in cash during the current year. Out of this amount, \$603.75 has been paid to the state and approximately an additional \$650.00 will be paid as state tax on the above timber sales.

The County does not pay any stumpage tax on timber sales made from county lands not under the Forest Crop Law, but approximately one-fourth of the amount received from timber

sales from lands under the Forest Crop Law is paid to the state as a severance tax.

Land Surveying and Section Corner Relocation

Up to June 30 the survey work was done as a WPA project which completed a total of 240 section corners set and 320 miles of random line run. Since June 30, the survey work has been carried on by a crew employed by the County. This crew has completed 201 section corners and 21 miles of random line. By late this fall, all of the survey work will have been completed in Units #1, #2, #3, and #4, leaving Units #5 and #6 yet to be done. The Forestry Committee plans on continuing the survey work during the next year.

Forest Protection - Timber Trespass

The timber salesman has also acted as trespass officer. The number of trespass cases are continually declining, due to the fact that it is becoming increasingly well known that the County is equipped to take care of such cases. However, constant checking is required in order to keep trespass and unauthorized cutting of county timber at a minimum.

Truck Trails

Our forest roads project was initiated to make merchantable timber on the County Forest accessible for timber sales, fire protection, and other forestry purposes. CCC crews have built seven miles of truck trails. This is in addition to the forty-two miles previously built as a WPA project in Unit #2. At the present time, timber sales and forest development projects are making full use of these roads.

During the first half of the current year, WPA crews were

engaged in the maintenance of these truck trails. Those in Unit #2 are graded on an average of twice each year in order to maintain them for service.

Entry of Additional Lands Under the Forest Crop Law

Application was made to enter approximately 5,000 additional acres under the Forest Crop Law. Usually such applications are acted upon by the State Conservation Commission before May 1 of each year. However, to date, the Commission has not yet reported any action on these applications, so it is not known whether or not any additional lands will be accepted for placement under the Forest Crop Law.

Summary of Projects and County Employment

Type of Work	County Forest Aid Fund		Work Completed			
	Men Em- ployed	Payroll	County	CCC	WPA	Total
Planting (acres)	48	\$1,102.23	300	604	265	1,169
Surveying (sections)	4	2,193.64	67		81	148
Truck Trail Maintenance	12	691.88			46	46
Timber Stand Improvement	16	509.65	100	395		495
Hazard Re- duction				700		700

Following is a financial statement for the current year and a proposed budget for next year.

County Forest Aid Fund

Financial Statement

Balance January 1, 1941 \$ 4,726.86

Receipts

Revenue from Machinery	\$ 5,651.88		
Revenue from State	<u>12,593.12</u>	<u>18,245.00</u>	\$22,971.86

Expenditures

Administration	1,203.10		
Maintenance of Equipment	4,878.38		
Purchase of Equipment	1,876.18		
Trespass Officer	979.40		
Planting	1,637.73		
Improvement Cutting	509.65		
Surveying	1,931.13		
Truck Trails	2,352.16		
Materials & Supplies	<u>215.87</u>	15,583.60	
Machinery Fund Reserve		<u>3,019.44</u>	<u>18,603.04</u>

Balance October 1, 1941 \$ 4,368.82

Proposed Budget

The Forestry Committee plans on the following activities and forestry fund expenditures covering the period from October 1, 1941 to May 1, 1943. The program has been projected in this manner to conform to the dates of receiving State Aid.

Revenue to May 1, 1943

Cash on hand	\$ 4,368.82		
Aid from State (1942)	<u>12,000.00</u>		\$16,368.82

Expenditures to May 1, 1943

Administration (1942)	\$ 875.00		
Bookkeeping (20 months)	400.00		
Insurance (1 year)	400.00		
Trespass Officer (20 months)	2,000.00		
Incidentals	500.00		
Planting (fall, 1941)	1,240.00		
Survey (fall, 1941)	870.00		
Truck Trails (1941-42)	1,950.00		
Release work (1942)	1,300.00		
Planting (1942)	5,225.00		
Survey (1941 - 42)	<u>5,250.00</u>		<u>20,010.00</u>

Deficit \$ 3,641.18

LAND USE PLANNING



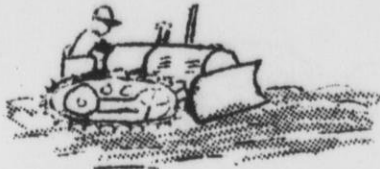
Through the assistance of twenty-one committees throughout the County and other organizations, this office prepared a county land-use map, and secured economic information and other data which can be used by the County Board and other organizations in establishing future policies within the County.

The information compiled consists of publicly owned lands within the County, up-to-date zoning map, location of present operating school districts, federal farm loans, assessment and tax ratios per town, tax exempt lands by townships, percent of developed agricultural land within the County, ratio of crops to crop land, soil fertility statistics, comparative sources of farm income, federal land bank loans and foreclosures, AAA payments, farm subsistence grants, WPA certification by townships, land clearing by county equipment in the last three years, and expenditures by federal and state agencies within the County.

After the compilation was completed, this information was presented to a representative county committee, resulting in certain recommendations regarding public policy in the County. All of the above statistics and recommendations have been placed in report form and copies of this report have been mailed to all County Board members and representatives of state and federal agencies operating within the County. It is assumed that reference will be made to this report by various agencies in developing future policies within the County.

Additional copies of this report may be secured from the County Agent's office.

LAND CLEARING



As in the past three years, the Agricultural Committee has continued the policy of clearing land for farmers on an hourly rental basis. Up to October 1, the acres cleared per township are as follows:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Oulu	42	Kelly	33
Keystone	67	Pilsen	6
Mason	18	Oriente	2
Clover	21	Delta	47
Eileen	30	Hughes	<u>10</u>
Tripp	48		
Port Wing	7	Total	332

Previous to this year, a total of 2,984 acres had been cleared in the County, so that the present total acreage cleared by the County tractors amounts to 3,315 acres. In addition to this, three privately owned machines in the County did land clearing, of which the acreage is not obtainable, but indications are that land clearing is progressing at a fairly rapid rate.

In addition to clearing land, the county-owned tractors performed other services for the farmers and up to October 1 spent 18 hours ditching on 7 farms, 185 hours road making on 19 farms, 8 hours digging basements on 4 farms, and 172 hours doing dirt moving, such as making cuts and fills, filling pot holes on 27 farms. Many farmers who do not have land to be cleared, are taking advantage of this type of service.

The present policy of the Committee is to continue this type of service in 1942.

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT



Cattle

The educational phases of livestock improvement were continued throughout the year. Several farmers were assisted in obtaining pure-bred, high-producing sires by direct purchase and, in other instances, exchanges were effected which met the conditions of a sound breeding program.

Due to the improvement in the dairy production prices, the total production of milk products in the County increased 10% in 1941 over that of 1940. It is expected that a similar increase will take place in 1942.

The second area bangs test is now in progress and, to date, only four-tenths of one percent of the cattle tested have been reactors. In the herds having reactors or suspects, the test will be repeated at intervals until all infected animals have been removed from the herds and disposed of.

Sheep

The sheep population in the County is constantly increasing. This is largely due to the favorable price of meat and wool obtained during the past few years, and also to the fact that farmers appreciate that sheep fit into farm conditions in this County.



To encourage quality wool and meat production, the Agricultural Committee offered sheep owners in the County the services of the county-owned sheep dipping tank, which was purchased this year. A total of 1,412 head of sheep were dipped and drenched for the treatment of ticks, scab, and intestinal

parasites. Such treatment enables the sheep owners to market a heavier lamb and also a higher quality wool. It is expected that the same service will be offered again next year.

In addition to this, some time was spent in assisting sheep owners to purchase or exchange desirable rams. This office is also sending to sheep owners timely information regarding the care and management of sheep.

Poultry



The poultry program consisted of furnishing farmers with timely information relative to the care and management of young chicks, the growing flock, and the laying hens. Personal assistance was also given in feeding, culling, disease and parasite control, and flock management. As in the case of dairy and sheep production, the increase in price of eggs has stimulated an increase in the number of poultry within the County. This number is apt to show a still further increase in 1942.



OTHER PROJECTS



County Fair

By direction of the County Board, the Agricultural Committee again held a County Fair this year. The exhibits of livestock greatly out-numbered that of the previous year, particularly in the 4-H Department, but field and garden exhibits were somewhat less, due to unfavorable growing weather. The total premiums paid exceeded that of any previous year, amounting to \$1,885.30. Again, as in previous years, the 4-H clubs contributed a large

share of the exhibits. The attendance this year also exceeded that of previous years.

Zoning

No petitions for amending the County Zoning Ordinance were received during the year, consequently no hearings were held. However, the Committee attended a conference composed of the zoning committees from northern Wisconsin counties, at which many of the problems connected with the Zoning Ordinance were discussed.

Since the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance in 1934, it has become apparent that additional legislative action is needed to make the Ordinance more effective. The County Zoning Committee has, under advisement, suggested remedial legislation so as to afford the local municipalities more protection than heretofore.

Fruits

The fruit work for the past year consisted of working with fruit growers on cultural methods, diseases, and insects. The strawberry acreage was about the same as last year, and production about normal. Market prices varied greatly and quality was a problem this year. Some of the local fruit dealers have requested assistance in organizing to the extent that an agreement may be worked out embracing grading and eliminating competition on the same markets.

The marketable apple crop was below normal this year, due to the unfavorable weather conditions which resulted in a high percentage of scab and poor keeping qualities of the fruit. No difficulty has been reported in marketing good quality apples.

More orchard sprayers should be used, and orchardists are

encouraged to obtain the use of a sprayer wherever possible.

Mattress Project

At a meeting of the Agricultural Committee in March, the Mattress Project was adopted and set up as agreed upon by the State AAA and Extension Offices. The County Project is being administered by a County Mattress Committee composed of the chairman of the Agricultural Committee, chairman of the County AAA Committee, the Public Welfare Director, the County Agricultural Agent, and the County Home Agent.

The various towns in the County which decided to engage in the Mattress Project appointed township committees to take care of local arrangements and also sent leaders to one of the mattress training schools held at the Experiment Station. Two meetings were held for township committees to explain the setup. Four one-day mattress schools for leaders were held. The towns entering the Project set up a total of 12 work centers where the applicants made their mattresses.

Approximately 45,000 pounds of cotton and 9,000 yards of ticking, or enough material for about 900 mattresses, were shipped into the County for this project. To date, the County AAA office has approved applications for 663 mattresses, a large proportion of which have been completed. It is estimated that all of the material will be used up by December 1, and that the Project will then be closed.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION



While the Agricultural Conservation Association

maintains its own offices at Iron River, the County Agent has

cooperated with them in advising farmers regarding the use of lime, fertilizers, and seeds. The 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program for six northern counties, including Bayfield County, was devoted entirely to soil-building practices, and payments were based entirely on the use of lime, commercial fertilizers, grass seeding, and woodlot improvement. To this was added payments for land clearing, draining, and filling of pot holes.

During the current year a total of 3,933 tons of lime and 240 tons of phosphate fertilizer were shipped into the County and applied to the soil for which the farmers earned soil conservation payments amounting to \$45,343.00.

Information has been received that the 1942 program will follow along the same general lines as that for 1941, and it is expected that similar amounts of lime and fertilizer will be applied to the soil in 1942.

This office also conducted some fertilizer demonstration plots on various farms in the County as a means of spreading information relative to the use of lime and fertilizers.

AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

Due to the war in Europe, the United States Government has agreed to furnish certain materials to the allied countries, among them being farm products. The United States Department of Agriculture has asked each state to increase its production of agricultural products in 1942 in order that the Government may fulfill its agreement.

Wisconsin has been asked to increase milk production, pork,

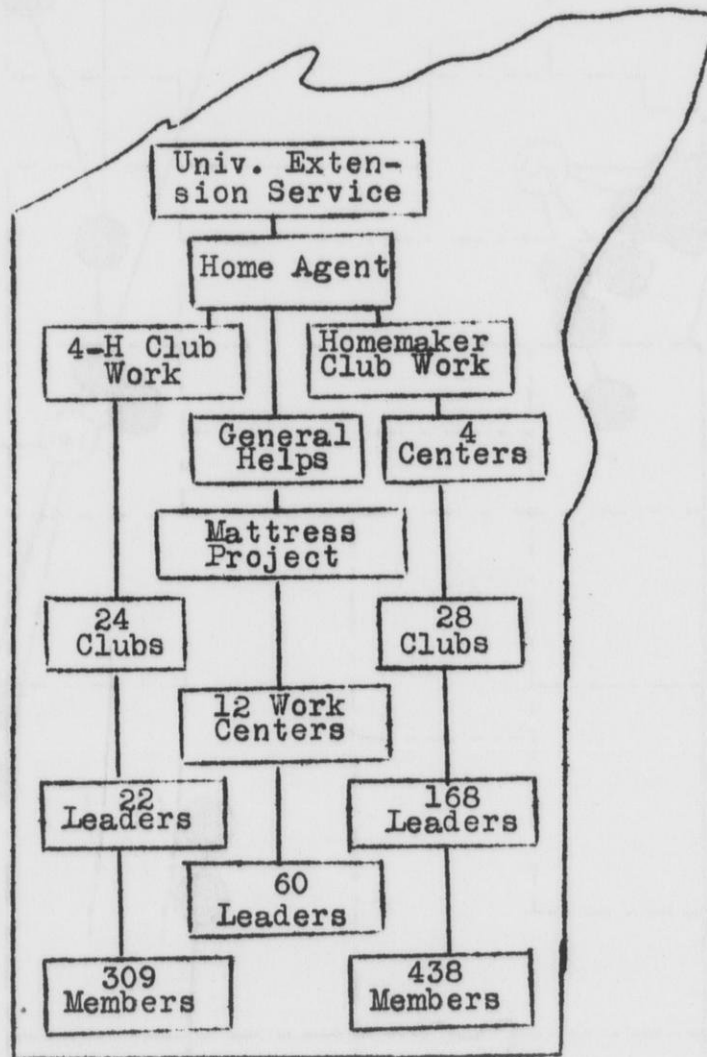
and eggs. Each county in the state has been given a responsibility of increasing its share of the production on a prorated basis. For Bayfield County this means an increased production of 10% milk products, 10% pork, and 28% in eggs. In return, the government has agreed to support the prices of these products during 1942 to at least 85% of parity, providing funds are available.

The Agricultural Committee recently adopted a policy of giving the Agricultural Defense Program priority over every other activity in the County Extension Office, and at present, this office is engaged in assisting local leaders to explain the Program to the farmers in the County. This will enable Bayfield County farmers to comply with the request of the Government, and at the same time add to their farm income.



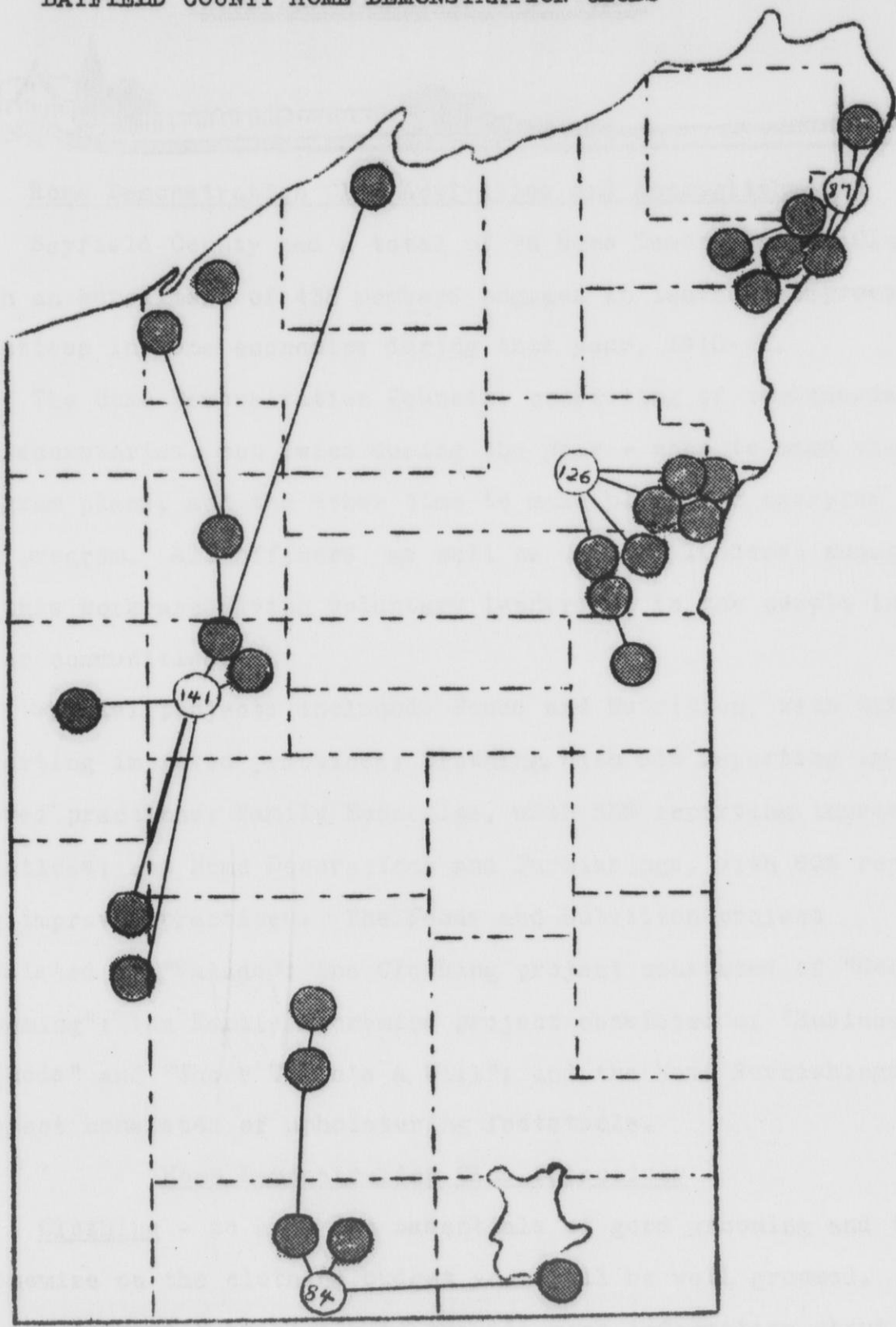
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Washburn - County Seat

BAYFIELD COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS



- - Location of 28 clubs.
- - Total enrollment of 4 centers.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WORK



Home Demonstration Club Activities and Accomplishments

Bayfield County had a total of 28 Home Demonstration Clubs with an enrollment of 438 members engaged in learning improved practices in home economics during this year, 1940-41.

The Home Demonstration Council, consisting of presidents and secretaries, met twice during the year - once to make club program plans, and the other time to make plans for carrying out the program. All officers, as well as project leaders, engaged in this work are giving voluntary leadership to the people in their communities.

Special projects included: Foods and Nutrition, with 82% reporting improved practices; Clothing, with 95% reporting improved practices; Family Economics, with 53% reporting improved practices; and Home Decorations and Furnishings, with 60% reporting improved practices. The Foods and Nutrition project consisted of "Salads"; the Clothing project consisted of "Good Grooming"; the Family Economics project consisted of "Business Methods" and "Where There's a Will"; and the Home Furnishings project consisted of upholstering footstools.

Home Demonstration Club Objectives

Clothing - to know the essentials of good grooming and to economize on the clothing budget and still be well groomed.

Foods and Nutrition - to provide more information about serving fruits and vegetables in interesting ways, to emphasize

the necessity of including enough fruits and vegetables in the diet to maintain the family's best health, and to especially emphasize the use of home-produced food. Seventy percent of all the Homemakers were enrolled in this project.

Home Decoration and Furnishing - to enable the Homemakers to make furniture repairs and to save the expense of hiring the work done. Upholstering formed the major part of this project.

Family Economics - to teach better business methods. These lessons were presented at three leader-training meetings and at individual club meetings. The topic "Where There's a Will," presenting the essentials of a will, including the legal phases of disposition of property, was discussed at four general meetings in the County.

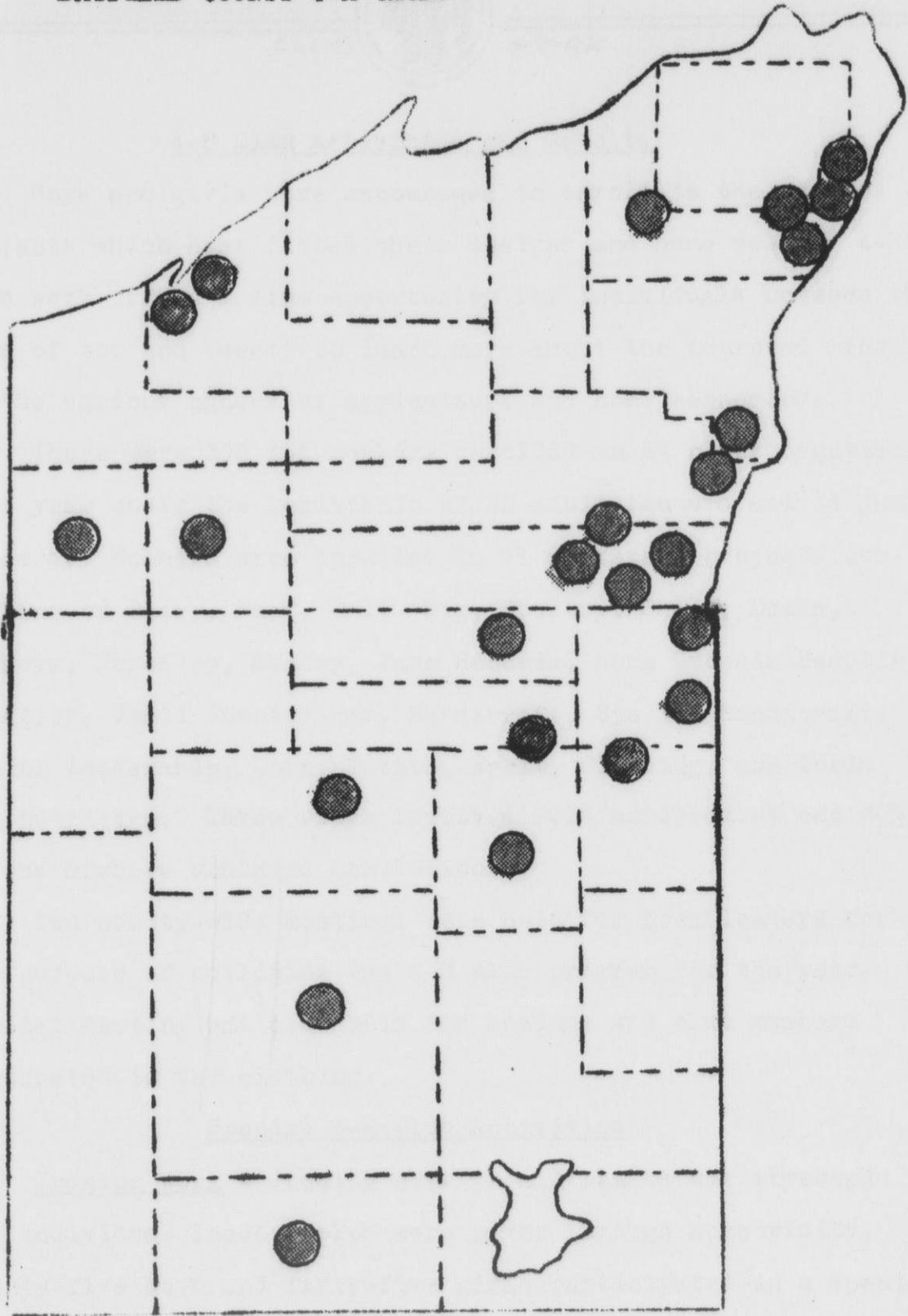
The results of the foregoing objectives were shown by the excellent exhibits at the County-wide Homemaker Achievement Program held at Herbster on June 6, and also by club booths and individual exhibits at the County Fair.

Plans for Next Year

The suggested next year's plan of work for Home Demonstration Clubs includes "Made Overs," "The Good Bed," "Meat Cookery (beef and veal)," "Slip Covers I & II," and special helps on "Food Preservation." The Home Demonstration Council felt that these subjects would best meet the needs of Bayfield County Homemakers at the present time.



BAYFIELD COUNTY 4-H CLUBS



Total enrollment - 309 members.



4-H Club Activities and Results

Boys and girls were encouraged to enroll in the project or projects which best fitted their desires and home needs. 4-H club work offers a fine opportunity for individuals between the ages of ten and twenty to learn more about the improved practices in the various phases of agriculture and home economics.

There were 309 4-H members enrolled in 24 clubs organized this year under the leadership of 22 adult leaders and 14 junior leaders. Members were enrolled in 21 different projects consisting of Dairy, Beef, Colt, Pig, Poultry, Sheep, Ducks, Turkeys, Forestry, Garden, Farm Records, Home Grounds Beautification, Small Furnishings, Handicraft, Special Handicraft, Junior Leadership, Corn, Potato, Fruit, Clothing, and Foods and Nutrition. Three clubs received 100% achievement and 60% of the members achieved completion.

Two county-wide meetings were held for local leaders for the purpose of outlining the 4-H club program for the year. One special meeting was also held for leaders and club members interested in the clothing.

Special 4-H Club Activities

Judging work - Judging work in all phases was stressed and individual leader helps were given through home visits. Twenty-five boys and forty-five girls participated in a special judging contest at 4-H Rally Day.

Demonstration work - Twenty boys and girls took part in

demonstrations at Rally Day, and one received a trip to State Fair while the other winners received County Fair prizes. This activity provides one of the best opportunities to learn and use improved practices.

Dress Revue - Two county-wide 4-H Dress Revues were held this year - one at Rally Day in which 14 girls participated, and one girl was selected to receive a State Fair trip; and one at County Fair in which 31 girls participated to compete for the County Fair prizes. The group at County Fair also participated in a revue in front of the grandstand.

Music - Club members were encouraged to learn the 4-H songs emphasized this year. Arrangements were made to have a judge score those who wished to compete to win transportation to attend State Club Week. Four contestants were selected to attend State Club Week at Madison. While there, tryouts were held and one Bayfield County contestant was selected to win a trip to sing in the State Fair Chorus.

Drama - Two clubs presented a 4-H play this year. This took up time as a worthwhile leisure time activity and offered entertainment to them, their parents, and friends. This undertaking also served as a way to raise some cash for the local clubs.

4-H Camp - Sixteen 4-H members attended the three-day 4-H Camp held at Lake Galilee in August. A varied program provided interesting activities for the time spent there.

Health Examinations - Ten Bayfield County girls received health examinations while at camp. The one with the highest rating received a free trip to State Fair at Milwaukee.

Club Outing - Several clubs spent a day visiting the Brule Ranger Station and CCC Camp where they learned how forest fires are detected and controlled. They also learned of the forestry projects carried on by the CCC Camp. The object of this outing was to impress upon club members the importance of conservation of our natural resources.

Exhibits - 4-H club members exhibited their project work in their local communities, in their own homes, at club meetings, at the Homemaker Achievement Program, and at the County Fair. A large share of the premium money paid to exhibitors at the Fair this year went to 4-H club members.

Achievement Day - The final 4-H activity of the year will be the Achievement Program which will be held at Port Wing on November 1. A special program is being arranged for this event and also, club members who have satisfactorily completed their projects for the year will be awarded achievement pins.

Outlook and Recommendations

It is the aim of the Home Agent to continue to encourage interested groups in all communities in the County to find capable leadership and to participate in learning through 4-H project work. It is her aim also to help local leaders through home visits and meetings and to give help to each club group, particularly on planning the club program for the year.

MATTRESS PROGRAM

On March 13, 1941, the Bayfield County Agricultural Committee met and adopted the Mattress Program for this County. This special program is sponsored by three agencies of the

United States Department of Agriculture, the Extension Service, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and the Surplus Marketing Administration.

The Home Agent served as a member of the Bayfield County Mattress Committee appointed by the County Agricultural Committee on March 13, 1941. She assisted with the publicity, organization, instruction, and administration necessary to carry on this Program.

By direction of the County Mattress Committee two meetings were held to explain the Program to township committees and leaders. Four one-day schools were held to teach local leaders how to make the mattresses. A total of 12 local work centers, under the direction of 48 leaders and 12 supervisors, have been engaged in assisting approved applicants in making their mattresses. The Program will terminate this fall with about 900 mattresses having been made.

This Program has helped to improve the homes of Bayfield County and has contributed to the welfare of the rural people with low incomes who would not otherwise have been able to have these mattresses.



At a meeting of the Agricultural Committee on October 10 the following program was adopted for 1942:

<u>Phase of Work</u>	<u>Goals</u>
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION	Cooperate fully with USDA in increasing food production under the National Defense Program. Emphasize production in dairy, poultry, sheep, and hogs.
COUNTY FORESTS	Administer County Forests under the direction of the County Forestry Committee and in cooperation with the Wisconsin Conservation Department.
4-H CLUB & HOME ECONOMICS	Hold leaders' conference, club camp, 4-H rally. Enrollment 300 - achievement 70%. Develop projects as selected by homemaker clubs. Correlate work with National Defense Program. 450 members.
LAND CLEARING	Direct clearing of additional land. Administer land-clearing program and management of men, machines, and equipment.
OTHER WORK	Personal service as needed. Assist County Fair Committee if needed. Other work as suggested by Agricultural Committee.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

Farm and Home Visits.....	267
Office Calls.....	556
Telephone Calls.....	531
Days Spent in the Field.....	125
Days Spent in the Office.....	123
News Articles Published.....	6
Individual Letters Written.....	1680
Circular Letters Written.....	36
Bulletins Distributed.....	2026
Meetings Held.....	67
People Attending These Meetings.....	1141
Tours Conducted.....	2
People Attending These Tours.....	158

STATISTICAL REPORT OF COUNTY HOME AGENT

Farm and Home Visits.....	198
Office Calls.....	115
Telephone Calls.....	163
Days in Field.....	121
Days in Office.....	150
News Articles Published.....	30
Individual Letters Written.....	771
Circular Letters Sent.....	42
Bulletins Distributed.....	3973
Meetings Held.....	38
People Attending These Meetings.....	868
Tours Conducted.....	1
People Attending These Tours.....	150
