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ST. CROIX COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR 1942

The following program of work has been adopted jointly for St. Croix county for 1942 by the county agricultural committee, county extension agent, and extension supervisor.

MAJOR PROBLEMS	PHASES OF WORK	GOALS
1. <u>Youth</u>	<u>4-H Club Work</u>	<u>400 members--25clubs--75% achievement; achievement day; Emphasize projects supporting national defense effort; Summer camp; 4-H Club Fair; Development of leadership</u>
2. <u>Erosion and Soil Fertility</u>	<u>Soil Improvement; Erosion Control</u>	<u>Continue Lime Program; Test Soils on 400 farms; 20 mtgs. on commercial fertilizer; 20 educational meetings on erosion control practices by N. O. Stephenson; Pasture Imp. Demonstration and meetings; Two meetings on Commercial fertilizers; ed. phase of erosion control as per work plan for district</u>
3. <u>Management phases of the farm enterprise</u>	<u>Farm Management of Land, Money, Crops, Livestock, and Machinery</u>	<u>Mtgs. throughout co. on correlating co. program to national agr'l program for defense, planning for proper use of money & land through suggestions of frugality; machinery inventories; keeping of accounts; payment of debts</u>
4. <u>Economical Production of Milk</u>	<u>Dairy Improvement through following goals</u>	<u>Maintain 4$\frac{1}{2}$ DHIA; ed. phases of Bang's program; better bull promotion; feeding & ration meetings Owner-Sampler association; Quality Milk program</u>

OTHER WORK:

Home Economics Work
 Insect Pest Control
 Poultry Improvement
 Coop. Meeting
 Sheep & Swine Imp.
 Weed Control

Approved:

B. F. Rusy
 Extension Supervisor

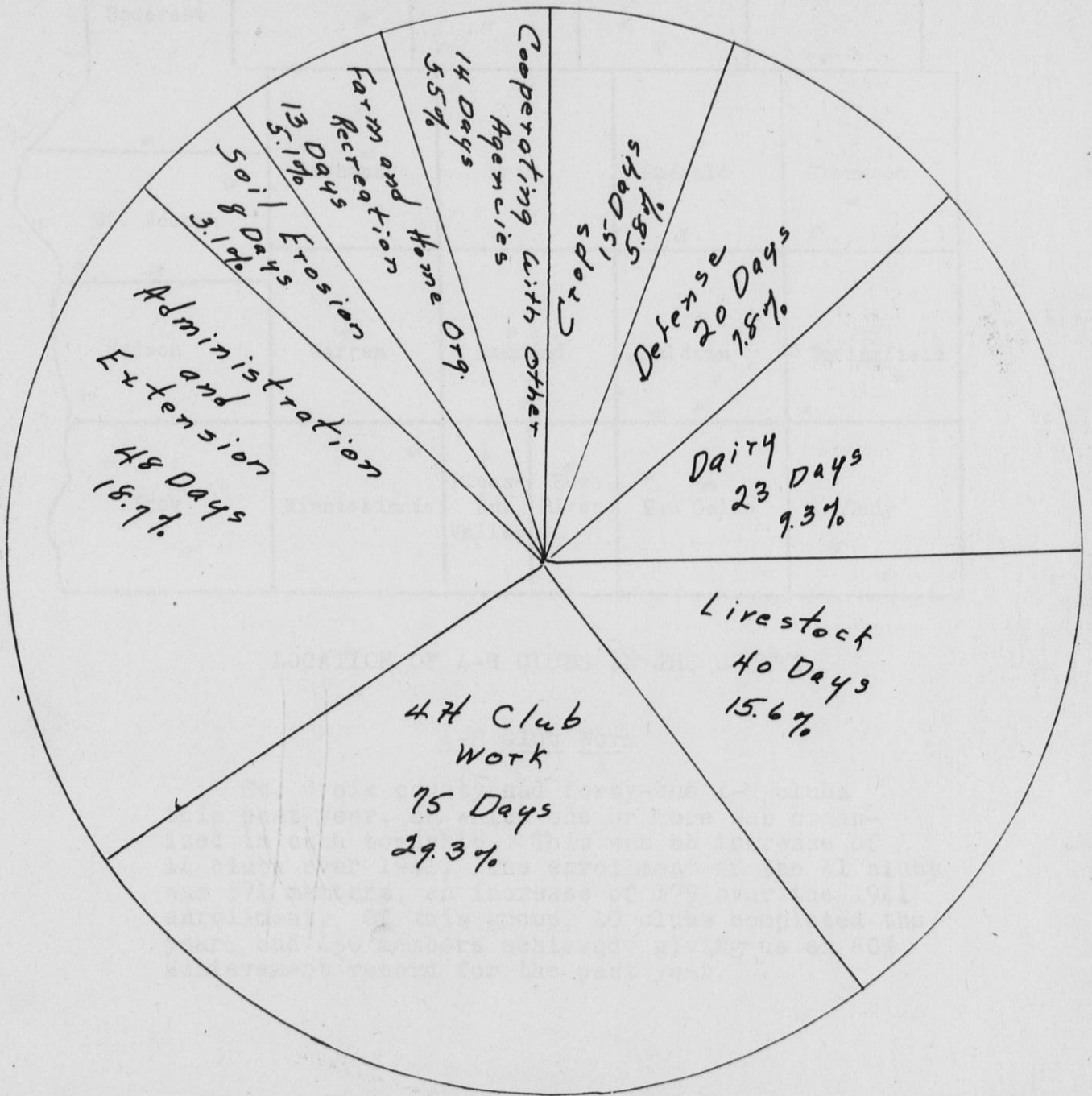
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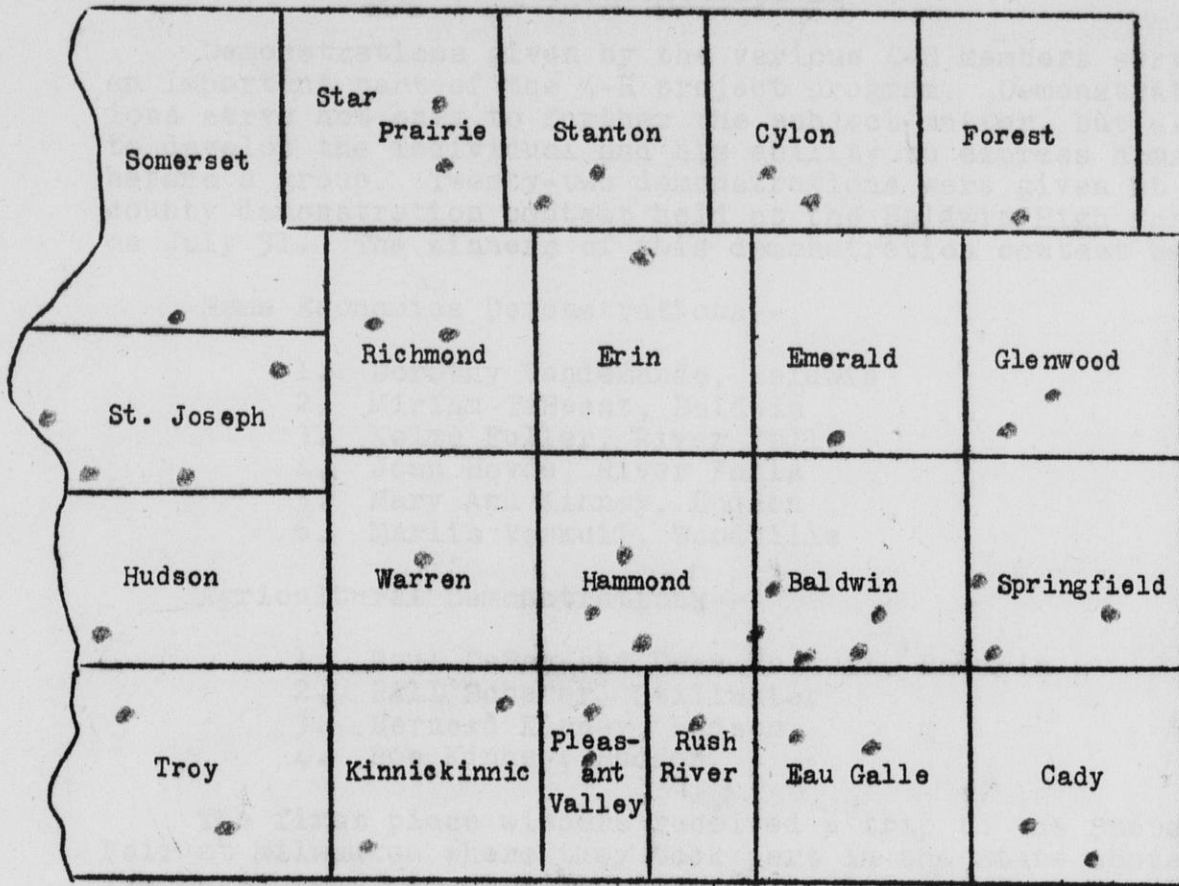
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 Chairman of Agricultural Committee

C. H. Nelson
 Agricultural Agent

DAYS SPENT ON EACH PROJECT



SUMMARY OF 4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES



LOCATION OF 4-H CLUBS IN THE COUNTY

4-H Club Work

St. Croix county had forty-one 4-H clubs this past year, of which one or more was organized in each township. This was an increase of 14 clubs over 1941. The enrollment of the 41 clubs was 571 members, an increase of 179 over the 1941 enrollment. Of this group, 40 clubs completed the year, and 450 members achieved, giving us an 80% achievement record for the past year.

4-H Demonstrations

Demonstrations given by the various 4-H members serve an important part of the 4-H project program. Demonstrations serve not only to further the subject matter, but also to develop the individual and his ability to express himself before a group. Twenty-two demonstrations were given at the county demonstration contest held at the Baldwin High School on July 31. The winners of this demonstration contest were:

Home Economics Demonstrations--

1. Dorothy VandeZande, Baldwin
2. Miriam TeBeest, Baldwin
3. Kelma Fuller, River Falls
4. Joan Hovde, River Falls
5. Mary Ann Kinney, Hudson
6. Marlis Voskuil, Woodville

Agricultural Demonstrations--

1. Paul DeRoy and Dean Voskuil, Baldwin
2. Bill Schafer, Stillwater
3. Bernard Kinney, Hudson
4. Bob Kinney, Hudson

The first place winners received a trip to the State Fair at Milwaukee where they took part in the State contest. The boys' team, consisting of Dean Voskuil and Paul DeRoy, won the State Demonstration contest with their demonstration on Clean Milk Products. This gives them a free trip to the National contest at Chicago.

A demonstration contest was also held in connection with the Glenwood City Inter-County Fair. The winners of the contest were Miriam TeBeest and Bill Schafer.



Paul DeRoy and Dean Voskuil
Winners of State Demonstration Contest

Club Tours

Several 4-H clubs held tours of their projects. In some cases adults and junior leaders, county agent and summer club agent, visited the 4-H members' homes, and in other cases the entire club made a visit to a member's home. This gave an opportunity for members of the club to note and see what the other members were doing; also bringing club work into the home life of each individual.

4-H Broadcasts

To help bring the 4-H program before the minds of the public, and to help interest the 4-H members, five radio broadcasts were given during the past year over WEAU at Eau Claire, with musical and dialogue numbers being the basis of the program, thus giving an opportunity for many 4-H members to express themselves before a microphone.



One of the groups of 4-H members that participated in a radio broadcast. This group consisted of a quartet, soloists, and group singing.

4-H Leadership

The success of a 4-H program in any community is largely dependent on the local leadership given. We have had splendid cooperation given with the 40 leaders and the assistant leaders, together with the junior leaders in all clubs. Much credit of the 4-H program this past year should go to Miss Cecilia Domke, our 4-H summer club leader, who assisted very nobly in planning and carrying out the work of the county program as a whole. All the leaders have given much of their time to assist the 4-H boys and girls in their community to carry on their projects, whatever they might be.

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4-H Leaders Organized

In February, 1942, we held the first leader conference at Baldwin, at which time we elected county officers of the 4-H leaders to assist and guide the program of work in the county for the coming year. This group met several times at various intervals during the year to plan and direct the 4-H activities. Also, at these county meetings suggestions for programs were given which could be carried on at the various meetings throughout the county. The officers of this 4-H leaders/organization were as follows: Eugene Frey of the Glover All Star Club, president, and Mrs. A. B. Fuller of the Girls' Challenger Club, secretary.

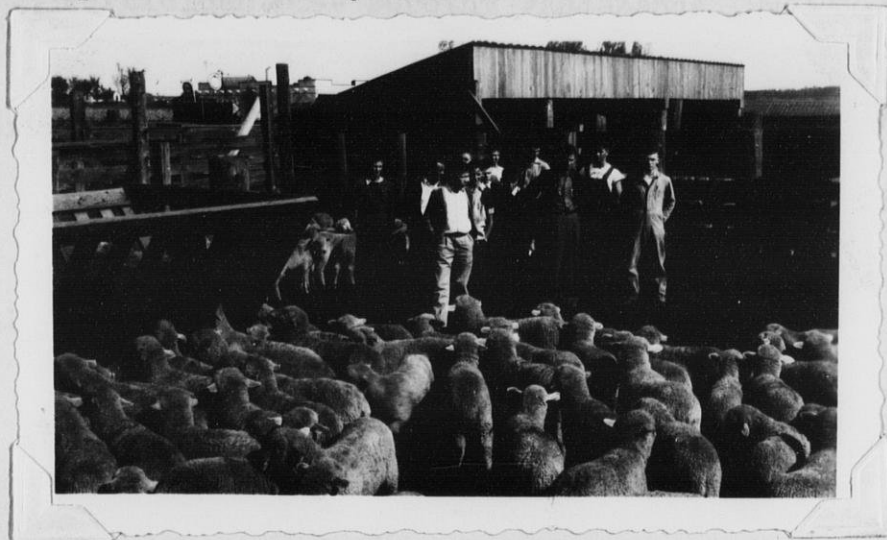
4-H Project Activities

The projects carried by St. Croix county 4-H club boys and girls this past year were as follows:

Clothing	163
Food Preservation	50
Foods & Nutritions	79
Beef	22
Dairy	161
Victory Garden	76
Pig	32
Poultry	51
Sheep	35
Handicraft	22
Home Improvement	12
Potato	22
Home Grounds Beautification	10
Farm and Home Records	11
Bee	7
Corn	11
Colt	6
Grain	4
Home Service	7
Soil Conservation	2
Insect Study	2
Wild Life Management	1
TOTAL	<u>786</u>

Sheep

Feeder Sheep and Beef Projects --



The 4-H clubs and FFA chapters in St. Croix county contracted for and purchased two double-deck carloads of feeder lambs, consisting of 624 lambs, which were distributed to various club members. These lambs were financed through the banks of the county. They will be fed for a period of 90 to 100 days, at which time they will be put on a county show, after which the lambs will be marketed, the boys gaining advantage of the increased weight, thereby giving them their income per lamb.

Thirty steers for 4-H work were purchased at the stockyards in St. Paul and again locally distributed for feeder purposes throughout the county. These steers were financed by banks, central cooperatives, production credit associations and individual boy's investments. This feeder program helps to develop the boys and girls to become better farmers by learning while they are young the problems of livestock management.

Music Festival

The first in a series of annual 4-H music festivals was held on June 29 at Hammond, at which time 14 clubs entered contestants. This program was judged by Miss Stella Hendrickson, county supervisor of rural education. The five winning clubs and the participants were as follows:

Lone Pine Club --

Leaders -- Mrs. Ed. Voskuil and Keith Gregerson
 Participants -- Averiel Johnson, Muriel Voskuil,
 Phyllis Hull, Louis Hull, Galen Anderson, Jimmy
 Lund, Vernon Lund, and Kenneth Kanis.

True Blues Club --

Leader -- Mrs. Harry Hop

Participants -- Dorothy VandeZande, Beatrice Lokker, Norma Sather, Shirley Mentink and Mary Olson.

Worthwhile Club --

Leader -- Mrs. P. C. Schafer

Participants -- Bob Jagg, Edria Sontag, Marion Sontag, Jeanette McPhetres, Betty Schafer and Mary Jean Schafer.

Baldwin Wide-Awake Club --

Leader -- Nolen S. Niccum

Participants -- Vearl Swenby, Lyle VandeZande, Betty Holman, and Miriam TeBeest.

Valley Victors Club --

Leader -- Kenneth Afdahl

Participants -- Jean Owens, Ardyce Afdahl, and Lorraine Jacobson.

Genevieve Hovde of the Roly Poly Club of River Falls received a rating of honorable mention for her solo.

State Club Week

Five 4-H members from St. Croix county participated at 4-H Club Week held at Madison, thus giving us a representation at the State Camp, and giving us ideas as to what other counties are doing, as well as State and National activities.

4-H Picnic

The annual 4-H picnic was held in conjunction with Pierce county on July 9, at which time 400 attended from this county. A program, consisting of the teaching of crafts, music program, games, races, kittenball and the dairy queen contest was held. In the evening a candlelight service was conducted with the assistance of Verne Varney and Edna Baumann from the State Department. The dairy queen, Rose Mae Swenby from Baldwin, was chosen at this time. She represented this county at the State contest at Milwaukee.

4-H Exhibits

At the 4-H Roundup at Hammond in August all 4-H departments were filled by exhibits made by nearly 300 boys and girls. The 4-H Victory Garden display had a large number of entries, with 31 exhibits. 142 calves were shown in the county highway building. The home economics girls made 505 entries, including 267 clothing exhibits, 137 canning exhibits, 95 foods exhibits, and 6 home improvement exhibits.



Demonstrations given to
4-H and FFA members



4-H Exhibits (Cont.)

The judging program for livestock and home economics work was carried on Tuesday, August 18.

Much credit for the success of the Roundup should go to the business men of Hammond, to the 4-H leaders and the agricultural instructors in the county for their support of this fair.

Several of the 4-H clubs were represented at the Glenwood City Inter-County Fair, giving a good display there in livestock and dairying. Much credit for the success of this fair should go to the fair board and to the business men of Glenwood City who were very hospitable to 4-H members and to all participating in fair activities.

Hudson Elks Fall Festival

Seven 4-H clubs in the western part of the county participated in the Elks Fall Festival at the Elks lodge at Hudson on October 1, 2, and 3. Each club made a booth representing the work of their club, together with a large booth representing the work of the entire county. A program on Saturday night, October 3, was put on by the clubs before an audience of about 500 people at the Elks lodge.

State Fair at Milwaukee

14 club members from this county took part in the State Fair activities at Milwaukee during the week of August 22 through August 29. Several of the members won honors in his or her particular division.



4-H Members En-route to State Fair

Those who won places were Dean Voskuil and Paul DeRoy of the Baldwin Wide-Awake Club, who won first in the dairy demonstration contest, which entitles them to a trip to the National Club Congress at Chicago in December, with all expenses paid -- that is, providing the club congress is not cancelled because of war conditions; in that event, an award equivalent to such a trip will be given them. Dean also won three first places with his Ayrshire cattle and also the championship of the breed giving him the purple ribbon, which is the coveted prize of the livestock exhibitors.

Bill Enloe of the Glover All Star Club of River Falls won a third and a fifth place in the Guernsey cattle class and a ninth place on his Hampshire hogs.

Dick Ray, of the Roberts Ribbon Reapers club, placed fifth and seventh in the Holstein class.

Miriam TeBeest of the Baldwin Wide-Awake club, placed third in Foods judging.

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Bob Kinney of Hudson Badgers Club, placed third, and Edria Sontag of the Worthwhile Club, placed fourth in the Health Contest.

Junior Livestock Show

Five boys of the county exhibited baby beeves at the Northwest Wisconsin Junior Livestock Show at Menomonie this fall. These boys were Bob Ash, John and Kingsley Hawkins of Roberts, Bob Frey, River Falls, and Lloyd Jones, New Richmond.

Lloyd Jones, a New Richmond high school student, took second place with his Aberdeen Angus baby beef and in competition with 41 others took second honors at the show.

Achievement Day

The 1942 4-H Achievement record for St. Croix county was 80%. This means that 80% of those enrolled in projects at the beginning of the year carried these project to completion, and exhibited at a county, local, or club fair, handed in their completed record books, and received achievement pins. Honor awards for clubs with 100% achievement were presented to three clubs, namely, Worthwhile Club of the town of St. Joseph, Glover All Star Club, River Falls, and the Girls' Challengers Club of River Falls.

About 450 people attended the Achievement Day exercises held at the Baldwin High School on Wednesday evening, October 21. A program consisting of community singing, animated cartoons, and an illustrated lecture by Verne Varney of the State 4-H Club Department, was presented to the group.

DAIRY AND HERD IMPROVEMENT WORK

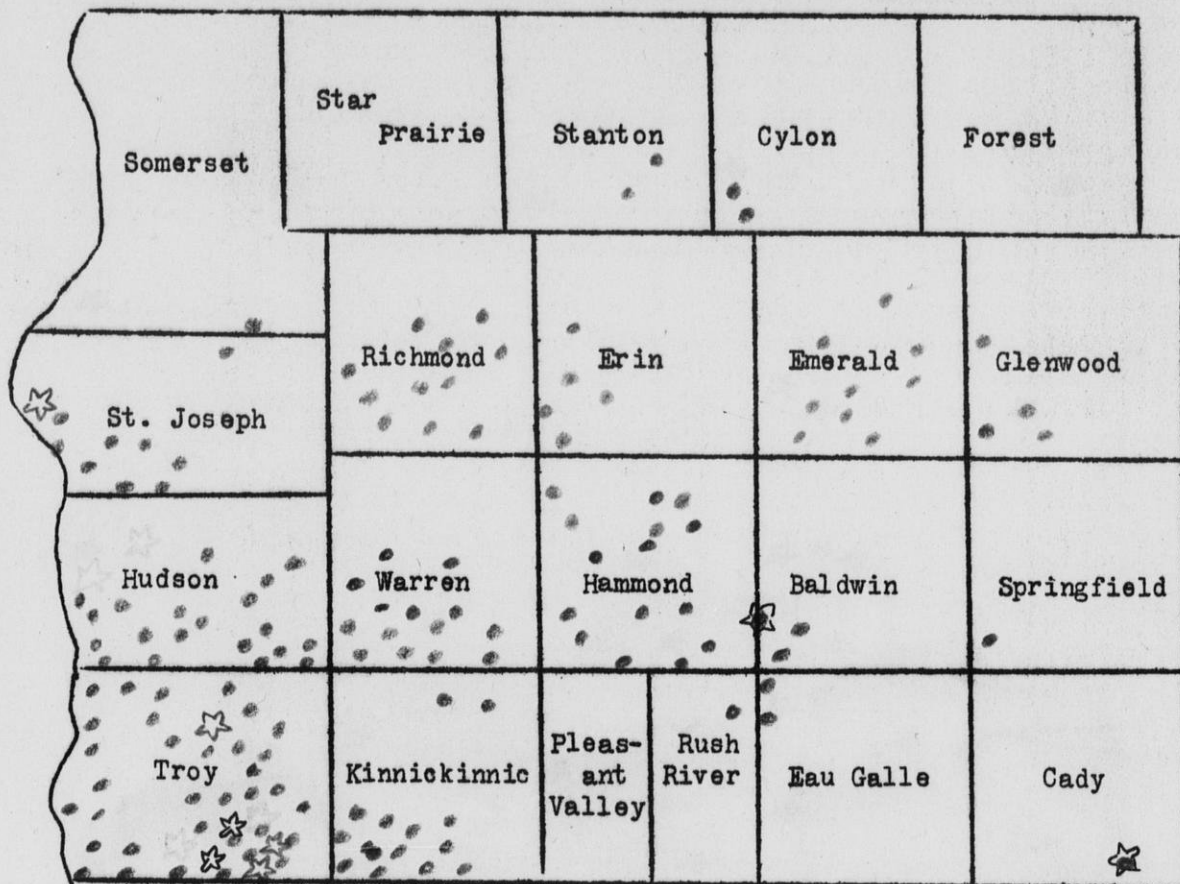
Quality Program

To follow up the quality milk program started last year, a county dairy committee was appointed to conduct and plan three large institutes. These were held in March at New Richmond, Glenwood City, and Baldwin. The attendance at these meetings totalled better than 1000 people. The program stressed the improvement in quality of all dairy products produced and processed in this county.

Sheep

Two dipping and drenching rings worked in the county the past summer and fall, drenching 76 flocks and 5230 head of sheep, and dipping 87 flocks and 5565 head. Six other demonstrations on drenching were held in various parts of the county to show the effect of internal parasites of sheep.

Herd Improvement Work

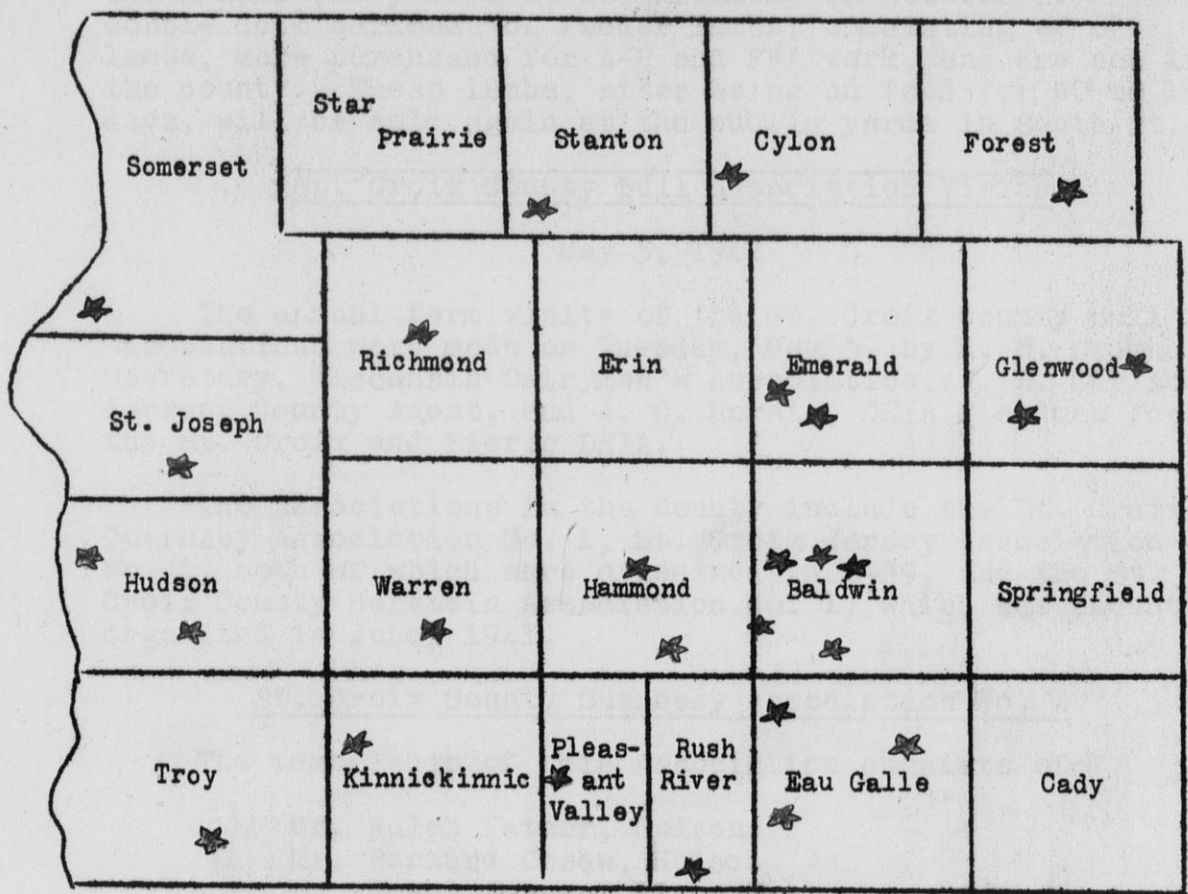


GENERAL LOCATION OF TESTING ASSOC. MEMBERS IN COUNTY

- River Falls DHIA
- Central St. Croix DHIA
- Northern St. Croix DHIA
- ★ Jersey Bull Ring Members
- ★ Guernsey Bull Ring Members
- ★ Holstein Bull Ring Members

Three Dairy Herd Improvement Associations were kept intact as far as possible, with each tester working to capacity. Because of war conditions it is possible that much difficulty will be encountered to obtain competent help for the coming year. However, the testing center at River Falls with A. O. Hornig in charge, will be kept going for the coming year.

Livestock Demonstrations



LOCATIONS OF DEMONSTRATIONS HELD

- ★ Livestock Demonstrations
- ★ All Other Type Demonstrations

Demonstrations on swine sanitation were held on 18 farms, and 24 gallons of oil of chenopodium were distributed at demonstrations throughout the county for round worm control in hogs. As a result of these demonstrations, several hundred gallons more were purchased by farmers from merchants. Four demonstrations on hog sanitation, in cooperation with Mr. Lacey from the University of Wisconsin, were held at the Herman Wissink farm, Baldwin, B. C. Jacobson farm, Glenwood City, Art Krueger farm, Cylon, and the Frye farm in the town of Warren. At each one of these places the demonstration was carried on for the control of round worms and mange, using oil of chenopodium for the control of round worms, and crankcase oil and kerosene for mange control. The attendance at these demonstrations was approximately 125.

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Fourteen purebred rams from the ram truck were delivered to flock owners in the county. The truck was stationed at the Ronald Casey farm at New Richmond on October 1. Two double deck carloads of feeder lambs, consisting of 620 lambs, were purchased for 4-H and FFA work, and are now in the county. These lambs, after being on feed for 90 to 100 days, will be sold again at the public yards in South St. Paul.

St. Croix County Bull Association Visits

May 5, 1942

The annual farm visits of the St. Croix County Bull Associations were made on Tuesday, May 5, by R. W. Stumbo, Secretary, Wisconsin Dairymen's Association, J. W. Christianson, County Agent, and A. O. Hornig, DHIA Fieldman for the St. Croix and Pierce DHIA.

The Associations in the County include the St. Croix Guernsey Association No. 1, St. Croix Jersey Association No. 1, both of which were organized in 1939, and the St. Croix County Holstein Association No. 1, which was recently organized in June, 1941.

St. Croix County Guernsey Association No. 1

The membership of this Association consists of:

Mr. Ralph Katner, Hudson
Mr. Bernard Casaw, Hudson
Mr. Emmet Jensen, River Falls
Mr. Newton Pearson, River Falls

In visiting the members' farms and checking on the bulls and their offspring, we found that there was but one bull that had sufficient offspring in production to get information sufficient to tabulate it. At the Jensen Bros. farm we had the opportunity of observing several daughters from the bull Bright Lad of the Oaks Farm 249971. This bull had five daughters in the Jensen Bros. herd with records of 90 days or longer that were usable in a comparative tabulation on the bull's offspring.

St. Croix County Jersey Association No. 1

This Association was organized in 1939 with membership as follows:

Jensen Bros., River Falls
William Jensen, River Falls
William Heebink, Baldwin
Walter Karnes, Spring Valley

The membership of the Association was visited individually; however, due to the limited time and other previous appointments it was impossible to spend as much time as de-

sirable at the farms of the Jersey Association members.

It was not felt that there was sufficient information on the production of the daughters of any of these bulls to bother to try and calculate it at this time.

St. Croix County Holstein Association No. 1

This Association, consisting of the following membership:

- Bennett Bros., River Falls
- Dusek Bros., River Falls
- Clark Hunter, Hudson
- Mrs. Louise Sontag, Stillwater

had been organized during the past year. The Association has in use four quite desirable Holstein bulls, some of them being purchased as calves and just becoming of servicable age.

The members of the Association, I feel, have chosen wisely in the selection of good bulls to go into their organization. In another year's time we will be able to determine more definitely whether or not any of the bulls are developing undesirably.

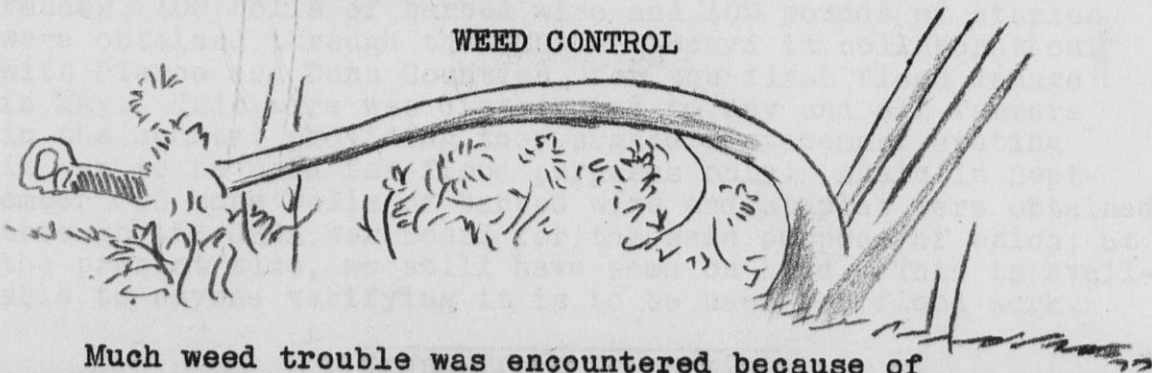
SOILS

As a result of experiments and demonstrations on farms in the past considerable more commercial fertilizer was used. The A.A.A. alone distributed 4,281,700 pounds of commercial fertilizer in St. Croix County.

There were 2500 soil samples tested in the soils laboratory from 240 farms in the county.

Much credit on soil erosion work should go to the SCS office staff -- Jim Derringer, Ted Meyron, Mr. Robbins, and Mr. N. O. Stephenson. The latter, Mr. Stephenson, worked out of the county agent's office and carried on erosion work on 386 farms in this county.

WEED CONTROL



Much weed trouble was encountered because of extreme moisture conditions. As a result, 200 pounds of sodium chlorate was distributed throughout the county, primarily for the eradication of Creeping Jenny which was found on several farms in the county.

DEFENSE

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Considerable time was spent on defense work this past year which consisted of the following items: building inspection, salvage, flood work, machinery repair, cream truck re-routing, and civilian defense.

Machinery Repair

Meetings were held throughout the county in connection with the machinery dealers and farmers interested in educational work on machinery repair, stressing the fact that all machinery should be repaired early so farmers would be ready to harvest their crops at the time they were ready. These meetings were held in all towns during the winter.

Building Inspection

As a member of the county USDA War Board, and as authorized by the government, the agent, together with Oscar Garlid and Ray DeGolier, inspected all farm building constructions. 21 farms were visited and inspected in reference to building construction. This included barns, farm homes, and other types of farm buildings; also, two large construction jobs relative to agricultural buildings, namely, Factory K of the Doughboy Mills, and an addition to the Baldwin Cooperative Creamery.

Salvage

An intensified salvage campaign has been carried on in the county in conjunction with the county salvage chairman, Walter Karnes. At present there has been collected in the county better than 1600 tons of salvage material.

Flood Measures

Because of extreme damage to farms, buildings, and fences, 400 rolls of barbed wire and 400 pounds of staples were obtained through the USDA War Board in collaboration with Pierce and Dunn Counties, for the first flood damage in May. This wire was distributed to any and all farmers in the county, providing they signed a statement stating it was to be used for flood purposes only. Again in September 600 more rolls of barbed wire and staples were obtained through the USDA War Board for the same purpose of which, at the present time, we still have some on hand. This is available to anyone verifying it is to be used for flood work.

Cream Truck Re-routing

The dairy plant transportation committee of St. Croix county in making plans for the re-routing of creamery trucks in this county, must conform to the statements issued by the OPA, which states as follows: "It is mandatory that milk

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plants in every county work out a plan for conserving transportation facilities in their respective county, and such a plan must be approved by the OPA before tires or recaps are issued to the respective plants or any of their haulers. No hauler will be certified unless the plant to which he delivers milk conforms to the above mentioned plans for transportation facilities. Should the form not have been completed and presented with the application, the rationing boards cannot under any circumstances act on any application. All split stops must be eliminated. In other words, only one truck will be permitted to serve a patron. Each county plan provides for an allocation of territory served by the commissioned trucks so that trucks from one plant only will serve any particular territory. Haulers will make only one visit per day to each patron's farm. If whey is returned from the cheese factory to the patron, this must be done the following day when the patron's milk is collected. Approaches to farmers' barnyards or milkhouses must be improved to avoid unnecessary wear on tires. These areas must be made suitable for truck drivers. We cannot expect to eliminate all mileage wasted, but believe that a saving of 30% should be the minimum goal."

The above statements, issued to the transportation committee, consisting of M. Middlekoop, Baldwin, Chet Nelson, Emerald, Mr. Rivard, Somerset, Mr. Sedarholm, New Richmond, and Mr. Martin, Pine Lake, are a rule or guide which they must follow to work out a re-routing program for dairy plants in St. Croix county. May it be understood that this committee is not stating where the trucks will be allowed to travel. The plan of this committee must be approved by all dairy plants and into effect no later than November 15. This is a plan by which we will conserve on tires and gas to all plants concerned. It is hoped it will not present any undue hardship on anyone, but it is a regulation by the government which must be fulfilled.

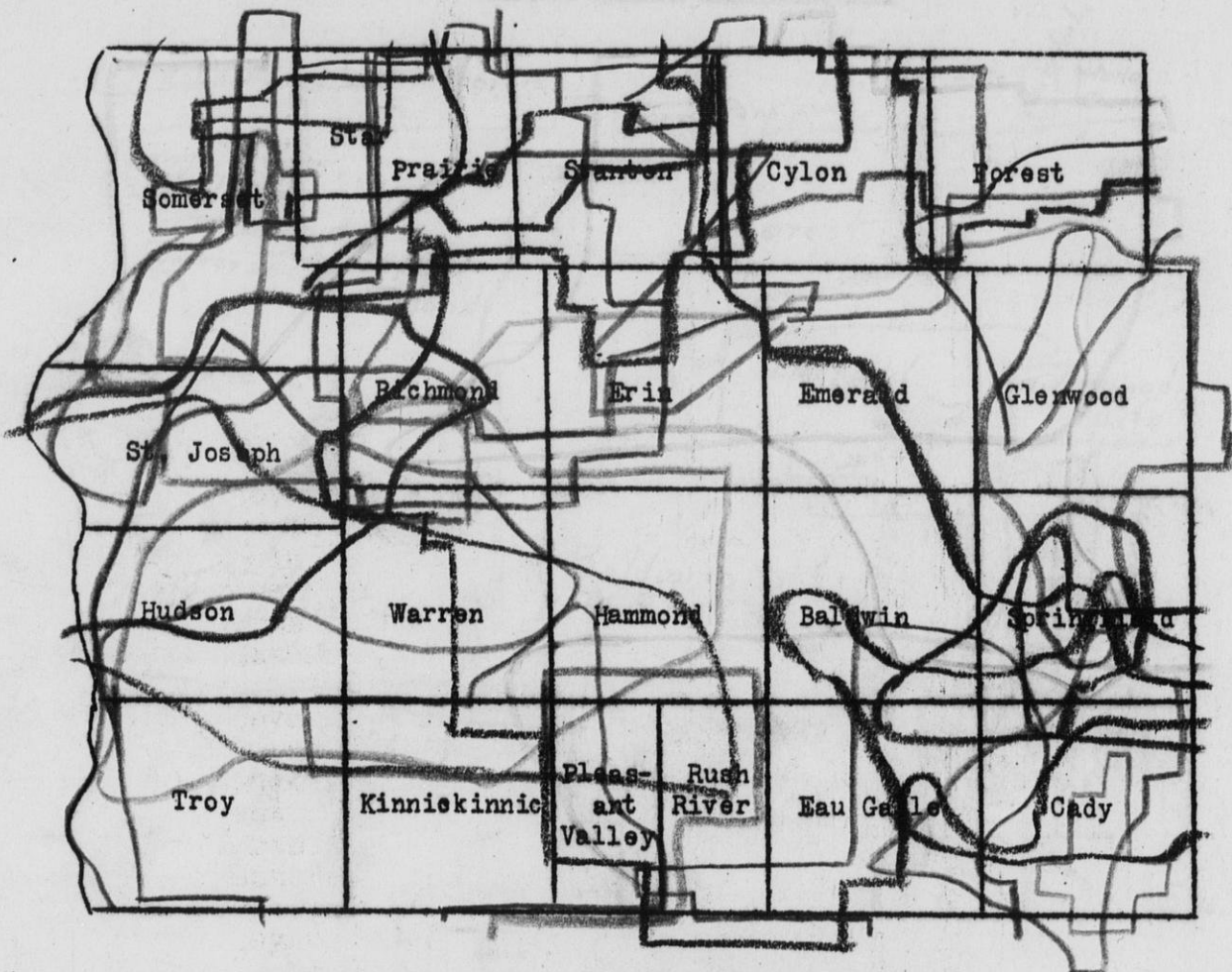
All work in reference to mapping and clerical work has been carried on in the county agent's office. Considerable time was spent on this project, as it was one of the major problems of this past year.

Civilian Defense

As a member of the county civilian defense council it has been the duty of the agent to meet with the civilian defense program and assist in the work.

We have set up township leaders in labor, home economics, etc., to carry on the work in each community when possible. All this is for the betterment of this country and to be ready at all times for the unexpected.

Cream Truck Re-routing

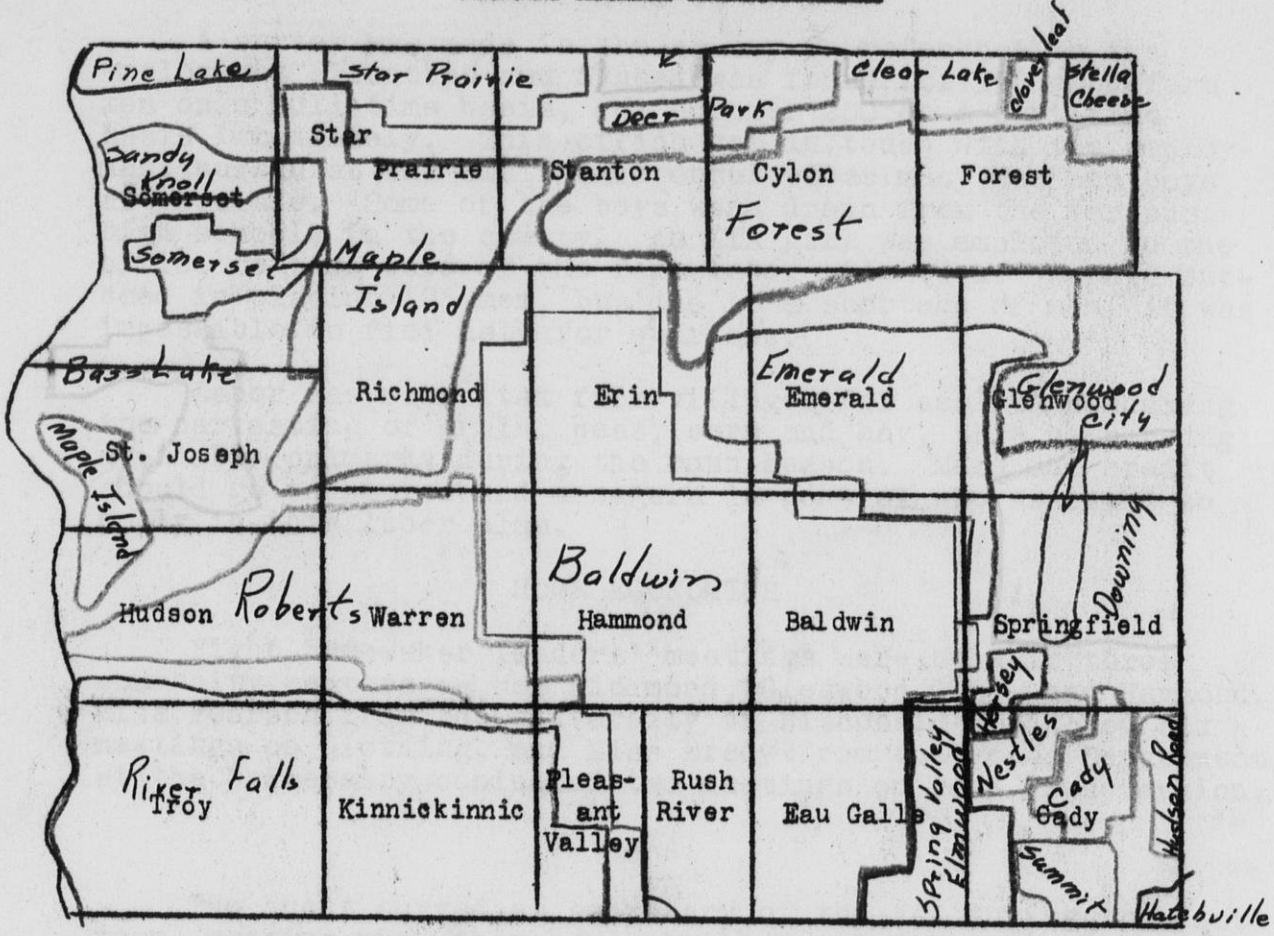


Territories Before Re-routing

These boundary lines take in the extent of each creamery's territory before re-routing, showing how the different creamery routes backtrack one another.

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|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| - Baldwin | - Stella Cheese Co. | |
| - River Falls | - Star Prairie | |
| - Spring Valley | - Sandy Knoll Dairy | |
| - Ellsworth | - Clear Lake | |
| - Bass Lake | - Elmwood | |
| - Glenwood City | - Deer Park Cheese Fct. | |
| - Emerald | - Somerset | |
| - Forest | - DeSoto | - Nestles and Hudson Road |
| - Roberts | - Pine Lake | - Maple Island |
| - Summit | - Knapp | - Deer Park Cr'y |
| - Cady | - Connersville | - New Richmond Dairy Coop. |
| - Hersey | - Twin City | |

Cream Truck Re-routing



Territories After Re-routing

These boundary lines show how the cream truck routes have been changed and cut down by the Planning Committee, but at the present time they have not been approved by the OPA, so the routes may still be changed somewhat.

Employment

A survey was made in the county in reference to the employment situation and a need was found for 350 good farm men on a full-time basis, and another 200 on a part-time basis immediately. This office got in touch with the employment bureau at Eau Claire and obtained as many men and boys as possible. Some of the boys were drawn from the various high schools in the county. An NYA girl was employed in the office to take care of the farm labor situation. We did succeed in placing 175 men, but due to a shortage of men, it was impossible to find help for everyone.

Labor was recruited from villages for assistance during the harvesting of grain, peas, corn and hay, this help being available primarily during the rush season. Much due credit should go to stores and managers in general who assisted so nobly in this labor plan.

HOME ECONOMICS

Eight homemaker leaders' meetings were held in three community centers -- New Richmond, Glenwood City, and Hammond. Miss Pearson from the University of Wisconsin conducted six meetings on Clothing, and Miss Brady from the Foods Department at the University conducted two meetings on Food Preservation.

AAA

The agent served as secretary of the AAA during the past year, meeting with them several times and discussing wartime problems with the group, and assisting wherever possible in their program planning for the coming year.

POULTRY

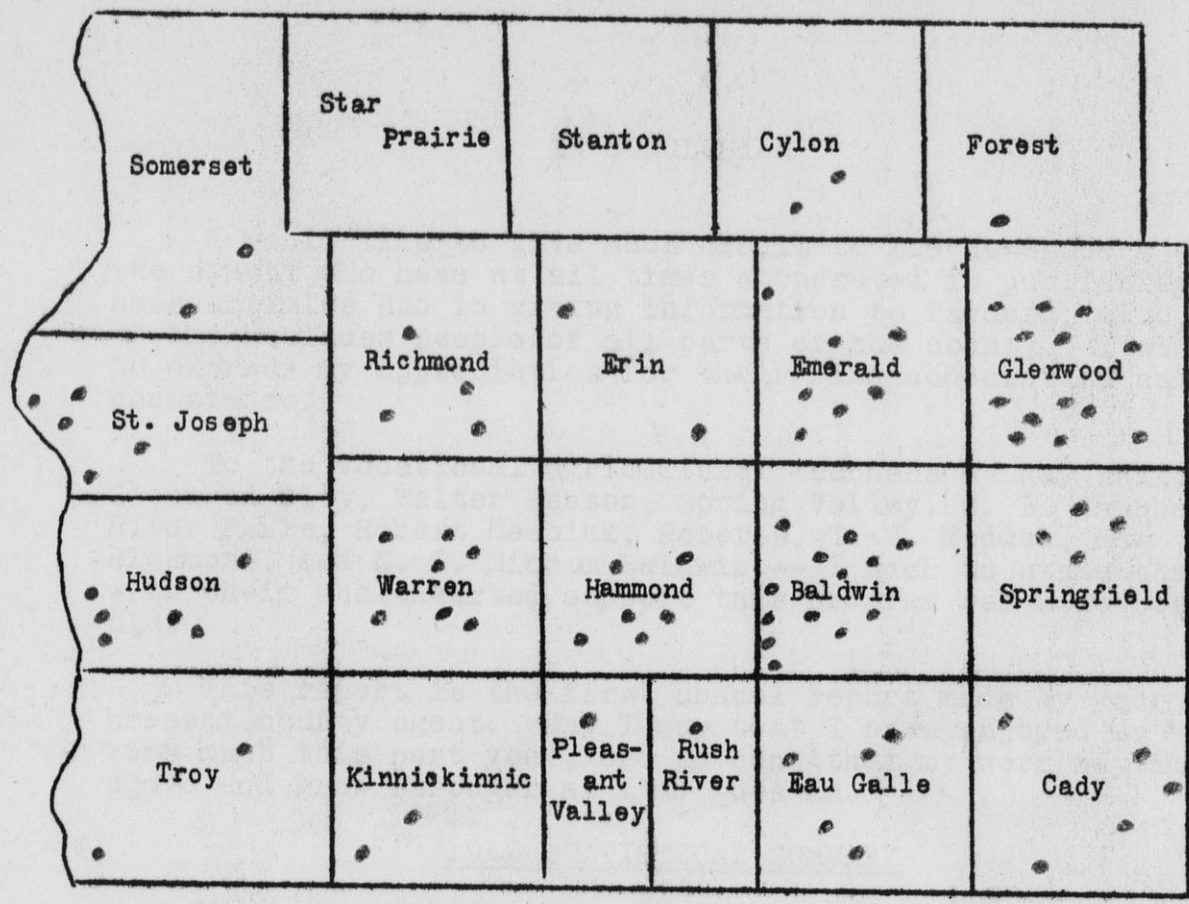
Several farms were visited relative to poultry problems -- diseases, etc. -- giving demonstrations on poultry disease eradication and also on feeding and flock management problems.

CROPS

Vicland Oats

200 bushels of Vicland Oats were purchased from producers in other parts of the state and distributed to various farms in the county with reported yields this past year of from 60 to 93 bushels per acre, with an average gain of 17 bushels per acre over other varieties of oats. Those obtaining the seed through this office were Lloyd Jones, Cylon, Hanson, New Richmond, L. Draxler, Glenwood City, Walter Karnes, Spring Valley, Herman Heebink, Baldwin, Oscar Garlid, Baldwin, Charles Hanson, Baldwin, John Doornink, Baldwin, H. B. Olsen, Hammond, Hanson Bros. Seed Company, Hammond, Herman Wissink and Garret Kappers, Baldwin.

Trees



TREES DELIVERED IN 1942

Showing localities where trees were delivered

- Evergreen trees -- Total delivered, 127,300
- Fruit trees -- Total delivered, 967

36 farms in the county planted 127,300 trees for woodlot and windbreak purposes. The trees were purchased through the County Agent's office from the Conservation Department.

IN CONCLUSION

I would like to give much credit to the newspapers of the county who have at all times cooperated in publishing news articles and in giving information to farmers; also, to the business people of all parts of the county. I wish to express my appreciation for their fine cooperation and assistance.

To the vocational agricultural teachers -- Ray Wall, Glenwood City, Walter Hanson, Spring Valley, C. B. Campbell, River Falls, Robert Heebink, Roberts, T. J. Madden, New Richmond, and N. S. Niccum Baldwin -- I wish to state that with their wholehearted support this program was made possible.

This report is the first annual report made by your present county agent. May I say that I have enjoyed my work very much this past year, and do hope that my work may improve and grow stronger as time goes on.

1942 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Miles travelled	16,089
Farm and Home visits	593
Circular Letters	20,815
Personal Letters	5,210
Telephone Calls	2,657
Office Calls	3,140
Number of Meetings	380
Attendance at Meetings	11,780