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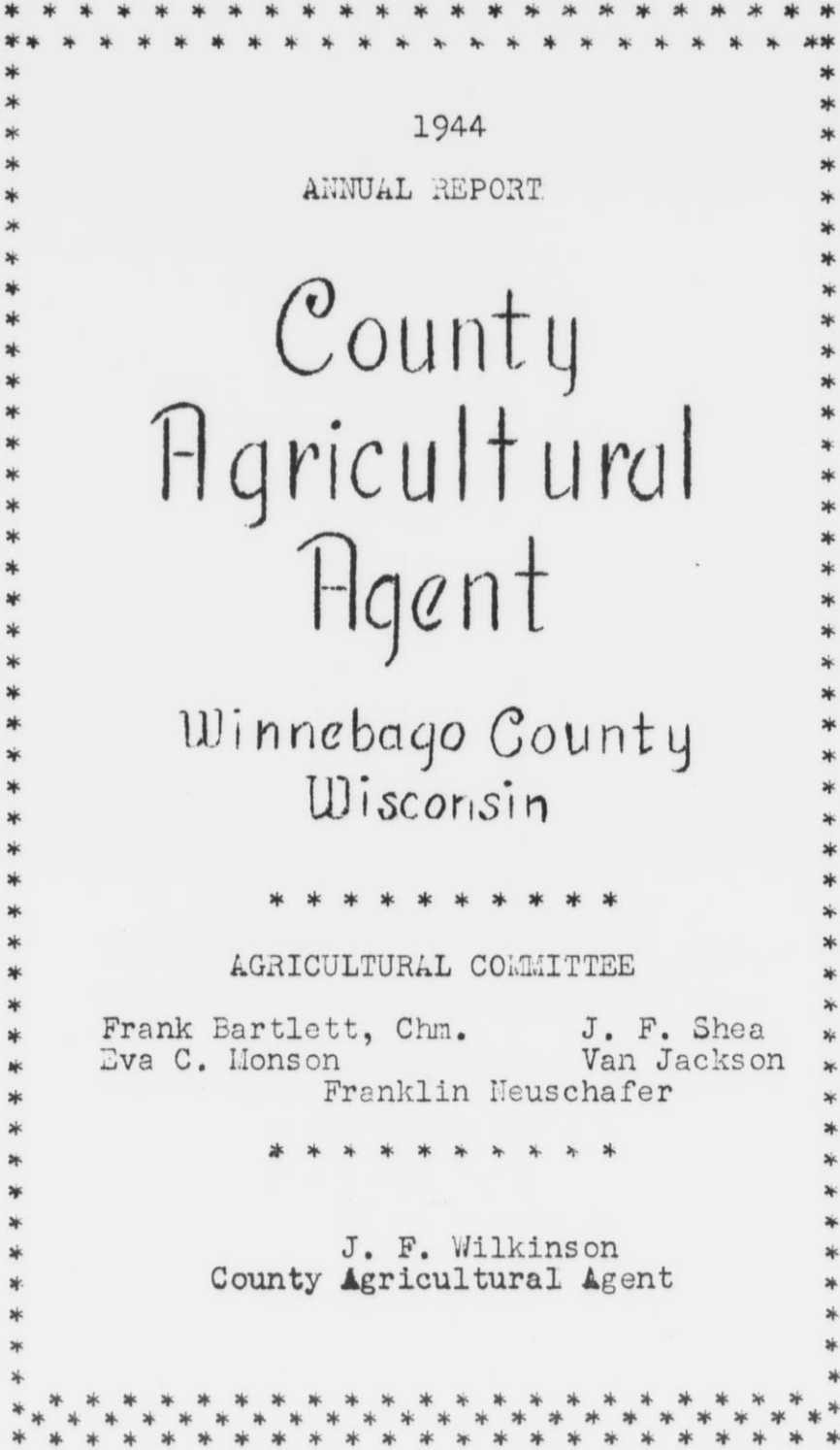
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ANNUAL REPORT

# County Agricultural Agent

Winnebago County  
Wisconsin

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## I N T R O D U C T I O N

The present County Agent took over duties on December 6, 1943. This report covers the plans of the former agent and his committee, a report of the work as carried on by the present agent and the 1945 plans as drawn up with the advisory council and passed on by the Agricultural Committee.

The Farm Labor work has been and is being handled by Mr. Paul Neubauer as assistant and is briefly outlined on pages 8 and 9. Mr. Neubauer will continue to serve in the capacity.

The 4-H Club work is being handled cooperatively by the Home Agent and County Agent. Three Home Agents have served during the term of this report, Miss Annette McDonald, Mrs. Elizabeth Long and the present agent, Miss Veronica Byrne, who has been here since July 10th.

Mr. Lewis Eckstein has served as Emergency War Food Assistant since April 17, 1944. He has placed particular emphasis on dairy production through dairy herd improvement activities and contacts.

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Planning the 1944 Agricultural Program

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Winnebago County

This report of the Agricultural Committee embodies the plans as laid out before your present County Agricultural Agent took office and the activities as carried on by him after that time.

By law it is the responsibility of the County Agricultural Committee, cooperating with the Extension Service of Wisconsin College of Agriculture to plan and direct the activities of the County Agricultural Agent.

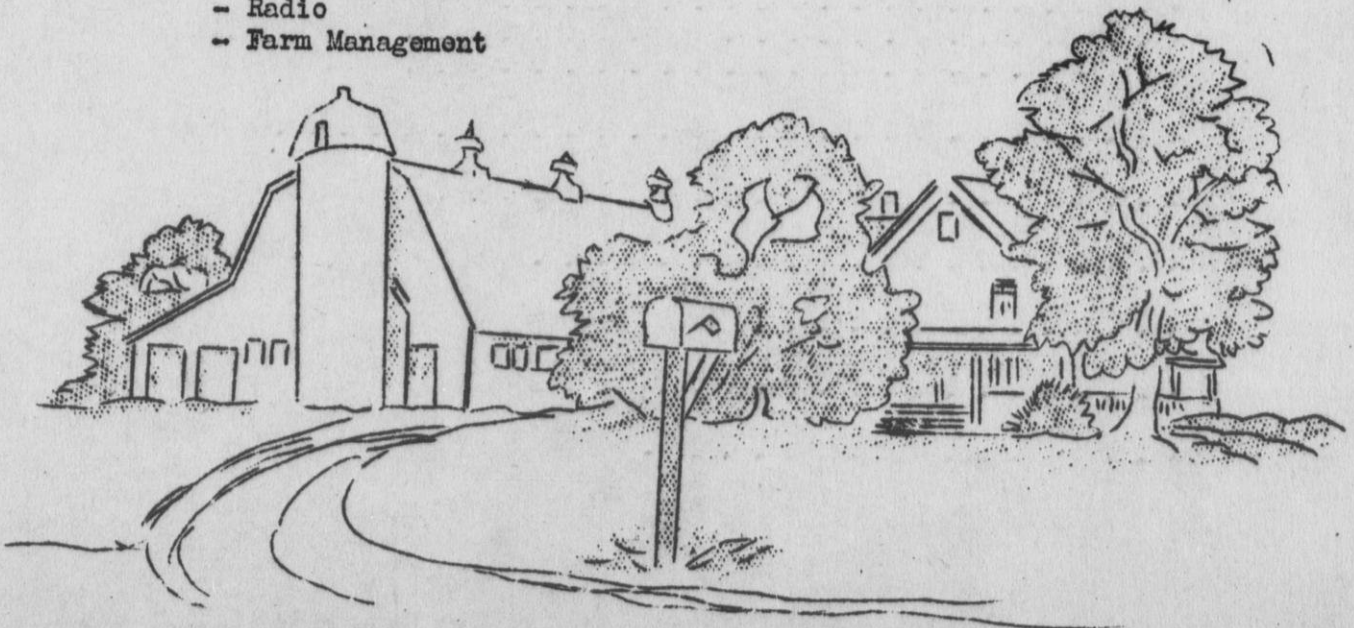
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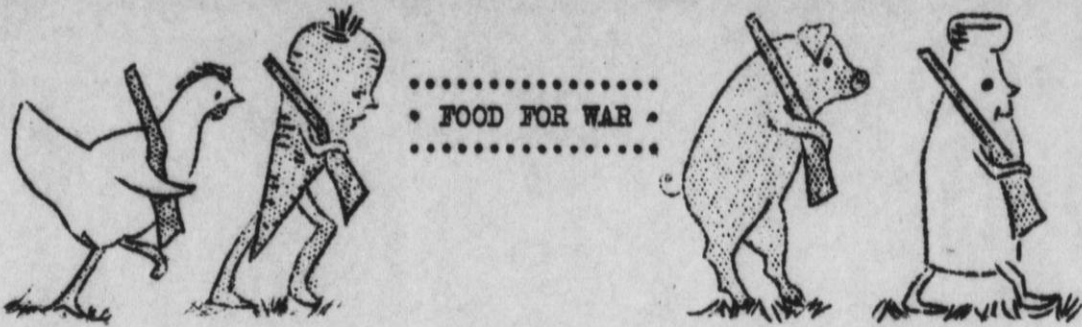
1. Approximately 35 farm organizations.
2. County program planning committee.
3. County and Township Volunteer War Service Leaders.
4. Surveys.
5. Recommendations of the County Agent, Home Agent and County Educational Association.

Plan of Work for 1944

Following is a list of the major problems as set up by the planning committees:

- Food for War
- Health and Morale
- Plant and Animal Disease and Insect Control
- Labor
- 4-H Work
- Conservation
- Radio
- Farm Management





Winnebago County is a leader in dairying and in addition makes a sound contribution in the production of meat, eggs and wool toward the total war effort.

Labor shortages, limited supplies of certain feeds and fertilizers and a distinct machinery shortage has offered many obstacles which have been well met in most cases by our farm producers.

Following are listed some of the activities designed to help increase food production.



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 • DAIRY •  
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4,800 cows on test in our County Cooperative D.H.I. Association  
 Average butterfat production of D.H.I.A. cows is 32%  
 Average butterfat production of cows not in D.H.I.A. is about 20%

Quality roughage and better use of home grown feeds is stressed through barn meetings, dairy plant meetings, circularized suggestions and through D.H.I.A. fieldmen.

Pasture programs outlined with suggestion on crops, fertilization and management through meetings, circularization and D.H.I.A. fieldmen.

Quality milk production by the promotion of cooling tanks and milk houses through mass meetings, demonstrations, barn meetings, improved milking contest and circularized suggestions, (40 to 50 new milk houses have been built this year)

149-4-H Club members carried Dairy Projects in 1944.

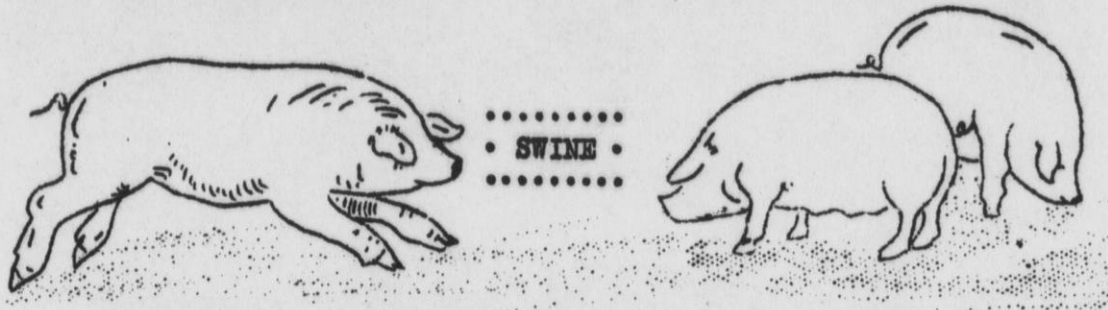
(Dairy Continued)

### Future Plans

When labor conditions permit we plan expansion of the D.H.I. Co-op membership and services offered, more stress to be placed on quality roughage, and use of home grown feeds.

Continued effort toward improved milk houses and milk handling practices.

Increased attention toward sound breeding programs to improve both type and production.



With a large percentage of our farms carrying a few sows as a source of additional income, attention has been given to this enterprise.

Demonstrations were held in 10 centers throughout the county where feeding including use of pasture, breeding and parasite and disease control were discussed. An estimated 500 pigs have been dipped and dosed.

There was an estimated increase of 15% to 20% in swine production.

28-4-H Club members carried the Swine Project.

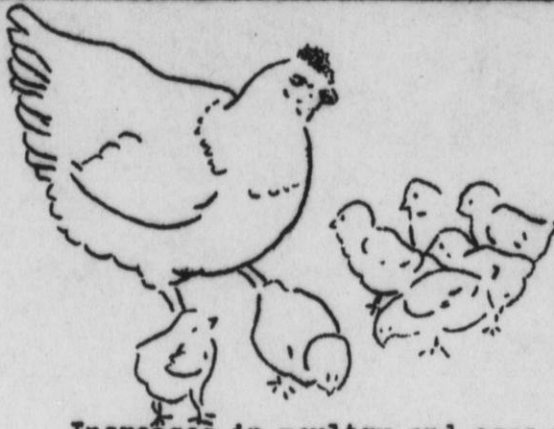
### Future Plans

An attempt will be made to improve breeding stock through better selection of good type boars and sows.

Sound feeding practices and better use of pasture will be emphasized.

Swine breeders will be given an opportunity to organize for swine improvement purposes.

Sale of good breeding stock will be given serious consideration.



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 • POULTRY •  
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Increases in poultry and eggs were called for with a most liberal response. The size of most farm flocks was increased and better management was practiced.

A culling demonstration was put on in every township in the county. This was made possible through the cooperation of the local agriculture instructors, hatchery men, farm poultrymen and feed dealers. Management practices were discussed at these meetings. About 175 farm flock owners attended these meetings.

Farm visits, news items and radio information on management practices has been part of the program.

314-H Club members carried Poultry projects.

### Future Plans

While it does not appear wise to expand this enterprise as a whole, some individual adjustments on farms need to be made.

Improve housing practices need to be stressed and more effective parasite and disease control offered.

A series of poultry schools are being scheduled in the county and culling demonstrations will be continued.

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 • SHEEP •  
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While sheep are not a major enterprise there is a concentration in certain areas. This condition makes a problem of securing good breeding stock.

This year for the first time the Ram Truck sponsored by the Wisconsin College of Agriculture made Omro one of the official stops. Here seven of the best pure-bred rams were purchased by our breeders and several consigned their rams to the truck.



(Sheep continued)

Dipping for ticks and dosing for worms is very necessary and this was so organized that the dipping truck from Green Lake County could be brought in. About 40 flock owners took advantage of this organized service.

Assistance in individual cases was given in mixing dosing materials, drenching, docking and castrating.

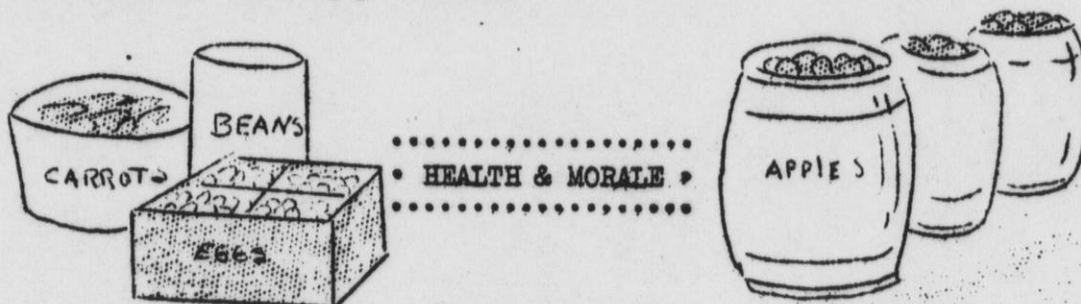
- 7 pure-bred rams secured for flock owners.
- 1292 sheep dipped for ticks and skin diseases.
- 1057 sheep drenched for internal parasites.
- 20-4-H Club members carried Sheep projects.

### Future Plans

Promotion of the Ram Truck program for securing and disposing of good pure-bred rams.

Organizations and promotion of the dipping and drenching service by Green Lake County outfit.

Promotion and assistance in individual drenching and proper castrating and docking practices.



### Home Produced Food

Sound gardening and fruit production practices have been promoted through the Victory Garden Program. This office has handled the allotment of city lots to city gardeners, has met with garden groups to discuss production and storage practices as well as disease and parasite control. Garden plans have been made available and distributed.

Monthly meetings, with a definite planned program are held by the Fruit and Garden Growers Association which is open to anyone interested. Garden and orchard tours, pruning demonstrations, exhibits of products have all been employed along with news notes, radio items and circular materials.

Insect traps have been operated by interested cooperators.

(Home Produced Foods continued)

A spraying cooperative with 26 members and two spray outfits has been kept functioning.

Meetings on butchering, cutting, storing, freezing and canning have been held. This has been an important part of the program of our Home Agent.

82-4-H members carried Gardening projects.  
24-Victory garden exhibits at County Fair

Future Plans

Continuation of promotion of good gardening. Will continue to allot garden areas.

Expand Program of Fruit and Garden Growers.

Hold orchard meetings in areas of county as yet not covered.

Consider possibilities of additional units in the Spray Cooperative when machines become available.

Community Gatherings for Music, Drama and Recreation

Most of the activities in this field have been confined to 4-H and Homemakers groups.

Some assistance has been given to community clubs and farm organizations at their meetings. An attempt has been made to provide material of the higher caliber in all cases.

Future Plans

The possibility of a school of instruction in organization and leadership of recreation, drama, and music is being considered. This will be open to leadership of all community groups and agencies.

.....  
• PLANT & ANIMAL DISEASE •  
• AND INSECT CONTROL •  
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Corn Borers

Public demonstrations including clean plowing and control practices were held in two places in the county. Over 100 farmers attended these field meetings. Individual visits to infected fields and to check plowing practices have been made.

News and radio items have been offered.

(Corn Borer continued)

Cleaner plowing is being done in a large percentage of cases, as a result of the application of some of these practices. Fewer corn stalks are allowed to hold over around the farm to spread the borer.

Future Plans

A wider application of improved plowing through demonstrations in more sections in the county. Through the cooperation of Agricultural Instructors and implement dealers a county-wide, clean plowing day may be held.

Added stress in the spring to dispose of all corn stalks by June 1st. The possibility of using rural schools as a medium of spreading the gospel.

Small Grains

Disease control through promotion of treatment where needed and use of disease resistance varieties. Education through general meetings, press and radio as well as mass meetings such as the Victory Institute.

Potatoes & Gardens

Advice through press and radio and general meetings.

Orchards

Orchard meetings, press and radio items and individual farm visits.

Future Plans

Offer recommendations in connection with general meetings and possibly the use of circular information. Special lists may be used to carry recommendations to some who are specializing. Use the press and radio in a general way.

- .....
- LIVESTOCK DISEASE & PARASITE CONTROL •
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Cattle

A series of sectional meetings specializing in bang's and mastitis control and management problems were held. At barn meetings a demonstration of herd health precautions with an application of this at all barn meetings to allow no one to enter the barn without first using a disinfecting foot bath provided for such a purpose. We have recommended keeping out of feed alleys as far as possible. Herd health signs recommending this are displayed on many barns and are available through the County Agent's Office.

At general and special meetings, the use of vitamins in control of calf scours has been recommended. These have been made available and used in large numbers with very satisfactory results.

(Cattle continued)

Veterinarians have been called on to council with individual herd owners having bang's and mastitis problems.

Future Plans

A series of barn meetings may be scheduled for this winter within easy reach of every farmer in the county, for the consideration of disease problems along with other recognized management practices.

Emphasis is going to be placed through circulars, press and radio on lice control through treatment of our cattle.

The use of vitamins for prevention of calf scours will also be promoted.

Swine, Poultry and Sheep

Demonstrations as previously stated were held to consider external and internal parasites and control measures actually demonstrated. In many instances these problems call for individual attention and treatment.

Future Plans

A continuation of demonstrations, use of clinics and schools on these problems.

Sheep men will again be organized and scheduled for the services of the portable dipping outfit. Assistance will be given individuals in drenching their flocks.

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\* LABOR \*  
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Due to war conditions Winnebago County is suffering from a farm labor shortage as all other parts of the country. A Farm Labor Office has been set up to help solve this labor problem. The County Agent has worked in close collaboration with the Farm Labor Office.

Duties of the Farm Labor Assistant consist of:

- Placing men on farms, married or single, for full or part time
- Placing boys and girls on farms to help harvest crops
- Recruit help to harvest large crops throughout the state
- Arrange for foreign labor if it is necessary
- Investigate farm deferments on requests of Selective Service and USDA Boards.
- Issue permanent and seasonal farm releases

All rulings for this office come from the College of Agriculture as do the salary and office expense. This office cooperates with USDA, Selective Service Boards, Department of Agriculture, State Probation Officer, U.S. Employment Service.

**(Labor Continued)**

Accomplishments during the period from January 1, 1944 to November 1, 1944, consists of:

- 163 Farm Placements
  - 27 married men
  - 51 single men ( 2 World War II Veterans)
  - 85 boys
- 11 Jamaicans
- 46 Barbadians
- 253 Prisoners of War (Employed at Pickett and Winneconne Canneries but were stationed in Green Lake County)
- 110 Cherry pickers sent to Sturgeon Bay
- 149 Investigations
  - 42 Permanent releases
  - 24 Seasonal Releases
- 150 Unit Sheets for use by the Selective Service Boards.

**Future Plans**

According to information gathered, our future activities will be to help the men returning from the Armed Services to get located on farms of their own or be employed by others.

If this War should continue for some time to come and if we should lose more of our younger farm labor, we will have to set up a farm labor camp to house foreign labor which this office in connection with the County Agent's Office will be responsible for the operation of this camp and the handling of the help.



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 • 4-H CLUBS •  
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401 Club members  
28 Clubs in County  
38 Adult leaders  
7 Junior leaders  
23 Records sent to State  
64 Meetings held

2569 Attended meetings  
325 Achievement members  
81% Achievement  
300 Attended picnic  
350 Attended Achievement  
520 Attended Camp

**Outstanding Awards**

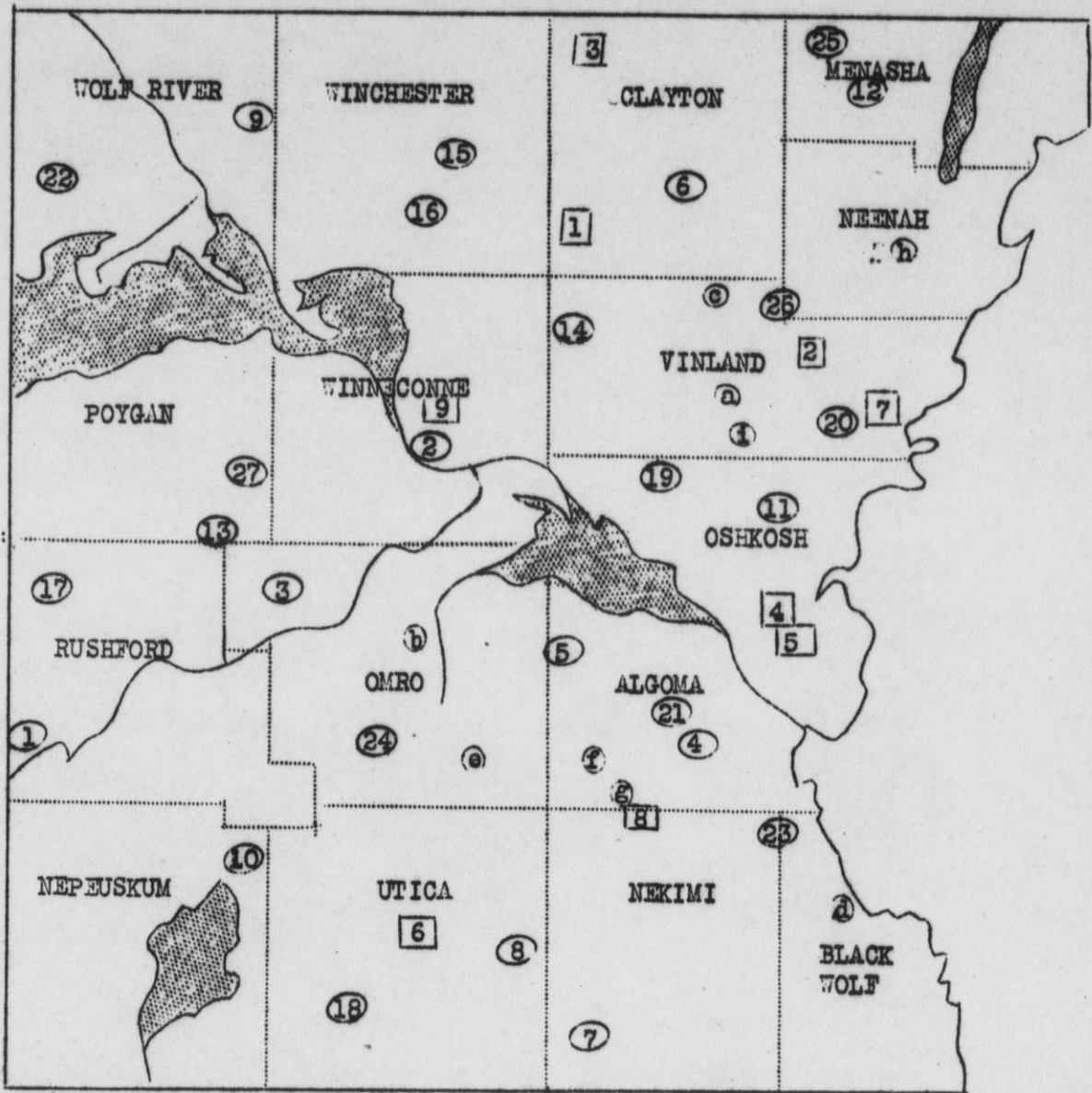
Russell Fitzgerald - 2nd in district safety speaking contest  
 Mariel Kolb - Blue ribbon winner in State Dress Revue  
 Helen Williams - White ribbon winner in State Dress Revue  
 Mariel Kolb - Chosen queen of 4-H Camp at State Fair  
 Mariel Kolb - State winner in clothing contest  
 Quin Kolb - Winner of Improved milking contest

**Stressed this year:**

Victory projects  
 Safety and Fire Prevention  
 Judging and Showmanship

Wartime activities  
 Demonstrations at club meetings  
 Improved milking

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H CLUBS OF 1944



- 4-H Clubs
- Special members
- Advisory Council

ADVISORY COUNCIL

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Louis Jensen    | 6. Mr. Albert Pfaffenroth |
| 2. Mrs. Louis Cowling   | 7. Mrs. Ivan Throne       |
| 3. Mr. Frank Strusinski | 8. Mr. Charles Ruelke     |
| 4. Mr. Floyd Miller     | 9. Mr. Herman Dellomann   |
| 5. Miss Eva Monson      |                           |

## List of 1944 4-H Clubs

<u>Number of Club on Map</u>	<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Names of Leaders</u>
1	B-Square	16	Mrs. Norval Muskavitch
2	2-B	19	Mrs. Oscar Eckstein Herman Dellemann
3	Blue Bell Busy Bees	7	Miss Betty Gulig
4.	Boyd	16	Mrs. Gladys Nolan
		10	Gordon Raddatz
5.	Clairville	11	J. Edward Ross
6.	Clayton Center	23	Mrs. Fred Mentzel Mrs. E. Johnson
7.	Clover Cluster	7	Marvin Nussbaumer Mrs. Levi Jones
8.	Four Square	26	Albert Pfaffenroth
9.	How To Do It	26	Betty Konow Robert Neuman
10.	Lake Shore	13.	Mrs. Claire Foote Joe Palacek
11.	M-C	6	Mrs. Audrey Kellett
12.	Menasha	21	Mrs. Walter Klenke Harvey Grundman
13.	Merry Minglers	23	Mrs. A. Manke
14.	Mikesville	9	Ralph Breaker Lucille Radloff
15.	Stand Up & Cheer	12	Mrs. Arthur Larson
16.	Stand Up & Cheer	7	Robert Kittleson
17.	Starr	7	Mary Ellen Schuster
18.	United Utica	33	Mrs. Marion Arená Henry Retzlaff
19.	V. for Victory	8	Mrs. Audrey Kellett
20.	Winnebagoland	11	Mrs. Paul Anders
21.	Vinland Victory	22	Mrs. Ivan Throne
22.	Wolf River Wonder Workers	21	Chester Hofberger Mrs. Arthur Vogt Mrs. F. Neuschafer
23.	Wood School	12	Mrs. Vera Schablaska Mr. Alvin Allen

(4-H Club list continued)

<u>Number of Club on Map</u>	<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Names of Leaders</u>
24.	Zion 3-C	19	Mrs. Ida Bower Charles Foote
25.	Springroad	8	Clarence NaGreen
26.	Tullar	12	Mrs. Henry Malchow Mrs. Ethel Tank
27.	Knoll Pushers	9	Nelson A. Haase
28.	Special Members	9	

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 • CONSERVATION •  
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We have thought of conservation in terms of natural resources, human resources, machinery and farm buildings.

#### Natural Resources

Through the facilities of the State Extension Department, Mr. J. M. Poole has been made available for part time service in this county in the interest of land use. Most of his time has been devoted to individual contacts with farmers having specific drainage problems. In some sections of the county, Mr. Poole has given service and advice on erosion control. Approximately 150 farmers have been contacted and helped with their drainage, erosion problems. 250 soil samples have been brought in for testing.

A brief survey of the county was made with Mr. F. B. Trenk to determine what might be advisable in the development of wood lots and areas best adapted.

Rat baiting campaign to reduce losses and waste was conducted.

#### Future Plans

Mr. Poole will continue to be available and soil surveys are being made. Soil testing service is being made available through this office, together with advice on fertilizers, better use of manure etc.

Rat baiting campaign will be continued.

#### Human Resources

Farm safety as a means of conserving human resources was stressed particularly through the 4-H Club groups and at some community gatherings.



(Human Resources continued)

The Kiwanis group of Oshkosh and Menasha cooperated in introducing this matter to 4-H Club leaders and gave the movement a start. Radio, and press reminders were also used. A 4-H public speaking contest on Farm Safety was one of the features, with a local 4-H member going into the final competition for this section of the state. Many local clubs featured this in their programs.

Future Plans

Continued stress will be placed on Farm Safety in connection with 4-H Club groups. Community Organization will be given an opportunity to cooperate in promoting this program. Press and radio will be used and reminders at general meetings.

Check sheets will again be available and reminders will occur in press and over radio.

Machinery

Farmers were supplied with check-sheet forms and urged last fall and winter to check the needed repairs and order early to insure a supply when needed. Old farm machinery has been kept in operation.

Buildings

Farm building engineers have been called in in several instances to help plan building location, construction, remodeling or repair. Properly planned and constructed buildings will result in less wasted motion. Contractors were invited to milk house planning meetings.

Future Plans

Engineers, plant fieldmen and contractors will be made available for individual visits and conferences. A meeting with local contractors and engineers is being planned to discuss farm building arrangements, location construction for greater utility. We hope to work out a construction program on milk houses that will result in lower costs.



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 • RADIO •  
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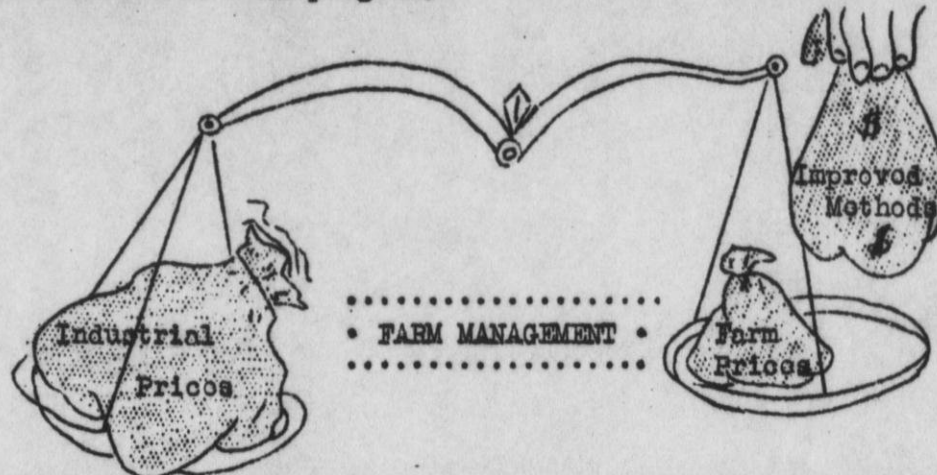
Our local station WOSH has given this office approximately one-half hour on the air each week from 12:30 to 1:00 on Saturdays. Various cooperating agencies such as Vocational Agr. Departments, Dairy Inspectors, dairy fieldmen have appeared on this program with the County Agent and Home Agent as well as 4-H members, Future Farmers

(Radio continued)

and Young Men's Agr. Ass'n members. News of past and coming events and programs as well as valuable information and suggestions are presented.

### Future Plans

We anticipate the continuation of this program and hope to bring items of interest and information to farm folks throughout Winnebago County. We hope to recognize work that is well done and outstanding achievements over this program.



Suggestions in management practices were offered by Prof. I. F. Hall, College of Agriculture specialist, at demonstration meetings held around the county. A series of meetings were also held with Mr. Hall where income tax problems and proper interpretation and use of records was presented. Mr. Hall has also been available for individual visits and conferences in handling farm management and record problems. Management practices are also included in the program of work of the D.H.I.A. fieldmen and assistance in keeping and using records.

### Future Plans

Farm management specialist will be made available for group and individual meetings. Assistance through trained leaders is planned in reporting incomes for this year. Record keeping will be encouraged and continued assistance through various cooperating agencies will be offered.

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 • WINNEBAGO COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR 1945 •  
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Plans for the 1945 Extension program were drawn up with the assistance of an advisory council as indicated below. This is briefly outlined, indicating the interests represented on the advisory council, the ways and means of carrying out extension program and the major problems with emphasis on some phases and a goal to strive for.

**Agricultural Interests of County Represented by the Advisory Council**

Dairy Herd Improvement  
 Soils and Crops  
 Cash Crops  
 Youth Groups  
 Fat Stock  
 Holstein Breeders  
 Guernsey Breeders  
 Dairy Plant Operators  
 Fruit & Garden Growers  
 Poultry  
 Agricultural Committee

Advisory Council meeting was held September 28, 1944

The Advisory Council discussed not only the problems needing the most immediate attention in this county, but also the ways and means of accomplishing some of the desired ends. It was recognized that various agencies and interests probably rightfully expect the promotion of their interests through the extension office. They are the individual farmer, the organized farm group, the college of agriculture and extension force, the commercial interests through their educational channels and government programs. It was the opinion of the group that each of these agencies was justified in expecting to cooperate and receive cooperation in the promotion of an educational extension program in this county.

The so-called ways and means discussed included the following

Demonstrations -- Result and Method  
 Barn meetings  
 Community or township meetings  
 Meetings of special interest groups  
 Mass meetings -- Promotional Meetings  
 Newspapers (Special features, news notes)  
 Radio  
 Circular information - College Bulletins  
 Individual contacts - Telephones  
 Use of local cooperative agencies  
 Vocational Ag. Departments  
 Feed dealers  
 Fertilizer dealers  
 Poultrymen  
 Implement dealers  
 Farmers' cooperatives  
 Exhibits  
 Tours  
 Achievements

(1945 program continued)

Following is a brief picture of the major problems discussed with suggestions offered.

<u>Major Problem</u>	<u>Phases of Work</u>	<u>Goals</u>	
1. Production of more food per acre.	Soil Testing	400 samples	
	Fall Applications	Check 5 results	
	Care of manure		
	Use of ammonium nitrate on pastures	50 demonstration farms	
	*Better plowing (Corn Borer control)	Demonstration 8 farms	
	Erosion control where needed	Dem. 2 of 3 farms	
	Land drainage	50 farms	
	Production of legume seed		
	*Improved seed cleaning	200 farms	
	Planting for borer control		
	Use of bromo grass		
	*Weed control program	Demonstration - 16 farms	
	Improved quality of hay and silage		
	Insect and disease control	40 farms	
	Spray program		
	2. More efficient use of feeds produced.	*Improved milk production D.H.I.A.	300 herds
		Better breeding stock Dairy cattle	
*Swine		25 herds	
Breeding program (4-H and FFA)			
Sheep			
Poultry			
More home grown proteins			
Sound feeding methods			
*Improved milking practices		200 farms	
*Disease prevention program			
Parasite control program			
*Quality milk production		40 plants cooperating	
*Milk house-barn-milking		100 new milk houses	
Active breed association			
Systematic swine cross-breeding.			
Fit livestock to food supply			
Improved egg production			
Better poultry housing			
Wider use of good pasture			

(1945 Program continued)

3. <u>Major Problems</u>	<u>Phases of Work</u>	<u>Goals</u>
3. More effective use of labor.	Labor saving machinery Best use of power *Building convenience *Eliminate wast motion in choring Field arrangement Cooperative effort *Building location Self-feeding devices	5 demonstrations
4. Maintaining a sound balance.	Income enterprises Cash crop income Machinery Power Labor Crops Custom work Buildings Records Organizations	
5. Worth-while farm living.	*Farm safety Farm fire-protection Home Ground improvement Neater farms Community activities Recreation Home conveniences Educational activities	1000 farms contacted 100 farms

A sound 4-H Club program which emphasizes a large number of the above practices as part of its regular program. Our goal is 500 members in our 4-H clubs. Plans made by a 4-H Advisory Council.

War effort has also been a part of the activity of this office.

War Board meetings  
 OPA - Price & Rationing  
 Milkweed collection  
 Bond drive  
 Scrap drive  
 Volunteer War Service  
 Farm labor  
 Dairy Truck Transportation  
 Veterans Advisory Council  
 War Fund Drive

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 \* CONCLUSION \*  
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The accomplishments in reviewing the County Agent's program are due only to the cooperative effort of many individuals and groups. I hereby wish to acknowledge the splendid cooperation which I have enjoyed, and I am looking forward with anticipation to a continuation of this fine spirit.

The Agricultural Committee and your County Agent wish to acknowledge the assistance and cooperation of the following.

Home Agent	Holstein Breeders
4-H Club Leaders	Guernsey Breeders
Vocational Ag. Instructors	Dairy Plant Operators
Labor Assistant	Poultry Dealers
War Food Specialist	Fruit & Garden Growers
Town Chairmen	Kiwanis Club
D.H.I. Coop. Testing Ass'n	Rotary Club
County Supt. of Schools	Chamber of Commerce
Rural Teachers	Granges
Future Farmer Chapters	Farm Bureau
Young Men's Ag. Ass'n.	Garden Clubs
County Conservation Com.	Internal Revenue Office
County USDA Board	County Homemakers
U. S. Employment Service	County Milkweed Centers
County Newspapers	County Officers
WOSH Radio Station	City Schools
Feed and Seed Dealers	

The many men and women who have served on committees and given their time individually on various County Agent programs.

*J. M. Wilkinson*  
 Co. Agent