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Manitowoc County Historical Society "MUSEUM" Wisconsin
Manitowoc, Wisconsin



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY



SESSIONS

- Organization Meeting May, 1944
- Annual Meeting November, 1944
- Special Meeting February, 1945



GEORGE W. KIEL, Chairman
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found in the grain samples. The wild buckwheat, yellow foxtail, smartweed, green foxtail, mustard, lambsquarters, quack, pigweed, yellow dock, Canada thistle, white campion, wild onion and bull thistle were found to be the most common in the grain samples, in the order listed. The quack grass, ragweed, smartweed, mustard, purslane, sow thistle, Canada thistle, wild onion and lambsquarters were considered the worst weeds on the farms, in that order.

Following these exercises, the control of weeds by chemicals, crop rotation and cultivation was carefully explained. Through this program a weed consciousness was developed among the students and an appreciation of what they were studying.

Another unexpected wartime program which has required the time, direction and execution of your Extension Service has been the collection of milkweed floss. Certainly there is no excitement in the mere act of picking milkweed pods. It's about the most thankless job anyone can imagine when we put aside the humane angle. But our 4-H boys and girls, and other youth of the county have responded magnificently to the slogan "Pick Milkweed Floss For Our Boys Across". These boys and girls have collected over five thousand bags of milkweed pods. They are proud, and we are proud of their efforts to help "Save a Life."

In addition to these highlights, we assisted farmers in solving their drainage problems by determining the fall and establishing grades. We have cooperated with all of the breed associations and have assisted them in putting on some fine field days. Along fruit lines, we helped to organize three cooperative spray rings, conducted a fruit course, and assisted the Manitowoc County Fruit growers with their annual meeting and their orchard tour. We conducted poultry culling demonstrations in every township in the county with assistance of hatchery men; and have investigated an egg marketing program on a quality basis. We worked hand in hand with the Dairy Industries of the county in erecting a model milk house on the Fair Grounds. A post-war advisory committee on agriculture was established as charged by the War Food Administration in Washington.

The following is a brief statistical report of the activities in your County Extension Office:

Office Calls	2,014
Telephone Calls	2,160
Circular Letters	17,713
Personal Letters	1,545
Meetings Held and Attended	270
Attendance at Meetings	11,342
Press Articles	240
Farm and Home Visits	302
Radio Talks	24
Bulletins	6,521