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APPRECIATION -

Realizing that the success of a county agricultural and home economics extension program can be achieved only through the cooperation of many people, we acknowledge with appreciation the advice and service given by local leaders, the county board of supervisors, the county agricultural committee, Soil Conservation Service, Farm Security Administration, Farm Loan Association, vocational agricultural instructors, county superintendent of schools, Weod county normal school, county nurse, county newspapers, W. F. H. R. Radio Station, Central Wisconsin State Fair Association, and all other agencies who helped to advance the cause of better rural living.

Because of the changes made on the extension staff in the past year, it has been necessary to make adjustments and a division of work was affected. Although it will take some time to learn of the problems which present themselves to Wood county farm families, every effort will be made to become better acquainted with the county's people in 1947. It is only by knowing the people that the problems may be known also.

> Cecelia M. Shestock, Home Domonstration Agent Donald R. Rowe, County Agricultural Agent Ralph H. Dennee, County 4-H Club Agent

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TODAY'S HOME BUILDS TOMORROW'S WORLD

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National Home Demonstration Week was observed May 5 to 12, 1946 for the first time in the history of Home Economics Extension Work. The slogan adopted was "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." Various means of observing National Home Demonstration Week were used, such as radio broadcasts, newspaper stories and club programs. The week provided an opportunity to inform people all over the nation of the resources of the Extension Service and land-grant colleges that are available to them through Home Demonstration Work.

Wood County Home Demonstration Club members observed National Home Demonstration Week by attending a local meeting of their Home Demonstration Club during the month of May. Attention was focused on the contribution of the home and family toward world peace and better family and community life.

The Wood County Home Demonstration program is promoted through the organization of Home Demonstration Clubs. In 1945-46 there were 37 organized clubs each with a membership of between 10 to 25 members. Any rural woman who is interested in studying better homemaking practices is welcome to become a member.

PROGRAM--AS OUTLINED FOR 1945-46

The Wood County Home Demonstration Program is based upon the problems, needs, and interests of families and individuals in the county. Previous to the County-wide program planning meeting held in May, 1945, all Home Demonstration clubs were asked to contribute suggestions for the program for 1945-46. Using these suggestions and others a questionaire was sent to all club members. The results of the questionaire were used as the basis of project selection for the year. The program selected was as follows:

"Quality Dairy Products"

The greatest part of the income received by Wood County farmers is from

their dairy cattle. Wood County homemakers wanted some information on how they could increase the quality of the milk which is produced so as to meet the qualifications of excellent dairy products.

"Getting Proteins in Today's Meals"

Meat rationing and food shortages during the war brought many requests for information on how to get proteins into the diet using only limited amounts of meat.

"Aids to Good Business Procedure"

Keeping accurate records of the Home and Farm business is becoming increasingly important each year. To aid families in keeping accurate records a convenient business center is needed. Homemakers requested some information and help on providing a convenient and well arranged center for the family business.

"Getting Along With Others"

Happy living in a family, community, state and nation depend on the ability to get along with one another. Greater achievements are attained, work is simplified and people are happier where people have learned to get along with each other. Wood County Homemakers selected this project in order to study methods people employ to get along with others.

"Use of Electricity in the Home"

This project was selected in place of the original project "Building Self-control For All Ages". Many Wood County families have recently gotten electricity on their farms and needed information on its correct use. Other people have used electricity for many years but didn't understand the fundamentals of how it operates. Since the project "Building Self Control for All Ages" was not available, Wood County Homemakers selected "Use of Electricity In the Home" as a project which would benefit everyone.

FOOD PRODUCTION

Wood County families were encouraged to have a home garden to supply

vegetables for an adequate diet throughout the whole year. Other forms of food production such as producing quality milk was emphasized at project meetings. Food Production projects by 4-H Club members was encouraged.

FOOD PRESERVATION

All forms of food preservation were encouraged for Wood County families. Many kinds of canned food were still hard to get due to food shortages and home canning would alleviate the situation somewhat. Latest information on food preservation methods was distributed to everyone who requested it. Use of limited amounts of sugar in canning was encouraged because of sugar rationing. A pressure cooker testing clinic was held to encourage homemakers to use safe canning equipment.

RECREATION

Every Home Demonstration club and 4-H Club is encouraged to have some form of recreation as part of their program. Information on recreation was provided wherever requested.

The Home Demonstration Clubs cooperated with the County libraries to provide good reading materials for those interested in reading for recreation. The county librarians spoke at each of the officers meetings and explained the facilities offered rural people by the libraries. Book lists were given to each club for, use by the members.

HOW THE WORK WAS CARRIED ON

The following methods of service were employed:

1. Meetings.

Both method demonstrations and discussion type meetings were used. Project leaders for five Home Demonstration projects were trained by the Home Agent or by the Home Agent with the assistance of a specialist.

a. Local Club Meetings.

The Home Demonstration club is organized on a community basis. Each club is organized on a democratic plan with their own officers,

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constitution and program. Two project leaders are selected by the club membership to attend each project leader meeting.

b. Interest Group Meetings.

A pressure cooker testing clinic was held at Wisconsin Lapids in cooperation with the City Vocational school. This was a continuation of work done in 1944-45.

c. Open Meetings.

A county-wide Home Demonstration Achievement program was held in June as a climax to the year's program. All Home Demonstration club mombers, their families and friends were invited. A summary of the work accomplished during the year was given by each of the five center chairmen. Outstanding speakers appeared on the program. Two' of the speakers who were especially interesting to Homemakers were lir. C. H. Neitzke who gave a follow-up talk on the "Use of Electricity In the Home" and Mr. Joseph Elfner who gave a flannel-talk on "Land scaping the Home Grounds."

2. Individual Service.

Requests for individual service were taken care of by telephone, office calls, home visits, correspondence, distribution of bulletins and circulars. 3. Radio.

The Home Agent cooperated with the County Agent on a regular radio program. Many phases of Home Economics were discussed as well as the 4-H Club program. The radio offers a method of reaching people not reached by other means.

4. Talks.

Several opportunities to speak to educational, social and service clubs came to the Home Agent during the year. Several requests during National Home Demonstration Week furnished an excellent opportunity to explain the program to civic groups.

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WOOD COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 1945-46

Chairman .	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	Mrs. Clarence Brooks, Pittsville C	Center
Vice Chairn	nar	ı.	•	•	•		•		•	•	. Mrs. E. R. Van Wormer, Nekocea C	Center
Secretary.	•	•	•			•	•	••	•		. Mrs. Reuel Gerlach, Marshfield C	Center
Treasurer.	•		•		•	•	•		•	•	Mrs. Ivan Hause, Arpin C	Center
Historian.											Lirs. Victor Kronholm, Wis. Rapids C	Center

OFFICERS OF WOOD COUNTY HOMEMAKERS CENTERS

Wisconsin Rapids Center

Arpin Center

Pittsville Center

Chairman	•	•			11	rs.	Clarence	Brooks,	Route	#2,	Pittsville
Vice Chairman.	•						lirs. Roy	Burhopp,	Route	#2,	Marshfield
Sec. & Treas.							.lirs. Emi	1 Rieck.	Route	#2.	Pittsville

Marshfield Center

Nekoosa Center

Chairman								Mrs. E. R. Van Wormer, Babcock
Vice Chairman.					 			.Mrs. Carl Vehrs, Sr., Nekoosa
Sec & Treas		•						Irs. Herman Curt, Nekoosa

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5. News Releases.

Excellent cooperation from the County newspaper's was received during the year. News releases on timely topics and announcements of meetings were sent to all County newspapers.

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6. Exhibits.

Five excellent Home Demonstration booths were arranged by the club members at the Central Wisconsin State Fair. Each booth showed one of the projects studied during the year. The booth on "Business Center in the Home" was also displayed at the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee.

COOPERATION OBTAINED FROM CO-WORKERS, RURAL PEOPLE AND PUBLIC AGENCIES

The excellent cooperation and interest of the rural women in Wood County who participated in the County Extension program was greatly appreciated. Much credit for the success of the program goes to the project leaders and officers of the Centers and local clubs.

The County newspapers and the Wisconsin Rapids radio station have contributed a great deal to the success of the County Extension program. Without their support effective programs could not be promoted.

Except for the excellent cooperation and assistance of the resigned County Agricultural Agent and the newly appointed Agricultural Agent, the 4-H Club Leader, the County Agricultural Committee, the staff of the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, the County Librarians, the County nurse, and the Extension Office staff, the program could not have been successful.

Cooperation and help received from all other people or agencies who contributed directly or indirectly to the success of the program is appreciated.

ACCCI PLISH ENTS

The Home, Demonstration Program is a vast program which has a limitless number of projects. Each year only a few phases of the big.job.of homemaking can be studied. The following summary was prepared in May 1946 and represents some of the work reported up until that time:

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SUMMARY OF PROJECTS 1945-46

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QUALITY DAIRY PRODUCTS

1.	farmer has in producing high quality dairy products?
2.	Do you have a better understanding of bacterial count in milk? 118
3.	For those who live on dairy farms, have you improved your milking condi- tions and milk storage place so as to improve the quality of the milk? . 66
4.	To how many outside the club have you given any part of this meeting? 198
GET	TING PROTEIN IN TODAY'S MEALS
1.	Do you get sufficient protein in your meals every day for good health? . 105
2.	Do you have a better understanding of proteins and their constituents, amino acids?
3.	How many of the high protein dishes suggested at the meeting have you prepared?
4.	To how many outside the club have you given any part of this meeting? 269
DEV	ICES AND AIDS TO GOOD BUSINESS PROCEDURE
1.	Did you improve your home business center?
2.	How many filing spaces did you make?
3.	Are you keeping household records?
4.	To how many outside the club have you given any part of this meeting? 193
GET	TING ALONG WITH OTHERS
1.	Did this project help you to analyze some of your own characteristics? . 131
2.	Do you have a better understanding of why people behave as they do? 119
3.	Have you eliminated some bumps from your manners?
4.	To how many outside the club have you given any part of this meeting? 236
ELE	CTRICITY IN THE HOME
l.	Did you make a wall chart showing the various circuits in your home? 20
2.	Do you have a better understanding of electricity than you had previous to the meeting?
3.	Can you change a fuse correctly?
4.	Are you using the correct size fuses for your house wiring? 105
5.	To how many outside the club have you given any part of this meeting? 216

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SIGNIFICANCE OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Education should not stop when a person has finished grade school, high school or college. It should continue throughout life. The fundamental aim of Home Demonstration Work is to help rural families attain a higher plane of culture, comfort and profit through a continual educational program.

Some of the accomplishments of the Home Demonstration Program might be summarized as follows:

Home Demonstration Work:

- 1. Has developed some leadership abilities in rural women.
- 2. Has furnished an inspiration for improving their homemaking practices and for making their job a profession.
- 3. Has developed in rural women competence in using their human and material resources in ways that will contribute to better rural living, the ways to be based on the findings of research and the experience of thoughtful homemakers.
- 4. Has developed an awareness of the need for improved facilities for medical and health care and for improved nutrition practices and other preventive measures in promoting improved health among all rural families.
- 5. Has stimulated in rural people an awareness of the part they can play in making their community a more wholesome place in which to live.

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

The Home Demonstration program for 1946-47 is varied to include the interests of many of the members.

Home Improvement is an important project for all Homemakers. The project phase to be studied is "Curtains and Draperies". Selection of materials for curtains and draperies, selection of ready made articles and the home construction will be included in the project.

WOOD COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR 1946-47

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October 29	Tues.	îı	11		11	-0	11	11 :		11	Wis. Rapids
October 30	Wed.				. "		11	"	11	"	Pittsville
November 12		Health &	& Medi	cal	Care	e & F	aster	riza	tion o	f Milk	Pittsville
November 13		. 11		11	-11			11		11 11	Wis. Rapids
November 14		11		11	11		:	11		11 11	Marshfield
November 19		. "		11	11			11			Arpin
November 20	Wed.	11		11	"			"		11 11	Nekoosa
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January 21											Marshfield
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February 27		"	"	•	11	"					Arpin Nekoosa
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March 19	Wed.	11		"		11	11	11			Pittsville
March 20	Thurs.	11		11		11	11	11			Marshfield
March 25	Tues.	n		11	1	11	11	**			Arpin
March 26	Wed.	n		11		"	"	11			Nekoosa
April	Discuss Election	ion of ne n of Offi	ext ye cers.	art	s Hon	ne De	monst	rati	on Pro	gram in l	ocal clubs.
May		ation of planning									
May 17	Achieven	nent reco	ords d	ue	at Ho	ome A	gent '	s of	fice.		
June	Achiever Local C	nent Day Lub Picni	Progra	am.							
September	Exhibit	of proje	ct wo	ck a	nt Ce	ntra	l Wis	cons	in Stat	e Fair.	

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Since health is recognized as one of the Nation's most serious problems it is becoming more and more important to help rural families study their health needs and to assist them in taking part in planning solutions to their problems. The study of Health and Medical Care" will include information relative to some of the nation's health problems. Upon the recommendation of the County Nurse a demonstration on Home Fasteurization of Milk will be included in the meeting.

Two meetings on Clothing will be included on the year's program. "Keeping Clothes Wearable" and "Accessaries --Hats, Purses and Gloves". The cost of clothing is exceedingly high, many types of clothing are difficult to get and the quality of clothing is fairly poor. For these reasons these projects were selected for study in 1946-47,

One of the objectives of Home Demonstration work is to make the home and farm attractive, Huch improvement could be made in the attractiveness of the grounds on Wood County Farms. The project on "Improving the Home Grounds" should offer considerable stimulation so that many home grounds will be improved.

According to the 1945 census there are 2,968 farms in Wood County and 772 of these farms have running water in the home. Many rural people are realizing that running water in the home and a sewage disposal system are a necessity in a farm home. Three open meetings on Water Systems and Sewage Disposal will be held for all men and women who are interested in installing a system in the near future.

A membership drive will be promoted to get more women, especially the younger women into the program. Wherever there are requests for new clubs, assistance will be given in organization.

Exhibits and an achievement day will be planned to complete the year's activities,

There are many possibilities for interesting and helpful programs in

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the near future. Research findings and technological developments will show a need for a charge in our programs. For example, developments in textile chemistry, in clothing manufacture and in the selling field may influence more work in clothing selection and less on construction of garments in the future. The nutritional needs of a people will be much the same in peace as in war. However, nutrition education needs to be given new meaning since there is no impetus of war to spur it on.

All programs in the future should have as their aim--contented, happy and well adjusted families in Wood County. :

HOMEMAKER'S PRAYER CREED

Dear God, give us the grace to see The blessings which have come from Thee; Give us the strength to do our duty, To see in everything some beauty. Teach us that love and cheerful giving, Tolerance and decent living, Make of our home a place sublime, Where there's no room for hate or crime; A place where good friends gather 'round, Where laughter, mirth and cheer abound. Not selfish thoughts nor worldly greed, Let this, Dear Master, be our creed.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

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Days in office			162
Days in field			. 120
Miles traveled			. 5,305
Days vacation.			. 24
Days devoted to work with adults			. 135
Days devoted to work with 4-H clubs and older youth.			. 150
Number of farms or homes visited			. 77
Number of different farms or homes visited			. 76
Number of office calls			. 193
Number of telephone calls.			. 504
Number of news articles published			. 49
Number of bulletins distributed			. 4.456
Number of radio talks broadcast			. 22
Number of training meetings held			. 25
Number Attending			. 328
Number of method demonstration meetings held	Ū.,		. 3
Number attending			. 120
Number of 4-H club tours conducted			. 5
Number attending	•	• •	. 80
Number of Achievement Days held	•	• •	. 2
Number attending	•	•••	. 650
Number of 4-H encampments held	•	• •	. 2
Number attending	•	•••	. 41
Number of other meetings held.	•	• •	. 122
Total actendance	•	• •	· 104
Total attendance	•	• •	. 4,124
Number of other meetings held not attended by Agent.	•	• •	. 351
Total attendance	•	• •	. 4,285
Days specialists assisted in County	•	• •	. 50
Number of clubs doing 4-H Club work	•	• •	. 38
Number of clubs doing Home Demonstration work	•	• •	• 37

SPECIALISTS AND OTHERS ASSISTING

Miss Edith BanghamHiss EliMr. T. L. BewickMiss NoMiss Elizabeth BirongMr. W.Mrs. Sid BrooksMr. FreeMr. Bruce CartterMr. J.Mrs. Linnea DennettMr. C.Miss Mildred DorrMiss MilMiss Dorothy DrollingerMiss JeMr. J. S. ElfnerMr. JanMrs. Geneva EricksonMrs. CaMiss Agnes HansenMrs. CaMiss Gertrude HoffmanMiss LoMiss Gertrude HoffmanMiss Lo

Hiss Ellen Krueger Hiss Nora LeRoux Mr. W. McNeel Mr. Fred McVey Mr. J. G. Moore Mr. C. H. Neitzke Hiss Mildred Olsen Hiss Jesse Sanford Mr. Janes Schwalbach Mrs. Charlotte Torre Mrs. Catherine Wilkins Hiss A. Shirley Young Hiss Louise Young

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1946. Cecelia M. Shestock

Home Demonstration Agent

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"GUIDE POSTS TO TOMORROW"

The 4-H Club is the Nation's largest organization for rural boys and girls. The chief objective of the 4-H Club is to teach better agricultural and better homemaking practices to the rural youth of America. In 1946 a group of National 4-H Club Guide Posts were set up by the National Committee of Boys and Girls .4-H Clubs. These guide posts were brought into focus so that all rural youth of the nation would be striving for the same high ideals. If these goals are accomplished they will do much to develop and maintain a higher caliber of rural youth, adults and leaders for tomorrow. The guide posts are:

1. Developing talents for greater usefulness.

2. Joining with friends for work, fun and fellowship.

3. Learning to live in a changing world.

4. Choosing a way to earn a living.

5. Producing food and fiber for home and market.

6. Creating better homes for better living.

7. Conserving nature's resources for security and happiness.

8. Building health for a strong America.

9. Sharing responsibilities for community improvement.

10. Serving as citizens in maintaining world peace.

The Wood County 4-H Club staff realized the importance of these fine guide posts and took every opportunity to stress and discuss each of these guide posts and their relationship to 4-H Club Work, to Wood County's young people.

There were 594 4-H Club members in Wood County in 1946 which is an increase of 141 members. These boys and girls carried 763 projects and were enrolled in 38 clubs throughout the county.

They are guided and aided with their projects by 124 adult and project

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GENERAL LEADERS AND PROJECT LEADERS OF WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUBS - 1946

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Altdorf *Mrs. George Huser Mr. George Huser Mrs. Edwin Marx

Arbutus *Mrs. Louis J. Hamel, Sr. Mrs. Theo Schauer

Arpin *Rev. E. A. Finn Mrs. Carol Whaples Mrs. Leo Zubke Mr. Herman Albrecht

Auburndale *Mr. Wilmer Drollinger Mrs. Carl Cepress Mrs. Arsenius Baltus Mr. Mike Albrecht Mrs. Mike Albrecht

Clark-Wood *Mrs. Albert Bredemann Mr. Ray Tyler Mrs. Herman Venzke

Cranmoor *Ar. R. P. Brockman Mrs. Clarence Larson Mrs. Henry Westfall Mrs. Wm. Rezin Mrs. R. P. Brockman

Dexterville *Mrs. George Hiles Mrs. Delos Mosher Mr. George Geske

<u>Ebbe</u> *Allen Breheim Mrs, Louis Boldt Mrs. John Heckel Russell Rayhorn Mrs. Ernest Breheim

Franklin *Mr. Walter Schoenick Mr. Henry Schmidt Mrs. Walter Schoenick Mrs. Carl Hansen

Golden Glow *Mr. Harold Hansen Miss Ramona Kiddoo Green Elm *1/r. Ira Vruwink 1/r. Cornelius Greeneway 1/rs. Dick Greeneway 1/r. Glenn Wills 1/r. Fred Ennema

Hewitt *Mrs. Fred Willner Mrs. Edmund Schiferl Mrs. Theo Huth

Hillview *lirs. Joe Haydock Mr. M. Getlinger

Lincoln *Mrs. E. A. Reis [:] Mrs. Herman Lehnherr Mr. Herman Lehnherr

Lone Maple *Mrs. C. Moscicki Mrs. Joe Brandl Mr. Joe Pelot

Lynn Creck *Mrs. R. H. McLean Mrs. A. Mertes Mrs. Harry Weaver Mr. Harry Weaver

HacArthur *Mrs. George Kiesling Mrs. Lawrence Trachte Mrs. Paul Minor Marion Christensen Mrs. Guy Luther Mr. Paul Trommel

McKinley *Eleanor Lundberg

Maple Grove *Mrs. A, E. Mard Mrs. Verne Cutler

<u>Mara-Nood</u> *Mrs. Joe Felten Wilmer Draheim Mrs. John Schalow, Jr.

Milladore *Mrs. Harold Blenker

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Mill Creek Busy Bees Mirs. Billie Hetze

North Hansen *Mrs. Lawrence Hansen Mr. Harold Peterich Mrs. Marvin Fenske

HIrs. George Schmidt Mrs. John Martinson

Pearl *Mrs. Ervin Holl Mrs. Gilbert Moll Mrs. Ed Maher Mr. Ed Maher Miss Lulu Moll

: <u>Pleasant Corners</u> *Mr. James Leigh Mrs. Pete Bymers Mr. Norman Hansen Mr. Cliff Gardner

Pleasant Valley *Mrs. Walter Treutel

Richfield *Mrs. Floy Gadson Mrs. R. Blanchard Mrs. M. S. Brody Mrs. E. J. Dix Mrs. E. Boehning Mr. Myron Larson Mrs. Elmer Olsen

Riverview *Miss Martha Wendt Mr. Ernest Alberts Mrs. Robert Ott Mrs. Martin Kobs

Shady Nook *Mrs, H. Plockham Mrs. James Curtin Mrs. John Welniak Mrs. Louis Brey, Sr.

Sherry Wirs. Ray Thomas Mr. Ray Thomas Mr. Lloyd Fruin

Sunnyside Mirs. William Malcolm

4-H CLUB LEADERS (Continued)

Stepping Stone

*Mrs. Raymond Shirek Mrs. Ulrich Linzmeier

Two-Mile

*Mrs. John Peterson Mrs. A. L. Hayes Mrs. Wm. Liebe Vesper *frs. A. L. Hartsough frs. Jerome Seifert fr. Jerome Seifert Martin Hoeneveld fr. G. H. Horn

<u>Wallace</u> Mrs. Harold Stillman Mrs. Homer Ewer Wazeecha *Eleanor Braun Mrs. Fred Braun Mrs. S. D. Warner Mr. Glenn Moore

Wittenberg *Mrs. Jasper Egland Mrs. William Herms Mrs. Peter Arendt Jasper Egland, Jr.

SULTARY OF ENROLLIENT IN WOOD COUNTY AS OF JUNE 1, 1946

BY CLUBS

There were 38 clubs with 36 men and 88 women adult leaders. Also 23 boys and 33 girls in Junior Leadership Project.

BY IE BERS

There were 277 boys and 317 girls, making a total of 594 enrolled.

HOLE ECONDITICS PROJECTS.

CLOTHING: Project I - 146, II - 51, III - 13, IV - 14, V - 7, VI - 5. Total 236.

FOOD PRESERVATION: Beginner 29, Older 24. Total 53.

FOODS AND NUTRITION: Beginner 31, Older 24. Total 55.

AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

<u>CANNING CROPS</u>: Carrots 3, Peas 4, Beans 27, Cucumbers 5. Total 39 <u>DAIRY</u>: Project I - 55, II - 9, III - 6, IV - 1, V - 7. Total 79. <u>FIELD CAOPS</u>: Corn 6, Grain 9, Potato 8. Total 23. <u>FORESTRY</u>: Project I - 14, II - 8, III - 1, IV - 2. Total 25. <u>GARDEN</u>: 140. <u>HANDICRAFT</u>: Project I - 51, II - 4, III - 0, IV - 1. Total 56. <u>PIG</u>: Project I - 6, II - 9, III - 2. Total 17. <u>POULTRY</u>: Project I - 23, II - 3, III - 1, IV - 2, V - 1, VI - 1. Total 31. <u>SHEEP</u>: Project I - 6, II - 3. Total 9. <u>SOIL CONSERVATION</u>: 7. leaders and 56 junior leaders (older club members who are interested in helping with club program and in advising younger members.)

Leadership is one of the important factors in a successful 4-H Club program and the success or failure of any one club depends much upon the local leaders--the time, effort and patience she or he is willing to put forth for working with 4-H Club members. Too much cannot be said in praise and appreciation for the fine job being done by 4-H Club leaders.

An attempt was made to contact every eligible boy or girl between 10 and 21 years of age in the County to give them an opportunity to join a 4-H Club in their community.

Schools were contacted by mail, explaining the 4-H Club program. In schools where there was sufficient interest in organizing a club, a ropresentative of the Extension Office visited the school and explained the club program in detail. If the group was interested in organizing a club they selected a leader and project leaders and a club was organized. Most of the new clubs in the County were organized by this or a similar procedure. New members and particularly young members were encouraged to take only one project and complete it rather than start several and fail to complete any or all of them. To complete a project a member must do all of the required work specified in the project material, send to the County Extension Office a complete record of all projects, make a public exhibit at the County Fair or local club tour, attend at least five meetings during the year and send in a filled out health report and a second mile report.

All clubs were organized and enrollment was completed before May 15th at which time all enrollment blanks were returned to the club leaders for a final check-up and any necessary revisions.

HOW THE CLUB WORK IS CARRIED OUT

I. Meetings.

1. Organization meeting. A member of the Extension staff meets with

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WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

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Arbutus 1. 2. Altdorf 3. Arpin Auburndale 4. Clark-Wood 5. 6. Cranmoor 7. Dexterville Ebbe 8. Franklin 9. Golden Glow 10. Green Elm 11. 12. Hewitt 13. Hillview

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- 14. Lincoln Lone Maple . 15. Lynn Creek 16. 17. Mac Arthur 18. McKinley Maple Grove 19. Mara-Wood 20. 21. Milladore 22. Mill Creek Busy Bees North Hansen 23. Plank Hill 24. 25. Pearl
- 26. Fleasant Corners
- 27. Pleasant Valley
- 28. Richfield
- 29. Riverview
- 30. Shady Nook
- 31. Sherry
- 32. Stepping Stone
- 33. Sunnyside
- 34. Two Mile
- 35. Vesper
- 36. Wallace
- 37. Vazeecha
- 38. Wittenberg

2. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. After a 4-H Club is organized, regular monthly meetings are held by each club either at a home or some community center. Some clubs choose to hold meetings every two weeks. A total of six club meetings must be held by a club and attended by members during the club year. At these meetings progress of the projects are reported. Any questions and new business that come up in the club are discussed by the members. A period of time is given over to recreation usually in charge of the recreation or program committee. Some clubs choose to serve refreshments at meetings and others do not. Regular parliamentary procedure is practiced at meetings so club members learn to conduct themselves in a business-like manner.

3. <u>Project Meetings</u>. Project Meetings are held for each different project in the club providing there is a need for it. At this time all of the members of any one project meet with their project leader to receive

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advice or instruction on the project. A member may need help in carrying out his or her project or in filling out record books. The number of project meetings depends on the particular project, as some need much more project instruction than others.

4. <u>Leaders Meetings</u>. The leaders of the clubs met together twice during the year. Once in the spring to formulate and adopt plans, policies and goals, and again in the fall in the form of a leader's banquet to give recognition to leaders for work done. An executive committee consisting of five leaders in the county meet when necessary to form new policies.

In order to reach more leaders and give better assistance to leaders the executive conmittee formulated a suggested constitution for a Wood County Leaders Federation, the federation to consist of delegates from each of three districts into which the county will be divided. The proposed constitution will be presented to the leaders for their approval at the annual fall recognition meeting in November.

II. 4-H CLUB CAMPS.

1. <u>District Leadership Training Camp</u>. In June 38 Wood County 4-H folks attended a District Leadership Training Camp at Wausau which was conducted by a staff from the State 4-H Club office to benefit older 4-H members, junior leaders and adult leaders. Each of the clubs were given an opportunity to send one delegate who was obligated to make an oral report to his or her local club and a written report to the County 4-H Club office.

2. <u>Conservation Camps</u>. Two State Conservation camps were held, one at Eagle River in July and another at Green Lake in August. Eight Wood County boys attended. The purpose of these conservation camps is to instill conservation of soil, forest and game in the minds of these members who will in turn stress the importance of conservation to the local and neighboring 4-H Clubs. III. <u>NEWSPAPERS</u>.

The daily and weekly newspapers of the county were used at every

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opportunity for promotional, educational and informative purposes. Each 4-H Club in the county has a club reporter as an officer who sends news items of interest such as meetings, social events, prize winnings, etc., to their respective newspaper.

IV. RADIO.

The radio was used by the Club Agent to portray information of educational and informative value. On several occasions club members were included in the radio programs.

V. DAIRY QUEEN CONTEST.

A dairy queen contest was conducted in July in cooperation with the State Dairy Queen committee. This contest was open to any girl who now lives on a farm or has a farm background. The queen contest was held in conjunction with a County-wide 4-H picnic at the North Wood County Park at Richfield. Formal crowning of the County Dairy Queen took place before the grandstand at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. VI. CLUB TOURS AND PICNICS.

Every 4-H Club in Wood County was given the opportunity to have a club tour at which each club member's home was visited and at which time each member had an occasion to show and tell experiences of his or her project. Those who did better work had a chance to realize it and those who didn't do the best with their projects had a chance to see when and how improvements could be made.

A schedule was worked up whereby a member of the Extension Staff could be present at each tour and visit homes and projects, making it possible for more personal contact with members and parents which seens helpful in creating and maintaining member and parent interest. Most tours were ended with some social function such as a picnic lunch.

A county-wide picnic was held in July which more than 500 club members, leaders, parents and friends attended. A noon-day lunch was had by club

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groups, after which a program and the County Dairy Queen Contest was held. VII. JUDGING AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

A county-wide judging, demonstration and style revue contest was held at the Arpin Community Hall in August. Twenty-eight 4-H Club demonstrations were given, one of which went on to win the District Contest at Wausau and then to place in the Blue Ribbon group at the State Contest at the State Fair.

Eighteen girls participated in the style revue contest which consisted of 4-H girls modeling the dresses made by themselves in their Clothing project. Another dress revue was held at the Central Misconsin State Fair at Marshfield which is always a feature attraction and was participated in by sixty-nine girls.

The 4-H Club exhibit was the largest exhibit at the Central Wisconsin State Fair and was larger than that of years in the past. This chance to exhibit is an inspirational opportunity for 4-H folks to compare their work and projects with that of other members. It gives those that don't win, a chance to see where improvements can be made. The quality of the exhibits was high.

Several joint club 4-H fairs were held in the southern part of the county, as many of the members in the southern part of the county don't have an opportunity to exhibit at the Central Wisconsin State Fair. IX. FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY.

Fire inspection sheets were sent out to all club members in the early part of the club year. These were to be used in their own homes and farms or on neighboring farms, and suggested checking and correction of such items as chimneys, roofs, heating units, electric wiring, lightning protection, smoking and matches, proper storage of gasoline and proper use of power machinery, etc.

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A County Safety Speaking Contest was held in early June. The winner, Ellen Brey, represented the County in the District Contest at Wausau where she placed in the top five. Her talk also was used in several appropriate - public occasions.

Clubs were urged to set aside one meeting to be devoted entirely to safety talks by club members. The MacArthur 4-H Club did an outstanding piece of work on safety by all of the members participating, keeping useful scrap books and by having an excellent educational booth on safety at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

X. TRACTOR SCHOOL.

Two Wood County boys attended a tractor Maintenance School at the University of Misconsin, College of Agriculture in March. The expenses of the course were paid by the College. These two boys were obligated to put on similar tractor maintenance courses in their local communities. These two boys in cooperation with the County Club Agent put on five evening classes which covered all of the material given at Madison. XI. RECORD BOOKS, HEALTH REPORTS AND SECOND MILE REPORTS.

In September 4-H Club members send their completed record books, health and second mile reports to the County Extension Office where they are all read over individually and are given individual consideration for County Awards.

.The record book is a record of the member's project, expenses, income, time spent on project, story of accomplishments, etc.

The Health report is in the form of a score card which is checked twice during the club year by the club member—once for good health habits already in practice and at the end of the club year for health habits improved on. Each club member is encouraged to visit a doctor at least once a year and a dentist twice a year. One 4-H Club meeting is also to be devoted to Health.

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The Second Mile Report is a record of the club member's work in the home or on the farm other than that required by the club project. This extra work includes such tasks as gardening, food preservation, milk production, egg and poultry production, livestock production, home cooperation (caring for the home, meal preparation, washing dishes or clothes), home grounds improvement, and community service (helping with church and school groups, red cross, salvage, bond sales, etc.)

XII. ACHIEVELENT PROGRAM

One County-wide Achievement program was planned for the County at which special recognition was given to members for outstanding work.

The Achievement program was held at the Palace Theater at Wisconsin Rapids on October 26. Members, parents, leaders and friends attended. Achievement certificates were awarded to members completing their projects. . Premium checks for those receiving prizes at the Central Wisconsin State Fair were also awarded at that time.

A pageant entitled "Guide Posts to Tomorrow" was presented in which the following 4-H Club members were honored:

1. DEVELOPING TALENTS FOR GREATER USEFULNESS.

Clothing Achievement Member - Beulah Thomas, Sherry

Dress Revue: Delores Olsen, Richfield Lillie Belle Minor, MacArthur Beulah Thomas, Sherry LuVerne Pleckhan, Shady Nook

Elaine Becker, Richfield Glenna Clark, Vesper Chloe Brody, MacArthur Louise Tyler, Vesper

2. JOINING WITH FRIENDS FOR WORK, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

Five Honor girls: Betty Rae Warner, Wazeecha Shirley Debevec, MacArthur Delores Olsen, Richfield Ellen Urban, Wallace Ramona Hause, Arpin Five Honor Boys:

Carl Breheim, Ebbe Carl Thedens, Pleasant Corners Herbert Seefeldt, Riverview William Dibble, Pleasant Corners Charles Ward, Maple Grove

3. LEARNING TO LIVE IN A CHANGING WORLD.

Outstanding Home Economics Member - Lois Schmidt, Auburndale Outstanding Agricultural Member - Gilbert Getlinger, Hillview

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4. CHOOSING A WAY TO EARN A LIVING.

> Members Graduating from club work: Glen Bubolz, Mara-Wood Harlen Zubke, Arpin Lois Egland, Wittenberg

5. PRODUCING FOOD, FIBER FOR HOLE AND MARKET.

Outstanding Garden Members: Beverly Kobs, Riverview Beverly Kobs, RiverviewJoan Heckel, EbbeWilmer Mengeling, RichfieldGeorge Thomas, Sherry

Outstanding Crops member - Leonard Lobner, Sherry

Outstanding Livestock member - Ralph Tremmel, MacArthur

Outstanding Foultry Hembers -Harlen Zubke, Arpin James Gardner, Pleasant Corners Norbert Albrecht, Auburndale John Reed, Maple Grove

Outstanding Dairy Member - Bob. Gardner, Pleasant Gorners

CREATING BETTER HOLES FOR BETTER LIVING. 6.

Handicraft award - Vernon Schmidt, Franklin

7. CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES FOR SEGURITY AND HAPPINESS

Soil Conservation Award - Richard Elsen, Lynn Creek

Arvation Camp Trip Winners:
Karl Brehein, EbbeDonald Husted, Plank HillJohn Krzykowski, Green ElmRobert Gardner, Pleasant CornersJohn Krzykowski, Green ElmDonald Maher, PearlDonald Maher, PearlDistord Elsen, Lynn Creek Conservation Camp Trip Winners:

8. BUILDING HEALTH FOR A STRONG AMERICA.

Leader of Outstanding club with Health Improvement Program -Mrs. Harold Blenker, Milladore

Outstanding County Foods Preservation Member - Jeanne Dix, Richfield Outstanding County Foods & Nutrition Member - Betty Cepress, Auburndale

SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT. 9

Outstanding girl Junior Leader - Lois Egland, Wittenberg

Outstanding boy Junior Leader - George Thomas, Sherry

Outstanding Safety Members -Ellen Brey, Richfield Irene Kiesling, MacArthur Patsy Rickel, Lynn Creek

-27-Outstanding Club for Safety Work - Machrthur Club Outstanding Secretary's Record books: Laurelda Tremmel - - - - - - - - MacArthur Chloe Brody- - - - - - - - - - Richfield Lois Egland - - - - - - - - - - Wittenberg Carol Rayhorn-----Ebbe Beverly Kobs - - - - - - - - - Riverview 10. SERVING AS CITIZENS IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE. . *... 100% Achievement Clubs: Auburndale Fleasant Corners Ebbe Richfield Hillview Shady Nook Sharry No. Lynn Creek MacArthur Wittenberg Maple Grove ... 4-H CLUB PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger servico, And my health to better living. For my home, my club, my community and my country.

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NATIONAL GUIDEPOSTS FOR 4-H CLUB PROGRAM

To help prepare tomorrow's citizens physically, mentally and spiritually, 4-H Club work provides opportunities for voluntary participation in programs built on needs and interests through which youth are---

- 1. Developing talents for greater usefulness.
- 2. Joining with friends for work, fun and fellowship.
- 3. Learning to live in a changing world.
- 4. Choosing a way to earn a living.
- 5. Producing food and fiber for home and market.
- 6. Creating better homes for better living.
- 7. Conserving nature's resources for security and happiness.
- 8. Building health for a strong America.
- 9. Serving as citizens in maintaining world peace.
- 10. Sharing responsibilities for community improvement.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUB GOALS FOR 1946

- 1. Every club member is required to choose one of the nine post-war projects. (Crops, livestock, forestry, handicraft, soil conservation, clothing, food preservation, foods and nutrition and Junior Leadership). Not more than one project without permission of general leader should be taken.
- 2. All livestock members must register the ear tag number, ear markings, or tatoo marks of their animal projects in the County Extension Office before June 1st, 1946. At least a three months record is required on each project before exhibiting.
- 3. No member will be eligible in any 4-H fair or exhibit, county contest, dramatic or musical festival, demonstration, or other contest who is not a regularly enrolled 4-H Club member in good standing at the time of the contest or exhibit.
- 4. The County shall participate in the Central Wisconsin State Fair to be held at Marshfield, September 1st to 5th.
- 5. A 100% Achievement and an all gold seal certificate shall be the aim of every club in the Wood County 4-H Club program.
- 6. A 4-H Club member, in order to win an Achievement Certificate in Wood County must achieve in all projects in which he is enrolled and complete Second Mile and Health reports.
- 7. The County will send Junior Leaders, officers and leaders to the 4-H Camp at Wausau and will participate in the music, health and safety contests. (June 19th - 22nd.)

WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUB CALENDAR

- February - 4-H Kick Off meeting for Senior and Junior Leaders. Organization of Local Clubs.
- March--- National 4-H Club Week March 2nd to 10th. Organization of Local Clubs. Slogan "Each One Get One". Orders for trees and shrubbery in the county office by March 15th. Tractor Maintenance clinic, College of Agriculture, Madison March 19th - 23rd. Dairy cattle judging contest, March 23rd.

April --- All Clubs organized and projects selected. Literature and record books in hands of all club members. Discussion of Second Mile Reports. Tree Planting. Installation of officers and Initiation of new members.

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May - - - - - Four-H Sunday - May 5th. Final date for enrollment - May 15th.

Select delegates to Wausau club camp (June 19 - 22). Delegates should be selected by the club members and they should be 15 years of age. Leaders, Junior Leaders and officers preferred.

Installation of officers and initiation of new members if not previously held.

Each project should be started and record book started. Check health score sheets.

Hold project meetings.

Make plans for safety speaking program for the June meeting. May 30th - permanent membership date after which no additions,

corrections or changes in projects can be allowed. With-. drawals, except those drafted or having a permanent change of address after Hay 30, will subtract from the 100% Achievement of the club. Corrections in enrollments due at County Extension office on May 30th.

Encourage singing and games at each meeting, Encourage putting on a one-act play.

June---- Delegates attend camp at Wausau on June 19 - 22. (Safety speaking and music contests will be held at the camp) Safety speaking program at local club meeting (each club member speaks on safety in the home and on the farm) Make plans for demonstrations and judging contests. Hold project meetings. Encourage putting on a one-act play. Encourage singing and games at each club meeting.

July- - - - - deports from delegates who attended camp at Wausau. Two county wide picnics. Demonstrations and Judging at local club meetings. Demonstration and judging contests before July 30th. Judging contests in Dairy, Livestock, Clothing and Ford Preservation. Make plans for a club tour. Encourage singing and games at each club meeting.

August - - - Hold a club tour - visit each members project. Make plans to exhibit at Central Wisconsin State Fair. Discuss preparation of projects for exhibit. Have a health program. Hold project meetings. Encourage salvage of paper and fat, Preliminary record book day on August 15th. Junior Fair (State Fair at Milwaukee) August 17th. Encourage singing and games at each club meeting.

September - - Make a public exhibit (preferably at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield, September 1 - 5) State Conservation Camp - Visconsin Dells on Sept. 5 - 8. Complete record books, Second Mile and Health reports Final record book day - September 21st.

October - - - Hold a club fair or exhibit. County Achievement Exercises - October 26th. Make plans for a local Achievement program. Include a play, singing and a story of accomplishments of the past year. Leaders recognition meeting.

November - - Hold a local Achievement meeting prior to November 23rd.

December - - Have a Christmas meeting. Do something for the community. Make plans for reorganization.

National Club Congress, Chicago, December 2 to 6.

LOCAL 4-H CLUB GOALS

1. Every club must have at least five members before organizing.

- 2. Every 4-H Club shall have a general leader. There should be one project leader for each project in which there are at least five members enrolled. Those leaders shall be in charge of all 4-H club work within the club.
- 3. An advisory committee of three parents or other interested adults shall be chosen or elected to assist the general leader and project leader.
- 4. Every club is urged to have at least five members in each project in order to achieve maximum benefits from project instructions and exhibits.
- 5. The final date for enrollment in a 4-H Club will be May 15th.
- Every club member shall attend as many project and general club meetings as possible. Five meetings should be the minimum.
 The United States Flag and the 4 W Flag should be the minimum.
- 8. The United States Flag and the 4-H Flag should be displayed at every 4-H Club meeting.
- 9. Every club shall use the installation ceremony to install officers.
- Every club shall use the initiation ceremony in initiating new members into the club.
 Every club member should know the loading 4 H Club
- 11. Every club member should know the leading 4-H Club songs. Our National Anthem - The Star Spangled Banner, should be sung at every 4-H Club meeting. Every club should participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Music program.
- 12. All clubs shall open or close their meetings using one or more of the following: Fledge to the American Flag, Club Fledge, creed or motto or one of the principle 4-H Club songs.
- 13. Every member should participate in the local and county health program by completing the health record blank and participating in health program at one or more club meetings.
- 14. Winning an all gold Achievement Certificate shall be the goal of every Wood County 4-H Club.
- 15. Encourage salvage of paper and fat.
- 16. Every club should hold a club tour at which projects of all members are inspected.
- 17. Every club should hold a "Parent's Night" at which exhibits are made for those members who cannot exhibit elsewhere and a local achievement program be held following the county achievement meeting.
- 18. Four-H clubs should see that each member has a defense stamp book and encourage them to purchase defense stamps.

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Standard organ ization (Gold Seal)	Good organization for con work, (1) regular officer ents or members of commun carry out the program of mittees, (4) planned prog	rs, (2) advisory committe nity to help in instructi work, (3) usual club mem	e of par-						
Essential Club Procedures (Gold seal)	 Demonstration, judging each meeting. Give the 4-H Plodge at 3. Sing 4-H Songs at club Periodical checking of 5. Parents' meeting (one 6. Running meeting in par 7. Health program at one fill out the health bl 	c club meetings. meetings. record books. or more) liamentary way. or more meetings, and eve							
Extra Club Activities (Gold Scal)	Leader participates in at takes part in one or more tion of projects, public community entertainment a checkup, booth at fair, a	e of the following; tour demonstrations, music wor and service, safety and f:	of inspec- rk, drama,						

The essentials listed above do not infer that clubs may not spread out to participate in any other events open to them.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 4-H CLUB AGENT

Days in office				97를
Days in field.				92
Miles traveled				5.765
Days vacation				101
Days devoted to work with adults				00
Days devoted to work with 4-H Clubs and older youth				161
Number of farms or homes visited				115
Number of different farms or homes visited				107
Number of office calls				7 47
Number of telephone calls.				286
Number of news articles published.				12
Number of bulletins distributed.				1 201
Number of radio talks broadcast.				C
Number of method demonstration meetings held	• •	•	•	3
Number attending				04
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Number of Achievement Days held.	• •	•	•	
Number attending.	• •	•	•	1
Number of 4-H Encampments held	• •	•	•	
Number attending	•••	•	•	2
Number attending	• •	•	•	41
Number of other meetings held	• •		•	92
Total attendance	• •		•	3,510
Number of other meetings held not attended by agent.				171
Total attendance				2,027
Number of clubs doing 4-H Club work.				38

SPECIALISTS AND OTHERS ASSISTING

Mr. T. L. Bewick Mr. Bruce Cartter Mr. Emil Jorgensen Miss Ellen Krueger Miss Blanche Lee Miss Nora LeRoux

Mr. Wakelin McNeel Mr. J. G. Moore Mr. C. H. Neitzke Miss Mildred Olson Mr. George Wright Miss A. Shirley Young

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1946.

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4-H Club Agent

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REPORT OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

H. R. Lathrope, November 1, 1945 to May 15, 1946 Donald R. Rowe, May 15, 1946 to November 1, 1946



NARRATIVE SUMMARY, WOOD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE November 1, 1945 to May 15, 1946 H. R. Lathrope, County Agricultural Agent

In November, 1945, the twenty-fifth annual report of extension work was prepared. A combined report was made including the work of the county agricultural agent, home demonstration agent, war food assistant, farm labor, soil conservation service and 4-H club vork. Wood county extension workers attempted to prepare a report which would reflect in some measure the work which has been accomplished, the methods followed, and outline a program for the following year. Numerous pictures were incorporated in the report to pictorially illustrate the extension program. The following are excerpts from a few letters received:

"Congratulations on the excellent job you did on your twenty-fifth annual report which I have read with a great deal of interest. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in supplying me with a copy." David Lilienthal, Chairman Tennessee Valley Authority.

"I appreciate your thoughfulness in again sending me your annual report. This is the most outstanding report received in our editorial offices, and I compliment you and your staff. Furthermore, I am passing the report around for possibilities of editorial leads." Kirk Fox, Editor, Successful Farming, Des Moines, Iowa.

"A couple of wocks ago you sent me a copy of your twenty-fifth annual report on Wood County Extension Service. I have referred to this report repeatedly and wish to congratulate you on its excellent content. From time to time I observe various reports but I must hand it to you for getting out what I believe to be the best one from any county agent. You are doing a wonderful job in Wisconsin and best of all you know how to publicize your work." G. N. Hoffer, American Potash Institute, Lafayette, Indiana.

"I want to congratulate you on your twenty-fifth annual report for Wood county. It is postively the most attractive county agent report I

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have ever seen. I swear this looks like an excellent piece of work you are doing." George D. Scarseth, Director of Research, American Farm Research Association, Lafayette, Indiana.

"I appreciate very much your sending me a copy of the twenty-fifth annual report of extension work in Wood county. We feel that it reflects loyal and painstaking effort on your part for a long period of years. You appear unusually gifted in being able to combine the principles of sound pedagogy with practical and needed promotion technique." Lester A. Schlup, Chief, Division of Extension Linformation, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

"We enjoy all of the well prepared annual reports you send here from time to time, and we want to thank you for letting us in on such comprehensive studies. I must say that you have surpassed your former high standards in this 1945 edition. The art work is the best I have seen in any annual report; and certainly from the standpoint of our cooperative program, it does the best job of reporting we have yet seen." W. M. Landess, Head Program Exposition Unit, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knexville, Tennessee.

"I still cannot understand how you have your work so organized that you can get out an annual report on time, that is so complete to the last detail. I still wish that somehow - possibly through your Publicity Committee - an annual report of this kind could be brought to the attention of all agents in order that we could bring up our own standards," A. F. MacDougall, President, National Association County Agricultural Agents, Concord, Massachusetts.

"I have not had time as yet to study your annual report, but it certainly is the most impressive thing I have seen out of a county agent's office in all these many years, and I am delighted to have it. I intend to spend a lot of time studying it in the next couple of days." D. E.

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McFadden, J. Walter Thompson Company, Chicago, Illinois.

"Your twenty-fifth annual report of the Wood County Extension Service came to my desk while I was out during the past week. As usual, you have done a masterful job of putting your material together. It is by all odds the best report of this type that has come to my attention. You have it well arranged and you have a great number of most excellent illustrations. The offset process which you use in reproduction is getting you splendid results." Walter Ebling, Agricultural Statistician, State Capitol, Madison.

"I appreciated very much receiving a copy of the twenty-fifth annual report of Extension Service in Wood county. It was of real value to me in acquainting me with the details of a county extension program. I am afraid that at the present time I am not in a position to offer any very helpful suggestions. I do wish to congrutulate you on the splendid form in which you have prepared the report, and upon the splendid record which you have made in your county." I. L. Baldwin, Dean and Director, University of Wisconsin.

"I very much appreciate receiving a copy of your twenty-fifth annual report of Wood County Extension Work. I am aspecially impressed with the clear manner in which you have presented the extension work and the splendid illustrations used. Some of these excell anything I have ever seen in national literature, especially these of some of the farmers cooperating in your TV. program. I note that you give considerable space to the TVA farms. Here in Minnesota we think they have been a splendid demonstration, after completing one five-year period. I am referring your publication to some of our people as F know they will be interested in it." P. E. Miller, Director, Agricultural Extension, St. Paul, Minnesota.

"Please allow me to compliment you in getting together your annual report in an attractive booklet form, pertinent facts developed in your county over the year. It would seem that more this kind of work would be helpful to

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a great number of other county agents. There is nothing so convincing as facts and figures, which you surely have done in fine style between the covers of your report." Samuel L. Veitch, President, The National County Agent and Extension Review, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"I have read your twenty-fifth annual extension service report with a great deal of interest. It is a good job and I am going to take pleasure in passing it around among my colleagues in adult education in the Columbia University part of my present responsibilities. The thing that impresses me most about this report is the excellent public relations function which it ought to perform, and it ought also to make the regular reports of the staff a great deal more meaningful." Edmund des Brunner, Agricultural Adviser, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Extension Service, Washington, D. C.

"If editor, Estes P. Taylor of the Agricultural Leaders' Digest had. lived to see your twenty-fifth annual report of the Wood County Extension Service in Wisconsin, he would, I am sure, have expressed enthusiastic interest in it, and would have complimented you on it without stint. He died on November 23rd, following a few weeks in a hospital. In more than 40 years of editorial and reportial work on livestock journals and farm papers in the United States, I have not seen so outstanding report as yours on 25 years of progressive action in the county agent field. I respectfully congratulate you and your associates, and the State of Wisconsin." DeWitt C. Wing, Agricultural Leaders Digest, Chicago, Illinois.

TVA PROGRAM

For five consecutive years TVA cooperators in the county have been serving as school masters and their farms have been used as laboratories for scores of hundreds of their neighbors and friends. Soil samples

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were taken from each farm for analysis, including phosphorus, potash and lime.

Time was spent with each of the 18 cooperators in working out a better rotation and adoption of practices on their farms. Requisitions for high analysis phosphate and nitrogen were prepared in December. Earl Eastling, Claude Ewer, Joe Gotz and Ralph Hause are new cooperators.

The annual meeting of the cooperators and their wives was held at the Witter Hotel on February 21st. W. M. Landess, Chief, Program Exposition Unit, Tennessee Valley Authority, made an excellent presentation of his philosophy of life. A complimentary turkey dinner was served to 52 cooperators, their wives and members of the agricultural committee.

4-H PROGRAM

The twenty-fifth annual 4-H achievement program was held at Pittsville. Tom Kelly, nationally famous artist and lecturer from the Soil Conservation Service, and Assistant State Club Leader, Verne Varney, spoke to 300 club members and their parents. Achievement pins, certificates and special awards were presented.

The executive committee of the 4-H club leaders organization mot at Marshfield and formulated program plans for 1946. The entire group of leaders met at a later date at Arpin and adopted the executive committee's program. State Director, W. McNeel explained the 4-H club goals at the meeting for the 1946 club year.

BEEKEEPERS PROGRAM

The county agent assisted the beekeepers organization in its fall and winter meetings. About 150 interested beekeepers attended both meetings. There is a growing interest in the production of honey in the county. Much interest is being shown by cranberry growers in the use of bees as pollon carriers for the cranberry crop.

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DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

<u>Fast Milking and Mastitis Control</u> - The county agent arranged a special meeting for Dr. W. E. Peterson, University of Minnesota. More than 1,000 dairymen attended. The program began at 8:00 o'clock in the evoning and many dairymen remained until after 11:00 o'clock to discuss their particular. problems with Doctor Peterson. A complimentary dinner was given by Babson Brothers to 50 extension workers and prominent dairymen in the area, preceding the meeting. Many dairymen spoke highly of Doctor Peterson's dicussion. Several dairymen wrote to the county extension office or spoke to the county agent personally, stating that the meeting was worth more than \$100.00 to them.

<u>Cow Testing Association</u> - With the return of Frank Klimowski, former fieldman for the Wood county cow testing association, a new organization was set up providing for a central dairy testing laboratory. The organization provided service for standard members, even sampler members and mail order members. Approximately \$2,000 has been collected, representing fees and service charges from members. A temporary executive committee was chosen by the members to function until a county beard of directors could be selected. At present the association is without a tester, due to the resignation of Frank Klimowski, who accepted a hord managers position in the county. Every effort is being put forth to secure a new fieldman. The central dairy testing laboratory can be set up in the County Extension Office where a laboratory room has been provided by the agricultural committee.

<u>Artificial Breeding</u> - A temporary board of directors was chosen to work out by-laws and articles of incorporation for the Central Wisconsin Dairy Breeders Association. The first meeting of the membership was held

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March 7th, A permenent board of directors including, Fred Hoefner, president, Lyle Matson, secretary-treasurer, Matt Grassl, John Lang, Ed Zettler, Frank Tomczyk and Rudolph Weinfurter were selected. The organization started functioning with about 800 cows. Offices were set up in the Marshfield Cold Storage Warehouse. Robert Weinfurtner was selected as technician and has been especially well trained for his work by Professor George Werner of the College of Agriculture.

Four members of the board of directors of the association visited the Elgin Bull Stud at Elgin. As of April 15th more than 1,000 cows have been signed up to be bred artificially during the year. The association is set up to provide local control and to render efficient service in the area adjacent to Marshfield. The service charge and membership fee should insure sound financial condition for the association. Interest in the association has been increasing rapidly. Now members are signing up almost every day.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

The county agent selected a temporary committee to formulate plans for improving the quality of milk in Wood county. The plan was unanimously approved at a later date by the dairy plant operators in the county. Bylaws and articles of incorporation were prepared which were officially adopted by plant operators. A permanent board of directors were selected. A county-wide program of milk inspection and farmer education has been set up by the association.

A charge of .004 per hundred pounds of milk received by each operator annually will be assessed each plant. The board of directors have secured the services of two returning veterans to assist in the inspection and educational work. The program has the approval of the State Department of Agriculture, Dairy Division, and according to all reports Wood county is

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the first county in the nation to set up a county-wide milk quality improvement association, without county board subsidy.

A meeting for producers and dairy plant operators was arranged to consider the regulations imposed by the Federal Food and Drug Act. E. L. Reichart, of the National Cheese Institute and Professor Evert Wallenfeldt, discussed important phases of the dairy industry.

CROP IMPROVEMENT

Orders have been taken and filled by the County Extension Office for more than 150 pounds of Ladino clover seed, for the purpose of improving the pastures in the county. Twenty Wood county ladino clover growers had excellent plots of this new type pasture for the past four years.

Rudelph Weinfurter was selected as the first grower of Forvic eats. Nine bushels have been seeded on an excellent plot of land free from weeds. Mr. Weinfurter who is an experienced seed grain producer will divide the entire crop into 18 separate lets which have already been ordered by the 18 TVA ecoperators in the county. A county crop improvement association will be established. Mr. Weinfurter has purchased a new threshing machine and will put forth every effort to keep the Forvic eats free from mixtures. An estimated yield of between 500 and 600 bushels is expected in 1946. No Forvic eats will be fed to livesteck in Wood county in 1946 or 1947. A total yield of around 20,000 to 25,000 bushels should be obtained in 1947. If this plan is carried out more than 800,000 to 1,000,000 bushels of Forvic eats should be threshed in 1948.

FORESTRY

Purchase orders for trees were limited this year due to the shortage of supply of trees in the nursery. Shortage of help for tree planting has also been a factor limiting the number of purchase orders. Two privately

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owned planters are in operation in the county. The county forestry committee own a tree planter which was in operation during most of the month of April.

Parties ordering trees through "Trees for Tomorrow" were assisted in the selection of suitable species. Trees will be distributed by "Trees for Tômorrow" on April 22nd.

Four-H club orders for trees for forestry members have been about the same as in previous years. Club members have been selecting Jack Pine, Norway Pine and White Pine for the lighter soils and Norway and White Pine and White Spruce for the heavier soils.

Rural schools in ten townships in the county have ordered trees for planting in their school forests. Two county-wide school forests were established previously and plantings in these forests are doing exceedingly well. Demonstration plantings will be conducted in central points in each of the ten townships this year.

FARMERS INSTITUTE

An old fashioned farmers institute was held at Marshfield, February 15th, with Professor Chapman and Briggs, and Home Agent, Cecelia Shestock assisting. The Chamber of Commerce provided an excellent luncheon and 200 farmers and their wives attended.

USDA COUNCIL

Assistance was given in the organization of a county USDA Council, following the termination of activities of the USDA War Board. The Council is composed of personnel from the Extension Service, Soil Conservation District, AA', Farm Security and Farm Credit. The main purpose for the organization of the council is to coordinate activities of the several agencies operating in the county. Mostings and programs were arranged for to acquaint the membership and the public with mutual problems.

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G. I. "ON THE JOB" TRAINING

Several returning veterans have been set up to receive training in Agriculture. One veteran is serving as technician for the Artificial Breeding Association, another will be assisting with the fieldman's work for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, two more will do the field work for the Milk Quality Improvement Association, and two are learning to become cranberry growers. Several G.I.'s are receiving training in agriculture on the job on farms. Conferences have been arranged with cranberry growers, the USDA Council and farmers concerned with on-the-job training for veterans. The Veterans Advisory Committee has been functioning wherever there are problems which confront returned G.I.'s.

INCOME TAX

A farmers profit and loss work sheet was prepared to assist farmers in filling out their 1945 income tax returns. A copy of the work sheet was sent to 3,000 farmers in the county, with a letter of explanation. With the help of this work sheet hundreds of Wood county farmers have been able to fill out their own income tax returns. More than 25 citizens in the county have been proficient in assisting farmers in filling out their income tax returns. The profit and loss work sheet has enabled farmers to more effectively set up their depreciation which has saved them considerable money.

COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

The county agent was asked to speak at five annual meetings of cooperatives in the county, holding their annual meetings in February. More than 2,200 farmers attended. The county agent discussed the program of work for the county, artificial breeding of dairy cattle, cow testing work and the results of the TVA program.

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PROGRAM OF OPERATION FOR WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL

With the selection of a new superintendent at the Wood County Hospital, the county agent was asked to prepare a plan for the improvement of the cropping system and livestock improvement. The plan was prepared and approved by the Finance Committee of the county board and later presented at the direction of the Finance Committee to the trustees of the county hospital, where it was adopted. The county agent was instructed to locate a farm manager for the institution. Don Rowe, assistant county agent, Columbia county, was presented to the trustees, who have his application under consideration.

After carefully checking the amount of feed being fed to the dairy herd, the poultry flock and the swine herd, it appeared that many savings could be affected, provided good management practices were followed. The feed bill for 1944-1945 was around \$18,000, and in addition \$7,000 worth of home grown grains, and about \$3,000 worth of skim milk was fed. The superintendent reports as of April 1st, that the feed bill has dropped \$3,000 during, January, February and March as compared to the same months in 1945. Production per cow according to reports from the institution was 4300 pounds of milk - 130 pounds of butterfat per cow. Since checking at the farm, the milk production during January, February and March has reached a total of about 4,000 pounds per cow.

I have recommended that the Soil Conservation District personnel map the entire 660 acro farm and make any additional recommendations which they see fit to those which I have already made to the management. No one has volunteered to explain why the feed requirements have dropped sharply and why the milk production has increased tremendously since the county agent was asked to prepare a plan of operation. The superintendent reports as of April 10th, that the farm manager plans to get along in 1946-1947 with one car of corn.

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For nearly two and one-half years I have conducted a radio broadcast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Not a single program was missed and the county agent has never been late. A reliable agency was selected to make the same survey of radio listenership as has been made by commercial concerns. Five hundred farm homes were contacted and the "Wood County Agent's Program" was reported to have a higher listenership rating than the big time day time network shows.

Inspite of some predictions to the contrary, the county agent did not run out of information, nor things to talk about. Every effort was put forth to incorporate as many local people into the program as possible. The program never has become involved in any controversal subjects. The purpose was to bring up-to-the-minute information on agriculture. The program was shared every other Friday with Home Agent, Cecelia Shestock. Much favorable commont has been received from farm and city folks.

FARM LABOR

The demands for farm labor have far exceeded the supply. Few returning veterans have shown indications that they are interested in returning to farm work, presumably on account of higher wages and shorter hours for labor in the city. More time has been consumed in trying to locate farm help which was not available than would have had to be consumed had there been a reasonable source of supply.

A meeting was held for the farm labor committee to arrive at the prevailing wages being paid for agricultural work. Cranberry growers and canners will be "hard put" for sufficient labor to do their harvest job this year. Growers are putting forth every effort to secure adequate eating and sleeping equipment in order that they may be able to facilitate labor camps should labor be available.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE

Assistance has been rendered the Red Cross chairmen in their attempts to secure the release of veterans who want to get out of service and go back on the farm and assist their parents with the farm work. Certifications are still being made to the Selective Service Boards in the county for registrants between the ages of 18 and 26. The County Extension Office has enjoyed the whole-hearted support and cooperation of the Selective Service Boards in the county.

SOIL CONSERVATION

The Soil Conservation District is in its fifth year of existence. The supervisors expect to sell the two grain drills. Requests for use of the two drills has far exceeded the possibility of service.

The domand for farm plans has increased since the end of the war. The personnel of the district was directed by the supervisors to first take care of the emergency problems. The district personnel will find it easy to secure farm plans on practically all the farms where emergency drainage ditches and drainage type terraces have been installed. The personnel expects many more requests for service in 1946 than was received in 1945.

A more satisfactory solution must be made for the routing and general management of the equipment for drainage work without taking the time of the unit leader.

Educational material has been provided all rural schools in the county and many of the parochial schools have become intensely interested in the soil conservation program. The subject of soil conservation has been discussed on the "County Agent's Radio Program" on several occasions. The general understanding by the public of the purpose and policy of operation of the Wood County Soil Conservation District is improving.

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PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1946

A program planning meeting was held at which time several proposed projects on agriculture were discussed and the committee on agriculture selected the following program of work:

Major problems

Gassland Farming

T.V.A.

Milk Production

Swine, Sheep and Poultry

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Cooperatives

Phases of Work

Pasture Improvement Wheat, Fervic Onts Ladino Clever, Brome grass, Ammonium Nitrate, Phosphorus and potash

Fertilizer plots on 18 farms.

Dairy Sanitation Fly Control, Milk Houses Barn Sanitation Grub and lice control Feeding practices Testing for butterfat Artificial breeding

4-H Projects Shelterbelts Referestation School forests

Assist Soil Conservation District USDA Council Income Tax Farm Safety Fire Hazards

Farm organization Social problems Economic problems

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APPRECIATION

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My resignation as of May 15th from the office of county agricultural agent in Wood county probably will do more good for extension work than anything else that has happened during my 16 years here in the county. Farm and city folks in Wood county with whom I have worked have done everything possible to indicate to me their appreciation for my 16 years of service. Thirty-five business and professional men of Wiscensin Rapids met on March 26th to bid the county agent farewell. Sixty-two Kiuanians arranged for a meeting on March 28th. Sixty-four Retarians at Marshfield gave the county agent a testimonial dinner on April 1st. Forty-one TVA cooperators, their wives, members of the agricultural committee and their wives, provided another testimenal dinner on April 4th. Two hundred 4-H club people plowed through muddy reads to attend a meeting at Arpin to say goodbye.

This appreciation, besides warming the heart, is most valuable. Farm and city folks alike, have indicated to me that they have appreciated the things I have attempted to do for them. Farm folks find it difficult to show this type of appreciation during the regular tenure of one's service. Nearly 500 people have attended meetings solely for the purpose of expressing their appreciation. This gesture of goodwill may serve two purposes: First, it will have a strong tendency to increase the popularity of extension work in Wood county. Socend, it will tend to sharpen the criticism of farm folks toward Extension Service, should my successor fail. Farm folks are going to expect, and they have a right to expect that the new county agent will centinue to serve them as well or better than I have served them. The popularity of Extension work in a county rests on the ability of the worker to be of help and service just a little more than it does on type of service that he renders.

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Specialists from University of Wisconsin, College of Agriculture, and others assisting in Wood County Agricultural Extension Program.

Emil Jorgensen	I. F. Hall
F. B. Trenk	W. McNeel
C. J. Chapman	George Briggs
F. H. Turner	W. M. Landess
Joe Wetak	J. Hoesly
James Bolon	Bruce Cartter
Evert Wallenfeldt	E. L. Reichart
John Porter	A. H. Jacobson
Lawrence Miller	H. J. Rahmlow

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of April, 1946, by H. R. Lathrope.

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NARRATIVE SULMARY, WOOD COUNTY ACRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE May 15, 1946 to November 1, 1946 Donald R. Rowe, County Agricultural Agent

PROBLEMS RECEIVING ATTENTION

. <u>DAIRYING</u> - Farmers in Wood county may now avail themselves of the services provided through the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative. These services include artificial insemination of dairy cattle and herd testing.

Artificial insemination service now reaches 145 farms, with 1650 cows signed up to be bred artificially. This program is planned to help farmers improve their herds through the use of better sires and efforts are being made to extend the service into all parts of the county. Because the cow population is concentrated in north Wood county and extends down as far as Vesper, and since only one inseminator is employed, artificial breeding is carried on primarily in that section. There is, however, a growing demand for the service in south Wood county, which it is hoped may be provided in 1947.

Breeding service through the cooperative is made possible by the help of one trained inseminator, whose job it is to make regular calls to the members farms when called. The semen used by the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative is shipped in from the American Scientific Breeding Institute at Elgin, Illinois.

Cost to the individual farmer is \$5.00 for membership in the organization and \$5.00 for each cow which is bred.

Other service provided by the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative is dairy herd testing. The laboratory located at the Court House Annex, Wisconsin Rapids, is set up with the objective of testing a large number of dairy cows in the county. At present one man is employed to do

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the work in the field, which consists of taking samples from the herds of standard members and collecting the samples from owner sampler members. His duties also are to conduct the tests in the laboratory and make up the records which are sent back to the farmer after completion of the test. At present there are 21 standard members signed up to receive dairy herd improvement testing service. There are also 33 owner sampler members.

The standard momber who gets the most service in the testing association pays \$48.00 service fee for ten cows or less and 15¢ a cow per month for every cow over ten. The owner sampler member who takes his own samples and weighs the milk, pays \$15.00 for a herd of ten cows or less, and \$1.50 a year for each cow over ten. The testing service which is being offered in Wood county provides a means whereby a much larger number of cows can be tested than was possible under the old standard association system.

'The Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative is a non-stock organization, farmer owned and farmér controlled. The annual meeting is held in September for the purpose of discussing progress of work in the breeding section and the testing section of the organization. One board of directors controls the activities carried out by the organization.

Artificial insemination service is provided by the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative in Wood and Marathon counties. Forty-five of the members are registered from Marathon county and 100 members are registered from Wood county. The number of farms which are receiving the service, and the townships in which they are found are listed below:

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Herd testing was started October 1st with more than 50 farmers receiving either owner sampler or standard service. The above map indicates where the members are located in the county and the type of service being received by them. Edmund Gust of Stratford, with several years of herd testing experience, is the fieldman and tester. The board of directors are: Fred Hoefner, president, John Lang, vice president, Lyle Matson, secretarytreasurer, Joe Haas, Matt Grassl, Edmund Zettler and Rudelph Weinfurter. <u>GRASSLAND FARMING</u> - During the past year many farmers in the county have used ammonium nitrate on their pasturds. The results obtained as expressed by these farmers increased the pasture growth and also milk production, which resulted in increased dairy profits. Although ammonium nitrate is recommended primarily for application to spring pastures, a few farmers have applied it late in the summer and have reported very abundant fall pasture.

In addition to this practice, many farmers cooperating with TVA in whole farm demonstrations, have adopted pasture renovation programs which consist of thoroughly working up old pastures, applying lime, phosphate and potash and reseeding with brome grass, red clover, ladino, and alsike mixtures.

Winter wheat is receiving increased favor on Wood county farms. The new variety, Black Hawk, is recommended on fertile soil which is well drained. During the winter of 1945 winter wheat was damaged on many farms because of the ice sheets which formed there. This, of course, was a condition over which there could be little control, and one which is provalent perhaps only once in every ten years or so. Damage done to winter wheat in the last year, however, did not discourage farmers from sowing it again this fall.

Brome grass also received increased attention by farmers, and eventhough it is a grass crop, which is slow to get established, it promises to be a very valuable one to use in a pasture improvement program.

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Grass silage and chopped hay has continued to be popular on more farms in Wood county this year. A considerable number of TVA cooperators are making use of these new methods of preserving crops.

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COOPERATOR AGREEMENT

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FARM TEST DEMONSTRATIONS

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AGREEMENT

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In carrying on the Whole Farm Test Demonstration Program on my farm in cooperation with the Wood County Agricultural Committee, the Agricultural Extension Service of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture and the Tennessee Valley Authority, I agree to do the following:

1. Cooperate with the County Extension Agents in working out a land use and cropping program which will conserve and improve the fertility of my soil by minimizing soil erosion and making the greatest possible use of legume-grass mixtures for hay, pasturage, ensilage and green manure. I agree to adopt soil conservation practices and cooperate with the soil conservation districts in counties organized as soil conservation districts.

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- 2. To follow to the best of my ability the land use, erosion control and cropping programs as planned above.
- 3. Maintain membership in a Dairy Herd Improvement Association or do breed herd testing where this service is available.

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- 4. Use only pure bred sires of good type and production inheritance.
- 5. Follow the good management, farming, and homemaking practices which have proved successful in my area.
 - 6. Apply phosphates and other plant foods supplied by the T.V.A. to the 'crops at the rates specified in the requisitions and to no other crops.
 - 7. Purchase and apply lime and potash as needed as supplements to the plant foods supplied by the T.V.A. The rates of application to be specified on the requisitions. Failure to purchase and apply lime or potash as recommended and specified on the requisitions will be cause for immediate cancellation of this agreement.
 - 8. Leave untreated such areas as may be designated for use as checks for comparison with the treated area. Areas left as checks are to remain as such during the entire life of this agreement.
 - 9. To harvest according to instructions to be furnished by the Extension Service such crop samples as may be necessary to determine results on small grain, hay and row crops following in the rotation.

- 10. Keep farm accounts and furnish such records, inventories and reports as may be agreed upon with the County Agricultural Agent and the Agricultural Extension Service of Wisconsin. Home Account records are also desirable.
- 11. Attend meetings called for the purpose of discussing results of the program and/or to plan future operations.
- 12. To submit in the fall of each year a map of my farm showing field acreages, crops and production of crops by fields, lime, commercial fertilizer and manurial treatments.
- 13. To report separately the crops, production of these crops and fertilizer treatments by fields on land which is rented. It is understood that no TV. produced fertilizing materials are to be requisitioned or used on rented land that is not under lease and farmed as a part of the farming unit.
- 14. To pay the freight plus a handling charge of 5.00 per ton on all fertilizer requisitioned by me from the T.V.A.
- 15. To permit members of the County Agricultural Committee and representatives of the Agricultural Extension Service to make such visits and to arrange for such community inspections and field days as will make my farm best serve the community needs.
- 16. TERMIN.TION: This agreement will remain in force until cancelled by either party to the agreement. Notice of such cancellation to be made before December 1 of any year.

APPROVED:

SECRETARY, COUNTY AGR L. COMMITTEE

DEMONSTRATOR - HUSBAND

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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

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DEMONSTRATOR - WIFE

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Dated:

WOOD COUNTY T.V.A. FARMS



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F. H. Meyer	Rd. C1.	Check	5.0	2082	
Field C		0-20-0	9.5	3957	
		0-20-20	12.0	4998	2916
H. Peterich	Rd. Cl.	Check	7.5	3124	
Field A		0-20-0	11.0	4582	
		0-20-20	12.0	4998	1874
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Field H		0-20-0	.7.5.	3124 3332	
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		0-00-00	0.0	3957	1042

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Cooperator	Kind of hay	1945 Fertilizer Treatment	Green Weight 3 Sq. Yds.	Yield Pcr Acre Pounds	Pounds Increase Per Acre Over Check Plot
Frank Tomczyk Field P	Rd. Cl	• Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	3.5 7.0 9.0	1458 2915 3749	ress
D. Trowbridge Field 8-A	Rd. Cl	Check 02020	6.0 9.8	2 499 4082	1583
R. Weinfurter Field F	Rd. Cl	. Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	7.0 9.0 13.0	2915 3749 5415	2500
Field G	Rd. Cl	. Check 0-20-20	3.0 . 6.0	1250 2499	1249
Leo Wellman Field B-2	Rd. Cl	• Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	4.5 6.5 8.5	1874 2707 3540	1666
Ed Zettler Field A	Rd. Cl	• Check 0-20-0 • 0-20-20	6.5 10.0 9.0	2707 4165 3748	1042

The nature of Wood county's soils makes them better adapted to the growing of small grain, hay and pasture than to corn.

This marks the fifth year that hay results have been measured on TVA cooperators farms. One of the cooperators stated that he has increased his yield of hay from one and one-fourth tons per acre in 1940 to three tons per acre in 1946.

All of the results obtained from the fertilized and unfertilized fields this year again show marked increases in hay yield from the use of fertilizer. Looking over the beneficial results of fertilizer we find that it increases yields ranging from one-quarter of a ton to a ton and a quarter per acre. REPORT ON GRAIN YIELDS ON WOOD COUNTY T.V.A. FARMS - 1946

	Vind	Thematical		Per Acre	Grain Ir	
cooperator	Kind of	Fertilizer		: Straw	Over Che	ck
ooperator.	Grain	Treatment	Bu.	Lbs,	-Per Acre	1
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arl Eastling	Oats	Check	Ž8.3	1340		1
		0-20-20 .	40.6	2258	12.3	s 1.32
oe Gotz	Oats	Check	36,5	1795		
		0-20-0	47.5	2266		
		0-20-20	50.8	2447	14.3	
				4	TATC	
alph Hause	Oats	Charle	47 . 7	0.000		
arpa nauso	Dats	Check 0-20-0	43.3	2381		
		0-20-20	56.0	2926		
		0-20-20	54.8	3127	11.5	
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. G. Heuer	Oats	Check	47.4	2070		
		0-20-0	57.4	2673		
		0-20-20	65.7	-3403	18.3	
			+			
en Jackson	Oats .	Check	48.6	2712		
		0-20-0	54.0	2929		
		0-20-20	73.0		24.4	
	Oats	Check	24.1	1291		
		0-20-0	51.3	2294		
		0-20-20	65.4	3146	• 41.3	
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. H. Meyer	Oats	Check	22 0	000		
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		0-20-20	49.5	1913		
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mold Deteriot						
arold Peterich	Oats	Check	44.4	2125	1.1	
,		0.20.0	50.8	2552		
		020-20	50.8	2588	6.4	
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irtis Ross	Oats	Check	36.1	1291		
		0-20-0	40.5	1632	× .	
		0-20-20	54.2	2761	18.1	
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	Oats	Check	33.3	1398		
	· •	C20-0	33.3	1417	· · ·	
		0-20-20	49.5	2353	16.2	
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e Snortheim	Oats	Check	47.1	2624		
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Cooperator	Kind of Grain	Fertlizer Treatment	Grain	Por Acre Straw, Lbs.	Grain Increa . Over Check Per Acre	se
D. Trowbridge	Oats	Check	95.7	5400		
		0-20-0	97.0	5100		
		0-20-20	81.6	5286		
· · · · ·	•			1.	1 4	
		Check	60.5	3124		
	S. 1	0-20-0	94.9	3900		
		0-20-20	89.2	3750	28.7	
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Rudy Weinfurter	Oats :	Check	58.2	2397		
		0-20-0	87.1	3125		
		0-20-20	81.4	3529	23.2	į
Claude Ewer	Oats	Check	55.4	2266		•
		0-17-40	64.0	2717	8.6	
	·	1. ····			· ·	
		Check	76.0	3477		
		Salt & Bor	on95.5	4560	19.5	

The yield from the cats which was fortilized with phosphate and potash last spring was greatly increased over the check as seen from the report above. This report is not complete for all of the farms on which TVA fertilizer was used during the past year. It does include, however, a record of all of the new farms, together with some reports from farms which have been in the TVA program for the past five years. It will be seen from the results that phosphate and potash is running true to form in increasing the yields over the unfertilized check strips.

From an educational standpoint it looks like the big problem now among farmers is to know where to get the right kind of fertilizer, how and when it should be applied. An attempt will be made during the next year to get this information out to more farmers.

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TVA TEST DEMONSTRATION FARMS - Eighteen farmers in Wood county have cooperated with the Tennessee Valley Authority, the University of Wisconsin and the County Extension Service to further prove the value of fertilizer to crop production. Until 1946 there were only 14 of these farms. Four new ones were added in the past year.

Farmers cooperating in this program received 42,700 pounds of phosphate fortilizor and 8,100 pounds of ammonium nitrate through TVA, which was applied to grain fields and pastures. Unfertilized chock strips were left in all grain fields to compare yields on the fertilized plots with those of the unfertilized fields. In the past year you will note from the accompanying reports that the phosphate and potash has greatly increased the yields on small grain and hay. It must be remembered that the increased yields of hay are obtained too because of the residual value of the fertilizer which remains in the soil from year to year. The potash fertilizer which TVA cooperators use is purchased by them, while the phosphate is furnished by TVA.

In addition to proving the benefits of fertilizer on their farms, these TVA cooperators have also carried but other good sound farm management practices. All of them are keeping farm accounts which enable them to improve the farm balance. Many of them have constructed milk houses to improve the quality of milk and most of them are now receiving the herd testing service provided by the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative.

On one of the TVA farms the new variety of oats known as Fervic was raised this year. This new cats yielded 35 bushels per acre and by common agreement will be distributed to other TVA cooperators, each of them receiving 1/18th of the yield. Each farmer who will receive this new Forvic oats has agreed that next years yield will again be used as seed.

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WEED CONTROL - The wood problem in Wood county has always been a sorious one, and has received the attention of the Extension Office. During the past summer several demonstrations with 2,4-D, a new chemical for wood control, were carried out on farms with good results. Twe;4-D promises to become more effective for wood control when individual townchips see fit to purchase spraying equipment. This new chemical has proven very satisfactory in centrol of only the broad leaved woods and it will save farmers thousands of dollars when it is used to check Canada Thistle, Wild Morning Glory, Rag Jood and other such woods which are troublesome to farmers. A meeting of all wood commissioners was held in Wisconsin. Rapids during the past summer to better acquaint these officers with the wood laws and to help them enforce the law. More meetings of this kind will undoubtedly be held during the year 1947, and it is hoped that all wood commissioners as well as farmers themselves will give greater attention to the lesses resulting from woods.

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FARM LABOR - During the past summer and early fall city youth were recruited for local canning factories. More than 300 boys and girls and women were registered to pick beans. This was a greater number than was needed at any one time because of the dry weather conditions which prevented beans from developing rapidly. However, an attempt was made to give each person who registered an equal opportunity to help out in the bean harvest. All of these who were recruited gathered at the Market Square and were transported by bus to the bean fields. This arrangement seemed to work cut satisfactorily for all concorned.

For the cranberry harvest workers were also recruited to aid in raking cranberries on the marshes, truck driving and sorting at the warehouses. Through the cooperation of the surrounding county agricultural agents, and the Wood county extension service more than 200 men and women were registered so that it was possible to cancel all contracts for foreign workers. Cranberry growers reported that they had good success with the harvest.

, <u>FARM ORGANIZATIONS</u> - During the past summer and fall various farm organization meetings were attended. These meetings consisted of Farm Bureau, Production Credit Association, AAA, Soil Conservation Service and Farm Loan Association, in addition to local 4-H club meetings.

SELECTIVE SERVICE AND VETERANS TRAINING - At the request of the Local Selective Boards, investigations were made to determine the farming status of young men who were applying for deferment for farm work.

Advise and counsel was given to veterans who have returned to the farm. This was in the nature of assistance by which many of them are now enrolled in a veterans on the farm training program. This program is under the direction of vocational agricultural instructors. Cooperation was given to the veterans training committee at Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield. At present there are 20 returned war veterans receiving on the farm training in South Wood county and more than 20 receiving similar training in North Wood county.

<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> - Through the cooperation of the U.S.Fish and Wildlife Service and by contribution of \$600 made by the county board of supervisors, 1200 pounds of prepared rat poison was distributed free of charge to all persons who requested it on October 25th. Although it is difficult to determine with a fair degree of accuracy the results from such a project, it is certain that many rates have been destroyed and a great saving fealized.

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SOIL CONSERVATION - For the purpose of showing and explaining what the Soil Conservation Service is doing to assist farmers in the county, a

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number of field trips and meetings have been conducted in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service, vocational agricultural instructors and 4-H club members and farmers. On these educational tours the members of the Soil Conservation staff demonstrated how to take soil borings, showed differences in soil profiles and also explained the special drainage problems which we have in the county due to the nature of the subsoil which provides poor internal drainage. Mention was also made of the fact that many of the soils in the county were not adapted to alfalfa and corn, and consequently a better use of these soils could be made by the growing of small grain, hay and pasture crops.

The Soil Conservation Service through the contacts made on these tours are giving special attention to the farming programs of returned war veterans together with other requests. A tour was arranged for the benefit of the Wisconsin Rapids High School science class who were studying soil formation and other questions related to the soil.

A tour was also arranged with the county highway committee and the county agricultural committee for the purpose of explaining the need for more equipment to carry on the drainage and erosion control work in the county. All of those who participated in the tour were of the opinion that the drainage of Wood county soils as well as sheet erosion control were problems of high importance and both of the committees fully realized that to carry out this program to the satisfaction of Wood county farmers, more equipment should be made available. These men also believe that soil conservation is not an individual farm problem, but many times requires the cooperation of several farmers working together and cooperating with township and county officials.

Requests come in almost daily for help from the Soil Conservation

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Service. It appears that because of the large number of requests for complete soil conservation farm plans, that assistance for individual conservation practices will be very limited. During the year the Soil Conservation Service personnel with the cooperation of the district supervisors have completed the following work for Wood county farmers.

<u>Soil Conservation Plans</u> - Thirty six farm plans, including 4,612 acres and covering such items as proper land management, crop rotations, fertilizer recommendations and special practices such as terracing systems, and complete water disposal systems for drainage wore completed. The objective of the Soil Conservation Service was to develop a well coordinated farm program from the standpoint of good land use.

veyed by a scil surveyor for base maps for farm planning.

Strip Cropping - Forty acres of strip cropping for erosion control have been established in the county.

<u>Terracing</u> - Drainage type of terraces for erosion control have been built or completed on 11 farms for a total length of 28,015 feet.

Drainage - On 31 farms 72,270 feet of drainage of broad flat V-shaped ditches were constructed.

Drainage and Terrace Outlets - On 46 farms 104,400 feet of outlet ditches for outlet purposes on terracing and water disposal systems have been built.

<u>Diversions</u> - On six farms 5,295 feet diversions have been completed to prevent over drainage and thereby protect the land below diversions from erosion and flooding conditions.

Draimge Surveys - Nearly 80 farms have had surveys completed on 2,820 acres including 52,526 feet of profile for cutlet purposes.

<u>Contacts</u> - Over 400 contacts have been made giving technical advice on soil conservation practices.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	54
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Miles Traveled 78	25
Days Vacation	9
Days Sick Leave	0
	14
Days Devoted to Work with 4-H Clubs and Older Youth-	
	49
	24
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Number of Bulletins Distributed 4	
Number of Radio Talks	
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4-H Club Encampments Held	
	54
	47
Number in Attendance 13	14
Days of Specialists Help in County	16

Specialists from University of Wisconsin, College of Agriculture, and others assisting in Wood County Agricultural Extension Program.

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Bruce Cartter George Briggs

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WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR 1947

The following program of work has been adopted jointly for Wood county for 1947 by the county agricultural committee, county extension agents, and extension supervisor.

MAJOR PROBLEMS

PHASES OF WORK GOALS

RURAL ORGANIZATION

4-H Organization 1. Divide county into 3 districts with meeting of club representatives each month during fall and winter. 2. Increase enrollmet. of 4-H

Club ... ctivities 1. Promote wise selection of agricultural and home economics projects.

members.

2. Encourage every club member to participate in judging and demonstrations.

3. Encourage all 4-H club members to exhibit project at county fair, community fair or joint club fair.

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Older Rural Youth 1. Stimulate interest in communities for older youth groups. 2. Plan program of interest and value.

Homemakers Clubs

1. Increase Enrollmont . Home Demonstration club membership.

Farm Organizations 1. Assist in program planning

for all organizations.

Efficient Milk Production

1. At least 125. members in cooperative testing. 2. Meetings of DHIA and others to discuss dairy rations. 3. 4-H club dairy calf projectsencourage all members to select calves from cows with high record of production (discuss at club meetings)

4. Encourage pasture renovation on TV: farms.

5. Encourage raising of high protein feed (clover, ladino, soybeans). ...

Sanitary Milk Products

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1. Demonstrations of better milking practices (cooperate with high school agric. depts.)

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M'JOR PROBLEMS	PHASES OF WORK	GOLLS				
D.IRYING (Cont'd.)	Sanitary Milk Products	2. 4-H club demonstrations on various phases of quality milk production 3. County-wide meetings on Bangs and mastitis control.				
FERTILIZERS	TVA Test Farms	1. Continue 18 demonstration farms under balanced crop and livestock management.				
RURAL FAMILY LIVING	Foods and Nutrition	1. Provide information on food and nutrition for all family mombers.				
	Clothing	1. Encourage wise selection of clothing and assist with clothing construction for all family members				
	Health	1. Cooperate with health agencies to maintain and promote good health for all family members				
	Improve Farm Home	1. Provide information necessary for sewage disposal and running water.				
	Improve Home Grounds	1. Encourage improvement of home grounds.				
PROGR.M PLANNING	Survey Background in Townships	 Conduct discussion meeting in each township on program. Find facts relative to crop yields, population, living conditions compared to city. 				
	Contact Township Chair- men to Arrange for Discussion meeting in each Town	1. Plot trend by use of graphs.				
	Meet with Special Interest Groups	Breed Associations, Bee Producers, Central Breeders Ccoperative, Farm Organizations, Cranberry Growers, 4-H club leaders and members, Home Demonstration clubs.				
	Advisory Committee Meeting	1. Representatives from all parts of county 2. Representatives of rural organizations, vocational agric. teachers, homemaker and 4-H clubs.				
CONSERV.TION	Soil Conservation	Cooperate with SCS in educational meetings: Demonstrations to show methods of drainago: Test soil for all farmers and 4-H members on request: Assist all farmers in use of fortilizer.				
	Forestry	School forests, Shelterbelts, Reforestation.				

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