

THE VISITOR

Devoted to the Interests of Agricultural Education in Minnesota Schools

Volume XLII

October 1954

No. 4

HIGH SCHOOLS SERVE ADULT AND YOUNG FARMERS IN WINONA AREA

The following article was sent to us by Mr. Harry E. Peirce, vocational agriculture instructor, Winona High School, Winona, Minnesota. It is a reprint of an article which appeared in the August 13th issue of the Winona Daily News. The Visitor is grateful to Mr. Peirce and to the Winona Daily News.

High Schools Serve Adult and Young Farmers in Winona Area—Heading

“To give the farmer needed technical information that will enable him to do a more efficient job of farming,” is the objective of the 28 adult farmer evening classes being conducted in 28 Minnesota and Wisconsin communities surrounding Winona.

The objective of the 22 young farmer classes in these same communities is “to help these young men become established in farming.”

These objectives are being achieved through the efforts of the vocational agriculture departments of the various public high schools. In a recent survey covering 28 Minnesota and Wisconsin high schools in the Winona area it was found that 811 farmers and 359 young farmers were enrolled in evening classes that met regularly during the fall, winter and spring months. An average adult farmer class in this group consisted of 28 enrolled farmers meeting 14 times a year.

The typical young farmer class included 14 members that met on an average of 20 times during the year. These young farmers and adults meet with their vocational agriculture instructor in the local high school agriculture room. Here, through demonstrations, discussions, films, lectures and outside speakers they keep up to date in this complex business called farming.

They not only learn of new methods of agricultural production but through lively discussions they learn of good practical

methods their neighbors have tried and used successfully for years. Topics discussed at these meetings are determined by the needs of the individual community. Common topics in this area include all aspects of dairy husbandry, swine management, poultry management, farm records, orchard growing, farm and fire safety, grain and forage growing and others.

Lunch usually follows an adult class and often some sort of recreation follows a young farmer meeting. This policy helps the class members get better acquainted and also encourages further discussions on timely agricultural topics.

In the majority of the schools the regular vocational agriculture instructor conducts these classes in addition to his regular high school agriculture classes. However, in some schools there are additional instructors in charge of the evening classes.

In addition to conducting these evening classes the “ag” instructor visits the farms of his class members to better acquaint himself with the individual problems at hand. The entire program of class meetings, field trips, tours, farm visits, etc., is designed to reach as many young and adult farmers as possible.

The importance of securing a sound agricultural economy through better educated and consequently more efficient farmers has been recognized by the State and Federal governments as they continue to finance up to 75% of this program.

This program of agriculture education in no way conflicts with the extension program directed by the local county agent. Instead, every effort is made to coordinate all agricultural activities within each county so that as many farm folks, young and old, may be served.

By contributing this tremendous service to the local communities the public schools

VISITOR

Published quarterly during the calendar year in October, January, April, and July, by the Division of Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minn.

Entered as second-class matter at the post office at St. Paul, Minn., under the act of August 2, 1912.

Accepted for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized August 2, 1918.

THE STAFF

LAUREN GRANGER GORDON SWANSON
HARRY KITTS A. M. FIELD
M. J. PETERSON, *Editor*

are demonstrating once again the versatile methods by which they serve the people.

Schools taking part in the survey along with their respective enrollments in high school vo-ag, adult and young farmer, classes were:

Name of Town	High School Vo-Ag Enrollment	Adult Farmers Enrolled	Young Farmers Enrolled
Minnesota:			
Caledonia	43	11	0
Canton	46	20	0
Harmony	48	20	15
Houston	50	18	6
Lake City	54	15	5
Lanesboro	31	57	15
Lewiston	44	30	10
Mabel	51	10	9
Plainview	65	50	20
Preston	43	8	20
Rushford	37	30	18
St. Charles	70	122	11
Spring Grove ...	51	117	0
Wabasha	35	45	0
Winona	63	106	32
Wisconsin:			
Alma	42	25	13
Arcadia	62	13	16
Arkansasaw	50	20	30
Blair	60	20	0
Cochrane	30	25	12
Durand	55	0	31
Eleva-Strum	62	0	16
Galesville	80	0	28
Hixton	61	19	8
Osseo	61	11	18
Taylor	32	10	0
Trempealeau ...	35	9	10
Whitehall	50	0	16
Totals	1,411	811	359
Averages	50	29	13
MINNESOTA SCHOOLS (15)			
Totals	731	659	161
Average	49	37	11
WISCONSIN SCHOOLS (13)			
Totals	680	152	198
Average	52	12	17

AL DONAHOO TO GRAIN EXCHANGE

The Visitor extends its congratulations to the Minneapolis Grain Exchange as their program of cooperation with the public schools continues. The employment of Mr. Alvin W. Donahoo as educational director as of last September 1 is another forward step. To Mr. Donahoo the Visitor extends its best wishes for continued success and progress in carrying out the new responsibilities thus assumed.

During the past year Mr. Donahoo was employed as a staff member of the Department of Agricultural Education on a scholarship provided by the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. His work in developing materials of instruction in the field of grain marketing and his research program indicated the effectiveness of this type of activity.

Al Donahoo is widely known throughout Minnesota and Iowa for his work as an agriculture instructor and curriculum specialist in farm mechanics and in grain marketing. From 1950 to 1952 Mr. Donahoo was in Bolivia working with the Ministry of Education developing a training program for vocational agriculture teachers in that country. Prior to that he taught vocational agriculture in Iowa for five years and served in the United States Navy as an engineering officer.

Mr. Donahoo is no stranger to the Future Farmers of America since he earned the State Farmer degree while studying vocational agriculture in an Iowa high school. He also earned a Sears-Roebuck scholarship at Iowa State College for his work in the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Donahoo and his family will make their home in Minneapolis.

The Visitor believes that the Minneapolis Grain Exchange is on the right track in giving emphasis to assistance to schools in basic economic education. This is a service not only to the Grain Exchange and its members but to the schools and the public at large.

Directory of Vocational Departments of
 Agriculture for the School Year 1954-55

	Teacher of Agriculture	Teacher of Agriculture
Post Office		
Ada	A. L. McMahon	
Adams	Lloyd Hoberg	
Aitkin	John Soderlund	
Albany	H. B. Gilboe	
Angora	Robert G. Anderson	
Albert Lea	Donald Paulson, Lowell L. Ross, Melvin R. Salmela	
Alexandria	Clarence Hemming, A. A. Paciotti, Raymond Ahlfors	
Annandale	Elroy Homuth	
Anoka	H. C. Hammer	
Appleton	Norman Brakken	
Ashby	Keith Kapphahn	
Austin	Leland Arneson, Don Ritland, James Dice, Charles Painter, P. J. Holand	
Balaton	Wayne Flynn	
Barnesville	Clarence Ebert	
Barnum	Robert P. Johnson	
Battle Lake	Gordon Ferguson	
Baudette	Robert Borchardt	
Belgrade	Ervin DeMuth	
Bemidji	Leon Johnson, Dalton Seeling	
Bertha	Charles Scott	
Big Fork	Richard Anderson	
Blackduck	Esko Eskola	
Boyd	Leslie Hanson	
Braham	Myron Nelson	
Brainerd	E. A. Gray	
Brewster	Joe Keleher	
Brookston	John V. Reitz	
Browerville	Vernon Linn	
Buffalo	W. G. Streiff	
Butterfield	Don Bieberdorf	
Byron	Wallace McKay	
Caledonia	Donald Keith	
Cambridge	Willard E. Erickson	
Canby	Duane Englund	
Cannon Falls	Carl Ostrom	
Canton	Maynard Harms	
Chaska	Douglas Bade	
Chisago City	Alfred Heichel	
Clarissa	Elmer Fragodt	
Clarkfield	J. W. Nelson	
Clearbrook	M. E. Pfeifer	
Cleveland	Virgil Christensen	
Climax	George Nornes	
Clinton	Donald Frederick	
Comfrey	Clifford Benson	
Cook	Anthony Grebenc	
Cotton	Robert A. Stevenson	
Cromwell	R. L. Abrahamson	
Crosby-Ironton	W. A. Frey	
Danube	Ramsey Johnson	
Dassel	Milton Korpi	
Dawson	A. F. Dahlberg	
Deer River	Raymond Anderson	
Delavan	Norm Haugaard	
Detroit Lakes	Omer Swanson, Clayton Olson	
Dodge Center	Marvin Thomsen	
Eagle Bend	Ray Collen	
Echo	Harold Knudson	
Eden Valley	Gerald Herbert	
Post Office		Teacher of Agriculture
Elbow Lake		Gunnar Berquist
Elk River		R. G. Kezele
Embarass		E. J. Takala
Evansville		Dennis Lehto
Eveleth		W. J. Ryan
Fairfax		Frank Dalke
Fairmont		J. H. Tschetter
Faribault	Layton Hoysler, Paul Marvin	
Farmington		Martin Korsman
Felton		Lester Kylo
Fergus Falls		E. J. Halverson
Fertile		A. C. O'Banion
Fisher		Robert V. Nygaard
Floodwood	Ralph Zauhar, Harold Andrews	
Foley		Ignatius Brady
Forest Lake	Lee Sandager, Harold Paulson	
Fosston	Ley Kahl, Leland Frederick	
Franklin		Edwin Lentz
Frazee		Lambert Schilling
Freeborn		LeRoy Asche
Garden City		Verl Rollings
Gaylord		Leo Lick
Gibbon		Rodney Lewis
Glencoe		A. G. Sandahl
Goodhue		Ed Sand
Graceville		Earl Koerberl
Grand Meadow		Herman Winkels
Grand Rapids		Gerhard Erickson
Granite Falls		J. G. Undlin
Greenbush		Alan Dalen
Grove City		Virgil Hawkinson
Halstad		Peter Fog
Harmony		Edward Harms
Hastings	Ernest Palmer, Marvin Himango	
Hawley		Truman Tillerias
Hayfield		Russell Scott
Hector		James Swanson
Henderson		Francis Zupfer
Hendrum		Allen Slinde
Henning		Darrell Sand
Herman		Robert Underwood
Hibbing		Sulo Ojakangas
Hills		Wendell Erickson
Hinckley		Richard Mitton
Hitterdal		William Fischer
Hopkins		H. W. Firmage
Houston		George Schoen
Hutchinson		R. W. Eberhart
Iron (Cherry H. S.)		Charles Malovrh
Isle		Wayne Haglin
Jackson		Donald Doll
Karlstad		Howard Hansen
Kelliher		Peter Reuter
Kennedy		Einar Palm
Kenyon		John Shelstad
Kimball		Lowell Doebbert
Lake Benton		Heimer Swanson
Lake City		Kenneth Byrne
Lake Crystal		Ernest Freier
Lakefield		LeRoy Mielke
Lakeville		Marvin Merbach
Lancaster		Earl Northouse
Lanesboro		D. Daniel Garry
LeCenter		Erling Rongli
LeSueur		Howard Knobloch

	Teacher of Agriculture	Post Office	Teacher of Agriculture
Post Office			
LeRoy	Wallace Shodean	Red Wing	C. R. Forsline
Lewiston	Gordon Jacobson	Redwood Falls	Ben Broberg
Lindstrom	Robert Rohner	Renville	John Husby
Litchfield	Joe Duncomb	Rochester	W. O. Woodman
Little Falls	William Fortman, J. V. Raine	Roseau	Joseph Freeman
Littlefork	Wilho Kemp	Rosemount	Allan F. Cook
Long Prairie	Noel Hatle	Rush City	Harlan Hasslen
Luverne	Garland Anderson	Rushford	William A. Ruf
Mabel	William P. Dreschel	St. Charles	Frank P. Tolmie
Madelia	Malcolm Brandt	St. Clair	Loyal W. Joos
Madison	Dwight Quam	St. Cloud	E. J. O'Connell
Mankato	Harold Sandhoff	St. James	Gene Bonzer
Maple Lake	Karl Maki	St. Peter	Clarence Dowling
Marietta	Harold Sorkness	Sacred Heart	Marlin Rygh
Marshall	Loyal J. McCann	Sanborn	Layton Peters
McIntosh	John Polley	Sandstone	Donald Larsen
Meadowlands	Elias Ogann	Sauk Centre	Kayle Becker
Medford	Carl Ziebarth	Sauk Rapids	Paul Ivers
Melrose	Malcolm Bren, Harold Loyd	Sebeka	Orville Thomas, Delbert Harrington
Middle River	L. R. Ludtke	Sherburn	Norman Bartlett
Milaca	John R. Larson, Wallace Eklund	Slayton	John Larson
Milan	Darrell Willson	Sleepy Eye	Robert Novotny
Minneapolis (Roosevelt High School)	Clifford E. Luke	Springfield	Ronald G. Johnson
Minnesota Lake	Glenn Edin	Spring Grove	Boyd Anderson
Montevideo	R. E. Hubbard, Lyle Benson	Staples	William Olson, William Guelker
Montgomery	LeMar Ketelsleger	Stephen	Daniel Sullivan
Monticello	Clarence Roadfeldt	Stewart	Bernard Cranston
Moorhead	Leo Maattala	Stillwater	Raymond Erwin
Moose Lake	Edward Schwochert	Taylors Falls	Robert W. Anderson
Mora	Lawrence Nelson	Thief River Falls	Stanley Nelson,
Motley	Kenneth Ostlund	Jon Metusalem	
Mountain Lake	James Crawford	Thomsen Township (P. O. Esko)	George Saksa
Nevis	C. Perry Schenk	Tracy	Harlan Beucler, Morrell Seeds
New Prague	Peter Dylla	Triumph—Monterey (P. O. Triumph)	Bert Fuller
New Richland	Wayne Broecker	Two Harbors	William House
New Ulm	Winfield Forsberg, Edward Fier	Tyler	Donald Nelson
New York Mills	Clyde Schumway	Ulen	Lee Cutler
North Branch	Jack Steeves	Verndale	Einard Waisanen
Northfield	Ruben Hovland, Justin Feucht	Villard	Archie Holmes
Norhome	Clayton Bray	Wabasha	C. C. Hickman
Norwood—Young America (P. O. Norwood)	Clifford Thoreson	Waconia	Vernon Bruhn
Okabena	Emery Krech	Wadena	John Hill
Olivia	Odell Barduson	Warren	Hans Behrens
Ortonville	R. H. Hoberg	Warroad	John Anderson
Owatonna	Tom Raine, John Zwiebel	Watertown	Vernon Richter
Park Rapids	Orris Wibe	Waubun	Wayne Boisjolie
Paynesville	LeRoy Hillbrand	Wells	Don Baustian
Pelican Rapids	Dale Magnusson	Westbrook	Gordon C. Klause
Pemberton	LaVerne Sorenson	Wheaton	Selmer Kittelson
Perham	Carl Radke	Wilmar	Michael Cullen, Leonard Kodet
Pillager	Martin Klingenberg	Williams	Eugene E. Jourdan
Pine City	A. A. Hoberg	Willow River	Erwin Prachar
Pine Island	Elwood O. Wessman	Windom	Avison Francis
Pipestone	R. J. Knutson	Winnebago	Marvin Thiesse
Plainview	Paul Day	Winona	Harry Peirce, Jr., Glenn Anderson
Plummer	Lowell Gunderson	Winthrop	Harvey Jones
Preston	Morris Titrud	Wood Lake	Fred Sorenson
Princeton	R. L. Stende	Worthington	Kenneth Johnson, Walter Larson
Proctor	Cyril Milbrath	Zumbrota	Kenneth Monson