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Miss Blair to Go On Year's Leave

When Miss EVA L. BLAIR, acting state home demonstration leader, departs from University Farm for a year of sabbatical leave, three personnel changes will occur in the state staff.

Miss LOIS REID, clothing specialist, will become acting state home demonstration leader in place of Miss Blair. Miss ANNA OLSON, who formerly served 10 years as home demonstration agent in Hennepin county, will be in charge of clothing work. Miss Olson resigned her position in Hennepin 3 years ago. Both Miss Reid and Miss Olson will assume their new duties September 1.

Miss INA B. ROWE of New York will come into the division to do the nutrition work Miss Blair has been handling. Miss Rowe, although not having been associated with the Minnesota Extension Service previously, did some canning work for the Ball company several years ago. She comes to University Farm from that company. She took her master's degree at Columbia University last spring.

Miss Blair will soon leave University Farm for a short vacation before she begins a year of study at Columbia University, New York.

"Handy Gandy" Invents Machine

It isn't "Handy Andy," but "Handy Gandy," otherwise known as E. S. GANDRUP, Pipestone county agent, who has invented the Gandy land measuring instrument.

Designed to materially reduce the cost of measuring land the instrument consists of a measuring wheel and a protractor stand. One revolution of the wheel, when pushed across the ground, measures one rod. A revolution counter keeps tab of the number of rods covered. The wheel can be quickly detached from the protractor stand and mounted easily on the front, rear or side of an automobile when taken from farm to farm. The stand is used as a handle to push the wheel when not being used for the protractor.

"Gandy's" combination one-rod measuring wheel and protractor stand has received the approval of the Minnesota State Soil Conservation committee.

A. B. NYSTROM, extension dairyman from the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., in charge of the territory in which Minnesota is located, stopped here July 17 while crossing from Wisconsin to the Dakotas. He reports that the department is setting up an individual cow record system in Washington for Dairy Herd Improvement Association cows. Cow testers will be asked to ear tag all animals and association herds that do not car-

Coming Events

September 5-12	Minnesota State Fair
September 24-27	4-H Conservation Camp, Itasca Park
Sept. 28-Oct. 4	Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa
October 10-18	National Dairy Show, Dallas, Texas
October 14-15	Red River Valley Dairymen's Show, Crookston
October 20-23	State Extension Conference
November 9-12	Junior Livestock Show, So. St. Paul
November 28	Twin City Milk Producers Association Meeting, St. Paul
Dec. 28-30	State Farm Bureau Meeting, St. Paul
Dec. 28-Jan. 1	Farm and Home Week
January 16-18	State Agricultural Society Meeting, St. Paul
February 10	Central Co-Operative Association Meeting, St. Paul

Unless otherwise specified, events listed will take place at University Farm.

ry federal ear tags. Heifer calves will also be tagged as soon as they are born for which identification papers will be sent to Washington. The method will enable the Washington department to assemble proved bull, dam and daughter comparisons on all bulls used in association herds and will in time provide complete data for herd analyses and selection of high producing female families. In cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A. farm account record books are being issued for Dairy Herd Improvement herds.

A special report form to be used in the selection of winning 4-H clubs in a national 4-H program of social progress is very similar to one used by the Minnesota Extension Service for several years to select the state's most typical club. The Minnesota record book was drawn up by T. A. ERICKSON, state club leader.

The national program for social progress is sponsored by the Radio Corporation of America and its services, the latter of which include the National Broadcasting company and RCA Victor. The social progress contest is based on the number and character of the social or extra activities carried on by 4-H clubs with stress on the extent and results of social activities of the club and project achievements.

FRANK DVORACEK, 23-year-old son of DANIEL C. DVORACEK, extension marketing specialist, was graduated from the University department of journalism at the end of the first summer session. He is the eldest of Mr. and Mrs. Dvoracek's children. Before entering the University, he attended John Marshall high school. KATHERINE DVORACEK, who year before last took her freshman work at the University, will go to Arkansas soon where she will enter the University of Arkansas for her sophomore year.

W. A. PETERS, who left an agent post in Lyon county in 1933 to assist in administration of the AAA programs at University Farm, has been made rural youth specialist to carry on the work started by L. A. Churchill. Bill's initial "outburst" to the youth members, printed in the current Pioneer Rouser, is on the subject of music which will be a strong feature of his work with the groups throughout the state.

Lohman Is Named New Jersey Head

Miss RUTH LOHMAN, Minnesota woman who has just completed 9 months' study with the United States Department of Agriculture, has been appointed a county home demonstration agent in New Jersey.

Miss Lohman was awarded the 1935 Payne scholarship which affords the opportunity to study our government at close hand and to contact and study under leaders of agriculture. In addition to her study of legislative procedure, Miss Lohman did specialized research work in food preservation methods and prepared a thesis on suggested methods of teaching the conservation of wild life through 4-H clubs.

A recent issue of The Cooperative Journal, the national magazine for farmers' cooperatives, published at Richmond, Virginia, devotes its "Editorial of the Month" to excerpts from an address of SUPERINTENDENT J. O. CHRISTIANSON of the School of Agriculture, given before the last annual meeting of Land O' Lakes creameries. The editorial is a plea for recognition of some of the intangible values as against deciding all questions on the basis of "financial statements, index figures, and turnover reports. Government of a political body or a cooperative organization," the editorial says, "should not be in a place of central authority alone, but should be in the heart and home of every individual."

HAROLD R. LEWIS, extension publicity specialist, spent the week of August 10 visiting counties included on the itinerary of the federal extension photographer who is to work in Minnesota August 18-21. Mr. Lewis will travel with the photographer and conduct details of the "shooting."

S. B. CLELAND, extension farm management specialist, was in Washington about 10 days during the month where he did some rural resettlement work.

HARRIET SAUERBRUNN, member of the stenographic office staff, returned to work recently after having been absent since April because of illness.

U Farm Extension Rates in Review

Minnesota's extension division rated a sizable amount of space in the July issue of Extension Service Review, published monthly by the extension service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In the department "My Point of View," H. J. AASE, St. Louis county agent, discusses what brings success to 4-H club work. In the same department Miss MAY SONTAG, now a member of the state 4-H staff, tells how, when she was home demonstration agent in Mower county, a score sheet was provided to help 4-H clubs check themselves on attendance, business, program and recreation.

On page 110 Minnesota's most typical 4-H club is given considerable space. The article explains the workings of the Minnesota system and what the Hill City 4-H club of Aitkin county did to be selected as this year's most typical.

The dairy herd improvement news letter put out by RAMER LEIGHTON, extension dairyman, each month is cited for its very effective cover. The cover tells graphically how the "searchlight" of cow testing will write a welcome story in herd record books.

After 2 years with the state AAA headquarters as compliance supervisor, W. A. PECK returned July 1 to his regular work with the Market Agencies, South St. Paul. Whereas, for several years Mr. Peck's main job had been the promotion of tuberculosis testing of cattle, he will now work mainly on the "stop-loss" program which has been started to encourage not only disease control, but better marketing and handling methods for livestock. Mr. Peck recently was a casualty in an auto accident, his machine colliding with one driven by two ladies. Some broken ribs have now repaired satisfactorily.

ROBERT FREEMAN, JR., son of AGENT ROBERT FREEMAN of Ramsey county, has gone to Connecticut Agricultural college where he will use a \$600 scholarship awarded by the National Dairy and Ice Cream Machinery Supplies association. Freeman was a member of the Minnesota dairy products judging team which won the scholarship at the National Dairy Show and was later selected as the individual to receive it. He was graduated from the College of Agriculture at University Farm in June.

THEODORE FENSKE, assistant professor on the staff of the West Central School of Agriculture, Morris, spoke before a meeting of South St. Paul Kiwanis August 6. Fenske is district lieutenant-governor of the Kiwanis and has 13 organizations under his supervision.

MISS RUBY CHRISTENSON, rural youth agent, has recovered from an appendicitis operation to which she submitted July 16 in an Albert Lea hospital.

AITKIN. Agent A. R. Rollin says agricultural extension agents should spend some time occasionally in impressing their public that the University experiment station and branch stations play a paramount rôle in advancing Minnesota's agriculture. Mr. Rollin makes this assertion after conducting 56 Aitkin county folks in chartered buses to the annual Field and Crops Day at the Grand Rapids station, July 25.

BIGSTONE. Agent C. A. Benton reports his county as one of those to reorganize home demonstration work after a lapse of over 10 years. Miss Eva L. Blair, acting state home demonstration leader, conducted an organization meeting at Ortonville on July 17. The goal is 16 organized groups.

DAKOTA. This county was one of two in Minnesota selected for a check-up of older club members. Ray Turner, 4-H field agent for the Federal Extension Service, and E. H. Shinn, also from the Washington office, spent two days with Agent H. L. Lawrenz and Virginia Dose, county club worker, visiting 40 young men and women who were 4-H club members during the period 1920 to 1925.

FREEBORN. A pageant, "Spirit of American Music," presented by 4-H clubs of the county, brought visitors from Cottonwood, Waseca and Mower counties to Albert Lea August 1. Three thousand people saw the 4-H'ers depict scenes which traced the history of music in our country, from the days of the Pilgrims, down through the "Bicycle Built for Two" days of the nineties, to the present day.

FREEBORN. Agent Thora V. Eglund represented the Minnesota Home Demonstration Agents' association at the National Extension Preconvention at Granite Falls, Washington, and the National Home Economics association convention at Seattle in July. In her monthly report, she summarizes the outstanding things about these meetings and winds up by saying, "This surely was a worthwhile convention. It gave one a very good outlook as to what the whole extension program is. One is likely to forget that the way things are done at home is not the only way to do them."

GOODHUE. Mrs. Evelyn Sell, home agent, says organization work for one group in child development was effected at a Sunday picnic in Red Wing, July 12. Conferences with all group leaders were held late in July with Mrs. Belle Osborn Fish attending.

G. J. Kunau reports the only insect outbreak of consequence in southern Minnesota for July—this being a light infestation of chinch bugs in one township. Since grain was ripe, little damage was done, as farmers pro-

• • • FRANK DOUGLASS, former agricultural extension agent in Stevens county, as "co-runner-up" for golf championship honors among Minnesota editors. He tied with Editor Grove Wills of Eveleth for second honors in the annual Minnesota Editorial Association golf tourney held recently at Alexandria. Douglass made a 171 total for 36 holes against the 165 of the winner, Ted Burgess, of the Dawson Sentinel. Frank turned editor last spring, entering partnership with his father-in-law on the Lakefield Standard in Jackson county.

FLASHES from AFIELD

ceeded to harvest immediately. In only one case did the bugs move into corn, and here advice was given on protecting the field with plowed furrows and creosote.

ITASCA. Two hundred members of the home improvement project received a news letter during July from Agent Artaxa Denniston. Drouth has interfered with this project for some members. At present, emphasis is on improvements to the home itself with special attention to checking fire hazards about the farm. Many homes will install fireproof chimneys this year.

JACKSON. Root rot and stem rot of barley played havoc with fields grown from untreated seed, Ross L. Huntsinger relates in his July report. Observations during harvesting and threshing showed several fields with barely 10 per cent of the original stand, while many showed at least 20 per cent of damage. In no case was serious damage reported on treated fields. Several seed growers have requested that a hot water barley treating plant be set up next spring.

MAHNOMEN, ETC. A joint 2-day dairy team training school was arranged by a group of agents in west central Minnesota counties including Mahnomen, Clay, East Polk, Wadena, and Todd. Instructions in judging dairy cattle were given by E. A. Hanson, dairy extension specialist, University Farm. Participants report a thorough instruction and a most interesting worth while two days' study of dairy problems.

MCLEOD. Ben Fischer, county agent, reports that bids were let for the first 110 miles of rural electrification line construction during the latter part of July. Considerable variation was found between the low and high bids on identical specifications. It is anticipated that actual construction will start during August.

MEEKER. County Agent Ralph Wayne reports the dedication, August 7, of Minnesota's first cooperative rural electric line with special ceremonies in which Morris L. Cooke, national REA administrator, and E. A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau, participated. The Meeker county co-operative, organized by the Meeker county Farm Bureau, was the first in Minnesota to receive REA approval and a loan from Washington, D. C.

MOWER. July 10 marked the closing of the cooperative lime-crushing proj-

• • • JOHN SHEAY, former Scott county agent, was granted his master's degree in agricultural economics at the first summer session graduation ceremonies.

• • • MISS HELEN PALYO, extension mailing clerk, planned to enter Eitel hospital, Minneapolis, about August 20 for an appendectomy.

• • • RUTH BAKKE, formerly in the extension stenographic room, now located in Washington, D. C., visited here recently.

ect through which 150 farmers were supplied with 3,883 tons of crushed lime. Agent F. L. Liebenstein says this project ended as a success from the standpoint of both the farmers who got the lime and the county commissioners who cooperated with relief labor.

NICOLLET. Agent Myrtle Bang reports arrangements made for a series of conferences of women keeping home accounts at which summaries were to be made of the preceding 6 months and members assisted with individual problems. One home chairman, who is keeping farm accounts as well as household accounts, spent 5 weeks of May and June in a hospital. During her absence, her husband kept an accurate record of expenditures so that her records might be complete. In fact, the gentleman has become so interested that he wants a complete year's account.

NOBLES. Kathleen Flom, county 4-H leader, reports a very fine country achievement day, the girls doing very well in their demonstrations and many mothers being present. At noon the Worthington Globe photographed the demonstrators and printed the picture in the paper before the girls went home. The paper carried a full page of stories and pictures on club work.

OLMSTED. Agent Ray Aune says that eight of the county's 24 4-H clubs held tours this year. Most of them were conducted in July.

OTTER TAIL (WEST). In a survey conducted by Assistant County Agent Bob Jacobs and others in West Otter Tail county, to determine the occupations of people who were 4-H club members between 1920 and 1928, some interesting history was uncovered. Former 4-H club members are now county agents, home demonstration agents, oil station owners, county 4-H club leaders, farmers and farmer wives, and one is a doctor. Many of the former 4-H club members are now assisting with 4-H club work as local

leaders. In five cases, boys and girls who became acquainted through 4-H club work married and each of the five couples are now farming. One or more children is reported in each home.

POLK (EAST). Potato certification continues to grow in favor with potato growers, reports County Agent Rudolph Stolen. From 15 growers certifying in 1933, the number increased to 50 in 1935, with approximately the same number certifying in 1936. Several growers are regularly growing high quality certified seed potatoes each year and have developed a reputation for raising a quality product.

RED LAKE. Ernie Palmer, county agent, reports the organization of a county Farm Bureau association, with 260 members. E. R. Satterly is president and Howard Hofius, secretary. Township units have been organized in several of the communities.

ROSEAU. Progress has been made in Bang's disease control work. During the last 2 weeks in June, 11 veterinarians tested 9,564 head of cattle for Bang's disease, with 172 reactors. This represents a 1.6 per cent infection. All the applicants for the Bang's test have now had their herds checked.

Four-H club members in Roseau county have gone in for gardening in a big way. In spite of the dry season, the exhibits at the fair were outstanding, according to John Jensen, county agent. More than 80 exhibits from 4-H club gardens were shown.

SHERBURNE. Every 4-H club in the county has held a tour this year, the series being completed in July, reports Agent C. E. Stower. Aside from the interest aroused through visiting each other, club members get advice and aid in their project work and the tours also offer opportunity to check up on members who are "slipping."

SWIFT. Emergency County Agent H. W. Soderburg and his 4-H boys and girls made an exceptional showing at the 4-H encampment at Morris. Swift was the only one of the 15 counties in the district to win two plaques and placed second to Stevens, the host county, in total points. The grand championship plaque was awarded to Stevens and the championship plaque to Swift.

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