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Miller, Silcox at Outlook Conference

Two Minnesota extension staff members, MISS MARY MAY MILLER and W. BRUCE SILCOX, conferred in Washington, D.C., during the month with representatives of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and other agricultural colleges in preparation for the national outlook.

In a special session given over to cooperative marketing, Mr. Silcox discussed the status of the county cooperative councils in Minnesota, with special emphasis given to the problems which these councils have faced during their period of organization and operation. Miss Miller discussed consumers projects as carried on in Minnesota, emphasizing a project, carried on in Minneapolis and St. Paul and one conducted in Faribault county concerned with financial planning, account keeping and consumer problems. Miss Miller also conferred with home management specialists in four other states at a Consumer's Council luncheon.

The report prepared at the conference by the various representatives indicates that the demand for farm products in 1937 will probably be appreciably greater than in 1936. Although some improvement in foreign demand may be anticipated, most of the prospective improvement arises from the expected increase in domestic demand, Mr. Silcox states.

Industrial production is expected to be about 10 per cent higher in 1937 than in 1936. The commodity price level looks to be slightly higher, and it is probable that the national income will be 10 per cent higher in 1937.

The combined effect of improved demand and shorter supplies of some farm products will probably result in higher prices for such products, particularly during the first half of 1937 as compared with the same period in 1936. Adaptation of the national report to Minnesota conditions is now being prepared.

County Agents, HDA's Elect

Officers of the Home Demonstration Agents and County Agents associations were elected for 1936-37 at meetings held during the annual extension conference.

Heading the home demonstration agents the next year will be MISS MAYBELLE GAME of Faribault county. Vice-president of the association is MRS. EVELYN SELL, Goodhue county, treasurer is MISS THORA EGLAND, Freeborn county and secretary is JOSEPHINE BURKETT, Brown county.

GEORGE LARSON of Chisago county is the newly elected president of the County Agents association. J. A. SALISBURY, Kittson county, was named vice-president. RAY AUNE, Olmsted county, was elected secretary-treasurer by the county agents.

Coming Events

Nov. 27-Dec. 4	National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago
November 28	Twin City Milk Producers Association Meeting, St. Paul
Nov. 28-Dec. 5	International Livestock Exposition, Chicago
Dec. 28-30	State Farm Bureau Meeting, St. Paul
Dec. 28-Jan. 1	Farm and Home Week
Jan. 7-Mar. 4	Creamery Operators' Short Course
January 16-18	State Agricultural Society Meeting, St. Paul
February 8-12	Red River Valley Shows and Northwest Farmers Week, Crookston
February 10	Central Co-Operative Association Meeting, St. Paul
March 5	Farm Structures Conference

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

Miss Sarah Cina Named to Itasca

MISS SARAH CINA this month assumed her duties as home demonstration agent for Itasca county, announces M. LOIS REID, acting home demonstration leader.

MISS CINA was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1933 and has since taken graduate work during summer sessions. Following her graduation, she has served as home economics instructor in rural St. Louis county and Ely and for a time as adult education leader in St. Louis county. Miss Cina succeeds Miss Artaxa Denniston who has accepted a position in the extension service of South Dakota.

A. E. ENGBRETSON, assistant district county agent, and K. A. KIRKPATRICK, Hennepin county agent, were official representatives at the dedication of the new Center for Continuation Study building on the main campus November 13 and 14. Mr. Engebretson was representative from the extension division and Mr. Kirkpatrick from the county agent's association. About 75 representatives of civic, cultural, and professional organizations were represented during the dedication ceremonies.

EVA L. BLAIR, home demonstration staff member now on leave, has been elected treasurer of the Rural Education Club at Teachers College, Columbia University. Miss Blair is studying for the degree of master of arts in the field of educational sociology. She is a member of the Graduate Club and the Hellen Kinne Club of Teachers college.

L. A. CHURCHILL, county agent leader, left University Farm November 4 to begin a tour of several states to study the rural youth movement. His itinerary included Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. On November 10 he attended a rural youth conference at Bloomington, Ill.

MISS MARY MAY MILLER, extension home management specialist, spoke on "Home Economics in Rural Electrification" during the annual convention of the Minnesota Education Association at the request of the program directors.

Staff Members Attend Meet

Four University Farm staff executives are attending the fifteenth annual convention of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities at Houston, Tex., November 16 to 18. These persons include W. C. Coffey, dean and director; F. W. Peck, director of agricultural extension; E. M. Freeman, dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics; Miss Wylle B. McNeal, chief of the home economics division.

On Monday, November 16, Dean Coffey addressed "New Research Fields to be Developed in the Agricultural Experiment Stations." He also served on a committee on instruction in agriculture and one on home demonstration work, and on a joint committee of Land Grant institutions and the United States Department of Agriculture dealing with projects and the correlation of research.

Miss McNeal was scheduled to lead a round table discussion in the home economics section and acted on a committee for the rating of professional schools. Dean Freeman was a member of the committee on graduate work and addressed a joint session the evening of November 17. Earlier the same day he participated in a symposium on student counselling for the sub-section on resident teaching.

Jones Thanks You

J. S. JONES, secretary of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation and guiding hand of the junior livestock show, who was injured severely in a recent automobile accident, sends his thanks for a gift of two books which extension workers sent him when they were at University Farm for the annual conference.

Mr. Jones writes to W. A. BILLINGS who took the books to him: "At the time you so hurriedly dropped into the hospital the other day and left a package on my tray, I did not know what it was all about. I have had ample opportunity to find out since. I remember you said there was one book that you were skeptical about—the detective story. It has not only been read by me but has been making the rounds of the hospital and is in great demand. We have not yet found the murderer.

"However, . . . I want to express to you and the people who are responsible for remembering me so beautifully my gratitude and appreciation of this remembrance on the part of my many friends in the Extension Division. These books are helping me pass away many minutes that are otherwise too long."

Cass county, whose EXTENSION AGENT OSCAR NELSON has been working on an emergency basis, has been transferred over to a permanent basis in extension work.

• • • "Any agent who is dubious about the possibilities of a rural youth organization helping his county program of works is hereby requested to get in touch with one of the officers of the Wright County Country Life Association for a report of its activities during the past month," COUNTY AGENT E. W. AITON says. This group, with only a very scanty bit of supervision from the agent, sponsored three extremely successful 4-H achievement nights with a total attendance of 650. Mr. Aiton says an unusual amount of executive ability was shown by the various committees in charge of the programs. The affairs were held at Howard Lake, Maple Lake and Monticello.

• • • Blue Earth county has inaugurated a new and unusual home demonstration project, says M. LOIS REID, acting home demonstration leader. Called "Living in the Home," special emphasis is placed on the features in the home that will promote health, comfort, enjoyment of the family group, and the social life of the family. MRS. BELLE O. FISH, specialist in child development, will assist MISS CLARA FARSTAD at the open meeting. Mrs. Fish will discuss "The Family that Lives in the Home." E. M. HUNT, extension horticulturist, will conduct two of the meetings on the "Use of the Family's Yard," and the "Yard Around the Home." Fifty-one groups are organized for this activity.

• • • "What Do You People Think Should Be Included in the Faribault County Program of Extension Work for 1937," was the question which was discussed by extension workers, farm people and representatives of a number of organizations in an all-day meeting November 6. From U. Farm DIRECTOR F. W. PECK, L. A. CHURCHILL, A. E. ENGBRETSON, M. LOIS REID, and A. J. KITTLESON were invited to be present.

• • • The famous phrase, "Let us look at the records," is defunct politically, says COUNTY AGENT GEORGE A. KING, but not for Carver county club work in 1936. His records, on October 2, show that of the 329 boys and girls enrolled in club projects, completions had been received from 301 members. Which makes a 91 per cent completion and a 20 per cent increase over completions in 1935.

AITKIN. COUNTY AGENT A. R. ROLLIN reports that the eighth annual turkey tour and banquet in Aitkin was held with 63 cars making up the tour. Three hundred people were in attendance, and 25,000 birds were inspected during the day.

BENTON. COUNTY AGENT ELMER ISAKSEN tells of the success of a program to obtain farmers who wished to have their cattle tested for Bang's disease. Cards were issued to each farmer in the county, and 200 replied, asking for agreements, most of whom were farmers whose herds had not been tested before. The actual work of taking the blood tests began October 22 and about 90 agreements have been completed.

CHISAGO. The county agricultural planning committee, comprising 25 representative Chisago farmers, held two meetings in October for the purpose of discussing a suitable agricultural program for the various types of soil in the county. J. B. McNULTY, farm management specialist, met with the group to aid in outlining the program.

GOODHUE. COUNTY AGENT G. J. KUNAU reports that Goodhue held its first amateur contest with 25 people participating. A Welch instrumental trio, consisting of an accordion, musical saw and guitar was judged the winner. The winning trip will represent the county in a district contest.

HOUSTON. A series of lectures given by COUNTY AGENT HARRY McMAHON received good attendance in three townships, Wilmington, Spring Grove and Houston. Topics discussed during the month were: "Pasture Management," "Records of Performance as a Means for Livestock Improvement," and "Profitable Feeding Practices."

HUBBARD. Six rural groups have indicated that they will participate in the statewide rural one-act play contest, the finals of which will be presented during Farm and Home Week.

JACKSON. COUNTY AGENT ROSS L. HUNTSINGER says, "The extension conference supplied a world of material for use in the county while also giving some valuable hints toward improvement in method. Of special value to those who attended, the 'round tables' should be used again. They were worthwhile for the opportunity of presenting and comparing practices in various counties."

KITTSO. The Bang's disease control work continues to make progress, and approximately 100 new herds were covered by agreement and tested during September. The test included 6,600 head of cattle; of this number there were 150 reactors.

LAC QUI PARLE. WAYNE WEISER, county agent, reports 16 4-H club boys enrolled in the tree growing contest in Lac qui Parle county during the past year. This contest was sponsored by the Madison Kiwanis Club. The project was judged this fall and the awards made to the winners at the 4-H annual achievement meeting. Each member picked considerable green ash seed this fall. Some fall plantings were made and others will plant in the spring. The project will be continued during 1937. It is hoped to increase the enrollment in this project during the coming year.

FLASHES from AFIELD

LYON. Four-H re-enrollments are coming in well, the agent announces. Seventy-five boys and girls have enrolled in a total of 144 projects. During the hunting season the 4-H'ers interested themselves in the conservation of pheasants and sold and posted "hunting by permission" signs.

MCLEOD. More than 50 miles of poles have already been erected in McLeod county, and wires are to be strung immediately in connection with the REA project. Progress has been a little slow as there were many obstacles to overcome, locally as well as in Washington. It is hoped to complete the first block of 120 miles during the fall and early winter. In the meantime, preparations are going through for developing plans and specifications for the second block.

MEEKER. Rural electrification work continues to be a major project in Meeker county in which very satisfactory progress has been made. Poles have been set and lines strung for 175 miles. It is anticipated that customers on these lines will be served with current about November 15. Bids have been received for the construction of the second section of approximately 75 miles of line. It is anticipated that a good deal of this will be constructed before the first of the new year. Plans and specifications are also being completed. It is estimated that complete progress in the county will include over 200 additional miles of line and the entire project will include at least 450 miles when completed. It is anticipated that the project will give electricity to approximately 1,200 farm homes in Meeker county.

MOWER. ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT C. G. POWELL reports early 4-H club reorganization work. Practically all Mower clubs met to prepare for reorganization and enrolling of new members for next year's program of work. It is planned to have all clubs reorganized before the first of the year.

NICOLLET. E. M. NELSON, county agent, reports that 114.26 acres of land have been covered by a power sprayer this past season in eradication of bindweed and leafy spurge. The treatment was applied too late to make known whether a 100 per cent kill was made, but it is certain that the infestation of these weeds was considerably thinned out. If a continuation of the work is permitted, it is expected that the acreage of creeping jenny and leafy spurge will be completely cleaned out.

NORMAN. Approximately twenty purebred Hampshire and Shropshire yearling rams were placed in Norman county this fall. These numbers were reported by COUNTY AGENT CARL G. ASH of Crookston and COUNTY AGENT GEORGE LANDSVERK of Ada.

NORTH ST. LOUIS. About 5,000 pounds of local clover and timothy seed were purchased for farmers in the burned over area, COUNTY AGENT AUGUST NEUBAUER states. The seed was bought at Cook and Markham and distributed by White township officials.

OLMSTED. The first cornhusking contest held in Olmsted county for several years was held with the Farm Bureau and the Stewartville Community club sponsoring in conducting it. A huge crowd estimated from 1,500 to 4,000 watched George Seehusen of High Forest township win the contest by husking a net of 26.7 bushels in 80 minutes.

PENNINGTON. The fifth annual ram exchange day was held at the county fair grounds at Thief River Falls on Saturday, October 17. Over 50 rams were brought in for sale or exchange, according to R. F. DOUGLASS, county agent. All of these were either sold or exchanged before the day ended. In building up this ram exchange, a circular letter was sent to every farmer in the county, telling him of the opportunity offered to exchange or purchase purebred rams. A special committee is being set up now to work on the ram exchange for the coming year.

POLK. Seventeen Hampshire ram lambs and one Corriedale were placed in West Polk county from a load shipped in by the Agricultural Department of the Great Northern railroad from Wyoming.

RED LAKE. One of the first year accomplishments of E. A. PALMER, county agent, was the re-organization of the Red Lake County Fair Association as a 4-H club fair. This was held this year as a one-day fair and approximately \$590 was awarded in cash prizes. In addition to showing the judging of the livestock exhibits, a 4-H club parade was staged, a special 4-H program was put on by the various organized clubs in the county, and the calf and lamb showmanship contests were conducted. A total of 1,500 people studied the exhibits, watched the judging, and took in the special activities.

RICE. A crowd estimated at around 10,000 people were spectators at the

Minnesota state cornhusking contest. COUNTY AGENT DON MARTI tells of the splendid cooperation of organizations in the county which aided The Farmer and Farm, Stock and Home in conducting the contest. Some 250 people were enlisted to serve in one official capacity or another.

ROSEAU. Bang's disease testing is still being continued. Eight veterinarians are back in the county re-testing for the disease. Thirteen hundred and two head of cattle have been tested so far in the re-test, now being completed.

SCOTT. WALLACE MILLER, county agent, states that the REA project is moving forward. Maps and survey sheets have been sent to Washington with an application for a grant of \$150,000 to build 150 miles of line for about 400 customers.

STEVENS. SIG MARTENSEN, County agent, in reporting on the hybrid corn trials for 1936, reports a total of 112.3 pounds of hybrid corn harvested from four plots as compared with 99.2 pounds of corn from local farm varieties from similar areas. He reports that the hybrid corn produced stronger stock, with earlier maturing ears and was less subject to smut. The earliness of the hybrid corn was probably a disadvantage this year because of heat and drouth.

WEST OTTERTAIL. R. E. JACOBS, assistant county agent, is planning the organization of various communities for the coming year. At the recent county program planning meeting, a committee composed of representatives of the Farm Bureau Units and Farmer's Clubs outlined a year round program. Plans were made for the exchange of talent between community organizations and for the setting up of better planned community programs, although as far as possible monthly programs that will fit into the country-wide program are being worked out jointly by the community organizations. A similar plan is being followed in Todd county. In this county a joint committee is being set up to foster better community organization on a somewhat similar basis to what the 4-H Club Council does in club work.

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