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County Service Sees Changes

Changes of personnel in county extension workers were numerous the past month.

DWIGHT M. GARNER, formerly assistant county agent in Anoka and Sherburne counties, went to Olmsted in a similar capacity the first of February. He had been working in Anoka and Sherburne since April, 1936. C. E. STOWER, who served as county agent in Sherburne since 1930 and in both Sherburne and Anoka counties since 1934, went to Nobles county February 15.

Succeeding WILLIAM WERNER, who resigned his post as Dodge county agent, is GRAHAM FULLER, a native of the Red River Valley country. His home was at Pembina, North Dakota. Mr. Fuller was graduated from the North Dakota Agricultural College in 1929, after which he was in the business of farming until 1934. Since 1934 he served as an emergency drouth director in Dunn county, North Dakota, assistant county agent in Benson county, North Dakota, and county resettlement supervisor of the latter county. He has also had experience as an official cow tester, 4-H club leader, as well as considerable training and community experience in dramatics and public speaking.

Into Winona county as the state demonstration agent went MISS MIL- extension service's first assistant home DRED BLANCH. Miss Blanch is a graduate of the division of home economics of the University of Minnesota, and has taught home economics at several Minnesota high schools. She took up her position as assistant early in February. She will undergo a period of extension training under HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT BEATRICE McGRATH and AGENT HAROLD PEDERSON. Through her appointment, Winona will be able to carry on even a more extensive program of extension work. Miss Blanch's home was at Kasson.

JOHN CURRELL, assistant county agent in Hennepin county for several years, has been appointed county agent for Anoka and Sherburne counties, the post previously filled by C. E. Stower.

PARKER O. ANDERSON was elected a member of the board of directors of the Minnesota Forestry association at its recent reorganization meeting held at University Farm. Established in 1876, the association was active in conservation work in the early days and was influential in the establishment of the state forest service and in the creation of the Minnesota National Forest. In recent years its activities were allowed to lapse. The aim of the association, as explained by Mr. Anderson who served as chairman of the reorganization committee, is to promote thought and united action along conservation lines in the state. The association's publication, *The North Woods*, is to be revived.

Coming Events

March 1-5	Greenskeepers Short Course
March 5	Farm Structures Conference
March 15-20	Ice Cream Manufacturers Short Course
March 15-20	Home Demonstration Agents' Conference
March 23-25	Horticulture Short Course
June 4	Annual Dairy Day
June 16-23	National 4-H Club Office, Washington, D.C.

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

Child Study Gets Results

As a result of the study of child development in the past 7 years, Minnesota women have reported that they not only understand children better but also themselves, their families, and their neighbors, according to BELLE OSBORN FISH, child development specialist.

"When they enrolled in the project," says Mrs. Fish, "they had thought they must put what they learned into practice on their children. They found, however, that the improved practices meant changes in themselves, and happier relationships in families resulted."

The leaders are trained to conduct discussions in their groups. Part of their meetings are given over to the new subject matter and part of it to informal discussion of family and community problems.

In order to make some concrete use of their knowledge of child growth, each group member selects an individual project which fits her own particular needs. The groups choose projects which will benefit children in their community, and make their communities better places in which children can grow.

Home demonstration agents have been able to give direct help to individuals and groups in working out their projects. Such help may consist of supplying patterns and directions for play equipment and children's furniture, help with organizing school lunches, planning a child's room, organizing health clinics, and many others. The benefits from such projects may not be counted in dollars, but better health and growth for children as well as greater family happiness and community cooperation are important accomplishments.

Numerous University Farm staff members gave discussions on the program of the fieldmen's conference of the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul. Among whom the extensioners were S. B. CLELAND on the farm management portion of the program, two extension agronomists, RALPH F. CRIM and W. W. BROOKINS on the farm crops program, and GEORGE H. NESOM and M. A. THORFINNSEN, who presented talks on the soils program.

FRANK J. BROWN attended a regional agricultural conservation meeting in Chicago recently.

Among the extension staff authors quoted in Extension Service Review for January is J. I. SWEDBERG, Watonwan county agent, who tells what Watonwan county bankers are doing in support of 4-H club baby beef work.

In the same issue, DIRECTOR F. W. PECK's comment on Minnesota's project in farm business planning is cited in an article touching on outstanding economic projects from the states.

HAROLD J. AASE, St. Louis county club agent, contributed a 2-page spread to the February issue of Agricultural Leaders Digest, consisting of several photographs and a description of miniature exhibits that St. Louis county has found very effective in telling the story of 4-H club work. In this same issue, INA B. ROWE, nutrition specialist of the home demonstration staff, appears as author of an item on pressure cookers.

MISS MAY SONTAG, state 4-H club agent, accompanied Minnesota's state champion pie baker to Chicago, February 21, where the champion, Miss Aili Jolanen of Aurora, St. Louis county, competed in the national cherry pie baking contest. The national contest was held on Washington's birthday. Miss Jolanen, now a student in the division of home economics at University Farm, kept in practice by baking an average of six pies weekly.

DIRECTOR F. W. PECK was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Aitkin Cooperative Creamery, at Aitkin, February 17. He will attend the Midwest Conference of Agriculture, Science and Industry in Omaha, Nebr., March 9 and 10. At this conference leaders in agriculture, science and industry will discuss, chiefly, how agricultural by-products are being and may be utilized.

JULIUS ROMNESS, who was assistant professor of agricultural engineering at University Farm, died January 22 following a paralytic stroke. Mr. Romness, well known to many extensioners, specialized in agricultural physics. He had given much attention to problems in rural electrification.

FARM MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST J. B. McNULTY discussed the outlook for sheep and wool at the annual Lamb Feeders' Day program held at the West Central School of Agriculture at Morris, January 27. Another University Farm staff member who was on the program was P. A. ANDERSON, specialist in sheep.

Valley 4-H Show Successful One

The 4-H show held during the Red River Valley Winter Shows at Crookston was one of the most successful ever conducted, according to H. A. PFLUGHOEFT, district 4-H club agent, who superintended the club division.

A team of three boys entered by AGENT W. H. OLSON from Hubbard county won the 4-H dairy livestock judging contest, and took into permanent possession the trophy presented by the Red River Valley Dairyman's association. AGENT GEORGE LANDSVERK's 4-H team from Norman county captured honors in the dairy demonstration contest.

Four-H honors in crops judging were won by the Clay county team. The team entered by AGENT DONALD PEET were all from Moorhead. Top placing 4-H poultry judges came from West Polk county. In general livestock judging, AGENT CLEMENT CHASES's team from Mahnomon, designated as Mahnomon "A", took first honors, competing with nine other teams. One of the winning teams members, Mervin Milsten of Mahnomon, was high scoring individual of the entire contest.

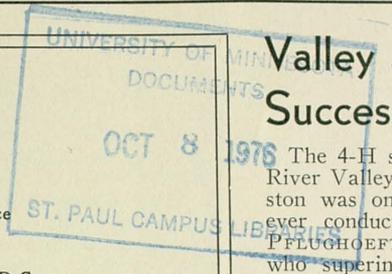
The 4-H livestock was too large to comment on fully here, except that Mr. Pflughoeft and other officials of the show commented on the quality of the animals and stated that this was the best baby beef show held at Crookston so far. Champion animal of the club show was shown by Robert Wurden of Fisher, Polk county. His Holstein heifer was named grand champion of the entire show. Clarence Sargent of Crookston, Polk county, showed the grand champion sheep, and Roy Boman of Syre, Norman county, showed the champion 4-H pig. To LeRoy Cournia, Crookston, Polk county, went honors for showing the grand champion beef animal.

District winner in a tree planting project, was Orville Gysland, Gary, Norman county, who was judged first in third year tree planting. He was awarded a medal by the Red River Valley Development association.

Other individual winners were Jack Hirst, Euclid, Polk county, winner of the beef fitting contest; John Hulteen, Clearbrook, Clearwater county, first in sheep showmanship; Lowell Rife, Eldred, Polk county, pig showmanship contest winner. LeRoy Cournia won the junior livestock showing contest.

H. G. ZAVORAL, extension animal husbandman, was one of the featured speakers on the livestock program of the University of Wisconsin Farm and Home Week, February 1, 2, and 3. He spoke on sheep feeding and management.

DR. F. J. ALWAY, head of the soils division at University Farm, discussed the correlation of erosion and soils in conservation survey mapping at a meeting of soils specialists from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, held recently in Des Moines.



FLASHES from AFIELD

BROWN. AGENT PAUL KUNKEL has evolved a clever idea for creating interest in Farm and Home Week and the State Farm Bureau convention and for effecting the exchange of ideas among those who attended these events. He announced that a news letter would be issued containing contributions from all who would write about their experiences, telling what things were most enjoyable. Twelve contributions were received from persons representing every part of the county. A copy of the news letter was sent to L. A. CHURCHILL, Farm and Home Week chairman.

CLAY. AGENTS DONALD PEET and GEORGE LANDSVERK have been settled in new quarters, much to their satisfaction. Enlarged office space has been provided for the Clay extension service. The new offices are conveniently located and are nearly four times as large as former quarters.

FILLMORE. AGENT WALTER THOMPSON reports that a project for grinding agricultural lime has been set up through the cooperation of the county commissioners and the county extension office, primarily to provide for the use of county relief labor in a worthwhile way. Three quarries in the western part of the county will produce the lime which will be delivered to farmers who agree to pay a stated price per ton, with a slight additional cost per ton per mile for those living beyond a 5-mile limit from the quarry. Contracts with crusher operators and customer agreements were prepared in the county agent's office. Publicity was to be given the project the first week in February and operation started at that time.

FREEBORN. Owing to extreme cold and blocked roads, only 26 of the county's 75 baby beef club members were able to attend a luncheon given at Albert Lea, January 9, by the Rotary Club which is sponsoring the baby beef project, says WILLIS LAWSON, county agent. H. G. ZAVORAL, extension livestock specialist, discussed beef feeding with the project members, a number of Rotarians also remaining for the talk. Plans have been made for another county-wide baby beef meeting in March.

HENNEPIN. AGENT K. A. KIRKPATRICK states that the county extension office has been moved from the city hall to the old post office building in Minneapolis—a move that was in the office's favor.

LAC QUI PARLE. After a considerable time during which there was no major home economics project in the county, a very successful organization

meeting was held for preliminary work on the Clothing I project recently. Sixteen township chairmen were present at the meeting, at which AGENT WAYNE WEISER presided. ACTING CLOTHING SPECIALIST ANNA S. OLSEN discussed the subject matter covered on Clothing I and explained methods of organization. Three local leader training centers, representing 18 community groups, will be organized. First local leader training meetings will be held April 14, 15, 16. The first series of meetings will be conducted by Miss Olsen, the remaining by M. LOIS REID.

LYON. AGENT F. J. MEADE reports that Lyon sportsmen have set aside a fund for buying feed for game birds, and 4-H clubs in the county are expected to be active in distributing this feed. Weather conditions have made it impossible for birds to obtain sufficient feed, and drives through the county have revealed many pheasants vainly attempting to pick feed in cornfields and straw stacks. Shelters will be built for the birds, in addition to the feeding.

MARTIN. About 80 Martin county farmers attended two cattle feeding schools January 28 and 29, with W. E. MORRIS, extension livestock specialist, as speaker, says C. G. POWELL, assistant agent. A keen interest was shown in the discussions and those attending felt the meetings had been very successful. About 30 farmers have enrolled for a hog cholera vaccination school to be put on by DR. W. A. BILLINGS, March 11 and 12.

MEEKER. At a rural electrification meeting held during the Winter Shows at Crookston, AGENT RALPH WAYNE discussed the Meeker project, covering experiences in connection with the organization of the county cooperative rural electrification project. This was one of the most popular of the farmers' meetings held during the shows, and it was the most largely attended. L. P. ZIMMERMAN, rural electrification specialist, and Irving Clinton, secretary-manager of the Meeker unit, also appeared on the program.

MURRAY. Interest in rural electrification is at a high peak, reports A. B. HAGEN, assistant agent. Six district meetings were held in the county in January with G. A. Lewis, field representative of the REA.,

Washington, D.C., to explain the REA set-up. The county was then organized on a township basis and membership solicitation began with 175 committeemen in 20 townships turning in 330 memberships in less than a week. Indications pointed to 600 members by the time the project was to be submitted to Washington early in February.

NORMAN. Substantial improvements have been made in office quarters. The old office has been remodeled, with the space formerly occupied by a vault being made over into a private office for the county agent.

OLMSTED. AGENT RAY AUNE reports 165 persons attending six meat cutting demonstrations put on by H. G. ZAVORAL in January.

SCOTT. A school for the study of the symptoms and treatment for hog cholera was held at Jordan February 11 and 12, writes COUNTY AGENT WALLACE MILLER. Last year hog cholera was prevalent and caused a great deal of damage before farmers realized what was wrong with their hogs. They requested the school, which was held under the direction of EXTENSION VETERINARIAN W. A. BILLINGS.

TODD. The institute type of farmers' meetings have proved successful, even though one of the worst storms of the winter blocked country roads. At two institute meetings, approximately 150 people were in attendance. Reports from the county indicate that this type of meeting is of great interest to farmers.

WABASHA. At its annual meeting at Lake City in January the county 4-H leaders' council set up the 1937 program of work, including specific topics for discussion at each of the councils' monthly meetings, says AGENT C. D. NELSON. Another big 4-H event during January was the half-hour radio program presented over KROC Rochester, on Sunday, January 24, in which 15 4-H club

members took part. One outstanding number was a 10-minute typical 4-H club meeting. Enrollments for 1937 are now being emphasized.

WEST POLK. AGENT CARL ASH has arranged a home beautification program with the cooperation of T. M. McCall, professor of horticulture at the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston. Four lessons will be given by Mr. McCall to local leaders. Home beautification will be carried out to other farm people by these leaders.

WILKIN. Six Wilkin farmers are cooperating with M. A. THORFINN-SON, soil erosion specialist, in a wind erosion control project. Cropping plans and farm maps are being worked out by extension specialists. The project will be carried through 5 years and will cover all or part of the farms involved.

WINONA. Sixty farmers heard R. C. ROSE discuss disease control for barley, oats, wheat, garden crops, and corn at three meetings in January. He also demonstrated the treating with two different types of homemade seed treating machines, says AGENT H. C. PEDERSON. These meetings represented the county extension service's first active work of the year in connection with its project to help the farmers obtain those extra low cost bushels of grain that can be realized through seed treatment. Last year 18 seed treaters of the oil barrel type were made by farmers following a series of demonstrations and up to February 1, this year, 15 requests for plans of the other type of mixer had been received. It is hoped that last year's record of 25 per cent of the seed planted in the county being treated can be boosted several per cent in 1937. Mr. Pederson demonstrated seed treatment for 200 people at the Elba Crop Show and plans to put on demonstrations at 12 other meetings during February and March.

WRIGHT. Buffalo will have a garden and horticultural club in 1937, says COUNTY AGENT E. W. AITON. A great many people in and around the town have gardening, floriculture, and horticulture as hobbies, who are interested in forming the organization. T. L. Aamodt, president of the Minnesota Horticultural society will be present for the organization meeting February 23.

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• • • Five Minnesota extensioners will participate in the Regional Extension Conference at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, March 25, 26, and 27. The conference will deal with rural youth, clothing, forestry, and home furnishing work. From Minnesota will go PARKER O. ANDERSON, L. A. CHURCHILL, M. LOIS REID, CHARLOTTE KIRCHNER, and RUBY CHRISTENSON.

• • • University Farm people served in various capacities at the Red River Valley Winter Shows. DEAN W. C. COFFEY was three times a speaker on the Wednesday program. Others who either spoke or were

judges included DR. H. K. WILSON, R. F. CRIM, I. J. JOHNSON, HERMAN K. SCHULTZ, division of agronomy and plant genetics; H. G. ZAVORAL, C. L. McNELLY, L. P. ZIMMERMAN, L. A. CHURCHILL, and R. C. ROSE, extension division; A. J. KITTLESON, MAY SONTAG, and RUBY CHRISTENSON, state 4-H club office; A. G. TOLAAS and A. H. ALDERMAN, division of horticulture; A. J. SCHWANTES, division of agricultural engineering; E. F. FERRIN, P. A. ANDERSON, and A. L. HARVEY, division of animal husbandry; J. B. FITCH, dairy division; HARRIET GOLDSTEIN, division of home economics; and F. J. ALWAY, soils division.

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