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Rural Women Study Furnishings

Expenditure of time and thought in making the best use of household furnishings on hand, as well as expenditure of money for new furnishings has been the aim of 813 women in Le Sueur and Nicollet counties who have carried the home furnishing project the past year, points out SPECIALIST CHARLOTTE KIRCHNER.

In noting how these women have accomplished their purpose, their combined report shows that 419 pieces of furniture were repaired, the wood of 715 pieces was refinished, 87 pieces were made over, and to add new life and beauty to rooms, 174 pieces of furniture were slip-covered.

In addition to this renovation program, much was done to rearrange furnishings for more comfortable use in regard to convenience, lighting and appearance. To a great extent, accessories which did not add to the individuality and charm of a room were disposed of so that less house-keeping and more homemaking was possible.

These 813 women carried information on several phases of home furnishing to approximately 1,100 other women in two counties.

• • • After 6 months of travel and study in Scandanavian and European countries, Mrs. AGNES ERKL, urban home demonstration agent, St. Paul, is back at her duties. Most of Mrs. Erkl's time was spent in studying home life and economic conditions in Sweden. In this country she also visited iron mines, forests, farms and other industries. Her research work took her into all types of Scandanavian homes. In rural Norway, she attended a 3-day conference of Norwegian women; this event was of special interest to her because the organization's activities were similar to that of home demonstration work in this country. Because Mrs. Erkl speaks the Swedish language, it was possible to make her trip more interesting by getting closer to the people of that country and to visit out-of-the-way places. Her journey also took her into England.

• • • At the state extension picnic June 7, attended by well over 100 guests, winners of golf tournament trophies were: the BROWN derby—RURAL YOUTH AGENT RUBY CHRISTENSEN; the PECK measure—W. A. PECK, brother of Director F. W. PECK; the COFFEY pot—Mrs. W. A. BILLINGS, wife of EXTENSION VETERINARIAN W. A. BILLINGS. For having the best golf "alibi", L. O. JACOBS, former Anoka county agent, was awarded a suitable prize.

• • • MISS AGNES MORELL, Houston county home demonstration agent, has been granted a 3-month's leave during which she will visit relatives in Sweden. Miss Morell and her mother sailed early in June from New York.

Coming Events

June 16-23	National 4-H Club Camp, Washington, D.C.
June 17-19	District 4-H Club Week, Grand Rapids
June 21-26	District 4-H Club Week, Crookston
June 21-26	District 4-H Club Week, Morris
June 22	Summer Picnic Meeting, Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association
Sept. 4-11	Minnesota State Fair
Sept. 27-Oct. 3	Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa
Oct. 9-16	National Dairy Exposition, Columbus, Ohio
Oct. 13-16	Biwabik Potato Show, Biwabik
Oct. 18-26	State Extension Conference

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

In the Counties

J. RUSSELL GUTE, who went to Watonwan county as assistant agent May 1, was elected regular agent by the county extension committee, effective June 1.

Mr. Gute went to Watonwan county from Faribault county where he had been assistant agent since April, 1936. He originally came from Iowa where he was born and reared on a farm near Glidden. Graduating from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in 1935, he was employed for a time by the California Packing company at Rochelle, Ill.

MISS NOAN ANDERSON, former home demonstration agent in Stearns county, resigned her position June 8. Ill health is the reason. A successor to Miss Anderson will be selected later, announces M. LOIS REID, acting head of the state home demonstration staff.

RAYMOND T. SWENSON, assistant agent in Washington county since April 1, 1936, has resigned his position to enter the army air service. He will soon begin a period of training.

MISS MARJORIE PERRIZO of Delavan, Faribault county, has been appointed assistant home demonstration agent in Houston county for June, July, and August while MISS AGNES MORELL, regular home demonstration agent is on leave in Sweden.

• • • Of interest to a number of extensioners will be the news of the death of Arvid Sponberg, New Richland. His death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning. As a 4-H club boy, he was one of the first group sent to the national 4-H camp at Washington, D.C., in 1927.

• • • One of the discussion leaders at the Iowa 4-H girls club week, June 16-19, at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, was STATE CLUB AGENT MILDRED SCHENCK. Miss Schenck talked on "The 4-H Club Girl and Her Organization," during the Friday, June 18, sessions.

• • • E. S. GANDRUD, former Pipestone county agent, moved to Owatonna May 6 where he is now marketing his mechanical specialties. These specialties so far include a land measuring wheel, a plane table to be used with the wheel, a stand-up black board, and a no-stanchion cow stall.

Breeders to Hold Summer Meeting

The summer picnic meeting of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders association will be held at University Farm Tuesday, June 22, will be of interest to extension workers, for it will bring two very widely known livestock men to Minnesota.

These speakers are the Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture for the province of Ontario, Canada, and Arthur G. Street, farmer, author, lecturer and premier livestock breeder of Great Britain. Mr. Marshall is well known to Minnesota livestock breeders. Mr. Street, who has written a dozen books on agricultural subjects, is a practical farmer and operates the farm on which he was born, at Wiltshire, England. He lectures on agricultural subjects in English colleges and broadcasts regularly. He and Mr. Marshall are touring Canada and at least five states in this country. They will speak during the afternoon program.

The University Farm divisions of dairy and animal husbandry will cooperate in sponsoring the morning program, commencing at 10 a.m. Type demonstrations will bring the best of the University's livestock before visitors. At 11:15, L. A. Winters, division of animal husbandry, will talk on "The Problems of Animal Breeding."

Visitors will bring lunches for the picnic dinner at noon. Coffee will be furnished. Every farm family and all others interested are invited.

• • • Sixteen Minnesota county agents attended the convention of the National Association of County Agents in Washington, D.C., June 8, 9, and 10. These included J. L. CURRELL, Anoka; K. A. KIRKPATRICK, Hennepin; C. F. MURPHY, Waseca; M. B. TAYLOR, Beltrami; C. G. GAYLORD, Faribault; WALLACE MILLER, Scott; HENRY WERNER, Morrison; F. J. MEADE, Lyon; GEORGE W. LARSON, Chisago; RAY AUNE, Olmsted; L. E. McMILLAN, Blue Earth; OSCAR NELSON, Cass; W. H. OLSON, Hubbard; RONALD McCAMUS, Kandiyohi; C. M. KELEHAN, West Ottertail; EDWARD AITON, Wright. Two hundred eighty delegates attended the meeting, according to a Washington report.

• • • A visitor to the University Farm campus June 4 was J. HAZEL ZIMMERMAN, assistant director of extension at the University of Hawaii. Miss Zimmerman is in charge of home demonstration and 4-H work in the Hawaiian Islands.

• • • STATE CLUB AGENT MAY SONTAG and HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT MAYBELLE GAME of Faribault county spent 3 weeks of May in traveling through the east, spending most of the time in New York state. Syracuse, where Miss Game's mother lives, and New York City were the main cities of interest. On the return trip they visited Niagara Falls.

• • • The meeting of the American Home Economics association is to be June 21-24 in Kansas City, Mo., and a pre-convention conference for extension workers will be held in Excelsior Springs, Mo., the 3 days previous to that, June 18-20. Minnesota Home demonstration agents who will attend both sessions include CLARA FARSTAD, Blue Earth; JOSEPHINE BURKETT, Brown; JUANITA SILCOX, Waseca; THORA EGLAND, Freeborn; MAE STEPHENSON, Mower; BEATRICE McGRATH, Winona.

An Orchid For Aune

RAY AUNE of Rochester, Olmsted county, doesn't know this is being printed, but it was too good a story to pass up. Everybody has monthly and annual report trouble once in a while it seems—that is, everybody but Ray.

Come June 1, 1937, Aune completed his thirteenth year as county agent in Minnesota, and during all those 13 years not once has an annual or monthly report from him come in late. This record for getting reports in on time is an accomplishment at which the best of us might aim. COUNTY AGENT LEADER L. A. CHURCHILL and DISTRICT AGENT LEADER A. E. ENGBRETSON, in whose territories Aune has worked since he came to Minnesota, report the material for this story, the moral of which is that it is just as easy to get reports in on time as not.

Ray's service as county agent in Minnesota began June 1, 1924, when he became regular agent in Sherburne county. He became Scott county agent October 1, 1930, and moved to his present position February 1, 1936.

• • • The twentieth annual Minnesota Junior Livestock Show will be held at South St. Paul, November 8-11, announces J. S. Jones, executive secretary. Representatives of the extension division on the general committee include GEORGE LARSON, Chisago, from the county agents' association, and T. A. ERICKSON, representing the state 4-H club department. EXTENSION ANIMAL HUSBANDMAN W. E. MORRIS will again serve as general manager.

FLASHES from AFIELD

CARLTON. At the regular meeting of the Rural Youth group, the members familiarized themselves with the working of three county offices by visiting the offices of the judge of probate, the auditor, and the register of deeds.—LAWRENCE A. REITEN, agent.

CLEARWATER. To further the organization of a county cooperative council, a meeting was held May 26 at which Marketing Specialist Dan Dvoracek presented information regarding the activities and duties of such a council. The agent, who will assist in completing the organization, is chairman of quality production work.—H. E. BALK, agent.

DODGE. In order to determine whether northern grown potatoes have more vitality and yielding qualities than locally produced varieties, 20 demonstration plots have been set up. Twenty-three hundred pounds of northern grown Chippewa potatoes were imported for 4-H and adult use. Growers planted the northern seed along side the local seed to obtain a direct comparison. Half these seed potatoes were given the acid-mercury treatment by the assistant agent before they were distributed. In addition to this, two 3-pound lots of Irish Cobbler potatoes, originating in the Red River Valley, were planted to check with locally produced Irish Cobblers.—GRAHAM FULLER, assistant agent.

DOUGLAS. Meeting with leading Jersey breeders in the county, the agent aided with plans for purchasing purebred sires and organizing a cooperative bull association. The agent, with several breeders, visited purebred farms located near the Twin Cities. Two bulls were purchased from one of these farms, and several more will be acquired later on.—R. C. WALKER, emergency agent.

EAST OTTER TAIL. A new service was given to county residents by the agent during the month of May when an appreciable amount of work was done in the control of the forest tentless caterpillar. A spray machine was brought into use on the property of many persons in combating the insect. The operation of the machine is in the hands of the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation, but the agent has contacted property owners in getting as complete control of the insect as possible.—JOHN E. GRATHWOL, agent.

FILLMORE. During the month E. M. HUNT, extension horticulturist, spoke on gardening before the Civic club of Preston and gave 4-H leaders pointers on the beautification of home grounds.—WALTER W. THOMPSON, agent.

HOUSTON. Three tours through several soil erosion demonstration farms set up by the Soil Conservation Service will be sponsored June 29 and 30, and July 1. The tour on June 29 will be only for businessmen and the one on June 30 for farmers.—FRANCIS BRADY, agent.

ITASCA. During the past month over 30 scrub bulls have been replaced by purebred registered sires, thereby giving Itasca more of such sires used in bull associations than any other northeastern county. Bull pens and breeding stalls are rapidly being built in all parts of the county.—P. J. HOLLAND, assistant agent.

JACKSON. An inspection of six forage crops plots on the F. M. Behrens farm May 15 disclosed several useful facts—even though the seedlings had suffered adversely because of drouth conditions. Plot No. 1—a mixture of blue grass, alsike, and timothy—was completely bare; plot No. 2—red clover—showed a few scattering plants; plot No. 3—timothy—was bare. In contrast, plots Nos. 4, 5, and 6—sweet clover, alfalfa, and brome grass respectively—showed fair stands. Conclusively, reports the agent, pasture or meadow mixtures should carry a high percentage of these.—ROSS L. HUNTSINGER, agent.

KANDIYOHI. The agent assisted with stallion owners of the county in setting up a county organization and mapping out rules of payment and service. A. L. Harvey, secretary of the state stallion board, was present to make recommendations for putting stallion service on a more business like basis and for the control of diseases.—RONALD McCAMUS, agent.

LAKE OF THE WOODS. In cooperation with the Resettlement Administration, a stallion association is being organized. Already 60 signers have indicated their willingness to cooperate.—GEORGE H. BERGGREN, agent.

LYON. To show what happens to farm land when creeping jenny and other noxious weeds once get started, a tour of areas badly infested by creeping jenny and leafy spurge has been planned for June 25. The state Department of Agriculture will be represented on the tour.—F. J. MEADE, agent.

MAHNOMEN. A meeting of interest was held May 29, at which Miss Anna Olsen, clothing specialist, met with a group of 17 Indian women at Naytahwaush. Two of the women walked 16 miles to attend the clothing lesson. All of them showed considerable interest.—W. O. WOODMAN, agent.

MARTIN. The final lessons in child development were given by Mrs. Belle Osborn Fish, May 25, 26, and 27 at Sherburn, Granada, and Fairmont. Vocational meetings were also sponsored, to which all young people were invited. Approximately 150 persons attended these meetings. A tour to the Twin Cities, during which vocational schools will be visited, is being planned for next fall.—C. G. POWELL, assistant agent.

MCLEOD. By May 29 current was turned on over 130 miles of the first REA project in the county. The substation was heated May 22 and the following week the current was turned on by sections. This unit included 114 customers. Current north of Hutchinson, including 162 miles of line, was to have been turned on by June 10.—R. A. FISCHER, agent.

MURRAY. Two new Farm Bureau groups were organized, in Fenton and Dovray townships. Dates have been set for election of permanent officers.

Mrs. Louis Minion and A. G. Mereness of the state Farm Bureau spoke to both groups on organization.—A. B. HAGEN, assistant agent.

NOBLES. Organization for the county's war on weeds has been completed and 19 of the 20 townships have appointed inspectors in each section. The remaining township has employed one person to inspect each farm. Spray material will be available at cost through the county and will be handled by the county engineer. Plans are being made for a series of meetings, and a weed inspector will be appointed by the state department of agriculture to act jointly in Nobles and Jackson counties.—C. E. STOWER, agent.

NORMAN. Following a recent all-county potato meeting, at which plans were made for potato improvement, 85 plots were planted to 30-pound samples on two farms, one near Ada and the other near Twin Valley. The potatoes consist of varieties from Lake of the Woods, St. Louis, and Polk counties, and from Park River, N. D. Tentative plans are being made for a potato tour. R. C. Rose, extension plant pathologist, assisted with the planting.—GEORGE C. LANDSVERK, agent.

OLMSTED. A four-district 4-H kitenball league has been organized in the county. In each district games will be played to choose a district winner. District teams will play off the final tournament in August.—DWIGHT M. GARNER, assistant agent.

PENNINGTON. Arrangements have been made to have W. A. Billings, extension veterinarian, in the county June 17 and 18 to visit turkey growers. It is felt that personal contacts will accomplish more than general meetings.—HOWARD E. GROW, assistant agent.

RAMSEY. A demonstration in which sweet clover and oats are being planted in sand is underway near New Brighton. To demonstrate the

possibility of the clover's surviving when the nurse crop has been pastured, one-half the field of oats will be fenced off when the grain is about 8 inches tall for pasture purposes. The remainder of the field will be cut for grain.—ROBERT FREEMAN, agent.

ROCK. Twenty-nine hybrid varieties and one open pollinated variety of corn are being tested on a plot in Magnolia township. The plot is being conducted on the same plan used in 1936, with several seed companies cooperating. Two Minnesota varieties, Minhybrid 301 and 403, are planted. A number of individual farmers are also running test plots.—J. KENNETH KING, agent.

SIBLEY. Five thousand trees, 4,000 of which were obtained through the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, were distributed to farmers for wind-break purposes the first week of June. Most of the trees were used as replacements in dead or thinned out old groves.—E. W. RIEKE, agent.

STEELE. At the annual banquet of the Steele County Horse Breeders, held in Blooming Prairie, Mrs. William St. Claire, wife of the late superintendent of horses at the Steele county free fair, was the honored guest. His son, William St. Claire, Jr., now holds that responsibility. Mr. Strobel was one of the banquet speakers. A. L. Harvey, University Farm, was principal speaker.—G. A. STROBEL, agent.

WASHINGTON. The board of directors of the Washington County Agricultural Society voted to build a new 4-H club barn at a meeting May 26. The new structure, to be 100 by 30 feet, will house livestock exhibits.—R. T. SWENSON, assistant agent.

WINONA. A 4-H corn club enrollment of 46 has been made possible by the county bankers association. Through the association's cooperation, 36 7-pound lots of Minhybrid 301 were distributed to as many boys. Each boy was encouraged to plant a small amount of some standard variety along side of the hybrid so that a comparison could be made in the fall when a special corn project achievement day will be held. The best quality lots will be held for Chicago and University Farm shows.—H. C. PEDERSON, agent.

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