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SEPTEMBER, 1940

UNIVERSITY FARM, ST. PAUL

HERE ARE YOUR DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 7- 9 Home Dem. Agents' Outing, Rutgers' Sherwood Forest Lodge, near Brainerd
- 11 Regional Grasslands Conference, Ames, Iowa
- 10 St. James - Dist. Music Training School
- 11 Mankato - Music Training School
- 12 Little Falls- " " "
- 13-17 4-H Conservation Camp, Itasca
- Dist. Dramatics Training Schools:
- 16-17 Austin
- 24-25 Fergus Falls
- 26-27 Aitkin
- 23 Animal Nutr. Short Course, U. Farm
- 23 Slayton-Rural Youth Training Mtg.
- 24 Rochester- " " " "
- 23-24 Market Milk Short Course, U. Farm
- 27-28 Rural Youth Conference, Morris
- 30 University classes begin
- 30-Oct. 3 Farm Bureau Women's Short Course at Univ. Farm
- 30-Oct. 6 Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa

OCTOBER

- Dist. County Agents' Conferences:
- 4 Grand Rapids
- 7 Anoka
- 8 Rochester
- 9 Windom
- 10 Morris
- 11 Crookston
- Dist. Rural Youth Training Mtgs.:
- 7 Mankato
- 8 Monticello
- 14 Aitkin
- 15 Detroit Lakes
- 16 Alexandria
- 21 Rochester (2nd meeting)
- 22 Slayton (2nd meeting)
- 7 School of Agriculture opens
- 12-19 Natl. Dairy Show, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 21-26 Outlook Conference, Washington, D. C.
- 24 or 25 State Cornhusking Contest#
- 28-31 Jr. Livestock Show, So. St. Paul

#Place not determined

CLUB MEMBERS WIN PRIZES

Many happy 4-H boys and girls reached the climax of their club careers when they carried off top honors at the Minn. State Fair.

Marjorie Koons, Fairmont, Martin co., was crowned dress revue queen and will represent Minnesota in the national style contest at Chicago. The coveted health championships and a trip to the Natl. Club Congress were won by Virginia Flueger, Red Wing, Goodhue county, and Leo Hess, Pipestone, Pipestone county.

Clayton Olsen and Earl Drebenstedt, Hopkins, Hennepin co., formed the grand champion 4-H ag. demonstration team, and will also get a free trip to the Natl. Club Congress. Robert Wood of So. St. Paul, winner in the 4-H dairy project, was awarded a purebred Jersey calf and new cream separator.

Marlin Gratz, Fairmont, Martin co.; Frieda Wischstadt, Sleepy Eye, Brown co.; and LeRoy A. Meyer, Hutchinson, McLeod co. were winners of the W.A. McKerrow scholarships for outstanding work in 4-H livestock project.

Goodhue county won the grand championship for 4-H booths with a miniature revolving theater showing in style revue the five stages of clothing activity.

To Leota Hansen, Bricelyn, Faribault co., went the honor of being Minnesota's foremost 4-H pie baker and the opportunity to bake a cherry pie in national competition at Chicago on Washington's birthday.

NOVEMBER

- 5 Election Day
- 6 Swine Feeders' Day
- 29-Dec. 7 Intl. Livestock Show & Natl. Club Congress, Chicago

DECEMBER

- 9-14 Annual Ext. Conference, U. Farm

JANUARY

- 20-25 Farm & Home Week, Univ. Farm

MARCH

- 5 Creamery Operators' Short Course

4-H CONSERVATION CAMP

About 125 boys and girls will attend the annual 4-H conservation camp, Sept. 13-17, at Itasca Park this year, announces A. J. Kittleson, state club leader. Nearly every county will have one representative at camp; counties which have outstanding conservation programs have been allowed to choose two boys or girls to attend the 5-day encampment.

Forestry and wildlife lore will be taught the lucky 4-H'ers in the natural habitat of much of Minnesota's wildlife, by such outstanding conservation leaders as: Warren W. Chase, chief, Regional Biological Division, Soil Conservation Service; W. M. Landess, assistant director, Agricultural Relations Department, T.V.A.; W. J. Breckenridge, curator, University Museum of Natural History; George McCullough; and Parker Anderson, Prof. Alvin Larson, and M. A. Thorfinnson from University Farm.

THE PLAY'S THE THING

"The play's the thing" or at least it will be in three districts (Austin, Fergus Falls, and Aitkin) which will participate in dramatics training schools this year, according to the Extension Recreational Committee with A. E. Engebretson in charge.

Dr. C. Lowell Lees, assisted by Kenneth Graham of the University Little Theater, will initiate two leaders from each county in the three districts in the arts of stagecraft--from choosing and directing the play to painting and erecting the scenery. County agents are urged to attend, says Ruby Christianson, who is in charge of the dramatics program. County leaders are expected to pass on their information in county training schools open to all organizations--4-H, agricultural, church, etc.--which are interested in developing a dramatics program.

DEAN COFFEY VACATIONS

Dean and Mrs. Coffey enjoyed an interesting vacation trip July 29-August 19, which took them to Yellowstone, Glacier, and Jasper parks and to Lake Louise and Banff.

DALE SMITH TRANSFERRED

Dale Smith, until recently assistant county agent in Hubbard county, has been named Emergency County Agent in Isanti and Kanabec counties. He will succeed Henry Howard who became county agent in Cook county.

MUSIC TRAINING SCHOOLS

J. Clark Rhodes, part-time music specialist, will go into eight counties to lead music training schools for county extension agents, beginning in October. Preliminary meetings will be held in September (see calendar). Each county will have four leader training meetings and four county-wide singing schools during October, November, January, and February. County music festivals will be held in March and April. The purpose is to stimulate community singing and to help develop music groups in various organizations.

RURAL YOUTH LEADERS' TRAINING

Approximately 172 young people from 7 districts will attend monthly District Rural Youth Leaders' Training meetings from the latter part of September through February (see calendar for dates). Two boys and two girls from each local group may attend these courses, which will be conducted by University Extension Specialists. Norton Ives, agricultural engineer, will instruct the boys in farm mechanics. Girls' courses will be led either by Eva Blair, extension nutritionist, who will discuss entertaining in the home, or by Alice Linn, clothing specialist, who will talk on the well dressed young woman.

Ed Aiton, assistant state club leader, and Ruby Christianson, state Rural Youth agent, are in charge of arrangements.

SPECIAL FARM HOUR FEATURES

WLB's University Farm Hour with Dick Hull officiating offers another group of outstanding features for September. On September 25 Nicollet County Agent Elgar Nelson will bring a group of C.T.A. members to the farm campus to discuss "A County-Wide Drive for Bigger Dairy Profits". Director P. E. Miller and Skuli Rutford will tackle the problem "Shall We Zone Minnesota Fields and Forests" on the Monday, September 16 program. On September 30, Henry O. Putman, executive secretary of the Northwest Crop Improvement Association, will explain the operation and services his association offers to Northwest farmers.

U. FARM YOUTH CONFERENCE CANCELLED---
MORRIS MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Rural Youth Conference scheduled for September 19-20 at University Farm has been cancelled, 4-H officials announce. The conference is being tentatively planned for next April. While one conference was being cancelled, another, a District Rural Youth Conference, has been definitely scheduled at Morris, September 27 and 28.

SAW MILL OPERATORS' COURSE, SEPT. 17-19

A new short course stressing better utilization of farm woodlot and small-scale forest products has been announced for September 17-19 at the Cloquet Experiment Station. The course is primarily for operators of small portable and semi-portable saw mills. Parker Anderson is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

ANIMAL NUTRITION SHORT COURSE

Feed manufacturers and dealers will have a chance to discuss their problems at the animal nutrition short course, September 23, at University Farm. Faculty members will discuss problems in feeding, recent developments in the field of animal nutrition, deficiency feeding difficulties, the state seed law, etc.

MARKET MILK SHORT COURSE

Minnesota milk plant operators will discuss and study the latest developments in their field at the Market Milk Short Course at University Farm, September 23-24. The first day of the course will be devoted to problems of pasteurization and processing of milk and cream. Highlights of the second day include talks on homogenized milk, preparation of chocolate milk, and proper methods of cleaning and sterilization.

J. B. Fitch, J. A. Vacha, chief bacteriologist of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Dairy, and Food, and H. A. Whittaker, director of the Minnesota Department of Health, will join in a discussion of the "Function of State Agencies in Improving the Milk Supply" as the final feature of the course.

WHAT'S FALL WITHOUT FOOTBALL?

The Extension staff member's mind is not always on his work, especially on those fall Saturday afternoons when Minnesota's Golden Gophers meet the nation's best football aggregations on the gridiron. Here's what Bernie Bierman's boys will be doing this fall:

At Memorial Stadium

- Sept. 28 - Washington
- Oct. 5 - Nebraska
- 26 - Iowa (Homecoming)
- Nov. 9 - Michigan
- 16 - Purdue (Dad's Day)

Away

- Oct. 19 - Ohio
- Nov. 2 - Northwestern
- 23 - Wisconsin