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MINNESOTA EXTENSION NEWS

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UNIVERSITY FARM, ST. PAUL

EXTENSION DIVISION

HERE ARE YOUR DATES

JANUARY

- 15-17 Annual Meeting County Fair Assn. and State Ag. Society
- 20-25 Farm and Home Week, Univ. Farm
- 8-Mar.5 Creamery Operators' Short Course

DIST. RURAL YOUTH TRAINING MEETINGS:

- 13 Aitkin
- 14 Detroit Lakes
- 15 Alexandria
- 16 Red Lake Falls

GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS:

- 9 Crookston, "Marketing Costs"
- 10 Wadena, "Money"
- 14 Rochester, "What About Farm Prices?"
- 15 Mankato, "War and the Farmer"
- 16 Slayton, "War and the Farmer"
- 17 Montevideo, "War and the Farmer"

COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCES:

- 28 Rochester
- 29 Windom
- 30 Morris
- 31 Crookston

FEBRUARY

- 3-7 R.R. Valley Winter Shows, Crookston

DIST. RURAL YOUTH TRAINING MEETINGS:

- 3 Rochester
- 3 Mankato
- 4 Slayton
- 4 Monticello
- 10 Aitkin
- 11 Detroit Lakes
- 12 Alexandria

GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS:

- 4 St. Cloud, "Money"
- 5 Alexandria, "Money"
- 6 Crookston, "Money"
- 7 Wadena, "Labor and Agriculture"
- 10 Rochester, "War and the Farmer"
- 11 Mankato, "Trade Barriers"
- 12 Slayton, "Financing Agriculture"
- 13 Montevideo, "Hard Times, Good Times"

COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCES:

- 13 Anoka
- 14 Grand Rapids

MARCH

- 7 Farm Structures Short Course
- 26-28 Horticulture Short Course
- Wildlife Conservation Short Course*

*Date not determined. Postponed from Feb.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers were elected at the annual meetings of the Home Demonstration Agents' Association and Agricultural Agents' Association on December 11.

County agent officers for 1941 are Cletus Murphy, Waseca, president; Willis Lawson, Albert Lea, vice-president; and Ray Aune, Rochester, secretary-treasurer.

The directors are: Northeast district, D. T. Grussendorf, South St. Louis County; Northwest district, Carl Ash, Clay County; Southeast district, Harold Pederson, Winona County; and Southwest district, Russell Gute, Steele County.

AGENT SAILS FOR ALASKA

Mae Stephenson, home demonstration agent in Mower County since June 1, 1936, will sail for Alaska, January 4 to become home demonstration agent in the Matanuska Valley. Miss Stephenson will have her headquarters at Palmer, 350 miles northwest of Fairbanks, the seat of the Agricultural College of Alaska. Before she entered home demonstration work, Miss Stephenson was 4-H club agent in Clay County and had taught for three years in Minnesota high schools.

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS MARRY

Marriage has created two vacancies in the home demonstration staff during the past month. Phyllis Greenland, home demonstration agent in Cottonwood County, was recently married to Mr. Marley Sigstad of Windom. Clara Farstad, South St. Louis County home demonstration agent, was married to Mr. Arthur Johnson of Meadowlands on New Year's day. Mr. Johnson is now serving his third term as president of the St. Louis County club.

NEW AGENTS APPOINTED

Miss Julia Newton has announced several changes in Home Demonstration's depleted staff. Succeeding Alaska-bound

Mae Stephenson in Mower County will be Ellen Moline, home demonstration agent in Stearns County since March 1938. Miss Moline is a University of Minnesota graduate.

Mrs. Evelyn Sell, agent in Goodhue County since January, 1936, succeeds Miss Farstad in South St. Louis County. Miss Estella Cooke, home economics teacher at Paynesville, replaces Miss Greenland in Cottonwood County.

Miss Barbara Malmin is Jackson County's first home demonstration agent. Miss Malmin began work January 1. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has been 4-H club agent in Lac qui Parle and Big Stone counties.

Miss Lottie Behrens, assistant agent in Redwood County since June, 1940, will move to Goodhue County to succeed Mrs. Sell.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS WIN NATIONAL HONORS

Minnesota's 4-H delegation returned from the National 4-H Club Congress with \$950 in scholarships and many other awards. Scholarship winners were Harley Hanke, Brownsville, first place in non-collegiate livestock judging, \$250; Richard Jones, Austin, junior feeding contest winner, \$300; Joan Taylor, Adrian, blue award in food preparation, \$200; Mary Roach, Prior Lake, blue award for all-round 4-H girls' record, \$200.

Arthur Olson, Mower 4-H member, was honored by being named toastmaster at the national 4-H club banquet.

COUNTY AGENTS HONORED

Four veteran Minnesota county agents received national recognition at the annual banquet of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in Chicago. Robert Freeman of St. Paul, W. M. Lawson of Albert Lea, Ray Aune of Rochester, and C. G. Gaylord of Blue Earth received the distinguished service award granted by the national group.

FRICKS HONORED AT BANQUET

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Frick of Itasca County were presented with a mantel clock at the annual Extension banquet by the 22 "proteges" the Fricks have started or encouraged in Extension work. Fourteen of these workers are now on the Minnesota Extension staff. Among these are E. W. Aiton, Dalton Seeling, Ralph Backstrom, John Dysart, D. T. Grussendorf, R. E. McMillen, George H. Berggren, Glen Johnson, E. J. Wamhoff, Clara Farstad, Elizabeth Spriestersbach, Mabel Fertig, Marjorie Affleck, and Sarah Cina.

Mr. Frick, a graduate of the University of Illinois, came to Grand Rapids in 1918 as an agricultural teacher. Since 1921 he has served as county agent in Itasca County.

SPECIAL RADIO FEATURES SCHEDULED

New features and a final series of Farm and Home Week broadcasts will highlight Dick Hull's daily farm program over WLB. The new poultry-pointers series will bring to the microphone University staff Members Cora Cooke, T. H. Canfield, W. A. Billings, and H. J. Sloan and W. K. Dyers, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Poultry Improvement Board. The feature will be heard every Tuesday at 6:45 a.m.

Another new feature, "Fireside Arts," will be heard every Thursday morning at 6:45. This quarter hour will bring farmers and homemakers suggestions for home entertainment during the winter months. Already arranged are talks on winter reading suggestions, home games, and the art of popping corn.

A general invitation to Farm and Home Week will be extended to Minnesota farmers every morning at 6:45, January 13-17. Speakers include Director Miller, Monday; W. H. Peters, Tuesday; J. O. Christianson, Wednesday; Anna Crost, representing the Division of Home Economics, Thursday; and Dean Coffey, Friday.

MINNESOTA WOMAN ON NETWORK

Mrs. William Gellersen, of Lamoyille, Winona County, will speak on "Better Health Through Better Nutrition" over NBC's National Farm and Home Hour on Wednesday, January 8. Mrs. Gellersen has been chosen to appear on this program as one of the five outstanding home demonstration chairmen enrolled in nutrition projects during the past year.

POWER AND THE LAND

The Visual Instruction Section of the Extension Service in Washington has made the following statement regarding the film "Power and the Land" mentioned recently in the Extension News.

"The REA film, 'Power and the Land' will not be available for general educational showing until the contract with RKO expires September 30, 1941. The film has not been made available in 16 mm. size."

This means that the film can be shown only in theaters and cannot be used directly by the county agent in his educational meetings. However, the film is ready for free use in commercial movie houses and may be obtained through the nearest RKO film exchange office.

DIETZ JOINS STAFF

Ben Dietz, University of Minnesota graduate, has been named assistant agent in Scott County. Dietz has had wide experience in agricultural service. He has been field supervisor for the AAA in LeSueur County during the summers, 1933-36; temporary club agent in Marshall County, April-October, 1937; Assistant Federal Crop Insurance Supervisor, LeSueur County, June-September, 1938; and REA Utilization Specialist for the Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative at Jordan, June, 1939-October, 1940.

"LEADERSHIP FOR RURAL LIFE"

Two stand-out indications of its transcendent interest to agricultural extension workers signalize a new book by Dr. Dwight Sanderson, professor of rural sociology, Cornell University. One is its title---"Leadership for Rural Life." The other is its foreword by none other than Director M. L. Wilson of the national agricultural Extension service.

Designed to meet the needs of Extension workers, rural ministers, educators and social workers, Dr. Sanderson's book is a simple, brief (127 pages) well-written manual on recruiting, training, and motivating leaders for rural life. Its nine chapters deal successively with: The demand for rural leadership, The role of the leader and types of leaders, The group and the leader, What is leadership?, Evolution of the role of leader in the group, Creating leaders, Developing and training leaders, The professional leader, The meaning and values of leadership to the leader.

Emphasizing the belief that the surest, soundest progress comes through leaders that rise from the groups they serve, Dr. Sanderson contends that potential leaders exist in every community and proceeds to explain how to find and use them. His paragraphs abound with concrete suggestions and examples. His chapter on the professional leader is one no Extension worker can afford to miss. "Leadership for Rural Life" (\$1.25) may be ordered from Association Press, 347 Madison avenue, New York City.

LAMB FEEDER SHOWS

The annual 4-H western lamb feeder shows and sales will be held during January. The first sale and show was held at South St. Paul, January 2-3. Others follow it at West Fargo, January 6-7; Austin, January 8-9; Windom, January 9-10; Jackson, January 13-14; and New Ulm, January 27-28.