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OCTOBER, 1941

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HERE ARE YOUR DATES

OCTOBER

- 10 - Extension Staff Meeting, Rm. 107, Ag. Eng., at 10:15 a.m., with Mr. and Mrs. Elmhirst of Totnes, England
- 11 - Football (Illinois here)
- 11-18 - National Dairy Show, Memphis
- 18 - Football (Pittsburgh here)
- 22 - Swine Feeders' Day, Univ. Farm
- 23 - State Corn Husking Contest, Nobles county
- 27-28 - Animal Nutrition Short Course
- 27-30 - Junior Livestock Show, South St. Paul

DEFENSE BOARD MEETINGS

- 10 - Benson
- 13 - Cambridge
- 14 - Aitkin
- 15 - Park Rapids
- 16 - Fergus Falls
- 17 - Thief River Falls

RECREATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS

- 10 - Marshall
- 14-15 - Virginia
- 16-17 - Brainerd
- 21-22 - Rochester
- 23-24 - Mankato
- 4-5 (Nov) - Thief River Falls
- 6-7 " - Detroit Lakes
- 27-28 " - University Farm

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Homecoming (Northwestern)
- 3 - National Corn Husking (Illinois)
- 6-7 - Veterinarians' Short Course
- 8 - Dad's Day (Nebraska)
- 12-13 - State Horticultural Society Meeting, Minneapolis
- 28-Dec. 6 - National Club Congress, Chicago
International Livestock Show, Chicago

DECEMBER

- 15-20 - Annual Extension Conference
- 7-12 - American Farm Bureau Meeting, Chicago

JANUARY

- 19-24 - FARM AND HOME WEEK, Univ. Farm

GREATER OBLIGATIONS...

The obligations of the present great defense effort rest upon every citizen--no matter what his calling or where he may be located. These obligations will become increasingly greater with each passing month.

Farmers have been requested to produce necessary foods vital to this defense effort in amounts exceeding any previous production figures. At the same time, shortages of labor and necessary farm supplies will have to be dealt with.

That Minnesota farm families will strive to meet the production goals assigned our state goes without saying.

As Extension workers, we have an obligation and, at the same time, a great opportunity to use the full resources of the Extension Service to aid every farm family to meet the production goals for 1942, to raise nutrition levels and to forward, through the democratic method of discussion, understanding of responsibilities we all must share.

This is the job ahead for every member of the Extension staff. I know we will accept the challenge.

...Paul E. Miller

VISITORS TELL STORY
OF WAR AND AGRICULTURE

First-hand information on agriculture and rural defense in a nation at war will be brought to Extension staff members on Friday of this week when Mr. and Mrs. Leonard K. Elmhirst of Totnes, England, visit University Farm. Dr. Elmhirst, a member of the British agricultural commission, recently returned from England with his wife who has been very active in relief and rehabilitation work following bombing raids. She will participate in Friday's meeting.

The meeting will be held in Room 107, Engineering building, and will start at 10:15 a.m. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

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PORK AND LARD TO
GET OFFICIAL BOOST

Fortified by a state legislative appropriation and County Agent Harold Pederson on special duty, the state-wide pork and lard committee is getting under way in earnest. Pederson has been granted a six-month leave from Winona county to carry on educational work to increase the use of pork products. Part of his work will be to help the state committee organize swine growers in such a way that they can carry out their own state campaign and participate in a national program to promote their product. The state committee is: E. F. Ferrin, chairman; F. M. Washburn, Lake Crystal; H. A. Melzer, Hanska; Howard Peterson, Benson; John Hartle, Owatonna; Herman Dammann, Plato; Wm. L. Dietz, Le Sueur; R. C. Juhl, Luverne; Myron Aultfather, Austin; W. T. Foley, W. H. Peters, H. G. Zavoral and W. E. Morris, St. Paul.

Assistant Agent Dale R. Williams is carrying the ball for agricultural extension in Winona during Pederson's absence.

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FOUR-H MEMBERS VIE IN
REPORTING ITASCA CAMP

More than 100 4-H boys and girls turned to newspaper writing following their return from the 3-day conservation camp at Itasca Park.

Behind all this journalistic effort by conservation members who won trips to the 8th annual camp are awards for the best newspaper account published in home town newspapers. Country papers have been generous in their treatment of these accounts, several stories carrying pictures of the individual 4-H member, others giving space to an introduction of the youthful writer, and most of them devoting from a half to a full column to the conservation story.

Last year, the two winning individuals received a moose head and deer head from Parker Anderson, extension forester, who at this year's outing acted as chief pointer-outer of the scenic highlights of the Park.

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HERE'S SOMETHING NEW
IN FARM COOPERATIVES

Another one of Parker Anderson's dreams is coming true--thanks to County Agent Harold Pederson, Forester C. H. White of the Lake States Station, and a group of enterprising farmers in Winona county.

This time it is a new kind of co-op, the Cooperative Wood Products association of Winona county. Articles of incorporation and by-laws have been drawn up and filed with the Secretary of State.

The association expects to start operating its own plant soon, processing from native sawed lumber all the wood products customarily purchased by farmers. This is probably the first cooperative of its kind in the United States. Interest in the venture was aroused thru combined efforts of Extension, the Soil Conservation Service and the Lake States Forestry Service. White, who has been conducting forestry research in Winona county, is acting, along with Pederson, as adviser to the new organization.

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HOME STAFF TO HEAR
WASHINGTON SPECIALISTS

The Extension staff is taking advantage of the fact that Dr. Helen Mitchell, nutrition consultant in the Offices of the Coordinator of Health, Welfare, and

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related Defense Activities, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D.C., is to be in Minneapolis, Saturday, October 25, for a meeting with the State Nutrition Committee, of which Inez Hobart is chairman. Director Miller is calling a meeting of the state staff for 9 o'clock Saturday morning in order that all may hear Dr. Mitchell's summary of what other states are doing in the nation-wide nutrition for health program in defense.

Mary Rokahr, extension home management specialist, USDA, will spend three days, November 6, 7, 8, at University Farm. Although she comes primarily to confer with Miss Miller, home management specialist, and Miss Kirchner, home furnishing specialist, she will meet with some other committees and will also confer with the entire home demonstration staff at a conference Miss Newton is calling for Saturday morning, November 8.

Miss Newton is to attend the annual extension conference in South Dakota which begins October 13. She has been asked to discuss program planning.

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COLORED COVER PAGE
LOOKS LIKE TOPS

Club Leader Kittleson was so excited over the Minneapolis Sunday Trib and Star-Journal, October 5, that he forgot to read the funnies. The reason: Probably the sweetest colored front page ever published by a Northwest newspaper, featuring the Minnesota 4-H health champions, Dorothy Schultz of Warroad and William Ford of Hawley. The picture was taken during the state fair. Roy Swan, Star-Journal photographer, took it on a 4 by 5 kodachrome. Reporter Truman Henley of publications, who arranged the setting and offered technical advice and moral support, insists that the costumes were by Henley.

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WATERLOO SHOW HANGS
UP NEW RECORDS

Dairymen Searles, Hanson and Leighton had a busy week in Waterloo, Iowa, last week, keeping the big Dairy Congress rolling. They report nearly 1400 cattle, including what was probably the best Holstein and Guernsey show in the history of the event. Judging Coaches Al Harvey and Nate Allen from U. Farm took student teams to judge horses and cattle.

NEW SLIDE SERIES
PUSH FOOD PROGRAM

Visual Aide Knaus reports four new slide sets which have been made available for fall and winter meetings since the catalog of slide series was issued.

Here they are:

- No. 26 - The Home Vegetable Garden - 17 slides (color)
- No. 27 - Dairy Judging - 41 slides (black and white)
- No. 28 - Vegetable Storage - 14 slides (black and white)
Views of practical storage cellars, construction features emphasized.
- No. 29 - Hot School Lunches - 24 slides (black and white and color)
Methods of using surplus commodities in Minnesota schools.

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PAMPHLET 75 IS GOOD
STUFF RIGHT NOW

Publicity on hybrid corn during the past month took the form largely of plugs for Extension Pamphlet 75, report of the 1940 hybrid trials, incorporating accumulative results of four years of field demonstrations supervised by Crim. The thought was that the past years' results, already down in black and white, will do the most good in helping farmers select their 1942 hybrid seed. Two newspaper stories and persistent radio plugs brought quite a run on Pamphlet 75 in the bulletin room.

It may be a cue to handling the hybrid publicity to best advantage.

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PASTURE WORK TO
STAY IN THE RUNNING

In these days of streamlining and trimming to release more Extension time for the food program, some campaigns are likely to go into decline, but not pastures, according to the latest dope. The food program this time is not all wheat as in 1917. Dairy production is tops, and soil conservation is being kept up front. That means more rather than less stress on good grass and alfalfa. The pasture committees are in a huddle right now to prepare an accelerated program for winter and spring.