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# MINNESOTA EXTENSION NEWS

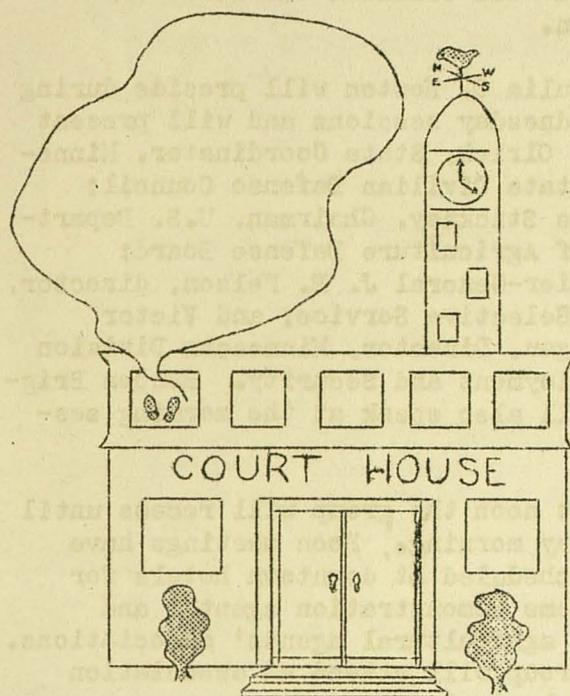
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UNIVERSITY FARM, ST. PAUL

EXTENSION DIVISION

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THIS IS ANNUAL REPORT WEEK



Like a blizzard that comes in November  
To take all the warmth out of Fall  
Is the Director's plea to remember  
That C. A. reports are on call.

Lives there an agent who hasn't said,  
"Why write the darn thing, it's never  
read!"  
And thereupon gets himself in a stew  
Concocting something for review?

Oh, shed a tear for the office girl,  
She must pick up the things you hurl;  
For days she goes about the room  
On tiptoe and with pan and broom.

Oh, would that Gallup take a poll  
To see how agents hate this role!  
But time grows short, so work like...  
well,  
We'd like to see you ring the bell.

....The Editors

That blue haze that hangs over the county courthouse means that it is national county agent week. From the open window of his office rolls a cloud of nicotine, wrath, and gloom.

Step inside, and the atmosphere is even more fearsome. Office girls speak in hushed voices. Even the typewriters are quiet--resting perhaps, against the day, not long hence, when they will burst into furious activity.

Over in the corner behind the battered oak desk, Achilles broods in his tent. Hanging over the desk is a notice, done in fine old English type with a black border. It reads:

"THE STATISTICAL FORM IS DUE AT UNIVERSITY FARM NOVEMBER 22. THE NARRATIVE REPORT SHOULD BE HERE NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 29."

Down in the lower right-hand corner in six-point type are the initials, "P. E. M."

A resolute expression comes over the C A's countenance. He gets his duck hunting boots out of the closet and tackles the statistical report. The gloom gets deeper.

A half hour later, buried to his ears in papers, he sees a gleam of light as his foggy brain grasps at a famous quotation attributed to Spence Cleland:

"There are three degrees of liars, plain liars, d---liars, and statisticians."

So the C A rises from his chair, dumps the whole mess on the secretary's desk with a curt, "You do it."

He goes back to his chair. He cleans his pipe thoroughly and fills it with potent Bull Durham. He takes off the duck

boots and hoists his cowhides on the desk, settling back to dream up the narrative report. But the pipe won't draw in the surly atmosphere. There is no inspiration in those battered cowhide boots that show the marks of many a barnyard safari. Instead of the muse coming to help the desperate C A to compose a narrative that will wow them all the way from Pumpkin Center to Washington, D.C., he envisions a raven perching on each toe.

His feet hit the floor with a determined thump, indicating a sudden and powerful decision. He goes to the closet and gets out the cyanide gun and a can of poison. The stenographers hold their breath.

"I just remembered that I promised Farmer Jones I would kill the rats under his corn crib today. If I don't get my work done, the farmers will can me--if I don't get my annual report done, ....."

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ANTICLIMAX--The report arrives, post-marked two minutes before midnight. Art Engebretson, who isn't given to rash statements, swears that reports are read religiously in Washington, and claims he has evidence to prove it.

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#### ANNUAL EXTENSION CONFERENCE BEGINS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Less than a month away is the annual Extension conference with the official opening session set for Tuesday morning, December 16. C. H. Bailey, Acting Dean and Director of the University Department of Agriculture, will welcome members of the Extension staff at 9 o'clock in the auditorium of the Administration Building. Reuben Brigham, Assistant Director of Extension, Washington, D.C., who will speak on "Extension's Responsibility for 1942", will be presented by W. H. Dankers, presiding officer at the opening session.

Features of the afternoon program are two panel discussions and a talk by Gideon Seymour, Editor, Minneapolis Star Journal, on U.S.-Latin American relations. Mr. Seymour will join with O. B. Jesness, A. A. Dowell, Robert Freeman and H. L. Harris in a panel discussion on international relations. Dan Dvoracek is

chairman of this panel and Skuli Rutford will act as group discussion leader.

The other panel, "Food in the Defense Program for 1942", will be led by S. B. Cleland. Members of the panel are Inez Hobart, W. C. Waite, Reuben Brigham, C. G. Gaylord, and S. A. Engene.

A general discussion led by Skuli Rutford will conclude the first day's session.

Julia O. Newton will preside during the Wednesday sessions and will present Ernest Olrich, State Coordinator, Minnesota State Civilian Defense Council; Charles Stickney, Chairman, U.S. Department of Agriculture Defense Board; Brigadier-General J. E. Nelson, director, State Selective Service; and Victor Christgau, Director, Minnesota Division of Employment and Security. Reuben Brigham will also speak at the morning session.

At noon the group will recess until Thursday morning. Noon meetings have been scheduled at downtown hotels for both home demonstration agents' and county agricultural agents' associations. Each group will attend an association dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday morning Director Miller will present W. B. Stout, Senior Extension Economist, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D.C., who will speak on the need for emphasizing marketing in the Extension program. During the afternoon session Paulena Mickell, Home Economics Division, Iowa State College at Ames, will address the group on planned home spending.

Friday will be spent entirely with the subject-matter divisions. Subject-matter reviews are scheduled during the morning to be followed by clinics throughout the afternoon.

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THIS SPACE FOR NOTES:

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HERE ARE YOUR DATES

NOVEMBER

- 17-22 - Annual Report Week
- 22 - Wisconsin here (final game)

RECREATIONAL TRAINING MEETINGS

- 18 - Slayton
- 27-28 - University Farm

DISTRICT RURAL YOUTH TRAINING MTGS.

- 17 - Slayton
- 24 - Aitkin
- 25 - Mankato
- 26 - Rochester

DISTRICT GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS

- 18 - Rochester
- 19 - Mankato
- 21 - University Farm
- 25 - Windom
- 27 - Marshall
- 25-Dec.20 - Adult Farmers' Short Course
- 28-Dec. 6 - Natl. Club Congress,  
Int. Livestock Show, Chicago

DECEMBER

- 1-6 - National Outlook Conference,  
Washington, D.C.
- 17 - Cheesemakers' Short Course
- 15-20 - Annual Extension Conference
- 7-12 - American Farm Bureau Meeting,  
Chicago

DISTRICT RURAL YOUTH TRAINING MTGS.

- 8 - Aitkin
- 9 - Mahnomon
- 10 - Alexandria
- 11 - St. Cloud
- 22 - Rochester
- 29 - Rochester, Slayton
- 30 - Mankato

DISTRICT GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS

- 9 - Fergus Falls
- 10 - Crookston
- 11 - Thief River Falls
- 12 - Bemidji

JANUARY

- 19-24 - FARM AND HOME WEEK, University  
Farm
- 7-Mar.4 - Creamery Operators' Short  
Course

MILLER HEADS EXTENSION  
SECTION OF L.G.C.A.

Director Paul E. Miller will be chairman of the Extension Section of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities for the coming year. Appointment to the post came at the annual meeting last week.

During the past year the Director has been chairman of the subcommittee to study and revise annual reports. He also has carry-over membership on committees on Extension Administration and Personnel Training and Relationships with BAE in Land-Use Planning.

Miss Newton attended the convention this year as the official delegate from Epsilon Sigma Phi.

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PREDICT BRIGHT FUTURE  
FOR "FEED MAKES EGGS"

Extension Folder 103, better known as "Feed Makes Eggs", is one of the brightest little debutantes to step out of the Bulletin rack this fall and winter season. With its attractive appearance and practical nature, the newcomer should grow in popularity throughout the coming year. Several outstanding features, notably the famous Minnesota all-purpose mash and the plans for the five-foot feeder, assure its popularity among poultry raisers. Cora Cooke, its sponsor, has received this comment on the title of the folder: "I was under the impression all the time that hens, not feed, make eggs."

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MURPHY AND AUNE  
CHICAGO DELEGATES

Boss Clet Murphy of the County Agents' Association and Ray Aune are scheduled to represent Minnesota at the twenty-sixth annual meeting of National County Agricultural Agents' Association in Chicago, December 1, 2 and 3. K. A. Kirkpatrick and C. G. Gaylord, as alternates, may represent in case the Irish and Norsk don't get along.

"Kirk", who has been active in the association since 1916, speaks forth as

follows in a recent issue of "The County Agent:

"To old friends and to neophytes in county agricultural extension agent work, I speak for and urge the formulation of their plans of work so they may attend the coming session the first week of December in Chicago, and may make it a practice in their professional career always to hold those two or three days to be dedicated to 'inspiration, education and uplift'."

The program for the meeting features a big array of Big Guns such as O'Neal, Taber, Evans, Brigham, Appleby, etc.

#### FOUR-H BOY AND GIRL NAMED TOP TREE PLANTERS

Minnesota's 4-H tree planting champions were named last week with honors going to Janiece Bigelow of Claremont, Dodge county, and Winston Anderson of Hadley, Murray county. The two are tops in an activity which during the past year resulted in the establishment of more than 550 forestry tree nurseries and nearly 400 windbreaks in the state. In addition, 4-H club members planted more than 134,000 trees and 21,000 shrubs during the year. The two winners will receive medals awarded to outstanding forestry club members in each state by the American Forestry Association, Washington, D.C.

#### WINS 4-H NEWSPAPER STORY AWARD ON CONSERVATION CAMP

For his newspaper account of the 8th annual conservation camp at Itasca Park, Sanford Wilson of Round Lake, Nobles county, won first place in the recent news writing contest participated in by more than 100 4-H boys and girls. Second and third places were awarded to Oliver C. Cunningham of Atwater, Kandiyohi county, and Myra Smart of Birchdale, Koochiching county. Newspaper stories written by delegates to the camp appeared in a large number of country weeklies and dailies following the break-up of camp. A. J. Kittleson, state 4-H club leader, and the committee were busy deciding on appropriate awards when the "News" went to press.

#### BOB DOUGLASS FINDS HOME LADS BUSY

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Douglass dropped in last week on a 10-day furlough from his duties with the 125th Field Artillery at Camp Claibourne, La. He found his former colleagues sweating over a food-for-defense schedule almost as complicated as the war games. Douglass just spent three months at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, attending an officers' school to brush up on the latest in tactics, et cetera. He looks fit. Reports that army life is healthier than burning up Extension trails in Northeast.

#### ALL LINES KEPT BUSY AS RECIPE IS HAZY

The WLB Homemaker's Quarter Hour had a busy spell last week immediately following the broadcast of a pumpkin pie recipe on the 10:45 a.m. shift. Before Madge Brown could remove her apron and put away the mixing dishes, half a dozen Twin-City homemakers were at their phones demanding how many eggs were called for in the recipe. In her enthusiasm, homemaker Madge merely said, "add the eggs" and went on to mix up the imaginary pie. For the majority of homemakers outside of the Twin Cities the egg mystery was solved the following day.

#### MY SON, MY GRANDSON

A. L. Sjowall of Stillwater dropped in last week to announce a nine and one-half pound addition to the Sjowall family -- a boy, born October 31, and y-clept Richard Leslie.

Almost as proud is Dan Dvoracek, twice crowned grandfather, who recently lugged the cigars and candy in honor of the second, a boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dvoracek who are living in Montana.

#### NEW AGENT IN FILLMORE COUNTY

Cora Torgerson, home demonstration agent in Houston county since 1938, has taken a new position with Farm Security in Renville county. From Fillmore county comes Julia Bartlett, assistant home demonstration agent, to take up where the former Houston county agent left off.