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COOPERATIVES TALK SHOP AT BLUE EARTH DINNER

Faribault county's cooperative banquet and program planning meeting at Blue Earth, Tuesday, April 21, was probably the first of its kind in Minnesota. More than 40 directors, secretaries, and managers of farm cooperatives attended the event which was called and presided over by County Agent C. G. Gaylord. University Farm was represented by A. E. Engebretson, D. C. Dvoracek, H. P. Hanson, and H. L. Harris.

Following the dinner at the Wellington Hotel, Gaylord and Engebretson spoke briefly, following which the group split into four sections for discussion of current problems and to round up suggestions for a county extension program of education and service.

In one group were elevator representatives, in another creamery, in a third livestock shipping, and in a fourth representatives of canning, oil, electric, freezer lockers, seed growers, and other cooperator interests. Each group met for an hour and selected a committee of three to represent it at an all-over planning session later that evening, to set up the program.

Discussion was lively and pointed. Future procedure was to include a meeting of the agent with secretaries of the four groups to formulate the detailed program for cooperatives, this to be integrated with the other parts of the county extension program and approved by the Farm Bureau executive committee.

Reviewing some of the collective accomplishments of Faribault county cooperatives, Mr. Gaylord pointed out that three county cooperative directories have been issued and a fourth is soon to be published which will include the year's program of work. Several studies have been made of county marketing situations and related cooperative problems including one on livestock marketing, one on creamery competition, and another on credit problems of farmers' elevators. Each of these

was followed by meetings with boards of interested cooperatives to give results and discuss appropriate action. Many discussions and educational meetings have been held, canning and locker cooperatives established, a county picnic put on, and numerous other activities. The County Cooperative Council was reorganized in 1940.

WITH KIND REGARDS FROM
AN APPRECIATIVE MOTHER

Here is a fine tribute to Extension work from an Anoka county mother who has two sons in Uncle Sam's Army and Navy:

"In 1929, Mr. Jacobs, our county agent, organized a 4-H club at Cooper's Corner, consisting of eight boys, ten and twelve years old. I thought you would be interested in learning that today these boys are all in the service of Uncle Sam and were 1A in the draft classification.

"We thought this was quite a record, and feel that you (Inez Hobart) and Mrs. Fish have played a part in their being such outstanding specimens (according to us mothers) because it was at about the time of the organization of this club that we mothers enrolled in the nutrition project under your instruction and the child welfare project under Mrs. Fish.

"My two sons, one a soldier and one a sailor, were home this last week end; and if they were tip-top when they left home, they are even more so now (overlooking the opinions of a biased mother). The Army is proof of what good nutrition practices, really carried out, can do for one's health."

GOOD RUN OF STUFF IN EXTENSION REVIEW

The Extension Service Review is still going for Minnesota stuff. The April issue carried a write-up of the machinery program. Coming up soon are five more articles: a story of the nutrition setup; a yarn on the nutrition work in Koochiching dashed off by McMillen the night before he left for the

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Army; some garden and storage material by Jap Swedberg; a story by Fred Giesler on the Cass county garden contest; and a story by Ed Aiton on the WCCO Rural Youth series.

LA CUCARACHA KEEPS MARCHING ON

Burton Kreitlow writes:

"I thought you would be interested in knowing the extent to which our pageant group carried on after Crookston.

"Following the Crookston performance, the group was scheduled to put on a program at the Warren short course. At that time we revised the script considerably, added some special numbers, and included a short movie on South America. The West Polk group did the La Cucaracha dance. Approximately 600 people were at the program that evening. Following that the Parent-Teacher Association at Argyle requested that we put on the Good Neighbor Pageant as we now called it. Since a number of those in the cast were farm boys from near Argyle, we decided that we would comply with their request, so we made plans to put on another performance. To make it even more interesting, we chartered a bus to take us there and back and hauled all the equipment and scenery along with us in the bus. This proved to be a jolly good time for all, and we were more than a little surprised to find we had a full house to witness our performance. There were approximately 800 people present. Everyone in the cast agreed it was his top recreational venture of the year.

"Pageants of this type should be continued in the future because they provide wonderful recreational opportunities."

NEW DEMONSTRATION SLIDES BOOST 4-H

Five new series of demonstration slides are available for 4-H use. These slides may be obtained by writing to the Agricultural Extension Service, U. Farm, ordering the set desired:

1. Making a Vegetable Ring (6 slides)
2. Vegetable Cookery (suitable for dairy foods, 7 slides)
3. Sheep Drenching (3 slides)
4. Making Bread (6 slides)
5. Grooming Tips for the Teen Age (suitable for a clothing team, 4 slides)

HERE ARE YOUR DATES

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND KEY APPRAISAL SCHOOLS

MAY

- 26-27 - Anoka
- 27-28 - Grand Rapids

- 20-21 - Refrigerated Locker Short Course

JUNE

- 5-7 - State-wide Rural Youth Camp, Mission Farms, Medicine Lake
- 10 - Cattle Feeders' Day, Summer Picnic of Minnesota Beef Cattle Producers' Association at Worthington
- 8-11 - 4-H Club Week, University Farm
- 10-12 - Home Economics Teachers' Conference, University Farm
- 15-19 - Ag Men's Conference, U. Farm
- 23 - Rose Growers' Day, U. Farm
- 25-26 - Veterinarians' Short Course, U. Farm

JULY

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

- 16 - Anoka
- 17 - Grand Rapids
- 21 - Rochester
- 22 - Windom
- 23 - Morris
- 24 - Crookston

ADDRESSING MACHINE TURNS OUT POSTCARDS

Agent Stanley Simpson of Martin county is enthusiastic regarding the economy, convenience, and effectiveness of getting out postcard notices and circulars on his addressing machine equipped to take a stencil up to postcard size.

The card stencils cost eight cents apiece. The machine alone costs \$150.00, and for \$240.00 the Martin county office bought the machine, a stencil cabinet, and 3,000 stencils. Additional address size stencils come at \$15.40 per thousand.

The machine does beautiful postcard work, including cartoons or drawings that can be put on the stencils, turns them out very rapidly without slipsheeting or other fuss.

AGENTS KEEP EAGLE EYE
ON "GARDEN AND TABLE"

Now that the Garden and Table column, edited and by-lined by county agents, is making weekly appearance in nearly 200 newspapers, the agents are keeping an eagle eye on the G & T material sent to them from University Farm.

For example: When Bob Freeman, father of the New Brighton Squash Show, saw that Cucurbita Pepo was referred to as the LOWLY squash in a recent G & T paragraph, he gave his ghost writer 20 tongue lashes. After he had edited his weekly column, squash was no longer lowly, but LOVELY.

For example: County Agent Paul Kunkel upbraids the G & T ghost writers for inviting folks to drop into the office for a list of new vegetable varieties which he had never seen. "I don't know of any spanking new list of varieties," he writes and then goes on to say that if the new list doesn't show up "I may have to have the office girl tell the folks the agent is out." Just to prove that Kunkel is the kind of a guy who picks up a fellow after he's hit him, his comments on the G & T stuff ended this way:

"You must have a full allotment of Hormones in your diet for the past week as the article is full of life."

PERSONNEL SHIFTS

Henry C. Howard has resigned as agent in Cook county to help operate his father's 600-acre near Clemens, Iowa.

Ralph Wayne has resigned in Meeker county to take a new position with Land O' Lakes Creameries.

Another change will occur in Meeker county when Carol Syndergaard leaves to become home demonstration agent in Harden county, Iowa.

New agents in Meeker will be John Sheay, formerly of Douglas, and Lillian Eckstrom, formerly of Winona and Redwood.

Madge Brown, publicity assistant and conductor of the WLB Homemaker's Quarter-hour, left the University Farm staff May 16 to accept a position in commercial advertising with Cargill Inc.



Sonnet to a Man on a Red Bike

Rubber is short
And so is Searles,
But Harold's a sport
Who boldly whirls
To and fro on a big, red bike,
And scares all the girls,
But keeps to the pike.

He chooses to ride
While motorists hike,
And pedestrians hide
For fear he'll strike;
But he has the last hoot
As car owners blubber
And commute on foot
While Searles rides on rubber.

....Author Unknown

HEAR YE!

Ray Aune has a set of garden slides that he has used about 40 times in his county. They're as good as new, but pretty well worked out in his county. He will sell at half price or trade for another good set.

Any takers? Extension News would also like to know if other agents are interested in such exchanges.

R. E. McMillen, Koochiching, has been granted leave from Extension to join the armed services. Vernon Baldwin, formerly Wadena assistant, is holding the fort.

Art Karr has moved from Fairmont to St. Paul and now has his headquarters at University Farm.

MORE DOPE ON REACHING
PEOPLE BY MAIL

Blanket coverage of rural families, either county-wide or by selected rural mail routes, is possible with very little time or trouble for addressing postcards or letters by merely addressing the mail to rural route boxholders. W. H. Conway, Chief of the Division of Business Administration, Extension Service, Washington, D.C., says the method is entirely permissible for use in mailing franked matter from either county or state extension offices. This scheme, known as the simplified method of addressing mail, is also applicable to post-office boxholders.

Says Mr. Conway, when it is desired to reach all rural route boxholders on routes emanating from a post office, it is not necessary to include names, box numbers, or route numbers in the addresses but merely the designation "rural route boxholder" together with the name of the post office and state, or the word "local" instead. This uniform address can be printed on the envelope, matter, or wrapper itself when originally prepared.

Pieces should be put up in bundles of 50 as far as practicable, each bundle to be topped or labeled with slips marked "all rural route boxholders _____" (name of post office and state)

If it is desired to reach only selected rural routes, then route numbers must be included in the addresses.

At offices not having city delivery service, post-office boxholders may also be reached in this way.

County Agent Harold Lawrenz of Dakota county has reported using this system for postcards and other material with very satisfactory results. Lawrenz was in some doubt about the legality or propriety of the arrangement, whereupon we made inquiry of Mr. Conway.

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BRIEFS

Verna Mikesh, club agent in Big Stone county, reports a most interesting as well as successful 4-H club meeting in Graceville, April 10. The Graceville Victory Club, the Graceville Commercial Club, and Wm. Binfield, manager of the local theater, cooperated and entertained all of the Big Stone 4-H club members, leaders, and parents. The entire group saw the 4-H movie, "Young America," and then had lunch together afterwards.

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Mamie Naaden of Itasca county was married March 29 to Arnold John Eilertson. Mrs. Eilertson will continue her work until Mr. Eilertson returns from war service.

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They say down at Olivia that Frank Svoboda has the greatest office attraction in those parts--and we don't mean Frank. The display, which draws people from far and near, consists of 150 different flower varieties growing and blooming all over the office. Clara Pederson, office secretary, keeps the flowers watered when Frank is forgetful.

EDITOR SWANSON NOW
SUBJECT TO EDITING

Bulletin Editor Harold Swanson, whose blue pencil has reduced to humble submission many a swaggering manuscript, is being subjected to close editorial scrutiny himself these days. She is Linnea Swanson of Minneapolis, who became Mrs. Swanson in a church ceremony on April 25. Swanson's editorial frugality showed itself in his picking a wife who didn't even have to change her name.

Swanson spent his honeymoon on "Cost of Tractor and Machine Maintenance," "Wool Production," "Produce Quality Milk," "Some Problems of Minnesota Rural Youth," "Range Equipment for Pullets," "Three Meals a Day the Minnesota Way," etc., etc.