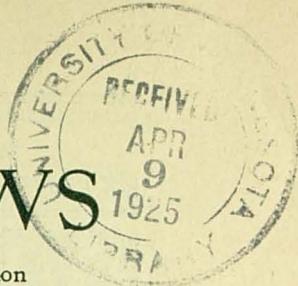


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More Emphasis on the Individual and the Community Trend in Home Extension Work Seen at Recent Conference

In addition to the nine home demonstration agents and home agents, and the six members of the state home demonstration staff, 32 women interested in home demonstration work and representing 16 counties and the cities of Duluth, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, attended the home conference at University Farm, March 2 to 7. Twenty-three of the latter group were chairmen of the home and community work in their own counties or cities, or at least board members. Fifteen of them were in attendance two or more days of the conference.

To state that the conference was carefully planned, with a view toward utilizing every moment advantageously and with the proper balance of time for inspirational talks, subject matter and round table discussions, is the least that can be said for those who planned it. From the opening morning, with the summary of outstanding features of 1924 work, followed by recent developments and tendencies in home extension, through to the last day we have all felt that we are engaged in a growing business without limitations for development.

Then and Now

Comparing the three annual home conferences which some of us have had the privilege of attending, there are several significant factors to consider in summarizing this year's conference, in order that we may appreciate the new developments. Three years ago we emphasized all through the conference the importance of "the practice." The statement was made at that time that "people are only interested in getting a thing done and are not interested in how or why it is done; therefore, establish the practice regardless of explaining the reason." Much time was spent in securing reports of definite practices established, etc. Since these statements were made, we have gone a long way, we believe. Even in last year's conference, there was a decided interest in development of people themselves, in arousing community spirit, and in creating a social consciousness. This year's program emphasized all through this changing attitude.

Mr. Peck pointed this out in his opening talk by stating that the hopeful thing for the establishing of home work in the counties was the changing attitude of mind toward the work. This was due, he said, to several factors, among which were the support given it by farm women themselves, and the respect which the men have for it because it is definitely planned and gives satisfactory results.

Miss Frysinger further stressed this development in giving the significant features of work for 1924: increased inter-

est of farm men and women, improvement in subject matter, leading from actual practices toward larger social aspects of home life, including recreation, civics, child training, and home management.

A Place for Recreation

That recreation is having a place in our program was brought out also by

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES

One of the best results of the district conferences held in the past has been the free and open participation in various subjects under discussion by the agents. We are asking that all county extension workers, including home and club agents, attend the district meetings this year, and we are especially anxious that the local and regional problems be frankly discussed and rather definite conclusions drawn on as many of them as possible. This means that every agent should go to the conference with the idea of taking active part in seeking the best results that common counsel can bring for the good of the extension service.

We have never faced a time when we need to pay more attention to the program of work, strong methods of procedure in putting the program over in the counties, and with being sure that we are meeting a need and an appreciation of the work that is done. More people are watching the service than ever before and very critical, as well as friendly, eyes are looking for definite, tangible results from the service.

This places educational responsibility on every member of the force, whether he is in the county or acting as a specialist from University Farm, or in the administrative group. These are common problems and common responsibilities, and hence the district conferences this year should be approached from the standpoint of sober reflection as to what policy and procedure are practical and best for the general improvement of extension work.

Miss Tikkannen's report of what St. Louis county has done with it in the last two years. Mr. Batchelor's demonstration will undoubtedly bear fruit the coming year if one can judge from the promising

signs and sounds observed among the agents since then. Dayton's music department has been visited and, after a careful examination of all their musical instruments, two Little Lady harmonicas have been purchased.

The development of community spirit through county programs of work and projects was shown by the reports of both Miss Cooke and Miss Blair, as well as by the splendid evidence of it in the representation of many farm women and other home chairmen attending the conference.

The new thought in subject matter was well illustrated in all the sessions with the resident staff. It was evident in both the nutrition and home management talks that more emphasis must be placed on child training and on conserving of time and energy so that there may be opportunity for a larger civic and social life.

Dr. Blanton's talk on "Mental Hygiene of Children" clearly showed the need for training of both children and parents in order that we may have a desirable citizenship.

Since publicity is a necessary factor in maintaining and promoting home work, the two talks—that by Mr. Torrey on newspaper publicity, and by Mr. Scott on exhibits—were well worth a place on the conference program.

Inspirational Talk by the Dean

The inspiring talk by Dean Coffey should make the county workers feel they have an incentive for work; that they have a big job to make the farm homes satisfying in order to keep a percentage of the best people on the farms, which is so necessary for a permanent agriculture. He stated that the great problem was to bring the standard of living in the country up to the standards of other places with equal advantages for education and social life. It is our job to help them to secure these advantages and to make their home life so full of blessings that they can continue to contribute to the nation's welfare in the way they have chosen, namely, agriculture.

With these new developments pointed out, with definite subject matter helps, with suggestions from both the state and federal offices in showing how we can go about to obtain results, we should be able to make progress this year toward a more satisfying home life in Minnesota.

By the Committee,
Clover Sabin
Mrs. E. V. Ripley
Inez Hobart.

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SEED CORN SITUATION

The extension service of the United States Department of Agriculture is attempting to obtain all the information possible as to the location of surplus seed corn and also of those areas that report a deficit and will need to purchase from the outside.

We are asking that any information county agents may be able to gather relative to either surplus or deficit areas be reported to the central office at University Farm so that wide publicity can be given to the situation as it exists in various localities.

It is reported that certain sections of Iowa will be extremely short of seed corn and that some sections of southeastern Minnesota have raised a question as to how much of the corn being saved for seed will be worth planting. We feel that Minnesota ought to look after her own needs in as organized a manner as possible, and then supply outside needs as they become known. We have distributed a seed corn poster on the subject of testing seed corn and will be glad to send further information to any one interested through Special Extension Bulletin, No. 58.

MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE AND TAXES

Nearly four billion dollars or, to be exact, \$3,787,420,118, is the value of all farm property in Minnesota, according to the last federal census. This means an average of approximately \$43,000,000 per county, or \$21,220 per average farm.

In most counties in Minnesota, certainly for the state at large, agriculture is the most important interest and must continue to be so. By and large the state will make the greatest advance materially and indirectly in other values, as the farming business is improved, developed, and made more profitable and satisfying.

It is quite meet to state the relation of the cost of a service, the business of which is to promote these important ends in relation to taxes for all other purposes. Reference is made to the county extension service. The chart and the tabular data accompanying furnish information on this question for the state and for each county.

The data are prepared not with a view to questioning any other taxes levied, for it is possible that all forms of taxation now in effect in each county and in the state are necessary and in the public interest. However, the county appropriation made toward county extension service is one of the few forms of taxes levied in the county, the purpose of which is directly to help the farmer secure the wherewithal not only to pay taxes but to pay for the home, shelter, clothing, and to feed and educate the farm family.

Surely one cent out of \$5.56, or even four or five times that amount, if actually needed, is not too much for a county to spend officially in the direct promotion right at home of the farming business in which there is an average investment of more than \$40,000,000 per county. Is not such an amount an important investment for the county to make?

COUNTY SUPPORT OF EXTENSION SERVICE

The following figures set out the total taxes levied for 1924 and payable in 1925 in each of the counties in Minnesota (exclusive of the tax on money and credits). The third column shows the relation of the appropriation for county extension work to total taxes for each county. The calculation in the third column is made on the basis of the present county appropriation; for counties not at present maintaining the service this appropriation is assumed to be \$2,000.

County	Total Taxes Payable in 1925	County Extension Support is 1 Cent Out of
Aitkin	\$ 729,013	\$3.64
Anoka	504,530	2.52
Becker	563,126	2.81
Beltrami	886,613	3.54
Benton	308,030	1.54
Bigstone	350,809	2.15
Blue Earth	1,236,674	4.12
Brown	780,221	2.86
Carlton	840,545	3.65
Carver	516,896	3.44
Cass	713,627	3.56
Chippewa	508,670	2.54
Chisago	429,049	2.14
Clay	754,210	3.77
Clearwater	242,728	1.21
Cook	229,552	1.53
Cottonwood	516,792	3.44
Crow Wing	1,164,922	4.65
Dakota	1,263,186	4.59
Dodge	484,535	3.23
Douglas	495,473	2.47
Faribault	704,332	3.82
Fillmore	875,830	5.83
Freeborn	1,068,427	5.34
Goodhue	1,032,550	6.88
Grant	289,866	1.44
Hennepin	21,750,285	43.50
Houston	392,572	2.61
Hubbard	358,958	1.79
Isanti	318,908	1.59
Itasca	2,710,458	9.03
Jackson	684,981	3.42
Kanabec	277,756	1.35
Kandiyohi	637,931	3.13
Kittson	386,234	1.28
Koochiching	867,057	2.89
Lac qui Parle	481,525	2.41
Lake	430,887	2.15
Lake of Woods	251,310	1.67
Le Sueur	506,695	3.73
Lincoln	468,804	3.12
Lyon	733,379	3.66
McLeod	620,678	3.10
Mahnomen	221,135	1.10
Marshall	657,380	3.28
Martin	811,982	3.79
Meeker	542,475	4.36
Mille Lacs	405,810	2.02
Morrison	669,534	3.34
Mower	1,021,797	4.70
Murray	507,464	3.15
Nicollet	388,578	1.94
Nobles	780,131	5.20
Norman	408,659	2.04
Olmsted	1,184,009	4.29
Ottawa	1,196,433	3.98
Pennington	362,931	1.81
Pine	730,356	4.86
Pipistone	475,549	3.17
Polk	1,118,117	5.59
Pope	426,340	2.13
Ramsey	11,821,240	39.40
Red Lake	255,313	1.27
Redwood	807,067	4.03
Renville	839,758	3.31
Rice	1,096,107	4.38
Rock	441,946	2.21
Roseau	423,222	2.35
St. Louis	23,093,601	14.25
Scott	441,711	2.94
Sherburne	246,714	1.64
Sibley	489,345	2.44
Stearns	1,433,980	7.16
Steele	671,531	3.35
Stevens	385,564	2.14
Swift	529,322	2.64
Todd	642,448	3.21
Traverse	393,517	2.00
Wabasha	585,866	2.92
Wadena	284,064	1.57
Waseca	510,078	3.40
Washington	715,433	4.76
Watonwan	479,922	1.59
Wilkin	402,617	2.01
Winona	1,187,116	4.74
Wright	724,033	3.62
Yellow Medicine	605,225	3.02
Grand total	\$111,738,199	
Av. per county	1,284,347	\$5.56

EACH SQUARE
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THE AVERAGE TOTAL TAX
PER COUNTY IN MINNESOTA
PAYABLE IN 1925
(EXCLUSIVE OF TAXES ON MONEY AND CREDITS)

THIS REPRESENTS \$2,309 THE PRESENT AVERAGE
COUNTY APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY EXTENSION WORK
WHICH AVERAGES ONLY ONE CENT OUT OF EVERY \$5.56 LEVIED

OUT-OF-SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS SIGNING UP FOR JUNIOR CLUB WORK

To reach farm boys and girls out of school—this is a problem always before the junior club section of the extension service. Some surprising developments were brought to light by a survey recently directed in Redwood county by Agent Lynn Sheldon and County Superintendent Fern Kennedy. This investigation showed that 1,200 rural young people between 15 and 23 years old have no school affiliations and are planning none. Only a few of the 1,200 own property or have a definite share in responsibilities connected with farm enterprises.

To get in touch with this regiment of young folks a meeting was held at Redwood Falls with about 100 boys and girls who had been induced to attend. R. A. Turner, from the office of co-operative extension work at Washington; T. A. Erickson, the Minnesota state leader; Frank J. Brown, the district supervisor, and Miss Velma Slocum, assistant club leader, assisted the local people in organizing the meeting. The signal result of the day was the organization of four community groups, the members of which decided to take up advanced projects in club work. A majority of the 100 boys and girls at the meeting signed up. The girls showed preference for the garment making and room furnishing projects. Rope work was added to the usual activities for the boys.

Many activities are planned for the present year. A three-day summer camp will be held in Ramsey State Park at Redwood Falls. A county wide organization, officered by the young people themselves, will undertake to extend club work among the 1,200.

Sixty Follow Example Set by Four

The four farmers who raised Gopher oats in Brown county last year will be augmented to 60 farmers this year, says Agent Willis Lawson. Large yields were reported from the acreage grown in 1924.

Will Sow Sweet Clover for Pasture

Sweet clover as a pasture crop is being stressed at extension meetings in Nobles county. Scarified white and yellow blossom seed is being carried by the local elevators. One local grower has sold more than 7,000 pounds of scarified white blossom seed.

Five Club Members from One Family

The Joe Redder family of Ellsworth, Nobles county, has four boys and one girl in club projects. Two of the boys are in the sheep project for the first time.

Like the Ton Litter Project

A. R. Karr, agent in Martin county, predicts a large enrollment in the ton litter contest by swine growers of his county.

600 Homes Reached by Poultry Work

Poultry extension work conducted in Stevens county by Cora Cooke, extension specialist, will reach about 600 homes, says Agent I. W. Meade.

CRIM FINDS SEED CORN SITUATION NOT SO BAD

Ralph F. Crim can find no serious shortage of seed corn in Minnesota although he does find instances where germination runs as low as 60 to 75 per cent.

"In all cases where germination is under 90 per cent every farmer should make individual ear tests which will enable him to discard all poor testing corn," says Mr. Crim. "There is much old corn in cribs which will, no doubt, grow very well. All crib corn should be individually tested in order to make sure of satisfactory germination.

"The essential thing at this time is that county agents should study the home situation and advise farmers to make sure of their individual need."

F. F. Moore, agent in Traverse, says that apparently a large percentage of the seed corn in his county will not grow and that it will be necessary to obtain a supply from outside sources. On the other hand, Agent C. D. Patterson, of Lac qui Parle, says so much 1923 corn is testing high that it appears the county will have more than enough seed.

FARM LECTURE PROGRAM FOR APRIL, STATION WCCO

(Broadcast every Monday and every other Wednesday at 8 and 8:15 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 1—"Right Varieties and Early Seeding of Wheat," Andrew Boss, University Farm; "Tuning Up Dobbin," L. W. Orr, president of the Minnesota Horse Breeders' association.

Monday, April 6—"Test Your Seed Corn," C. P. Bull, State Department of Agriculture; "Caring for Baby Lambs," A. A. Dowell, University Farm.

Monday, April 13—"Saving Small Pigs," E. F. Ferrin, University Farm; "Minnesota, a Natural Keystone State," F. G. Atkinson, vice-president of the Washburn-Crosby company.

Wednesday, April 15—"Treating Soils for Alfalfa and Sweet Clover," F. J. Alway, University Farm; "Beautifying the Farmstead," Clarence Cary, University Farm.

Monday, April 20—"The Beef Cattle Outlook," J. S. Montgomery, South St. Paul; "Alfalfa and Clover Seeding," R. F. Crim, University Farm.

Monday, April 27—"Selecting and Treating Seed Potatoes," W. V. Longley, Minnesota Potato Exchange; "The Sugar Beet Outlook," H. A. Douglas, president of the Minnesota Sugar company.

Wednesday, April 29—"The Home Vegetable Garden," Franc Daniels, University Farm; "Federal Hay Grades," W. R. Kuehn, United States Department of Agriculture.

Agents Take Notice

The special attention of the county agents is called to the report of the "Intentions to Plant Survey" which was issued from Paul H. Kirk's office in the old state capitol on March 25. Mr. Kirk has commented on the various phases of this subject as it pertains to Minnesota and the report should be of interest and value to the extension service.

Byrns Resigns; King Takes Hold

E. D. Byrns has been succeeded as agent in Carver county by George King. Mr. Byrns resigned to take charge of the family home farm near Lodi, Wis. Mr. King was graduated from the Minnesota College of Agriculture in 1921 and acquired a master's degree at Ames in 1922. For the last two years he has been with a commercial feed company. He was born and reared on a farm.

4-H AGRICULTURE CLUB ORGANIZED IN SCHOOL

School of Agriculture students having some worthy achievement to their credit in club work organized the 4-H Club of Agriculture shortly before the recent commencement. Alton Hanson of Albert Lea was chosen president; Fred Halstead of Underwood, vice president; Dora Newbauer of St. Bonifacius, secretary; Hazel Sheldon of Waseca, treasurer; and Raymond Sullivan of New Prague, sergeant at arms. About 50 members were enrolled, and a membership of 75 to 100 is counted upon next year. The principal objectives of the new school are twofold—to promote interest in junior club work, especially in the leadership project, among students of the school, and to interest club boys and girls of the state in the School of Agriculture. School students who have had at least one season in club work are eligible to membership.

Women of New Prague Enthusiastic

When two leaders from Le Sueur Center gave the work of the first clothing meeting at New Prague, they aroused so much enthusiasm among the women there that three groups were formed with an enrollment of 41. Six leaders from that community attended the second of the local leader training classes organized by County Agent Wheaton and conducted by Miss Nora Hott, extension specialist, at Le Sueur Center.

Local Leaders Reach 209

Home management project work in Washington county began February 19 with an enrollment of 209 women. Fourteen communities were represented by 24 local leaders at the two local leader training classes. Mary L. Bull is assisting County Agent A. P. Henderson with the project and has charge of the training classes.

Far Northern County After Seed Corn

Lake of the Woods county farmers are not only buying alfalfa and sweet clover seed in good sized lots, but have lines out for a supply of seed corn. The agent notices an entirely different attitude from last year when it was difficult, he says, to create any interest in these things until almost seeding time.

Grow Their Own Crib Silos

The crib silo appeals to Lake of the Woods county farmers because it is cheap to build, especially when all the lumber required is home grown. A small model exhibited at various meetings during the winter has started much interest among farmers.

1,720 at Three Institutes

Local grain and poultry shows held in connection with three farmers' institutes in Cottonwood county in February attracted a combined attendance of 1,720 persons. Commercial organizations of two towns presented a "get-together" program which brought town and rural people into close relationship.

Eighteen boys and girls have enrolled in the alfalfa club project in Houston county.

CLUB BOYS AT TOP IN "U" JUDGING CONTESTS

Former club boys attending college and school at University Farm gave a good account of themselves in the annual livestock judging contests of the winter quarter. Four of the highest honors in the Block and Bridle club contest for college boys, and six of the ten foremost placings in the Dairy club contest for boys of the school were won by former members of junior clubs.

George W. Chambers, once a Smith-Hughes student at Owatonna, now a freshman in the College of Agriculture, scored 819 points out of a possible 1,000 in judging general livestock and was awarded the sweepstakes or Tomhave gold medal. Arvid W. Sponberg of New Richland, president of the 1925 senior class of the School of Agriculture and editor-in-chief of the Agrarian, was the winner of the sweepstakes prize in the school's annual Dairy day judging contest. Three breeds of dairy cattle were judged, and he scored 818 points out of a possible 900. Nearly 70 students of the school took part in the judging.

Young Chambers made an outstanding record in club work. At the National Dairy Show at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1923, he won a gold medal for placing first in judging Ayrshire cattle. He was a member of the Minnesota junior dairy cattle judging team which placed third at the show. He was a member also of the general livestock judging team which represented Minnesota clubs at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago last December and stood fourth among teams from 20 states. Last year he was a member of the new leadership club project in Minnesota.

Young Sponberg has been in club work nearly six years. The last four years he fitted and exhibited beef calves at the Junior Livestock Show. He was third in the baby beef contest three different years and in 1923 won a free trip to the International in Chicago. "Receipts from my club work have paid my way through a three-year course in the Minnesota School of Agriculture," he says. "I plan to interest myself in the leadership project the coming year."

"Wee Sma' Hours" for Sure

Poor traveling conditions prevented the arrival of the Aitkin county agent at a community meeting until a rather late hour. The farm folks were game, however, and remained until 1 a.m. to enjoy the meeting and the good lunch served by the women. The program was carried out as originally planned.

Flower Growing Club—Why Not?

After consultation with T. A. Erickson, the state leader, extension forces in Ramsey county are offering a flower growing project to boys and girls. A slogan, "Make Minnesota Blossom," has been adopted. Special premiums for exhibits at the county fair will be awarded.

Like the Trench Silo

Farmers are making pilgrimages to the Robert Burns trench silo in Houston county. All are favorably impressed, says the agent. Several will supplement their upright silos with the trench variety next fall.

ADVERTISING CIRCULAR ANALYZED BY FITCH

County agents will be interested in the following statement from Dr. C. P. Fitch, chief of the division of veterinary medicine:

An advertising circular distributed by the Veterinary Remedy Manufacturing company of Norwood, Minnesota, has recently come to our attention. The circular contains a statement which would make it appear that Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp of the division of veterinary medicine, University of Minnesota, recommends the use of vitamins and minerals as a part of the regular diet for all classes of livestock and at all times. It infers that the "Vitamin Remedy" (Dr. F. A. McKim's New Vitamin Remedy) should be "used to prevent and treat abortion, sterility, when not due to some pathological condition which require the services of a veterinarian. Lame stock and poultry (rickets), skin diseases not due to parasites, to increase the milk flow, butterfat test, egg production, and to put hogs, etc., on the market in much less time." There is also included in this circular a copy of a paper prepared by Dr. Kernkamp.

Analyzing some of the statements made by the advertiser and the copied article, it is apparent they are not in agreement. It is well known that a deficiency of one or more of the necessary food elements may be the cause of certain livestock diseases. These diseases are not always easily recognized. When they are determined the next procedure should be to supply the definite element or elements needed. Our knowledge of the nutritional diseases of livestock is still very incomplete. The division of veterinary medicine does not recommend the use of any specific commercial mineral or vitamin remedy.

Lincoln Takes to Nutrition Project

The nutrition project has made a hit in Lincoln county, according to Agent Arthur W. True. Every one of the more than 200 members is using the information in her home. Charts listing the various foods and explaining their values are studied in the schools by the children.

Agent Asked to Locate 32 Sires

Thirty-two requests for purebred sires were received in the 28 days of February by Agent Charles Matthews of Cottonwood county.

Some 20,000 pounds of certified Grimm alfalfa seed had been ordered in Sherburne county when County Agent Aune made up his report for February.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

April 6-11—Junior Short Course at University Farm.

April 21-22—Meeting of northeast district county agents at Duluth.

April 23-24—Meeting of northwest district agents at Morris.

April 28-29—Meeting of southwest district agents at Mankato.

April 30-May 1—Meeting of southeast district agents at Owatonna.

"2,000 MEMBERS IN 1925," ST. LOUIS CLUB GOAL

Two or three weeks ago, when the last report was made up, St. Louis county had enrolled 1,051 boys and girls in club work. Its goal for the year is 2,000 members, which is close to the record membership county in the United States.

These interesting facts, as well as many others, are told in the St. Louis County Boys' and Girls' Club News, the second number of which has reached University Farm. The editor is Harold J. Aase of Virginia, the St. Louis county club agent. The Club News is a five-page mimeographed paper. The items are well written and the makeup and workmanship are all that can be desired.

Something entirely new in clubs is reported on page 4. "Club members of Brimson," says the editor, "believe so thoroughly in carrots as a healthy vegetable in a boys' and girls' diet that they have organized a carrot club of seven members."

HERE'S WAY TO MAKE PASTURE LAST LONGER

Several farmers of Wadena county will try to prolong the pasture season by using winter rye seeded in potato ground as soon as the potatoes are taken off and by developing peat soils for pasture by means of drainage and phosphate fertilizer. The matter was discussed at a farm management meeting conducted by W. L. Cavert, extension specialist. Mr. Cavert advised the farmers to grow and feed more alfalfa and to use some oilmeal when wild hay is fed.

BUSINESS MEN SPEAK AT FARMERS' MEETING

The Mankato Chamber of Commerce has been co-operating with the Blue Earth County Farm Bureau in furnishing speakers for township unit meetings and farmers' club rallies. "This co-operation is a splendid means of bringing about a better understanding of the city man's problems by the farmer and of the farmer's problems by the city man," says County Agent L. E. McMillan.

Proof of Alfalfa in the Feeding

What the agent calls strikingly large increases in milk production followed the feeding of imported alfalfa in several districts in Itasca county. "This has been a big help in stimulating interest in the growing of alfalfa on the farms here," says the agent. All the alfalfa has to be shipped in. Eight carloads have been received and orders will be given for three or four more.

Two-Thirds Sign Up

Two-thirds of the boys and girls enrolling in the junior institute at Fergus Falls signed up for club work, says Agent C. M. Kelehan. Business men of the city arranged a banquet for 158 juniors attending the institute. Twenty-five out of about 50 attending an institute at Pelican Rapids also enrolled for club work.