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Impressive Increase in Alfalfa Foreseen

Intentions to plant alfalfa have been greatly strengthened by the experience of Minnesota farmers during the hay shortage. County agents forecast a large increase in the acreage of this wonderful plant in 1927. Their reports, even when boiled down, are of decided interest at this time:

Chisago county—Orders for lime are pouring in. The alfalfa acreage will be much greater this year than in any previous year.

Morrison—This year will see a big increase in the alfalfa acreage. Inquiries for seed, inoculation and methods of securing stands come from all parts of the county. Alfalfa is a live subject at all farm gatherings.

Scott—Every possible means of promoting the "Half an Acre of Alfalfa Per Cow" campaign has been exercised. Several thousand pounds of alfalfa and sweet clover seed were distributed in March.

Sherburne—Orders for 9,000 pounds of Grimm alfalfa, and 2,500 pounds of sweet clover seed have already been taken. There will be a much larger acreage in alfalfa seedings this spring than ever before.

Freeborn—Seed companies report a heavy sale of alfalfa seed. Nearly 200 farmers have applied for inoculating bacteria through the county agent's office. There will be a large increase in the acreage.

Brown—All indications point to a large increase in the legume acreage. This holds especially true of alfalfa. A shortage of hay last winter, together with the low price of alfalfa seed, is bringing about this increase. More than 15,000 pounds of alfalfa seed have already been sold in the county this spring.

Pennington—The 21 townships of the county are being canvassed by the county agent and the alfalfa committee for a still greater acreage of alfalfa. Prizes of certified Grimm seed will be given to farmers who plant the largest acreage in each township. Judging by the interest already created, it is believed the increase will far exceed any single year's planting previous to this time.

St. Louis—Alfalfa is being stressed as the major forage crop and progress will be as satisfactory this year as a year ago. The failures are gradually being eliminated, and this year, especially when the price of alfalfa is less than the price of clover, alfalfa is being looked upon with more favor.

Fillmore—Lime-alfalfa meetings have stirred up so much interest that at least 3,000 tons of lime will be spread on Fillmore county fields this spring. Four local men have purchased portable crushers for use in the county.

Wadena—Farmers have been paying from \$25 to \$28 a ton for alfalfa hay for

feeding their dairy cows. This and the further fact that much publicity work has been done regarding the value of alfalfa makes it clear that there will be a very large increase in the acreage of that legume and also sweet clover.

Houston—Approximately 1,500 pounds of alfalfa seed have been sold and orders are coming in constantly to the office.

Crow Wing—A special pamphlet on the growing of alfalfa and sweet clover was mailed to all farmers in the county, the idea being to encourage the growing of those two crops more than ever. Farmers made from \$30 to \$100 an acre on alfalfa last year; it proved in several instances to be the best crop planted.

Nicollet—Seed dealers say that more alfalfa and sweet clover are being sold this spring than in any previous year. The same condition prevails also at farm bureau office.

Lyon—Marked increase in the alfalfa acreage is certain. Inoculation furnished to farmers for 900 acres.

Dakota—Farmers are seeding alfalfa, in other words, preparing against another hay shortage such as they experienced the past winter. The acreage of alfalfa will be increased at least 50 per cent this year and probably more. Already more lime has been obtained for use in starting alfalfa than was purchased all last year.

ZAVORAL MAKES PLANS FOR BIG TEAM HITCHES

To cut production costs by saving time and labor is the object behind a series of demonstrations of big team hitches that will be given in different counties over the state beginning May 10. The agricultural extension service of the university will co-operate with the Horse Association of America which will furnish a demonstrator for each meeting.

Counties which show the most interest and in which there are relatively good-sized farms will get the demonstrations, says H. G. Zavoral of the extension force who will be in personal charge of the different events. Schedules for the state will be made in a few days. Teams of four, five, six, eight or more horses will be hitched in different ways and handled by the "tying in" and "bucking back" method, which has been used by operators of big farms in Washington and Oregon for more than 20 years with uniform success, it is said.

15 Standard Clubs in Lyon

Lyon county has increased its number of standard clubs for boys and girls until it has 15 with a total enrolment of 541.

150 at Hog Cholera School

About 150 men registered for the hog cholera school at Lakefield. Cottonwood county farmers attended as well as those of Jackson county.

800 Juniors Expected at "U" Farm Course

T. A. Erickson, state club leader, estimates that 700 to 800 4-H club boys and girls will attend the junior short course to be held at University Farm June 6 to 10 inclusive.

Only club members will be eligible to admission. The routine program will be similar to those in the past. There will be class work as usual in all the project subjects, excursions and side trips to chief points of interest in the two cities and surrounding territory. The class work will feature the forenoons and the excursions the afternoons.

A new event this year, and one which will attract general interest and attention, will be the preliminary contest in livestock judging which has been transferred from the State Fair and Northwest Dairy Exposition to University Farm. The railroad fare of the contestants, of whom there will be about 150, will be paid by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders association. The best two teams in general livestock judging and the best two in dairy cattle judging will represent each of the four districts of the state in the final contest at the State Fair. The teams winning at the fair will represent Minnesota in the national judging contests.

Another feature, which is not new but which always gets its share of attention, is the advanced contest in breadmaking by teams from counties of the central district to select a champion team for the State Fair competition.

A training school in leadership will, as usual, be an important part of the course. This school is for older and more experienced boys and girls. The state leader and members of his staff will give the instruction.

Two hundred fifty of the juniors will come to the course as the guests of The Journal of Minneapolis which will pay their transportation and maintenance expenses from a fund of \$5,000 which it has appropriated for the advancement of club work. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Soo Line, and M. & St. L. road will also co-operate in providing expense funds for delegations of juniors in counties which these roads traverse.

Junior short courses at the different stations have been well attended. The West Central School at Morris opened its doors to all boys and girls and 677 of them registered for the three days. There was an especially heavy attendance from Stevens county, and some nearby counties sent as many as 100 boys and girls each. Five of the eight winners in food and garment judging contests were found to be club members.

The short course at the Crookston station ran for four days and was attended by 240 juniors. The Fergus Falls advanced breadmaking team gave the best

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LEADERS WHO LEAD

A local leader is often thought of as a person who represents her community at leader training meetings once a month and takes back the information received to an organized group in that community. But this does not describe the local leader in full. Just how the trained leader stands ready to assume community and county responsibilities as the need arises is illustrated by the splendid work of leaders in Traverse county. Out of respect to Mr. Sampson, the Traverse county agent, whose death occurred shortly before the date set for the poultry project check-up day, the local leaders decided to change the form of the meeting. This involved making entirely new arrangements, but the work was taken over by a committee of three leaders in co-operation with the county farm bureau office.

The meeting was well planned and was very successful with representation from 11 of the 14 communities. The fine spirit shown by leaders and members in attendance resulted in renewed enthusiasm for the advanced project which was to begin in the spring. Ordinarily the arrangements for the project would wait until the position of county agent had been filled, but so anxious were the groups to receive help on their chick rearing problems that they accepted the job of carrying on the necessary organization work. This was placed in the hands of the same committee that arranged for the check-up meeting. Twelve communities were signed up and membership lists were received promptly permitting these groups to begin the project fully six weeks earlier than would have been possible if the leaders had not assumed full responsibility.

HOT LUNCH PROJECT SECOND IN ST. LOUIS

The March number of the St. Louis County Club News reported a total of 2,191 members in boys' and girls' clubs. The sewing project led all the others by a large preponderance, while, rather strange to say, the hot lunch project is second. Bread is third, and garden club is fourth, only two numbers separating them; the potato club project ranks fifth. The county club leader predicts a total enrolment of 3,000 or more for the county.

MANAGEMENT GROUPS PLAN GET TOGETHERS

Local leaders in Dakota county are finishing a very successful series of meetings in Home Management Project I. Almost 96 per cent of the leaders attended the training meetings and there was an attendance of 83 per cent of the enrolment at local meetings.

Each of the local groups plans to hold a local get-together during the summer at which some phases of the project will be emphasized. Some plan a community tour, visiting each member's kitchen to note improvements made; others will have special demonstrations as showing the value of the pressure cooker in meal preparation, and others an exhibit showing things accomplished as a result of the project. A short program and picnic lunch will be features at each get-together. These groups plan to start Project II in the late summer or fall.

An interesting pressure cooker demonstration was a feature of the noon hour at the last meeting of the local leader training group at Castle Rock. The leaders had become much interested through the study of equipment in the pressure cooker as a time-saver in meal preparation. County Agent W. E. Watson furnished the cooker and watched the pressure dial during the cooking of the two-year-old hens furnished by two of the leaders. "Why, I did not believe it would be tender, and it is ready to fall from the bone and has cooked in less than 45 minutes," was the comment of one of the leaders at lunch where all had the chance to prove the pudding by the eating.

JUNIORS PLANT TREES FOR A SCHOOL FOREST

Each member of the two forestry clubs in St. Louis county planned to plant a hundred trees as his or her definite contribution to the national observance of Forestry Week, April 24 to 30. P. O. Anderson, extension forester, says the trees are of seedling stock and will be a definite step towards a school forest.

Several clubs have entered the school yard beautification contest which is being promoted by the home and community section of the St. Louis County club. The junior club which makes the greatest improvement about its school by working out landscape plans or transplanting native and cultivated trees and shrubbery will be given a prize.

Because Arbor Day, as designated by the governor of the state, comes a little too early for tree planting in St. Louis county, club leaders will set a day the first part of May as Tree Planting Day for that county. Programs will be presented and demonstrations given in observance of the day.

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demonstration and will represent the district at the State Fair. A basket ball tournament and a field day meet featured the sports program.

Sixty-one boys and girls registered for the first short course held at the North Central School and Station at Grand Rapids. This was considered a good attendance for a beginning. The state leader helped to present the program and reports good interest in all the lessons and proceedings.

CHILD HEALTH TALKS TO APPEAR IN A BOOK

The addresses given at the northwest conference on Child Health and Parent Education will be published in book-form at an estimated cost of \$2 a copy, says R. O. Beard, executive secretary of the Hennepin County Public Health Association. Advance subscriptions are invited.

The educational influence of this conference may be widely extended by the individual or group study and discussion of these addresses, presented by many leading authorities in child study and parent education, as follows:-

"The Characteristics of the Healthy Child," Dr. Henry F. Helmholz; "The Normal Growth of the Child," Dr. Richard E. Scammon; "Posture in Relation to Growth and Development," Dr. Armin Klein; "Some Problems of Child Nutrition," Lydia J. Roberts, SM.; "Work and Efficiency in School Children," Dr. Max Seham; "The Constitutional Make-Up of the Child," Dr. George Draper; "The Health Habits of the Child," Dr. Arthur B. Chandler; "The Parent and the School," Mrs. A. H. Reeve; "Community Provision for a Child Health Program," Miss Grace Abbott; "What the Mother May Learn Through Directed Observation of the Child," Dr. Lovisa C. Wagoner; "Early Training and the Development of the Individual," Dr. John E. Anderson; "The Young Child and Its Parent," Dr. Bird T. Baldwin; "The Value of Study Groups for Parents," Miss Edith D. Dixon; "Sex Education and the Young Child," Mrs. Sidonie M. Gruenberg; "Problems of Childhood and Youth," Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt; "Discipline in the Home," Dr. Smiley Blanton; "The Adolescent Age," Dr. Borden S. Veeder; "The Law and the Child," William Hodson, B.A., LL.B.; "Social Influences in the Life of the Child," Dr. Frederick M. Eliot; "The Community's Needs in the Health Service of the Child," Dr. Samuel J. Crumbine; "Mental Hygiene in Schools and Colleges," Dr. Arthur H. Ruggles; "What the Elementary School Can Do in Character Education," Miss Georgina Lommen; "The Relation of the Home and the School in Present Day American Life," Dr. M. V. O'Shea.

Howard on the Job Again

George F. Howard returned April 15 to his post with the club department after spending the winter with relatives in New Mexico, Los Angeles, Portland, and other cities on the coast. He spent three weeks at the home of a daughter in Portland, which, he says, is growing steadily and is a "comer." He returned home by way of Seattle, Spokane, Salt Lake City, and Denver, making a leisurely trip of two weeks' duration.

Houston Doing Big Things

Junior club work was so well organized in Houston county this spring that 600 members are now on the rolls and there is talk of organizing a county club congress. Boys and girls in the leadership project are editing a county club paper. In May a county achievement day program will be presented. Sewing is the most popular project, with poultry coming second, gardening third, and canning fourth.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES NOW IN FULL SWING

The first of the district conferences was held at Rochester April 26 and 27 and the second is being held at Marshall as this issue of Extension Service News goes to press. The remaining conferences will be held at Duluth May 3 and 4, and at Fergus Falls May 5 and 6. Reports of each will be presented in the June number.

Features of the first day at Rochester were discussions by F. W. Peck of new legislation affecting agriculture and by F. E. Balmer of the 1927 alfalfa campaign, status of membership, appropriations, etc. Mr. Cleland presented the matter of county project exhibits, and Berry Akers of The Farmer told of the preparations for the second Master Farmer contest. Cow testing as a definite county agent project was set forth by E. A. Hanson.

On the second day B. H. Gustafson outlined the pyrotol situation and H. G. Zavoral spoke for the swine project. F. J. Brown gave a demonstration of the film slide projector; W. L. Cavert spoke for the farm management project and T. A. Erickson for club work. More beet sugar production was advocated by a representative of the Minnesota Sugar Company.

NEW AGENT APPOINTED FOR COUNTY OF RICE

Harry A. Hass, native of Traverse county, Minnesota, farm reared, a graduate in 1920 of the Minnesota Agricultural College where he specialized in dairying and animal husbandry, high school agriculturist two years at Glenwood and for the last five years at Pipestone, began work as county agent of Rice county April 16.

Mr. Hass succeeds Paul Johnson who, except for the school year of 1923-24, has served continuously in county agent work since February 15, 1918, first for nearly six years in Martin county and then for nearly three years in Rice county.

Mr. Johnson resigned on April 15 to accept the county agent position of Crawford county, Iowa, with headquarters at Denison. Mr. Johnson has a splendid record to his credit in the county agent service in Minnesota.

FORMER CLUB MEMBERS IN COLLEGE ORGANIZE

Former members of junior clubs attending the Minnesota College of Agriculture have organized the Gopher 4-H Club and hold regular meetings every other Thursday evening, with meetings for instruction in leadership under the direction of T. A. Erickson and his staff at 5 p.m. every Tuesday. Twenty-six students, who are taking courses in agriculture and home economics, have joined the club. To be eligible for membership the student must have completed one full project in club work. Alton Hanson of Albert Lea is president, Earl Cook of Herman, vice president, and George Peterson of Renville, secretary.

Organizing for Crop Improvement

Plans are under way, says Churchill of Houston, for the organization of a crop improvement association.

The Country Bookshelf

The Farm. By Eugene Davenport, M.Agr., LL.D., dean and professor emeritus, University of Illinois. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1927. Pp. 482.

The idea and ideal behind this book, an addition to the Rural Science Series, is best stated in the words of the editor of the series, Liberty Hyde Bailey. In the editor's preface is the statement that in the last thirty years "a bewildering wealth of discovery and invention has been placed at the disposal of the farmer"; that "agriculture has taken its place as one of the major recognized affairs of men, even beyond its importance in providing food and fiber," and that "a new book is needed to evaluate the changing situation." To meet this need Eugene Davenport was called on. He was called on because the editor not only wished to get the book he had in mind, but to "catch the spirit and philosophy of the man," a man who had lived a rich and productive life and one that had moved with conscious forethought and purpose.

The writer himself says: "This text has been prepared not as a handbook of approved detail practice, but rather as a discussion of the principles controlling agricultural operations that concern the farm and the farmer who is interested in objectives and the long look ahead, expecting to shape and reshape his methods according to the findings of further research."

Those who know something of Dean Davenport's life, will be eager to read the book.

The Green Rising. By W. B. Bizzell, Ph.D., LL.D., president of the University of Oklahoma. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1926. Pp. 269.

This is a timely book, admirably written and full of interesting data, discussing the farm situation and what the farmers and their friends are seeking to do about conditions. Obtaining a flying start by means of a short introduction, the author gives a review of agrarian movements—"revolutions," he calls them—in the past, takes up the agrarianism of Mexico, and then turns to agrarianism in the United States.

The "green rising" is a revolution, but not a red revolution—in the eyes of the book's author. "It is not a sinister, so-

cial phenomenon," as Dr. Bizzell puts it. "It is merely the subtle working of the silent forces of readjustment in the onward progress of national life. But there will be no peace until the diverging forces composing the complicated fabric of our social order can be brought nearer to equilibrium. If this be true, the 'green rising' that is sweeping over the world gives the best possible promise of economic sufficiency and political freedom."

How Insects Live. By Walter Housely Wellhouse, M.A., Ph.D., associate professor in entomology, Iowa State College. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1926. Pp. 435.

The subtitle of this book is "An Elementary Entomology." It is just the book for the layman who is interested in insects and yet has not the time nor the educational background to go into a scientific study. The book is full of interesting facts. For example, one comes on the chapter on dragon flies, and learns a lot of interesting things about their habits—that they are tremendous aids in keeping down the numbers of such pests as mosquitoes, gnats, and flies. The chief criticism which the layman will make of the book is that the author has used scientific names, untranslated, for his chapter headings. That is all right for the scientist but not for the lay reader. However, the text is easily understandable, and that is good; and, still better, the facts presented open up a new world in the insect life about us.

Fertilizers. By the late Edward B. Voorhees, A.M., D.Sc., director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Stations. Second Revised Edition, by Sidney B. Haskell, director Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1926. Pp. 310.

This book, originally somewhat of a pioneer in its field, is brought up to date in this revision. It discusses not only the different fertilizers but the principles underlying their use. The chapter headings give a good idea of its scope: The Natural Fertility of the Soil; Function of Manures and Fertilizers; Nitrogenous Fertilizers; Phosphates; Superphosphates—Potash; Farmyard and Green Manures; etc.

McLean County System Gains Friends

Hudson of Watonwan county says that many more farmers will use the McLean county system of raising pigs and that all farmers following this method of controlling parasites and diseases are well pleased with the results. The agent feels that 90 per cent of all the swine troubles could be stamped out in a year if the farmers would adopt the McLean county practice.

J. M. Drew Recovering

Good news continues to come from the bedside of J. M. Drew, who for three months has been helpless under an attack of erysipelas. Nearly every day some gain is evident. His strength has been so depleted that recovery will be slow, and it is not expected he will return to the extension service before early fall.

Acre Blast Planned Near Hibbing

The St. Louis county extension workers believe that 100,000 pounds of pyrotol will be used in that county this year. Commercial and service clubs are helping to bring about a greater use of the explosive. The Kiwanis club of Hibbing is making arrangements for an acre blast at that point.

Crim's Project Work Approved

Crim's crop project is pronounced a fine success by county agents. Mr. Crim's plan involves a definite signing up of interested farmers, and consecutive lessons and lectures to keep the interest alive.

26 Winona Farmers in Cavert's Class

Twenty-six farmers of Winona county have agreed to keep farm account records the current year.

WALK PART WAY, DRIVE MULES, GET TO MEETING

Of all Minnesota counties Freeborn has the largest enrolment in the clothing project. There are 30 local leaders with 308 enrolled members.

Bad roads had little effect on the attendance at local leader meetings last month. The local leader group at Myrtle and Albert Lea had 100 per cent attendance. Two delegations from the Freeborn group could not get in, as it was not possible for car, wagon or mule team to get through. Hartland members started in their car, but became stuck and left the car in the mud while they walked in to the meeting.

Mrs. H. H. Svendsen, from Alden, describes the method of locomotion her members had to use to reach the meeting: "The condition of the roads made this meeting a difficult one to attend as in most cases the use of cars was out of the question. One group of women made the trip part way on foot; the rest of the way they rode behind a span of mules which one of their number drove. Another member walked the entire distance over a rather bad road and in a high March wind, but felt well repaid for the effort. All this with no hope of lunch as a reward, for we voted out lunch as taking too much time from the lesson."

MANY GOOD RESULTS FROM DAIRY SCHOOLS

Many good results will follow the holding of dairy schools by H. R. Searles in Menahga and Fawn Creek communities in Wadena county, says the agent. One farmer says he got at least \$100 worth of good from the suggestions he received on feeding. Enrolments in dairy calf club work were increased as a result, and it is noticeable that the largest enrolment in this project in the county is to be found in these two communities. The agent finds that many members in the two schools are determined to increase their acreage of alfalfa, after having compared its value with the value of other feeds. A cow testing association will be organized at Menahga as another result of the dairy school, as has been done in the Fawn Creek community. Members of the two schools voted to get together and hold a field meet in May with the object of visiting some of the good dairy herds in the county and at the same time have a dairy judging demonstration and contest.

Assistant for Henderson

Owing to the protracted illness of Agent A. P. Henderson of Washington, A. L. Sjowal of Renville has been chosen assistant agent, and since April 1 has been on the job. Friends of Mr. Henderson are hoping for his early restoration to health.

Specialists Going to Madison

Extension specialists in poultry raising and dairying from the 13 mid-west states will be in conference from May 10 to 13 at Madison, Wisconsin. Minnesota, of course, will be represented.

Pine Gets the Pyrotol Habit

In three years, says the agent, 623,000 pounds of explosives for land clearing purposes have been delivered to the farmers of Pine county.

MAY 25 SELECTED FOR CATTLE FEEDERS' DAY

With anything like favorable weather prevailing the improvement in beef cattle prices will no doubt be reflected in the attendance on Cattle Feeders' Day, Wednesday, May 25, at University Farm.

Livestock men and economists are practically agreed that a period of better prices is in store for the beef cattle industry. The shortage of young cattle, added to the fact that the number of consumers is all the time increasing, helps to explain the rising trend. Receipts of all classes of killing cattle have been comparatively light at South St. Paul and other markets. In consequence, choice to fine yearlings have been selling up to \$11.50 with most any kind of desirable yearlings around the \$10 mark.

Faculty men of the animal husbandry department at University Farm are planning the program and making other preparations for Cattle Feeders' Day. Sixty head of Hereford yearling steers, which have been used by the department in feeding experiments, will be shown and the results of the experiments discussed by the college men.

MISS NEWTON GOING TO CONGRESS OF TEACHERS

Miss Julia Newton, home demonstration agent leader in Minnesota, will attend the annual convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers at Oakland, California, May 21 to 28. Miss Newton is national chairman of the home economics committee of the organization and will preside at a round table on homemaking. After the convention has adjourned she plans to spend a few days in the study of home demonstration work with Miss May Secrest, once state leader of home demonstration agents in Minnesota but now assistant leader in California and stationed at its university at Berkeley.

Seed Gets Anti-Smut Treatment

As a sequel of meetings held at Echo and Hanley Falls in Yellow Medicine county, the agent says a goodly amount of seed grain was treated against smut in the two communities. University men and representatives of local elevator concerns took part in leading the meetings.

New Home Agent in Steele County

Miss Mary Floride Vos, Minnesota home economics 1925, has been appointed home agent in Steele county to begin in June. She will fill the position once held by Miss Edythe Turner who is now home demonstration agent in Maryland.

Soil Conditions Great

Soil conditions in Brown county are the most promising in several years, says the agent. More wheat and flax will be planted than usual, but there is nothing to indicate that the corn acreage will be increased. On the contrary a slight decrease is anticipated by the agent.

Pit Silos a Success

Two pit silos constructed in Cottonwood county last fall for a demonstration met all promises and expectations and farmers are more than pleased, says the agent. Only a moderate amount of spoilage on the top was found.

HAT COSTING 22 CENTS IS GIVEN \$8 VALUATION

The last of the series of local leader meetings in the millinery project were held in Brown county March 29, 30, and 31 by Miss Amy Wessel, home demonstration agent, assisted by Miss Eves Whitfield, extension specialist in millinery.

The most interesting period was when each leader put on her finished hat for the group's comments. The leaders agreed upon the store value of such a hat purchased locally. The owner gave the actual cost, thus making evident the saving in her case. The valuations varied from \$5 to \$14.

The least expensive hat was made by a Springfield leader at an actual cost of 22 cents. Renovated materials were used in its making. Its valuation was placed at \$8. The estimated valuation placed on one Sleepy Eye leader's hat was \$14. Her new materials had cost \$6.30. A second leader paid out \$4.39 and the estimated valuation was placed at \$12, or a difference of \$7.61.

The leaders estimated the saving on 25 hats as \$120.

WINONA HAS 17 RURAL CLUBS, GAIN OF EIGHT

Winona county can boast of 17 standard junior clubs outside of the city of Winona. Last year the same territory had but nine. The 17 clubs are composed of girls who are doing home economics project work. Twenty juniors from rural districts of Winona county will get free trips to and from the short course at University Farm. Every rural club plans to send a representative, and one club has raised \$46 to pay expenses of members at the course. This club has only eight or ten members, so there is a prospect that all of them will be at University Farm on June 6 to 10. Volunteer club leaders in Winona county are doing splendid work, says Miss Mildred Schenck, state club agent.

MISS EDNA BROWN IS NEW STATE CLUB AGENT

Beginning May 1, Miss Edna Brown joined the staff of T. A. Erickson, the state leader, as a state club agent with headquarters at University Farm. Miss Brown succeeds Mrs. Velma Slocum King who resigned several months ago. She is a graduate of the Michigan College of Agriculture, and has been serving as assistant junior club leader in St. Louis county with headquarters at Virginia. She has had experience as a teacher and club leader in Michigan.

FERGUS FALLS PLANS A PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

A real community interest has resulted from the work of the Jefferson school nutrition unit at Fergus Falls. Mrs. C. R. Wright and Mrs. Ed. Shaw, the leaders, reported at the last training meeting that as a result of the interest aroused in the health of the little child entering school, the Jefferson Parent-Teacher association voted to conduct a clinic before school opens. If volunteer service cannot be secured, the association will raise the money to put it on. The unit also voted to make posture posters to present to the school.