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SANITATION PLAN FOR POULTRY IMPROVEMENT

A livestock sanitation committee of county agents, composed of Dyer, Karr, McMillan, Svoboda, and Lawson, met with the veterinary and poultry specialists at University Farm and formulated a sanitation plan for poultry improvement.

This plan was then submitted to and was approved by the division of veterinary medicine and the division of poultry at University Farm, also by the secretary of the Livestock Sanitary Board.

The plan is practical and is designed to assist in the control of avian tuberculosis, worms, and coccidiosis. It is recommended that county agents explain the plan in detail to selected individuals interested in poultry improvement in various parts of their counties which will serve as demonstration centers. The information obtained from these centers will be used to develop a spread of influence among poultry producers.

Large numbers of the small folders outlining the plan will be distributed among producers and organizations, and an attempt will be made to popularize this method of reducing losses from diseased flocks.

A supply of the folders will be sent to the offices of the county agents as soon as they are received from the press.

AGENTS CAN HELP TO GATHER 'OUTLOOK' FACTS

George E. Farrell of the Washington office makes it clear in a letter to F. E. Balmer that county agents can perform a material service by co-operating with the Department of Agriculture and the Postoffice Department in gathering information used by the former in "crop estimates" and "outlook" reports. This information has been used principally in connection with the swine surveys and intentions to plant.

"The county agricultural agent need not assume any responsibility for this work," writes Mr. Farrell, "but he can do much to enlighten the farmers as to the purpose of the survey and the assistance it will be to them in shaping up their production program. It should not be difficult to explain to the farmers that information gathered in the surveys has nothing to do with taxes and is not used in any way by any taxing body."

The Postoffice Department is concerned because rural mail carriers have helped the regular crop reporters over the country to acquire the information desired. Mr. Farrell believes the farmers will co-operate if they once fully understand the use that is made of the survey and the benefits they will derive from it.

Conference of Home Demonstration Workers

Room 312, Haecker Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 5

- 10:00-10:30 Opening of Conference. Miss Julia O. Newton, State Home Demonstration Leader.
- 10:30-11:30 News Values and the Home Demonstration Worker, Miss Bess Rowe, field editor The Farmer's Wife.
- 1:30- 3:30 Applying Principles of Effective Commercial Advertising to Illustrative Material Used in Home Demonstration Work. Professor Roland Vaile, School of Business.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Miss Newton presiding

- 9:00-10:00 Reaching the Public through Feature Articles, Mrs. W. P. Kirkwood, newspaper and magazine writer.
- 10:00-11:30 Introductory Discussion—The Field of Publicity for the Extension Worker, F. W. Beckman, editor The Farmer's Wife.
- 1:00- 2:30 The "What" and "Where" of News and Feature Writing for Publicity in the Extension Field (with opportunity for discussion and exercises), Mr. Beckman.
- 2:30- 3:30 Fundamental Publicity Needs in Home Demonstration Work. Miss Grace E. Frysinger, extension home economist, United States Department of Agriculture.
- 3:30- 4:30 Reaching the Public through the Farm Bureau News, Harrison Hatton, editor Minnesota Farm Bureau News.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Miss Eves Whitfield presiding

- 9:00-10:00 Reaching the Public through the Extension Service News, E. C. Torrey, editor Minnesota Extension Service News.
- 10:00-11:00 The "How" of News and Feature Writing for Publicity in the Extension Field (with opportunity for discussion and exercises), Mr. Beckman.
- 1:00- 2:30 The Extension Worker's Relationships with Newspapers and Magazines (with opportunity for questions and discussion), Mr. Beckman.
- 2:30- 3:30 Informal Discussion of Home Demonstration Problems. Led by Dr. C. B. Smith, chief of Office Co-operative Extension Work.

CONFERENCE OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORKERS WITH COUNTY AND URBAN HOME AND COMMUNITY CHAIRMEN

Room 210, Haecker Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Miss Cooke presiding

- 8:30- 9:00 Welcoming County Chairmen.
- 9:00- 9:15 Announcements, Miss Newton.
- 9:15-10:00 Looking Ahead. F. W. Peck, director of the Agricultural Extension Service.
- 10:00-11:30 The "What" and "Where" of News for the Country Newspaper, Mr. Beckman.
- 1:00- 2:00 Home Demonstration Work—Its Past and Future, Dr. Smith.
- 2:00- 3:00 Reaching the Public through the County Newspaper, Mrs. Bess M. Wilson, member of Board of Regents.
- 3:00- 4:00 Effective Co-operation between the Home Demonstration Agent and the Rural Women, Miss Frysinger.
- 6:30 Master Farm Homemaker Recognition Dinner, The Minnesota Club, St. Paul. Guests of The Farmer's Wife.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Miss Hobart presiding

- 9:00- 9:45 High Standards of Rural Life as a Factor in Agricultural Permanence, Dean W. C. Coffey, Department of Agriculture.
- 9:45-10:30 Outstanding Achievements in 1927. Home Demonstration Agents.
- 10:30-11:15 The "How" of Writing for the Country Newspaper, Mr. Beckman.
- 12:00- 1:45 Luncheon in Party Dining Room. A Sound Program of Home Making, Miss Wylie McNeal, chief of the Home Economics Division.
- 2:00- 3:00 Reaching the Public through the City Newspaper, Miss Lillian Taafe, The Minneapolis Tribune.
- 3:00- 4:00 Master Farm Homemakers, Miss Rowe.
- 4:15 Meeting with Home Economics Student Organizations in Fireplace Room, Home Economics Building.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Miss Reid presiding

- 9:00-10:15 Round Table on Organization Problems. Led by state home demonstration staff.
- 10:15-11:45 The Future of Home Demonstration Work in My County. Three-minute talks by county chairmen.
- 11:45-12:15 Summary of Conference. Committee: Mrs. Agnes Erkel, Mrs. E. V. Ripley, Mrs. William Masche, Miss Cora Cooke, Miss Alice Terrill.

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EXTENSION SERVICE AND THE EGG AND POULTRY CO-OPERATIVES

When the egg and poultry co-operatives were being organized in various centers of the state, the Agricultural Extension Service attempted to obtain all the information possible relative to the methods being used in the co-operative marketing of the farmers' eggs and poultry, and undertook to bring this information to the attention of farm men and farm women for their consideration.

In no cases were the county agents authorized to do the organization work itself, and so far as is known none of them did more than to ask their farmers to consider the plan carefully and, if they believed it to be practical and advisable, for them to join the movement and market their poultry products in this manner. The members of the extension staff have always believed that co-operative marketing had a logical place in agriculture; that the producers of farm products have an economic right to sell their products as they please; that it is the duty of an educational service to attempt to meet the demands for certain types of information in attempting to solve certain problems, and that agents were doing no more than their duty in making it possible for the farm men and women to obtain this information in as authentic form as possible.

We have tried to make clear throughout all the organization phases of co-operatives that the educational service is in no way responsible for the conduct of the business after the organization is perfected; likewise, it has been consistently pointed out that failures are not uncommon in co-operatives.

A consistent policy to be followed in connection with the closing up of some of the affairs of the local associations is for the members of the extension staff again to give their people all the information they have as to the actual condition of the co-operative, the methods being adopted by the local board of directors for closing up the association, and at the same time make clear that they as educational agents are not attempting to form judgments for the farmers.

We believe it within the function of the agents to urge their people to learn

all the facts possible before taking definite settlement action, and to refrain from being hasty and ill-advised in connection with statements and rumors that are always prevalent under such conditions. In no instances have the agents assumed to be the directors of the egg associations nor have they advised their farmers to take any specific action other than that of taking time to learn the facts and then being guided by their own best judgment.

EXTENSION WORKERS STUDYING METHODS

A recent visit to Minnesota by H. W. Gilbertson of the office of co-operative extension work of the United States Department of Agriculture, was the occasion for a study of improvement in extension methods.

Mr. Gilbertson is developing a "County Agent Standard" outline, in response to a demand from county agents, as a means of attaining a higher standard of service. The outline serves as a guide in a study of the essentials in county agent work and aids the agent in measuring progress in the county from year to year.

In addition to spending two days at University Farm in conference with supervisors and extension specialists, Mr. Gilbertson visited Wilkin, West Ottertail and Rock counties, where county program organization, the use of the county agent standard, and the application of economic material to the county program of work, respectively, were developed in conference with the county agent and a representative of the supervisory staff.

County program development, organization of agricultural campaigns, methods employed in the preparation of circular and publicity material, organizing the field service of agents, planning educational exhibits, summarizing records of work, and applying the county agent standard outline were among the subjects considered with the staff of the county agent leaders' office.

HOWARD'S LONG SERVICE ENDED BY RESIGNATION

George F. Howard, who joined the extension staff as rural school specialist 17 years ago at the invitation of former Director A. D. Wilson, and who was the first to conduct that type of work in the state, has forwarded his resignation from Los Angeles and, it is assumed by colleagues at the station, will devote his time hereafter to pushing the sale of his text books. Years ago he was superintendent of Olmsted county schools and organized the first school fair on a county-wide basis. Of late years he had been a successful 4-H club worker. A more extended account of his work and achievements will be given in a later issue of the News.

Rotarians to Help Little Brothers

Twenty-one members of the Rotary club at Caledonia, Houston county, will do their bit for 4-H club work in 1928 by getting back of as many pig club boys and girls, helping them to get good animals and encouraging them to do their best all through the season and at county fair time.

PATTERSON SUCCEEDS MEADE IN STEVENS

C. D. Patterson, for more than eight years agricultural agent in Lac qui Parle county, became agent for Stevens county March 1 upon invitation of its farm bureau board and county commissioners to succeed I. W. Meade, who resigned to engage in farming.

Mr. Patterson is a native born son of Iowa, but has lived in Minnesota since he was 11 years of age. He was graduated from the Minnesota College of Agriculture in 1917 after majoring in livestock and farm management courses. Following graduation and until he accepted county agent work in Lac qui Parle he taught in the public schools at Buffalo and Delavan and was attached for a time to the farm management division at University Farm and saw some army service. He is now moving his family to Morris, his new headquarters.

Mr. Meade, after five years of splendid county agent service, will engage in dairy farming north of Glenwood, Pope county. In taking this action, Mr. Meade is following the lead of two of his predecessors in Stevens county. F. D. Hawk, the first agent, after three years' service returned to Iowa to farm. C. W. Nash, who served the county three years including the war time period, left the service to engage in farming in Stevens county. A. W. Edson, the third agent for a two-year period, became associated with the West Central School of Agriculture as poultry husbandman. Friends of the extension service hope Mr. Meade will make a fine success of his new venture.

PLANS IN MAKING FOR HITCH DEMONSTRATIONS

It is to be regretted that definite announcement cannot be made in this issue as to plans for the holding of horse hitch demonstrations during the spring months. It is planned, however, that a horse hitch specialist will be employed for three or four months, similar to last year, and that the agents will be requested to make local arrangements for demonstrations.

Looking toward this particular project, a supply of horse hitch bulletins will be ordered from the Horse Association of America. These give in detail the plan for making the necessary equipment and the sources of supply from which the equipment may be purchased. The pamphlet is well illustrated from the standpoint of farm operations and should be valuable and attractive in connection with the demonstrations that will be held.

Further announcement relative to the specialist and the available time will be made when plans are more fully perfected.

McCann Plans More Alfalfa

With J. J. McCann established as county agent in Norman, it was to be expected that a campaign for more alfalfa would soon be launched. Norman county has less than 7,000 acres of alfalfa at present. The aim of the farm bureau and the extension people, says Mr. McCann, will be to increase this to 10,000 acres the first year, with a goal of 20,000 acres. Seed companies have offered seed at reduced prices for this campaign, he says.

Club Work Continues Its Advance in State

Four-H club work in Minnesota enrolled 28,687 members in 1927 as compared with 26,778 in 1926, a gain of 1,909 or 8 per cent.

In seven counties there was a membership of 600 or more each, the county of St. Louis leading with enrollments of more than 3,000. Ten counties enrolled from 400 to 600 members each, and 43 counties from 200 to 400. Twenty-seven counties had less than 200 members each. The average enrollment per county was 350.

Girls composed 56 per cent of the total membership, or 15,956. Enrollment in garment making increased from 5,156 in 1926 to 6,660 in 1927; in poultry work from 3,001 to 3,389; garden making, 2,998 to 3,227; leadership, 225 to 359; home beautification, 364 to 620. Forestry, a new project, was added with a membership of 94, mostly in St. Louis county. The tabulated figures for 1927 follow:

Project	No. enrolled		No. finishing	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Baby beef	724	157	566	119
Bee	41	7	31	7
Bread	56	1751	16	1196
Cake	...	88	...	85
Canning	35	1789	20	1236
Colt	175	8	74	3
Corn	386	10	250	3
Dairy calf	2359	545	1879	448
Dairy judging	273	13	237	12
Garden	1910	1367	1294	951
Garment	20	6640	1	4499
General livestock				
Judging	201	10	178	9
Health	361	629	272	468
Home beautification	250	379	222	298
Leadership	165	194	98	114
Pig	1814	270	1298	198
Potato	723	49	573	36
Poultry	2166	1223	1413	877
Room furnishing	...	204	...	163
Sheep	824	356	608	282
Thrift	6	76	4	63
Miscellaneous—				
Hot lunches	137	200	105	175
Forestry	94	...	87	...
Alfalfa	11	...	10	...
Totals	12731	15956	9236	11242

More attention will be given in 1928 to expanding the work with the older groups of juniors, says the state leader. The advanced baby beef, sheep and swine production projects will be emphasized. There will be no high pressure membership drive. Rather, the leaders will be content with the steady natural growth experienced in the past. The consistent record of this development is shown in the following:

Year	Enrollment	Year	Enrollment
1921	18,730	1925	23,915
1922	18,971	1926	26,778
1923	19,896	1927	28,687
1924	20,150		

The business interests, the public schools, and county fair organizations gave club work a larger measure of support in 1927 than ever before. More than 100 commercial and business men's service clubs contributed of their time and means to club activities last year. The city and country press lost no opportunity to help the movement.

SCHAEFER RESIGNS TO TAKE POSITION IN EAST

The resignation of Otto G. Schaefer from the dairy faculty staff at University Farm, effective at the close of the present quarter, is regretted by a large circle of acquaintances over the state. He will leave the university to take charge in New York City of the advertising business of The Dairy Farmer, one of the Meredith publications at Des Moines.

Professor Schaefer has been on the faculty staff four years and a half, in charge of dairy production. After serving a year with a corps of American engineers in France, he was agricultural agent of Steele county for two years and then dairy extension specialist at Pennsylvania State College. Dr. C. H. Eckles, chief of the dairy division, says: "Professor Schaefer's counsel and advice have been sought on a constantly widening scale by dairymen of the state. His resignation is a distinct loss to our dairy interests."

INDIAN CHILDREN WILL ENROLL IN CLUB WORK

Indian children attending government schools in the Red Lake country in Beltrami county become enthusiastic and talkative, contrary to the traditions of their race, when club work is discussed in their presence, says the county agent. The superintendent of the agency is taking a great interest in club enterprises. The outlook is for the enrollment of a good sized group of our first citizens. The first projects will be in gardening, potato growing, canning, bread making and sewing, and those doing good work this year will have an opportunity to get into the dairy calf class another year.

POULTRYMEN ORGANIZE FOR KEEPING RECORDS

Agent A. A. Toole of Nobles county reports the organization of a Record of Performance association by ten poultry breeders who together have 790 birds on trapnest at the present time. This is the first organized effort by a group to do trapnesting in Minnesota with a view to determining how many eggs individual hens are producing, he says. All chicks having possibilities of qualifying will be banded and a record of production ancestry maintained. The organization purposes by the keeping of records to build up a line of breeding stock that will be known to be reliable.

New Film Features Stock Sanitation

"The Barnyard Underworld," a new film on stock sanitation, has won golden opinions from those who have seen it and is available for loan without charges, except transportation, from the Office of Motion Pictures, United States Department of Agriculture. The film tells a story of a slipshod farmer and his unsanitary barnyard.

Miss Bull in Hospital

Many will be sorry to hear that Mary L. Bull is still in a hospital, as this is written, for treatment of a stubborn case of pleurisy. All are hoping for her early restoration to health and strength.

Juniors Interested in Advanced Projects

Club leaders and livestock specialists of the extension service foresee a satisfactory year for the new advanced junior sheep feeding project which has been launched for boys and girls between the ages of 18 and 24 and those even younger if they have had some experience in caring for sheep. Many enquiries have been received at extension headquarters, and the Morris station authorities are planning to emphasize the project the coming season.

The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' association has set aside \$200 for prizes for juniors who lead in total weight of lambs raised, and in keeping records of feed and cost. Boys and girls joining the project must own, feed and manage a flock of 10 breeding ewes each, either bred by them or purchased as bred ewes before lambing. The lambs must be born between March 1 and May 31. Records must be carefully kept and reported to county agents.

Beef Project for Boys

Another new project open to boys of from 18 to 24—boys who have had four years of experience in baby beef work or who have won grand championships at the Junior Livestock Show—is the feeding of at least five head of calves which must have been born between February 1 and July 31, 1927. A contestant may nominate seven calves, thereafter selecting the best five for determining the final weight of his lot. The calves must be owned by the project boys and must have been sired by a purebred beef bull and born of cows showing good beef breeding. Awards will be based on weight and the records of costs and gains kept by the contestants.

Juniors of the state made a splendid showing the past season in the ton litter and the new pork production contests in competition with adult swine growers. These events will be open to them again in 1928 and the outlook is for a large number of entries by the young farmers who have repeatedly shown that they know how to feed and care for swine.

This One for Adults

Extension livestock activities for the year also include the new lamb production competition for adult farmers along the same lines as the pork production and carload baby beef contests. The object is to locate the most efficient sheep raisers and to demonstrate the best methods of breeding, feeding, and managing flocks of sheep. Any farmer having 25 or more ewes lambing between March 1 and May 31, grades or purebreds of any breed, at least two years old when lambs are born, is eligible to enter. The farmer who produces the largest average number of pounds of lamb to the ewe at the end of 135 days will win. Classes are provided for flocks of 25 to 50 ewes, 51 to 100, and 101 or more. The champion flock will be selected from the winners of the three classes. Cash prizes will be given the top three in each class. Feed and wool records must be kept and furnished county agents.

Full particulars of the plan and scope of the new contests can be obtained of county agents or of livestock specialists, University Farm.

VICTORS ANNOUNCED IN CORN-POTATO CONTESTS

To grow an average of 100 bushels of dry corn on a five-acre patch in a none too good corn season like 1927 is a real achievement. That's what Edward F. Elwood, 4-H club boy of Le Sueur Center, did in competition with all the other juniors in corn club work. To be exact he had 504 bushels on the five acres and is the corn club champion of the state.

The reserve champion is Samuel Gilligan of Northfield, who produced 84 bushels dry yield on a single acre. Charles Graling of Spring Valley was second in the single acre contest with 82 bushels of dry corn.

Free trips are assured the three—to the National Club Congress in Chicago for Elwood, to the junior short course at University Farm for Gilligan, and to the next State Fair and membership in the Farm Boys' Camp for Graling. Fifteen more juniors also won membership in the camp by their corn club work, and more than 30 others will be given watch fob medals by The Farmer of St. Paul for outstanding records.

If major corn growing honors were won by juniors of the southern half of the state, club boys and girls of northern Minnesota took about all the prizes offered in the potato growing project in 1927. The first six in order of achievement were: Frank Beyrenther of Bennettville, Aitkin county; Walter Havari of Chisholm, St. Louis county; Robert Burroughs of Malmo, Aitkin county; Elaine Jackson of Munger, St. Louis county; Bernice Coates of Aitkin, and Carl Hjelm of Princeton, Isanti county.

These and six others have won free trips to the junior short course. Five boys who did a lot of good work can see their title clear to free trips to the State Fair and membership in the Farm Boys' Camp while there.

The state champion raised Green Mountain potatoes at the rate of 524 bushels to the acre. Walter Havari, reserve champion, produced the spuds at the rate of 490 bushels to the acre.

Miss Buchanan Writes Club Songs

Miss Fannie Buchanan, known to many extension folks, has written the words to two new 4-H club songs—"The Plowing Song" for boys and "Dreaming" for girls, which have been published in sheet music form by the Home Publishing company of Grinnell, Iowa, and retail at 25 cents the copy. The songs are being sung in club circles in Minnesota and other states.

Second Great Western Special Coming

The Chicago Great Western will run a 4-H club special train from southern counties to University Farm Saturday, March 24. A program to be presented at the farm is now being arranged. Instruction and demonstration in many lines of club work, including leadership, will be given. The Great Western's special to the university station a year ago brought a crowd of 1,300 led by the farm agents of several counties.

Club Paper in Houston

Houston county, like Rock county, has a 4-H club paper of its own, with six club members serving as editors.

MOUNTAIN LAKE HOST TO 2,000 AT INSTITUTE

Two thousand country folks attended the annual two-day farmers' institutes held at Mountain Lake, Cottonwood county, says County Agent Charles Matthews. Separate programs were provided for the men and women each day. Two farm bureau units co-operated in putting on an evening program which was enjoyed by more than 600 persons. At noon the first day all the farmer folks were guests of the business men of Mountain Lake at luncheon. Specialists from University Farm gave addresses on livestock projects, feeding and care of poultry, poultry house construction, tree planting, and better dairying.

Winona Leading Again

Winona county had a combined delegation of 38 at the annual Farmers' and Homemakers' Week Short Course at University Farm. Thirteen of the 38 were delegates selected for the purpose by county groups, each under direction to take notes at the course and report back to home organizations on their return.

Want More Dairy Feeding Schools

Dairy feeding schools are so popular in Pine county that communities are already bidding for them another year. Hammargren would like to see this work extended to more communities than it is possible now to reach. The two schools in Pine county, he says, are better supported and attended than the original calls for them indicated.

Turkey and Swine Projects Impress

The semi-confinement plan of raising turkeys and the sanitation system for swine production, as presented by the specialists of the extension service, have made a fine impression in Freeborn county, according to the agent. Co-operators are signing up and many farm men and women will try out the new methods the coming season.

More Scholarships in Sight

New friends of club work continue to appear. According to the county agent, three creamery organizations and a community club in Norman county are preparing to offer scholarships and other premiums for good work done by club members in their districts.

Velvet Barley in Great Demand

Local growers of Velvet barley in Blue Earth county have disposed of practically all of their surplus seed and still there is continued demand. Inquiries from other states for Velvet in carload lots are being received, says the agent.

Washington Man Coming

H. M. Dixon, in charge of farm management demonstration work, United States Department, will visit the Minnesota farm extension headquarters March 5 and 6 to confer with W. L. Cavert and others of the staff.

Adjustments Must Be Planned

Lenzmeier of Brown says there will be a large number of co-operators in the swine sanitation project. Adjusting the present equipment to the new plan is a problem in some instances, he says.

LIEBENSTEIN STARTS A CORN CLUB PROJECT

"One hundred 4-H corn club members in Mower county." This is the goal set by County Agent F. L. Liebenstein who has worked out a plan whereby local business men will furnish certified seed corn of standard varieties and phosphate to 100 club boys and girls. In the fall the juniors may pay the actual cost of the material furnished or make a return of six bushels of corn to their sponsors. If a complete fertilizer is used they are to return eight bushels of corn. More good seed corn for Mower county in 1929 is forecast as one result of this new enterprise.

150 FARMERS ATTEND A HOG CHOLERA SCHOOL

Six counties sent 150 farmers to the sixth annual hog cholera vaccination school held at Mankato in January. Obtaining a permit is only a small part of the value of these schools, says County Agent McMillan. "I believe it is the best method yet devised for stamping out hog cholera," he says in his report. "You cannot eliminate hog cholera unless the farmer understands the disease, or at least understands the best information obtainable."

225 Farmers at Poultry Clinic

George Ghostley, poultry specialist, presented timely material on incubation and brooding and gave many hatching pointers in a two-day stay in Waseca county, says Agent M. C. Hansen. A poultry clinic under the direction of a veterinarian attracted about 225 farmers.

Scott's Premium Money \$5,266

Just a little extra 10 cents per hundred weight premium paid by packing companies for all hogs received from counties which have become accredited by reducing the percentage of tuberculosis in cattle to one-half of 1 per cent added \$5,266.45 to the incomes of pork producers in Scott county for the year 1927, says County Agent John Sheay.

Stitts Urges Marketing Study

T. G. Stitts visited University Farm recently while on a swing around leading dairy states to enlist the co-operation of college stations with the United States Department in making a study of the marketing of dairy products. While he likes to hit the old trail back to the farm he is well pleased with Washington and his new job.

Sheen Gaining Friends

Nearly 100 turkeys were shown at the annual show of the Pennington County Poultry association, and growers are hopeful of having a turkey booth at the state fair in the fall. Pennington county farmers are also interested in sheep raising and will meet soon to consider plans for a county association.

Lions in the Game, Too

And now the Lions of Brainerd, 35 of them or more, have adopted 4-H calf club work as a major activity for 1928. Each member has promised to back one boy or girl through the club season.