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PUBLICITY STUDIED AT HOME DEMONSTRATION SESSIONS

Two Representatives of the Washington Office and a National Magazine Editor Contribute to Discussions at University Farm Conference

The planning of future home demonstration conferences will be an exceedingly difficult task if the program is to equal, let alone surpass, that of 1928. Members of the committee and others have commented upon the inspiration and concrete helps derived from every session. They should serve to carry county chairmen and members of the state and county staff a long way toward their goals.

The first three days were spent in conference by the home demonstration staff. County and city chairmen, 41 in number, representing 33 counties and three cities, joined the group for the remainder of the week.

The conference opened with a presentation by Miss Bess Rowe of The Farmer's Wife of the imperative need for a wider use of publicity agencies by the home demonstration worker. "In the first place, as users of public funds, they must justify expenditures by a constantly enlarging sphere of influence. They have at their disposal a tremendous amount of information that is worth passing on. People take seriously the things that they read and, lastly," said Miss Rowe, "anything worth doing at all is worth telling about."

Inspiration from Beckman

F. W. Beckman of The Farmer's Wife further emphasized the need for publicity, and in a series of informal discussions brought out the ways and means of presenting that publicity. "To put over any program in a big way mass co-operation is needed and cannot be obtained without the sympathetic understanding of the press," said Mr. Beckman. "News is something that has happened which interests someone. Wherever there is a piece of work being done by voluntary or paid workers, there should be someone in the group to carry news to the papers."

Mr. Beckman pointed out the relationship which should exist between the correspondent and the newspaper editor. Constructive suggestions were given in regard to what to write and how to write it with an opportunity for all to ask questions and present their individual problems. Some of the most important points brought out were: "Use a natural method of telling the story; put the most important things first; enlarge upon these; bring out facts in the degree of their importance and interest; put details last." Perhaps the most important contribution Mr. Beckman made to the conference was the inspiration he gave those in attendance to make a wider use of publicity mediums in their communities.

The many different approaches to the necessary publicity were presented and discussed by representatives of different publications and others familiar with publicity methods.

Professor Roland Vaile, of the University of Minnesota, discussed some of the technical rules for the preparation of illustrative material, photographs, and exhibits.

Feature articles was the subject discussed by Mrs. W. P. Kirkwood. She explained the advantages and the technique of "story-ized" news with many examples from the home demonstration field.

E. C. Torrey, editor of the Minnesota Extension Service News, and Harrison Hatton of the Minnesota Farm Bureau News encouraged a freer use of their respective publications as a publicity medium for home demonstration work. Mr. Torrey pointed out many examples of good news material that is available to the home demonstration worker, saying, "Don't be afraid to write about common things."

City and Country Press

The country newspaper and how it may serve the needs of home demonstration

work was the subject of Mrs. Bess M. Wilson. She emphasized the importance of understanding the purposes of the newspaper. She made clear some of the great problems confronting the editor in his efforts to publish a news sheet that will really serve the community. She urged that groups of homemakers study the principal rules of news writing so that the editor may use the material offered and use it to the best advantage.

Miss Lillian Taafe of The Minneapolis Tribune presented the point of view of the city newspaper. She showed how it may be of service to rural individuals and organizations, calling attention to the various agencies through which news from rural communities may be handled.

"A satisfying rural home should be the ultimate goal of all home demonstration work," according to Dr. C. B. Smith, chief of the Agricultural Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture. "When this goal is reached," he said, "there will be no rural problem." Dr. Smith recommended an increase in home demonstration agent work in counties as an important step toward achieving this end.

"Men make houses, women make homes," said Miss Grace E. Frysinger, extension home economist, United States Department of Agriculture. "A plan is needed to best develop the right kind of rural home. This plan should include a program based upon the needs of the majority. It should include an organization of farm people, possess technical rural-minded leadership, and provide for the dissemination of news."

Living Standards Improving

A new note of encouragement as to the standard of life in American rural homes was sounded by Dean W. C. Coffey of the University Department of Agriculture. He called attention to the fact that even during the present period of economic stress this standard of life has continued to rise. His measure of a high standard of life included the following rules:

1. Fitting oneself for one's job.
2. Keeping fit for that job.
3. Making wise use of leisure time.
4. Recognizing the satisfactions in rural living.
5. Assimilating those phases of city life that can be used creatively in rural living.

Director F. W. Peck strongly urged the group to consider the need of their counties for the trained leadership of a county home demonstration agent. He presented a formula for securing such

FIRST OF DISTRICT CONFERENCES OPENS

The first of the district conferences for county agents is being held as Extension Service News is made ready for the press. This one was called for Rochester March 29 and 30. Other places and dates are:

Mankato, April 3 and 4
Marshall, April 5 and 6
Duluth, April 17 and 18

The agricultural outlook from the economic standpoint will be discussed by Director F. W. Peck, W. L. Cavert, and D. C. Dvoracek. Swine and poultry production on the latest sanitation lines, land clearing policies, county project exhibits at the State Fair, membership and finances, and developments of projects in co-operation with community organizations, will be the main subjects before the conferences.

Several county agents from the northwest district will attend the conference at Marshall. All agents are expected to take an active part in the deliberations and discussions.

service. He stressed the lack of sufficient finances as the principal deterrent in securing a home demonstration agent; however, he explained that intelligent organized groups of farm women might do much to overcome this particular handicap. Mr. Peck urged a clear statement of the case by interested, active groups of farm women in order to insure the appropriation of sufficient funds in the various counties.

At the luncheon held Friday noon Miss Wylle McNeal, chief of the home economics division, outlined the purpose of home economics education as it is being conducted. She urged all homemakers to seek a sympathetic understanding of the home economics educational work being carried on within their communities, so that the homemaking program may contribute an increasingly greater service.

Guests at Recognition Dinner

On Thursday evening the entire conference group was entertained by The Farmer's Wife at the recognition dinner for Minnesota's first group of Master Farm Homemakers. They included Mrs. L. E. Potter, Springfield; Mrs. W. F. Merrill, Winnebago; Mrs. H. W. Brodt, Fairmont; Mrs. E. D. Hanke, Brownsville, and Mrs. E. B. Olson, Ivanhoe. Further recognition of this group was extended at a tea given by the active chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron.

Those in attendance at the conference appreciated the fact that The Farmer's Wife scheduled the recognition activities for the Master Farm Homemakers at the time of the home demonstration conference. The county home chairmen said:

"We have long known that one of the reasons everyone did not understand and appreciate the farm bureau and agricultural extension work was because we have not known how to give out the necessary information. The instruction we have had on publicity, we feel sure, will help us much in this. As each annual home demonstration conference treats of a different phase of the whole, it would be impossible to say that one was better than the other; but we have found each one helpful and look forward to the next conference when we will again come together to plan for the future of the work."

Respectfully submitted by the summary committee: Mrs. E. V. Ripley, Mrs. William Masche, Cora Cooke, Alice Terrill, and Agnes Erkel, chairman.

COSTS OF EXTENSION STUDIED IN MINNESOTA

Herbert J. Baker, director of agricultural extension in New Jersey, spent several days in March at extension headquarters at University Farm, having been granted leave of absence for five months to carry on a survey for the United States Department of Agriculture of the cost of doing extension work. Beginning his study in his own state, he is traveling from east to west and planning to visit the stations of 20 states. The survey, which is to be an analysis of extension methods in regard to their relative costs, promises to be of much value.

Good Beginning

When Sheldon of Redwood wrote his February report 50 farmers had signed up for the swine sanitation program.

How Howard Helped to Start Club Work

When he was county superintendent of schools of Olmsted county back in 1904, George F. Howard carried a sack of seed corn as he made his rounds and enrolled boys in the schools to plant 200 grains each of the corn and make an exhibit of



George F. Howard

the crop in the fall. He also outlined four or five pieces of sewing to be done by the girls either at school or at home. Late in the fall 26 boys brought in samples of the corn they had raised and joined the girls, who had completed 115 pieces of sewing, in holding an exhibit in a hall in Rochester.

Along about the same time L. P. Harrington, school superintendent of McLeod county, and T. A. Erickson, superintendent in Douglas county, began doing much the same thing. Thus was sown the first seed destined to reach its flower in junior club work and junior exhibits at the Minnesota State Fair and county fairs.

The next year Mr. Howard added bread and cake making as new work for the girls, while the boys continued to grow corn. The result appeared in a larger and stronger exhibit. By the fall of 1907 the work had reached such proportions and had made such a favorable impression that a three-day industrial exhibit was held at Rochester, and when citizens turned out they saw German Library hall jammed to its doors with the products of the boys and girls. Business men said, "You can never hold another exhibit in a hall; you must go out to the old fair grounds with it," and to the fair it went and has been there ever since, showing steady development year by year.

Enters Extension Work

Mr. Howard resigned as school superintendent in 1909 and moved to St. Paul so that his daughters could attend the College of Agriculture. He had taken a position with a school supply company, but had been in St. Paul only two weeks when A. D. Wilson called at his home one morning before breakfast and offered him a place in the newly organized agricultural extension division of the university.

"I entered the division December 1, 1909," says Mr. Howard, "and was listed as a rural school specialist. I was to promote agriculture in the rural schools. We would say now that the work was carried on in a rather indefinite way, but it was about the only way that it could have been started. We tried to take care of all calls. I was jack-of-all trades and perfect in none. I helped county superintendents to organize and hold school exhibits and work them up into county fairs, just as I had done in Olmsted county."

In these formative years Mr. Howard organized a half dozen county agricultural societies that are now holding successful fairs annually. He conducted teachers' institutes, spoke before county

meetings of school officers, and promoted the consolidation of schools in co-operation with the State Department of Education. It was the practice to release him from extension work for two weeks that he might organize and take charge of the school exhibits department of the State Fair. With the assistance of county superintendents he was able to build up a great exhibit of rural school work. He also organized many farmers' and community clubs over the state, and contributed in large degree to the success of the great summer schools for rural teachers held for several years at University Farm.

With the Club Section

Club work developed so rapidly, soon after Mr. Erickson was called to take charge 15 years ago, that Mr. Howard was assigned to that section of the extension service and remained with it until his recent resignation to give closer attention to his interests in textbooks of which he is publisher. On a part-time schedule only the last few years, he has always given full-time devotion to the club cause.

Four-H club members all over the state and his associates in extension work will miss his genial personality and his helping hand. He is now finishing a winter visit with his daughters and friends in the south and on the Pacific coast and will return to Minnesota the latter part of April.

TWO COUNTY FAIRS PLANNED IN WILKIN

The Wilkin county fair board has decided to hold two fairs the coming season—a summer fair July 14 to 18 and a fall show October 12 and 13. The departments have been so arranged, says Agent Stallings, that there will be but little duplication of exhibits, and premiums for the same exhibits will not be offered at both shows except possibly for corn and one or two club projects. For nine years, he says, the fairs have been held between the last of August and October 11 and have had to contend with threshing and adverse weather conditions.

FARM BUREAU HONORS HOME PROJECT LEADERS

"Honor to Those who Serve." This is the inscription on a certificate of appreciation presented to each home project leader in Nobles county at their annual farm bureau meeting. The certificate bears the name of the leader and reads as follows:

"In appreciation of your services during 1927 to Nobles county as a leader of the Worthington home project group, we, the Nobles County Farm Bureau Association, present you with this certificate of appreciation. We want you to know that your services in this connection are valued and we take this way of expressing our thanks for your fine leadership work."

The certificates were signed by the farm bureau president. Dean Coffey made the presentation speech. Similar acknowledgments of service were given to boys and girls who were 4-H club members.

New Agent Named for Stevens County

Henry R. Bowman of Saskatchewan is the new county agent of Stevens county. He was elected March 12 at a meeting of the county extension and farm bureau executive committees.

Mr. Bowman is a native of Ontario, but has lived several years in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Recently he was recommended to Minnesota as a strong prospect for county agent work in a good livestock community, more especially in a beef, sheep and swine producing district.

The new agent has been long associated with improved livestock enterprises and has the distinction of having raised, fed and fitted the grand champion steer at the International Livestock Show at Chicago in 1913, when with J. D. McGregor of Brandon, Manitoba. While with Mr. McGregor he handled large herds of Aberdeen Angus cattle, purebred sheep and Berkshire hogs. That he is also interested in the dairy field is indicated by his connection with a creamery operated at Saskatoon.

In recent months Mr. Bowman has been engaged in livestock extension work for the University of Saskatchewan, has judged livestock at many fairs in western Canada, and for a time in both 1926 and 1927 did extensive land appraising for the Canadian Pacific Railway company.

"It is evident that counties are becoming more determined to retain a high class county agricultural agent," says F. E. Balmer, state leader of agents. Recently Aitkin county endeavored to hire the agent away from Sherburne, whereupon Sherburne county said "No." Then Lac qui Parle county said to Stevens county, "You shall not have Patterson." In these words can be summarized the action taken at Madison February 27 by the county extension and farm bureau executive committees of Lac qui Parle. Mr. Patterson has served that county nine years and the committeemen were insistent that his services should be continued there.

Changes in Lincoln and Lake

Torstein Grinager is the new county agent of Lake county, taking the place of Fritz Peterson, transferred to Lincoln county to succeed Arthur True, who resigned. The transfer becomes effective April first.

Mr. Grinager is a native of Norway, having come to this country when he was 15. He spent three years on a farm in South Dakota. He was graduated from the Minnesota School of Agriculture in 1921, then from the School of Business of the University of Minnesota in 1924. He has specialized in agricultural economics and has completed his work for a Master's degree. In the summer of 1921 he was assistant in boys' and girls' club work in Ottertail county. In 1927 he was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture and the state of Minnesota in a study of honey marketing. He was at one time an employe of the United States Veterans' Bureau, serving as instructor in the educational work of that service.

Fritz Peterson, new agent in Lincoln, was in Lake county two years and prior to that had had experience as assistant county agent in Lyon and Kittson coun-

ties. He is a graduate of both the Minnesota School and College of Agriculture. He has had practical farm experience, particularly in dairying, in Minnesota, Iowa, and North Dakota.

Dr. Stakman Discusses Seed Corn Treatment

To the question, Is it worth while to treat seed corn with the new organic mercury disinfectants? Dr. E. C. Stakman, plant pathologist, University Farm, replies:

"Sometimes it is and sometimes it is not. It may pay one year and not the next. It may pay in one section of the state and not in another. It is a seasonal and regional problem. Tests have been made by the Minnesota Experiment Station for several years and the results have been somewhat conflicting. Much depends on the variety of corn, the condition of the seed, the time of planting, the soil conditions at planting time, and the weather conditions in the spring.

"There is no fake about these disinfectants. They are excellent fungicides, made by reputable companies. They have the advantage of being chemical dusts which are applied in dry form to the seed. Therefore, they protect the seed against the attacks of mold and bacteria and have a tendency to reduce the amount of root rot and seedling blight. Consequently, they sometimes increase yields, but they will not perform miracles. They will not prevent corn smut, corn rust, and several other diseases. Neither will they put life into poor seed, nor act as a substitute for proper soil fertilization and cultivation.

"The treatment does not cost much—only about five cents an acre. If yields are increased only four or five bushels an acre, it will pay to treat; but no one can guarantee that yields will be increased. The best thing to do is to try it. Follow the directions on the package. Treat seed for part of the field, leave the rest untreated, plant side by side, and see which yields the most. The chances are the treated seed will."

ATTENTION, COUNTY AND HOME AGENTS

Taking up the petition of county and home agents for advance study, the executive committee of the graduate school, reports Dr. R. A. Gortner, its chairman, has voted so far as the agents are concerned that "the last six weeks' work of any academic quarter in the graduate school be recognized as the equivalent of a summer session term as a basis for residence work, provided that the work of the other six weeks in that quarter is completed in absentia to the satisfaction of the instructors of the courses taken."

Dr. Gortner adds that this regulation will not be placed in the Graduate School Bulletin until it has been tried out. Each case will be handled individually by the dean of the graduate school.

Juniata L. Shepperd Summoned by Death

Juniata L. Shepperd, teacher of home economics in the early formative period of the Minnesota School and College of Agriculture and later an extension worker, died at Asbury hospital, Minneapolis, early Saturday morning, March 10. Funeral services were held at the Portland Avenue Church of Christ in Minneapolis Monday afternoon, March 12.

Since her retirement from the university in the summer of 1923 Miss Shepperd made her home at 2180 Commonwealth avenue, near the scene of her life work, where she could be close to friends and acquaintances. While her strength had been gradually failing, she was able to judge exhibits at county fairs as late as last fall. During the winter she became more feeble and the last few months she was helpless.

Miss Shepperd was born on a farm near Chariton, Iowa, 72 years ago. After attending secondary schools in the vicinity she won the college degree of B.A. in 1881 and her M.A. a few years later. The winter of 1891-92 found her doing institute work in Minnesota. Then followed a course in cookery at Chautauqua, N. Y., and a course in domestic science at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. She returned to Minnesota in 1894 and taught cookery at a summer course in domestic science of the School of Agriculture, and in 1897, when girls were admitted to the school, she was given charge of the regular work in home economics.

Later Miss Shepperd, on request, helped to outline a similar course for the college. Two young women who had finished the school course were registered as the first students in the university course in home economics. In 1914, when she resigned her work in school and college to join the extension division, the number of home economics students had increased to 211.

As an extension worker Miss Shepperd gave her time and energy to helping farm women with their problems of housekeeping and management. Her special work the last few years of her service was to forward the installation of water supply and sanitation systems in farm homes. She was the author of a book on laundry work and another on household science and joint author of a bulletin on low cost water systems for farm homes. These books developed from her activities in school and college and were pioneers in their fields.

Surviving her are two brothers, Professor J. H. Shepperd of the North Dakota Agricultural College, and Bruce Shepperd of Donna, Texas, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Powers of Gove, Kansas. Her remains were taken to her old home in Iowa for burial.

Miss Shepperd was always animated by a conscientious desire to be of service to others, and her work in shaping courses at University Farm and brightening farm homes will endure as a monument to her zeal and faithfulness. Many friends mourn her departure.

Kittson County Gets in Line

Kittson county cattle owners have signed up for the tuberculosis test on the modified accredited area test plan.

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"VALUES IN 4-H CLUBS"

Under the caption appearing above The Journal of the National Education Association prints an editorial which all the world should read. It says in part:

"Would you see education at its best? Go out some fall day where a fine lad and his father and a club leader stand in mutual admiration of a cow that the lad has raised. Make the acquaintance of the boys' and girls' 4-H club work. Through it boys and girls 10 to 20 years of age, in school and out, are taught better agricultural and homemaking practices and the finer and more significant things of rural life, under the leadership of the extension service of the Department of Agriculture.

"We have long been told that education should be intelligible to the child, interesting, useful, and lifelong. Children understand these 4-H projects because they are built into the life around them. They find them interesting. The child loves a garden, or a cow, or a pig, or a few hens, and follows day by day the eternal miracle of growth.

"Test these 4-H projects by each of the seven cardinal objectives of education and they have something to contribute at every point. They integrate these objectives in an unusually effective way. By assuming responsibility and carrying out a plan that requires regular habits over a considerable period of time, the child develops character. These are genuine values.

"And there will be more such schools when farmers get their share of the world's profits. Farming is starved over wide areas because we have been too busy teaching farm lads Caesar's battles to give them sufficient mastery of the economics of marketing and co-operation to enable them to hold their own at the world's bargain counters. But a new day is dawning for the farmer and the prophecy of that day is in the teaching of agriculture in our rural high schools and in this army of 600,000 4-H citizens."

The club department has supplied county and home agents with copies of the entire editorial and urges them to call the attention of editors to it as being a tribute well worthy of reproduction in the columns of the country press.

BANNER COUNTIES

Counties in which the extension service has been operated *continuously* since organized may well be honored for their contribution to the success of the movement. These early counties laid the foundations, crystallized ideas, policies, plans and methods of work, and made possible the future scope and development of the service.

Counties in which extension work was organized during the initial period and has been carried on continuously since are as follows:

	Date Service Started
Traverse	September 1, 1912
Ottertail	December 1, 1912
St. Louis	February 2, 1913
Washington	June 1, 1913
Ramsey	June 15, 1913
Renville	August 12, 1913
Lac qui Parle	August 14, 1913
Faribault	September 8, 1913
Crow Wing	September 12, 1913
Dakota	June 15, 1914
Hennepin	October 1, 1914
Steel	June 1, 1916
Anoka	May 7, 1917
Kittson	September 1, 1917
Murray	October 1, 1917

Counties which organized during the war time expansion period and have operated continuously since are:

	Date Service Started
Cook	January 1, 1918
Watonwan	January 14, 1918
Freeborn	January 15, 1918
Cottonwood	February 1, 1918
Hubbard	February 1, 1918
Pennington	February 1, 1918
Pipstone	February 1, 1918
Rock	February 1, 1918
Sherburne	February 1, 1918
Chisago	February 4, 1918
Lincoln	February 4, 1918
Martin	February 15, 1918
Nobles	February 18, 1918
Lyon	February 25, 1918
Beltrami	March 1, 1918
Blue Earth	March 1, 1918
Carver	March 1, 1918
Dodge	March 1, 1918
Rice	March 1, 1918
Waseca	March 1, 1918
Brown	March 6, 1918
Goodhue	March 11, 1918
North Beltrami	
(Lake of Woods)	March 27, 1918
Clearwater	April 1, 1918
Roseau	April 1, 1918
Scott	April 1, 1918
Olmsted	April 11, 1918
Wadena	April 16, 1918
Winona	April 16, 1918
Lake	April 25, 1918
Itasca	May 1, 1918
Aitkin	May 16, 1918
Meeker	May 16, 1918
Houston	November 1, 1918

Every county now operating, however, may consider itself a banner county from the time the service was re-established. It is hoped that the present tendency to reinstate the service in counties may continue to operate, so that Minnesota may again be enrolled as a banner state with the county extension work operating continuously in every county and available to every one of the 188,000 farm families of the commonwealth.

National Egg Week May 1-7

State and local associations and extension people generally are urged to second the action of the National Poultry Council which has proclaimed May 1 to May 7, inclusive, as "National Egg Week." The value of the products produced by the American hen is estimated to be worth in a year one and a quarter billion dollars. Every citizen can help the poultry industry by eating more eggs not only during the week in question but all the following weeks.

Potato Schools Spur Interest in Practices

Unusual interest was taken by growers of 12 counties in the potato schools conducted through the winter by R. C. Rose, specialist, and county agents. Most of the growers made a fair profit on last year's crop, says Mr. Rose, and are planning average acreages or more the coming season. Three meetings were held in each of the 12 counties for the discussion of improved cultural methods and means for fighting pests and diseases. Tours for the inspection and study of the growing crop will be conducted in each county by the extension service in the spring or summer.

Meeting on a farmstead in Dakota county, farmers of the neighborhood took the first steps for a seed treating center and signed up for the treating of 5,540 bushels of potatoes, or more than nine carloads, with the hot formaldehyde process for the control of scab and rhizoctonia diseases. It is predicted that 10,000 bushels of seed in the one community will be treated.

At New York Mills in Ottertail county 800 persons turned out for a potato meeting conducted by men from the stations at University Farm and Crookston. A big warehouse was converted into a hall with a temporary stage for the meeting. The crowds were fed by the business men, who closed their doors for the day to entertain their guests.

Growers in Winona and Olmsted counties are arranging to buy and plant northern grown seed stock. Sales of high pressure sprayers have been made in Wadena county. Pine county growers plan also to invest in the best sprayers obtainable. More interest is noted in the spraying program than ever before.

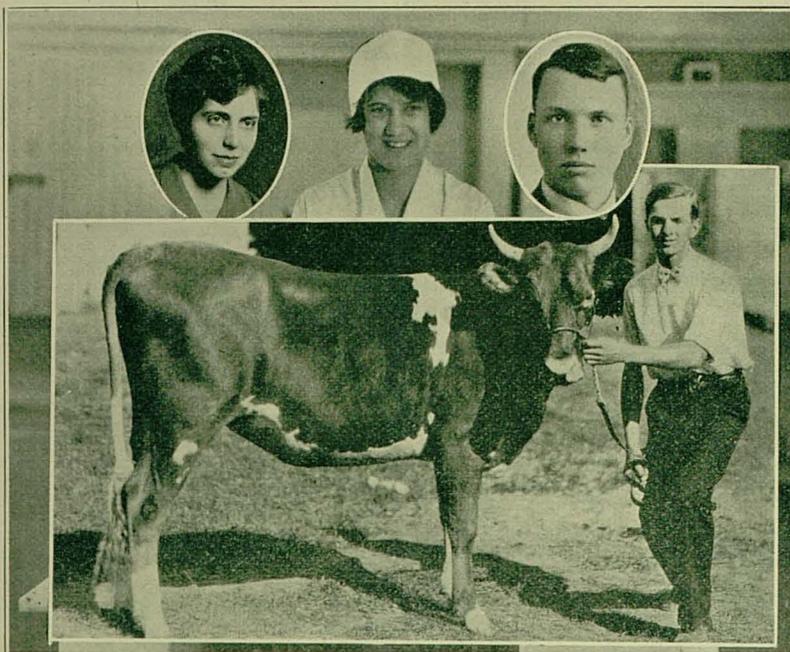
Minnesota placed first among 17 states in the potato belt in 1927 with total production of 33,120,000 bushels. Maine was second and New York third.

FINE SPIRIT SHOWN AT LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Bad roads and floods couldn't hold down the attendance upon the club leadership meeting for Houston county. Forty leaders and presidents of clubs were present. One woman from near the Iowa line drove six miles in a lumber wagon, then took a train for Caledonia where the meeting was held. Two club girls put on a bread demonstration for the benefit of the local leaders. Committees were appointed for the county summer camp and for the county home economics achievement day.

Likewise the leadership class meeting for Winona county showed the spirit animating 4-H club leaders. Many of them drove teams to the meeting, which wasn't so easy and enjoyable as it sounds. The discussion centered largely around team demonstration work, and in the afternoon Carlene Rose and Mildred Kolouner, club girls trained by Miss Stella Halderson of Winona, gave a fine demonstration of bread making for the group. The local leaders left for their homes feeling they could now work out their own demonstrations.

Minnesota's Club Delegation to National Camp



Left to Right—Georgia Rose, Mildred Bennett, and William Kehr.
Below—Frederick Welch

The coveted Washington trips, regarded by many as the highest honor bestowed upon club members, have been won by Mildred L. Bennett of Ellendale, Steele county; Georgia M. Rose of Winona, Winona county; William T. Kehr of Elbow Lake, Grant county, and Frederick Welch of Barnum, Carlton county.

If any of the Big Four is not able to visit Uncle Sam's home next June, when the big National Club Camp is in full swing, his or her place will be filled from the following alternates: Annie Peterson of Hubbard county, Sophia Boerboom of Lyon county, Fremont Deters of Houston county, and Marbert Sorem of Dakota county.

Committees appointed last year are hard at work on features of the daily program. H. C. Ramsower and M. S. McDowell, directors of extension in Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively, have been designated by the Land Grant College association to act as a committee of extension directors to work with the Department of Agriculture in making plans for the coming camp. Four boys or four girls and two leaders will be assigned to each tent and will live for six days in this tented city on the Department grounds.

The period 10:30 to 1 each day has been set apart for educational tours in and about Washington. R. A. Turner, tour master for the camp, is arranging the itinerary, as they say, and has prepared a series of short articles on "Sights the Campers Will See." Many places of historic interest will be visited and studied. Two hours will be given afternoons to conferences, and each day's program will close with a camp fire from 8 to 10 p. m. It is announced that the camp uniforms of the boys are to be a bit more dressy this year than last. As for the girls, why, they always look nice.

Minnesota's four were picked from 350 enrolled in leadership work and they represent about 29,000 club members. They were selected for their outstanding records in club projects and for ability in organizing and directing local clubs. All four have been in club work five years or more. Three have gone from the clubs to state educational institutions.

Mildred Bennett was a member at different times of the dairy calf, garment making, bread making, thrift, room furnishing, canning, cake making, and leadership projects. "The variety of club projects which I carried was of help to me in my leadership work," she says. "Knowing the subject matter of each I could present it to others." Although having "many irons in the fire" Mildred made excellent records in all projects. In 1925 she was second in the state thrift contest and a member of the southern district Class A bread team which placed second at the Minnesota State Fair. In 1926 she was the champion individual bread maker in the state competition at the fair.

Seven Years a Club Girl

There were seven years in the long-time record made by Georgia Rose. Still, she says, "My leadership work has only begun. I have enrolled in college to prepare further for this wonderful work for the younger boys and girls." J. B. McNulty, county agent, says she made many personal sacrifices to help the club cause. She has been an exhibitor in the club department or member of a demonstration team at every State Fair since 1923. Every year her exhibit or her team won a "first." She won many free trips to the fair, the junior short course at University Farm, and the National Club Congress in Chicago.

William Kehr came down three times

from Elbow Lake to the State Fair to exhibit a purebred gilt and won first in his class each time. He also was in bees and poultry and made good in all his projects. He has been a club leader three years and has learned from his mistakes, as he expresses it. He also learned, he says, to talk before crowds, and he is using scholarships, won in his club activities, at a state school to realize an ambition to become a full-time club leader. Harold H. Barker, editor of the Elbow Lake Herald, says: "William faced a task far greater than do those who have expert assistance near at hand. He made good in his club enterprises and worked hard on his father's farm."

Frederick Welch led a calf club which won a prize as the best in Carlton county, which had 196 juniors in dairy calf clubs. His first calf was Jewel, a grade Guernsey which produced 410 pounds of butterfat in 12 months with her first calf, showing, he says, what can be done with rather ordinary scrub stock by using good bulls. Jewel's dam had a record of 450 to 500 pounds of butterfat in a year. "These years in club work have meant much to me," he writes. "I have had much experience in feeding, breeding, and showing dairy cattle. I was convinced of the value of showmanship when a judge at the State Fair moved my heifer from 14th to 9th place because I kept on showing her, while others in the ring, thinking the decisions had been made, let their calves stand as they pleased."

MAY 2 SELECTED FOR CATTLE FEEDERS' DAY

W. H. Peters of the animal husbandry division announces that the eighth annual Cattle Feeders' Day meeting will be held at University Farm Wednesday, May 2. Sixty head of high grade yearling Hereford steers have been fed in six groups of 10 each and fattened for market in trials conducted through the winter. The principal objects were, says Professor Peters, first, to determine the value of ground barley as the grain feed for fattening cattle as compared to corn, and with what success whole barley can be used instead of ground barley; second, to determine the advantages and profit resulting by grinding all feed including the roughage for fattening cattle as compared to feeding all feeds whole. Details of the day's program had not been fully worked out when this was written.

Note Sent in Turkey's Crop

This one is told Dr. Billings (it's straight): A turkey hen, Minnesota born, reared, and slaughtered, carried a note in her crop when sent to the New York market. The woman shipping the bird wanted to know what the ultimate consumer paid for it. The New York woman who bought it found the note and promptly replied that she paid 79 cents a pound and that it was the best turkey she had ever bought. The Minnesota poultry woman netted 44 cents a pound after paying express charges.

Lincoln Near the Goal

The retest of infected herds in Lincoln county developed only 109 reactors, or a percentage of .342. This puts the county in position to be officially accredited.

Essay Prize Won for Third Straight Year

For the third successive year a Minnesota calf club member has won first prize in the essay contest entitled, "What I Learned in 1927," a project sponsored by the extension service of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. First prize, says the official club paper of the association, has been awarded Miss Mary Hepola of Menahga, Wadena county.

Gladys Lange captured first honors in 1925, and Theodore Domke kept Minnesota to the front in the 1925 awards. Furthermore, in the 1927 competition Elmer J. Johnson of Lafayette, Nicollet county, placed fourth; Mildred Gross of Traverse county, fifth; Billy McGra'h of Waseca, sixth, with special mention for Violet S. Larson of Grove City.

A testimonial to the interest taken by dairy calf club juniors of this state is given by the editor, who says: "To Minnesota goes the honor of having the most essays. The contest this year has been unusually interesting, and the essays presented to us have been of a much higher quality than in previous years."

In her first prize essay Mary said: "Perhaps the greatest lesson I have learned was to work with others, in other words, to co-operate. When I got my calf I realized the wonderful opportunity of service by doing my work so well that some other club member might learn from it. . . . While teaching my calf I learned that if you win her confidence she will do almost anything that is fair to require of her. Every thing that I do for my calf seems to put me on more friendly terms with her. . . . Farm life is made more interesting by club work. It occupies our spare time and engages our minds, our hearts, and our hands in such a way as to make us better and build up a greater community spirit. It has taught me to be broader minded and to know that only through honest, hard work can I ever hope to attain greater ends."

County Song Book for Waseca

Waseca county will have a county song book, containing suitable songs for farm clubs, farm bureau units, and 4-H club meetings. This book is made possible through the co-operation of M. C. Hansen, county agent, Robert Hodgson, superintendent of the Waseca station, the Waseca Journal, and business firms of Waseca. Business men are taking enough advertising to pay for the cost of publication. The books will be given to farm bureau, farm club, and 4-H club secretaries.

Fifteen Where There Was None

Lenzmeier of Brown says there are now about 15 organized 4-H clubs in his county compared to none at all two years ago. At a conference of junior leaders at Sleepy Eye a club council was organized. Club enrollments are coming in earlier and more rapidly than last year.

Olmsted on Accredited List

Ausen of Olmsted reports his county on the accredited list and assured of the 10 per cent premium on hogs marketed with the big packing plants.

SPECIAL CLUB TRAINS BRING 1,500 TO "U" FARM

The excursion of 4-H club members from Winona, Olmsted, Goodhue, Dakota, Dodge, Mower, Blue Earth, LeSueur, and Rice counties to University Farm Saturday, March 24, might well be set up as a model of its kind. Fifteen hundred juniors were brought up from the south in three trains over the Chicago Great Western. Some of them had left their homes between 3 and 4 a.m. in order to make the trains departing from St. Charles, Lyle, and Mankato. County agents, club leaders, and parents helped to crowd the trains of 10 and 12 coaches each. At the farm three periods were spent in class rooms and livestock pavilions and two periods were given to auditorium rallies with talks by Dean W. C. Coffey, Director F. W. Peck, and Miss Wylle McNeal, head of the home economics division. Juniors themselves gave a little account of their club experiences and achievements. Instruction was given in the class room periods in raising 4-H club chicks; feeding, fitting, and showing livestock; garment making, including spring dresses for the girls; bread making, canning, garden making, corn growing, and lastly, but by no means least, in leadership that will bring results in 1928.

Attendance Nearly Perfect

Steele county has had 97.2 per cent attendance at the leader meetings of Clothing Project II. Twenty-two groups have enrolled for this project, carried on by Miss Lois Reid, clothing specialist, and Miss Floride Vos, home demonstration agent in Steele county. All project leaders were in attendance at the meetings March 14, 15, and 16. Mrs. William Masche, the Steele county home and community chairman, has visited each project leader training group twice. The home and community committee is making plans for an exhibit on achievement day, the first part of June.

Father of Miss Hobart Dies

Marcus P. Hobart, father of Miss Inez M. Hobart, extension service specialist, died March 6, 1928, at his home at 2103 Colfax avenue south, Minneapolis, at the age of 70. Funeral services were held from the residence March 9. Mr. Hobart was a native of Maine and when a young man was in the lumber business with his father. Moving to Minneapolis in 1881 he entered the real estate business, dealing particularly in farm lands. He took an intense interest in public issues affecting agriculture and supported relief measures now before congress. He is survived by his wife, a son, three daughters, a brother and a sister.

Make Sure of Grimm Seed

Believing that genuine Grimm alfalfa seed is likely to be rather scarce in 1928, L. O. Jacob of Anoka congratulates the county farm bureau for being in a pool with the Hennepin and Sherburne farm bureaus for a car of 30,000 pounds of Idaho state sealed Blackfoot, Grimm seed. Mr. Jacob says no seed is available in the Alberta district in Canada, from which Anoka county farmers have been securing their seed supplies for the last two years.

Redwood Gets First of New Hitch Series

The big team hitch demonstration season for 1928 will be opened in Redwood county Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3 and 4, by W. P. Newell, a practical farmer of Illinois, and W. E. Morris of the state extension staff. Mr. Newell, an experienced horse hitch demonstrator, arrived at extension headquarters March 31 and, according to present plans, will be in the field through April, May, and June. The April dates for demonstrations are:

Redwood county, April 3 and 4
Brown county, April 5, 6 and 7
Watsonwan county, April 9, 10 and 11
Martin county, April 12, 13 and 14
Rock county, April 16 and 17
Murray county, April 18 and 19
Lyon county, April 20 and 21
Lincoln county, April 23 and 24

Requests for demonstrations have been received from the counties of Aitkin, Beltrami, Freeborn, Goodhue, Itasca, Meeker, Nicollet, Polk, Roseau, Scott, Stearns, Traverse, Washington, Wilkin, Winona, and Yellow Medicine. Schedule of dates will be made up and announced later.

Mr. Newell will give demonstrations of four, five, six, eight, ten, and twelve horse hitches, also of other combinations should there be a call for them.

PENNINGTON JUNIORS IN NEW SHEEP PROJECT

Advanced sheep work planned for juniors has a good start in Pennington county. According to Agent R. M. Douglass five lads have entered the project with ten breeding ewes each. W. E. Morris, livestock specialist, reports that the response has been good in west central counties and elsewhere and that the outlook is good for the new work. This is a project for older juniors except that a junior who has had four years' experience in lamb club work and has exhibited the grand champion lamb at the Junior Livestock Show is eligible for membership. The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' association has appropriated \$200 for prizes for the club members who produce the heaviest weight of lambs in 150 days, who have accordingly raised the highest percentage of lambs, and who have kept faithful records of feed and cost.

Club Building Seems Assured

W. D. Stegner, district club agent, reports that the 4-H club of Freeborn county will have a new building by fall as a result of co-operative effort by the county fair association, the county commissioners, and the county agent, Willis Lawson. The group purposes to hold a county Fourth of July celebration on the fair grounds, and put all profits from the enterprise into a club building. Many local organizations will help.

Like Their Gopher Oats

Gopher oats performed so well on some Winona county farms that growers are planning to enlarge their acreage this year. A Stockton farmer told County Agent McNulty that he obtained an average yield of 57 bushels, weighing 90 to 100 pounds per sack, to the acre. He had no trouble with rust.

Master Homemakers' Class of 5 Honored

Recognition of five rural women as Master Farm Homemakers, at a banquet in St. Paul attended by agricultural, business and educational leaders from over the state March 8, was Minnesota's first public tribute to rural homemaking as a profession.

Women thus honored were: Mrs. L. E. Potter, Springfield; Mrs. W. F. Merrill, Winnebago; Mrs. H. W. Brodt, Fairmont; Mrs. Ernest D. Hanke, Brownsville; and Mrs. Eustis B. Olson, Ivanhoe. The project was sponsored by The Farmer's Wife, national farm women's magazine of St. Paul, with the co-operation of the extension service of the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota.

It was one of 23 similar events in as many states this year. This new national movement is designed to accomplish three purposes: to reward individual achievement, to stress high standards of homemaking and, perhaps most important of all, to dignify the farm woman's job as one of the most important professions in the world.

Any farm woman in the state was eligible when nominated by five neighbors. Then she supplied detailed information concerning her homemaking methods by means of a questionnaire containing more than 500 items. A committee of five judges, chosen by Miss Julia O. Newton, state leader of home demonstration work, made the final selection.

The five women are not necessarily to be considered the best farm homemakers in the state, according to The Farmer's Wife. Rather, they are five of the best and representative of many hundreds of others. The honor actually goes to farm women as a class. For this reason the "contest" idea has been minimized.

Extension workers will be particularly interested to know that 200 of the 1,000 points on the judges' score card went for community work. The Master Farm Homemakers said they were active in farm organization work (two of them are county home project leaders), in supporting the work of the extension service, and in the activities of the church, school and community club.

TALKING TURKEY MAKES BIG HIT WITH CANADIAN

"Talking Turkey," Dr. Billings' popular bulletin, has reached the hands of Ralph Connable of Toronto, Ontario, general manager in the Dominion of Canada for F. W. Woolworth & Co., who says in a recent letter: "'Talking Turkey' has more real dope in it than 60 pounds of stuff bearing on poultry production that I have accumulated in the last 12 months of investigating. I am starting an exclusive turkey ranch on 40 acres of clean land and will follow the instructions to the letter."

Baby Beef Boys Get Free Schooling

Business men who are members of the commercial club at Fergus Falls are again paying all the expenses in the Northwest School at Crookston of a boy winning the baby beef contest. This makes three scholarships given by the club.

COUNTRY BOOKSHELF

"The first of its kind" is an appropriate announcement of the appearance of "Seed Production and Marketing" by Cox and Starr, members of the staff of the Michigan State College. The book is not alone noteworthy in being the first of its kind, but in its comprehensive character. It is virtually a cyclopedia of information on seed production, but better still it should serve as a practical manual for seed and crop improvement for individuals and associations of growers. Teachers, students, seed tradesmen, and seed growers will undoubtedly find this the best organized fund of information available. It should be particularly valuable to those interested in any phase of crop or seed improvement. The publishers are John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth avenue, New York.

BUSINESS MEN'S CLUBS ENTERTAIN FARMERS

Members of the Kiwanis Club at Albert Lea are co-operating with the extension forces in presenting programs at farmers' club meetings in the county during the winter. While the programs are calculated to amuse and entertain, the serious things are not neglected. The rural-urban committee of the Albert Lea Rotary Club is working somewhat along the same lines, and recently gave a luncheon at which each club member had for his guest a local farmer. The county's Master Farmer and champion dairy calf club member were honor guests and were called upon for short talks. County Agent Lawson says the business men's clubs are doing a good work in keeping town and country folks in close accord with each other.

"Superphosphate" Now Goes

Hereafter the fertilizer that has been sold as acid phosphate will be marketed under the name "superphosphate." The change in name was decided upon at a meeting of representatives of the fertilizer industry and agronomists at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, and was later tentatively adopted by the association of official agricultural chemists. This is simply a return to the original name of the product and the one by which it is already known in practically all countries except the United States, says Dr. F. J. Alway of University Farm.

Has Learned His Lesson

Formaldehyde treated oats were seeded beside those which had not been so treated on the farm of Frank Krussow of Hennepin county. In every instance where no treatment was given, says Agent Kirkpatrick, smuts were found from a small amount up to as much as 25 per cent. The farmer says he will never again sow small grain without treating seed.

Breeders Offer Scholarships

The Holstein Breeders' association in Ottertail county will give three scholarships to dairy calf club members at the next county fair. Fifty dollars were appropriated by the association to defray boys' and girls' club work expenses.

Juniors to the Fore at Crookston Shows

Sixty-five boys and girls exhibited livestock and 36 potatoes and corn at the 1928 Winter Shows, Crookston. This was a substantial increase in numbers over 1927. The quality, too, showed improvement.

Ernest Palmer of Warren had the champion steer in the show. Arnold Vanseth placed first in open competition with his Hereford. Henry Skornicka of Euclid took first and junior championship in open competition in a class of 17 Chester White senior sow pigs. Elnora Johnson of Hallock won first and junior championship with her Yorkshire senior sow pig.

In the dairy division, David Johnson of Fertile won first and junior championship with his junior yearling Guernsey heifer. John Meyers of Ada in open competition won first with his yearling Holstein heifer. Albin Miller of Roseau and John Letness of Thief River Falls took first in the Jersey and Ayrshire classes, respectively.

On Monday evening, 4-H club members were guests at a banquet in the Crookston Association rooms, after which they were given tickets for the evening program in the armory. Games and contests were conducted by F. J. Lipovetz of the Crookston high school.

Special meetings were conducted for club members during the week. Men from the university extension division who spoke were F. W. Peck, H. R. Searles, W. E. Morris, H. G. Zavoral, T. A. Erickson, and O. M. Kiser and A. M. Pilkey from the Northwest School.

A leaders' conference of county agents and local leaders was conducted on Thursday. T. A. Erickson led the discussion. The week of instruction closed with judging contests in both livestock and poultry.

The junior showmanship contest Wednesday afternoon attracted an audience of 1,500 persons. W. E. Morris and Roy Donovan acted as judges. Wayne Naugle won the silver cup, with John Letness a close second.

NEW BULLETIN IS FOR ELEVATOR MEN CHIEFLY

Copies of Circular No. 27, "Grain Mixtures for Dairy Feeding," by Dr. C. H. Eckles and O. G. Schaefer, will be sent to county agents who should take note of the fact that it was prepared especially for the use of elevator managers, millers, feed dealers, and others who mix feed for the use of dairy farmers. It will also be useful to dairymen who are in position to use rather complicated rations, but is not designed for general distribution among farmers. Extra copies can be obtained by writing the Office of Publications at University Farm.

True to Manage Christgau's Campaign

Arthur True, who resigned recently as agent in Lincoln county, will manage the campaign of State Senator Victor Christgau, school and college graduate, for the position of congressman from the First district. After the primaries he will take a trip west.

POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN TOLD IN FOLDER

Large numbers of the new folder, "Sanitation Plan for Poultry Improvement," are now available for distribution. The important steps in the plan as worked out by the committee of county agents and specialists are:

Using portable brooder houses for artificial rearing of chicks on uncontaminated ground.

Fencing the young flock so that it will be apart from the old flock until ready for housing October 1.

Disposing of all old birds as they begin to molt, or at least by October first, to permit moving the young birds into poultry houses.

Cleaning and disinfecting the poultry house thoroughly before moving the young stock from the fenced area to winter quarters.

Remodeling of the poultry house, if necessary, by providing concrete floor and allowing floor space of three square feet for Leghorns and four square feet for the larger breeds.

Experience has shown that losses from avian tuberculosis, intestinal worms, and coccidiosis can be reduced materially by adherence to the plan. This, in turn, means increased production and profits.

One section of the folder is given to feeding suggestions—a ration for chicks and a standard ration for egg production. Supplies of the folder can be obtained by writing the Division of Publications at University Farm, St. Paul.

THE COUNTY AGENT

The County Agent is that guy
That we see gaily driving by
With every air of being busy
Joy-riding daily in his Lizzie.
His duties, too, are rather light;
He holds a meeting ev'ry night
But never talks so very much—
He's simply there to keep in touch—
And after just a few remarks,
Upon a nice front seat he parks
And listens to the others speak.
He does this stunt six nights a week
Then hies him home through darkness
deep,
With naught to do except to sleep,
Until another day rolls 'round,
And then most likely he'll be found
At 5 a.m. beside the 'phone
Endeavoring to make it known
What medicine it is relieves
A horse that's got a case of heaves,
Or giving some one good advice
On treating chicks for mites and lice.
Between these calls there's time, almost,
To grab some coffee and some toast
Before he rustles to his post
To scan the pile of mail that lies
Awaiting him to make replies.
I rather envy him his task
Of answer'ing questions people ask,
For all he has to do is look
And find the answer in a book;
And if he's stumped for some reply,
Stenographers are standing by
To hunt the files for information
And help relieve the situation.
He only has to know what's known
And tell it o'er the telephone,
Or jump into his car and hurry

To ease some distant farmer's worry
Who's called to him to come cut quick
And diagnose some ailing chick.
He goes and says: "That seems to be
A case of this white diarrhea,
And should the symptoms still persist
I'll send and get a specialist."
And saying that, he jumps aboard
His ever-ready, waiting Ford—
And, by the way, that car supplies
Whate'er he lacks in exercise.
Our President, you know of course,
Is jogged by an electric horse,
But county agents, as a class,
Get jogging that's supplied by gas.
This daily jouncing in their flivvers
Acts as a tonic on their livers,
For ev'ry one I ever knew
Had appetite enough for two.
No county agent can exist
If he is but a specialist;
He must know horses, pigs and cows;
And tractors, harrows, trucks and plows;
Must know each farmer's wants and
needs;

Identify all fruits and weeds;
Know all varieties by heart;
Must show beginners how to start;
Must know the symptoms of disease,
And what to use to drive off fleas;
Must tell the members where to buy,
And also keep a good supply
Of information that will tell
The people when and where to sell;
He must know how and when to spray
To keep disease and bugs away;
And act, too, as a good adviser
On various kinds of fertilizer;
And satisfy those who demand
The latest styles in clearing land.
If he can do this and enthuse
In editing the bureau news
And can select the laying hen
And has some good committeemen,
Who do their duties as they should,
He stands a chance of making good.

—P. H. WESSELS,

Extension Exhibits Filled Building

With a little help from the poultry marketing association and the creamery company, extension people of Watonwan county filled the farmers' old club building on the fair grounds with extension exhibits. The club department made use of about one-third of the building, while nutrition, farm forestry, farm crops, soils, and others were featured in the remainder.

Chicks Offered Juniors

Martin county will have 100 or more boys and girls in poultry club work in 1928 if present plans materialize. A local hatchery is co-operating with the county agent and offers chicks to boys and girls wishing to enroll. In return, club members will bring back four grown chickens in the fall. The hatchery will also co-operate in giving the members information on raising baby chicks.

Twenty-six Leaders Out

Twenty-six leaders of local 4-H clubs in Nobles county attended the first county leadership school held by County Agent Toole. State club leaders were present and assisted local leaders with their problems in connection with the organized club program in their communities. More clubs are organized in Nobles county than in any previous year.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIORS TO WORK FOR

Graduates of high schools who are in 4-H poultry club work are eligible to contest for a scholarship of \$150 which will hereafter be offered annually by The Poultry Tribune of Mount Morris, Illinois. The scholarship may be used toward either the regular four-year course or a short course at the winner's state agricultural college. Each state club leader may submit to The Poultry Tribune the records of not more than three outstanding poultry club members. A committee, with R. A. Turner, field agent of the central states, acting as chairman, will determine the winner. Work will be based on the club member's achievements in the poultry project for two or more years, participation in club group or community activities, leadership, and story.

L. O. Jacobs on Job Eleven Years

Eleven years of continuous county agent work under L. O. Jacob will be celebrated on a county-wide scale at Anoka Monday, May 7. A dinner meeting in the armory at noon will be featured by talks by Ray Chase, J. F. Reed, F. E. Balmer, Dr. F. J. Alway, County Agent Jacob, and others. F. W. Peck will preside. The development of the county's agriculture will be discussed, with the emphasis placed on the introduction of alfalfa, dairy improvement, peat land reclamation, the greater use of lime and fertilizers, and progress made in marketing.

Kiwanians Provide Trips and Pins

J. B. McNulty reports that the Winona Kiwanis club will provide 10 trips for corn club winners to attend the University Farm short course in 1929. Another nice thing the club has done is to appropriate \$100 to pay for achievement pins for all club members finishing their work during the year. The individual sponsorship plan is also approved by the Kiwanians, several of whom will form these junior partnerships with club youngsters.

Rotarians Help Pig Club Boys

Rotarians of Caledonia will learn that "pigs is pigs" before the 1928 4-H club season is completed. They are sponsoring a pig club with 25 boys and girls enrolled. Each Rotarian is sponsor for one boy. Pig club members were banquetted recently and listened to inspirational talks.

Who Can Beat It?

County Agent A. R. Karr reports that on February 23 nearly 800 persons attended the Martin county annual farm bureau meeting. The farm bureau membership drive in the county resulted in a bona fide membership of 1,020.

Develops More Service

Idtse of Hubbard has established regular office days at four outlying points and says contacts are being made each successive month that would not have been made right away without office days in the different communities.

Pine Planning Potato Plots

That more farmers than ever before will have potato seed plots is the word from Hammargren of Pine. This is only one of many good results from the potato schools held in the county.