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Jackson to Restore County Agent Service

Jackson county has decided to change the extension map of southern Minnesota. The county farm bureau has been re-organized and the county commissioners are co-operating in the plan to re-establish the county agent service.

When this is done the entire southwestern section of Minnesota will have this important service operating uniformly and every county south of the Minnesota river will be served except two, Le Sueur and Wabasha.

More than the necessary 200 farm bureau members required by law were readily obtained in Jackson. At the re-organization meeting the following officers and executive committeemen were elected: Cletus Murphy, president; Theo. Lewison, vice president; Conrad R. Brill, secretary-treasurer; Louis Hus-song, Theo. Nestegaard, John Matasovsky, and C. R. Teig.

The major sources of farm income in Jackson county are indicated by the production reported by the last census. The main items include corn, 125,000 acres; oats, 102,000 acres; barley, 4,000 acres; wheat and rye, 5,000 acres; flax, 10,000 acres; tame hays, 28,000 acres, and nearly 1,000 acres of sugar beets.

Jackson county has 43,000 head of cattle of which nearly 16,000 are dairy cows two years old or over. Beef production in the county is important. With 80,300 head of hogs, the county is a leading swine producing center, being excelled by only four other counties in the entire state as to number of swine—Renville, Redwood, Faribault, and Martin. Jackson is likewise a leading poultry county. The butterfat production annually approximates 2,000,000 pounds, worth nearly \$1,000,000. These facts will have much to do in determining the program of work to be undertaken in the county.

In addition, as in all other counties, projects of interest and value to the farm women will in time be undertaken. Jackson county, which has long been prominent in 4-H club work, will hope to expand this activity more generally among the boys and girls.

From the point of view of developing a long time program for the advancement of a more permanently successful agriculture, Jackson county has been especially favored in that the United States Department of Agriculture has recently completed a detailed soil survey of the county. This will be of great value to the movement being established in the county. Only eleven other counties in the state have been fortunate in having such surveys made.

Aitkin Farmers to Grow Phalaris

Phalaris, or reed canary grass, will be planted this spring by a dozen or more farmers of Aitkin county.

95 Per Cent Complete Course in Nutrition

Of 231 women in nutrition project 1 in Sherburne county, 221, or about 95 per cent of the group, finished the work and turned in final reports.

This was one of the interesting developments of Check-up Day which was observed by the leaders and county and township chairmen at Becker April 19. About 50 women were present.

Twenty-one groups enrolled in the project which was started last September. Nineteen of the groups were from Sherburne county and two from Wright county. Three training classes were led by Miss Hobart in sessions held monthly for five months.

Practically all the members of project 1 are preparing to take the advanced project when it can be given in 1930.

The 221 completing project 1 reported giving substantial help to 1,725 persons. Of those thus benefited 1,007 adopted better nutrition practices. Three hundred fifty homes reported the adoption of health practices. Growth records of children were kept by 77, while 548 reported improvement in health and 358 improvement in posture as results of the project work. Food supplies of 252 homes were improved.

Many testimonials of the helpful nature of the studies and practices were reported. Achievement Day exercises will not be held in Sherburne county until the advanced work has been finished next year.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS EACH MONTH PLANNED

W. D. Stegner says that several southern Minnesota counties are boosting 4-H club leadership training schools in an effort to build up better organized clubs in various communities. Such schools have already been held, he says, in Houston, Rock, and Fillmore counties, and agents are making plans to hold similar meetings in Faribault, Waseca, Nobles, and Murray counties. According to W. D. several county agents plan to hold these leadership schools once each month.

Two Club Features Combined

Believing that consolidation will make for a better camp and a stronger achievement day program, County Agent L. A. Churchill announces that it has been decided to hold the Houston county 4-H club achievement day exercises in connection with the club camp at Hokah.

Phosphate Orders Doubled

Phosphate distribution this year will be more than double that of 1928, says Matthews of Cottonwood. Elevator and implement companies will lease equipment to the farmers for applying the fertilizer.

Junior Short Course Will Bring 800 to "U"

Members of the state club office staff are already making preparations for the nineteenth annual 4-H club junior short course which will be held at University Farm June 10 to 13 inclusive.

The course is for club members, who must be at least 12 years of age, and for students of home economics and agricultural departments in consolidated, graded and high schools. Eight hundred to 900, most of whom will live in dormitories at the farm, are expected to attend.

Transportation to and from the farm will be provided practically all attending the course. Railroads of the state will contribute to a fund for paying the fares of 400 or more of the juniors, and actual expenses of 240 more on the road and while at the farm will be paid by The Minneapolis Journal as a reward for outstanding work in the baby beef, sheep, poultry, and pig projects. The Farmer of St. Paul will finance champion poultry club members, while county club organizations and fairs will pay the traveling expenses of delegates.

The business of registering and getting settled will keep all hands busy the first day. For the remaining days assembly periods will be appointed for 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Faculty members will give instruction every forenoon in subjects intimately related to the different club projects. The afternoons will be reserved for little educational journeys to places of particular interest in the Twin Cities.

Leaders will have their own class work every day after the first day, with some member of the club staff in charge. Three periods a day will be devoted to this feature of the course.

John Bradford of the American Playground association, who is a national authority on "play-work" subjects, will instruct the leaders in putting on games and exercises. He will give demonstrations of organized play that will make for better club work.

The annual outdoor picnic will be staged Wednesday evening, June 12, and will be followed by a stunt night program at the auditorium. This will be the club members' own program of club stunts, playlets, and songs.

The preliminary livestock judging contests of the last two years will not be repeated this year, experience having shown that the boys have not had enough practice in livestock judging at the time of the short course. In many counties, in fact, this phase of club work is not organized until about June 1. Therefore, all the judging for places on the teams that will represent Minnesota 4-H clubs at the International Livestock Exposition and the National Dairy Show will be held, as was formerly the practice, at the Minnesota State Fair.

Agents in Training in Three Counties

Minnesota has started this year the plan of employing three assistant county agents in training. The three, their assignments for the present year, and the dates they began service are: Joseph T. Paulson to Carlton county, February 16; Frank A. Douglass to West Ottertail county, March 16; and Russell C. Morgan to Winona county, April 1.

Mr. Paulson was farm reared in South Dakota, and was graduated in 1921 from the agricultural college of that state. He served as a Smith-Hughes agricultural instructor in South Dakota two years, and while teaching in the Minneapolis public schools the last two years has done graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

Frank A. Douglass has a background of farm experience in Anoka county and, following graduation at the Minnesota Agricultural College in 1924, farmed three years in North Dakota. Recently he has been employed with one of the leading dairy equipment manufacturing companies. Mr. Douglass' brother, Robert M., is the present agent of Pennington county.

Russell C. Morgan gained most of his farm experience at his home farm of 320 acres at Granite Falls, where beef and hog feeding was emphasized. Before entering the Minnesota Agricultural College from which he was graduated in March this year, he was engaged in 4-H club work six years and had the champion Angus steer at the 1923 Minnesota Junior Livestock Show.

The services and expenses of the assistant county agents are being paid entirely by the state and federal departments. The assistant agents are responsible jointly to the local committees, the county agents, and the agricultural extension division. The assistants will be especially concerned with 4-H club work, but their training will cover all phases of field and office work encountered by a county agent.

It is hoped that with the training acquired and aptitude developed these men will be ready to assume the responsibilities of regular county agent work the coming year.

On the Air, Up in the Air

Miss Mildred Schenck, who was a guest speaker early in April of Swift & Co. and the Prairie Farmer at the Sherman house radio station, Chicago, returned to the Twin Cities by airplane in a non-stop flight of about four hours' duration. The homeward trip was made in a Ford tri-motored 14 passenger plane over the Northwest Airways. Part of the time the big ship sailed above the clouds.

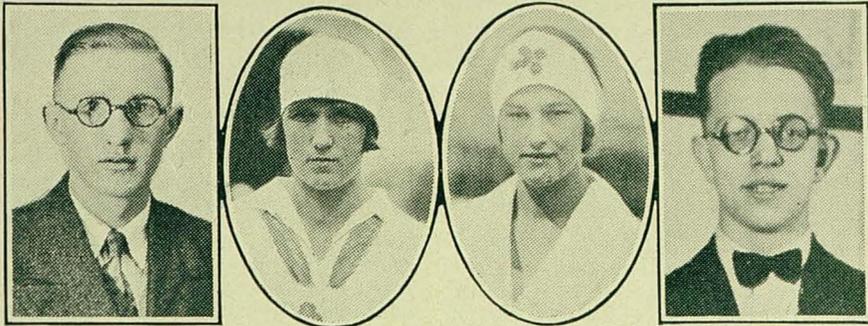
Smut Bill Should Be Lighter

Liebenstein of Mower in his report for March noted a marked increase in the attention given by farmers to the testing and treating of seed grains.

Special Prizes for Home Winners

The Hormel Company of Austin is encouraging the ton litter, pork production, and carload baby beef projects by hanging up \$25 in each contest for special prizes to Mower county entrymen.

1929 Class of Minnesota Master Club Members



The four will represent 32,000 club members in the 4-H club camp at Washington June 19 to 25. From left to right, Alden Flygare, Annie Pederson, Jeanne Tellier, and Donald Gibson.

To the brief announcement in April's Extension Service News of the selection of Jeanne Tellier of Dakota county, Annie Pederson of Hubbard county, Alden Flygare of Martin county, and Donald Gibson of St. Louis county for membership in the third National 4-H club Camp at Washington, D. C., June 19 to 25, should be added a statement of the records and achievements which won this high honor—the highest in club work—for these Master Club Members.

Jeanne Tellier heard about club work when she was 8 years old and she has been a member since she arrived at club age. While she is best known for her work in the baby beef project she has made excellent records also in the canning, sewing, bread making, and poultry projects. Each year of the six she was in the beef cattle club she was in the thick of the competition at the Junior Livestock Show. In her third year in this project she exhibited the reserve champion steer, and in 1927 was awarded the McKerrow trophy for being the most outstanding club member, with a long time record, at this club show.

Calf club work won for her a trip to the Chicago International and a place on two Great Northern junior livestock trains touring the northwest. Her three years in the canning project earned her many honors in her home county and two trips to the Minnesota State Fair, where her team placed third one year and had the champion state canning exhibit another year. In sewing, poultry raising, and bread making she had many fine achievements to her credit, but she is proudest of all, she says, of her leadership work the last three years. "I treasure all the honors that came to me in club work," she says, "but not any of them give me the personal satisfaction that it does to know that many boys and girls are in the work because of some effort of mine."

Annie Pederson almost won the Washington trip a year ago when she was chosen as alternate. She has been in club work five years. Her first trip to the State Fair as a bread maker was won in 1925. At the 1927 fair she won a \$100 scholarship for placing first in the quick bread contest. In 1928 she and her teammate won the county, district, and state contest for Class B demonstration teams and were awarded a trip to the National Club Congress in Chicago. Her work as a leader of club juniors dates back to

1926 when she enrolled a class of 12 in baking. "I love to work with boys and girls," she says. "Club work teaches us many things, and one of the most valuable is to see the good in everyone. I know it has taught me that."

Alden Flygare has lived all of his life on a southern Minnesota farm and says he expects to remain on the farm. He has a herd of five purebred Holstein cows and a flock of 200 White Rocks, accumulated as a result of his regular club work. Leadership and dairy calf club work are interesting him just now, but he was a member of the poultry club four years and produced 86.7 bushels of corn in his acre project last year. He has won trips to the International Livestock Show in Chicago, to the Interstate Fair at Sioux City, to the State Fair at Hamline, and to the Junior Livestock Show. For the last five years he has been a successful local leader, seconding the efforts of his county agent and inspiring many boys and girls to get into club work.

Donald Gibson, 18 years old, has been particularly successful in poultry work. His own flock of White Leghorns is one of the best in the state, and he is also in partnership with his father in the farm poultry enterprise. He has won many "firsts" at county and district fairs, and also trips to the State Fair and the Junior Livestock Show. At the 1927 State Poultry Show he won a prize on every entry in competition with the best breeders in the state. At the recent annual show of the Minnesota State Poultry association he won the grand championship of the junior department, an award based on quality of exhibit, poultry judging, and record and story of work. To his leadership is largely attributed the development of club work in Meadowlands, his home community, this work in turn leading to the introduction of courses in agriculture and sewing in the town's public schools.

Junior Show Pictures Please

More than 300 persons attending an extension meeting at Alma City, Waseca county, took a lively interest in the moving picture show, and particularly in the film presenting scenes at the 1928 Junior Livestock Show. Prospects for 4-H club work in Waseca county are brighter than in any previous year, says County Agent Hansen.

FRANK WILLIS HEAD OF FARM BUREAU 13 YEARS

On March 25, 1916, the Lac qui Parle County Farm Bureau association organized with Frank Willis its first president. From that time until February 28, 1929, when he declined re-election, Mr. Willis served the association continuously as president.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Willis' tenure is a record for continuous service as a farm bureau president in Minnesota. The Dawson Sentinel of March 7, 1929, paying tribute to Mr. Willis, said:

"Frank Willis always stood for progressive, sane development in agriculture and practiced what he preached. His boys were among the first in Minnesota to be members of the 4-H club work and have taken part continuously in this movement. Mr. Willis has given much of his time to extension work. He is known and recognized in a state-wide way. Never did he ask for remuneration for his services, nor did he think in terms of getting paid for his time, but just 'How much can I do to help improve conditions in my county.' His work as president will leave a permanent imprint which will help to guide the good work in the years to come."

SINGLE TOWNSHIP HAS 84 IN NUTRITION WORK

Direct and indirect spread of influence probably accounts for the fact that a single township in Faribault county has 84 enrollments in nutrition project 1. Thirty-two members are completing the work, while the remaining 52 are new enrollments. Groups are being organized in other townships to join the 52 and the first lessons will be given them the first of May and all the lessons completed in time to take the advanced project in the fall. About 304 women in the county are taking nutrition work under Miss Hobart and Miss Boyd, the new home demonstration agent. Many more names will be placed upon the rolls.

County Weed Campaign Forming

A county-wide meeting, several township meetings, and essay, slogan, and method contests will feature the preparations for a weed control campaign in Norman county, reports County Agent J. J. McCann. Plans drawn up by Gilbertson of Washington, and McNelly, district county agent leader, include the sowing of alfalfa and sweet clover, summer fallow, and the use of sodium chlorate.

Club Boy in Pork Production Race

Donald Dreher, 15-year-old club boy, will try to keep the championship of the pork production contest in Winona county. McNulty, county agent, says the boy has 58 pigs from six sows which farrowed early in March. The lad is going ahead on the sanitation plan and his record will bear watching, McNulty believes.

Good Instrument Improperly Used

King of Carver says no one can regard the radio as an unmixed blessing since it has been responsible for the sale to local farmers of so much so-called bargain alfalfa.

MINN. AGENTS INVITED TO MANITOBA'S CAPITAL

County agents of Minnesota will swap information and experience with officials of Manitoba when, on June 19 to 23, they will visit Winnipeg upon special invitation as the guests of the premier of the province, the mayor of the city, and others in authority.

The Manitoba government is about to launch an agricultural extension program and is after suggestions and counsel from the Minnesotans, many of whom have had years of practical experience in extension work. On their part, the men from Minnesota will investigate the workings of the Canadian wheat pool, visit the Manitoba Agricultural College, and study agricultural conditions in the big province.

County Agent Lloyd Hudson of Watonwan, president of the Minnesota County Agents association, accepted the invitation in behalf of that organization, and it is predicted that a goodly number of its members will make the trip.

The invitation of the Manitoba authorities is regarded as a high compliment to the value of the work of the county agents of Minnesota. The agents will be interviewed as to means and methods, and in their turn will study phases and developments of agriculture in western Canada.

SUMMER CLUB LEADERS NAMED FOR COUNTIES

Thirty Minnesota counties will have their own special club leaders through the summer. Most of them are engaged for the period of April 1 to September 15. With few exceptions they have been club members themselves several years and all have had special training in the leadership project. The following appointments are announced by the state leader:

Beltrami—Roy Lennartson
Blue Earth—C. J. Arnold
Crow Wing—Fred Johnson
Dakota—W. H. Turner
*Douglas—Arvid Sponberg
Fillmore—Ruth Utley
Goodhue—Myrtle Bang
*Grant—William Shervey
Hennepin—Verne Immer
Houston—Gladys Lappan
*Isanti—Morbert Sorem
Itasca—Amy Umland
*Kandiyohi—Glenn Prickett
Lyon—Irene Hanson
Mower—Lucy Palmer
Murray—Lenora Wornson
Nicollet—Bertha Soules
Olmsted—Josephine Seymour
Ottertail (east)—Walter Blakeslee
Pipestone—Sophia Boerboom
Polk (west)—Evelyn Bierbaum
Rice—Olga Kolsrud
Roseau—Borghild Martin
Scott—Marcella Wittwer
*Stearns—George Minnette
Stevens—Arletta Ness
Waseca—Hazelle V. Carroll
Washington—Alice Hooley
Watonwan—Irene Haseman
Wilkin—Tone Halverson

* Without state or federal aid.

Velvet Barley in High Favor

Velvet barley will be grown this year on 2,000 acres in Rock county, says Gaylord. The variety was introduced in the county by the extension service in 1927.

MANY CO-OPERATORS IN POULTRY SANITATION

The sanitation plan of keeping poultry is one of the outstanding features of the poultry project this year, says Cora Cooke, specialist. Co-operators have been enrolled in local groups by project leaders who will report results from time to time at the leader training meetings conducted by Miss Cooke.

Meeker county comes to the front with 65 co-operators. Martin county with 57 is not far behind. Practically all are women living on farms. Other followers of the plan, some of whom are also poultry record farm co-operators, are to be found in 12 or more other counties.

The sanitation plan calls for a systematic, studied system of handling the young flocks so that losses from diseases will be minimized and production and profits increased. Emphasis is placed on clean ground for the young and growing chicks. Brooder houses should be placed entirely away from ranges generally used by the old stock and fenced in to prevent contact of young birds with old.

CLOTHING PROJECT ON A COUNTY-WIDE SCALE

St. Louis county is having a real county-wide clothing project.

Twelve project leader training meetings are being conducted. Three training centers are in charge of Miss Florence Lang, home demonstration agent for south St. Louis county, and a like number is in charge of Miss Hellen Gillette, the agent for north St. Louis. M. Lois Reid, extension specialist in clothing, conducts three centers in the south and three in the north.

South St. Louis county has 372 women enrolled in clothing project 1, while north St. Louis county has 437, making a total county enrollment of 809, the largest ever known in home demonstration work in Minnesota. The two home demonstration agents have made this county-wide project possible, says Miss Reid.

Two series of training meetings have been held, with every enrolled group represented at the training centers.

More Co-operators Than Ever

Poultry Record Farm co-operators number 70 at this date, or more than ever before for the corresponding period, says Miss Cooke. Thirty-two Minnesota counties are represented in this work, and 13 of these counties have the full quota of co-operators. As the project was off to a good start November first, the records of the first six months will soon be due and should prove interesting.

Itasca Will Have Home Agent

It is expected announcement can soon be made of the appointment of a home demonstration agent for Itasca county. Four such agents will then have been added to the extension service since the Capper-Ketcham act became effective.

Letterhead From Cornstalks

County Agent W. F. Hammargren of Pine county seems to be the first agent to use letterheads made from corn stalks. While the paper is slightly mottled, it is nevertheless rather distinctive in appearance and serves the purpose admirably.