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Changes in County Agent Personnel

Several county agent appointments and changes were made in the last few weeks. HAROLD LAWRENZ, former agricultural instructor of Esko Corner, was named county agent to succeed JOHN WASSON in Dakota county and took over his duties in November. In his first report, Mr. Lawrenz said there are a number of projects that will help to "keep me out of mischief." Mr. Lawrenz has had close contact with extension work in his teaching activities in Carlton county and in his former position in Wisconsin.

DALTON LONG, who has been serving as assistant agent to K. A. KIRKPATRICK, Hennepin county, for the past few months, was transferred during November to the position as emergency agent in Mille Lacs, Kanabec, and Pine counties, succeeding LLOYD MEHLHOUSE. Mr. Long's work in Hennepin county was exceptionally noticeable in the 4-H livestock projects. He put special emphasis on the colt project and the baby beef project, as well as on all livestock projects. Mr. Mehlhouse is taking over the duties of the district AAA representative in the northwest territory formerly covered by D. C. DVORACEK.

FLOYD B. WOLBERG took up his duties, December 9, as assistant county agent in Hennepin county. Mr. Wolberg is a native of Wisconsin, and has spent the last 5 years in dairy work in Kansas, both at the agricultural college and out in the field. He will work with Mr. Kirkpatrick on all phases of extension work, but with special emphasis on the 4-H club activities.

A. B. HAGEN, assistant agent in Nicollet county for the last two months, was transferred to Freeborn county December 1, to assist WILLIS LAWSON.

J. H. MCKIBBEN, who has been teaching agriculture at Fulda for the last 5 years, has been employed as assistant agent in Cottonwood where he will work with W. A. DICKINSON. Mr. McKibben was farm reared in Iowa and Minnesota, graduating from Iowa State College in 1930.

Another Iowa State grad has also just been assigned to an assistantship in Mower county, with F. L. LIEBENSTEIN. He is CLARENCE G. POWELL, an Iowa farm lad who finished at Ames in 1933. Since June 1933 he has been working in the cattle purchasing department of Armour and Company, Chicago.

Ramsey county has an assistant agent, MARTIN L. ODLAND, who is helping with the work while AGENT FREEMAN is giving most of his time to working with rural discussion groups throughout the state. Mr. Odland attended the Crookston aggie school and was graduated from college at University Farm in 1934. Since then he has been taking graduate work in horticulture and has been granted a master's degree.

Coming Events

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| January 6-11 | Farm and Home Week |
| January 6-9 | Annual Meeting, Minnesota Farm Bureau, St. Paul |
| January 15-17 | Annual Meeting, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, St. Paul |
| February 3-7 | Red River Shows and Northwest Farmers Week, Crookston |
| February 11-12 | Annual Meeting, Central Co-Operative Association, St. Paul |

Unless otherwise specified, events listed will take place at University Farm.

Five More County Home Agents Added

Five more Minnesota counties have enlarged the scope of their extension programs by cooperating in the employment of home demonstration agents. MISS JULIA O. NEWTON, state home demonstration leader, has announced the following new agents:

MRS. EVELYN SELL, ERA district home economist in Minnesota for the last 2 years, has begun work in Goodhue county.

MISS ALICE BRIGGS, who has been teaching home economics at Lakefield, has begun work in Cottonwood.

By the middle of January MISS AGNES MORELL will be in Houston county, MRS. BEATRICE McGRATH in Winona county, and MISS EVELYN MORROW in Watonwan. Miss Morell has had teaching experience in the state and did outstanding work for the ERA in charge of the St. Cloud meat canning center. Mrs. McGrath is teaching at Casselton, N. D., and formerly taught at Brownsville. Miss Morrow has been teaching at Ada for several years. She is a graduate of the North Dakota state college, the other four new agents all being Minnesota graduates.

Forty-two counties, stretching from Norman, Marshall, and St. Louis in the north, down to Houston and Cottonwood in the south, are organized for the rural discussion group project. This state program was OK'd by the agents at the annual conference in October. It is headed by L. A. CHURCHILL, with D. C. DVORACEK, extension economist, and ROBERT FREEMAN, Ramsey county agent, as leaders of the four monthly discussion meetings that will be held in each county from December through March. Two representatives from each participating community are invited to attend the county meetings and may later conduct similar discussions in their respective communities. Each county picked its own topics from a list of eleven, such as Taxation, Foreign Trade, Agricultural Finance, Co-operation, and Crop Adjustment.

DONALD FISH, eldest son of MRS. BELLE OSBORN FISH of the home demonstration staff, has been appointed to the state extension staff at Ames, as assistant specialist in agricultural economics. Donald was graduated from Minnesota in 1932 and since January 1933 has been county agent in Dallas county, Iowa.

W. W. BROOKINS has been appointed as extension agronomist and will carry on special work relating to pasture and hay improvement, a phase of agronomy that is sadly in need of attention everywhere. O. S. FISHER of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is expected to be at University Farm during Farm and Home Week at which time he will assist in setting up the program for this new extension project, as well as taking part in the short course program. Mr. Brookins, a graduate of the University of Toronto, holds a master's degree from Nebraska and was for 6 years head of the department of agronomy at Oklahoma. Recently he has been studying at Minnesota and has practically completed work for his doctorate under Professor H. K. HAYES.

A Minnesota visitor, December 6 and 7, was KARL KNAUS who has recently joined the central states section of the federal extension service as assistant to H. W. GILBERTSON. Mr. Knaus was making a trip through the midwest getting acquainted with directors and county agent leaders and checking up on various phases of extension work and relationships.

Brown's Enjoy Motor Trip on Vacation

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FRANK J. BROWN and MRS. BROWN returned early this month from their combination vacation auto trip and visit to the Land Grant College meetings in Washington, D.C. The pair visited Detroit, Montreal, Quebec, Boston, Lexington, Ky., and points of interest in many other states, including West Virginia, Indiana and Illinois.

The most interesting parts of the trip, Mr. Brown says, were the agricultural campuses at Ithaca, New York, and Storrs, Connecticut; the strip farming region near Quebec; the bluegrass country around Lexington; the Greenfield Village and Ford Museum near Detroit; Independence Hall, Philadelphia; New York's Empire Building and Radio City; the Luray Cave and Civil War battle-grounds lying between Washington and Richmond.

Mrs. Brown visited Mount Vernon and other points of interest in Washington while Mr. Brown attended the Land Grant College meetings.

Director Peck to Return January 1

DIRECTOR F. W. PECK was in St. Paul and visited the extension office during the Thanksgiving season. DEAN W. C. COFFEY announces that Mr. Peck will return to his regular duties as director of extension, January 1, after having been on leave since May 1933. Says Dean Coffey:

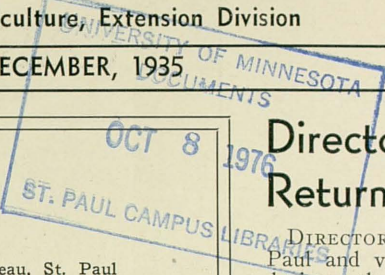
"Mr. Peck has been serving as Co-operative Bank Commissioner in the Farm Credit Administration at Washington, D.C., which was set up soon after President Roosevelt assumed office. In this capacity Director Peck has made a most enviable record and many expressions of appreciation concerning the great value of his services have come to us. Needless to say, Director Peck, by going on leave for service in the important field of cooperative credit, and especially important to Minnesota, left a yawning gap in our organization here. We are happy over the fact that he has developed the work assigned him to the point where he can turn it over to other hands.

"He returns with a wealth of new experience gained in all parts of the country. I doubt if any other man in America is as thoroughly acquainted with the various phases of the cooperative marketing of agricultural commodities as he. We are sure that he stands above all others in the matter of financing cooperatives. We look forward to his return with gratification, not only because we know that we shall have the benefit of his efficient administration and leadership, but also because we are sure that he will bring a fresh stimulus to our program of work."

DEAN W. C. COFFEY was a very busy man the past month, attending the Land Grant College meetings in Washington and the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. At the Land Grant College meetings, Dean Coffey conferred with experiment station directors on use of Bankhead-Jones funds for research; he represented President Coffman at the executive meetings; and he paired with Carl Taylor in speaking to extension directors on the relationship of extension work in the states to the Resettlement Administration and its work, to the AAA, the Soil Erosion program, the TVA, and to other emergency programs.

Dean Coffey is a director of the International Livestock Exposition and so attended board meetings at Chicago. He spoke before the American Society of Animal Production on animal husbandry adjustments in the cornbelt. He was chairman of the committee on cooperative meat investigations between the U. S. D. A. and the state experiment stations.

R. A. TURNER, field agent of the federal 4-H staff, Washington, visited University Farm on December 13, and that evening addressed the Gopher 4-H club at the college.



BELTRAMI. Arrangements have been made for a number of meat cutting and canning demonstrations during the first half of December. This is a project which has been quite popular during the last 2 years and still is an important extension project in Beltrami county, says Agent M. B. Taylor.

BENTON. Four-H rally days were held in four points in the county during November. Agent Elmer Isaksen reports that the number of clubs in the county undoubtedly will be tripled as a result of these meetings. One rural teacher brought her entire school to one of the meetings to hear the project work and organization work discussed.

CARLTON. The annual county-wide crop show was held during November with a good attendance and about 163 exhibits. The business men in the county donated prizes. Agricultural instructors and others assisted Agent George Chambers in making the show a decided success.

CARVER. Reports here indicate that Bob Freeman, county agent of Ramsey county, is henceforth "Doc Freeman." Bob received this title while conducting the organization work for the discussion project in Carver county. Agent George King reports nine groups enrolled for the discussion project.

HENNEPIN. Agent K. A. Kirkpatrick reports a number of 4-H club members purchasing calves with the assistance of the extension agent for the baby beef project for next year. This project is receiving a lot of interest in the county. This is somewhat of a new project for Hennepin

No. 1 Detail Man Gets All Keyed Up

Knowing JOE KUEHN's remarkable propensity for details, you will find it hard to believe this one, but knowing D. P. SHANNON's equally lofty reputation for truth, you will have to accept it as fact. Joe recently had to dispatch a hurry-up call home to have someone bring him an extra key for his car. Joe didn't need the car particularly; in fact, he had it with him. The motor was running, too, but the trouble was, if you must know, that Joe had alighted and closed the doors, leaving the keys in the car, the motor running and all the doors locked. We don't say Joe won't live this down, but he hasn't done so yet.

• • • W. BRUCE SILCOX returned to his work, December 10, as specialist in agricultural economics, after a year's leave spent with the Farm Credit Administration as senior extension economist of the public relations division. During the year, Dr. Silcox saw a lot of country and contacted college, extension and experiment station heads in 27 northern and western states, as well as agricultural teachers, Farm Credit executives and other folks.

• • • ROBERT FREEMAN, JR., son of the inimitable Ramsey county agent, was recently announced recipient of a \$600 scholarship providing

FLASHES from AFIELD

county and interest indicates that it will be a good one.

KITTSON. Agent J. A. Salisbury reports that about 30 producers were assisted during November in obtaining Thatcher wheat for seed. The supply is now practically exhausted. It is estimated that about 25,000 bushels will be planted in the county next spring by about 140 farmers.

The Bang's testing work made good progress during November. To date, 300 Kittson herds with about 7,500 head have been tested and applications received for 200 additional herds. Two veterinarians were busy testing as the month closed.

KOOCHICHING. Agent R. C. Shaw reports the special 4-H club dairy calves sponsored by the business men of International Falls were very successful. All calves given out under the arrangement last spring were either fully paid for, or arrangements were made to complete payment. The project placed nine excellent high grade heifers from high testing dams with the club members and eventually will mean some fine herds developed by the 4-H club members themselves.

MOWER. Considerable time was spent in November trying to locate additional livestock for next year's 4-H projects. Agent F. L. Liebenstein has calls for 25 additional calves and some good breeding ewes. One bunch of 27 calves previously purchased was received and sorted during

for a year of graduate study in dairy manufacture. The scholarship, given by the National Dairy and Ice Cream Machinery Supplies association, was won by the Minnesota college dairy products judging team at St. Louis this fall, of which team Mr. Freeman was a member. He will finish at Minnesota in June and probably will attend an eastern college the following year for graduate study.

• • • Several counties are busy forming rural young people's organizations similar to the five that were active last year in Cottonwood, Fari-bault, Nicollet, Meeker, and Stevens counties. Among the counties now organizing this work are Le Sueur, Houston, Dodge, and Steele, with others contemplating it. Young folks beyond 4-H club age are brought together for monthly meetings for social and educational purposes.

• • • State extension staff members heard a very interesting report on education in rural Mexico, given by MISS EVA BLAIR at a recent Monday morning conference. Miss Blair spent several weeks in Mexico last summer taking a field course sponsored by Columbia University, New York.

• • • Postal regulations forbid extension workers from putting their local return address on the franked envelopes. Nothing is permitted beyond use of the envelope just as it is furnished.

the month. Seventeen of the animals went to as many 4-H members, the remaining ones being sold to a feeder.

NICOLLET. Christmas gift suggestion meetings were held in five centers. A collection of articles that might easily be made in the home for gifts was made by the home demonstration agent. This collection included luncheon sets, table runners, towels, holders, chair seat covers, braided mats, crocheted mats, aprons, paste, abrasive paste, laundry bags, shoe bags, dress covers, handkerchief cases, cloth toys, covered hangers, pictures, handkerchiefs, scarfs, purses, mittens. Suggestions were also given for attractive packaging of bulbs, flower seeds, bitter sweet and Christmas candy. Patterns or formulae for making the articles were given wherever necessary. An explanation on the cost and making of each article was given by the home demonstration agent, Miss Myrtle Bang.

POLK (WEST). A very interesting result demonstration was conducted by Agent Carl Ash. Seventeen potato growers around Climax contributed samples of the seed potatoes they used. Included were four lots of certified seed. Hundred-foot rows were planted of each lot. The best row of Cobblers yielded 90 pounds of No. 1 potatoes and 16 pounds of No. 2. Alongside was the poorest lot which yielded only 56 pounds of No. 1 potatoes and 23 pounds of No. 2, and was rather badly affected with spindle tuber. There were similar comparisons for other varieties. Fifty-three farmers attended the digging demonstration meeting. T. M. McCall of the Northwest School graded the potatoes, and discussed potato types and diseases.

OTTER TAIL (WEST). Two acres of land have been set aside from the county poor farm for developing a county tree nursery project. These trees would be grown for the purchase

of the farmers in the county at a nominal charge. The project is under the sponsorship of the West Otter Tail county farm bureau. During October, 9,000 green ash seedlings, 1,000 American elm seedlings, 8,000 yellow pine, 1,000 Black Hills spruce, and 10,000 Caragana seedlings were purchased for use by windbreak cooperators in the county. Options were obtained on additional trees to be used later.

PENNINGTON. The fourth annual ram exchange day was held at the fair grounds at Thief River Falls in October, in connection with the 4-H Club Achievement Day. Thirty-eight rams were sold or exchanged. There seems to be a big demand for rams in this territory and the supply has not been adequate. Agent R. M. Douglass and Assistant Enoch Norum organized the project. They hope that another year outside rams may be made available. The annual event is well patronized by farmers in the county. During the day, approximately 125 farmers inspected the rams with a view of either making purchases or exchanges.

REDWOOD. The project for controlling horse bots, carried on by Redwood county veterinarians, is being sponsored by the extension service. Agent Nate Bovee is giving aid in the way of publicity and circular letters. Mr. Bovee's very clever newspaper article, entitled "What Abot it?" came to the attention of the state publicity department and was referred to the farm editor of the Pioneer Press, who printed it in a recent Sunday farm page.

WINONA. Agent H. C. Pederson reports that the Winona county 4-H leader's council featured "Suggestions whereby our 4-H club program may be improved," at the November meeting. The suggestions brought out are being summarized and referred to those concerned. All suggestions were constructive and should assist in making a better club program next year.

WRIGHT. Agent E. W. Aiton reports increased interest in cow testing, with one association operating and another in the process of formation. Other features of the dairy program in Wright county included the dairy breeding school and increased interest in the Bang's program.

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