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Newton Enjoying FCA Assignment

"Tell all the family at the college how splendidly my first few days have gone," writes MISS JULIA O. NEWTON, "borrowed" senior extension specialist of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington.

Miss Newton arrived in Washington about May 1 on a 3-months' leave to study the Farm Credit Administration and suggest plans for making the Administration more useful to farm women of the nation and bringing its lending units closer to the needs of farm homes. The request for Miss Newton's assistance came from Governor W. I. Myers, who indicated that she should visit the administration's district banks and observe the operation of local production credit associations and national farm loan associations in farm communities.

MISS EVA L. BLAIR, nutrition specialist, is acting as state home demonstration leader during Miss Newton's absence.

• • • Successful Farming's leading feature for the June issue is a two-sided discussion on whether the new soil conservation program will increase livestock, the affirmative side being upheld by EDITOR W. P. KIRKWOOD, who cites figures from DR. G. A. POND, DR. H. K. HAYES and other University Farm authorities, indicating that the more extensive growing of legumes and the shift of crops to land best suited for them, will inevitably increase crop production, meaning more livestock to consume it. The "No" side of the argument is presented by an Ohioan. The stuff makes interesting reading, but of course, we think the "ayes" have it.

• • • A cub county agent received the Dean E. M. Freeman leadership medal given at the Recognition Assembly at University Farm, May 13, to that senior who had contributed most to student activities and campus leadership during his college career. DONALD DAILEY, who was graduated with distinction last March, and is now assistant county agent in Wright county, was the blushing recipient. In 1934, Dailey won the Little Red Oil Can. He was a member of Alpha Zeta, Pnyx, and Iron Wedge, and had been active in 11 student organizations.

• • • Agents from about 19 counties in southwestern Minnesota have laid out a splendid program for a 4-H club leaders' camp to be held at Fairmont, 3 days beginning June 25. The theme of the discussions will be "The Well-Balanced 4-H Club Program." FORMER EXTENSIONER W. A. DICKINON, now with the state Farm Bureau, will speak on safety. Tom Pfander will lead recreation. C. G. GAYLORD, Faribault agent, is chairman of the program committee. A. E. ENGBRETSON and A. J. KITTLESON are state extensioners on the committee.

Coming Events

May 25-26	District Extension Conference, Grand Rapids
May 27-28	District Extension Conference, Crookston
May 31-June 6	Triennial Conference of Associated Country Women of the World, Washington, D.C.
June 1-2	District Extension Conference, Owatonna
June 1-6	District 4-H Club Week, Crookston
June 3-4	District Extension Conference, Marshall
June 5	Dairy Husbandry Day
June 6-8	Camp for 4-H Leaders, Itasca Park
June 9-12	State 4-H Club Week
June 15-17	District 4-H Club Week, Grand Rapids
June 17	Beef Cattle Day
June 17-24	National 4-H Camp, Washington, D.C.
June 22	State Extension Picnic
June 25-27	Camp for 4-H Leaders, Fairmont
July 6-11	District 4-H Club Week, Morris

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

St. Louis Host to Interstate 4-H Meet

About 60 state 4-H club leaders, 4-H specialists, extension directors and representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture are expected to attend the second annual Interstate 4-H Club Conference, July 22-25 at Lake Eshquagama, St. Louis county. The extension divisions of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Wisconsin will be represented. Director R. K. Bliss of the Iowa Extension Service will officially represent the directors' group, and Misses Ella Gardner and Beulah Rodgers, and Messrs. R. A. Turner and E. H. Shinn, the U.S.D.A. G. L. Noble, managing-director of the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, will also attend. The meetings will be held in the \$10,000 Community Building won by St. Louis county 4-H clubs in the 1934 National County 4-H Progress Contest.

• • • "Mrs Consumer's Dollar," by AGNES M. ERKEL and SYLVIA R. SHIRAS, is meeting with great demand from home demonstration agents and other educational workers. The Burgess Publishing Company, 428 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, reports that copies of the booklet have been sold in more than 40 states. The booklet outlines the information presented in a consumers' project put on in St. Paul and Minneapolis by the authors and lists the subject matter references which they used in working up the several lessons on consumer buying.

• • • County extension agents and 4-H leaders from Winona, Wabasha, Fillmore, and Houston counties will attend a get-together meeting to be held at Winona in the near future for Minnesota and Wisconsin extension workers who contribute regularly to the farm page of the Winona Republican-Herald. Editor Wiecking believes that this group should be better acquainted and that a profitable and enjoyable evening could be spent.

A. E. ENGBRETSON, assistant district supervisor, and H. L. HARRIS, extension publicity specialist, will be present. H. C. PEDERSON, Winona county agent, is helping with arrangements.

• • • PARKER O. ANDERSON blossomed into print recently in a 100-page booklet published by the Webb Publishing Company, St. Paul, on "Trees and Tree Planting." The volume discusses the structure and growth habits of trees, gives directions for planting, and carries individual descriptions of about 50 of Minnesota's better-known trees, each description accompanied by an illustration of leaves, twigs, and fruits or seed.

Mr. Anderson recently attended a regional foresters conference at Milwaukee.

• • • DIRECTOR F. W. PECK will be a speaker at the American Institute of Cooperation, to be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, about the middle of June. Mr. Peck's topic will be, "Preventive Medicine for Cooperatives," and will be delivered June 18.

• • • For the benefit of Minnesota farm homes that are installing electricity, MISS MARY MAY MILLER, home management specialist, is spending several weeks studying equipment, installation and use of electricity on the farm with particular reference, of course, to household needs.

May Sontag to be State 4-H Agent

MISS MARY MAY SONTAG, Mower county home demonstration agent since 1932, has been appointed state 4-H club agent, succeeding MISS RUBY CHRISTENSON, now state rural youth specialist. Miss Sontag will begin her new duties June 1.

A native of Norman county, Miss Sontag was graduated from Moorhead High School in 1923, State Teachers College, Moorhead, in 1925, and North Dakota Agricultural College in 1930. From 1925 to 1928 she taught junior high school at Mahtomedi and Two Harbors, Minn., and from 1930 to 1932 was home demonstration agent of Cass county, North Dakota.

MISS MAE STEPHENSON, county 4-H leader in Clay county since last November, will be the new home agent in Mower. Since being graduated from Minnesota in 1932, Miss Stephenson taught home economics at Pelican Rapids and served as part-time 4-H leader in Crow Wing county.

Bovee Accepts Job As Weed Specialist

It used to be that if a person built a better mouse trap, the world would beat a path to his door. Nowadays, if you concoct a better scheme for controlling weeds, some big chemical company will put you on its payroll, lay the United States before you and tell you to go ahead with your idea. NATE H. BOVEE, who has been county agent of Redwood county since 1929, will take up a position, July 1, as weed specialist at large with the Chipman Chemical Company, Bound Brook, New Jersey.

The originator of the famous Redwood county plan of cooperative weed control will be at the service of state and federal extension agencies for assistance in organizing weed control work. Bovee will not be expected to do any selling or soliciting whatever for his sponsors, the idea being simply to get Bovee behind the weed control movement and let "chemicals" take their course.

Bovee was graduated from Iowa State College in 1921. For 8 years previous to entering county agent work he was high school agriculture teacher in Wyoming and Montana.

• • • Minnesota's delegates to the National 4-H Club Camp at Washington, starting June 17, will be in charge of A. J. KITTLESON, state 4-H agent. STATE LEADER T. A. ERICKSON will accompany the group to report for the national committee studying 4-H club work, of which he is chairman. Mr. Erickson has replies from nearly every state leader to a questionnaire on their programs, methods, and problems. Mr. Erickson takes rank this month among extension authors for the article appearing in the April Extension Service Review on Minnesota's 4-H safety program.

• • • RUSSELL MORGAN, former extension agent in eastern Polk, moved to St. Paul last month, having joined the staff of the Federal Land Bank. He will represent the repair department in Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota, and Minnesota. For several years Morgan was with the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company as special agent, headquartered at Morris.

• • • RUTH KITTLESON, daughter of A. J. KITTLESON, recently received a \$50 scholarship in the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics, given by the Minnesota Home Economics association. The award was based on service, professional aptitude, character, and scholarship. Last year FRANCES ERICKSON, daughter of T. A. ERICKSON, received a freshman scholarship from the Caleb Dorr fund.

• • • Ramsey county 4-H members, under the direction of MRS. CLARA OBERG, are starting a county 4-H members' newspaper that will be conducted along lines similar to the Nicollet County 4-H Broadcaster.

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BIG STONE. Progress is being made in the windbreak project, with 17,650 trees ordered. County Agent Benton estimates that as many additional trees have been secured on private orders as there are recorded.

CROW WING. County Agent Ernie Roth will practice up his arithmetic this summer as he has again been appointed receiver of gopher legs for the unorganized territory of Crow Wing county. This year's bounties are the same as for last, namely, 3 cents for striped and gray gophers, 5 cents for pocket gophers, and 10 cents for woodchucks.

HUBBARD. Forty-six members were enrolled in the yard and garden contest, reports Agent William Olson. On May 6, a seed and bulb exchange, at which folks having surplus seeds or other planting stock exchanged, was held at Park Rapids under the auspices of the home and community department of the Farm Bureau. This seed and bulb exchange day is an annual event similar to the one originated in Crow Wing county by Agent Ernie Roth.

LAC QUI PARLE. The windbreak project is in the fore. Agent Wayne Weiser reports that 35,000 trees were purchased cooperatively by 97 shelterbelt cooperators. These are largely 1-year-old seedlings. The trees were all purchased from the local nursery.

MARSHALL. Agent Ray Reiersen reports 161 seed loan applications filled out to May 1. These request total loans of \$19,135. With the changes in ruling, more applications will likely be received than have already been completed.

MEEKER. Agent Ralph Wayne issued a very effective cartoon letter in starting off his publicity in the new soil conservation program. The cartoon depicted a gentleman desperately clutching a very over-sized infant who was furiously yowling, clawing, and pulling hair. The headline read as follows: "HOLD EVERYTHING! until you attend the meeting listed below for definite information on the new soil conservation program." The letter gave briefly the plan for the

• • • Agents in two counties have recently hooked up with their local radio stations for weekly broadcasts. In St. Louis county **AUGUST NEUBAUER**, **ELIZABETH SPRIESTERSBACH**, and **HAROLD AASE**, agricultural, home, and 4-H agents, respectively, are giving weekly broadcasts over WMFG at Hibbing. In Olmsted county, **AGENT RAY AUNE** is "taking the air" regularly over KROC, at Rochester. These folks believe that radio offers a big opportunity and there are reports from other states of splendid results from similar use of local broadcasting facilities.

• • • Mahnomen county's extension headquarters are now in the County Shed building, the office having been moved Saturday, April 18, from the City Fire Hall, where it had been since extension work was re-established in January 1935.

• • • **H. O. ANDERSON**, former Houston county agent, is now assistant economist with the Resettlement Administration in Washington. Until school is out, his family will remain

educational meetings with a complete list of those scheduled.

MEEKER. A series of meetings is being planned to discuss farm wiring and the installation of proper lighting equipment. These meetings are being sponsored by County Agent Wayne and Home Demonstration Agent Bly. Miss Mary May Miller and L. P. Zimmerman of the state extension staff will assist with these meetings.

NORMAN. Approximately 1,800 work sheets have been filled out in connection with the soil conservation program in Norman county. Agent George Landsverk says that these will not all qualify for payment. The work sheets include those taken on farms by committeemen and, as one committeeman reported on his work sheet, "an estimate taken at a safe distance."

OTTER TAIL (EAST). One of the most successful mail questionnaires on record, we believe, is reported by Agent John Grathwol. Nine hundred ten persons out of 912 replied to the questionnaire. The questionnaire had to do with corn-hog compliance work in connection with the completion of the 1935 corn-hog program.

OTTER TAIL (WEST). A committee on cooperative electrification, representing the board of directors of the Park Region Cooperative Electrical association, of which **A. R. Knudson**, a former county agent, is president, went to Washington to apply for an REA loan for Otter Tail county. Eighteen hundred prospective cooperators are in line for electrifying their farms in West Otter Tail county. A very feasible project has been lined up.

POLK (WEST). The value of a good windbreak was very clearly demonstrated in Lowell township, during the past winter. **Thomas J. Owen** put out a standard windbreak in 1931. In the Owen windbreak last winter

in St. Paul, where Mr. Anderson has been taking graduate work in agricultural economics. He received his Master's degree in 1935, and was working on his doctorate.

• • • **EDITOR** and **MRS. W. P. KIRKWOOD** recently returned from a 30-day trip to Washington, Boston, New York and other eastern cities, where they visited friends and relatives and looked over the nation's capitol. From Washington, Kirkwood wrote, "We've been having a great time. Spent 6 days in the nation's capitol and as yet we can see no moral deterioration. That may break out later. It may, like the measles, take a week or two to incubate, so that before the time we get back to Minnesota, we may be totally depraved." Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood were entertained at the home of **DR. A. F. WOODS**, former dean of agriculture at Minnesota. At Cambridge, Mass., the Kirkwoods visited their son, **DR. SAMUEL KIRKWOOD**, and at Batavia, New York, visited Mr. Kirkwood's brother.

FLASHES from AFIELD

there was 20 feet of snow in the area between the snow catch row and the main windbreak. There was no snow in the yard except what fell there. A neighbor without a windbreak, while standing on his porch could see only the ridge pole of his garage. There was so much snow in his barnyard that he had difficulty in getting in and out and in hauling feed to his stock. The neighbor now says that he will waste no time in putting out a windbreak. **Carl Ash**, county agent, estimates that at least 25,000 trees will be planted in West Polk county in connection with the windbreak campaign.

RED LAKE. Red Lake county is back in the fold as a regular extension county after having been without a county agent for 12 years. In looking back over the records we note that **Henry Werner** was the last county agent in that county, having served a 6-month period, leaving the work in March 1924. **Ernest Palmer**, who has been assistant county agent in West Polk, started work April 20 as the new county agent.

RENVILLE. Agent **Frank Svoboda** reports the organization of a cooperative creamery at Buffalo Lake.

ROSEAU. Bang's disease control is still a live project. Eighty Bang's disease agreements were signed during April and 126 applications submitted to the state office of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

ST. LOUIS (SOUTH). Acting Agent **D. T. Grussendorf** is putting on a campaign to encourage shelterbelt planting for farmsteads. Though St. Louis county is noted for its trees, its farmsteads are not adequately protected, as emphasized during the deep snow and cold weather of the past winter. Grussendorf says a lot of interest is being shown, particularly since **Parker Anderson** spent 2 days of April in the county talking windbreaks. In June, Mr. Anderson will

return to assist in establishing new plantings.

STEELE. Agent **G. A. Strobel** addressed a meeting of more than 200 Izaak Walton Leaguer's from Owatonna, Rochester, Faribault, Waseca, and Austin, speaking on the relation of the 4-H clubs to conservation work. Some very enthusiastic comments on Mr. Strobel's talk have reached the state office and he has been scheduled to speak on this subject at the 4-H leaders' camp at Fairmont in June.

TODD. A long-time demonstration, making a comparison of alfalfa, red clover, sweet clover, brome grass, and timothy as to value in building soil fertility when used in rotation with corn and grain crops is being started on the **William Lawin** farm in Long Prairie township. It is expected that the demonstration will continue over a 4-year period. It is under the supervision of Agent **C. L. Blakeslee** in cooperation with the agronomy division, University Farm.

WADENA. **Miles G. Rowe**, county agent, reports the actual starting of the cow testing association mentioned in a recent issue of the Extension News. **Vernon Marshall** is tester.

WILKIN. Fifteen thousand trees were received and distributed the last week in April in connection with the windbreak project, according to **O. R. Grover's** April report. Wilkin county, a prairie county, has relatively few windbreaks and even in these many of the trees were killed during the drought. A consistent and continued effort is being made thru the windbreak project to re-establish adequate windbreaks.

WINONA. Agent **H. C. Pederson** says a conservative estimate, based on the amount of Improved Ceresan used, indicates that at least 27,000 bushels of seed grain were treated in the county for this spring's planting. Pederson put considerable stress on this project, assisted by **R. C. Rose**, extension pathologist, and built a demonstration gravity treating machine to show farmers how simple and easy treating is. Twenty-one cooperators used this machine, each agreeing to seed some untreated grain beside the treated seed for comparison. Eighteen farmers built their own treaters.

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