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New Jobs for Peck, Churchill, Harris

July 1, the date of his retirement, will find DR. ANDREW BOSS "looking forward," as has been his habit through close to 50 years of service to the University Department of Agriculture. This time he will be looking forward to a trip to Scotland, homeland of his fathers. He will sail July 29, accompanied by his daughter, Mabel. While in Scotland he will attend the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, at Dunblane.

When Dr. BOSS leaves his office, it will be taken over by F. W. PECK, who will carry the dual responsibilities of the vice-director of the experiment station and director of agricultural extension. Into Mr. Peck's present office will move LYLE A. CHURCHILL as state county agent leader. Churchill likewise will have charge of Farm and Home Week and be coordinator for all short courses on the University Farm campus.

In another change effective July 1, H. L. HARRIS will become agricultural editor, succeeding W. P. KIRKWOOD, who retired last January after more than 20 years of service.

• • • Minnesota's delegation at the Third Triennial Conference of Associated Country Women of the World numbered 37, including 31 who journeyed to Washington especially for this event and 6 who were already there. Among the latter was MISS JULIA O. NEWTON, state home demonstration leader, now doing special work with the Farm Credit Administration. Before the conference was over, however, Miss Newton left for New Orleans.

The state home demonstration staff was also represented by EVES WHITFIELD, clothing specialist. Home demonstration agents who drove their cars, accompanied by women from their counties, included AGNES MORELL, Houston; MYRTLE BANG, Nicollet; GLADYS JOHNSON, Steele; FLORENCE LANG, S. St. Louis; ELIZABETH SPRIESTERSBACH, N. St. Louis; MABEL FERTIG, N. St. Louis. Other agents who attended were AGNES ERKEL, St. Paul; NOAN ANDERSON, Stearns, and WINIFRED WAGNER, Minneapolis.

• • • C. L. McNELLY, district county agent supervisor, is program chairman for the Interstate Supervisory Conference to be held at Grand Rapids, June 18, 19 and 20, for county agent supervisors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska. F. J. BROWN is slated for one of the talks. A. E. ENGBRETSON and L. A. CHURCHILL are others who will attend for Minnesota.

• • • Minnesota extension folks who have been seeing articles in leading farm papers written by MISS LOIS SCHENCK, will be interested to know that she is a sister of our state 4-H agent, MILDRED SCHENCK. Miss Lois, a graduate of Iowa State college, is on the editorial staff of the Prairie Farmer, Chicago.

Coming Events

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 18-20	Interstate Supervisory Conference, Grand Rapids
June 22	State Extension Picnic
June 22-24	Country Life Institute, Ames, Iowa
June 25-27	Camp for 4-H Leaders, Fairmont
July 6-11	District 4-H Club Week, Morris
July 13	Field and Crops Day, Crookston
July 13-15	Homemakers' Short Course, Morris
July 15	Station Visitors' Day, Morris
July 22-25	Interstate 4-H Club Conference, St. Louis County
July 25	Field and Crops Day, Grand Rapids
August 15	Potato Day, Grand Rapids
September 5-12	Minnesota State Fair
Sept. 28-Oct. 4	Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa
November 9-12	Minnesota Junior Livestock Show

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

Gophers Shine at Nation's 4-H Camp

Accompanied by MR. and MRS. T. A. ERICKSON and MR. and MRS. A. J. KITTLESON, Minnesota delegates to the National 4-H Camp set out via automobile for Washington, Sunday, June 14. The camp will run 8 days, starting Wednesday, June 17. Kittleson will be in direct charge of the delegation, Erickson having committee and program assignments.

Conservation will be the topic for conferences this year, with Minnesota's program as a model and Erickson as chairman. Minnesota's Payne Scholar, RUTH LOHMANN, will be on the program and ARNE KIVIOJA, a Gopher delegate, will preside the first forenoon. The program will also touch on safety work, using Minnesota's program as a basis.

As chairman of the committee appointed last year to study 4-H programs in the 48 states, Erickson will deliver his report. He will also speak on the state leaders' program on 4-H activities on a national basis.

• • • M. A. THORFINNSEN, extension soil erosion specialist, blossomed out in the July issue of Rural Program Helps as a playwright, having written a thriller entitled, "Conservation versus Exploitation." The action takes the form of a boxing match between the titular characters. Exploitation has as his seconds Timber Waste and Game Hog, Firebug and Soil Erosion, while the challenger, Conservation, is backed by a sportsman, a Boy Scout, and a 4-H club member. It all adds up to some lively entertainment with a real educational "kayo."

• • • "Hope his dad will really have an opportunity of making his acquaintance sometime," writes S. G. MARTENSON, Stevens county agent, regarding his first-born son, Daniel, who arrived April 26, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Says Sig, "He has an extension voice something like Lenzmeier's (Stearns county agent) but his build is a little more on the rangy order. When he gets wound up, could hold his own at any informal county agents' conference."

Agent Changes in Redwood, Murray

C. H. SCHRADER, Murray county agent, began June 1 working part time with the state weed control project, taking the job NATE BOVEE filled for several months last year. The work will continue through the rest of this year under a cooperative arrangement between the state agricultural extension service and the State Department of Agriculture.

To carry on details of the extension program in Murray county, JOHN L. CORRELL has been appointed assistant agent and has moved to Slayton with his wife and two children. Correll, a letter man in track, was graduated from Minnesota in 1933. Farm-raised in Yellow Medicine county, he has taught agriculture at Willow River and Lakefield since graduation.

Bovee left Redwood Falls, June 15, to begin his work with the Chipman Chemical company July 1. Several state extension services have already indicated an interest in his program of assistance in organizing weed control programs. Effective June 15, ADRIAN WILSON, an Iowa State grad, became county agent in Redwood, having been assistant since last fall.

• • • A half-hour 4-H club broadcast each Sunday afternoon is a regular feature of the radio program which COUNTY AGENT RAY AUNE of Olmsted county is carrying on in cooperation with the Rochester station, KROC. Each of the 20 Olmsted county clubs have presented one program and are now in the second round. Four-H folks look forward to these broadcasts, says Mr. Aune, which undoubtedly have helped in getting more people interested in 4-H club work.

Each Monday forenoon, Aune broadcasts a summary of county extension news of the past week and announces coming farm meetings and their topics. Extension specialists visiting the county are billed for timely talks. For special broadcasts, Aune has access to the microphone any day of the week.

• • • WANTED: by H. L. HARRIS, extension publicity specialist, ideas for circular letters that will elicit news items from Minnesota county extension agents. A circular dated June 2, carrying a touching appeal for items for the June news, has brought results that to date total exactly zero. Anyone offering suggestions leading to the receipt or acquisition of news will be rewarded by an honorable mention in these columns.

• • • KENNETH W. INGWALSON, state 4-H agent, who "went down fighting" in the midst of state 4-H week, was believed to be suffering only from a very sore throat and was expected to be "out" again in a few days.

• • • JOHN BRANDT, president of Land-O' Lakes, who spoke briefly at State 4-H Club Week at University Farm, said the bouquet presented him afterward by the State Federation of 4-H Clubs was one of the most appreciated bits of recognition he had ever received.

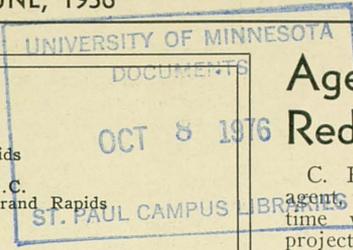
• • • PRESIDENT T. L. AAMODT of the State Horticultural Society, in an article just published in the Minnesota Horticulturist, offers splendid praise for AGENT JAMES A. SALISBURY of Kittson county for his outstanding leadership in horticultural development in that section. Aamodt recalls that when grasshoppers destroyed practically all of the gardens as well as field crops in 1931, Kittson farmers were badly up against it. About that time he took 500 Chief and 500 Latham raspberry plants to Salisbury, who distributed them with the result that today a good many Kittson county farmers have established fine raspberry plantings. Home garden work has also received much encouragement from Salisbury, and interest is growing in regard to some of the adapted larger fruits.

• • • Philip Kelly, former assistant on the extension dairy staff, received his Ph.D. degree at the University commencement, June 15, and immediately became assistant professor of dairy husbandry at the University of Arkansas, where he will have charge of the teaching and research relating to dairy production. Kelly hails from Hudson, Wisconsin, and received his Bachelor's degree at Minnesota in 1930, later spending a year in graduate work at Cornell.

• • • RAY AUNE, who left Scott county sometime ago to become agent in Olmsted, has been presented with a fine Gladstone bag by the Scott county Farm Bureau and the 4-H clubs. Aune says he hopes to carry the bag around the world sometime during the next 50 years.

• • • Indicating that he is "a chip off the old block" 22-year-old Walter C. Coffey, Jr., was graduated from Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, June 8, into a 2-year position as assistant to the dean of the college at Lawrence. Dean and Mrs. Coffey were present for the graduation exercises.

• • • MARGARET OPP began June 1 as Clay county 4-H club leader, succeeding MAE STEPHENSON, who recently became home demonstration agent in Mower county. Miss Opp was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1935, and since that time has been teaching home economics.



FLASHES from AFIELD

AITKIN. Buildings are rapidly being torn down and moved from the CCC camp in Aitkin county to a new location for the construction of a camp for the youth of the county. These buildings were given to the Farm Bureau when the camp was abandoned and are being used in erecting new buildings on a plot of ground donated for that purpose.

BELTRAMI. The Beltrami County Jersey Breeders' association is awarding a purebred bull calf and a purebred heifer calf to the club members enrolled in the dairy calf project this year that do the best work. The members receiving the calves must agree to keep them.

BELTRAMI. Farmyard improvement project lessons 2 and 3 were held in May with an exchange of perennial planting stock being conducted at each training center. Agent Ada Todnem says many community groups conducted their own exchanges. Several garden clubs have been started as a direct result of the interest aroused through the farmyard improvement project.

BENTON. Agent Elmer Isaksen reports an increase of nearly 100 per cent in 4-H club enrolments since the start of extension work in Benton county about a year ago.

BIGSTONE. C. A. Benton reports the completion of three new bulletin racks, which furnish space for 90 different bulletins for display and distribution. Benton has also installed a magazine rack for displaying the popular farm papers. He reports that this new service, coupled with the bulletin display placards, distributed throughout the county, gives an added interest in extension service. Several other counties, including McLeod, Sibley, Mahnomen, Winona, and Todd counties have recently installed the standard bulletin rack.

CARVER. With a 50 per cent increase in membership and with 12 clubs organized, Carver county shows a definite increase in interest in 4-H club work this year. Agent George King says that eight of the 12 clubs have held an average of 10 meetings during the year.

CLEARWATER. Bang's disease is again on the run in Clearwater county. After some delay, three federal veterinarians are again on the job testing and the work is making satisfactory progress. The second and third test for herd accreditation is now being made and the indications are that all herds signed up will be tested by July 1.

Twenty-five soil demonstration plots have been set up by County Agent Ted Balk and Soil Specialist George Nesom. These trials are largely for the use of gypsum and super-phosphate. The plots will be checked and yields compared.

FARIBAULT. Tornado relief work to assist victims of the tornado which did considerable damage in two townships on April 30 were organized through the county extension office. A call for volunteers given at the county Farm Bureau board meeting early in May brought offers of assistance from 12 Farm Bureau units, one farmers' club and five civic groups. Agent C. G. Gaylord says 240 persons, representing 17 organizations, assisted with clean up work, fence building, provid-

ing temporary shelter for livestock and similar activities. A number of farmers who were helped published their thanks in local newspapers.

FARIBAULT. Agent Maybelle L. Game says leaders in the orchards and small fruit project were very much interested in the training meeting conducted by Dr. Ernest Angelo of the University Farm horticultural staff early in May. Dr. Angelo discussed varieties of small fruits and grapes and demonstrated the pruning of trees and berry bushes.

FREEBORN. One hundred twenty women from this county spent a very pleasant and profitable day at University Farm, Thursday, May 21, at a special home economics day put on by the home economics staff through arrangement with Agent Thora V. Eglund. Miss Alice Child discussed better practices in buying foods and Hedda Kafka demonstrated uses of canned goods. A talk on home furnishings also created considerable interest.

GOODHUE. Agent Evelyn M. Sell reports six local leader meetings in farmyard improvement during May, with an attendance of 90, completing the formal education on the project for the year. The groups have expressed a desire to continue the work during 1937, being especially interested in orchards and small fruits. Mrs. Kunau, wife of the agent, is cooperating with Mrs. Sell in giving suggestions to home demonstrators. Seven farms were visited during the month.

HUBBARD. Churches in five communities observed 4-H club Sunday by inviting 4-H members to take part in the services on that day. There was a good response.

ITASCA. News letters on home improvement were sent in May to the 200 persons enrolled in this project. T. S. Weir, assisted Agent Artaxa Denniston by conducting five tree and shrub transplanting demonstrations.

MOWER. Food habits of the Americans from earliest colonial times were depicted in a nutrition achievement day pageant, "Good Nutrition Marches On." There were seven episodes with about 10 nutrition groups taking part. Between scenes, music and dances furnished atmosphere for the different periods brought out in the pageant, which was prepared by Miss Eva Blair. About 450 attended the afternoon program, according to Agent May Sontag.

MOWER. With the cooperation of the Hormel Packing Plant, about 50 farmers witnessed livestock grading demonstrations given by H. G. Zavoral at Austin in May. The packers gave a dinner and took the farmers through the plant coolers, where they saw cuts of pork, beef, and mutton and studied grades of dressed carcasses. In connection with his live animal demonstration of grading, Zavoral discussed disease control and other livestock problems.

NORMAN. The seed potato demonstration plan for comparing the pota-

toes of different growers, using their own seed under identical conditions, is apparently growing in the Red River Valley. The latest to report the organization of such a project is George Landsverk, Norman county. He has 32 lots of farmers' seed potato stock planted in check rows, with certified seed, which was obtained in the county and from St. Louis county.

OLMSTED. The Redwood county cooperative plan of weed control has been organized in every township. Ultimately this will result in 660 weed section men, cooperating with the community weed chairmen throughout the county. Agent Ray Aune reports a ready acceptance of the plan despite the fact that it did not take well when tried about 5 years ago. The organization began with a county-wide meeting of all township boards in April. Much credit for the campaign's success is attributed to effective publicity, both press and radio. There will be a close follow-up of the work with the section men by means of letters.

OTTER TAIL (EAST). East Otter Tail farm families should be well-fed in the future. The home project, "Feeding the Family," is being carried on under the direction of Inez Hobart, nutrition specialist. Two hundred and fifty women in 17 community groups are organized for this project.

OTTER TAIL (WEST). While the soil conservation work has naturally taken a great deal of the county agents' time during April and May, still very satisfactory progress has been made in the windbreak project in west central Minnesota and Red River Valley counties. There seems to be a little friendly rivalry in setting up well-organized projects and in the placing of trees for windbreaks and woodlots. To date, West Otter Tail county seems to have a slight lead in this project, with 45,000 trees placed and 10 farmers cooperating with a standard demonstration windbreak.

POLK (WEST). Carl Ash is conducting a potato demonstration plot again this year at Climax. Four high-grade certified seed samples are being planted, in connection with local varieties. The demonstration plot is developed in cooperation with the Climax Cooperative Potato company.

RAMSEY. Bob Freeman is making use of the experience gained in conducting discussion meetings over the state last winter. Bob reports using this method in the presentation of gardening information.

ROSEAU. Approximately 50 fertilizer demonstration plots have been put out by George Nesom, soils specialist, in cooperation with John Jensen, county agent. In the main, phosphate and gypsum, and phosphate alone, have been used on alfalfa, and phosphate alone on grain. The demonstration plots were selected in different parts of the county, covering the various soil types.

STEVENS. Fifty farmers pooled orders for 31,590 trees for use in replenishing old groves or starting new ones on 63 farms. These trees were distributed May 8 and 9. Thirty-two 4-H club members have enrolled in the home beautification and junior forestry projects. These enrolments will result in further improvements in farm shelterbelts.

WABASHA. Several demonstration plots will emphasize the superiority of recommended cereal crops, says Agent C. D. Nelson. Two trials of Velvet barley have been put out, five of Min-hybrid 301 corn, and one of Minrus oats. Likewise there is a demonstration on crop rotation including six different varieties of grasses in various combinations to be carried out in the rotation the next 4 years, and a pasture demonstration trying out four different mixtures.

WILKIN. Considerable interest was shown in windbreaks during May, says O. R. Grover. A total of 24,173 trees were distributed to farmers, including 821 American elm, 1,880 green ash, 2,405 cottonwood, 14,340 Chinese elm, 1,475 willow, 2,775 Caragana, and 477 Russian olive trees. Parker Anderson's circular on the farm windbreak goes to each farmer purchasing trees for woodlot, shelterbelt or improvement plantings.

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