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Miss Newton's Leave Extended 9 Months

An original 3-months' leave granted MISS JULIA O. NEWTON, who is now serving as senior extension specialist of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D.C., has been extended 9 months and will end May 1, 1937.

Gov. W. I. MYERS, of the Farm Credit Administration, at whose request MISS NEWTON was granted her initial leave, asked that her time be extended so that she could aid in the execution of a partially completed plan to make the credit administration useful to farm women and to bring its lending units closer to farm homes. The University board of regents approved the extension of MISS NEWTON'S leave. MISS NEWTON, who has spent two weeks in the seventh district of the Farm Credit Administration of which St. Paul is headquarters, returned Wednesday, July 15 to Washington.

MISS EVA BLAIR, who has been acting state home demonstration leader, will leave University Farm August 15 for a month's vacation at her home in Sullivan, Ill. After that MISS BLAIR will commence a year of sabbatical leave during which she will study at Columbia university, New York. Following MISS BLAIR'S departure, MISS LOIS M. REID, extension clothing specialist, will serve as acting state home demonstration leader.

Cottonwood Youth to Sponsor Fair Day

Cottonwood county's Rural Youth Organization, the first such group to be organized in Minnesota, has arranged to manage one full day's program at the county fair in August. Elaborate preparations and a big publicity campaign are now under way, with a fine set of committees working with the assistance of EXTENSION AGENTS BRIGGS and ROGERS.

For the evening grandstand performance the young people will put on the pageant, "Spirit of American Music," with groups from all over the county taking part, each being responsible for one or more episodes or scenes. All special music for the day will be arranged by the youth organization, also a 4-H parade, exhibits and style revue, the afternoon grandstand entertainment, and other special features for the whole day.

All eyes will be on Cottonwood youth that day, not only in their own county, but throughout the state, as this is probably the most ambitious undertaking ever attempted by young people in Minnesota history.

MISS CHARLOTTE KIRCHNER of the extension staff was called to her parents' home at Spirit Lake, Ia., the latter part of June where a brother was taken seriously ill. He passed away June 26. MISS KIRCHNER was at International Falls at the time.

Coming Events

July 14-24	Religious Leaders Institute, U. Farm, Main Campus
July 15	Station Visitors' Day, Morris
July 22-25	Interstate 4-H Club Conference, St. Louis County
July 24, 25, 26	Rural Youth Camp, Mission Farm, Hennepin 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
October 14-15	International Dairy Show, St. Louis, Mo.
October 14-15	Red River Valley Dairyman's Show, Crookston
Nov. 9-2	Junior Livestock Show, So. St. Paul

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

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Agents Named for Cottonwood, Polk

Two more changes in the personnel of extension agents have materialized since the last issue of Extension

EARL ROGERS, farm-reared Iowan, became county agent in Cottonwood county July 1. ROGERS was graduated from Iowa State college, Ames, in 1928 with a major in farm crops and soils. Six years actual farm operations and one year in cooperative oil work precede the beginning of his extension experience which was in 1934 when he became club agent for Louisa and Muscatine counties in Iowa. Since March 1, 1936, he has worked only in Muscatine. He is married.

In West Polk county, effective July 1, W. O. WOODMAN is assistant county agent. Also an Iowan, WOODMAN was graduated from the Archer high school in 1925 and from Iowa State college in 1930. Since then he has been occupied as high school agricultural instructor, 4 years in Iowa and 2 years in Minnesota, at Clara and Madison.

"Ropework" Volume Authorized by Drew

"Ropework" is the title of a new book put out by the Webb Publishing company of St. Paul and written by J. M. DREW, former extensioner and the "knottiest" rope artist in America. About 50 of the most useful knots are described and illustrated with excellent drawings. There is a mass of information on rope, its care and uses, and directions for making rope halters, splices of various kinds and hitches.

Handsomely bound in heavy paper and selling for 50 cents, this book affords an excellent and authoritative teaching manual, as well as a book every boy and farmer should crave to have around.

"Ropework" is the fourth book to be written by DREW. About 30 years ago, Webb's brought out his first book on farm blacksmithing and last year issued another. Several years ago, DREW wrote a section on rope and knots for a handicraft book published in Colorado.

Norman Goodwin, assistant county agent in Wilkin county, and Marian Blomgren of Minneapolis were married in Minneapolis June 20.

NATE H. BOVEE, who recently resigned as county agent in Redwood county to accept a position as weed specialist with the Chipman Chemical company, Bound Brook, New Jersey, was presented a gold wristwatch by the Redwood Farm Bureau in appreciation of his 7 years' work in the county.

H. G. ZAVORAL, extension animal husbandman, has been made a Knight of the Golden Fleece, the July issue of the Sheep Breeder announces. For his service as a husbandman, particularly his work with sheep, ZAVORAL was accorded this reward, a high one in the sheep raising industry.

County agents, assistant agents, farmers and office staff members of Wilkins, Todd, East Otter Tail, Western Otter Tail, Clay, Becker, Grant, Stevens, Traverse and Pope counties congregated at Long Lake, north of Fergus Falls, the latter part of June to climax a half year's work with play, relaxation and good eats.

MISS HARRIETT JONES, who was formerly in charge of the mailing room at University Farm, visited for about 10 days in St. Paul. While a guest in the city MISS JONES called on her former associates at the farm. She left University Farm in April, 1931, after having served here for nearly 18 years. MISS JONES makes her home in Plainfield, Ind.

Following his father in the betterment of agriculture is F. J. MEADE, JR., son of COUNTY AGENT F. J. MEADE of Lyon county. The younger MEADE was elected president of the Minnesota 4-H Club Federation during Club Week held at University Farm. He, along with 10 other Lyon county boys, was in attendance at the week's activities.

ROBERT and CARNEY WERNER, two sons of MORRISON COUNTY AGENT HENRY WERNER, were graduated from the Little Falls High School June 1. Robert was quarterback and captain of the 1935 football team which defeated the North High football team of Minneapolis last fall. He was a guard on the basketball team. MARGARET WERNER, a sophomore, plays baritone in the high school band.

Honesty is the Best Ballyhoo

Two letters received the same day, recently, reminded COUNTY AGENT HENRY WERNER of Morrison county about what Burns wrote: "Princes and lords are but the breath of kings, an honest man's the noblest work of God."

One letter was from STATISTICIAN PAUL KIRK: "I know nothing about the rye program."

The other was from A. G. RUGGLES, "A bee inspector will come up there, but the Lord only knows when he is coming."

J. F. KUEHN, assistant to the director, and his family escaped the blasting heat of the recent hot wave by leaving July 6 for a 3-weeks vacation at Cedar Lake, 3 miles from Aitkin.

DIRECTOR F. W. PECK will speak twice, July 20 and 22, at an institute of religious leaders to be held at University Farm and Main campus. DIRECTOR PECK also spoke at the station visitors' day held at Morris, July 15.

U Farm Extension Workers Appointed

Two appointments for University farm Extension workers have recently been made.

ELDRED M. HUNT'S appointment as horticulture extension specialist will become effective August 16. HUNT was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1932 and since has taken some graduate work. He has had experience as assistant in horticulture with the University, was associated with a commercial orchard at Owatonna in 1931 and with a landscape architect in 1932. Since February, 1935, he has been nursery manager of the soil erosion service at La Crosse, Wis., where the regional office is located. HUNT is a native of Minnesota, having been born at Deerwood.

Effective July 1 was HAROLD LEWIS' appointment as extension publicity specialist, succeeding H. L. HARRIS, now agricultural editor. LEWIS, who comes from Iowa, is a graduate of Iowa State college, Ames. He was granted a degree in agricultural journalism in 1934. Since September 1934, he has edited a newspaper at Rockwell City, Ia.

L. A. CHURCHILL, state county agent leader, and S. B. CLELAND, assistant professor and farm management specialist, attended the North Central District county farm planning conference in Chicago, July 9 and 10. Representatives of the 13 states in this district were present. M. L. Wilson, assistant secretary of agriculture, participated in the program. County planning work was executed in one county of each of the nine farming type areas in Minnesota last year. Plans are being made to carry the work into additional counties this year.

AITKIN. A. R. ROLLIN, agent, wrote three articles urging farmers to use monohydrated copper sulphate in the control of early and late blight and flea beetle on potatoes. George Franz of the Cedar Brook region stated that potatoes so treated increased their yield by 50 per cent.

ANOKA. Dean W. C. Coffey spoke to club members at their camp held on the Elk river fair grounds. Over 100 members were present for the 3-day session, says ASSISTANT AGENT DWIGHT M. GARNER.

BENTON. A committee which included agents from Sherburne, Stearns, and Benton counties met with a group from the St. Cloud Wild Life association to formulate plans for a wild life essay contest. Prize money, totalling \$50, is to be awarded to 4-H club members who will write on "Co-operation Between the City and Rural Youth in the Conservation of Wild Life."

BIG STONE. Under the supervision of COUNTY AGENT BENTON, a weed campaign has been organized and is now being conducted. Weed infestations are heavy, and in many areas it is impossible to attempt complete eradication in any one year. Therefore, Big Stone county is preventing the spread of creeping jenny by spraying the outer edges of infested spots, thus preventing further spread until time and funds permit complete eradication. The county has an ambitious goal in planning to completely drive out leafy spurge during the year if possible.

BLUE EARTH. The county commissioners, states COUNTY AGENT L. E. McMILLAN, have purchased 4 tons of sodium chlorate for use in weed control, in addition to a "Bean" bindweed sprayer. The spraying of creeping jenny and leafy spurge has been completed in three townships.

CARLTON. AGENT PAUL M. LINDHOLM reports that a Cromwell Bull association has been formed with a constitution and by-laws set-up.

DAKOTA. The May monthly report for the Dakota County Dairy Herd Improvement association shows an average production of 698 pounds of milk and 26.40 pounds of butterfat for a period of 31 days. Two hundred seventy cows were on test.

HENNEPIN. Problems of the dairyman will be discussed at eight twilight dairy meetings which ASSISTANT AGENT FLOYD B. WOLBERG has scheduled for July and August.

DAKOTA. AGENT H. L. LAWRENZ is cooperating in every way possible

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with the rural electrification movement in his county. He writes that C. H. Gelder, manager of the Dakota County Electric Cooperative, states that a complete sign-up on 125 miles of line is expected.

FARIBAULT. MAYBELLE L. GAME, home demonstration agent, is pioneering in helping farm women learn to keep accounts. The county program for the fall has been divided so that those who wish to keep accounts may attend meetings separate from the regular project work. The first four regular lessons will be concerned with successful planning and buying for good family living. At the fifth lesson the women will hear a lawyer explain legal matters such as deeds, wills, notes, contracts, etc.

HENNEPIN. AGENT K. A. KIRKPATRICK reports a potato tour, the most important event in regard to that crop during the month. During the morning of the one-day tour, six stops occurred in the Richfield and Bloomington area and in the afternoon the tour visited nine places in the Osseo-Brooklyn area. On the W. W. Lawrence farm in Brooklyn the tour visitors were shown a field of 40 acres which had cropped potatoes for 43 years. Last year, using his own seed, Mr. Lawrence was able to produce an inferior stand of diseased plants. This year vigorous, healthy seed was obtained from the lower Red River Valley and the crop is equally as vigorous and healthy as was the seed. This proved a point, stated AGENT KIRKPATRICK, in that the Hennepin potato grower must obtain his seed from some northern Minnesota area where favorable conditions are maintained for the producing of strong seed.

GOODHUE. HOME AGENT EVELYN SELL cooperated with the county relief office by giving five canning demonstrations in Red Wing, Zumbrota, Cannon Falls, Goodhue and Kenyon. Invitations were sent out to all relief clients, WPA workers, rural resettlement clients and others, besides the regular home project workers. Total attendance was 148.

ITASCA. Soil conservation program work continued in good style, states A. H. Frick, agent. A total of 2,204 work sheets were obtained and listed for 2,800 farmers. The list sheets were submitted to the state conservation committee.

JACKSON. COUNTY AGENT ROSS L. HUNTSINGER reports a check on the carry-over of root and basal stem rot on barley following the scab epidemic of 1935. Serious infections, up to 75 per cent, occurred in fields of untreated seed sowed late in diseased corn land. Only mild traces of infection were noted in early sowed treated seed sowed on fall plowing.

KANDIYOHI. EMERGENCY AGENT RONALD MCCAMUS reports the organization of a stallion association in cooperation with the Rural Resettlement Administration. Within two days after the initial meeting a committee had signed enough farmers to make possible the purchase of two stallions.

ROSEAU. All the 42 townships in COUNTY AGENT JOHN JENSEN'S county have received tests for Bang's disease. A total of 1,100 herd owners have signed Bang's disease test agreements, and 726 herds have been tested.

RED LAKE. A Farm Bureau organization is being formed with very satisfactory progress being made so far. More than 200 farmers have already signed to become members. A permanent group is to organize at Red Lake Falls the middle of this month.

LAKE. Following a long period of organization and planning work, the rural electrification project has been completed sufficiently so that the plans and specifications have been sent to the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, D.C. The legal set-up has been completed and wholesale rates obtained from the City of Two Harbors to supply the current have also received approval.

SCOTT. Twenty-seven farmers from various sections of the county organized a cow testing association which began operations July 1.

WRIGHT. Club boys and girls of the county have gone journalistic. The third issue of "Wright County Club

News" has been issued. With the exception of an editorial and information regarding achievement day, the paper was edited and printed exclusively by club members, according to DON DAILEY, assistant county agent.

MAHONOMEN. Forestry projects are progressing well. Some 50 samples of green ash trees have been distributed in the county for garden tree nurseries with an eye toward supplementing woodlots later on. Several thousand evergreen trees have been ordered for use in windbreaks.

MEEKER. Six bids were received on the letting of 125 miles of wiring for the county cooperative electrical project. This is the first cooperative of its kind in the northwest and a special celebration is planned to coincide with the beginning of the actual line construction.

NORTH ST. LOUIS. HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT ELIZABETH SPREITERSBACH reports that 18 demonstration gardens were growing well following rains that had fallen on the north country. Frost damaged them some, and in the northern section two gardens at Gheen and Crane Lake were infested by tent caterpillars. A field trip with HERBERT L. PARTEN, of the entomology department, University Farm, was a recent feature of the special garden work.

STEARNS. A farm yard improvement project has been completed, says MISS NOAN ANDERSON, home demonstration agent. The interest shown in this much needed work was such that all of the 23 groups enrolled are completing the project. Many people asked to join the work and a committee at South Ashley was confronted with the problem of taking care of 42 families at their final meeting. In all but one group there was a perfect attendance of leaders. MISS ANDERSON states that many new improvements may be noticed when traveling through the country.

WINONA. COUNTY AGENT H. C. PEDERSON reports that 7,500 men, women and children attended the annual Farm Bureau picnic, held in the Farmer's Community Park at Lewiston. It was the county's largest rural event.

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• • • W. G. WERNER, assistant Dodge county agent, is back on the job after having submitted to an appendicitis operation at Rochester early in June.

• • • DEAN W. C. COFFEY topped University Farm golfers by capturing the Golfbug par tournament title, a handicap event. The tourney was one of a series of golf meets scheduled for the season.

• • • A rural electrification project is under way in Renville whereby 300 farms in the Hector and Fairfax communities may be served with electricity.

• • • The State Department of Conservation is offering 4-H club leaders an opportunity to obtain some splendid entertainment and instruction on wild life conservation for local 4-H club programs. THOMAS KELLY, art editor of the Minnesota Conservationist magazine, has prepared a chalk talk in which he discusses some fundamentals of wild life values and preservation, illustrating his remarks with cartoons and sketches. His services may be obtained without cost. Inquiries should be addressed to the Department of Conservation, State Office Building, St. Paul.

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