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Warburton and Umberger to Speak

Plans for the 1936 state extension conference, to be held at University Farm October 20 to 23, are already under way.

DIRECTOR F. W. PECK announces that two speakers from outside the state will be on the program. These two men are C. W. Warburton, director of extension work, Washington, D.C., and Extension Director Umberger of Kansas.

Educational features of the conference include sessions in which extension agents may become acquainted with new developments in a number of subject matter departments. A committee type of reporting on important policies and programs is being reinstated as a feature of the conference.

An innovation of the program is that for the first time in several years there will be no dinner or official session for staff members. Voluntary groups may meet informally, but there will be no official gathering aside from the official sessions of the conference.

Wanted: A Farmer

(Or, it's a wise woman who knows her file)

Perhaps it is unfair to take advantage of a person while he, or in this case she, is absent, but we hope MISS JULIA O. NEWTON, home demonstration leader on leave, will forgive us.

At any rate, we are taking a chance that she will. A postcard, sent to the bulletin room, reveals that a file may be something more than a compilation of material that needs to be weeded periodically. Said the card, written recently by Miss Newton from Washington, D.C., "Can you send me a copy of Dr. Lundquist's summary of The Farmers Wife contest, 'If you had a daughter of marriagable age would you want her to marry a farmer?' If there isn't one left, ask Miss Reid to have the one in my file 'fished out' and sent to me. Personal greetings to all in the bulletin room. Julia O. Newton."

And the postman gets blamed for reading cards!

• • • R. F. CRIM, extension agronomist, with other members of the Division of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, conducted a hybrid corn variety trial tour from August 26 to 29. The tour included visits to plots maintained cooperatively by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, the Minnesota Crop Improvement association and several seed companies. The plots were located in Jackson, Rock, Lincoln, Bigstone, Winona, Meeker, Goodhue, and Waseca counties.

• • • Born early in August, Wallace William Miller, Jr., is an addition to the family of COUNTY AGENT and MRS. WALLACE MILLER of Scott county.

Coming Events

September 24-27 4-H Conservation Camp, Itasca Park
Sept. 28-Oct. 4 Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa
October 10-18 National Dairy Show, Dallas, Texas
October 14-15 Red River Valley Dairymen's Show, Crookston
October 20-23 State Extension Conference
November 9-12 Junior Livestock Show, So. St. Paul
November 28 Twin City Milk Producers Association Meeting, St. Paul
Dec. 28-30 State Farm Bureau Meeting, St. Paul
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Farm and Home Week
Jan. 7-Mar. 4 Creamery Operators' Short Course
January 16-18 State Agricultural Society Meeting, St. Paul
February 10 Central Co-Operative Association Meeting, St. Paul

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

Club People Prepare For Camp at Itasca

Several outstanding naturalists and speakers have been obtained for the 4-H Conservation camp at Itasca Park, Sept. 24-27, according to T. A. ERICKSON, state club leader.

On the Thursday evening and Friday programs, Allen Cruickshank, nationally known naturalist, of the National Association of Audubon societies, will give illustrated lectures on birds. He will also take the group on a tour. On Friday's program will be George McCullough, former member of the state fish and game commission. PARKER ANDERSON, extension forester, will also be on the program, as will William Munch, of the state conservation department. Stafford King, state auditor, will appear before the group Sunday evening, September 27, and Ralph T. King, University Farm entomologist, will speak on wild life during the Saturday program. Charles Horn, president of the Federal Cartridge company, Minneapolis, who materially sponsors the camp, is scheduled to visit the camp.

During assembly periods A. J. KIRTLESON, state club agent, will lead singing. Camp organization is under the direction of H. A. PELUGHOEFT, of the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, for the boys, and MISS MAY SONTAG, state club agent, for the girls. The camp commissary department will be under the direction of MISS AMY WESSEL and MISS MILDRED SCHENCK, state club agents. KENNETH INGVALSON will supervise recreation and R. H. GIBERSON, district club agent from the School of Agriculture at Morris, will be in charge of registration.

Sunday morning an outdoor service will be conducted in "Preacher's Grove."

• • • "A Mighty Good Year For Silos," is an article written by W. W. Brookins, extension agronomist, for the Agricultural Leaders Digest, in the September issue. Mr. Brookins explains in this publication how the temporary silo can be put to good use in conserving drouth-affected corn after there is a certainty that no seed will be formed.

Cooke, Harris Given Honors by Ag Editors

Two Minnesota extensioners were awarded honors on publications exhibited and judged at the annual convention of the American Association of Agricultural Editors held in Madison, Wis., the latter part of August.

MISS CORA COOKE, extension poultry specialist, was given first prize in the popular bulletin competition on her new bulletin, "ABC For Chicks." A very excellent job which demanded considerable cooperation in its production from author, editor, photographer, and printer, the tone of the bulletin remained high from cover to cover. The bulletin is now being distributed.

Third prize in the published feature story class was won by H. L. HARRIS, Minnesota's agricultural editor. The feature was published several issues ago in The Country Gentleman. It was concerned with "Criss-Crossed Pigs" work done in the Division of Animal Husbandry by Prof. L. M. Winters.

Don Dailey Named To Y.M.C.A. Post

DON DAILEY, who has served for the past five and one-half months as assistant county agent in Wright county, has accepted the position of Y. M. C. A. secretary at University Farm and will have assumed his new duties when the fall quarter opens.

Besides his Y. M. C. A. duties, Mr. Dailey will also act as assistant coach of the University wrestling team and will do graduate work in the Division of Animal Husbandry. He succeeds Ralph Miller as Y. M. C. A. secretary. Mr. Miller will do graduate work and part time teaching.

Out in Wright county Mr. Dailey's place will be taken by FLOYD WOLBERG, a graduate of Kansas State, who has been assistant county agent in Hennepin county the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Wolberg have already moved to Buffalo where Mr. Wolberg has assumed his duties.

HOWARD GROW, acting Pennington county agent, has been granted a 3-months leave of absence to assist the National Grain Growers Cooperative in the purchase of seed for government disposal in drought areas. Mr. Grow spent a great deal of time with the old seed corporation on the 1934 drouth program. His work this year will be largely the identification of varieties, inspection and approval of seed grains in drought areas. Due to Mr. Grow's leave, STANLEY DOTEN, assistant county agent in Kittson county during the past summer, has been transferred temporarily to assist AGENT R. M. DOUGLASS in Pennington county.

• • • Miss Dagney Edstrom of Minneapolis and Lardner Coffey, son of DEAN and MRS. WALTER C. COFFEY were married August 29 in Minneapolis. The new Mrs. Coffey is a graduate of the McPhail School of Music. Lardner Coffey was graduated from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., in 1932. He is associated with the X-ray laboratory of the Mayo Brothers clinic at Rochester, in which city the couple's home is located.

• • • Born, July 29 to COUNTY AGENT and MRS. WALTER THOMPSON of Fillmore county, a daughter. The new daughter was named Ann Eileen and weighed exactly 9 pounds.

• • • September 1 found W. W. BROOKINS, extension agronomist, passing out cigars in honor of his new son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Brookins August 31. Named Charles A., the new arrival weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. He is the second child of the Brookins.

• • • W. E. MORRIS, extension animal husbandman, has been chosen by the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders association to judge both barrows and lambs at the Wisconsin Junior Livestock Show at Madison, October 27.

During the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago, Morris will be one of the speakers on a symposium of junior livestock show ideas and activities to be conducted by the extension group of the American Society of Animal Production. For the last several years, Morris has been general manager of Minnesota's world-beating junior show and has been selected again this year.

• • • Attention County Agents: Bulletin 153, "Suggestions on Farm Leases," is nearly out of print. Since there are frequent calls for this bulletin, J. B. McNulty, extension farm management specialist suggests that county agents be requested to return any of these copies for which they are not likely to have use in the near future.

• • • The former MISS ALICE SCHULTZ, until recently of the bulletin room, was married August 29 to John Linskey, who was formerly a U Farm student. The couple lives in Thief River Falls where Mr. Linskey is head of the old age pension commission.

FLASHES from AFIELD

BIGSTONE. Beginning August 3, a test of all cattle in the county was conducted by the State Livestock Sanitary Board and the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry. Two surprising results were revealed by the test, one that there were only 36 reactors, and the other that the cattle population of Bigstone is 17,000, reports COUNTY AGENT CECIL A. BENTON. In spite of the fact that a tremendous sale of cattle occurred during the drought of 1934, the number of cattle has returned almost to normal.

COTTONWOOD. The Rural Youth Association, COUNTY AGENT EDGAR C. ROGERS states, presented a pageant, "The Spirit of Music," with the assistance of W. A. PETERS of the extension service. A cast of over 100 depicted the various types of music from the early days of the country down to the present time. A similar pageant was given at Albert Lea last month.

EAST POLK. The Rural Youth group movement is slated to have another organization added to its numbers. During the month a committee of young people met at McIntosh with L. A. CHURCHILL, county agent leader, and MISS RUBY CHRISTENSON, rural youth agent, to discuss the formation of a group. A larger number of young people are expected to be invited to help set up an organization.

FARIBAULT. In order to adequately answer questions concerning spraying noxious weeds with chlorates, COUNTY AGENT C. G. GAYLORD announces that a demonstration plot has been established on the Elmer Merrill Farm occupied by Carl Ogburn in Prescott township. Thirty-two plots have been marked and sprayed with various mixtures at different rates of application. The plots are so marked that the project can be followed through a 2 or 3-year period. Mr. Gaylord says that all but two of 80 weed control projects approved in the county by the soil conservation program show excellent work. Farmers have been diligent in keeping the soil black.

FREEBORN. An auction sale of 4-H fat barrows climaxed club activities at the county fair. Purchased by various business firms, the barrows brought from \$1.35 to \$3.60 per hundred above the prevailing market price. COUNTY AGENT W. M. LAWSON obtained many of the orders from merchants previous to the fair. The sale has the effect of stimulating considerable interest in the raising of fat barrows, Mr. Lawson says.

• • • A. B. HAGEN, Freeborn assistant county agent, is recovering from a recent appendicitis operation.

• • • W. V. Longley, former Kittson county agent, writes S. B. CLELAND, extension farm manager, that he is recovering from an illness which has confined him to a sanatorium. Mr. Longley is extension director for Nova Scotia.

• • • Reports from two county agents on radio work received recognition in the "Around the Dial" department of the August issue of The Hook Up, a pamphlet issued monthly by the radio service of the U.S.D.A.

RAY AUNE, Olmsted county agent, told how his office was using regular

GOODHUE. Just as "time marches on" so does rural electrification. COUNTY AGENT G. J. KUNAU reports that the work of summarizing the Goodhue R.E.A. project has been finished. George Schwartau, secretary of the Farmers Cooperative Electric association of Goodhue county, was sent to Washington, D.C., to present the project to national R.E.A. officials. On his return Mr. Schwartau reported that it met with favorable consideration. The project as outlined included 302 miles of lines to serve 835 farm customers.

LAC QUI PARLE. COUNTY AGENT WAYNE WEISER brings the news that the number of sheep in Lac Qui Parle county has been doubled by the introduction of 3,000 breeding ewes from drought sections of western South Dakota. Much information was furnished by Mr. Weiser as to the location of breeding ewes and on their care and management.

LE SUEUR. COUNTY AGENT R. D. EVANS and his club people are feeling happy over the completion of the 4-H club building at the fair grounds, the major accomplishment of the last month for them. Pouring of concrete started August 1, and two weeks later, the first day of the county fair, the building was completed and ready for use. Built in the shape of a T, the front section is 40 by 70 feet and the rear section 40 by 60 feet. It has two stories, the upper of which will be used for dormitories. Recently the Sunday Pioneer-Press ran an interesting feature story on the building.

MARTIN. COUNTY AGENT FRANCIS BRADY relates in his report that Martin county will again carry the rural discussion project next winter. D. C. DVORACEK, extension marketing specialist, visited the county in regard to that work during the month. Groups are selecting local leaders.

MURRAY. C. H. SCHRADER, county agent, sends word that plans were arranged for a new 4-H building to be dedicated at the Murray county fair. Culminating 8 years of tireless effort on the part of the county agent, 4-H officers, county and other officials, the building has been completed.

NICOLLET. COUNTY AGENT E. M. NELSON gives the heartening report

time on KROC, Rochester, in giving a summary of events that occurred during the week, explaining points of interest about farm meetings, and in presenting regular 4-H programs with the boys and girls doing the broadcasting.

AUGUST NEUBAUER, North St. Louis county agent, reported how he makes good use of a question and answer feature, pertaining to up-to-the-minute farm news, and how the time for broadcasting at his disposal over WMFG is utilized through the cooperation of H. J. AASE and MISS MABEL FERTIG, club agents, and MISS ELIZABETH SPRIESTERSBACH, home demonstration agent.

that 150 acres of leafy spurge and creeping Jenny, or bindweed, have been eradicated in Nicollet. Through effective cooperation, progressive steps are being made in fighting these two farm enemies. A large power sprayer is being used in much of the work.

RED LAKE. Approximately 250 farmers in a meeting at Plummer went on record as favoring the organization of a sweet clover seed growers cooperative association. The farmers feel, states COUNTY AGENT ERNEST PALMER, that there has long been a need for better marketing facilities for sweet clover growers and for the production of better sweet clover seed. The farmers feel that such an organization would facilitate the accomplishment of these two desirable objectives.

RENVILLE. COUNTY AGENT FRANK SVOBODA reports considerable interest in temporary silo construction. Some silos of this type have caused a little spoilage, and Mr. Svoboda says that he feels a need for a bulletin on the subject. Perhaps Folder 49, "The Corn-Crib or Slat Fence Silo," and Folder 47, "The Trench Silo," may answer at least partially the questions concerning the temporary structures.

TODD. C. L. BLAKESLEE, county agent, announces the organization of a county home project for Todd county. Women from 20 townships attended the meeting with Miss Eva L. Blair, acting home demonstration leader, present. This brings Todd county back into the home project fold after an absence of approximately 12 years.

WATONWAN. COUNTY AGENT J. I. SWEDBERG tells of a unique contest conducted by Cow Tester Urevig during the county fair. Two Ayrshire cows of similar conformation but which differed greatly in production were exhibited. All comers were invited to estimate which cow was the

better producer. Of the more than 200 estimates offered, about half named the poor producing cow as the superior production animal. On the cards handed out to those who participated, a question was also asked on relation to testing work, to which a fair proportion of the contestants gave answers. Prizes consisting of two sacks of feed were offered to the winners of the contest.

WEST POLK. A shipment of five carloads of Thatcher wheat to Russia from West Polk is reported by COUNTY AGENT CARL ASH. The sale of the grain was effected through A. S. Essipov, chief of the plant breeding fund of the Soviet commissariat of agriculture, who was also a visitor at University Farm the latter part of July. The grain is being shipped in 2-bushel seamless sacks, with certification tags sewed inside and outside and the bags stenciled and sealed. The five carloads of seed were purchased from five producers of certified seed with the price ranging from \$2.15 to \$2.50.

WILKIN. Club boys and girls cooperated in sponsoring a 4-H club livestock auction at the close of the county fair, at Breckenridge, September 5, says COUNTY AGENT O. R. GROVER. Market animals which did not win Junior Livestock Show trips for their owners were offered for sale. This livestock included 25 baby beeves, 30 market hogs, 35 market lambs and 90 pens of poultry. Representatives of the Central Cooperative Commission of Fargo appraised the animals previous to the sale.

WRIGHT. COUNTY AGENT E. W. AITON reports how a club boy, Keith Smith, who lives in the light soil country near Clearwater, is demonstrating what can be done to reforest poor soils unsuitable for crop production. Keith is raising Western Yellow or "Bull" Pine trees from seed which he purchases by the pound. In his own report, Keith states that he has 1,100 seedling trees which will be ready for planting in about 3 years. The Bull Pine is well adapted to the climate in Wright county, the boy states.

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