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## Twentieth Junior Show To Open

A fifth of a century of Junior Livestock Shows will have rolled around when the twentieth annual event gets under way at South St. Paul, November 8.

T. A. ERICKSON, state club leader, states that only 29 4-H boys showed as many baby beeves at the first junior show to be held. One of the first club showmen was Irwin McKay, now a breeder of Shorthorn cattle at Delhi, Minnesota; he showed the championship baby beef at the first event. Contrasted to this small beginning is this year's show, for which advance entries already total well over 1,100.

At least two new features will greet the boys and girls at the show this year. One of these will be a special contest in which teams will demonstrate the safe handling of livestock to prevent loss in shipping. Demonstrations will begin the first day of the show; the winning team will represent Minnesota at a national contest during the National Club Congress. The other new feature will be the manner in which entries for the carcass show will be handled. Instead of giving prizes, the show management has arranged to keep over until the day of the carcass show those boys and girls who will have entries. This will give them an opportunity to see the carcasses of their animals and will give them a two-day course in the procedures of meat marketing.

## Enroll Women As Demonstrators

Analyzing their home furnishing problems on the basis of what the home surroundings should express in meaning to family and friends, some 250 women in six counties in their capacity as home demonstrators will intensively apply the subject matter of the home furnishing project being carried in their counties this fall, states HOME FURNISHING SPECIALIST CHARLOTTE KIRCHNER.

Each of these home demonstrators represents an enrolled project group. Their work will be to scan the home situation in regard to furnishings, analyze it from the standpoints of comfort, beauty and expression of family personalities, and then to consult with home agents, if they so desire, on possible remedies for any problems they may find and finally they will apply the subject matter of the project to their own particular situation.

"These result demonstrations will afford an excellent opportunity for a check-up trip through each county in the spring," points out Miss Kirchner.

Counties with enrolled home demonstration include Houston, Winona, Blue Earth, Beltrami, Dakota and Redwood.

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## Coming Events

Oct. 9-16	National Dairy Exposition, Columbus, Ohio
Oct. 13-16	Biwabik Potato Show, Biwabik
Oct. 18-23	State Extension Conference
Oct. 28	State Cornhusking Contest, Redwood Falls
Nov. 3	Swine Feeders Day
Nov. 8-11	Junior Livestock Show, So. St. Paul
Nov. 27-Dec. 3	National Club Congress, Chicago
Jan. 17-22	Farm and Home Week

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

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## An Editorial 4-H Bouquet

How much do people not on the "inside," known vaguely as the *public*, recognize the values in 4-H club work?

An answer to this question comes from one county in editorial comment of the Waseca Journal following the county fair, quoted by HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT JUANITA F. SILCOX in her monthly report.

Part of the editorial follows:

"Visitors at the county fair this year who evidenced any interest whatsoever in the exhibits could not but be impressed by the growing amount of space on the grounds devoted to 4-H club work every year."

"Certainly here is a department which is deserving of every bit of recognition the public has to accord. As a single departmental exhibit, the 4-H club work stood head and shoulders above any on the grounds."

"In the barns, the 4-H club livestock was the focal point of attention. The stock was raised in the county and was shown in the spirit of competition rather than for the acquisition of a money prize—and no professional breeder ever groomed his animal to a higher gloss or paraded him in the ring with any more pride or enthusiasm than the young club boys and girls."

"It is the enthusiasm—this will to learn and do—which makes 4-H clubs.

"With few rewards aside from the satisfaction of accomplishment, these boys and girls are straining forward toward the future time when they will till land of their own and raise their own herds. Meanwhile, they are stopping to pick up knowledge which means their future security . . ."

• • • The marriage of Miss Pauline Trindle of Van Meter, Iowa, and HAROLD LEWIS, assistant editor, took place, September 17, at Northwood, Iowa. Mrs. Lewis, since September, 1934, has been serving as home demonstration agent in Calhoun and Humboldt counties, Iowa, and will complete her year there before she joins Lewis in St. Paul, the first of December.

• • • Born, September 28, to COUNTY AGENT and MRS. GEORGE CHAMBERS of Carlton county, a daughter, Patricia Jean.

• • • A daughter was born October 7 to COUNTY AGENT and MRS. RONALD McCAMUS of Kandiyohi county.

• • • M. LOIS REID, acting home demonstration leader, and S. B. CLELAND, farm management specialist, will go to Washington, D.C., October 25, where they will represent Minnesota in the national agricultural outlook conference.

• • • Former EDITOR W. P. KIRKWOOD accompanied EDITOR H. L. HARRIS on a "know your hybrid corn field day" in Brown county, September 21. Mr. Kirkwood served as photographer of the day.

## Personnel Changes

Changes in county personnel have been numerous this past month. Two newcomers have accepted extension positions, MISS MILDRED TOOP, named assistant home demonstration agent in Steele county, and CLIFFORD R. CAIRNS, assistant county agent in Anoka and Sherburne counties.

Miss Toop, a native of Iowa, was graduated from Iowa State College, Ames, after which she taught home economics in schools at Kingsley, Dennison and Chisholm, Iowa. Her appointment became effective September 24.

Cairns is a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He is farm reared and has been a high school agriculture teacher since February, 1935. Cairns appointment was effective October 1.

Transfers and resignations during the month include:

VICTOR SANDER, from Mower to Dodge county as assistant agent.

LESTER W. JUSTICE, from Freeborn to Washington county as assistant agent.

JOHN W. DYSART, from Wright to Wadena county as acting county agent.

MILDRED BLANCH, from Winona to Faribault county as assistant home demonstration agent.

GRAHAM FULLER from Dodge as assistant agent to Lincoln county as agent. HENRY KALDAHL resigned the Lincoln post September 30 to go into other work.

ELMER RIEKE resigned the position as Sibley county agent to accept a Smith-Hughes position in the school at Bagley.

PETER J. HOLAND, resigned as assistant agent in Hubbard county to accept a teaching position in Austin schools.

MILES G. ROWE, Wadena county agent, granted a leave of absence to take graduate work at University Farm.

## Will Tell All At Extension Party

Jack Benny, frustrated radio enemy of Fred Allen (he of the coffee grinder voice) won't be at the extension twenty-fifth anniversary party. Neither will Allen, as a matter of fact—but he's sending a substitute. Which all means nothing except that it leads us to the point in question—that, in the words of Ben Bernie, "all youse guys and youse gals" who've made the extension service your diggings for the past few years may expect Allen's counterpart to out-Winchell Winchell when he wrings out your past before the eyes of all and sundry guests at the dinner.

Getting down to cases, an all-revealing "Town Hall Tonight" will be one of the principal entertainment features at the twenty-fifth anniversary party to be held Thursday night, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Minnesota Union ballroom on Main Campus. This soul-searing feature will be preceded by a program in more serious vein, lead by DIRECTOR F. W. PECK in the role of toastmaster. "Those Early Days (and Nights)" will be recalled by Ex-county Agents A. B. Lathrop, Frank Marshall, Roy Johnson, and A. E. Anderson. A. D. Wilson, first Minnesota extension director, will unfold a panorama of extension work when he speaks on "A Quarter Century of Progress."

Although the 1937 extension conference will get under way with committee round tables of 4-H Club and Rural Youth work, rural electrification, agricultural conservation and farm credit at 10 a.m. Monday morning, October 18, the program proper will not begin until Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. Tuesday will be reserved for subject matter training schools on poultry, soil conservation, and home electrification. The speaking program for the week follows:

Wednesday—"The Next Twenty-Five Years of Extension Service," Dean W. C. Coffey; "The Human Equation as a Factor in Extension Work," Director Peck; "Education vs. Service," H. C. Ramsower, director Ohio extension service; "Human Engineering," A. R. Root, Knox Reeves Advertising, Inc., Minneapolis.

Thursday — Morning program: (Continued on page 2)

• • • EDITOR H. L. HARRIS was named a director of the Association of Agricultural College Editors at the group's annual convention, held recently in Florida. Technical Bulletin No. 115, "A Study of the Body and Texture of Butter," written by S. T. Coulter and W. B. Combs of the dairy division, won first place in the technical division of the national publication contest sponsored by the agricultural editors' association.

• • • EXTENSION DAIRYMAN H. R. SEARLES was superintendent of the dairy cattle division of the Waterloo Dairy Cattle, Waterloo, Iowa, September 27-October 3. While there, he announced results of the show over the National Farm and Home Hour.

**ANOKA.** Beautification of the farmstead will be the educational subject at the next five meetings of the Rural Youth group. At a recent meeting, during which the program of work for 1938 was planned, this topic was selected for study.—JOHN L. CURRELL, agent.

**BECKER.** Following a period of advanced publicity and educational work, during which a series of three circular letters had been sent to 400 sheep growers in the county, a ram sale and exchange day was held at the fair grounds, Detroit Lakes, September 30. During the sale, 22 rams were sold and 8 or more local rams were exchanged or also sold. Farmers were intensely interested in the sheep feeding trial demonstration conducted at University Farm. W. E. MORRIS, extension animal husbandman, conducted the demonstration.—M. H. OSTREM, agent.

**BENTON.** The interest of 4-H club members and farmers in communities where purebred Holstein bull associations are located, in obtaining purebred heifers to use as foundation stock with these bulls prompted a trip to Norwood where five outstanding animals were located.—PAUL LINDHOLM, agent.

**BROWN.** Organization of home demonstration groups for the major project of the year resulted in three new organizations. These are located at Eden, Stately, and Albin—JOSEPHINE BURKETT, home demonstration agent.

**CARVER.** Twenty-five veterinarians were sent to the county, September 19, by the Minnesota Livestock Sanitary Board to complete the tuberculosis test of all cattle by October 2. The agent obtained driver-assistants for each veterinarian.—GEORGE A. KING, agent.

**CHISAGO.** This county was host at a district office organization meeting at North Branch, September 14, with county agents and office assistants present from Pine, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Isanti, Ramsey, and Washington counties. COUNTY AGENT LEADER L. A. CHURCHILL, DISTRICT LEADER R. M. DOUGLASS and VERGIL FENCL led the discussion relative to arranging the extension office to best advantage.—GEORGE W. LARSON, agent.

**CLEARWATER.** The county cooperative council met at the agent's office, September 17, when D. C. Dvoracek,

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"Keeping Up-to-Date on Subject Matter," dairy—Dr. W. E. Petersen; crop breeding—Dr. H. K. Hayes; plant diseases—Dr. E. C. Stakman; "The Constant I," A. R. Root; afternoon program—"The State Department of Agriculture and the Farmer," Fred Crane, director Weed and Seed Division; "The State Department of Conservation," Herman E. Wenzel, Minnesota commissioner of conservation; "The Program of Soil Conservation and Erosion Control," H. A. Flueck, state coordinator for the Minnesota soil conservation service.

**Friday**—"The Smith-Hughes Agricultural Program," Leo L. Knutti, Minnesota state supervisor of agricultural education; "Agricultural Planning and Its Relation to Extension Projects," Karl Knaus, U. S. Department of Agriculture; "My Impressions of Adult Education in Europe," Mrs. Agnes Erkel, urban home demonstration agent, St. Paul.

## FLASHES from AFIELD

marketing specialist, led a discussion on the duties of a cooperative council, and the value of the booth which was displayed at the county fair. Because this was the first booth of its kind in the state, considerable time was given to ideas for improving similar booths next year. At this same meeting it was decided to sponsor an educational meeting about the last of October.—H. E. BALK, agent.

**CROW WING.** "Lights by Christmas eve" is the slogan of rural electrification workers in this county. Actual construction on the Crow Wing county rural electrification project began September 7 and by the end of the month about 80 miles of line had been built.—E. G. ROTH, agent.

**DOUGLAS.** Current has been turned on for about 100 farms on the recently completed 50 miles of rural lines of the rural electrification project. Work on an additional 200 miles will soon begin.—NORMAN J. GOODWIN, agent.

**FARIBAULT.** Considerable attention has been given to 4-H club members who will represent this county at the Junior Livestock Show. Most of the calves are making good gains and promise to make a good showing. Nine baby beefeves, three lambs, two fat barrows and one pen of market poultry will be sent from this county.—PAUL J. MOORE, assistant agent.

**GOODHUE.** W. A. PECK, representative of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, St. Paul, and the agent met with two 4-H club boys to give instructions for a prevention of loss of livestock demonstration to be given at the Junior Livestock Show. The boys, Carl Gustofson and Robert Berg, are both beef club members and have a keen interest in this work.—G. J. KUNAU, agent.

**ISANTI.** While one year's trial is not conclusive, a check on two test plots of hegari indicated that it may prove superior to some of the forage crops grown in the county. Last spring 9 pounds of seed were divided between two farmers, John L. Nelson of Cambridge and David Schwab of Stanford township. Each plot showed a good stand and normal growth. On the Schwab farm the exact yield was not measured, but four rows of hegari produced as many shocks as six rows of cane. Nelson was pleased with his plot but felt that he would get more fodder from his Minnesota 13.—HENRY C. HOWARD, agent.

**LAC QUI PARLE.** Ammunition for this county's war on weeds this past season has amounted to 14,000 pounds of chlorate used on 40 different properties. Six thousand pounds of this was applied during the past month. A few areas treated last spring were resprayed this fall, but a number of spots of field bindweed were entirely killed after the first spraying.—WAYNE WEISER, agent.

**MEEKER.** Unintentional competition among the "grown-ups" at the State Fair on the part of Marian Op-hoven, county 4-H canning champion, proved that 4-H'ers can take their place along with adults. Marian's canning exhibit was dispatched to the

many will be fed as last year due to high prices and scarcity of lambs in the West.—C. C. CHASE, agent.

**RENVILLE.** Spraying of field bindweed patches reached a new high during September when enough chlorate was sprayed to bring the yearly total of the chemical applied to 12 tons. The greatest progress of weed work for any one year will be recorded in 1937.—FRANK SVOBODA, agent.

**SCOTT.** At the Southern Minnesota Livestock Show, held at New Prague, October 6-9, were included institute sessions and speaking programs. EXTENSIONERS H. G. ZAVORAL and H. R. SEARLES, and Dr. W. E. Petersen of the University Farm dairy division, participated in the institute programs the afternoons of October 7 and 8. Dr. A. A. Dowell, of the University Farm economics division, was the speaker for Friday evening, October 8.—WALLACE MILLER, agent.

**STEARNS.** Farmers are watching with interest the progress of the rural electrification set-up in the county. This month the engineering firm, Ellerbe and company, has practically completed plans and specifications for the first 150 miles of line to be constructed from the allotment of \$150,000.00 approved for this county August 1. This month the organization of the rural electrification association was perfected.—E. C. LENZ-MEIER, agent.

**STEVENS.** A feature of the September Rural Youth meeting was a visit to the county court house, during which about 30 minutes was spent in each of the offices of the auditor, register of deeds, and probate judge. Next month similar visits will be made to the office of the treasurer and sheriff. The group voted to sponsor a corn husking contest to be held, October 15, near Morris. A field of good corn on the Frank Curwin farm has been selected. The girls in the group plan to serve refreshments at the contest.—S. C. MARTENSEN, agent.

**WINONA.** A "better kitchen" campaign is to be the subject of demonstrations given by the home agent during January and February in 15 communities. Ideas and plans for improving the farm kitchen are to be stressed; this is part of the home and community plans for 1937-1938.—BEATRICE A. MCGRATH, home demonstration agent.

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