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HERE ARE YOUR DATES

NOV. 29-Dec. 7 International Livestock Show
and National 4-H Club Con-
gress, Chicago

DECEMBER

DIST. RURAL YOUTH TRAINING MEETINGS:

- 2 Mankato
- 3 Monticello
- 16 Aitkin
- 17 Detroit Lakes
- 18 Alexandria
- 19 Red Lake Falls

- 9-13 Annual Ext. Conference, U. Farm
- 19 Cheese Makers' Short Course,
University Farm

GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS:

- 3 St. Cloud
- 4 Alexandria
- 5 Crookston
- 6 Wadena
- 17 Rochester
- 18 Mankato
- 19 Slayton
- 20 Montevideo
- 23 University Farm

JANUARY

- 13-17 Annual Meeting County Fair Assc.
and State Ag. Society
- 20-25 Farm & Home Week, Univ. Farm
- 8-Mar. 5 Creamery Operators' Short Course

DIST. RURAL YOUTH TRAINING MEETINGS:

- 6 Rochester
- 6 Mankato
- 7 Slayton
- 7 Monticello
- 13 Aitkin
- 14 Detroit Lakes
- 15 Alexandria
- 16 Red Lake Falls

GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS:

- 7 St. Cloud
- 8 Alexandria
- 9 Crookston
- 10 Wadena
- 14 Rochester
- 15 Mankato
- 16 Slayton
- 17 Montevideo

FEBRUARY

- 3-7 Red River Valley Winter Show
- Wild Life Conservation Short
Course*

MARCH

- 7 Farm Structures Short Course
- 26-28 Horticulture Short Course

*Date not determined.

ANNUAL EXTENSION CONFERENCE

"Today and Tomorrow" is the theme of Minnesota's annual extension conference to be held at University Farm, December 9-13. A complete program headlined by well-known speakers has been prepared.

The Monday session will be devoted to conferences beginning at 10 a.m. with the 4-H Advisory Committee meeting in the 4-H office.

Tuesday morning's session will center about a discussion of the impact of war on American agriculture. Eric Englund, Assistant Chief, BAE, USDA, will speak and O. B. Jesness will lead the discussion. In the afternoon, Andrew Boss and Barbara Van Heulen, Farm Credit Section, FCA, will speak on programs for the Minnesota Farm and the Minnesota Farm Home, respectively. At 6:30 p.m. the Epsilon Sigma Phi dinner will be held in the Coffman Memorial Union.

The Home Demonstration Agents' Association will meet Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Hotel Curtis, Minneapolis, and the Agricultural Agents' Association will convene at Hotel Ryan, St. Paul, at the same time.

"Pasture Problems" and the "Farm Family and Its Finances" will be the topics for Thursday morning, and "Home Production for Farm Family Living" will be discussed at the afternoon program. The annual Extension Dinner will be held Thursday evening at 6:00 in Coffman Memorial Union, with Karl Olsen of the National Defense Commission as the main speaker.

The final feature of the conference will be an address, "The Job of the Extension Service for 1941", by Director Miller, at 11:00 a.m., Friday.

OUTLOOK DISCUSSIONS

The outlook for agriculture and the effects of war upon the farmer are two of the most vital subjects affecting farmers today. D. C. Dvoracek's discussion groups, therefore, are putting special emphasis on these problems during their monthly meetings. During December the meetings at Alexandria, Crookston, Wadena, and University Farm will stress "War and the Farmer", and meetings at Mankato, Montevideo, Rochester, St. Cloud, and Slayton, -- "The Agricultural Outlook". For exact dates see the calendar.

CLUB STAFF ATTENDS ANNUAL 4-H CONGRESS

More than 100 4-H club and staff members are representing Minnesota 4-H clubs at the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, November 29-December 7. State Club Leader A. J. Kittleson and staff members Norman Goodwin, Amy Wessel, Clifford Cairns, Juanita Silcox, and Mildred Schenck are accompanying Minnesota's 50 project and team champions as well as Watonwan's county's 45-member 4-H club band to the Congress.

Demonstration and judging champions will compete in national contests; other project-prize winners receive the trip in recognition of their outstanding ability and accomplishments. National scholarships of \$200 have already been awarded to Mary R. Roach, Minnesota's "all-round" 4-H Club girl from Prior Lake, Scott county, and to Joan Taylor of Adrian, Nobles county.

Rural Youth Leader Ed Aiton attended the Rural Youth conference at Battle Creek, Michigan, ending November 27.

CURRENT INFORMATION LETTER

Although the response to the Current Information Letter has been gratifying, we would appreciate further suggestions for subjects. Some county agents have already indicated topics they would like to have covered, and letters already are being prepared to meet their needs. Please send your suggestions to H. L. Harris, editor, University Farm.

PLAN WEED-CONTROL PUBLICITY

A unified, year-round publicity campaign on weed control is being prepared by Paul Johnson, assistant extension editor. A mimeographed tablet containing 50 news stories and circular letters with approximate release dates specified will be distributed to county agents about January first. This tablet will contain stories for the entire year. The stories may be handed to newspapers by the county agent or be used to supplement the agent's own weed campaign.

Mr. Johnson is working in conjunction with an advisory committee including A. E. Engebretson (chairman), H. K. Wilson, S. B. Cleland, Ralph Crim, C. H. Schrader and County Agents J. Russell Gute, C. E. Stower, Ralph Wayne, and Harold Lawrenz.

STUDENT PANEL AND OUTLOOK SERIES ON WLB

Senior Ag. students under the direction of Ralph Nichols are sponsoring panel discussions on controversial issues every two weeks over Dick Hull's University Farm Hour. On December 13, the students will discuss "Agriculture and the Draft" and on December 27, "Is Minnesota Winning Her Fight on Weeds?"

Other special features scheduled for this month are the outlook broadcasts on December 3-6 and December 10-13 and T. L. Aamodt's discussion of the grasshopper situation. Mr. Aamodt will review the accomplishments in control during the past year, and analyze the possibility of large or small hatches during the coming year.

A special state-wide Minnesota 4-H Club Radio Roundup has been started over KSTP every Saturday, 11:15-11:30. Ramsey county 4-H'ers appear every third week while other county organizations put on the other programs. Another special program will be presented by the Rock county 4-H'ers over WNAX on December 7 from 5:45-6:00 p.m.

SHORT COURSE FOR CHEESE MAKERS

A special short course for cheese makers will be held Dec. 19 at Univ. Farm. Staff members S. T. Coulter, W. B. Combs, Harold Macy, and J. C. Olson will take part. Outside speakers include J. A. Erekson, bacteriologist, Quality Control Committee; W. V. Price, professor of Dairy Industry, U. of Wis.; and O. F. Kussrath, foreman, Cheese Dept., Swift & Co., So. St. Paul.