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HERE ARE YOUR DATES

FEB.

3-7 R.R.Valley Winter Shows, Crookston
DIST.RURAL YOUTH TRAINING MEETINGS:

- 3 Rochester
- 3 Mankato
- 4 Slayton
- 4 Monticello
- 10 Aitkin
- 11 Detroit Lakes
- 12 Alexandria

GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS:

- 4 St. Cloud, "Money"
- 5 Alexandria, "Money"
- 6 Crookston, "Money"
- 7 Wadena, "Labor and Agriculture"
- 10 Rochester, "War and the Farmer"
- 11 Mankato, "Trade Barriers"
- 12 Slayton, "Financing Agriculture"
- 13 Montevideo, "Hard Times, Good Times"

COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCES:

- 13 Anoka
- 14 Grand Rapids

RURAL YOUTH SHORT COURSES:

- 17-19 Farmington
- 18-20 Lakefield
- 19-21 Clarkfield
- 20-22 Marshall
- 25-27 Sleepy Eye
- 26-28 LeSueur-Scott County*
- 27 Marshall-St. Peter

MUSIC TRAINING SCHOOLS:

- 4 Waseca
- 5 St. James (District)
- 12 Goodhue County*
- 13 Wabasha**
- 22 Litchfield

MARCH

- 7 Farm Structures Short Course
- 26-28 Horticulture Short Course
- 27 Annual Meeting Minnesota Holstein Breeders Association, St. James

GROUP DISCUSSION MEETINGS:

- 5 Crookston
- 6 Montevideo
- 7 Slayton
- 15 Rochester

MUSIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS:

- 15 Moorhead
- 17 Little Falls
- 18 Foley
- 19 St. James (Dist.)

SPRING WHEAT DICTIONARY

The Northwest Crop Improvement Association plans to issue a second edition of its popular Spring Wheat Dictionary late this winter. Since the success of this publication depends upon a complete coverage of all varieties of hard red spring and durum wheats grown in the Northwest, the editors wish to include new varieties or new names of old varieties that may have appeared.

The association would appreciate the assistance of all county extension agents in making the dictionary complete. If any new names or synonyms of any variety have appeared in your community, the Northwest Crop Improvement Association, 408 Flour Exchange, Minneapolis, would like this information.

MARCH

- 21 Waseca
- 22 Litchfield
- 24 Goodhue County*
- 25 Wabasha

JERSEY BREEDERS CATTLE CLUB:

- 26 Anoka (Dist. #4)
- 27 Owatonna (Dist.#1)
- 28 St. James (Dist. #2)
- 31* Bemidji (Dist. #8)

COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCES:

- 27 Anoka
- 28 Grand Rapids

APRIL

COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCES:

- 1 Rochester
- 2 Windom
- 3 Morris
- 4 Crookston

JERSEY BREEDERS CATTLE CLUB;

- 1 Alexandria (Dist. #7)
- 2 Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis (Dist. #3 & 5)

- 1-3 N.E. Exp. Sta. Institute, Duluth
- _____ Wildlife Conservation Short Course***

* Place not definitely determined.

** Date may be changed to February 11.

*** Date not determined. Postponed from February.

RURAL YOUTH SHORT COURSE

The problems faced by rural youth as they begin farming and homemaking for themselves will be the central theme of the three-day Rural Youth Short Courses to be held in eight Minnesota counties beginning February 17. The courses will be given in Dakota, Jackson, Lyon, Yellow Medicine, Brown, Nicollet, LeSueur-Scott, and St. Louis counties. The St. Louis County meeting will be held sometime in April. For other dates, see calendar.

Specialists taking part in the courses include: S. B. Cleland, Mary May Miller, Ed Falvey, Ruby Christenson, Ed Aiton, and D. C. Dvoracek. Either W. L. Cavert or Jack Keenan of the FCA will also participate.

GUTE SHIFTED TO STEELE COUNTY

J. Russell Gute, county agent in Watonwan County for a number of years, has resigned to become county agent in Steele County, with offices at Owatonna. Gute, a graduate of Iowa State College, entered extension work in this state in 1936. In Watonwan he has developed a full extension program. He assumed his new duties January 16.

Lester W. Justice, formerly assistant agent in Washington County, replaced Gute at St. James. Justice is also a graduate of Iowa State. He joined the Minnesota Extension staff in 1937 after several years teaching vocational agriculture and leading 4-H work in Iowa communities.

NEW COFFEY PRODUCT ANNOUNCED

The following unique announcement speaks for itself:

The Northfield Branch
of
THE MINNESOTA COFFEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
announces with pride
its latest blend, released to the
public on
December 30, 1940

The household name by which you will know this new product is DOUGLAS WALTER now available in an attractive package weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces net.

The sponsors, WALT and LORRAINE COFFEY, will welcome an early opportunity to give you further information.

NEW ASSISTANT AGENTS NAMED

Three new assistant county agents have joined the Extension Staff in the past month, and another assistant has been transferred.

Vernon Baldwin has been shifted from Swift to Wadena County. Baldwin, a University of Minnesota graduate, served as an assistant to the county agent in Fari-bault County during part of 1933 and 1934. He was 4-H club agent in Lincoln and Lyon counties in 1934, and taught vocational agriculture at Hawley High School, 1938-1940.

Ernest Palmer, fieldman for the Federal Land Bank, will be assistant agent in Mahnomen and Clearwater counties. Palmer formerly was county agent in Red Lake County and has served as 4-H club leader.

Fred Giesler will assist County Agent Moore in Wright County. Giesler, a University of Minnesota graduate, was formerly 4-H club agent in Nicollet County. In 1938 he was national president of the American Country Life Association.

George G. Roadfeldt, research assistant in the Division of Agronomy and Plant Genetics since 1938, has been named assistant agent in Aitkin County.

NEW HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS JOIN STAFF

New home demonstration agents have been named for Stearns and Steele counties. Florence Wasson began her work in Steele County February 1. Miss Wasson, a South Dakota State graduate, has been FSA home supervisor at Baudette. Before joining the FSA she served three years as dietitian at the St. Andrews hospital in Minneapolis.

Audrey Fox is the new agent in Stearns County. A University of Minnesota graduate, Miss Fox has been home economics teacher at Jackson, Minnesota.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS ELECT OFFICERS

Minnesota livestock, crop, and general farm groups elected officers at their annual meetings held in conjunction with Farm and Home Week at University Farm.

The Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association re-elected its 1940 officers for another term. Continuing in office are: Arthur Lee, Northfield, president; C. B. Crandall, Randolph, first vice-

president; W. S. Moscrip, Lake Elmo, second vice-president; and J. S. Jones, St. Paul, secretary-treasurer.

The presidents and secretaries of other associations include:

Minnesota Guernsey Breeders Association: James E. Kelley, Litchfield, president; Cuthbert Munns, Wayzata, secretary.

Minnesota Jersey Breeders Association: Frank Astroth, St. Paul, president; George Taylor, Forest Lake, secretary.

Minnesota Brown Swiss Breeders Association: George Minette, Sauk Center, president; Arthur Sprengler, Green Isle, secretary.

Minnesota Hereford Breeders Association: M. E. Teeter, Fairmont, president; Harold Healy, Mapleton, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Red Polled Breeders Association: R. E. Beseke, Arlington, president; Roy L. Mueller, Arlington, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Aberdeen Angus Breeders Association: E. W. Brown, Luverne, president; C. C. Chase, Pipestone, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Shorthorn Breeders Association: Charles McCarthy, Madelia, president; J. Kenneth King, Luverne, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Milking Shorthorn Association: Fred Hanson, St. Peter, president; Loren McMartin, Minneapolis, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Spotted Poland China Breeders Association: Herman Feltman, Young America, president; Elsa Meyer, Arlington, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Sheep Breeders Association: E. J. Klassen, Plainview, president; P. A. Anderson, University Farm, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Horse Breeders Association: N. P. Grass, LeRoy, president; A. L. Harvey, University Farm, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Crop Improvement Association: H. F. Skyberg, Fisher, president; Ralph F. Crim, University Farm, secretary; Carl Borgeson, University Farm, assistant secretary and seed registrar; M. W. Taarud, University Farm, treasurer.

Minhybrid Growers Association: Henry Leitschuh, Sleepy Eye, president; J. W. Evans, Montevideo, secretary-treasurer.

Minnesota Refrigerated Locker Association: D. R. Card, Hopkins, president; J. F. Kaus, Winnebago, treasurer; L.J.F. Tessien, Jackson, secretary.

MISS ANNA OLSEN AND MRS. FLORA HOBART PASS AWAY

Miss Anna S. Olsen, for many years a member of the Extension Staff, died January 6, 1941. Miss Olsen was home demonstration agent in Hennepin County, 1925-35; substitute clothing specialist at U. Farm, 1935-37; and Urban Home Demonstration Agent for the city of Minneapolis since September 1, 1937.

Mrs. Flora A. Hobart, 80, mother of Inez Hobart, died January 25 in Minneapolis. Services were conducted at Lakewood Chapel.

RADIO FEATURES

Farm family food supply will be featured by Madge Brown over her Homemakers' Quarter Hour every Monday at 10:45 over WLB. University staff members will speak on this program which has grown out of defense efforts to stimulate greater preparedness through better health.

"The Future of the REA" will be the topic for the final panel discussion by Senior Ag. students under the direction of Ralph Nichols. The panel will be heard over Dick Hull's University Farm Hour, February 7.

All county agents are urged to call 4-H leaders' and members' attention to the weekly 4-H club program heard every Saturday morning from 11:15-11:30 over KSTP. Norman Goodwin and Amy Wessel prepare "Project Pointers" to aid members in their project work. Other features include "Highlights in the 4-H Week" and special county programs. Special topics include: Food for the Family, February 1; Rural Youth, February 8; The 4-H Girl on Parade, February 15; and 4-H Citizenship and Patriotism, February 22.

T. Graham Fuller, Lincoln County Agent, and leading Lincoln County farmers will appear on a special broadcast over WNAX, Yankton, (570 on your dial) at 12:30, February 15. They will discuss "Pasture Problems."

DR. STAKMAN TO SPEAK

Dr. Stakman, chief of the Division of Plant Pathology and Botany, will speak at the all-faculty tea to be held in the Fireplace Room, Home Economics Building, at 4 o'clock, Monday, February 10. Dr. Stakman recently returned from South America where he studied rubber plantations and their possible adaptation to United States conditions.

PREMIER SEED GROWERS NAMED

E. L. Johnson of Winnebago, Faribault County, and Erick Johansen, Tyler, Lincoln County, were named the 1940 Minnesota Premier Seed Growers during Farm and Home Week activities.

E. L. Johnson has been growing seed since 1910, specializing in Thatcher wheat, alsike clover, hybrid corn, and registered alfalfa. During 1940 Erick Johansen grew Gopher oats, Thatcher wheat, Wisconsin No. 38 barley, Redwing flax, and Minhybrid 403, 500, and 301 corn.

NATIONAL GUARD CALLS DOUGLASS

R. M. Douglass, district county agent leader, will leave February 10 for Camp Beauregard, Louisiana where he will spend a year in military training. Douglass has been a member of the National Guard, 125th Field Artillery, 34th Division since its reorganization in 1924. Before World War I, he served with the National Guard in Texas in 1916, and he saw service in France during the war. His present rank in the National Guard of the U.S. is Lieutenant-colonel. W. A. Peters will assume Douglass' duties during his absence.

PASTURE EXHIBIT

The large pasture exhibit displayed on the first floor of the administration building, U. Farm, during Farm and Home Week, will be made available to county agents. "Good Pasture Makes the Cheapest Feed" is the title of the exhibit which pictorially and graphically presents a comparison of different nutrients. Make your reservations with the publications office, U. Farm, now. The only charge will be the cost of transportation to and from the office.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The annual extension conference will be held December 15-20, 1941, Director Miller recently announced.

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Verna Mikesh, University of Minnesota graduate of December, 1940, succeeded Barbara Malmin, new Jackson County home demonstration agent, as 4-H club agent in Lac qui Parle and Big Stone counties.

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Matt Thorfinnson and H. L. Harris attended the regional meeting of the Information Service of the SCS during the last week of January.

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Don't fail to get your seed labels from Paul Johnson, Publications Office. Many requests have already been received for labels of the cover cartoon and the seed labels found in the special publicity booklet, "Weed Control."

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The music leadership training schools, which were discontinued during the holiday season, have been resumed, Mildred Schenck announces. Dates are included in the calendar.

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May we remind you that any little news item concerning extension folks will be greatly appreciated. Address them along with any dates you may wish to include in the calendar, to the Editor's Office, University Farm.

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A special meeting of Epsilon Sigma Phi, professional extension society, was held January 21 during Farm and Home Week.