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HANKS TO CLAY. John Hanks, who served as Ross Huntsinger's assistant in Nobles county for three months, recently was named Clay county agent succeeding G. E. May. May will manage the Paul Horn farms near Moorhead. Duane A. Wilson, who recently was honored with presentation of Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding action over China and Burma, has been named assistant agent in Sibley county. Ralph E. Smith has resigned as assistant agent in Swift county to take a position with the Veterans' Administration.

MEMORIAL TO MAC. A campaign is underway in Blue Earth county for a \$20,000 4-H building at the fairgrounds as a "Memorial to Mac." A great deal of community enthusiasm is behind this movement which recognizes in gratifying fashion the services of the late L. E. McMillan during his 26 years as county agent.

STEER SHOW AT ST. JAMES. Everybody is talking about a steer show and community day sponsored by St. James with the guidance and help of County Agent Henry Fox. Twenty-nine exhibitors brought in 52 steers, and a tremendous interest was shown by cattle feeders of the area. Prizes were put up by local businessmen and packing representatives helped with the promotion. Paul Kunkel tried the idea in Sleepy Eye last year and they plan to repeat.

REA LOANS. The Rural Electrification Administration announced approval of loans totaling \$3,894,550 to 15 rural electric cooperatives in 11 States to finance construction of 2,768 miles of power lines to provide electric service to 8,244 farms and other rural establishments. Construction will proceed as rapidly as materials and manpower can be obtained. At the same time, REA announced approval of loans totaling \$3,694,500 to nine rural electric cooperatives in Minnesota to make possible area coverage rural electrification through purchase and rehabilitation of the facilities of the Eastern Minnesota Power Corp. and construction of new lines around the nucleus of the acquired system.

UNRRA'S BREAD GRAINS NEEDS. UNRRA's requirements of bread grain call for 700,000 tons a month of which a little over six hundred thousand tons are for Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland and other European countries dependent on the inter-national agency for aid. The needs of individual nations such as France, Holland, Norway and of the military, for the feeding of German civilians, account for the rest. Besides, UNRRA needs nearly 100,000 tons of wheat a month for China.

CATTLE ON FEED. There was a sharp reduction in the number of cattle on feed for market in the 11 Corn Belt States on April 1 this year compared with a year earlier, the Department of Agriculture reported. The reduction, estimated at 17%, was the largest on record except for the years following the bad droughts of a decade ago. The decrease was probably equivalent to about 350,000 head.

The reduction in feeding was not uniform over the Corn Belt. Of the 5 Eastern Corn Belt States there were increases in Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin and feeding in Indiana was unchanged. The decrease of 13% in Illinois, however, resulted in a reduction of about 7% for the area as a whole. Numbers on feed were down in all of the 6 Western Corn Belt States, with decreases ranging from 32% in Kansas to 5% in Nebraska. For the region as a whole the reduction was about 20%.