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DINNER FOR EDITORS. Faribault county agents were hosts recently to a dinner given for all editors in the county. The editors talked shop and gave pointers as to how the county extension office could improve its news service. Paul C. Johnson from University Farm took part.

NEW SCRIPT SERVICE FOR SMALL STATIONS. John Baker, chief of USDA's Radio Service, has resigned effective in mid-July, to start a farm manuscript service to be sold to radio stations. He will be associated in the new enterprise with Samuel L. Veitch, publisher of the National County Agent Magazine. The script service, to be called "Your Farm Neighbor Program" will be a daily 15-minute manuscript, combining an interpretation of government activities affecting agriculture and farmer experience stories on a regional basis. The service is expected to be started about August 1, in a limited area, "to get the bugs out", and later it is expected that regional offices and distribution points will be established.

USDA FACTS ON CANNING SUPPLIES. Glass jars and closures are expected to be sufficient to meet home canning needs for the current season. Closures should be purchased early to enable manufacturers to anticipate production needs. JAR RINGS are expected to be of better quality than in the last few years, as some natural rubber can now be used.

TINS CANS for home and community canning will be available insofar as materials permit. Orders should be placed early, because of uncertainties of transportation and other factors.

PRESSURE CANNERS are being produced at a higher rate than during the war. Some manufacturers are planning to continue in production after July 1 if demand warrants. Manufacturers cannot guarantee that all orders will be filled, however.

SUGAR FOR CANNING is being made available this year through the validation of two special stamps in Ration Book No. 4 (and in the special ration books now being issued to veterans and infants and as replacements for lost books). First of the two stamps (Spare Stamp 9) was validated on March 11 and can be used for purchase of 5 pounds of canning sugar through October 31. Current information on the validation of sugar stamps will be available in grocery stores, in the papers, on the radio, and from district OPA offices. Consumers should be urged to budget carefully the use of sugar made available by these two stamps, because supplies are still short.