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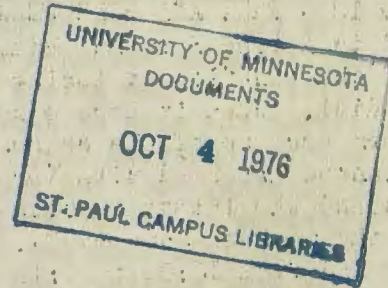
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- January 6 - COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCES STRESS FOOD PRODUCTION
- January 6 - CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL FARM AND HOME WEEK
- January 6 - COLD-WEATHER CONCRETE WORK CAN BE SUCCESSFUL

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January 10 - 4-H GIRL WINS 10-EWE PROJECT AWARD - A 17-year-old McLeod county girl, Frieda Schlueter of Hutchinson, has won a 4-H award which proves she can raise sheep with the best of them. Raising 18 Shropshire lambs to a total of 1,523 pounds in 135 days, or an average of 84.6 pounds per lamb, she surpassed the records of all other 4-H'ers enrolled in the project which calls for owning, caring for and raising as many lambs as possible from 10 ewes. Seven 4-H boys were also given awards in the contest: Gerhard Mitteness, Benson; Donald Drescher, Albert Lea; Allen E. Kroehler, Henderson; Vernon Hoppe, Crookston; Eugene Meyer, Springfield; LuVerne Klassen, Plainview; Paul J. Neil, Randolph.

January 10 - JANUARY 20 IS LIVESTOCK MEETING DAY - Minnesota livestock associations will hold their annual business meetings on Thursday, January 20, at University Farm, J. S. Jones, secretary of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' association, announced today. Breed associations which will hold their annual business meetings in the morning are Aberdeen Angus Cattle Breeders, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Hereford and Milking Shorthorn Breeders, Red Polled Breeders, Shorthorn Cattle Breeders, Sheep Breeders, Swine Producers and Horse Breeders. The annual meeting of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' association will be held in the afternoon.

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- January 12 - BUY AND USE FRESH CITRUS FRUITS NOW
- January 12 - CITRUS FRUIT PEEL RICH IN VITAMIN C

January 12 - STICK TO THE PLOW, ADVISES THORFINNSEN - Minnesota farmers should think twice before they place too much reliance in widely published reports that the moldboard plow is bad for the soil and should be discarded, M. A. Thorfinnson, soil conservation specialist at University Farm, pointed out today. He says that tests of the plow vs. subsurface tillage have been conducted in this state and so far the score gives the old-fashioned plow an advantage of eight bushels of corn to the acre. Thorfinnson reports that in field tests conducted on farms in erosion areas of the state, the moldboard plow had a distinct advantage over other tillage methods. In heavier soils where drifting is not a major problem, this advantage would be even greater. For the lighter soils the one-way disc plow proved to be effective and gave

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the added protection of leaving part of the stubble above ground to hinder soil drifting. The "sweep" which stirs up the subsurface without turning under the stubble appeared to be definitely inferior to the plow in the Minnesota tests. Thorfinnson's advice is to stick to the plow until something else is proved better. The one-way disc is almost as good in light soils, but subsurface sweeps are not yet proved. The Minnesota tests were conducted by the Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service with the help of cooperating farmers.

January 12 - FARM AND HOME WEEK TO BE HELD BY RADIO - Farmers and homemakers who had planned to attend Farm and Home Week at University Farm this year can get at least part of the benefits by tuning in to WLB, University of Minnesota radio station, 770 on the dial. When it became necessary to cancel the annual short course at University Farm because of the congestion of military education schedules, Director J. O. Christianson arranged with WLB to present over the air well-known Minnesota personalities and the latest results of agricultural research. The programs will be given during the week of January 24, with sessions each day from 10:30 to 11:00 in the morning and from 12:00 to 1:15 at noon. The morning program will present answers to gardening, food and home management problems, while the noon period will carry discussions on timely subjects and throw the spotlight on new research. The period from 1:00 to 1:15 each day will be "Open House," with special messages to former Farm and Home Week visitors and reminiscences about short courses of other years. Among those to present greetings are Governor Ed J. Thye, President Walter C. Coffey, and Dean C. H. Bailey. Timely subjects to be discussed by University staff members are minimum protein requirements for livestock, the outlook for agricultural production, food and farm help during 1944, postwar agriculture, faster milking, mastitis control, saving time on the farm, new ideas for 1944 crop production, spraying fruit trees, commercial fertilizers, income tax tips and important phases of victory garden culture.

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January 13 - NO SHORTAGE OF VEGETABLE SEEDS THIS YEAR

January 13 - MINNESOTA TURKEY GROWERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS JANUARY 18

January 13 - JOHN WEIS, 4-H HEALTH CHAMPION, GUEST ON RADIO SHOW

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WEEKLY - TIMESAVERS FOR FARM AND HOME - A weekly column of labor-saving tips supplied to county extension agents for local release.

WEEKLY - MINNESOTA'S MARKET BASKET - A weekly column on food supplied to newspapers and radio stations.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 19 - Crop Improvement Day

January 20 - Minnesota Livestock Meeting Day

January 24-29 - Farm and Home Week by Radio

February 3 - Garden Leaders' Conference at Citizens' Aid Building, Minneapolis

March 22-24 - Horticulture Short Course

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

COUNT YOUR MACHINERY TROUBLES BEFORE THEY HATCH by Norton Ives.

Extension Pamphlet 131 (January, 1944). Eight pages. Illustrated. Ways of making your present machinery see you thru.

THE MINNESOTA DRY MILK INDUSTRY by E. Fred Koller. Experiment Station Bulletin 372 (December, 1943). Twenty-eight pages. Illustrated. Various aspects of dry milk production in Minnesota. Suggestions for increasing output of dry milk and postwar prospects for the industry.