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JANUARY 3 - DRY MILK INDUSTRY MUST FIND POSTWAR DOMESTIC MARKET - About half of Minnesota's 600 creameries will be equipped to take in milk for drying by March or April this year, says E. Fred Koller, associate professor of agricultural economics at University Farm. A year ago the number of plants drying milk was about 160 as compared to only 40 in the immediate prewar period. Because of the tremendous change in the dairy industry which this shift has brought about, a large proportion of Minnesota farmers are directly concerned with the postwar needs for dry milk. Koller stated that the 1945 output of dry milk in Minnesota may reach 200 to 210 million pounds or about six times the immediate prewar production. Most creameries that converted their facilities to handle whole milk instead of cream have incurred large debts which, in some instances, may not be liquidated by the end of the war. Finding a domestic market for some of the surplus dry milk production after the war will be of prime importance to the welfare of the industry. Although some dry milk will be needed for European war relief, it will be necessary to rely more and more on the home market for its increased utilization. As one outlet Koller cited possibility of using about 6 per cent dry milk in bakery bread instead of the present 3 per cent. This alone would take care of about half the probable surplus, Koller said this was just one example of how the food industries and homemakers could take advantage of the great nutritional value offered by the more extensive use of dry milk. Lower cost milk production in the midwest was given by Koller as one of the advantages Minnesota dry milk plants have over eastern competitors.

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- JANUARY 9 - YOU CAN MAKE YOUR SHOES WEAR LONGER
- JANUARY 10 - STATE ORGANIZATIONS MEET DURING FARM AND HOME WEEK

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JANUARY 10 - EVELYN MORROW ATTENDS MEETING IN WASHINGTON - Evelyn Morrow, Watonwan county home demonstration agent, was called to Washington, D. C., this week to meet with the committee on organization and policy of the Land Grant College association. Miss Morrow will confer with the committee in her capacity as newly elected president of the National Association of Home Demonstration agents.

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JANUARY 10 - ARGENTINE ALFALFA SEED ALTERNATIVE FOR RED CLOVER - With a serious shortage of domestic alfalfa seed available for 1945 seeding, some farmers may be forced to rely on Argentine seed to bring their legume acreage up to par. Since large importations of Argentine seed are now moving into this country, says Ralph Crim, extension agronomist at University Farm, farmers should familiarize themselves with the limitations of this foreign seed. Ordinarily, Argentine seed is not recommended for use in Minnesota, Crim explains, since it is not as winter hardy or as disease resistant as the varieties generally recommended. In the face of the present seed shortage, however, Crim advises that it may be used as an alternative for red clover. Since it cannot be safely relied on for several years of production, it should not be thought of as an adequate substitute for Grimm or Hadak. If the Argentine seed can be bought at a price comparable to that of red clover seed, which is also scarce, it may prove to be a more profitable investment than the clover since there is a chance that it may produce satisfactorily for two or more years. According to A. C. Army, University Farm agronomist, tests of Argentine alfalfa seed in Minnesota have shown that it will produce about as well as any other variety the first year. Under good management and with favorable weather conditions, it may produce several crops. Army also warned about the lack of hardiness of the Argentine varieties. According to the provisions of the Federal Seed Act, all Argentine seed must be stained 10 per cent orange-red. It may be sold under the ceiling for Southern Common alfalfa seed which is \$42.90 per hundredweight. Such a price, Crim said, would be considerably out of proportion to its value. To make the limited supply of domestic seed go farther, Crim suggests several practices that may be followed. The use of alfalfa-grass mixtures has proved very satisfactory. Where a pure stand of alfalfa is wanted, improved seedbed preparation, adequate mineral fertilization and the use of lime where needed will make possible lighter rates of seeding and thus help conserve seed supplies.

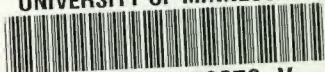
JANUARY 12 - 4-H MEMBERS PREPARE FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST - 4-H'ers and rural youth members from all over Minnesota are making plans to compete in the 4-H and rural youth radio public speaking contest which is being sponsored for the third year by the Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Minnesota Jewish Council. To arouse interest and stimulate thinking on the contest topic, "Why I Believe Education for Peaceful Living Is Necessary," discussion meetings are being held in many clubs, with leaders, parents and members taking part in open forums. Goal for each county is to have every club participate in the competition. Following county contests, which must be completed by February 18, district contests will be held between February 18 and March 4, when county winners will broadcast their talks over a radio station in their district. District champions will receive a transportation-paid trip to the Twin Cities for the state contest on March 10. Awards totaling \$1000 in the form of scholarships, war bonds, and stamps will be made to county, district and state winners by the Minnesota Jewish Council.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 16, 17, 18, 19 - Farm and Home Week

March 1 - Annual Sheep and Lamb Feeders' Day, West Central School and Experiment Station

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Copies available on request from county extension office or from
Bulletin Room, University Farm, St. Paul 8.

SOME LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS by W. H. Dankers. Extension Bulletin 245 (January, 1945). 31 pages. Discussion of the Minnesota cooperative law; the federal and state income tax from the standpoint of requirements for exemption of farmers' cooperative marketing and purchasing associations; effect on farmers' cooperative associations of Federal Insurance Contributions act, Federal Unemployment Tax act and Minnesota Employment and Security act.