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HERE ARE YOUR DATES

AUGUST

- Dist. County Agents' Conferences:
- 2 - Grand Rapids
 - 5 - Anoka
 - 6 - Rochester
 - 7 - Windom
 - 8 - Morris
 - 9 - Crookston
- 14-16- Poultry Short Course for Flock-
Selecting Agents, U. Farm
- 24-Sept.2 - State Fair, St. Paul

SEPTEMBER

- 7-9 - Home Demonstration Agents' Outing#
- 13-17- 4-H Conservation Camp, Itasca Park
- 19-20- Rural Youth Conference, U. Farm
- 30-Oct.6 - Dairy Cattle Congress,
Waterloo, Iowa

OCTOBER

- Dist. County Agents' Conferences:
- 4 - Grand Rapids
 - 7 - Anoka
 - 8 - Rochester
 - 9 - Windom
 - 10 - Morris
 - 11 - Crookston
- 12-19- Natl. Dairy Show, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 28-31- Jr. Livestock Show, South St. Paul
- - Swine Feeders' Day (date to be
announced in August)

NOVEMBER

- 29-Dec.7- Intl. Livestock Show & Natl.
Club Congress, Chicago

DECEMBER

- 9-14 - Annual Extension Conf., U. Farm

JANUARY

- 8-Mar. 5 - Creamery Operators' Short
Course, University Farm
- 20-25 - Farm and Home Week, Univ. Farm

*These dates are tentative. See later
issues for possible changes.

#Place not determined.

Whitfield Studies at Columbia

Eves Whitfield, clothing specialist, has been studying at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, during the summer session and will return to her work August 19.

Triple-Header Recreation Program

Featuring three main lines of activity--music, dramatics, social recreation (games)--the state extension recreational committee, headed by A. E. Engbretson, has laid tentative plans for a truly state-wide program for the coming year in which every county will have an opportunity to take part. County and district leader training schools are being arranged thruout the state. Talent for these will include J. Clark Rhodes on music, Dr. C. Lowell Lees and other members of the University dramatics staff on plays, and Amy Wessel and Peter Olsen on games. Olsen is a Minneapolis expert. Details are being presented to agents at August district conferences.

Worthington Editor Joins Extension

Paul C. Johnson joined the state extension staff August 1 as publicity specialist succeeding E. W. Aiton. As editor of the Worthington Globe for the last four years, Johnson has played a leading role in building up the Globe from a semi-weekly to a full-fledged country daily, conspicuous for its farm news and picture coverage. Johnson has been a staunch ally of county extension work with which he is thoroughly familiar.

Johnson was a Dakota county 4-H corn club member, coming from a well known family of farmers and purebred livestock breeders. He is a graduate of St. Olaf, spent three years in advanced study and teaching of English at the University of Iowa, and another year teaching journalism at St. Olaf where he was connected with the college news bureau. Before going to Worthington, he edited papers at Elbow Lake, Madison and Bellingham. Johnson is married and has a son and daughter.

Howard Goes to Cook County

Henry Howard, emergency agent in Isanti and Kanabec counties, has become regular agent in Cook county succeeding Wm. Clinch who was retired July 1. Howard began work in Isanti in April, 1936 and in 1938 also began serving in Kanabec. Howard's successor has not been named.

Four-H Ambassador at Large

Busy as ever, having grand time--a nutshell progress report on T. A. Erickson, consultant in General Mills' Department on Relations with the Public. Headquartering in Minneapolis, T.A. is now a 4-H good will ambassador to the nation, free to write his own ticket, attending state and national 4-H events, lecturing, planning, advising, writing. In July he attended an interstate leaders' meeting in Wisconsin. August 2 and 3 he will be at a South Dakota leaders' meeting. Later this month he will be in New Hampshire. A swing of far western states is in the offing. Mr. Erickson began his new work July 1, the day after his University retirement.

Promoting Hot School Lunches

To promote hot lunches for Minnesota school children thru the use of surplus commodities, a state-wide committee is being formed under the auspices of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Director Paul E. Miller has appointed Inez Hobart, extension nutritionist, to represent the agricultural extension service on this committee. John E. Reddy of the Surplus Marketing Administration, St. Paul, says last year 73,969 Minnesota school pupils in 1,775 schools were served hot lunches prepared with surplus commodities. A much expanded program is planned this year.

Attend Editorial Convention

Four members of the editorial, radio and visual aids staff at University Farm attended the annual convention of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors, July 29 to August 1, atop the Rocky Mountains at Gould, Colorado, near Estes Park. Dick Hull, Madge Brown, Harold Swanson and Howard Knaus made the trip by auto. Editor H. L. Harris has been secretary-treasurer of the association this year.

New Minnesota Winter Wheat

Cross between Marquis and Minturki--that's Marmin, a new winter wheat for Minnesota which is making its debut this summer. An organization of the Minnesota Experiment Station cooperating with the U.S.D.A., Marmin is an agronomic carbon copy of its parent Minturki, but possessing improved milling and baking quality--the contribution of Marquis. Some seed is available for fall sowing.

Kittleson Heads 4-H; Aiton Assists

A. J. Kittleson, Minnesota state 4-H club agent since 1918, has been appointed to succeed T. A. Erickson, as state club leader. E. W. Aiton, extension publicity specialist and former county agent, will be assistant state club leader in charge of rural youth work.

Kittleson first joined the University Farm staff in 1918 and a year later went to Crookston as district club agent at the Northwest School of Agriculture, returning to University Farm in 1925 as state club agent. A native of Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, he taught in the schools of Lac qui Parle county, Minnesota, and from 1910 to 1918 served as county superintendent of schools.

Raised on an Itasca county farm, Aiton was graduated from the University in 1933. He taught agriculture at Grand Rapids for one year, became county agent in Wright county in 1934, and in 1939 was appointed extension publicity specialist. Active in 4-H club work since 1919, Mr. Aiton was twice named Minnesota's candidate for the Payne Fellowship, national 4-H honor.

Interstate 4-H Meeting

Minnesota was represented by 14 members and families of the State 4-H club staff at a conference of eight midwest states near Woodruff, Wisconsin, July 24 to 28. Attending from here were: Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Kittleson; Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Erickson and Marguerite; Mr. & Mrs. Norman Goodwin; Mildred Schenck; Amy Wessel; Ann Thorbeck; Ruby Christenson; Juanita Silcox; and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Aiton.

Principal theme of the conference was consideration of a preliminary report on a detailed study of 4-H Leadership and Programs of Work, prepared from surveys made in Kansas, Wisconsin, Missouri and Minnesota counties. From the U.S. Extension Service came Bernard Joy and R. A. Turner to help lead the discussions and G. L. Noble represented the National Club Committee. Dr. C. B. Smith was present and at two sessions gave the club folks a lot of sound advice and philosophy. Director W. W. Clark of Wisconsin attended almost all the sessions and spoke on a program for the older youth. The delegates were guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Kraft, sponsors of two demonstration and judging contests.

In all, about 82 were in attendance.

New Vegetable Service Popular

Proving very popular with both producers and consumers is the new marketing project being carried on in Hennepin and Ramsey counties by Ralph V. Backstrom, assistant agent in Ramsey. Outstanding feature is daily reports and publicity thru Twin City radio stations and newspapers regarding supplies and quality of locally-grown produce on the market, suggestions to housewives on best buys for each day, attractive ways to cook and use products, and encouragement of home canning during peak production periods for various fruits and vegetables. The Hennepin county Farm Bureau executive board meeting July 13 heard a report on this work by W. A. Busch, president of the Minneapolis Market Gardeners Association and an active member of the Twin City Vegetable Growers Council, and unanimously endorsed a resolution expressing the hope that the program would be a continuing one "because the results already accomplished indicate it to be vital to potato, vegetable and fruit growers of the Twin City area".

Newspaper Mats for Agents

The state extension office has installed its own equipment for pressing newspaper mats. Early attempts indicate that excellent reproductions are being obtained by the newspapers. Not only will the University Farm news service henceforth be dressed up much more extensively with pictures, but these mat-making facilities will be available to county extension agents who want mats of local pictures for their county newspapers. Mats will be made free for any agent, provided he or she will pay for the original engraving. A letter giving particulars will be sent to agents shortly.

Northeast Counties Adopt Zoning

Some improvement in the critical land situation in the Northeast Cut-over counties can be expected thru the adoption of county zoning ordinances and other action to follow, says Skuli Rutford, specialist in land use planning. Carlton and Koochiching have already adopted such ordinances and several other counties are expected to follow suit in the near future.

County land use planning, as being developed in northern Minnesota, is aimed at a general analysis of land problems of the area by local people, with the assistance of technicians. Out of this type of analysis, it is expected that constructive action for dealing with the problems revealed can be developed.

In most communities and counties, it is felt that one of the first steps which must be taken is to establish some control over, and give direction to, settlement and development. This can be accomplished thru the adoption of zoning ordinances, under the zoning enabling act adopted by the last legislature. Such ordinances leave control of the lands in the hands of local people, and the ordinances can be modified as necessity dictates.

From Minnesota Delegation

A telegram from the Minnesota delegation received just as we "go to press" lists awards won by Minnesota entries in the national exhibits contest. A feature article on crossbred swine published in The Furrow and written by H. L. Harris won national first honors. Second places in their respective classes were captured by Technical Bulletin 140, The Syrphidae of Minnesota, written by Horace S. Telford of the division of entomology, and by two of Dick Hull's radio entries--a talk by Dr. O. B. Jesness and a radio dialog with Skuli Rutford.