DR. R. N. CHAPMAN TO ADDRESS CORN BORER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 10

Dr. R. N. Chapman, Chief of the Department of Zoology and Entomology in the Minnesota College of Agriculture, has accepted our invitation to meet on February 10 with members of our staff who are interested in keeping in touch with the latest developments with reference to the corn borer problem. Dr. Chapman spent this past summer in Europe studying the research work that is being carried on in the various continental countries with a view to learning control measures that will help America to fight the damage of the corn borer. Dr. Chapman made a special investigation of the work that is being done in propagating parasites that will attack the borer. Announcement of the hour and room for the February 10 conference with Dr. Chapman will be posted on the bulletin board.

FRESHMAN SURVEY SHOWS BOYS FROM COUNTRY - GIRLS FROM CITY

Forty-three out of the sixty-seven agricultural freshmen of the present year have lived all their lives on the farm or have had a varying amount of farm experience. Twenty-two have had only city and town experience. Fifty-seven of the sixty-seven are natives of Wisconsin; Illinois sends six of the ten out-of-state students in the freshman class.

Of the sixty-nine home economics students only 20 have ever had any farm experience and of this number only eight are really farm girls. On the other hand 65% of the home economics students come from larger cities. Thirty-two of the home economics freshmen have had some home economics in high school. Of those coming to us with no previous training in home economics only thirteen came from high schools where home economics was taught. Fourteen of the freshmen came from schools where the subject was not offered.

Twenty-six of this year's class came from high schools with an enrollment of less than two hundred; twenty-four from high schools with a registration of over five hundred and 17 came from high schools with an enrollment of over 1,000. Thirty-one of these freshmen expect to teach for a living following their graduation, while 15 expect to be dietitians. Fifty-one, or 74% of the home economics freshmen came from the State of Wisconsin. Illinois furnishes 13%, or 9 students, the others coming from seven other states.

COUNTY BOARDS INCREASE COUNTY AGENT APPROPRIATIONS

Eighteen of the 23 counties of the state in which the county agricultural agent project came up for consideration in November, granted increases in appropriations ranging from $100 to $1,000 per year. The average increase for these 18 counties was $358.
Equally indicative of the growing confidence and support of the people in this important phase of extension work is the lessening number of County Board members who voted against county agent appropriations. For the 28 counties considering the proposition this past fall the number of opposition votes aggregated only 5.9% of the total votes cast, as compared to 9.5% in 1924, and 12.5% in 1925.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY VOTES TO EMPLOY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Milwaukee County is to have a home demonstration agent beginning February first. The Milwaukee County Board of Administration, at a recent meeting, asked the College of Agriculture to cooperate with them to make possible this local leadership in home economics extension work.

Miss Helene French, who graduated from our Home Economics Course in 1923, has accepted the appointment as demonstration agent. Since graduation Miss French has taught home economics in the high schools of Onalaska, La Crosse and Galesville.

GUSTAV BOHOSTEDT ARRIVES

We are glad again to welcome Gustav Bohostedt to our staff. It has been six years since he left us to take up his duties as chief of the Animal Husbandry Section of the Ohio Experiment Station at Wooster.

His return to us at this time is in the way of a homecoming, and we are confident that we are voicing the sentiment of the entire staff in expressing our pleasure in his return to us. For the present Mr. Bohostedt's family are continuing to live in Wooster, but are planning to move to Madison this coming summer.

RALPH O. NAZFIZER '20 NEW UNIVERSITY PRESS BUREAU EDITOR

Ralph O. Nafziger, '20, who majored in Agricultural Journalism, has been appointed editor of the University Press Bureau, vice Moree Salisbury, who has gone to Washington to serve as radio editor with the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Nafziger will assume his new duties February first. Since graduation Mr. Nafziger has had considerable experience in commercial newspaper work, and also served for a time as editor at the North Dakota Agricultural College.

C. M. SLAGG '17 HEADS UP TOBACCO WORK IN AUSTRALIA

C. M. Slagg, who received his B.S. degree in 1917, majoring in Horticulture, and his M.S. in 1919 after doing intensive work in tobacco culture and diseases, has recently accepted a most attractive offer made by the Australian government to head up the tobacco investigations in that Dominion. After completing his work here Mr. Slagg served for a while as tobacco specialist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, and from there went to Ottawa, Canada, as Chief of the Tobacco Division of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, which position he has held until his acceptance of this Australian offer. The Canadian authorities are turning to Wisconsin again for another man to fill Dr. Slagg's position.

CONGRESS CONSIDERS SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB WORK

The Copper Ketcham bill for the support of Boys' and Girls' Club work has been re-introduced into Congress, and was voted out favorably by the House Committee on Agriculture on January 17. This bill provides an annual appropriation of $20,000 for each state for the first year and thereafter an annual increase of $500,000 for all the states, the same to be increased by an equal amount each year for a period of eleven years until the aggregate sum of $6,960,000 is reached.

A similar bill nearly passed Congress during the last short session. The general sentiment is very strong for the support of this type of extension work, and it is highly probable the bill will receive favorable action at this session.
HORSES FIND "HOME-BREW" NOT UP TO CLAIMS MADE FOR IT

Fermented and processed feed has failed to justify the claims made for it when used in feeding trials recently conducted by the Animal Husbandry Department. Ten teams of work horses, owned by the University, were used in the experiment, one horse in each team getting the fermented feed and the teammate the regular hay and grain ration. Weights were taken at the beginning of the trial, and at regular intervals thereafter. At first the horses getting the fermented feed were given 33 1/3% less feed (on a dry basis) than the horses on the check ration, so as to determine directly if the advertised claims of the manufacturers of the processing equipment, to the effect that fermenting feed would save one-third, could be substantiated.

The horses on the "home-brew" lost weight so fast, and tired so quickly when at heavy work, that it became necessary to increase their allowance of feed to 20% less than the check lot. Even at this level they still continued to lose weight. Then the amount of feed was made equal to that of the check lot. On this basis the horses regained the weight they had lost, but did not come up to the check animals, which had gained a total of 315 pounds over their initial weight.

The advice to farmers, on a basis of this trial, is to refrain from putting hard earned money into feed fermenting apparatus for the purpose of saving feed, at least until such a time as carefully checked experimental evidence justifies such expenditure. "Home brew" may have a strong appeal, but horses do not seem to be able to find it of much benefit when it comes to doing the day's work.

BADGER FARMERS STUDY FARM COSTS

Wisconsin farmers are taking a greatly increased interest in the keeping of farm records and accounts. Last year they purchased nearly twice as many farm record books of the College as they did the year previous. The exact numbers are 11,403 and 6,811 respectively.

A most desirable development of this project has been the growing tendency of interested farmers to band together in farm record clubs, and at group meetings with a representative of the College discuss methods of using the data obtained from their farm accounts in plans for reducing farm costs and increasing net profits. J.S. Donald, who has charge of this work, reports that many farmers send in their summarized record books, asking him to analyze their farm business and make suggestions that will help them to put their farms on a better paying basis.

That the keeping of farm accounts is an important aid to better farming and increased farm profits is attested by a host of letters that have come to the College accompanying orders for record books for the new year. Farmers are keeping these records year after year, and report that they would not consider running their farms without adequate accounting records.

WISCONSIN GRADUATE FELLOW HONORED BY AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGISTS

Professor H. P. Earle, Head of the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, who is on sabbatical leave this year and is pursuing graduate studies here as Honorary Fellow in Plant Pathology, was elected President of the American Phytopathological Society at the recent Nashville meetings.