Status of County Agent Work in Kewaunee County.

The purpose of the county agent is to assist in making the farm home a better place in which to live. In order to do this it first becomes necessary to increase the efficiency of the farmer by teaching him better farm practices. Much time and energy has been spent in assisting farmers in group meetings to cull their herds and flocks, i.e., to get rid of the low producer and thereby increase the earning capacity of the farm owner.

This being the second year of county agent work there is still much work to do in the way or perfecting organizations to carry out extension work. A great change has come and there has been many more requests for services and information this year than last. County agent extension work is sufficiently well established now that farmers can be met entirely by the group method. At first it was necessary to answer requests singly, but today each one of the projects is promoted through meetings and campaigns lasting a week or more at a time.

This change is looked upon as a favorable development in extension work. Farmers are showing great eagerness to get services from the demonstration method. A year ago many farmers expected single and individual services. Today many more are asking for help that the demonstration method is the only way that the requests can be met and met efficiently.

Many local people are taking up with the method demonstration practices and they are assisting others to obtain the desired information. This is especially true with poultry culling and disease control, and also orchard work. Several young men are taking hold of culling work and tuberculosis eradication work as well as orchard pruning and spraying. Already several district school teachers have asked that they be allowed to carry on club work for the next year with their pupils. The same holds true in the cooperative marketing work. Over one hundred men from the county have spent one whole day studying the workings of the Wisconsin Cheese Producers Federation and now they in turn are giving information by word of mouth to other fellow farmers.

There is a decidedly friendly spirit and relationship coming from every organized group of farmers in Kewaunee, toward co-operative extension work in agriculture. Considerable time has been spent on a "Farm and Factories Must Prosper Together" program. A splendid reaction is being noticed from the Business men in the city. These two great phases of industry can best prosper together, since they are so closely related and so closely interlocked and interdependent.