

to prevent an outbreak of Cholera.

We have had some very interesting meetings on poultry work and the testimonial given by the poultry breeders who are making a success of poultry as a sideline contributed much to the success of the meetings.

HOMEMAKERS

Our Homemaker Clubs have remained active during the past year, and helped to serve the needs of some 600 farm women folks who have taken part in the program. Our State specialist, Miss Brady, conducted the leader training meetings held in the county this past year, foods and nutritions being the subject discussed at the meetings.

WEED CONTROL

A county-wide meeting of the town chairmen and weed commissioners was held, at which time Henry Lunz of the State Weed Department was present and discussed with us the weed law and weed control measures. St. Croix county now has two patches of creeping jenny, or field bindweed, and two or three patches of leafy spurge. Both of these weeds need our consideration in controlling their spread. We assisted the town chairmen in the communities involved in controlling them by the use of chemical weed killer.

SEED CERTIFICATION

Several farmers are still actively interested in producing certified and registered seed to be sold to other farmers in the county. We have assisted these farmers in their seed certification by making the necessary inspections on the fields before harvest. Just as it is necessary to keep our purebred cattle, so is it necessary to keep our registered and certified seed available to farmers of the county. Better crops can be produced by the use of better seed, and certainly our work with fertilizer and lime can be enhanced by the use of good seed.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

Your County Agent was appointed as a member of the County National Defense committee and has assisted in making a survey on the labor situation available to farmers, and assisted in the Foods for Defense program. Under the Foods for Defense program the farmers of St. Croix county have been asked by the Secretary of Agriculture to increase the production of milk 11% in 1942 over 1941, hogs 8%, and a 6% increase in the production of eggs. We feel reasonably certain that this goal will be reached by the farmers of St. Croix county, and we hope that the increased production will come through better feeding, better management, and better care, rather than an increase in capital investment.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

This office has endeavored at all times to cooperate with all other county, state, and federal agencies working in the interests of promoting better agriculture for farmers of St. Croix county.

Your County Agent has served as secretary to the County Committee on the AAA program. We have attended and conducted a number of educational meetings in behalf of the AAA program. We have the participation wherever possible. We have cooperated with the Farm Security Administration, the Rural Electrification, the Production Credit Association, Federal Land Bank, Farmers Equity Union, Home Economics and Agricultural departments in the high schools, rural school teachers, and assisted in P.T.A. programs and in general, tried to fit into the picture wherever possible, helping to lay the ground work for a better farm and home life for the farmers of St. Croix county so that they might in turn enjoy that satisfaction which comes from serving an active part in the community in which they live.

IN CONCLUSION

This report would not be complete unless we gave due credit to the newspapers of the county who have at all times cooperated in publishing our news stories and in giving information to the farmers of the county regarding the work which we are carrying on. We always appreciate this fine cooperation and know that the farmers of the county will likewise appreciate it. The business people in the various villages and cities have likewise cooperated in helping make our work a little easier and their cooperation is likewise appreciated. Many accomplishments which we have pointed to in this report are possible only through the fine cooperation of everyone concerned. This report is the fourth annual report made by your present County Agent. I have enjoyed the work in your county a great deal and have always enjoyed the support given me by all the members of the County Board. There have been times when all of us have not seen eye to eye on certain issues; nevertheless, the hope that your County Agent has always had is that he was working in the interests of the farm people in St. Croix county, and has tried to keep their interests foremost in mind.

COUNTY AGENT ACTIVITIES

	1938	1939	1940	1941
Miles traveled.....	17,022	15,674	20,148	18,717
Farm and Home visits.....	402	325	456	892
Circular letters.....	38,570	39,729	45,620	40,120
Personal letters.....	2,381	6,788	6,215	6,980
Telephone calls.....	2,311	3,566	4,475	4,156
Office calls.....	3,125	7,004	6,522	6,654
Number of meetings.....	255	154	224	212
Attendance at Meetings....	4,587	13,271	26,630	16,072