COUNCIL HISTORY — 1926-1936

It was at Farm and Home Week in 1926 when the "Council of Agriculture" idea began. Occasional meetings followed, which brought various farm groups together to discuss current issues. In 1928 the Council was incorporated. This marked the beginning of united farm thought and action in Wisconsin. The annual Farmers' Get-Together Conference and some joint legislative activities developed.

Recognition of the Council idea and demand for year-round service caused the establishment of a full-time office and staff in 1937.

Here are a few of the highlights of the early years of the Council of Agriculture taken from the files of the Wisconsin Agriculturist and Farmer:

1926 — February 26

"Wisconsin Farm Organizations Will Work Together"

"United action in matters of common interest by the various agricultural organizations of Wisconsin is contemplated by the Wisconsin Council of Agriculture formed at Madison last week . . ."

". . . in the long run, agriculture must look out for itself . . ." The new Wisconsin union of farm organizations will be of great service . . ."

1928 — February 16

"Wisconsin Farm Council Becomes a Reality"

"The Wisconsin Agricultural Council has become a reality. To all who have the interests of organized agriculture at heart, and who desire to see farmers tackle common problems of taxation, economics and public policy on a united basis, this announcement has happy possibilities . . ."

1930 — March 8

"Agricultural Council Work"

"Wisconsin has a Council of Agriculture . . ."

"It led to the holding of the Marshfield Co-operative meeting and has fostered more co-operative education in schools . . ."

1936 — November 21

"Council at Eau Claire"

"With a thoroughly representative group of co-operative farm organizations participating, the most enthusiastic audience in many years attended the three-day conference of the Wisconsin Council of Agriculture last week . . ."