MISCELLANEOUS

- Grasshoppers -

In 1941 grasshoppers were a problem on only a few farms. The outbreak was not serious enough to warrant adoption of control measures on only two farms. Cold wet weather in the early summer delayed the grasshopper hatch. Late hatching prevented the hoppers doing much damage to crops except new seedings of clover and alfalfa. An abundance of vegetation supplied the hoppers with plenty food so that slight damage was done to farm crops.

- Rat Control -

The rat population is on the increase and more farmers are reporting problems with rats than in the past few years. Many farmers are preparing their own "bait", and are keeping their rats under control, following the county wide demonstration which was conducted in 1956.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

REA has been endeavoring to set up a cooperative in the towns of Rock, Richfield, Cary, Wood, Hiles, Dexter, Remington and Hansen. One hundred fifty signers were secured for the organization by local leaders who spent considerable time and effort in securing memberships.

Because of the small number of signers per mile the organization decided that it was best to hook up with a larger REA, rather than attempt to build their own line and finance their own set-up. The incorporators have had the efficient services of George Kundinger, Coordinator, and T. W. Brazeau as attorney.

The area and memberships has been divided between the Oakdale REA and Greenwood REA, so that Oakdale received all the memberships in Hiles, Dexter, Remington, Hansen and Seneca and the east one-half of the town of Wood. The Greenwood association received all the memberships in the town of Rock, Cary, Richfield and the west one-half of Wood.

Present reports indicate that the Oakdale cooperative has secured a sufficient number of signers to make it feasible to proceed with the building of a line. Maps have been filed by both organizations with the Wisconsin Public Utility at Madison. The Oakdale organization has already received its allotment from the National REA. Plans are under way to assist the Greenwood REA to secure a sufficient number of signers in its own territory.