DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Fast Milking and Mastitis Control - The county agent arranged a special meeting for Dr. W. E. Peterson, University of Minnesota. More than 1,000 dairymen attended. The program began at 8:00 o'clock in the evening and many dairymen remained until after 11:00 o'clock to discuss their particular problems with Doctor Peterson. A complimentary dinner was given by Babson Brothers to 50 extension workers and prominent dairymen in the area, preceding the meeting. Many dairymen spoke highly of Doctor Peterson's discussion. Several dairymen wrote to the county extension office or spoke to the county agent personally, stating that the meeting was worth more than $100.00 to them.

Cow Testing Association - With the return of Frank Klimowski, former fieldman for the Wood county cow testing association, a new organization was set up providing for a central dairy testing laboratory. The organization provided service for standard members, owner sampler members and mail order members. Approximately $2,000 has been collected, representing fees and service charges from members. A temporary executive committee was chosen by the members to function until a county board of directors could be selected. At present the association is without a tester, due to the resignation of Frank Klimowski, who accepted a heri manager's position in the county. Every effort is being put forth to secure a new fieldman. The central dairy testing laboratory can be set up in the County Extension Office where a laboratory room has been provided by the agricultural committee.

Artificial Breeding - A temporary board of directors was chosen to work out by-laws and articles of incorporation for the Central Wisconsin Dairy Breeders Association. The first meeting of the membership was held
March 7th, a permanent board of directors including, Fred Hoefner, president, Lyle Nason, secretary-treasurer, Matt Grassl, John Lang, Ed Zettler, Frank Tomczyk and Rudolph Weinfurtner were selected. The organization started functioning with about 800 cows. Offices were set up in the Marshfield Cold Storage Warehouse. Robert Weinfurtner was selected as technician and has been especially well trained for his work by Professor George Werner of the College of Agriculture.

Four members of the board of directors of the association visited the Elgin Bull Stud at Elgin. As of April 15th more than 1,000 cows have been signed up to be bred artificially during the year. The association is set up to provide local control and to render efficient service in the area adjacent to Marshfield. The service charge and membership fee should insure sound financial condition for the association. Interest in the association has been increasing rapidly. New members are signing up almost every day.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

The county agent selected a temporary committee to formulate plans for improving the quality of milk in Wood county. The plan was unanimously approved at a later date by the dairy plant operators in the county. By-laws and articles of incorporation were prepared which were officially adopted by plant operators. A permanent board of directors were selected. A county-wide program of milk inspection and farmer education has been set up by the association.

A charge of .004 per hundred pounds of milk received by each operator annually will be assessed each plant. The board of directors have secured the services of two returning veterans to assist in the inspection and educational work. The program has the approval of the State Department of Agriculture, Dairy Division, and according to all reports Wood county is