March 7th, a permanent board of directors including, Fred Hoefner, president, Lyle Watson, secretary-treasurer, Matt Grasl, John Lang, Ed Zettler, Frank Tomczyk and Rudolph Weinfurter were selected. The organization started functioning with about 800 cows. Offices were set up in the Marshfield Cold Storage Warehouse. Robert Weinfurter 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
the first county in the nation to set up a county-wide milk quality improvement association, without county board subsidy.

A meeting for producers and dairy plant operators was arranged to consider the regulations imposed by the Federal Food and Drug Act. E. L. Reichart, of the National Cheese Institute and Professor Evert Wollenfeldt, discussed important phases of the dairy industry.

CROP IMPROVEMENT

Orders have been taken and filled by the County Extension Office for more than 150 pounds of Ladino clover seed, for the purpose of improving the pastures in the county. Twenty Wood county Ladino clover growers had excellent plots of this new type pasture for the past four years.

Rudolph Weinfurter was selected as the first grower of Fervic oats. Nine bushels have been seeded on an excellent plot of land free from weeds. Mr. Weinfurter who is an experienced seed grain producer will divide the entire crop into 18 separate lots which have already been ordered by the 18 TVA cooperators in the county. A county crop improvement association will be established. Mr. Weinfurter has purchased a new threshing machine and will put forth every effort to keep the Fervic oats free from mixtures.

An estimated yield of between 500 and 600 bushels is expected in 1946.
No Fervic oats will be fed to livestock in Wood county in 1946 or 1947.
A total yield of around 20,000 to 25,000 bushels should be obtained in 1947. If this plan is carried out more than 800,000 to 1,000,000 bushels of Fervic oats should be threshed in 1948.

FORESTRY

Purchase orders for trees were limited this year due to the shortage of supply of trees in the nursery. Shortage of help for tree planting has also been a factor limiting the number of purchase orders. Two privately