were registered so that it was possible to cancel all contracts for foreign workers. Cranberry growers reported that they had good success with the harvest.

**FARM ORGANIZATIONS** - During the past summer and fall various farm organization meetings were attended. These meetings consisted of Farm Bureau, Production Credit Association, AAA, Soil Conservation Service and Farm Loan Association, in addition to local 4-H club meetings.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE AND VETERANS TRAINING** - At the request of the Local Selective Boards, investigations were made to determine the farming status of young men who were applying for deferment for farm work.

Advice and counsel was given to veterans who have returned to the farm. This was in the nature of assistance by which many of them are now enrolled in a veterans on the farm training program. This program is under the direction of vocational agricultural instructors. Cooperation was given to the veterans training committee at Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield. At present there are 20 returned war veterans receiving on the farm training in South Wood county and more than 20 receiving similar training in North Wood county.

**MISCELLANEOUS** - Through the cooperation of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and by contribution of $600 made by the county board of supervisors, 1200 pounds of prepared rat poison was distributed free of charge to all persons who requested it on October 25th. Although it is difficult to determine with a fair degree of accuracy the results from such a project, it is certain that many rats have been destroyed and a great saving realized.

**SOIL CONSERVATION** - For the purpose of showing and explaining what the Soil Conservation Service is doing to assist farmers in the county, a
number of field trips and meetings have been conducted in cooperation with
the Soil Conservation Service, vocational agricultural instructors and 4-H
club members and farmers. On these educational tours the members of
the Soil Conservation staff demonstrated how to take soil borings, showed
differences in soil profiles and also explained the special drainage
problems which we have in the county due to the nature of the subsoil which
provides poor internal drainage. Mention was also made of the fact that many
of the soils in the county were not adapted to alfalfa and corn, and con-
sequently a better use of these soils could be made by the growing of small
grain, hay and pasture crops.

The Soil Conservation Service through the contacts made on these tours
are giving special attention to the farming programs of returned war veterans
together with other requests. A tour was arranged for the benefit of the
Wisconsin Rapids High School science class who were studying soil formation
and other questions related to the soil.

A tour was also arranged with the county highway committee and the
county agricultural committee for the purpose of explaining the need for
more equipment to carry on the drainage and erosion control work in the
county. All of those who participated in the tour were of the opinion that
the drainage of Wood county soils as well as sheet erosion control were
problems of high importance and both of the committees fully realized that
to carry out this program to the satisfaction of Wood county farmers, more
equipment should be made available. These men also believe that soil con-
servation is not an individual farm problem, but many times requires the
cooperation of several farmers working together and cooperating with township
and county officials.

Requests come in almost daily for help from the Soil Conservation
Service. It appears that because of the large number of requests for complete soil conservation farm plans, that assistance for individual conservation practices will be very limited. During the year the Soil Conservation Service personnel with the cooperation of the district supervisors have completed the following work for Wood county farmers.

**Soil Conservation Plans** - Thirty six farm plans, including 4,612 acres and covering such items as proper land management, crop rotations, fertilizer recommendations and special practices such as terracing systems, and complete water disposal systems for drainage were completed. The objective of the Soil Conservation Service was to develop a well coordinated farm program from the standpoint of good land use.

**Soil Surveys** - Nearly 10,000 acres on individual farms have been surveyed by a soil surveyor for base maps for farm planning.

**Strip Cropping** - Forty acres of strip cropping for erosion control have been established in the county.

**Terracing** - Drainage type of terraces for erosion control have been built or completed on 11 farms for a total length of 28,015 feet.

**Drainage** - On 31 farms 72,270 feet of drainage of broad flat V-shaped ditches were constructed.

**Drainage and Terrace Outlets** - On 46 farms 104,400 feet of outlet ditches for outlet purposes on terracing and water disposal systems have been built.

**Diversions** - On six farms 5,295 feet diversions have been completed to prevent over drainage and thereby protect the land below diversions from erosion and flooding conditions.

**Drainage Surveys** - Nearly 80 farms have had surveys completed on 2,820 acres including 52,526 feet of profile for outlet purposes.

**Contacts** - Over 400 contacts have been made giving technical advice on soil conservation practices.