Service. More of this work will be completed before 1950.

In September, 1949, a Soil Conservation Camp was sponsored by the Lloyd L. Falkner Company of Marshfield and held at the Marshfield Fair Grounds. The enrollment of this camp was made up of ten boys from Marathon, Clark and Wood Counties. The four-day camp was conducted by personnel from the College of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and the Extension Office. Cooperation was also given by the county high school agricultural departments and veteran trainers. The instructions which included both classroom and actual field training proved very educational and worthwhile. Two boys from each county were selected to go to Akron, Ohio on the basis of what they had accomplished in the way of soil conservation practices from the time the camp ended until October 15.

A Grassland Field Day was held at the Marshfield Experiment Station in October of 1949. About 1200 farmers attended this demonstration which showed various ways of establishing soil conservation practices.

Forestry—During the year 34,300 trees were distributed to farmers and others with the aid of Extension Service. Individuals in the county purchased 188,575 trees privately through State Nurseries.

FARM MANAGEMENT

Farm Accounts—I. F. Hall, Extension Economist from the College of Agriculture, spent time in this county checking Farm Account Books for TVA cooperators and others who desired this service. Farm Account Books can be purchased through our office for a small charge.

Farm Credit—Personal advice was given individuals concerning sources of agricultural credit. Attended meetings of the National Farm Loan Association and Production Marketing Administration.
Outlook Information—The outlook in agriculture was discussed at all of the Farm Institutes held in the county by specialists from the College of Agriculture and at other meetings by the county agent. Much interest was shown by rural people.

GENERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

The county agent acted as chairman in organizing the Christian Rural Overseas Program again this year in the county. This is a program through which commodities are solicited from farm people on a community-wide basis and then turned over to established relief agencies and distributed to orphanages, institutions for the aged and ill and refugees in Asia and Europe. A county group headed by Reverend L. J. Larson, Wisconsin Rapids, helped in making a canvas of the county. The county agent and club agent are serving as secretary and treasurer, respectively, of this committee.

Rural Welfare—During the winter the county agent and club agent inaugurated a 4-H Hot Lunch Program in this county in which ten clubs with a total enrollment of 100 participated. The purpose of organizing these clubs in rural and graded schools during the winter months was to provide rural children with a noon meal which included something warm besides fruit, vegetables and milk. Monthly meetings were held to discuss proper eating habits and the importance of well balanced meals. One very noticeable result of this program was that less children were absent from school due to illness during these cold months.

Farm boys were encouraged to take vocational agricultural courses in high school and if they were interested in agriculture as a career encouragement was given to increase their knowledge in the subject by attending a school of higher learning. Four Farm Short Course