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WISCONSIN'S TENTH AND LARGEST MILK CAMPAIGN was conducted at Milwaukee from February 26 to March 3 by Extension workers from the College in cooperation with representatives from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Twenty-one per cent of the children of Milwaukee county were found to be 10 per cent or more below normal; the daily per capita milk consumption was 8/10 pint.

In previous campaigns the amount of undernourishment in children has in every case been decreased as the milk consumption increased. It is too early to determine the results of the work at Milwaukee, but the indications are that the campaign was highly successful from both the standpoints of public health and increased milk consumption.

LAND CLEARING BILL. Bill 222A repeals both the appropriation clause and the enabling act under which land clearing demonstrational and investigational work has been carried on for several years past. This bill was recommended for indefinite postponement by the Committee on Agriculture, but their recommendation was rejected by the Assembly which passed the bill by a vote of 48 to 31.

If this bill passes the Senate, it will not only stop all investigative work on improved methods of land clearing, but the distribution of picric acid which has been of so much value in reducing the costs of stump blasting will stop. Between July 1 and November, 1922, over 1,300,000 pounds of this explosive were used by 22,300 farmers throughout the state at the cost of cartridging and freight, resulting in an actual cash saving of over \$125,000. Plans now actively under way to secure additional quantities of 3,500,000 pounds remaining in the government arsenal at Fort Wingate, N. M., will have to be called off if the bill permitting this work passes the upper house. Within the past two weeks orders have been sent in by farmers for over 320,000 pounds, or 16 carloads. The agreement this year with the U. S. Government is to ship this in order of receipt. Wisconsin could easily absorb more than a million pounds of this material this spring at a saving of 8 to 10 cents per pound over regular retail prices of dynamite, if this work is allowed to continue.

REPEALING FARMERS' INSTITUTES. The bill (223A) repealing the authorization and appropriation under which the Regents are directed to carry on Farmers' Institutes, passed the Assembly this week by a

vote of 43 to 36. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. A recent editorial in the Oshkosh Northwestern says of this work:

"Without question state agricultural interests have been largely benefited by their sectional meeting of farmers. At these gatherings the farmers meet each other to exchange views and experiences, also to get pointers and suggestions from those assigned to this service and the result is the dissemination of much useful, practical, and valuable information; thereby stimulating and encouraging better methods in agricultural operations and accounting for much of the actual progress made by Badger farmers during recent years."

Petitions were received this last year for 397 institutes, but only 246 could be granted with the available force during the winter months.

REFERENDUM ON COUNTY AGENTS AND COUNTY NURSES. The measure requiring a referendum vote to be had in any county before establishing a county agricultural representative or a county public health nurse in the future was indefinitely postponed by the Assembly this past week by a vote of 43 to 30.

FIFTY WISCONSIN SCHOLARSHIPS, yielding \$100 each, were awarded last week by the Regents, of which four were given to the College of Agriculture (3 in Agriculture, 1 in Home Economics). Only seven applications were made by students in this college, while 23 were received from the College of Engineering. Advisers in Engineering make it a practice, through their freshmen advisers, to pick out needy first year students and confer with them with reference to the necessity for maintaining high quality work if they contemplate applying for a "Wisconsin scholarship." Students must have a standing of 85 to entitle them to consideration by the Committee on Scholarships. Confer with Prof. J. G. Dickson for further details on this matter.

"LUCK AND LEARNING" is the title of the address which Dr. E. C. Elliot, President of Purdue University, will deliver to the graduating Short Course class on the morning of March 16. President Birge will give a short address and present the diplomas. Fifty-two boys will graduate at this time.

A FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE further research on the stability of milk vitamins has been established by Mead, Johnson and Co. of Evansville, Indiana, manufacturers of infant diet products, through a grant of \$3,300. E. M. Nelson, now instructor in Agricultural Chemistry, has been chosen by the Regents to fill the fellowship.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT. The total number of students enrolled in all of the various courses in Agriculture and Home Economics in February, 1923, reached 1209, which is 79 less than a year ago.