

This office has strived to cooperate with the various clubs and the Center groups from time to time. It is rather difficult for us to give much constructive help because of our other duties and because of our lack of aptitude in this work.

### INSECT PEST CONTROL

The grasshopper plague which was so evident in 1938 did practically no damage in 1939. We had a small infestation this year and it was encouraging to know that farmers are on the watch for grasshoppers and reported them as soon as they showed up. Only a small amount of poison was used this year in the county.

### POULTRY IMPROVEMENT

Recognizing the fact that there is room for 150 to 250 laying hens on every farm in the county, we have given considerable attention to poultry flocks and their management. Much of the work done on the poultry has been done through individual contacts discussing the facts with individual farmers. We have had an especially good season for chronic diseases in poultry. Our flocks, however, are going into the fall in very good shape and promise to be a good source of revenue for the coming season.

### COOPERATIVE MARKETING

This office has always promoted the cooperative movements. This past season we have had our usual contributions toward the encouragement of cooperative marketing and also cooperative purchasing of farm materials. Successful farm cooperatives can and do succeed when properly managed. An earnest and interested Board of Directors is essential to the success of any Cooperative. This interest must be carried on through the years if continued success is to be had. I have always felt that a Cooperative organized as a result of a definite need by farmers who are willing to give much of their time in organizing has a better chance to succeed than one which comes as a result of organizing merely to have another Cooperative. When the going gets tough, those same farmers will come back and battle for the Cooperative and they will see that the Cooperative succeeds because they are just selfish enough to not want to see their previous efforts lost. Farmers in this county and elsewhere can well afford to partake of the benefits of a sound Cooperative.

### SHEEP

A sheep meeting last spring, at which time Prof. Lacey of the College of Agriculture pointed out sound management factors, was instrumental in bringing to the attention of sheep men in the county the fact that cooperative marketing of wool was a paying proposition.