

The epidemic of Sleeping Sickness which we witnessed in 1938 disappeared almost entirely in 1939. Its disappearance was one of the peculiarities of the disease. It came upon us fast and disappeared with the same speed. What the possibilities of its re-appearance are, is still a matter of question.

BEEES

The bee industry has been encouraged and this office has helped maintain a County Beekeepers Association. Inspection work was carried on this past year again and 26 colonies of American Foul Brood were discovered and destroyed by the colony owner and the inspector. The Beekeepers are aware of the fact that this disease is their worst enemy and when appraised of this information are willing to cooperate to eradicate the disease.

PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

This office has cooperated with the secretary and Board of Directors of the Production Credit Association wherever possible. The P.C.A. provides short-time loans to farmers who cannot obtain credit from the local banks and who have security to back their loan. I think it is noteworthy that the policy of the P.C.A. is to make loans for work stock so that the farmer can increase his income so that he can not only pay off the loan but pay off other loans and expenses as well.

FEDERAL LAND BANK

Because of economic conditions the past few years, a large number of farms in St. Croix County have now become the property of the Federal Land Bank. This office has cooperated with the officials of the Federal Land Bank to help alleviate the existing conditions for their present borrowers and to help them, wherever possible, to rehabilitate farmers on these already fore-closed farms.

SMALL FRUITS

Some work was done last winter with the boys in the Agricultural departments, encouraging them to take an interest in small fruits of the farm size orchard. As a result of this an order was pooled for apple trees which we obtained through a nearby nursery. These trees were of fine stock and were priced very reasonable. This coming year we have already made plans to order several times as many trees and small fruits as we did last year.

WEEDS

The one new weed which farmers will want to acquaint themselves with is Creeping Jenny or Field Bindweed. This has already