

had been used to make a variety of articles from dish cloths to pajamas.

The May Program Planning Meeting attended by Homemaker Club Presidents, Miss Lee, the State Home Demonstration Leader, and the County Home Agent, resulted in the selection of the following program for 1939-40:

"Care and Repair of the Sewing Machine"

"Use of Sewing Machine Attachments"

"Achieving the Made-to-Order Effect"

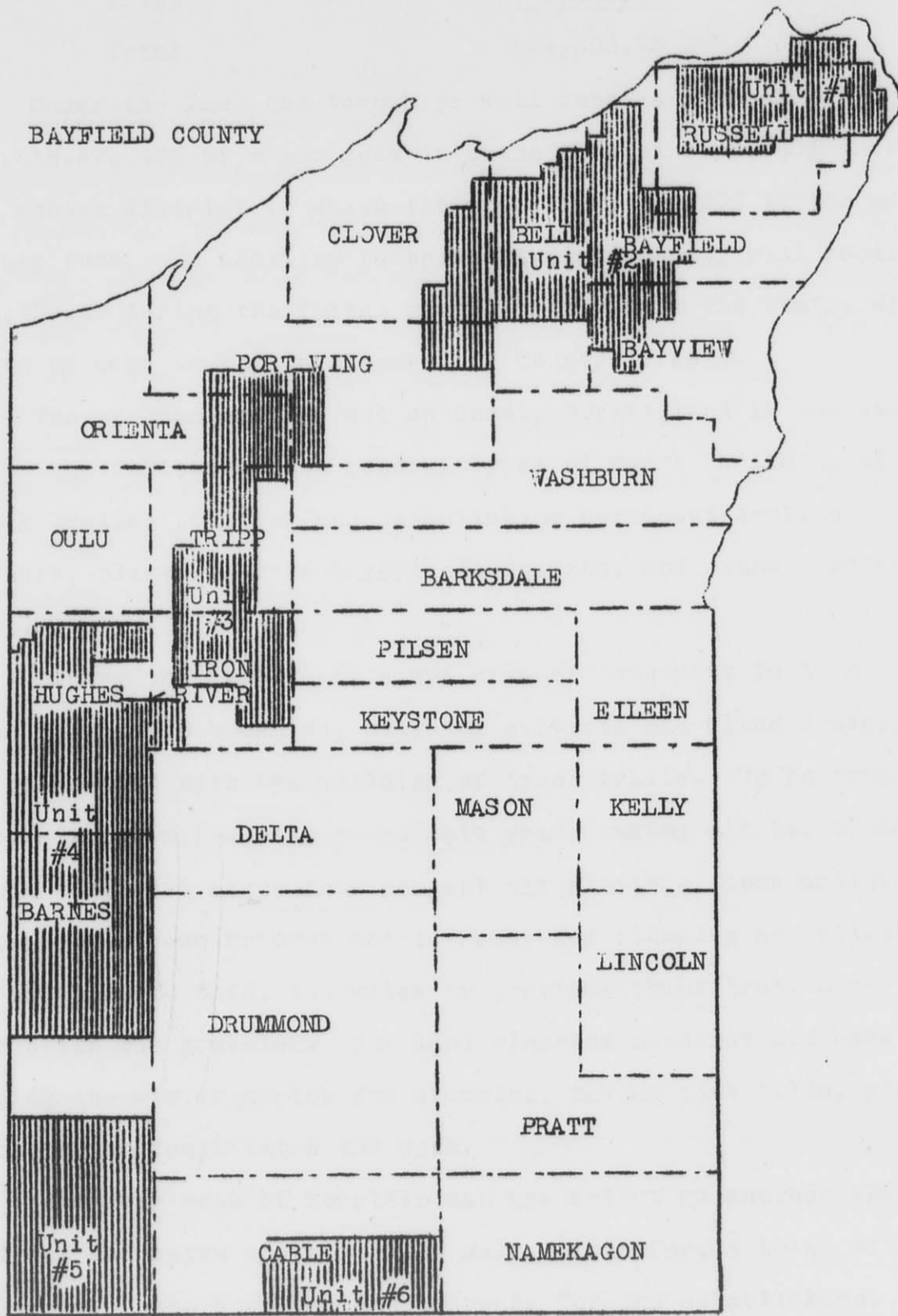
"Foods for Health"

"Vegetables for Health"

#### COUNTY FORESTS

In the fall of 1938, the County Board made application for 940 additional acres under the Forest Crop Law, of which the State Conservation Commission accepted approximately 500 acres. The present acreage under the Forest Crop Law is as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
Barnes	25,961.85
Bayfield	25,146.24
Bayview	9,661.77
Bell	14,352.23
Cable	5,356.33
Clover	3,753.50
Hughes	15,635.00
Iron River	4,918.81
Oriente	3,720.00
Port Wing	4,765.00
Russell	5,754.00



Location of Forestry Lands

<u>Town</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
Tripp	<u>5,360.00</u>
Total	124,384.73

Under the law, the townships will receive a total of \$12,438.47, 40% of which goes into the general fund, 40% into the school district in which the area lies, and 20% to the general County fund. In addition to this, Bayfield County will receive \$12,438.47 during the fiscal year directly from the State, which is to be used in the development of County forests.

The program carried out on County Forest land is included under the following five general types of work: building of truck trails, locating and establishing permanent section corners, planting, fire hazard elimination, and stand improvement.

During the past year, a WPA crew of twenty to forty men has been engaged in brushing, building culverts and ditch drainage in connection with the building of truck trails. Up to November 1st, six new miles were added this year, making a total of 34 miles completed since this project was started. Some additional mileage has been brushed and is ready for stumping and ditching. In addition to this, two miles of previous truck trail construction was graveled. The land clearing machines are used during the winter months for stumping, making dirt fills, grading, etc., which facilitates the work.

A survey crew of fourteen men was set up as another WPA project and began operations in July. Thus far, a total of 32½ miles has been surveyed and is ready for the establishment of permanent section corners. This work has been carried on in Unit #3, where most of the section corners have been lost due to

fire, and when this unit is completed, survey work will be started in Unit #4, where the same condition exists. It is expected that it will take at least two years to re-establish permanent section corners on the remainder of the County Forest land.

In 1938, 120 acres were planted to two-year old jack pine. Due to dry weather and other causes, about 30% died, and this area was replanted in the spring of 1939, using 24 men for ten days. It is probable that in the near future, planting will be done on a larger scale.

There has been a rather active market for timber stumpage, and during the past year, timber sales have amounted to \$3,717.48. This amount, less the State stumpage tax, goes into the general County fund. There is a large volume of aspen pulp wood on County Forest lands which will undoubtedly be sold when the pulp wood market returns to normal.

#### AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION

The Soil Conservation program for 1939 is practically the same as that of 1938. The program is directed by a County Executive Committee of three members which is elected by farmer delegates from the nine districts in the County. Figures on the 1939 program are not yet available, but during 1938, 1,234 farmers in the County participated in the program, receiving total benefit payments amounting to \$29,406.74, or an average of \$23.83 per farm. Much of the money received has been used to buy lime, fertilizer and seeds. According to the assessors' reports, there are now over 8,000 acres of alfalfa in the County as compared to 850 acres ten years ago. The various lime programs during the past few years, plus the soil building provisions of