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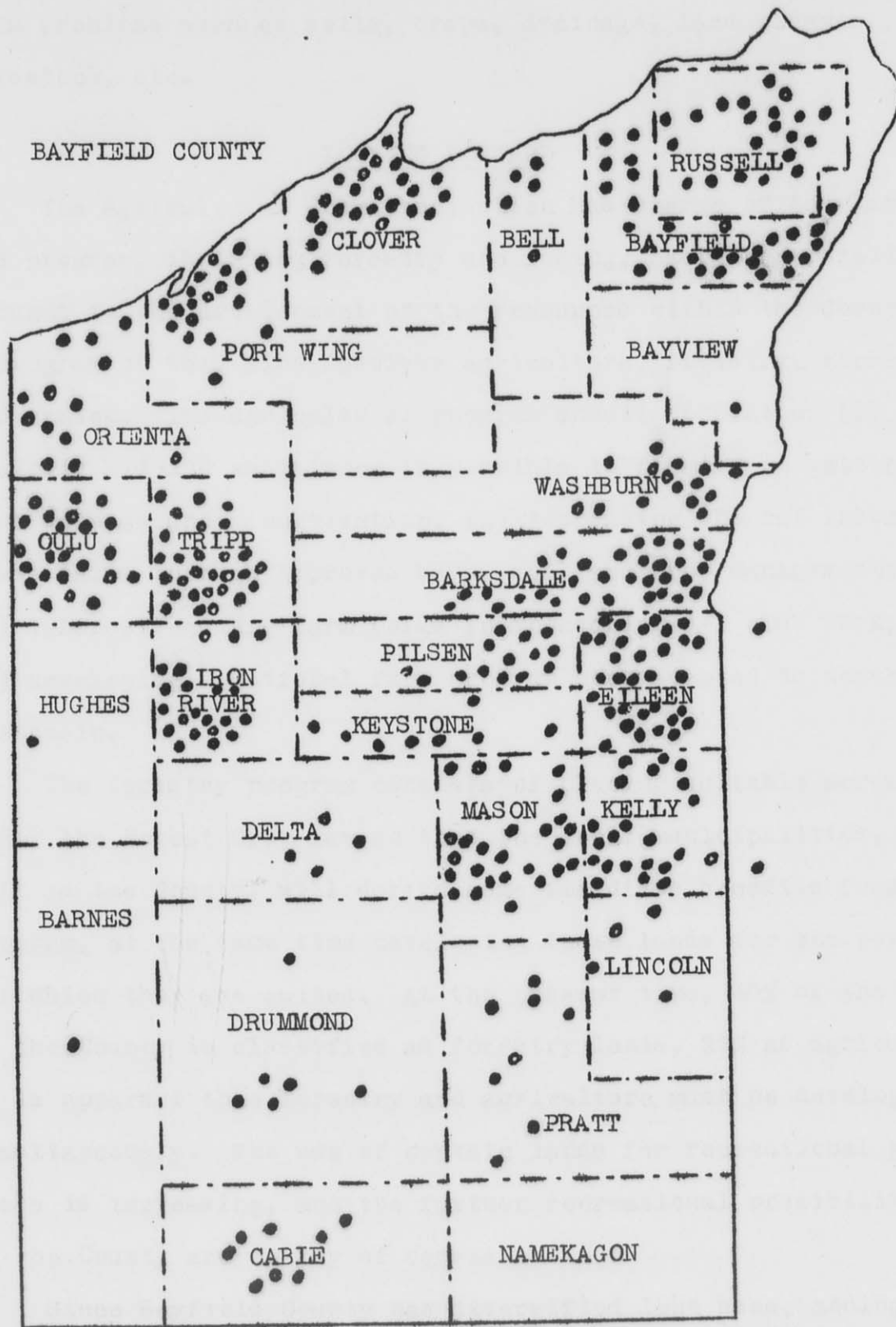
Two years of strawberry experimental work has been carried on under the direction of the College of Agriculture. This work has consisted of strawberry varieties, effects of various fertilizers, mulching, and the marketing quality of these varieties. A report will be made available this fall, which should be of benefit to the strawberry growers in the County. Prices during the past season approached normal, which has encouraged strawberry growers to increase their acreage. There is still much to be done on standardizing varieties and marketing quality fruit.

More attention is being paid to orchards as a means of cash income. Pruning and spraying are receiving more attention and each year more commercial fertilizer is used. Concentration on one variety of raspberries is progressing, especially in the Bayfield community.

COUNTY FAIR

By direction of the County Board, the Agricultural Committee again assumed the management of the County Fair, with the County Agent as Secretary. Considerable repairs and improvements were made to the grounds. This year's premium list was revised and added to in order to more adequately represent the agricultural and home products within the County. While the attendance was less than last year, the exhibits increased by 50%. Premiums were offered on dairy cattle this year, and it is hoped that the list can be extended to include other livestock.

Due to the various County and Governmental programs which are being carried on, it is impossible for the County Agent to



FARM VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR

make as many personal farm visits as formerly. However, during the past year 424 farm visits were made to assist in personal farm problems such as soils, crops, drainage, land clearing, livestock, etc.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Agricultural Committee, which has charge of the land use program, including forestry and zoning, has given considerable thought to the development of the resources within the County. A program of this kind involves agriculture, forestry, recreation and zoning. The agricultural program should consist of (1) giving whatever aid and assistance is possible to farmers in getting more acreage under cultivation; (2) increasing the net income of these farms through improved herd, soil and crop management; (3) interesting more farm folks in sponsoring 4-H club work; (4) developing a national farm program more adapted to northern Wisconsin.

The forestry program consists of placing suitable acreage under the Forest Crop Law so that the local municipalities, as well as the County, will derive some immediate benefits from the program, at the same time developing these lands for the purpose for which they are suited. At the present time, 40% of the land in the County is classified as forestry lands, 27% as agricultural. It is apparent that forestry and agriculture must be developed simultaneously. The use of certain lands for recreational purposes is increasing, and the further recreational possibilities of the County are worthy of consideration.

Since Bayfield County has diversified land uses, zoning is of paramount importance. The authority to direct, divert and