

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

restrict settlement and land uses is vital to resource planning and development. For this reason, the County Board has placed the administration of the zoning ordinance in the hands of the agricultural and forestry committee in order that land use planning may be facilitated.

Of all the Federal programs set up this farm to assist the cut over areas, the most benefit has been derived from the Isolated Federal Purchase Project. To date, ninety such cases have been purchased within the County, which have materially reduced the public expenditures in the municipalities concerned. In two instances, two schools were closed, which saved \$1,200.00 annually to these two school districts. In many other instances, the relatively high cost of transportation, relief, etc., were eliminated.

Agriculture, forestry, zoning, and land use must be all interwoven in any development program in Bayfield County.