

ships took the responsibility for taking orders and making collections.

Lime still remains the element most needed on Grant County farms. The point has been now reached where many farmers are liming fields for a second time. The value of liming is no longer debated as was the case ten or fifteen years ago. Farmers realize that any program of building up a farm involves lime, legume seedings and fertilizer.

SOIL EROSION PRACTICES SPREAD

Farmers throughout the County are becoming soil erosion conscious to a greater extent than was thought possible in so short a time. An erosion program on a farm might be made up of one or more of the following practices: strip cropping, contour furrowing, buffer stripping, terracing, pasture renovation, legume and grass seeding, gully control and soil saving dams. The spread of these practices was given impetus by the work of the Soil Conservation Service for the past several years.

Soil erosion problems have become a major piece of work for the County Agent's Office. I venture to say that in a few more years this will become the number one problem on the County Program of Work. A small start was made this year when a series of soil erosion control meetings were held in several townships. The attendance at these meetings was excellent and interest very high. A larger number of these are planned for the coming winter. These will be greatly aided by the use of erosion pictures in the new sound moving picture machine.

Three tours of the Fennimore project area were held this year. The Agent hoped to make even greater use of these demonstrations in spreading soil erosion practices. The closest cooperation has been in effect between the Soil Conservation Service and this office.

A problem of significance to the Board at some future date will be the suggestion to declare Grant County a "Soil Conservation District" as defined under a new State Law passed last year. The purpose is to make it possible to secure the services, over the whole county, of a member of the Federal Soil Conservation staff working thru this office. The plan does not involve a cent of expense to the County either directly or indirectly, but does make it possible for farmers to secure the services of this technician on soil erosion problems. The study I have given this, leads me to believe it entirely feasible for Grant County in the near future.

SLEEPING SICKNESS DISCUSSED

Perhaps the liveliest farm subject in the County last spring was the matter of sleeping sickness among horses. Interest was high because accurate information was scarce and fake cures and remedies were numerous. The Agent has just been through the complete cycle of the disease in South Dakota so was able to discuss the problem at several meetings around the County. These meetings and other publicity helped to spread accurate information concerning the disease and vaccination methods. A large percentage of horses were vaccinated and sleeping sickness caused little damage this year.