

SHEEP DIPPING PROGRAM STARTS

Grant County sheep producers this year had a portable sheep dipping outfit at their disposal for the first time. This dipping, along with drenching, takes care of ticks and worms which are each year causing thousands of dollars loss to county sheep men.

The procedure followed was typical of that used on many extension projects. First it was found that sheep producers were losing heavily thru ticks and worms. A series of meetings and demonstrations were then held with sheep men. Flocks were actually dipped by the portable method to show how it works. The next problem was to secure a good man to build a dipping outfit and then to establish a scale of prices fair to him and to the producers. H. R. Long of Glen Haven took on the job with the agent's help. Adequate publicity was given. About fifteen hundred head were dipped this first year and this will increase many times in 1940. It seems likely that the outfit will be used extensively for dipping hogs for mange in the future.

FARMERS GET ELEVEN THOUSAND TREES

Grant County farmers received eleven thousand wind-break seedlings free of charge thru this office in 1939. These were mostly of pine and spruce varieties although some ash, locust and hardwoods were distributed.

These trees were furnished by the State Conservation Department. Farmers securing them are asked to plant them in accordance with a plan drawn up by this office so that the most benefit will be secured and the best practices for getting a stand will be used. The plantings for this year came thru in excellent shape.