

to prevent an outbreak of Cholera.

We have had some very interesting meetings on poultry work and the testimonial given by the poultry breeders who are making a success of poultry as a sideline contributed much to the success of the meetings.

#### HOMEMAKERS

Our Homemaker Clubs have remained active during the past year, and helped to serve the needs of some 600 farm women folks who have taken part in the program. Our State specialist, Miss Brady, conducted the leader training meetings held in the county this past year, foods and nutritions being the subject discussed at the meetings.

#### WEED CONTROL

A county-wide meeting of the town chairmen and weed commissioners was held, at which time Henry Lunz of the State Weed Department was present and discussed with us the weed law and weed control measures. St. Croix county now has two patches of creeping jenny, or field bindweed, and two or three patches of leafy spurge. Both of these weeds need our consideration in controlling their spread. We assisted the town chairmen in the communities involved in controlling them by the use of chemical weed killer.

#### SEED CERTIFICATION

Several farmers are still actively interested in producing certified and registered seed to be sold to other farmers in the county. We have assisted these farmers in their seed certification by making the necessary inspections on the fields before harvest. Just as it is necessary to keep our purebred cattle, so is it necessary to keep our registered and certified seed available to farmers of the county. Better crops can be produced by the use of better seed, and certainly our work with fertilizer and lime can be enhanced by the use of good seed.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

Your County Agent was appointed as a member of the County National Defense committee and has assisted in making a survey on the labor situation available to farmers, and assisted in the Foods for Defense program. Under the Foods for Defense program the farmers of St. Croix county have been asked by the Secretary of Agriculture to increase the production of milk 11% in 1942 over 1941, hogs 8%, and a 6% increase in the production of eggs. We feel reasonably certain that this goal will be reached by the farmers of St. Croix county, and we hope that the increased production will come through better feeding, better management, and better care, rather than an increase in capital investment.

#### COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

This office has endeavored at all times to cooperate with all other county, state, and federal agencies working in the interests of promoting better agriculture for farmers of St. Croix county.