REPORT OF THE DANE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

By Pres. Anton Koller, Mt. Horeb

Mr. Sammis: Mr. Koller told me that he has had such a good time in Milwaukee that he forgot his speech, but he says their association has been running about ten years and they have very good regular meetings, and they are very happy about it, and they are going to run on ten years more. At the last meeting they voted to become a branch of this new state-wide organization. Also Spring Green voted the same thing.

IS YOUR WATER SUPPLY SAFE?

By Mr. L. F. Warrick, Madison
Sanitary Engineer, Wis. Dept. of Health

This certainly is a privilege to come over and address this organization on a subject which we feel is of general interest and of vital importance to you as cheese makers.

Wisconsin cheese makers have attained high standards of quality in their products. How many cheese makers are giving attention to the purity or safety of their water supplies? This is a matter which should certainly not be overlooked.

When we speak of the quality or purity of water supplies many persons think only of a clear, cold and at least apparently clean water which sparkles when drawn from a faucet and has no objectionable taste or odor. Those better informed think of the quality of the water also with regard to its bacterial content, or freedom from disease producing impurities. Those of us who are supervising or operating water supply systems must go one step further and consider the best available protection against even the remotest possibility of pollution detrimental to the health of the water consumers and to the quality of the manufactured product.

Many cheese factories in Wisconsin are provided with private water supply systems. Most of these supplies are obtained from dug, driven or drilled wells. Some supplies are obtained from springs and a few are secured from lakes and streams. Lakes and streams, however, are often subject to dangerous pollution. Accordingly, surface water supplies, unless adequately purified, should be avoided by the cheese maker.

In the development of safe ground water supplies three main factors must be considered:

1. Satisfactory location with respect to pollution sources.
2. Proper well construction, and
3. Correct pump connections.