

Is The County Agent Used By Local Farmers?



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How much are new farm ideas worth to you? New ideas often make the difference between profit and loss for an Adams county

County Agent's Corner

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Wheat
Wheat harvest is coming along very well. Yields for the most part have been very good. Some of the reported yields have indicated Dual and LaPorte yielding about 50 bushels per acre. Knox yields have been about at the same level, but Vermillion occasionally has been lower. It seems that Hessian Fly hurt Vermillion where it was seeded earlier than fly free date. Two reports on the new Monon have been 55 and 45 bushels per acre.

As far as recommendations are concerned, it looks like Dual and Monon; both fly resistant, for early seeding; LaPorte where more straw is desirable and Vermillion or perhaps Knox for late seeding, following soybeans, etc.

Preliminary reports indicate that the vote on wheat regulations will keep them the same as the past few years.

Follow Up Minimum Tillage Meets

Two meetings will be held Wednesday, July 27 as follow-up sessions on the minimum tillage work done this spring. At Berne-French school for meeting will be 1:30 p.m. and at the Hugo Bulmahn farm, north of Preble, the meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Discussion leaders will be Harry Galloway and Cliff Spies, extension agronomists. There are different agronomic practices at both farms that I'm sure you will want to see. For instance: results of herbicide treatments, different fertilization treatments and different corn hybrids including dwarf corn.

There are several in Adams County who are using minimum tillage methods this year. They are Doyle Lehman, Hugo Bulmahn, Don Grote, August Selking, Wilbur Selking, Roger Koenenman, Arthur Koenenman, Henry Bultemeier, Ted Bulmahn, Richard Scheumann, Edward Marbach, Richard Marbach, Herbert Marbach, Marvin Stoutenberry, Kenneth Schnepf, Vernon Macke and Chester Isch.

Fair Preparations

The 4-H Fair Committee is meeting Monday evening to check on all the details for the fair, which will be August 23-4. Tuesday evening, July 27 the school building

farm family.

During the winter season, many local farmers intend to spend a great deal of time learning about new farm practices. And the effort will be well spent.

Research by rural sociologists in several states has shown that most farmers view the extension service as one of their important communication links with agricultural scientists.

But not all farmers have contact with their county agents. A recent study of a state-wide sample of commercial farmers showed that about 79% had some type of extension contact in the past year.

Extension information received through the newspapers, radio and T.V. reaches more farmers than more personal methods such as meetings, tours, or farm visits.

Helps Farmers

Did the farmers who used the county agent differ from those who didn't? Those who did were characterized by:

1. More education.
2. Higher social class position.
3. Larger farms.



Miss Lois Folk
County Home Agent

4. Higher farm income.
5. Readership of more farm magazines.
6. More direct contact with both ag scientists and vo-ag teachers.

Findings indicate that the farmers who are generally among the first to adopt new practices make greater use of their county agent. It appears that farmers with less education and smaller farms, who might have the greatest educational need for extension's help, actually have least contact with their county agent. How may these "hard-to-reach" people be contacted by the Extension Service and by other government agencies? One possible approach is through the "trickle-down process."

According to the trickle-down theory (1) certain farmers, often called "leaders," have direct contact with extension workers and then (2) pass this technological know-how along to their neighbors who do not have direct extension contact. We found some evidence in our study, however, that those farmers with indirect extension contact (through their neighbors) also had direct contact with their county agent. In other words, these findings raise some doubts as to how well new farm ideas trickle down to hard-to-reach farm people.

The Extension Service operates mainly as an educational agency based upon voluntary participation; that is, the farmer must seek help on his own initiative. The present findings suggest implications for both farmers and county agents as to how they can "speed up" the communication process by which new ideas are diffused from scientists to farm people.

4-H Canning Marks 50th Year

Tomato canning clubs were the first "girl projects" in 4-H, following closely on the heels of corn clubs established in 1910 for boys. These clubs were the forerunner of the present day 4-H educational program now benefiting some 24 million rural and urban youth.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the 4-H canning club, and the 150th anniversary of the process. Methods and utensils have changed, but the end product remains the same. Young homemakers as well as experienced ones strive to turn out sparkling, wholesome, nutritious jars of food which can be stored for safe eating later on.

The modern 4-H canning program—like its predecessor—emphasizes home grown food preservation as a means to improve the family diet. The 4-H "learn by doing" method stresses importance of using bacteria-free products and utensils to guard against spoilage and possible food poisoning.

Back in the early 1900's, 4-H girls demonstrated canning skills and exhibited their products in competition with others. For this they received local recognition and in many cases valuable awards. The 1960 program also offers awards for superior achievement.

For the 32nd consecutive year, Kerr Glass Mfg. Co., sponsor of canning awards will offer \$400 college scholarships to six national winners to be selected next November. In addition, county winners will receive medals of honor, and the state winner an all-expense trip to the 39th National 4-H club congress in Chicago, November 27 through December 1.

The Cooperative Extension service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that well over 150,000 club members will turn out about 4½ million quarts of canned food this year.

Over 2,600 Daily Democrats are sold and delivered in Decatur each day.

Of This And That

Lois M. Folk
Home Demonstration Agent
4-H Fair

The earth was silent and still, not a bird chirped. The air was full of expectancy. This is the way the atmosphere feels during a tornado warning.

This compares with Adams county, as we await the big event—the 4-H fair. The planning is finished, details are taken care of, and all awaits Monday morning.

Beginning Monday, July 25, foods, clothing and food preservation will be judged. Monday will be spent at Monmouth school. Tuesday at the American Legion hall in Decatur, Wednesday at Adams Central school and Thursday at Berne school.

Friday, July 29, home furnishings will be judged and state fair entries in clothing will be selected. Saturday will be filled with junior and senior dress review judging and practice.

Mrs. Dwight Smith of Convo, Ohio will judge the clothing and home furnishings projects. Mrs. Luke Thaman of Bryant, Ohio will judge the foods and food preservation.

At present many Adams county 4-Hers are busy sewing on the last buttons and belt loops or finishing that last batch of cookies.

We Goofed!

Anyway, we slipped on one requirement for senior dress review. All girls who were 14 on January 1, 1960 or over and have completed three years of clothing are eligible for senior dress review.

Junior review and judging will begin Saturday, July 30 at 9 a.m. and it will be followed by the senior review at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Marilyn Gibson of Zanesville will be our judge. The public presentation will be Wednesday evening, August 3.

Food Tent

This year we have a tentless food tent. I hope you have all been watching the building go up. It certainly will be an improvement. We can no longer look forward to a sagging tent after a rain or lack in the middle of the black top.

The building committee has given us an extra bonus by remodeling the kitchen. Two new sinks and a long work counter. Also, a new rack for food storage and an extra outside door. This year you will be working in areas instead of all over the kitchen.

During the fair lets each take time out to thank the building committee for a job well done. They are: Mrs. Noah L. Habegger, Mrs. Dan Striker, Mrs. Harry Lehman, Mrs. Theron Fenstermaker, Everett Rice, Martin Habegger, Hugo Boerger, Paul Yoder and Peter B. Lehman.

Evening Program

Fun and entertainment for all is in store during the evening at the 4-H fair. Tuesday evening, fair opens with a grand parade followed by the entertainment festival. Parade theme this year is "Safety Through 4-H."

Vespers which will open the Wednesday evening program, are in charge of the Adams county Ministerial Association. The county dress review will follow vespers. Over 400 girls will model their 4-H garments.

Thursday evening's program will feature the Starites from Wells county plus and hour band concert. Exhibits will be released following the evening program. Robert Brown and Mrs. Lorene Robertmaker are program co-chairmen.

Fair Clean-Up

Each year many people cooperate wonderfully in helping set-up the fairgrounds. The following schedule lists the activities before and after the fair. Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. set up school house. Friday, July 29 at 9 a.m. food tent clean-up. Monday, August 1 at 9 a.m. set up food tent. August 2-3-4-5 fair; Friday, August 5 at 9 a.m., fair clean-up.

Remember it takes every county citizen (Farm Bureau members, home demonstration members, 4-Hers, farmers, parents and residents) to make the 4-H fair a big success. See you at the fair!

One-Day Outing

Check your calendar for the 10 of August. This will be the county home demonstration clubs one-day outing at the Wells county state forest beginning at 9:30 a.m. The theme for the day will be "a county fair."

If you have something to sell or trade—use the Democrat Want Ads! They get Big results.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that E. Viola Bauman was on the 22 day of July, 1960, appointed Administratrix of the estate of Daisy O. Martin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Decatur, Indiana, this 22 day of July, 1960. Richard D. Lewton, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court for Adams County, Indiana. Howard E. Baumgartner, Attorney and Counsel for personal representative. July 23, 30, Aug. 6

Farm Safety Week Will Open Sunday

The 17th annual national farm safety week will be observed July 24-30. Theme of the 1960 farm safety week is "Enjoy farm life—practice safety."

The week, proclaimed by President Eisenhower and Governor Handley, is sponsored by the national and state safety councils and the U.S. department of agriculture.

Purpose of the special observance, as described by F. R. Willsey, Purdue University farm safety specialist, is to emphasize accident prevention among farm families.

More than 3,000 persons are killed each year by farm work accidents—more than in any other major industry. Willsey points out. More than 11,000 farm dwellers are killed annually in all types of accidents. A million or more farm people are stricken each year by accidental injuries and accompanying disabilities, miseries, and financial hardship.

Many farm organizations are preparing special programs in observance of the week. First day of the week-long event, Sunday, emphasizes "Reverence for life."

Report Published On Clay Industry

A report on Indiana's 30 million dollar a year clay and shale industry has just been released by the Indiana Geological Survey.

This publication, "Directory of Producers and Consumers of Clay and Shale in Indiana," by J. L. Harrison, lists numerous changes that have taken place in the industry in the past 5 years. The directory is published as an aid to the clay and shale industry, to the citizens of Indiana interested in the industry, and to organizations serving the clay and shale industry.

The new publication briefly discusses the characteristics of Indiana's clays, the stratigraphic and geographic distribution of the state's clays and shales, and the production and uses of these resources. Producers and consumers of clay and shale are listed both alphabetically and by county. Various facts about each operation are given, such as the location of the industry, name of the plant manager, the raw materials used, the products produced, firing temperature used, fired color of the product, and plant capacity.

Directory No. 7 is available at 35c per copy (plus 10c mailing fee for single copies) from the Publications Section, Geological Survey, Indiana Department of Conservation, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Three-Mile Stretch Of Highway Paved

Three miles of east-west county highway from the river road, about a mile from highway 27, west three miles to the Preble road, have been paved to ease the Preble-Road township traffic problem.

The road was stoned with gravel last fall, and held up very well through the winter. It was then paved this summer. The gravel seems to be doing just as well as crushed stone, Lawrence Noll, county highway superintendent, said, and is considerably cheaper.

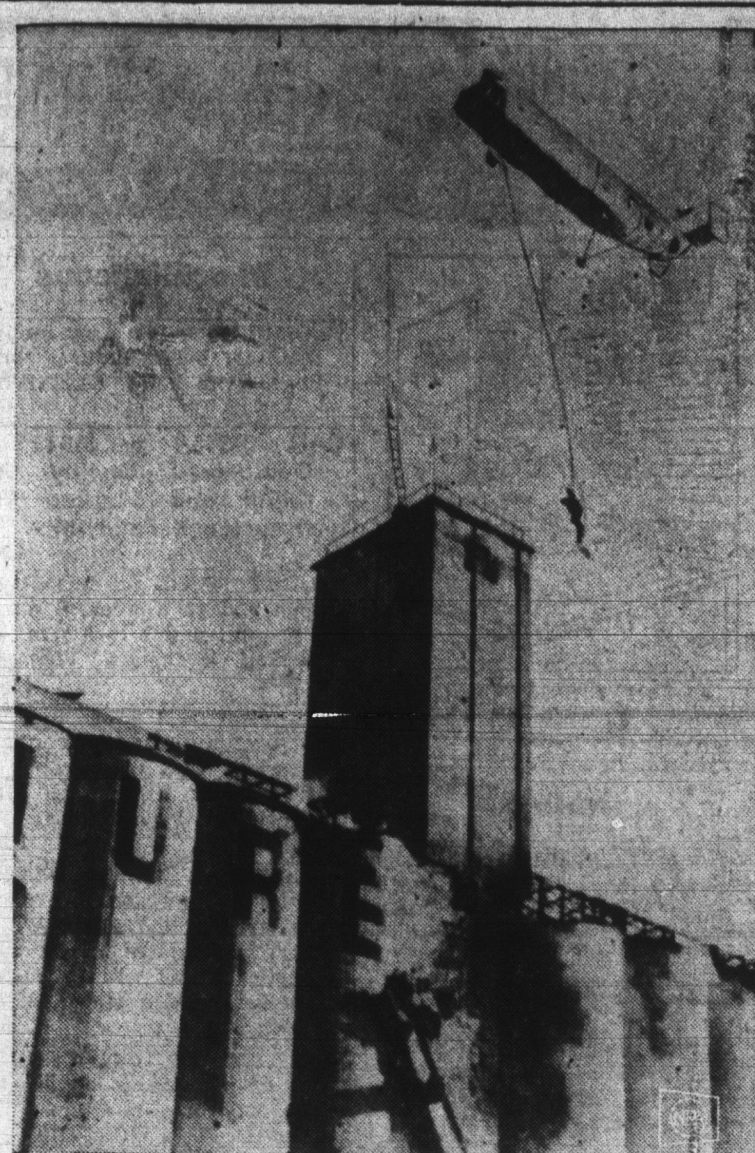
This fall the road will be sealed, and the term completed. The Preble road was also repaved into the town of Preble. More than 157 miles of county road has been patched this year, at the low cost of \$3,600. The county now owns most of its own equipment, and rents the heavier equipment that it cannot afford to own.

Two Adams Central Pupils At Institute

Rosalyn Mishler of route 2, Decatur, and Ron Owens of Monroe, both students at Adams Central high school, will attend the third division of the high school journalism institute at Indiana University July 24-Aug. 6. Yearbook editors will study copywriting, editing, photography, and business management, and make up tentative dummies for their 1961 yearbooks under the direction of Prof. Gretchen A. Kemp, of the I. U. department of journalism. A \$150 scholarship, provided by the Arbutus, I. U. yearbook, and other prizes, will be presented at an awards dinner Aug. 5.

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HELICOPTER RESCUE—Air Force helicopter lifts badly burned Philip Reeves, 22, and his rescuer, Donald Ethington, from a burning grain elevator in Brownfield, Tex. Reeves had been trapped three hours on the structure before Ethington was lowered to him.

Northeastern Indiana Fishing Report

2nd District, 21 Northeastern counties. Sgt. Bullock reporting. Bluegills and crappies are again reported in good numbers from Sylvan Lake in Noble County. Koscusko County reports that large mouth bass, pike, channel catfish and rock bass are biting. Bluegills and pike are being caught on the Barbee Chain. Pike, bass and bluegill fishing is good on Lake Wawasee. Syracuse Lake has only fair bluegill and bass reports. Trout are being taken from South Twin Lake in LaGrange County from evening into the night, and bluegill fishing is reported fair in the county. Most lakes in Steuben County offer fair fishing for bluegills. Bass are hitting on catpaw worms and artificial baits. Bass and bluegills catches are fair throughout Whitley County. Elkhart County reports that pike and small mouth bass are biting in the St. Joseph River.

Menno I. Lehman Named Secretary

Menno I. Lehman, publisher of the Berne Witness, has been elected secretary of the Hoosier state press association, and has taken over that office. He was also recently appointed to the community service committee of the national editorial association (NEA.)

Milk Route Drivers Protest Cut Prices

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—About 75 milk route drivers staged a "traffic jam" demonstration Friday night at a supermarket in protest over bargain sales on milk by the gallon.

The drivers filled the parking lot of the 7-11 Supermarket, entered the store and monopolized shopping carts while taking their time in making small purchases. Observers said the result was a slowdown in business among shoppers trying to make big weekend purchases of grocery stocks.

The protest was over sale of milk at 59 cents a gallon, the drivers said. They charged that the sale was below cost and well below the price of milk delivered by trucks to residences. The delivered price usually is 82 cents.

Zeilton Weisz, owner of the 7-11 markets, denied the charge that the markets are selling milk for less than cost. "We are trying to follow the supermarket principle of trying to buy at a bargain price and passing the savings along to our customers," he said.

A week earlier, the drivers, many of them accompanied by their wives, experimented with the "traffic jam" plan at an A & P store in the Eagledale shopping center.

Pelted Look For Fashions In Fall

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
NEW YORK (UPI)—This fall, it's the pelted look in fashion. The use of furs for lining, for trim, and for the whole garment abounds through the new collections. And where the use of the real skin is impractical, the fakes take over.

Many furs are handled like fabric. Sometimes the whole costume is of fur, and it's a rare better dress firm on Seventh Avenue, the city's garment district, without at least one all-black broadtail costume in its collection.

Other firms play up the "casual but elegant" look when for instance white ermine is used for the camisole bodice of a full-skirted brocade evening dress.

Luis Estevez, one of eight designers who showed fall collections Thursday to reporters in town for the Couture Group's semi-annual press week, used broad-tail lavishly, but dyed it a cocoa beige.

Estevez planted one white mink pocket on an at-home costume of jet velvet. The designer produced more than his usual quota of dangerously low necklines, and also came up with the bare shoulder look for fall—only one shoulder covered in a group of evening dresses. His "wing" neckline consisted of two enormous stiffened points of fabric shooting skyward at the shoulders, while the back of the dress was completely bare.

Fur and fabric merged also at Originala, a firm making coats only. A full coat of vicuna was trimmed with a cape collar and tuxedo front of a yellow-red fox called golden glory. Fabric news: A chinchilla fleece with a pile thick enough to give it the texture of the fur for which it was named.

Five-Month-Supply Of Gravel For County

At least a five-month supply of gravel is on hand now near Ceylon, and it will keep the county trucks busy to haul and spread it on the county roads before cold weather, Lawrence Noll, county highway superintendent, said today.

The gravel is from a pit located on the Wabash river on the west side of highway 27. It is one of the first gravel pits found recently in the county for use by the roads.

It is reported that plans are now underway to develop a similar pit in the north part of the county. At the present time it is still cheaper to haul the stone from the south part of the county than to purchase crushed stone.

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF ADAMS, SS: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD R. HESS, DECEASED, IN THE ADAMS CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION: The undersigned, Administratrix of the Estate of Harold R. Hess, deceased, hereby gives notice that by virtue of an order of the Adams Circuit Court, she will offer for sale at public auction at the late residence of said decedent at 422 South Fifth Street, in the City of Decatur, Indiana, on the 15th day of August, 1960, at one o'clock P.M. CDT, all of the interest of said decedent in and to the following real estate, to-wit:

Tract number thirteen (13) in Jacob Freeland Subdivision of Outlots 33, 34 and 35 in the Southern Addition to the town, now city, of Decatur, Indiana. Said sale of real estate will be subject to the approval of the said Court, and will be sold for not less than two-thirds of the appraised value thereof, and upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit: At least one-third of the purchase money, cash in hand. The balance to be paid upon delivery of a merchantable abstract of title and deed approved by the Adams Circuit Court, showing said real estate to be free of all liens and encumbrances, except the 1960 taxes, due and payable in 1961. Possession will be delivered upon the 15th day of August, 1960, at one o'clock P.M. CDT, at 936 High Street, in the City of Decatur, Indiana, all of the interest of said decedent in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

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