

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, 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 Koeneman, Arthur Koeneman, Henry Bultemeier, Ted Bulmahn, Richard Scheumann, Edward Marbach, Richard Marbach, Herbert Marbach, Marvin Stoutenberry, Kenneth Schnepp, 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 2-3-4. 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 TV 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-H Electric

Mike Boltin of Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. conducted a meeting this past week to help the 4-H electric project members. Mike examined extension cords and lamps and offered suggestions on how to make the exhibit better. I'm sure all the members appreciate his help and the film "The Atom Comes To Town" that he showed.

4-H Conservation

The 4-H Conservation Field Day was held last Monday afternoon at the Lester Sipe farm. It was a wonderful place to have the meeting and the 4-H conservation members appreciated the Sipe's hospitality. Milton Spence, local Soil Conservation technician, instructed the group in soil conservation. Herb Krauch, Extension Forester worked with forestry and wildlife. Jerry Macklin, extension entomologist, demonstrated why 4-H'ers should be interested in collecting insects. Following the instruction periods, Jim Shreve of Zebco Tackle Company demonstrated spin casting and fly fishing.

Yellow Soybeans

A lot of the difficulties with yellow soybeans is a manganese deficiency. This can be treated by spraying 10 pounds of manganese sulphate in 10 to 15 gallons of water per acre. If the beans show stunting in growth, the yield can be hurt sufficiently to warrant treatment.

Corn Borer

There is evidence of corn borer in a number of corn fields, but so far there is not enough evidence to justify treatment.

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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.

Mrs. Dwight Smith of Convoy, 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. Sorry.

Junior revue and judging will begin Saturday, July 30 at 9 a.m. and it will be followed by the senior revue 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 a 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. 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 100 girls will model their 4-H garments.

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 discovery of a successful canning 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, whole, 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 col-

lege scholarships to six national

winners to be selected next No-

vember. In addition, county win-

ners will receive medals of hon-

or, and the state winner an all-

expense trip to the 39th National

4-H club congress in Chicago, No-

ember 27 through December 1.

The Cooperative Extension ser-

vice of the U. S. Department of Ag-

riculture estimates that well over

150,000 club members will turn out

about 4½ million quarts of canned

food this year.

Dated: Decatur, Indiana, this

22 day of July, 1960.

Richard D. Lewton

Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court

for Adams County, Indiana.

Howard E. Baumgarten, Attorney

and Counsel for personal repres-

entative.

July 22, 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.

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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."

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