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**Oakland County
Staff**

Co-operative Extension Work
in Agriculture and Home Economics
and Boys' and Girls' Clubs

Co-operative Extension Service



Provided for by Oakland County Board of Supervisors and Private Agencies
Co-operating with U. S. Department of Agriculture and
Michigan State College.

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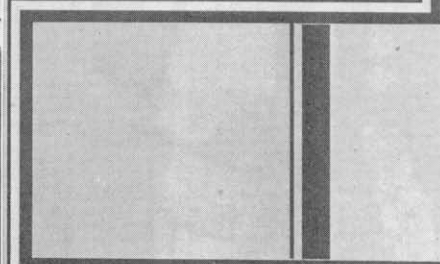


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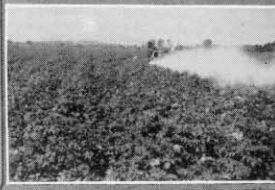
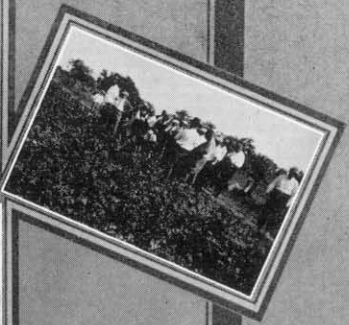
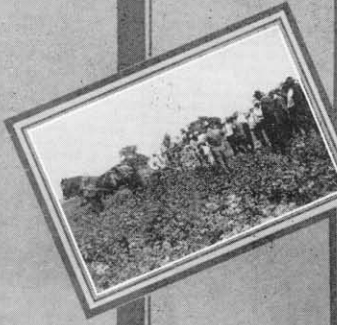
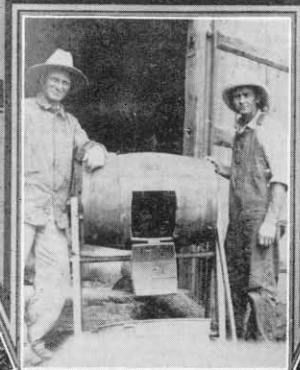


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Type of Activities

1. Kiwanis Entertains Potato Clubs.
 2. Potato Exhibit at Pontiac Bank.
 3. All County Champions: 1922, '23, '24, '25.
 4. Boys in Conference on "What We Want"
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Assets Not
Liabilities

FARM and FIELD
DEMONSTRATIONS
ORGANIZED GROUPS
of BOYS and GIRLS,
MEN and WOMEN



Co-operative Extension Work



DURING the year 1926 the residents of Oakland County have had the services of the complete extension service through the co-operation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Michigan State College and the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

The purpose of this service is to bring to the farmers, gardeners, housewives and boys and girls the latest and best information regarding their particular field of work and any unusual problems and difficulties. By this means the scientific information obtained by the colleges is not kept for the resident student only, but is given to all who will avail themselves of the opportunity. In this way local people are considered as non-resident students of the college.

THE PERSONNEL

Mr. Geo. H. Kimball, Jr., is well known to the majority of the people of Oakland County. He has served in the capacity of Boys' and Girls' Club Agent for a number of years.

His duties consist of the organization of boys' and girls' clubs throughout the County to promote and develop the best in the way of education and recreation among the boys and girls.

As a rule the organization of boys and girls is based on definite project lines such as potato, live stock, canning, poultry, etc.

Mr. Kimball, as County Y. M. C. A. Secretary, spends part time in the capacity of County Club Leader and has much to do with the development of the youth of the county toward better citizenship.

Miss Muriel E. Dundas, Home Demonstration Agent. For the past two years, Miss Dundas has served the women's interest of the county, coming to Oakland from Allegan where she served in a similar capacity.

Under her leadership forty-eight groups of women have been receiving the instruction of the Clothing specialists of Michigan State College. Many projects of a minor nature such as music appreciation have been given during the course of study.

Harold M. Vaughn, County Agricultural Agent. Mr. Vaughn came from Manistee County in February to take up his work in Oakland County. His services are to the farmer and gardener as those of Mr. Kimball and Miss Dundas are to the boys and girls and women.

The majority of farm groups have received the work with considerable favor. The development has been principally along the lines of fruit and vegetable growing, dairying, poultry and potatoes. The work is carried on largely by field meeting, demonstration institutes, exhibits, individual farm calls and organized farm groups.

The Farmers' Clubs, Granges and Farm Bureau are giving splendid co-operation in this work of developing the quality of agricultural production and marketing in the county.

THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN OAKLAND COUNTY

The rapid development of wealth and industry in Oakland County has exerted a great pressure upon the farmers of the county. Many farmers and others have seen in this movement the ending of agriculture as an enterprise of merit in Oakland County. These are firm in their belief and have much evidence to support their views.

Many farmers have been unable to adjust themselves to the changed conditions and have sold their farms or are allowing them to stand idle while awaiting sale.

On the other hand we find men in all portions of the county who are developing a program fitted to new conditions and are capitalizing the ready market and the decreased area in production.

It must be admitted that either view of the situation is perfectly permissible. Since many are expecting to continue in the agricultural profession, they are looking to Extension forces to help them meet the change of conditions.

After observing the situation in other highly industrialized areas we believe that there is a very profitable future for agriculture in this county and that agriculture must meet the changing conditions and establish itself on a highly efficient plane.

HAROLD M. VAUGHN,

County Agricultural Agent.



BOARD of DIRECTORS of FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS CO-OPERATING WITH
the EXTENSION SERVICE.

SUMMARY of COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT'S ACTIVITIES

Activities from February 1, 1926 to September 30, 1926

MEETINGS HELD in RELATION to COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT'S WORK

Meetings of committee and project leaders.....	37	attendance.....	274
Meetings at Demonstrations in field.....	46	attendance.....	1,358
Meetings in relation to projects.....	48	attendance.....	2,322
Miscellaneous meetings at which some service was given by the Agent.....	11	attendance.....	1,538
Groups co-operating with Agent on Extension program.....			59

A FEW RESULTS of COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT'S WORK

Soils tested for lime requirement.....	117	Orchards adopting Modified Leader Tree training.....	6
Tons lime used.....	205	Poultry demonstration farms carried on.....	5
Bridge grafting demonstration—girdled trees.....	4	New demonstration farms established.....	3
Trees grafted.....	112		
Acres orchard under this system.....	134		

FARM BUREAU EXECUTIVE BOARD CO-OPERATING IN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT WORK

PERCY KING, Waterford President
 FRED BEARDSLEY, Addison Vice-President
 MRS. MILA DE GARMO, Highland Secretary

FRED WEAVER Rochester
 CHAS. TAYLOR Oakwood
 JAMES MITCHELL Holly
 FRANK WILLIAMS Highland
 JOE BIEDERSTEDT South Lyon
 JOE PITTENGER Milford

BOYS' and GIRLS' WORK

MISS DUNDAS (Girls) MR. KIMBALL (Boys)

SUMMARY of RESULTS of ACTIVITIES

50 Communities co-operating.	Projects for boys and girls being developed:
70 Organized club units operating.	
82 Volunteer leaders engaged.	Live Stock (pig, sheep, dairy).
508 Enrolled in projects.	Clothing, Hot Lunch, Poultry.
626 Regular meetings of clubs.	Canning, Food Study, Camp.
8191 Attendance.	Potato, Corn, Gardening.
55 Leader training meetings held.	
225 Attendance.	

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL

Promoted a Boys' and Girls' Camp. Provided Annual Potato Show with Kiwanis.
 Developed 17 judging and demonstration teams. County and State Fair Exhibits.
 Arranged series of meetings for President Butterfield. Achievement Days, Picnics, and County Rallies.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES IN
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

Number of women's groups co-operating	48
Total number of women in groups	550
Total number of leaders assisting	112
Non-group members assisted	221
Total number articles made by sewing groups	826

PROJECTS FOR WOMEN BEING DEVELOPED THROUGH
HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT WORK

Foods and Nutrition.	Music Appreciation
Clothing.	Home Management
Dress Forms and Millinery	House Furnishings

COMMUNITY GROUPS ASSISTED BY
HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

New Hudson Community Fair	Women's Week at Michigan State
Walled Lake Community Institute	College.
Annual Women's' Achievement Day.	Farmers' Clubs.
Oakland County Fair.	Farm Bureau.

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MRS. ARTHUR GREEN, County Chairman	Walled Lake
MRS. DAVID HOWE	Holly District
MRS. JOHN LEECE	Oxford District
MRS. CHAS. PORTEOUS	Royal Oak District
MRS. J. K. KESTER	Pontiac District
MRS. WM. McCRORY	Milford District



MEMBERS of FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS CO-OPERATE WITH EXTENSION AGENTS
IN DEVELOPING EFFICIENT AGRICULTURE.