One husband said, "She is getting to be a better cook every day." This statement was made by a man in Grant county whose wife is a member of the nutrition clubs organized by Charlotte E. Biester, the home extension agent. The hot lunch work was started in a school upon the second visit by Miss Biester, after the youngsters had voted against it on the first visit stating that they did not want to wash dishes.

Ten women spent an entire afternoon learning the construction of new decorative stitches. Twelve of the 15 women attending a lesson on "shirts in sewing" had never made the bound button hole demonstrated by the home extension agent.

The above inforamation was taken from the January monthly report of the home agent for Grant county and the report continues:

Fifty-one women attended the first demonstration of the series "the three food needs" at five club meetings. Local leaders and demonstrators in two other groups are sponsoring the hot school lunch in their communities. The secretary of one of the clubs reported that 12 of the 15 women present carried out the suggestions given in the meat demonstration of last month. Twenty-one women at 2 meetings on the demonstration in the meat work this month watched with great interest the pan broiling of meat which seemed to be a very new idea to them.

"Ten of the 13 girls' sewing club groups have completed their first problem and three are through with the second garment. The local leaders are assisting in a splendid manner which accounts for the enthusiasm with which the work is being done."

South Dakota home agents do not have much time to spend sitting in the office, for in Miss Biester's report it is shown that 23 home extension club meetings were attended during the month, beside the visiting of a number of girls' clubs, a talk was given to the Milbank women's club on the home economics movement, and the conducting of a bread judging contest in a club not included under the home extension organization.

cost by the college. It has been placed upon the list of free texts in 20 counties and is bought by the children in three others. More than 16,000 copies of the account book have been distributed during the past six months. Chief credit for placing farm accounts in the course of study is due M. M. Guhin, director of the Rural and Americanization division, State Department of Education. The Extension service cooperates in publishing and furnishing to teachers a manual and guide for teaching the subject.

SPRING CONFERENCES IN APRIL

The regular spring conferences of the county agents will be held in April. The conferences will be held at: Sioux Falls, April 10 and 11; Watertown, April 12 and 13; Mobridge, April 17 and 18; and Rapid City, April 19 and 20.

At these conferences uniform policies of procedure in carrying out demonstrations on marketing and production are worked out, ideas are exchanged on the best and most efficient methods of putting over projects, and inspiration is received from forceful speakers to go out and give the greatest possible service to the agricultural interests of the state.
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County agent offices are beginning to hum from the extra activities of the spring season.

Farmers in large numbers are making the usual demands for sources of good clean seeds.

Dozens and hundreds of samples of seed are being brought in for testing.

Innumerable inquiries are being made about the probable situation in regard to farm help this season.

Calls are pouring in on connections with farrowing troubles, sows going down, hairless pigs, and losses at birth.

Individuals are asking about the rules for growing certified seed.

Community clubs want debate material and a speaker for their last meeting prior to the cessation of club activities during the rush of spring's work.

Last minute enrollments in the pig, corn, potato and other boys' and girls' clubs are coming in.

Here is a boy who needs help in arranging a loan at the bank to buy a purebred sow, there is a father who needs lining up of the calf club, and here again a local leader for a sheep club has backed out and another must be secured.

A group of men down in one corner of the county suddenly come to life and want assistance in organizing a shipping association they have talked about all winter.

Twenty-five to thirty office calls each day, the telephone ringing incessantly, the stenographer making the typewriter talk, yea, verily, the county agent earns his keep during the spring months at least.—A. J. D.

Community Activities in Corson

County Agent Osborne of Corson county gives some interesting information on local community activities in his January report.

"The Keldron community was reorganized as a Farm Bureau community center, January 9, by the county agent. Moving pictures of agricultural interest were shown, and lectures from an officer from each of the two other community centers were given to show what could be done under real cooperation. Forty-two people were present."

"A Farm Bureau community center was organized by the county agent in Codington county for the spring season. Has about 2,000 women enrolled in her work. Headquarters at Huron."

Interesting Plan for Pig Club

Business men, farmers, and boys and girls are all members of a pig club under an interesting plan which has been adopted for the pig club work in Codington county for 1923. Each business man and farmer joining, becomes a sponsor member and has a boy or girl associated with him in the club as the active member. The sponsor member assists in financing the active member, makes frequent visits to see the pigs, assists in tours and assumes a personal interest in the success of his associate active member. The active member owns, feeds and cares for the sow and her litter and pays for the sow from the first sale of pigs.

Active and sponsor members sign an agreement to abide by the rules of the board of directors which consists of the local leader of each breed and enough business men to make a board of nine. The purchasing of sows is done by a purchasing committee consisting of the county agent and two breeders who do not have stock for sale.

The details of the club have been worked out by County Agent Ausman cooperating with committees from the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and Rotary clubs. The club is proving very successful livestock specialist work in Corson county.

Pleasant Ridge township. Forty people were present."

"A Farm Bureau community meeting was held at White Deer with an attendance of 62. Agricultural films were shown and plans were formulated for the purchase of a moving picture machine, and the installation of wire fence telephones."

"A Farm Bureau community meeting was held in Pioneer township on January 26, at which time an illustrated lecture on balancing rations for dairy cattle and hogs was given, as mentioned above, under these respective headings."

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Program of Work Meetings

George S. Hansen, county agent in Potter county, reports some successful program of work meetings as follows:

"The past month nine meetings were held in various parts of the county for the purpose of outlining a program of work. At these meetings a summary of the last year's work, especially the work on soybeans, corn, alfalfa and potatoes, was given. This brought out some of the results of this work to a greater number of people and gave a better idea of the extension work that we are trying to do in Potter county. Following this a general outline of the next year's work was given and open discussion held on the various parts. As a result a fairly complete program has been developed and a few cooperators secured."

L. V. Ausman, former county agent in Codington county, had a fine series of meetings of a similar nature a year ago and secured practically all his cooperators in his demonstration work through these meetings.

Another Testing Association

The Watertown Cow Testing association was organized February 26, elected officers and employed a tester to begin testing their cows for milk and butter-fat production for one year. The testing started March 1, Harold E. Erickson of Salem having been employed to do the work.

There are 26 members of the association, the majority of them living south and east of Watertown. Officers elected were Fred Brown, president; C. C. Harris, vice-president; S. B. Carothers, secretary-treasurer; and C. B. Moorhouse, Mr. Keyes of Henry, and Mr. Flint to serve on the board of directors. Great interest has been displayed in cow testing association work this year. Codington and Day counties have organized one each. Hamlin, Brookings, Moody and Clark have taken the initial steps and will probably have similar organizations. An association needs 26 members to operate most efficiently.

Turner Wright, formerly livestock specialist of the Arkansas Agriculture college, has been engaged as livestock specialist in South Dakota to succeed J. C. Holmes, who again goes back into the wool work for the State Sheep and Wool Growers' association. Mr. Wright comes highly recommended for the position. Prior to his work in demonstration, he was connected with the U. S. Bureau of Markets for three years, and has been a professor of animal husbandry at the Kansas State Agricultural college, and spent one year of special investigational work on livestock husbandry in Europe. Mr. Wright has a clear personality, a clear thinker, and his addition to the extension force in South Dakota is a decided asset to the livestock interests of the state.
BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK

IN A NUTSHELL FOR 1922

46 Counties conducted club work.
15 different club projects organized.
581 standard clubs organized.
6,375 members enrolled.
2,684 members made a complete final report of their work.
7 club camps were held.
27 county fairs had club exhibits and demonstrations.
42 counties were represented at the State Fair.
432 exhibitors attended the State Fair.
671 club exhibits sent to State Fair.
101 demonstration teams competed for honors at State Fair.
$97,644.14 was the value of club products above cost of production.

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Miss Keithline, cooperating with County Agent Sloan, organized six girls' clubs in clothing the first week in February. In every case when the girls' work was presented to the women's clubs, the women were greatly interested and assisted in organizing their girls for club work. They said, "We must have work for our girls, although we may not get it for ourselves." No difficulty was experienced in getting capable leaders for these clubs.

Mrs. F. I. Sheffer, local leader of the girls' clothing club at Oacoma, Lyman county, makes the following statement: "I had no idea the girls would be so interested in their work when I started with them as local leader. Every day some of the girls come to my home for instructions or help with their work." What a host of friends Mrs. Sheffer will have in her club girls and such a splendid opportunity for personal service. When men and women are willing to give real leadership to our boys and girls, the juvenile reform problems will all be solved.

Members of all the dairy clubs will be interested to know that the state champion dairy judging team selected at the State Fair next September will be sent to the National Dairy exposition and World's Dairy congress at Syracuse, New York, October 6-13, 1923.

The club exhibits were one of the chief attractions of the Lincoln County Mid-Winter fair held at Canton, February 7, 8 and 9. The Lincoln county clubs are doing some excellent work and will make a good showing at the State Fair. Professor Coleman, club leader and Smith-Hughes instructor at Lennox, brought his entire club membership to the fair.

 Arrangements are being made to hold club camps at the following places during July: Lennox, Madison, Clark, Pierre, St. Lawrence, Rapid City, Ardmore, and Newell. All club leaders and club members should plan to attend the camp nearest home.

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A study in made-over garments as a result of girls' clothing club work. A new dress out of an old coat.

A Governor on Club Work

Former Governor Lowden of Illinois had the following to say about boys' and girls' club work: "There is no more hopeful movement in agriculture today than the boys' and girls' club work. The trouble has been that we have never begun the teaching of important subjects to the farm people soon enough."

The following news items were sent in by Charlotte Biester, home extension agent of Grant county:

Crowded conditions in the Revillo schools have made it impossible to incorporate the home economics work in the school curriculum. Nevertheless, by assuming the leadership for the girls' work the Revillo local leaders are offering the full four years of sewing to the girls in that community. With the assistance of Mrs. F. Hockett, Mrs. Wm. Legge, and Mildred Mara, the groups have been organized and are carrying on the instructions. Evelyn Daylor was chosen president of the fourth year group while Vera Dillman has been chosen as secretary. The officers in the first year club are as follows: Edith Derr, vice president; Laura Derr, secretary-treasurer. This group has nine members enrolled and is working under the direction of Mildred Mara. Although these girls did not start their work until the first of January, they are now starting on their third requirement. Mrs. F. Hockett is the local leader for the second and third years' work. This group, known as the True Blue club, has for its president, Elsie Hewitt. Edna Tiller is the secretary and treasurer. The Revillo sewing clubs are representative of one of the outstanding pieces of club work in Grant county. Four years ago the first clubs were organized by May Keithline, the first Grand county club leader and now the state clothing specialist. Miss Keithline organized the girls who now are taking the fourth year work.

Lester Liebbert of Bushnell, Brookings county, at present a student in the School of Agriculture, State college, was invited to take part on the program of the Farmers' Institute and Mid-Winter fair at Schaller, Iowa, January 4, 5, and 6, 1923. Lester has been a club member for the past five years and was state corn club champion for three successive years. Today he has one of the finest Duroc herds in Brookings county and is recognized as one of the progressive young farmers of the state. His invitation to appear on the program at the Schaller fair is evidence of his good club work.

The South-Soo Sow-Litter club of Minnehaha county has re-enrolled for its fourth year work with a membership of 20. David Warren is local leader and Mabel Klapprodt is secretary.

All club enrollments must be on file at the state office by April 1 to make the club members eligible for the State Fair Club camp and state honors. Be sure your enrollments are in by this date.

The Garfield Township club of Clay county has re-enrolled with 15 members. This is one of the first sow-litter clubs organized in the state. It also holds the record for sending the largest number of its members to the School of Agriculture, State college. Clifford Heden, the present local leader of the club, is a graduate of the School of Agriculture.

Ernest L. Hanson and Olga C. Hanson, charter members of the club, are students in the School of Agriculture this year.

J. H. Hamilton, county agent of Minnehaha county, has resigned to accept a position with the Sioux Falls Savings bank as dairy club director. Mr. Hamilton will devote his time to promoting dairy clubs. He was county club leader of Minnehaha county before accepting the position of county agent. He is experienced in club work and will give efficient leadership and cooperate with all dairy clubs of the state.

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Changes in Personnel

W. F. Schmaaidt, an Ames graduate, who has been farming in partnership with his brother at Menno, has been employed as county agent by the Douglas County Farm Bureau. Mr. Schmaaidt assumed his duties March 1, succeeding George B. Kennard, who has already begun his work as county agent in Minnehaha county.

Sumner E. Davis, formerly county agent in Moody county, met the qualifications of the Haakon County Farm Bureau directors.

A rearrangement of the personnel in the state office has resulted in George H. Valentine, formerly assistant boys' club leader of the outstanding agronomy specialist; Suzan Z. Wilder becoming state specialist in foods, and Mae Keithline, state specialist in clothing.
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HIGH SPOTS

J. M. Browning—Fifteen high grade dairy cows were brought into the county through the assistance of the county agent. Sixty purebred boars, 5 purebred bulls, and 30 purebred sheep were exchanged through the office. One four day short course was held at Veblen with special attention given to water and management of livestock. A shipping association was assisted in organizing at Newark. Two farmers were secured to put on a hog sanitation demonstration. Ten farmers have agreed to use purebred varieties of seed corn and five farmers have agreed to act as demonstrators in alfalfa work, each to sow 1/2 of an acre under our supervision. (Marshall county)

John A. Gunning—Eleven meetings were attended by the agent during the month. An order was received from a county agent in Wisconsin for 8,560 pounds to conduct a girls' camp at Lake stations here. I now have 15 farmers pooling their seed to fill this order. Two cooperators for hulless oats demonstration will be set with one cooperator only resistant flax. Five men were interested in the importation of good dairy cattle. Two boys were furnished with five ewes in sheep club work. Two poultry culling demonstrations were put on and one man was assisted in getting a carload of feed corn. (Day county)

W. F. Broich—Two cars containing 3,000 bushels of registered Canadian Marquis seed wheat have been ordered from Canada. This seed will be distributed by the farmers' elevators at Herreid and Artas. On account of the mixtures in seed wheat now used in the county, this seed will provide a source of reliable 100 percent pure seed. One shipping association was organized and trouble over the management question was settled by popular vote of the 300 farmers present. (Campbell-McPherson county)

Anna M. Streed—Six training schools for club demonstrators were held and the demonstrators were schooled on "short cuts" and "safety of materials." Attendance at these schools was 100 percent. Eight women's clubs were met with and the local demonstrators assisted in putting on their demonstration. Eight local leaders for girls clubs were assisted and three girls' club meetings attended. Plans are being made to conduct a girls' camp at Lake Madison for five days in June. (Brookings District-Moody, Lake, Brookings and Kingsbury counties)

Eva Bickel—Seventy demonstrators attended five training schools to be schooled in the "study of materials" demonstration. On annual meeting Farm Bureau day 70 women had a special meeting at which time it was decided that enrollments for the women's work should close November 1 and enrollment in one club should be limited to 20. It was unanimously agreed that all members are given the opportunity of being demonstrators and that only members should be permitted to attend training schools. Fifteen girls' club meetings were attended with an attendance of 123 members and five demonstrations given them in "pattern making," 7 in "short cuts" and 5 in "care of the sewing machine." (Minnehaha county)

Perry T. Smith—Assisted two farmers in buying dairy cows and one farmer in purchasing a purebred bull from the State school herd. One-half car of two year old alfalfa seed was sold. Some pure Grimm alfalfa seed was purchased and a weed eradication campaign started. Have discussed the planting of sweet clover with about thirty farmers during the month and orders have been taken for 1,900 sweet clover seed. Three culling demonstrations were put on and assistance given in organizing a community poultry show at Frankfort. Work started on a purebred combination sale to be held at Redfield on March 15. (Spink county)

N. F. Nelson—Three cooperators secured in a 10 acre corn project, two in soybeans, one in Kota wheat, two in sweet clover and pasture, and one member in a corn club. Three pig club members were assisted in pedigree work. Tuberculosis eradication work was started by the showing of the film, "Out of the Shadows," at the farm account meetings. Eighty farmers attended three farm management schools and 10 on the state school herd. Arrangements were made for the coming year. One junior farm management club was organized at Harrold with a membership of seven boys. (Hughes county)

V. D. Basart—Proper remodeling of hog houses and barns and the installation of ventilation systems called for the three farm visits. A two day short course for late February was arranged at Raymond. This will consist of a corn and grain show and work on swine and dairy feeding with one night being given to the showing of agricultural films. The Boosters club of Raymond is taking charge of local arrangements. Preliminary meetings for the purpose of organizing community clubs were held in Ask and Warren townships. The annual meeting of the Farm Bureau was held and 320 members attended. One delegate from each of the organized communities in the county met at 9:30 a. m. as a resolutions committee. (Clark County)

L. M. Woodruff—Ten men were located at Kota wheat cooperators, each to take one-half of an acre. A list of all men in the county having alfalfa seed for sale was made up. Four demonstrations in milk testing with junior clubs covering 40 cows were held. Three demonstrations on the selection of breeding flocks in poultry were also held. Leaders who are to demonstrate fruit and strawberry culture at the community meetings were assembled at a conference and A. L. Ford of the college gave them many good pointers. One community meeting was held, Mr. Ford talking on strawberry culture. Eight demonstrators in this project were secured as a result. Two men were assisted in the laying out of farm fields and buildings and one community meeting was held dealing with farmstead planning. All the men carrying on "alfalfa for brood sows" demonstrations were visited and pictures were taken. Monthly instruction record books with the county fair association were held a special club day at the fair next fall. Special classes have been made for the different breeds of pigs and liberal prizes are being offered. Three hundred and fifty-two people attended nine meetings in four days with P. J. Scarbro of the college giving a talk and showing films on boys' and girls' club work. Arrangements were made for a boys' and girls' club camp to be held at Rapid City in June. One hundred and ninety-six people attended a good national Farm Bureau meeting. (Pennington county)

Oscar Hermstad—Eight farmers have clubbed together, each man buying two and one-half bushels of wheat (Kota), to be seeded in one plot and cared for by one man in the group. This kind of a demonstration lessens the expense for each individual and also a demonstration carried on in this way will give more publicity and be taken better care of than if carried on in a small plot on each man's farm. This makes a total of 50 acres of Kota wheat to be seeded in Dewey county this year through our efforts. Twelve grade Holstein cows were shipped into the county as a result of a better dairy cow campaign. One man was advised on better ventilation for his hog house. Three farmers account books, with Mr. McCullough of Brookings assisting. A sow-litter club of seven members is being organized at Isabel. One poultry culling demonstration was held and four additional demonstrations held. Records are being kept of both the culls and the hens retained to determine the results. (Dewey county)