

NEW LONDON COUNTY FARM AND HOME BUREAU WORKS IN VARIED LINES

Valued Service Rendered Over Wide Territory—Leadership Given in Crop Raising, Cooperative Buying, Orchard Improvement, Poultry Culling and Dairying—Work Covers Whole County.

Forward steps in farm and home bureau work have been made in the past year in New London County under the direction of County Agent Harold F. Johnson and Miss Gladys Stratton, the home demonstration agent.

The organization project, in which 499 memberships were secured in the towns of the county at \$10 each during a membership campaign, cooperative buying project and cross project are, however, touched upon for each town.

Bozrah. Twenty-three members signed. During the year three meetings were held to discuss co-operative buying and a number of farmers in this town joined with the farmers in the town of Franklin in organizing the Yantic Co-operative exchange.

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The farmers of this section united in buying a 24-ton car of fertilizer during this past year. A large part of this fertilizer was for home mixing.

A very extensive pasture demonstration was put in on the farm of H. G. Lewis & Son to demonstrate the value of using different combinations of lime and acid phosphate and potash in bringing back some of our run-out pasture lands.

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Forty-eight farm bureau members were secured during the membership campaign and four women members were later secured.

Early in the year the Norwich Co-operative exchange was organized with a membership of better than 50 men. This exchange has done around \$30,000 worth of business in seeds, fertilizers, lime and feeds.

A meeting to discuss the use of fertilizers and lime was held last February. One top dressing demonstration was put in on the farm of A. W. Lillibridge.

The manure and acid phosphate plot showed an increased yield of 750 pounds of hay per acre. The plot top dressed with the 6-8-6 fertilizer showed an increased yield of 1,750 pounds per acre.

At a very successful banquet held by the dairymen of this locality J. M. Whiteley outlined a plan for cleaning up his herds in this locality and at the same time definite plans were made for going head with the advertising campaign for milk.

A cutting demonstration was held on the farm of H. J. Banker, at which time Prof. R. E. Jones from the college pointed out the essential points in selecting siring hens and pullets.

Nine farm bureau members were secured during the membership campaign and four women members were later secured.

A very successful pruning demonstration was held on the farm of George Perkins last January. A culling demonstration was held on the farm of Mrs. Tompkins early in this year.

Twenty-one farm bureau members were secured during the membership campaign and four women members were later secured.

The Yantic Co-operative exchange has done a thriving business during this past year, with Arthur Shedd as manager. This exchange has added a number of new members since.

A meeting was held last February, at which time J. S. Owens and the county agent discussed the value of using fertilizers and lime.

Five men from Preston made a trip to Vermont with the county agent and the crop specialist to look over potato fields with a view of buying some good seed for the coming year.

Certified Vermont seed has already been unloaded at a cost of \$1.85 to the men buying through the co-operative exchange.

A potato demonstration was run on the farm of Shedd & Dawley which showed very conclusively the value of buying certified seed. One lot of Vermont certified seed showed a yield of 252 bushels per acre, while one lot of certified Maine seed showed a yield of 203 bushels per acre.

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A corn demonstration was run on the farm of E. L. Moulton. A pruning demonstration was given on the farm of James Wade.

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A meeting was held early in the year to discuss the possibilities of co-operative buying with the local feed dealers. The dealers made a definite proposition to the men at this time, but no action has ever been taken.

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PRUNING DEMONSTRATION

Home Economics Instruction Reaches Women of New London County

Eighteen of the twenty-one towns of the county had work carried on in them in the past year under the inspiring leadership of Miss Gladys Stratton, home economics demonstrator. What was done in the towns is shown in brief as follows:

Bozrah. A dress form demonstration was given in Bozrah and three forms were made. More work has been planned on this project as well as on the clothing project.

Franklin. In this town a committee meeting was held with a small group of women in July to determine the work they wished to carry on. It was decided that clothing project and dress forms would be first part of the program.

Lebanon. A two day extension school was held in this town at which time talks or demonstrations were given on home made dressmaker's home laundrying, trimmings and tailored finishes, beautifully the home grounds and the work of school nurse in the town.

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Highway Work In 1921 In Three Eastern Connecticut Counties

Table with columns: Town, Road, Kind, Length in Feet, Cost. It lists highway work in New London County, Tolland County, and Windham County for the year 1921.

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If the state highway department were disposed to preach, it might take as a text "The rough places shall be made smooth and the crooked places shall be made straight."

That is what it has been doing over 76 miles of road in New London, Windham and Tolland counties in the past year at an expenditure of \$2,160,243 under the supervision of A. W. Bushell of Norwich.

In New London county the road improvement work has covered 35.33 miles at a cost of \$1,638,675. In Windham county 18.28 miles at \$347,660, and in Tolland county 3.44 miles at \$119,508.

Of special importance to Norwich has been the completion of the Norwich-Westerly trunk line of about 14 miles of road at an expenditure of \$671,705.41.

Making travel, either for trade or pleasure, safe, easy, comfortable, and inviting is on the programme for the state highway department and what it is doing in eastern Connecticut is all along these lines.

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Three meetings were held on the home nursing project at which time demonstrations were given on how to make a campaign, and 13 women members later joined.

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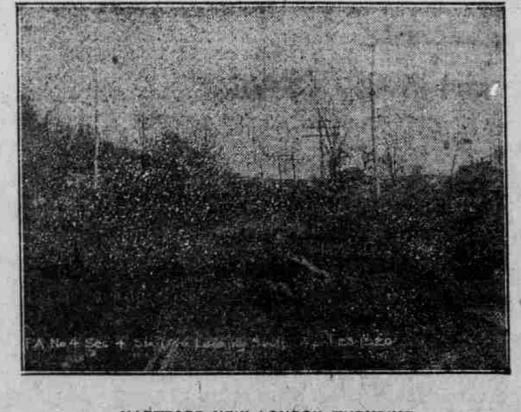
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PICTURESQUE IMPROVEMENT IN LEDYARD ON NORWICH-WESTERLY ROAD

which division engineer. The accompanying cuts of "before" and "after" views of some of the bad spots are illustrative of just what the highway department finds and what it leaves when the work is done.

Chiefly owing to the construction of the Hartford-New London trunk line highway, a splendid concrete road running through the two cities named and passing through the towns of Colchester, Salem, Montville and Waterford in New London county, the mileage worked on and the money spent in eastern Connecticut largely exceeded that of a year ago when there was work on 53 1-3

bad properly for a patient, how to bathe and care for patient in bed, first aid in bandaging and supplies to be kept on hand for emergencies. There was a very good attendance at these meetings being from 27 to 53 people each time. The millinery project was held in two parts of the town, Lebanon Centre and Goshen.

Two days' work was given in each place, 25 women taking the work and making 27 hats among them at a cost of \$69.28. These hats were valued at \$227.50, making a total saving of \$158.22.

In June arrangements were made for Mrs. Dakin, nutritional specialist, to speak to the group which had had the home nursing in April. Mrs. Dakin met with this group twice, giving talks on foods for invalids or convalescent people and foods for the family.

In November in cooperation with the school nurse the children were weighed in the nine schools in the town and talks were given to each group of children on the use of more milk and vegetables.

Work was started in October on re-seating chairs of different types. The rush bottom seats were started and at the next meeting held this will be completed and split bottoms started. Arrangements have been made for a two day extension school to be held the latter part of this month.

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