

This year there were more calls for drainage surveys and plans than we could attend to. Twenty-four applications, averaging 100 acres, have been received, and of these thirteen have been completed. Considerably more drainage would be done, but labour cannot be obtained. We made surveys and plans only where the farmers were prepared to go ahead with the work. A ditching machine will likely be purchased before spring, and from present indications there will be many more calls another year. I cannot cite any outstanding instance where underdrainage has been a benefit, as the work has been so recently undertaken. Last fall we took levels for a main drain across three farms; the drain was completed late last year, and the farmers had this year more than double the crop they ever had on the same land.

I have assisted in making plans for farm barns, and particularly in laying out of stables, planning for ventilation, and the construction of silos.

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FARMERS' CLUBS: We have about twelve Clubs in operation in the county, meeting once or twice a month during the winter, with some continuing during the whole year. These meetings are of an educational nature and are addressed by the members themselves with an occasional outside speaker on the programme. The Club affords opportunities for public speaking, for acquiring the benefit of the experience of other farmers in the community, it acts as a social centre for the district, neighbours become better acquainted, and in many ways proves very beneficial. Different schemes have been initiated in various Clubs. One has been instrumental in getting a rural telephone system among the farmers and in starting a continuation class in the village school. Another has revived the ploughing match and instituted an annual neighbourhood banquet. Others have various co-operative schemes. Each Club is working out plans for the betterment of its members. Of course, I attend as many meetings as possible, and as they are all held in the evening and are in different parts of the county, at times it means considerable travelling and driving at night. In view of this, it is impossible for me to attend all. However, each Club Secretary sends me a full report of each meeting, together with copies of some of the papers read and a synopsis of the discussions. Consequently, I keep in close touch with all the clubs over the county. I have used some of these reports and papers for full-page accounts of the various meetings in our local weekly papers, copies of which were sent to the members of all the Clubs. We are holding a conference of the officers of these Clubs in the near future in order that ideas may be exchanged, and preparation is being made for the organization of more Clubs.