

Dairy Cattle, Hogs and Poultry had more stress put on them than Horses or Sheep, it being a rather rare sight to see a flock of sheep around here, for various reasons.

Now that a general survey has been given it might not be amiss to narrow the horizon down somewhat, until a few sentences are given to show how the individual instructor fits into the life of the community.

The instructor must be prepared to do almost anything ranging from ordering alfalfa seed to teaching a Sunday School class, or perhaps acting as a companion to the lady chaperon. In fact the letters B.S.A. must for a few years at least mean "Beginner in the Science of Agriculture," rather than the more stately degree of "Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture." Most schools conduct a short course sometime throughout the winter months, and, when other work becomes slack. There is always a standing invitation to attend the Farmers' Clubs which meet monthly or bi-monthly.

The Department is always open and ready to test milk, cream, soil or seeds; to identify weeds, seeds, weeds, fungus diseases and insects. During the summer the work slacks up somewhat. Most of the time can be profitably spent in supervising the project work and the Boys' and Girls' Clubs in the vicinity. All of these clubs are under the control of a State Club Leader, and under him the Agricultural Instructor and County Agents act as local leaders. The County Agents' duties are similar to those of the District Representative in Ontario. The local man's duties during the summer months is quite similar to the County Agents,

but of course the district covered is less extensive.

The Boys' and Girls' Club work in Minnesota is pretty well advanced, and is officially encouraged by both the Federal and the State Officials. In this one locality there are a trifle over forty members in these clubs. Special emphasis, in this county, is laid on the following Clubs: Corn, Pig, Garden and Canning, Pure Bred Dairy Calves, and the Bread Baking Club. To be officially recognized by the Federal Government at least five members in each club must register before May the first. It is the duty of the local leader to get the members signed up and organized into clubs; help draw up their constitution and by-laws and keep the members interested, which can be partly accomplished by having monthly or bi-monthly meetings with good outside speakers on the programme; planning for the next exhibit at the following fall fair; getting up debates among the members of the clubs and between individual clubs, etc.

Just a word or so more before closing. If any of you readers ever intend teaching Agriculture in public or High Schools, (before leaving the O.A.C.) go out into the experimental plots and observe how the demonstration plots are arranged; size of plots, color and size of stakes, etc. This knowledge may come in handy. I have seen a number over here that were very poorly laid out. I just finished ripping out fifty stakes with the circular saw for the school garden a short time ago. Perhaps this is the main cause of this digression.