

I SWEET CLOVER

Sweet clover will no doubt be a big help in meeting the need of protein feed for dairy cattle and other live stock as well as the need for a pasture crop. A few sweet clover demonstrations were started by shipping in sweet clover seed in the spring of 1922. The demonstrations together with others which have been added, have been very successful and it has created a great deal of interest in sweet clover. One farmer this season produced over one hundred bushels of sweet clover seed. This and more than all of the seed produced in the county this year will be used for seed in the county. To stimulate interest in this crop and to give instruction in the seeding, handling and use of sweet clover, six meetings were held this fall with J.C. Haney, Supt. of the I.H.C. Demonstration Farms as the speaker. Mr. Haney has had a great deal of practical experience with sweet clover. The six meetings were attended by 265 farmers and keen interest was shown in Mr. Haney's talk.

J HOME IMPROVEMENT

a. Plan of work Fallon County has at present no home demonstration agent. In order to make it possible for the women of the county to receive as much assistance as possible from the home economics specialists we are working on a plan of cooperation with the state home demonstration office. This plan has been working out very satisfactory and quite a number of communities in the county have in this way been started on home improvement projects. The work that can be done, of course, is limited and does not take the place of a home demonstration agent.

A definite plan of work for the year is worked out at the annual conference with the State leader of home demonstration work and specialists are then scheduled to help in getting the various projects started. The county Agent assumes the responsibility for arranging for local project leaders, for community meetings and advertising in connection with the projects and also for the transportation of the specialists while they are working in the county. After a demonstration has been given in the county by the state specialist in a number of communities the local community leaders are used to carry instruction in furthering such project in new communities. This plan can not be carried out with all types of projects but with projects such as the dress form making and home cheese making it works out very well.

b. Clothing Clothing schools have been held in nine communities in the county to date. These clothing schools are held in communities where dress form demonstrations have previously been held and where the required number of dress forms have been completed. A total of one hundred twenty two dress forms have been made by the women of the county and the plan at present is to continue the clothing work by holding one-day clothing schools.

c. Cheese Making Cheese making demonstrations have been held in seven communities in the county. Instruction relative to this work has been quite generally disseminated and a large number of homes are making cheese for family consumption, as well as for sale.

d. Canning Canning demonstrations giving instruction in canning meats, vegetables, greens and fruits by the cold pack method have been held in a number of communities. A boy's and girl's canning club has been organized in one community for the past two years and the work has had a marked effect on the amount of products canned for home consumption in the entire community. One of the girls sent an exhibit to the state fair this year and was successful in winning the majority of the prizes offered. A canning exhibit consisting of canned goods to provide a budget for a family of five for a week has been sent to the Chicago International.

Two new communities have asked for assistance in the organization of canning clubs for next year so that this project will also be materially increased.

e. Mother's Camp. Five communities in the county were represented last year by five delegates to the Mother's & Leader's Training Camp held at Sidney, Montana. In order to help the communities raise the money necessary to send the delegates the County Agent cooperated by putting on Motion Picture Shows in the communities. The delegates returning from the camp were very enthusiastic over the Mother's Camp project and no doubt an increasing number of delegates will be to the Mother's Camp from this county next year.

III.

Outlook and recommendation, including suggestive program of work for next year.

(1). Outlook for Fallon County Extension Service.

Requests for the organization of Boy's and Girl's Clubs have come to the Extension office from six communities where clubs have not been previously organized.