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SUBJECT: Report on 4-H Rural Youth Clubs
TO : Chief, Chugoku Civil Affairs Region
(Attn: Mr. Morris S. Colehour,
Natural Resources Division,
Economic Section)

In compliance with your request subject report is cordially submitted as per attached sheet.

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Report on Number and Membership
of 4-H Rural Youth Clubs

Hiroshima Prefecture

Month	No. of Clubs	No. of Male Members	No. of Female Members	Total
January	426	12,366	2,504	14,870
February	455	12,941	2,693	15,634
March	496	13,926	2,954	16,880
April	593	15,890	3,380	19,270
May	599	16,040	3,429	19,469
June	666	17,245	3,963	21,208
July	668	17,667	4,092	21,759
August	716	17,961	4,153	22,114
September	734	18,193	4,236	22,429

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FARM EXTENSION SECTION
 SHIMANE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

Matsue
 5 July 1950

SUBJECT: Facts and Figures on Double Width Weeder

TO : Mr. M. S. Colehour, NRS
 Chugoku Civil Affairs Region

1. Below are facts and figures on a double width paddy weeder designed by Kazuo OTSUKA, member of the Kawatsu 4-H Club, Matsue and used mostly by his fellow-members in their community.

2. Brief Description

The weeder is 0.98 shaku wide (1 shaku is slightly less than a foot) or practically twice as wide as an average paddy weeder; has revolving cylinders fore and aft beneath a plank. The fore cylinder is capped by six claws, or scrapers and the hind one is capped by five claws. Claws or scrapers are each nearly 3 inches long.

There is a float or bumper serving as a stabilizer ahead of the plank. The whole thing weighs approximately 15 pounds. The operating angle of the handle is adjustable. And so is the float or bumper.

3. Performance

With this double width weeder a man can weed 0.55 cho or 1.3475 acres of paddy a day, whereas the best he can do with an ordinary weeder is 0.15 cho a day. On top of that an ordinary weeder is more liable than not to be clogged up in a water-impermeable paddy whereas this double width weeder is practically immune.

4. Possible Advantage

The use of the double width weeder requires widening the open spaces between transplanting rows from 9 inches to 1 1/4 feet. While there can be no comparison in the labor saving, farmers have yet to find out whether a better yield can justify a wider open spaces between rows necessitated by a wider weeder. In view of the freer air circulation and easier access to sunshine afforded by wider open spaces farmers expect that fewer plants grow well enough to offset the smaller number.

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FARM EXTENSION SECTION
SHIMANE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

Kirisunbara
4-H Supervisor

Matsue
9 June 1950

SUBJECT: Latest Report on Kawatsu 4-H Club

TO : Mr. M. S. Colehour
Economic Section
Chugoku Civil Affairs Region

1. Twenty five members of the Kawatsu 4-H Club and the Kawatsu community of 200 farmhouses are convinced that the club has certainly earned its place in the scheme of things. This club is scarcely more than 8 months old, but it has accomplished quite a few good things.

2. First of all, the lads saw the possibilities of shiitake (*cortinellus shiitake*), peculiar mushrooms thriving mostly on *pasania* logs, which can be cultivated artificially from mycelia. Shiitake are not only prized highly as delicacy by Japanese and Chinese, but also are rich in vitamin D. They are therefore good money crops.

The Kawatsu 4-H lads, realizing that their area is ideally suited for cultivation of shiitake, went ahead to place a lot of mycelia on logs. True to their calculation, logs yielded well. They next suggested all farmhouses to cultivate shiitake, showing them how to do it, with the hearty cooperation of Kawatsu Women's Association. Their teamwork is paying off nicely.

3. Introduction of high-yielding rice varieties is another notable accomplishment of this 4-H club. Heretofore Kawatsu farmers were not very particular about the varieties or strains of rice plants they grew. The Rice Group of this club, however, chose such varieties as would respond to Kawatsu terrain best that could be grown without over-exertion. The result was amazing. Such farming communities as Tsuda and Asakumi within a mile or two from Kawatsu bade eagerly for seeds of varieties that proved so successful at Kawatsu.

4. In farm slack seasons both autumn and winter this club sponsors short courses on better farming better living, and better farm management for the benefit of farmers. Also the boys forming a committee among themselves to show films and lantern slides. These things are highly appreciated by the whole community.

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5. The Kawatsu 4-H Club has thus made an intelligent start as evidenced by good showings in the last eight months or so. The club members are in the hope of building the club up to a point where it will set an enviable standard for clubs in Shimane eventually.

6. Below are the club's setup and particulars of its organization:

Kawatsu 4-H Club (Matsue)
 Location: 1/2 mile east of heart of Matsue

- 7. Membership 25
- Age 20 to 26
- President Kotaro NOZU

8. Club Setup

Depts or Divisions		Groups	Committeemen in charge			
President Kotaro NOZU	Technical Dept Nobuo KOZUKA (in charge)	(Technique	(Rice & MugiKotaro NOZU (Special CropsKazuo KOTSUKA (VegetablesMinoru NOZU (Fruit TreesNobuo KOZUKA (Forestry Products ..Neberu YANO (LivestockRiku YONEDA (Soils and (FertilizersShizuo NOZU			
		(Management	Planning and ManagementKazuo KOZUKA			
		(Short Courses	Better FarmingYasuo YOSHIOKA Social Education....Yukio ABE			
		(Home Demonstration	Rational Clothing ..Kinze FUKUI Better Foodditte Better Housingditte			
		General Affairs Dept Riku YONEDA (in charge)	Planning	(RoutineRiku YONEDA (OperationKazuo KOZUKA (FinanceRiku YONEDA		
				Liaison Dept Kinze FUKUI (in charge)	(Recreation & Education	(Visual Aid..Kinze FUKUI (Athletics...Yoshinori MATSUMOTO (Library.....Taro ABE
					(All-Around Education (Research	(Social Education...Kinze FUKUI (Distribution of (Better SeedsKotaro NOZU (EconomyKazuo KOZUKA (Contacting Coops...Nobuo KOZUKA (Visiting Advanced (AreasMineo (KAWASHIMA

9. History

The forerunner of the present Kawatsu 4-H club was formed by farm youths shortly after V-J Day in October 1945. Chaotic conditions immediately after the end of the war had deprived the farm youths of positive zeal and membership dwindled from 80 to 15. Before long the club died a natural death.

The present Kawatsu 4-H club was organized in October 1949 by earnest farm lads of Kawatsu. Movements for forming 4-H clubs had then been much in evidence throughout Shimane and farm youths of Kawatsu undoubtedly decided it was a logical move to make a fresh start from the scratch.

Kawatsu has always been a thriving farming community, there being approximately 200 farmhouses. There are 286 cho or 700.7 acres of paddies and 60 cho or 147 acres of uplands; 80 percent of Kawatsu's farms are paddies. Until incorporated into Matsue Municipality some 10 years ago Kawatsu was an independent village known as Kawatsu-mura.

Although the club has but 25 members at present, every one of them is an earnest and studious lad, eager to learn the best farming methods. In the 4-H club exhibition sponsored by the SPG in March 1950 this club made a creditable showing.

10. Research and Activities

a. Liaison Dept

This department primarily deals with outsiders, exchanges seeds, contacts other clubs or associations, takes trips to areas where 4-H activities are advanced, makes economic investigation in cooperation with farmers, and encourages farm bookkeeping.

b. Cultural Dept

Better living on farms, including rationalization of food, housing, and clothing, study in home province culture, and arranging short courses on farming and better living.

c. Technical Dept

(1) The Rice Group makes comparative study of rice varieties, their growths and yields; experiments on seedlings at seedbeds, methods of cultivation, and seeks to find best way of maturing lean soils.

(2) The Mugi Group experiments on sowing and manuring wheat and barley periods and devotes attention to disease and insect control.

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(3) The Vegetable Group gives priority to the growing of better burdock, green onions, yam, and taro catering to the citizens of Matsue as principal consumers.

(4) The Special Crops Group studies and cultivates tea plants and cotton (a number of varieties are test-grown). They are studied from technical and economic standpoints.

(5) The Forestry Products Group devotes primary attention to the cultivation of shiitake (*Certinellus shiitake*)----- mushrooms growing on pasania logs-----highly prized as delicacy in the Orient.

(6) The Livestock Group studies poultry, hogs, and cattle together with self-supplying fodder.

(7) The planning and Management Group considers all these problems from technical and economic standpoint and strives to plan things systematically, seeing to it that right crops are raised on right soils.

d. Principal Events

Cultural Festivals, Displays, Better Housing Exhibition, Better Food Exhibitions, Renovated Clothing Exhibitions, various short courses.

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1 September 1950

1. Forwarded for your information is the Agricultural Extension News No. 40 dtd 15 August, prepared by the Agricultural Extension Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
2. The salient points of the contents are as follows:
 - (a) An extension agent in a certain prefecture worked hard for three years to exterminate rice-blight.
 - ✓ (b) Activities of volunteer leaders of 4H Clubs in America and in Japan.
 - (c) The inaugural meeting of the national council of the Agricultural agents was held on 23 July in Nagano prefecture, at which about fifty representatives of various prefectures were present. The purpose of the council is to keep mutual close liaison of the extension agents, exchange information and thereby improve the effectiveness of the agents.
Mr. Rose, NRS, SCAP showed interest in the organization of the Council.
 - (d) Table showing number of extension workers and area agricultural improvement committees by prefecture.
 - ✓ (e) National farm management training camp was held on Mt. Yatsugatake in Nagano prefecture for a weekly period beginning 21 July. A total of 300 representatives from various management training farms attended. Gymnastics, demonstrations, inspection of an agricultural experimental station and display of farm implements were on the program.
Mr. Rose, NRS, SCAP remained for a week and gave lectures.

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言苑

三年間の努力

先日F縣の普及事業を見に行つて、Sという改良普及員に逢つた時の話である。彼が受持地区の稻熱病の防除について、村人と共に今年もボルドウ液の撒布による一斉防除を実行していると言ふのを聞いて、実のところ私はウンザリしかつた。

またしても一斉防除か、普及事業をよく理解していない普及員からよく出る話だ。中には地区委員会に動力粉霧機などを備えさせて、普及員がそれを使つて得意なまでのがある。なる程農家を助けて農業の改良をやるのが普及員だし、率先窮行の氣持ちは尊いが、農家の個々の作業の手傳をするのが普及員の本務ではない。普及員は農家に農業改良上の知識や技術を與えるのであり、それを實地に行つて成績をあげるのには農家なのである。しかも普及員の指導は、ただこればかりの道ではなくて、平面的なものではなくて、何故こゝろするのがよいか、その技術の内容をのみこませて、二度も三度も同じことを繰返して指導して行くのではなくて、次の指導は一步前進したことがら取上げられるように、望むらくは、一つの指導もそれを受けることによつて、他の問題にぶつかつた時にも應用の利くような指導をするのが理想ではないか、どうしてこゝろ普及員は一斉防除が好きなのだろう……とこんなことを考えながらS君の話の聞いていた。

しかし段々話を聞いて見ると、S君は何も彼も心得てやつている人だといふことがよく判つて來た。この地帯では殆どの農家が、濕地帯に苗代を作るしきたりで、その爲弱苗が出來、毎年稻熱が発生するのである。稻熱病の発生する時期になると、彼は朝早くから夜おそくまで、ボルドウ液の調合から撒布の指導までいそがしい毎日がつづく。毎日一週間も通いつづけてやつと受持地区一帯の撒布をし終つて、普及員も村人もくたくたになつた。村人は普及員の努力に対し、深く感謝してくれた。その席上で彼は農家の人々にこゝろ語つた。

「皆さん、これでどうやら稻熱病が防げます。私もつらかつたが皆さんもさぞつらかつたことと思ひます。ここで皆さんに思ひ出して頂きたいことは、この冬の講習会の時にお話した苗代の話です。苗代時代に消毒した丈夫な苗を作つて置きさえすれば、こんな苦勞はしなくてもすむのです。もし私に感謝する氣持があるなら來年こそは健苗育成に努力して下さい」と。

かくて一斉防除に努力すること三年、三年目にやつと稻熱病の防除には何といつても健苗育成が最も大切だといふことを農家に分つて貰えたといふ。そして明年からは健苗育成に力が入り、一斉防除はやらなくても済むでしょうとのことだつた。

私は今更らのように感心させられた。S君は一見普及員らしくもなく、農家と一緒に一斉防除を三年間もやつた。そのことの外見だけを見ると、わけのわからない普及員のやると余り違ひはないのだが、その内容には天地の距りがある。S君としては一斉防除のために一斉防除をやつたのではなく、目標は常に健苗の育成により稻熱病を未然に防ぐことにあつたのである。

云いかえれば一斉防除は健苗育成に持つて行く手段に過ぎなかつたとも云える。彼がはじめから口先だけで健苗を説いても、農家は新しい普及員の云ふことに

辭書を見るとボランティヤというの、有志者、義勇兵となつてゐる。だからボランティヤ・リーダーといふのは、自ら志してリーダーとなるような人といふことで、4Hクラブの場合でも自分が好きで、自ら買つて出て、無報酬で指導をしようという人が、ボランティヤ・リーダーである。アメリカでは、4Hクラ

ブのボランティヤが沢山の面倒をみてゐる。どのくらいいるかといふと、テネシ州の例では、一二十万人の4Hクラブ員に対して、三百人の普及員がおり、ボランティヤといふのが七千人もいるといふことである。4Hクラブの活動を、アメリカであれだけ伸し得たといふことは、勿論、莫大

な日本に比べて一國家予算、州予算が注ぎこまれてゐることは別にしても、ボランティヤがゐるといふことが、その大きな原因でもあるといわれている。普及員諸氏も多忙で、とても青少年クラブの育成に十分な時間をさきえないといふのが現状のようであるが、ボランティヤがいてくれたら、どんなに助かるか又クラブ育成の上になんかに効果があるかはいろいろでもないことと思ふ。

事實、愛知縣津田町の青少年クラブのボランティヤが、普及員をたすけてすばらしい成果をあげてゐる。この町では四人のボランティヤがおり、二人が各々農業技術と、生活改善の指導をやり、他の二人がクラブ員と、その父兄との摩擦を専らホグして、クラブ活動に対する父兄の理解を得ることに専心してゐる。

この町の生活改善の指導をしてゐるボランティヤは尼さんである。

改良普及員会全国協議会の結成

去る八月二十三日、八ヶ岳経営傳習中央農場に於て全国各府縣の代表者約五〇名が参集して改良普及員会全国協議会の創立総会が開催された。

この日午前九時から創立総会を開催する予定であつたが、具体的な活動方法について、更に各都道府縣改良普及員間の意志の疎通を図ることが、今後の運営上特に重要であるとの見地から、当初の予定を変更して、創立総会に先立つて自由討論を行い、文書では十分意のつくせない諸点について活発に意見が交換された。結局未加入縣には積極的に働きかけ全国各都道府縣を打つて一丸とする強力な連絡機関を設置することに意見が一致、午後四時過ぎから創立総会を開いた。創立総会は準備会で十分意見を盡していたので、議事は極めてスムーズに進み規則の確認、事業計画の決定、役員の出選と形の如く進んで、農林省川又普及課長、本協議会の設立に御盡力願つた農業技術務安田理事、全国改良普及委員協議会池田事務局長の祝辞等

があり、都丸会長(群馬縣)、山崎副会長(長野縣)の力強い就任の挨拶があつて、いよいよこゝに改良普及員会全国協議会が誕生した。前日來、同場で開催していた経営傳習農場全国キャンプを視察中のN・R・Sローズ氏はこの改良普及員会全国協議会の結成に非常な興味をもたれて、案内中の農林省保官に、集つてい

るのはどういふ人が、今何をしているところか、活動の目標は、役員の出選方法はなど、細いところまで具体的な質問があつた由、翌日のローズ氏の講演中にも約二十分にわたつて改良普及員の横の連絡について言及され、アメリカに於ても同様の集会があつて、その活動目標などについてのお話があり今後改良普及員会全国協議会の活動の方向について有益な示唆と激励を與えられ、改良普及員並に関係者に深い感銘を與えた。

の正ししい現状の認識と將來の洞察の上に立つて、農業の改良、農民生活の改善に寄與しようとするものでわれわれ改良普及員はこの大きな時代の任務を荷つてゐるのであります。

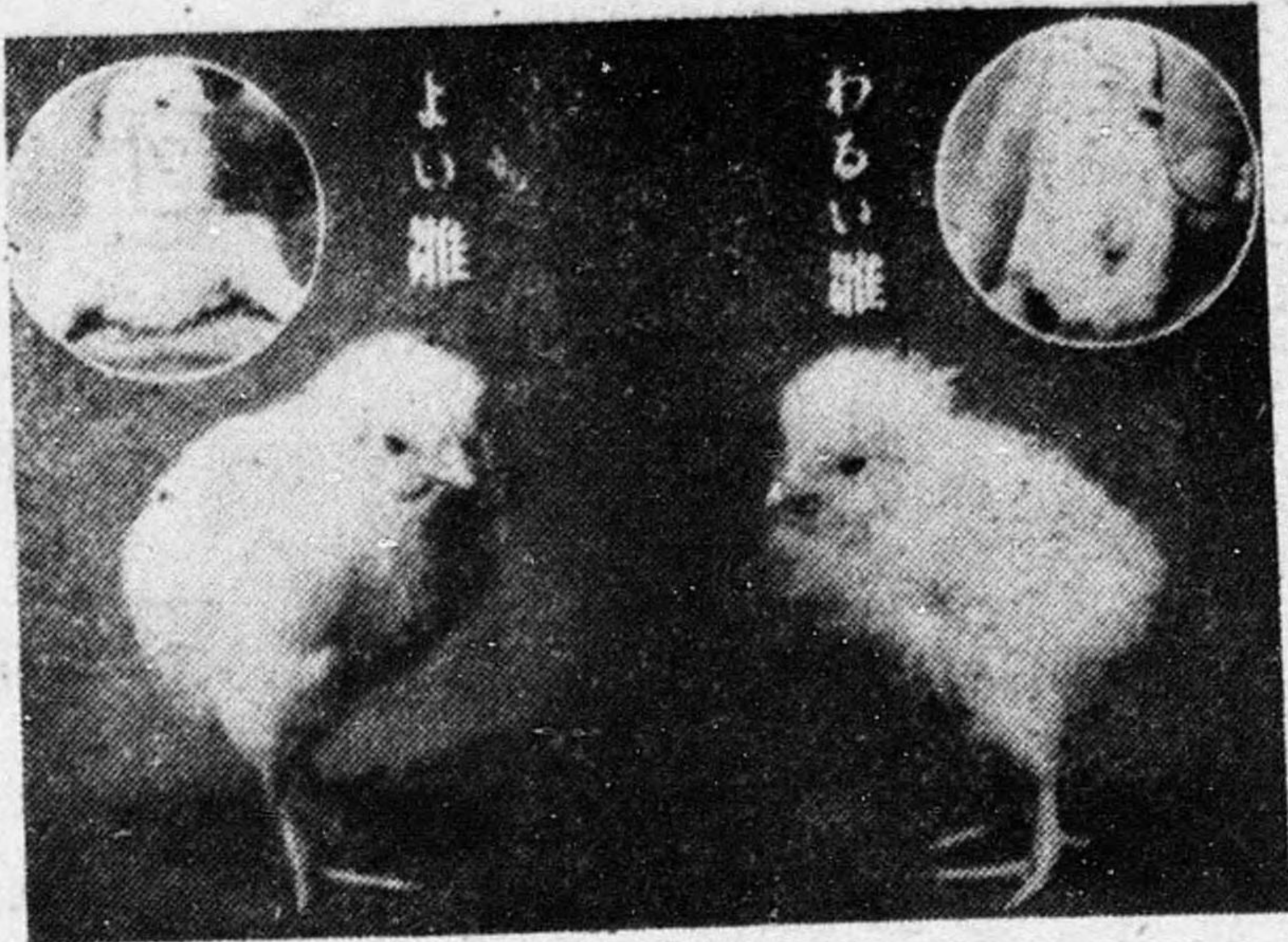
われわれ改良普及員の活動は、行政組織の一環としての職員に於いてのみならず、農業改良事業は農民民主の基礎と、農業と農民生活の正ししい現状の認識と將來の洞察の上に立つて、農業の改良、農民生活の改善に寄與しようとするものでわれわれ改良普及員はこの大きな時代の任務を荷つてゐるのであります。

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農業改良普及制度確立進捗状況 (八月十日現在)

地 区	委員 員 数		改 良 普 及 員		計	専 門 員	企 業 員	改 良 課	表 示
	農 業	生 活	農 業	生 活					
北海道	246	523	0	0	542	10	48	藏 夫	敏重男直次平治則五)
青森	30	171	0	0	185	6	22	吉 信	三政 文可知堅茂引真順宗
岩手	41	191	0	0	200	7	25	木 越	村 健 賀 山 野 月 生 藤 暮 口 川 谷 田 原
宮城	29	208	2	0	218	11	38	鈴 村	(川 志 松 宇 若 麻 近 木 西 戸 網 山 野 河 岡 五 吉 三 安 栗 吉 奥 和 山 西 角 岩 和 沢 滝 畫 尾 山 鹿 高 今 石 南 本 松 幸 德 福
秋田	58	182	0	0	203	6	19		
山形	32	191	0	0	203	7	30		
福島	46	223	0	0	238	10	30		
茨城	63	271	0	0	296	12	31		
栃木	38	142	2	0	151	7	29		
群馬	34	137	0	0	148	5	29		
山梨	151	191	0	0	208	0	31		
長野	51	185	0	0	204	2	24		
新潟	25	50	0	0	53	4	13		
富山	23	103	0	0	115	6	23		
石川	70	349	2	0	367	6	34		
福井	41	140	0	0	150	6	16		
岐阜	21	83	0	0	88	4	18		
愛知	25	101	0	0	113	4	18		
三重	26	72	0	0	75	4	14		
滋賀	380	325	78	0	419	5	26		
京都	123	173	4	0	199	6	24		
大阪	122	172	0	0	174	8	24		
奈良	79	241	0	0	244	7	31		
和歌山	91	149	0	0	169	5	15		
徳島	56	150	0	0	161	6	17		
香川	32	112	0	0	119	4	17		
高松	43	62	0	0	64	7	25		
愛媛	27	300	97	1	398	2	13		
高知	24	57	0	0	60	5	20		
福岡	87	122	0	0	124	6	19		
佐賀	17	90	0	0	93	6	16		
熊本	60	124	0	0	125	7	27		
大分	72	239	0	0	252	4	21		
宮崎	84	247	156	0	410	5	27		
鹿児島	141	153	3	1	163	6	22		
沖縄	25	110	0	0	118	7	23		
計	141	141	0	0	153	5	13		
計	52	227	24	8	261	6	16		
計	27	115	12	0	292	7	32		
計	18	264	5	0	282	6	16		
計	24	116	0	0	138	4	24		
計	70	213	0	0	245	4	33		
計	51	152	25	0	187	5	21		
計	29	139	0	0	151	7	18		
計	43	254	0	0	282	1	42		
計	2,900	8,092	478	11	8,991	284	1,147		

北青岩宮秋山福茨栃群埼千東神新富石福山長岐静愛三滋京大兵奈相島島岡広山徳香愛高福佐長熊大宮鹿



毎日教育スライド

鶏の飼方 農林省 毎日新聞社 監修 製作

経営傳習農場

全国キヤンプ

海抜一三〇〇米の八ヶ岳中央農場、そこで経営傳習農場の全国キヤンプが開かれた。期間は七月二十一日から二十七日までの一週間。会場は春、夏の野草が一度に咲いてまさに花盛りであった。全国の経営傳習農場より男女各一名の生徒代表、附添いの職員一各が参集し、二十三、四日には改良普及員会全国協議会の代表五〇名、NHK、中央、地方の各新聞社の方々も来場せられ、これに八ヶ岳の生徒を加えると、一時は三〇〇名を越える盛会で、特にNR Sのローズさんは全期間滞在して視察されるという熱心さであった。プログラムは、青年OD連盟の指導による体操、ゲーム、全国農場生徒のデモンストレーション(実演)八ヶ岳のメンバーによる親迎劇、ローズ氏の講演、キヤンプ・ファイヤー、農業試験場及び馬鈴薯原々種農場の見学、農機具の実演、八ヶ岳登山等多彩であったが中でも経営傳習農場生徒のデモンストレーションが主要な行事であった。

これはアメリカカの四日クラブで盛に行われている新しい教育方式で、経営傳習農場が最近に取入れたもの一つである。予選には約一〇〇人、一〇〇組近くの生徒が参加したが、選に入つたのは男子九組、女子五組で、これらの者は二十四日に改めて、公開の席で実演を行った。デモンストレーションには二人が組になつてするのと一人でするのとがあつたが時間は何れも二十分以内で制限され、生徒達が農場で学んだこと、教わつたことを、公衆の面前で説明しながら実演するのである。実演によつてその事柄が一層よく本人の身につくと

鶏の種類・よい雛とわるい雛・雛の餌付・人工育雛箱・雛用の給餌器と給水器・母鶏育雛・中雛の雌雄・理想的な鶏舎・舎内設備・給餌器と給餌の工夫・バタリ式の鶏舎・飼料の種類・飼料の調理法について、飼料の割合、消化系統、鶏の病氣、鶏の害虫、鶏糞について、産卵の統計、鶏を飼う家の



同時に、それが普及の価値ある新技術である場合には改良普及事業のお手傳いに各項目が二十九コマの写真、図解によつて出てきており、これから養鶏を始めようとする人達にとつてはこよなき手引とならう。(幻燈写真の効果としては絵柄等にもう一步突込んで欲しかったが、どうやったら鶏が上手に安全に飼えるかと云う疑問に対する教育的な役目は充分果しているものと思われ。価格は一本三百七〇円(送料別)で希望の節は直接毎日新聞社事業部(東京都千代田区有楽町)に申込みたい。

9月のラジオ放送番組

Table with 4 columns: 放送日 (Broadcast Date), 題目 (Topic), 放送日 (Broadcast Date), 題目 (Topic). It lists various agricultural topics like '稲の病虫防除' (Rice pest control) and '今年秋肥の準備' (Preparation for autumn fertilizer) with their respective broadcast times.

もなろうというものである。選に入つた十四組の生徒達はいずれもすぐれたものであつた。この日の出演者には新聞社や、業者の団体から賞が贈られたが、特にA級の選に入つた秋田縣大野台農場のチーム(西瓜の芽接ぎ)愛知縣追進農場の女子チーム(さくら餅の作り方)及び宮城縣農学寮の一人の女子(移植わら鉢の作り方)は、その落つき、明確な説明、あざやかな技術、チーム、ワークの二人の間のやりとりの良さ等、全く感心の外はなかつた。題目の選定については、農業改良に一層緊切なるものを

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Activities of volunteer leaders of
4 H Clubs in America and in Japan.

VOLUNTEER LEADERS

When one consult a dictionary one will find the word VOLUNTEER means, "One who enters into any service of his own free will, especially military service," "to offer one's services voluntarily." So a Volunteer Leader means a person who offers one's services voluntarily. Thus in the 4 H Club a volunteer Leader means a person who is willing to give guidance without reward and one who enters it of his own free will.

In America there are many Volunteers in the 4 H Clubs who look after the club with the Extension workers. As an example, in the State of Tennessee, there are 7000 Volunteers and 300 Extension workers for 120,000 4 H Club Members. One of the reasons why the 4 H Clubs activities had reached the height that it has, is not wholly due to the big National and State Budget but is due to the many Volunteers.

At present, it is the situation that the Extension Workers are so busy they can not give sufficient time to work for the progress of the 4 H Clubs so it goes without saying that it will have a big effect on the progress of the Club and a great help to the extension Worker if there were volunteers at the moment.

The Volunteers of the 4 H Club of Agita-machi Aichi Prefecture have got excellent results by the help they had rendered the Extension Workers. In this town there are Four Volunteers, one who give guidance in Agriculture Technique and another on Home Improvements whilst the other two work for the understanding of the parents of the members to the 4 H Club activities.

The Volunteer who gives guidance on Home Improvements for this town is a Nun.

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NATIONAL FARM MANAGEMENT CAMP.

National farm management training camp was held on Mt. Yatsugatake Central Farm which is 1300 meters above sea level. It was held for a weekly period beginning 21 July to 27 July. The place of meeting was just about in full bloom with Spring and Summer wild flowers.

From various Management Training Farms a girl and boy student representative with a staff member as an escort attended. On the 23 and 24, 50 Agriculture Improvement and Extension workers Association National Council representatives and also people from the Japan Broadcasting Institution, various main and district Newspaper men attended. With the students of Yatsugatake Central Farm included there was a total of over 300 people attending, and especially Mr. Rose, NBS SOAP had the enthusiasm to remain through out the whole week inspecting.

Lectures by Mr. Rose, gymnastics, demonstrations, inspection of an agricultural experimental station, display of farm implements, campfire and hiking were on the program but amongst these the most important function was the demonstration given by the students of the Management Training Farms. This is the new education method which is being used by the 4 H Clubs in America, and one of the new method which has been recently put into practice at the Management training Farms. In the preliminaries about 100 persons, 100 teams of students participated, out of these 5 girls team and 9 boys team were selected and demonstration were given again on the 24th by these 14 teams. In the demonstrations the given time was 20 minutes and there were 2 to a team or individuals participating, in public they had to explain as they demonstrated what they had learned at the Management Training Farms. By demonstrating, it becomes a part of himself or herself and when it is a new technique worth propagating, it helps in the Agriculture Improvement and Extension work. The 14 teams that were selected did exceedingly well and awards were given by the Newspaper Companies and other Organizations to these Demonstrators. Those that were selected for A Class is as follows;

Akita Prefecture Onodai Farm Team for Grafting of Watermelon.

Aichi Prefecture Tauishin Farm Girls Team for Recipe for Cherry Rice Cakes.

A Miyagi Prefecture Agriculture School Girl for Method of making transplanting straw pots.

Their composed, clear explanations, dexterous technique and team work were objects of admiration.

On the selection of subjects we wish that something more important to Agriculture Reform had been chosen but with the number of National Farm Management Camps we presume the subjects chosen in the future will gradually improve.

Everybody expressed their wish that this sort of camp be considered a National annual function. This camp delighted the young people and on top of this it is an educational plan organized to develop the young people.

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Number of 4H Club in each prefecture in Chugoku Region.
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Hiroshima

Number of clubs	700
Number of members	22,000
Number of boys	16,000
Number of girls	6,000

Okayama

Number of clubs	351
Number of members	7,110
Number of boys	6,449
Number of girls	661

Yamaguchi

Number of clubs	313
Number of members	11,187
Number of boys	8,947
Number of girls	2,240

Shimane

Number of clubs	294
Number of members	6,987
Number of boys	6,058
Number of girls	929

Tottori

Number of clubs	79
Number of members	961
Number of boys	861
Number of girls	100

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