FARM ADVISER PROJECT: #14

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
College of Agriculture
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
States Relations Service
Cooperating with
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

I. NAME OF PROJECT: Formation of Dairymen's Department of the Farm Bureau.

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY: None

III. LEADER: H. A. WEINLAND

IV. LOCATION: Lakeside Bureau and any other bureau where dairying is a consideration.

V. HEADQUARTERS: Farm Adviser's Office, Court House, San Diego.

VI. DATE EFFECTIVE: (a) To organize the dairymen of the County so far as possible into a department of the Farm Bureau.

VII. OBJECT: (b) To employ in San Diego a milk and cream weigher and tester whose business it will be to weigh and test milk and cream shipments from dairymen that are sold in San Diego.

VIII. HISTORY: (c) To employ a cow tester to test the herds of farm bureau members in the usual manner.

The Farm Adviser organized in August 1915 a Cow Testing Association among the dairymen of the County which association hired a tester who conducted the usual work until January when the floods so seriously demoralized the dairymen that it was found necessary to disband temporarily. About a month ago the dairymen of Lakeside called a special meeting not under the auspices of the Farm Bureau, for the purpose of organizing a milk pool or some organization that would enable them to get more satisfactory results with the sale of their milk and cream in San Diego. A Committee was named to wait upon the Farm Adviser and get some help in this organization. The Farm Adviser, on consulting the Committee, found that the principal tangible point the dairymen were working on was to secure equal representation in the weighing and testing of their milk and cream which was sold to wholesalers in San Diego.
They felt that they were not always getting fair treatment though it was stated by one member of the Committee that it was quite probable that a great many things the wholesalers said about their milk and cream and the condition in which it arrived were true though the dairymen as a whole would not believe it and that the presence of some one in their own employ in San Diego would enable them to clear up these difficulties. The Farm Adviser feels that it would not be advisable for the dairymen to form a separate organization as it would undoubtedly result in the weakening of the Farm Bureau and that the organization of a Dairymen's Department of the Farm Bureau would serve the purpose as well as be more economically handled.

IX. PROCEDURE:

(a) The Farm Adviser will outline a project on the dairymen's department of the Farm Bureau making two divisions of this Department, namely, Cow Testing Division and the Milk and Cream Weighing and Testing Division. (Completed- May 9, 1916.)
(b) The Farm Adviser will submit a project covering this matter to the State Leader for approval. (Completed- May 17, 1916.)
(c) The Farm Adviser will outline this project to the Committee of Dairymen from the Lakeside section, the Lakeside Farm Bureau, Mission Valley Farm Bureau and any other Farm Bureau, as well as the County directors who should be interested in the proposition. (Completed)
(d) After all the dairymen who are so situated as to be helped by the services of a milk weigher and tester will be visited, either by the Farm Adviser or some member of the Dairy Committee of the Farm Bureau Locals and their signature to the Member's Agreement will be secured. (Completed- July 12)
(e) After a sufficient number of dairymen have joined the milk and cream weighing and testing division of the Dairymen's Department, the Farm Bureau where dairying is a part of the interests involved, will be asked to form dairy committees and a committee will be appointed by the President of the Farm Bureau to handle the matter of securing a milk and cream weigher and tester and obtaining a signed contract for his services. (Completed-)

(f) As soon as it is determined that conditions of the dairymen have been improved sufficiently to warrant, a cow testing division will be organized and a tester employed. (Completed-
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IX- d The Farm Adviser circulated among the interested dairymen, formed an agreement for organization of the Milk and Cream Weighing and Testing Division and on July 1st called a meeting of all interested dairymen at which time five directors were named to handle the work of this Division.

It was necessary to depart from the prescribed form of organization in that three of the sections represented did not have active farm bureaus and it was desired that they should be represented on the Board of Directors, consequently the dairymen themselves were asked to elect these men.

Immediately after the election of these directors they met and engaged Mr. E. Crumley, previous cow tester, to perform the services of weigher and tester in town, to go to work immediately.