

Organized to Serve

Because you who read this little magazine are, for the most part, in frequent contact with the agricultural agencies which are part of the University of Arizona, you may find it interesting and even helpful to know how those agencies are organized.

First of all, of course, is the State of Arizona with a Board of Regents which sets policies for, and generally supervises, the University of Arizona and the State Colleges at Flagstaff and Tempe.

The University of Arizona consists of several colleges—of education, engineering, mines, pharmacy, liberal arts, business and public administration, agriculture, fine arts, law and the graduate college. There are other agencies within the university, such as the school of military science, bureaus of ethnic research and business research, a cooperative wildlife research institute, geochronology (tree ring studies) laboratories, state museum and many others. All these are part of the state university—the University of Arizona, of which Dr. Richard A. Harvill is president.

Now to get to our own field—agriculture. The College of Agriculture, directed by its dean, has four agencies of activity, the School of Home Economics, Agricultural Extension Service, Experiment Station and Division of Resident Instruction.

The Division of Resident Instruction, under Director T. F. Buehrer, is that part of the College of Agriculture concerned with the on-campus teaching of boys taking courses in agriculture. The School of Home Economics, under Dr. Ruth C. Hall, is the comparable agency for on-campus teaching of girls enrolled in home economics.

The Agricultural Experiment Station, with Dr. R. S. Hawkins its director, is another branch of the College of Agriculture. It is the agricultural research arm of the university. In cooperation with the Agricultural Research Service (part of USDA) in Washington, this state experiment station carries on research in many fields—agricultural biochemistry, soils, agricultural economics, poultry science, dairy science, engineering, plant pathology, entomology, animal science, botany, horticulture, animal pathology, plant breeding, water utilization, and others.

Some of this agricultural research is concerned with local or state aspects of national problems, some with Arizona's share of regional problems, some with purely state problems. Branch experiment stations at Yuma, in the Salt River Valley and at Safford, plus research farms at Tucson and cooperative research on farms, ranges and Indian reservations throughout the state are all part of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Last we come to the agency which most farmers know most about—the Extension Service, a branch of the College of Agriculture which also has cooperative contact with the Department of Agriculture in Washington and with county government in the counties it serves. Charles U. Pickrell is the director of the Extension Service in Arizona.

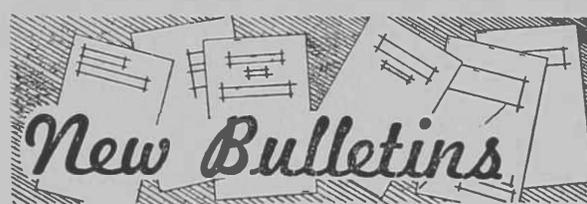
The job of Extension is to "extend"—that's where its name came from—to "extend" research findings of the Experiment Station and the Department of Agriculture to the farm and ranch families who can make practical use of that information.

Extension does two things with research findings; it frequently popularizes the language and symbols so they can be readily understood by everyone, and it carries that popularized information to the farm family. This information is of all kinds, and in all forms.

Whatever the location and the particular person or job, however, they are part of that over-all whole, a University devoted to serving the people of this state in research and teaching which will make Arizona farms and homes and ranches more pleasant and more successful, our people more secure in their homes and in their work.

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