

## Department of Agriculture Takes Steps to Aid Broadcasting.

### HELPS YOUNG FANS

#### Home Concerts and Entertainments Will Form Part Of Program.

To join the ranks of club-member farmers of the younger generation, there is coming the Farmrader. He will prove a great help to his farmer father and he will bring the outside-world to the farm home doorstep.

"Farmrad" clubs, or, to say it uncontracted, farm radio clubs, are going to be another link in the demonstration work of the Federal and State department of agriculture. Following in the wake of pig, calf and canning clubs that now have over a million members, the radio clubs are expected to attract the interest of many more rural boys and girls.

The radio telephone is now bringing weather forecasts, crop conditions, and market quotations to many farms that are close enough to the present broadcasting stations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, or those of the co-operating States and private institutions. There are many millions of farms yet to be reached, and as the broadcasting is gradually extended to include the whole country, bright young boys and girls will be needed to convince their parents that a mysterious combination of wires and knobs will actually bring to

the farm the vital information that will aid the complex business of farming.

Plans are under way for the extensive organization of Farmrad clubs. County extension agents in many parts of the country are beginning to gather together small groups of local boys and girls at least 12 years of age, under the direction of a local leader.

#### Will Give Concerts.

In most cases, Farmraders will build their own radio receiving apparatus, using the instructions compiled by the Bureau of Standards and first made public through Science Service. When funds permit they will improve this apparatus so as to receive from longer distances.

The Farmraders will become one of the chief informational sources of the community, once they are organized. The radioed reports will not only be turned over to their parents but they will be delivered to telephone exchanges and relayed to subscribers, posted on bulletin boards and turned over to the local newspaper.

Home concerts and entertainments via radio will be possible and will bring enjoyment to the farmers who have no movie around the corner. Well-organized Farmrad clubs will undoubtedly be able to give radio entertainments at which addresses and music are brought to the people of the community.

### Lenin to Resign, Is Rumor.

BERLIN, March 25. — Although President Rakowski, of the Ukrainian Soviet who just arrived from Moscow, declares that Nicolai Lenin is improving, direct word was received today that Lenin will resign from public life within a few days on account of serious illness.