

or a permanent record. Writers of textbooks, treatises, and magazine and newspaper articles find in its pages a veritable mine of information. Within recent years an important group of subscribers has consisted of manufacturers of foods and fertilizers and other commercial interests who look to the Record as a means of keeping them in touch with some of the significant developments in their respective fields.

The Record was for many years issued monthly, but as the amount of literature to be abstracted increased additional numbers were added. The last enlargement of space took place in 1911. Since that time two volumes a year have appeared, each comprising six monthly and three supplementary, or "abstract," numbers of 100 pages each and an index number. The "abstract numbers" are so called because they consist almost wholly of abstracts, whereas from 10 to 15 per cent of the space in the issues bearing the names of the months is given over to editorials and notes.

Like most other technical publications of the department the free distribution of the Record is closely restricted. It is generally available to libraries, particularly those of scientific and educational institutions. The research and teaching staffs of such institutions in this country and Canada are also eligible, within the limits of the edition, as are representatives of the press in the agricultural field.

The Record is available by purchase through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at the rate of 75 cents per volume, or \$1.50 per year, and the list of paid subscribers is constantly increasing. Many of these are the commercial interests previously referred to. The demand from all classes of readers is steadily growing.

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EXTENSION Service Review Keeps Extension Workers Advised of Developments In May, 1930, the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture began a monthly publication entitled "Extension Service Review." The purpose of this periodical is to keep extension workers in every part of the United States acquainted with the latest results and methods in the extension field.

The need for a printed publication to help in the dissemination of extension information had been felt for many years, but owing to a lack of funds nothing had been accomplished. Recently the need for such a publication had become both frequent and insistent, and the Office of Information secured the approval of the Bureau of the Budget to the publication of a monthly periodical. The Review supersedes such informal mimeographed periodicals as the Extension Horticulturist, Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Leader, Timely Extension Information, and Home Demonstration Review, and is the only official periodical that covers the entire field of extension activity.

The Extension Service Review contains 16 pages of printed matter and illustrations, together with a colored cover. It is set in 3-column census form, 8-point type, with attractive column headings. The issue is limited to 10,000 copies, and the publication is sent free to all extension employees, teachers in agricultural colleges, experiment station workers, college libraries, and to a few foreign correspondents.

The Review is on sale by the Superintendent of Public Documents in Washington, D. C., at a price of 50 cents a year to all others who may wish to obtain it.

The Review features from month to month statements or stories of outstanding extension accomplishments and methods. The field work is represented as far as space permits by news items contributed by the several State extension services. Many of these items and stories are illustrated by photographs sent in by correspondents in the field. Every attempt is made to select and use attractive and artistic illustrations.

Promoting Farm Board's Policies

In view of the fact that the extension forces have been cooperating closely with the work of the Federal Farm Board in its educational program, the Review has devoted much space to this type of extension work. Articles by members of the board, statements issued by the board, and facts and data obtainable from it have been printed from time to time.

The Review contains an editorial page in which are reflected the policies and opinions of the Extension Service. The editorials are planned to help extension workers and to strengthen extension field activities. Administrative announcements of importance are made from time to time, and changes in organization and personnel appear as occasion warrants. The Review frequently mentions new publications of interest to extension agents that they may be familiar with what is being written concerning their activities.

The Review is frequently used to bring to the attention of the field what the department and its bureaus have to offer for the extension of agricultural information. One page of the cover is devoted monthly to the presentation in advertising form of charts, photographs, movie films, bulletins, and other material that has recently been issued. In its columns there appear from time to time reviews and notices of recent publications that are of value to field agents.

All phases of extension are covered as fully as possible; 4-H club work, home demonstration work, and county agricultural agent work receive attention month by month. In each issue there are several signed articles written by members of the extension force. It is the intention of the editors to make the Extension Service Review in the fullest sense serve the entire field force of the cooperative extension service.

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FABRICS for Children's Play Suits Tested for Resistance to Weather

The lightweight durable clothing materials now on the market make it easy for children to enjoy the outdoors in rainy or cold weather. With just a little

attention to appropriate clothing for open-air exercise, the average child can keep warm and dry without the burden of heavy wraps. The Bureau of Home Economics has recently made a study of both cotton and woolen materials to determine their suitability for playtime use. The woolens varied from closely woven coverts to the more open blanket materials. The cottons were for the most part closely woven