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at Star Route, Seven Stars, Pa.,

BENSON, Oscar Herman, 1875--. Reared on a farm in Delaware County, Iowa. Attended several colleges in Iowa and Chicago University. Taught in rural and town schools. Was county superintendent of schools in Wright County, Iowa, 1904 to 1910. Introduced agriculture and home economics in the curricula. Organized boys and girls clubs in connection with his public school work and was an early advocate of such clubs.

From 1910 to 1920, ~~was~~ in charge of 4-H work in agriculture and home economics for the United States Department of Agriculture and also had charge of food conservation in that department. ~~Was~~ Director of the boys and girls achievement bureau of the Eastern States League, Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1919 to 1924. ~~Was~~ National Director of Rural Areas and Towns, Boy Scouts of America, from 1924 to 1941. Originated and developed the cold pack method of home canning. ~~Was~~ Author or joint author of three textbooks on agriculture and of "Agriculture and the Farming Business." Other publications ~~were on the processing of food and on the leadership of youth.~~ Since 1941 has devoted time to farming and writing. *Another outstanding career. pioneer in School and home Education for agricultural farm cooperations.*

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