

..... HATCH, Kirk Lester, 1871- Farm born near Loyd, Wis.
 : Educated in district school. By home study, qualified
 : to teach rural schools. Trained at Plattville State
 CUT FROM : Normal School. Taught graded school at Viola, then
 PHOTO. : high schools at Sextonville, Black Earth, and Waterloo.
 : University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture, B.S.A.,
 1909. Superintendent of Winnebago County School of Ag.
 and Domestic Arts, 1907-1909. Here developed a strong ag. extension
 program; and this caught the attention of the College of Agriculture.
 Organized Ag. Extension at the University of Wisconsin in 1909; then
 became Asst, Director in 1914, and Associate Director in 1931. His
 greatest work was development in Wisconsin of a state system of ex-
 tension service for ag. and home economics, based on taxation, and
 supported by funds from county, state, and nation. Taught earliest
 known classes in ag. extension methods. Retired after 27 years in
 extension service. But he also organized ag. teacher training, in
 1909; and became the first president of the American Assoc. for the
 Advancement of Ag. Teaching. One of our indefatigable and highly ef-
 ficient ag. ed. pioneers. -- J. A. James and R. W. Stimson.



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