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## SHEEPMEN TURN TO IMPROVED FEEDING

Henry Sieverts of the Farm Bureau exchange reports that many sheep owners are buying higher protein mixed feeds this year instead of low grade grain or screenings as in past years.

The severe weather of the past few weeks, coupled with the lack of early rains has compelled sheepmen to feed more extensively than usual.



## BULK HONEY SUPPLY SHARPLY REDUCED

### New Uses Heavily Boosting Demand, Department of Agriculture Says.

Many housewives who do not have a supply of honey on hand this winter and who would prefer to buy large cans of it may have to content themselves with honey of forced in bottles or in small jugs.

Before the middle of December the bureau of agricultural economics reported that the 1936 commercial crop was largely disposed of, and that there was less honey available than ever before at that season of the year.

By mid-December more than three-fourths of the commercial producers of honey were either completely sold out or they had only enough honey on hand to supply the local demand for the remainder of the season.

The demand for honey has been growing rapidly. Use of honey has increased so greatly in new products, especially in the baking field, that supplies have become very tight. Wheat bread made with honey, which has been on the market for not more than two years, has been taking millions of pounds of this product. A bakers' consulting bureau that furnished one formula for this kind of bread estimated some months ago that six million pounds of honey a year are being used in this formula alone.

Exports Heavy

One interesting point in the honey situation is the scarcity of comb honey, which is even more scarce than extracted honey. The shortage of comb honey is partly due to the large quantities which have been exported recently to England and Scotland. Another reason is that beekeepers in recent years have been turning increasingly to the production of extracted honey.

Probably not more than a fourth as much comb honey is being marketed now as 25 years ago. Several factors have contributed to this. First, beekeepers can produce larger quantities of honey by returning the empty combs to the bees and giving them a chance to fill them again with nectar. Also, because of drought in recent years, it has been difficult to produce comb honey of high quality, especially in the plain states which formerly sold comb honey in large volumes.

Finally, it takes better beekeeping and more effort to produce good comb honey than it does to produce the extracted product, and the present tendency in beekeeping is to reduce costs to a minimum, especially the time required in beekeeping operations, so that a larger number of colonies can be handled by one person.

## DAYS CREEK CLUB AND GRANGE NOTES

DAYS CREEK, Jan. 25.—A special school assembly was called Tuesday afternoon when H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader, and E. A. Britton, county 4-H club agent, met with the local leaders, teachers and pupils to discuss projects for the current club year.

Mr. Seymour praised the youth of the community for the excellent showing they had made in club work in the past and expressed his belief that they would continue to build up enviable records for themselves in the future.

Mr. Britton spoke in particular to the high school boys, describing three projects which he thought might be of outstanding interest to them, handicraft, farm engines, and farm concrete. These projects all afford usable instruction which can be put to use on the average farm he said. He stressed the importance of properly preparing livestock for exhibition and the benefit to be derived from exhibiting at fairs where one may meet those who are now, or in the future will be, investors of purchased stock.

He also complimented those who participated in the pleasant project last summer and gave added instructions for those who wish to continue or enter this field this summer.

The high school girls third year sewing club, Mrs. R. A. Moore, leader, met Thursday afternoon. Discussions were led by Mrs. Moore regarding the inventories made by the members, color harmony and appropriate design for the knitted purses to be made soon by each member as accessories. Instructions were given for the making of knitting bags, which are to be completed by the next meeting date, Thursday, February 4. It was also voted that each member should bring knitting needles and yarn to this meeting in order that work may be begun on the purses. Those present at this week's meeting, besides Mrs. Moore, were Nettie Moore, Betty Rhoads and Susie Crispin.

Mrs. J. A. Rhoads met with a group of grade and high school girls Thursday afternoon to organize a rose and flower garden 4-H club. The following officers were elected: President, Betty Rhoads; vice-president, Mildred Spore; secretary, Mildred Mathers; others enrolling were Josephine Wright,

## Swanky Hog-Caller



Tom Beverington, of Chardon, O., besides being a successful farmer and champion hog-caller, also excels at square dance calling. He is reported to have received an invitation to attend a fashionable society soiree in New York, where he will demonstrate his talents both as hog-caller and square dance director.

Maxine Wright, Dolly Widrig, and Gene Rhoads. The club chose "An Old Fashioned Garden Club" as their name and voted to do all-union A work which requires the planting and care of at least six rose bushes and six each of two annuals or perennials. The club's next meeting will be held Thursday, February 4. The roll call will be "description of a variety of rose." Each member is also requested to have several newspaper or magazine clippings pertaining to flower culture.

The regular meeting of the South Umpqua grange, home economics club was held at the home of Mrs. Lon Knight Wednesday afternoon. Members present were, president, Mrs. J. A. Rhoads; treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Hill; Mrs. Lou Knight, Mrs. M. J. Willard, Mrs. Frank Alvord, Mrs. Donald Snyder, Miss Margaret Sugarherd, Miss May Gross, Miss Betty Annus, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Frank Jenkins, and Miss Anderson.

The club voted to purchase four dozen tea spoons for the use of the grange and the club. A lovely quilt top and material for completing the quilt were given the club by Mrs. Knight. The roll call was answered by giving a flower cultural hint and proved to be interesting as well as instructive. As the next grange meeting is February 1, the eve of ground hog day, it was decided that the club would serve sausage sandwiches and coffee.

At the close of the business meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

## POMONA GRANGE TO MEET IN ROSEBURG

An important meeting of Douglas county Pomona granges will be held in Roseburg, Saturday, January 30, at the L. O. O. F. hall. Reports of conferences and surveys will be made and consideration will be given pending legislation affecting the agricultural industry. The meeting will begin with a business session at 10 a. m., followed by a basket lunch during the noon hour and an afternoon program.

## EXTENSION SERVICE IN GREAT DEMAND

### O.S.C. Gives Increased Aid in Programs Bearing on Farming Needs.

Never before in the 22 year history of cooperative extension work in Oregon have the services of the staff members of the extension service been so greatly in demand or the results of their work so striking in volume as during the past two years, says Frank L. Ballard, vice-director in charge of extension in the biennial report for 1934-36, just published in bulletin form.

One of the chief factors in this greatly increased work of the staff was the cooperation extended to federal agencies in helping carry out both regular and emergency programs bearing on rural life. Despite this added burden regular projects of state origin have been continued and in some cases expanded, Ballard points out.

"Oregon has emerged from the depression in a spindling condition than has been the case in many other parts of the country," Ballard says. "This is probably due in part to the soundness of Oregon's agriculture, which has been guided in its development to a great extent through the work of the extension service in applying to Oregon conditions the findings of Oregon's agricultural experiment stations and the facts developed by federal and other public agencies."

During the biennium county agricultural agents and assistants held close to 8,000 meetings and tours in 35 counties which were attended by more than 300,000 persons—an increase of 41 per cent in the number of meetings and 46 per cent in numbers attending, compared with the previous two-year period. At the same time office calls increased 77 per cent. Similar increases were shown by the six home demonstration agents and the 4-H club workers.

## FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

Enrollments for 12 4-H clubs were received at the office of the county club agent this week. Quite a number of other clubs were organized and have promised to have their enrollments in soon.

That there is an increased interest in livestock is evidenced by the fact that four clubs which sent in their enrollments clubs up to five. It is expected that there will be at least five more livestock clubs enrolled. At Loon Lake there is a club of six boys and three girls, carrying the dairy project under the leadership of H. E. Krebs. Beverly Toppings was elected as president of the club, as was Mevin Krebs made vice-president. Marion Toppings was selected as secretary. Other members of this club include: Phil Morrison, Everett Krebs, Irene Krebs, Maxine Toppings, Leonard Gustafson, Dean Toppings and Bobby Toppings.

Another club of 18 members was enrolled from Lookingglass and has as its leader A. A. Jacoby. This club which is made up of boys, elected the following officers: Lynn Hodges, president; Bud Richards, vice-president; Dale Matthews, secretary. The other members of the club are: Art Davison, Leonard Buell, Leslie Buell, Raymond Buell, Floyd Feist, Clare Merideth, George Marsh, Dale Matthews, Charles Setter, Robert Rindinger, George Weber, Glenn Mount, Dale Maddox and Ivan Anderson.

dras, Wallace Dysert and Ivan Matthews. In order that this be called a standard club it will be known as a sheep club, however, there are nine members carrying other projects included in the membership. Still another club of 13 members is enrolled from Lookingglass, most of whom are carrying sheep projects. Leslie Buell is leading this club, which has as its advisor A. A. Jacoby. Officers of the club are: Lee Woods, president; Alvin Heard, vice-president, and Calvin Williams, secretary. The other members of the club are Ray Owens, Fred Sutton, Willard Crow, Victor Exton, Harold Carter, Eugene Maddox, Wayne Swan, David Jacoby, Kenneth Andrus and Jim Davison.

A new livestock club has been enrolled from Nugget, up South Myrtle Creek, Edgar W. Hollinger will lead the club, which will be known as a community livestock club carrying a variety of livestock and poultry projects. The membership includes Loren Smith, president; Dean Whitted, vice-president, and Fred Potter, secretary; Tommie Fisher, Billie Potter, Mary Hollinger, Robert Hollinger, Tony Smith and Orpha Butts.

Members of the Fullerton school have organized a camp cookery club and enrolled the following: Maurice Morgan, president; Alvin Hillis, vice-president, and Ward Cummings, secretary. Bobby Bashford, Norman Aldridge, Jimmy Britton, Laurie Coffel, Fred Carpenter and Jack Loomis. Mrs. A. W. Washford is leading the club and has planned quite an extensive program in camp cookery.

The Loon Lake people have sent in three more enrollments other than their livestock, marketing and health enrollments. This brings a total of their clubs up to six.

Mrs. Noreen Esselstrom is leading a cookery club of eight members, who are: Mary Lewis, president; Ardlen Selberg, vice-president, and Phil Morrison, secretary, with Irene Lewis, Irene Krebs, Tommy Carlson, Beverly Toppings and Junior Wilson.

Miss Josie Carlson, assisted by Irene Lewis, president; Jessie Craig, vice-president, and Ardlen Selberg, secretary, is conducting a project in camp cookery. Members of the club besides the officers are: Tommy Carlson, Jack Moore,

Phil Morrison, Mary Lewis, Elton Wilson and Billy Selberg.

Miss Raye Daugherty, teacher of the school at Loon Lake, has organized and is leading a clothing club. This includes both boys and girls. The members of the club are: Jack Moore, president; Tommy Carlson, vice-president, and Phil Morrison, secretary. Irene Lewis, Mary Lewis, Beverly Toppings, Ardlen Selberg and Mary Kardell.

Some girls of Benson school have organized their clothing club which is to be known as the Jolly Time Sewing club. These girls are: Jessie Boyie, president; Joan Boyie, vice-president, and Mary Ellen McKay, secretary. Shirley Shrum, Ethyl Wirz and Marie Neal. Miss Mary Carol Leigh is leading the club.

Fifteen boys and girls of Scotts valley school, east of Yoncalla, are carrying projects in sewing and bachelor sewing under the leadership of Miss Beulah Applegate, teacher of the school. These folks elected Wanda Jones, president; Paul Rising, vice-president, and Carl Wittmeyer, secretary. Pearl Jobe, Stanley Rising, Zara Potter, Lorain Raymond, Dorothy Schlin, Grammy Gore, Stella May Stalker, Cyrenus Vroman and Calvin Davis.

An enrollment of another Health club was received from the Days Creek school. This club is made up of mothers from Mrs. Lena Stillner's room. Mrs. Stillner leads the club.

M. C. Seymour, state club leader, spent Monday and Tuesday in Douglas county, in company with E. A. Britton, county club agent, he visited the schools and made a 4-H club talk at each school. At each place Mr. Britton spoke and explained the set-up in Douglas county and that the program which is sponsored by the United States department of agriculture was available to any and every boy and girl in Douglas county, but that it would not be forced upon anyone who was not interested in it.

Mr. Seymour gave the national set-up of 4-H club work and explained its many advantages. Programs were held in Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Sutherland and Lookingglass on Monday. On Tues-

## WESTERN SHOW IS DATED AS CAMAS

CAMAS VALLEY, Jan. 25.—(Special)—A mixed chorus of fifty voices will be an outstanding feature of "Oregon's Our Goal," western show which will be presented by the Camas Valley school on Wednesday evening, February 3.

The plot of the play tells of the emigration of the Mundell family from their southern plantation to Oregon, immediately following the Civil war. One of the scenes shows a wagon encampment near Fort Laramie, and an Indian attack during the night.

Another act of the play shows the night camp of a group of cowboys, who sing, play musical instruments and joke.

Children from every grade through the eighth are included in the chorus, which sings a large group of songs ranging from plantation melodies by Stephen Foster and negro spirituals to modern western numbers.

Individual instrument and voice solos are also included in the musical continuity for the play. Proceeds will be used to purchase phonograph records, song books and other needed equipment. The production is under the direction of Miss Rachel Forsythe, intermediate teacher and music supervisor for the Camas Valley school.

## WHEAT BELT HARD HIT BY ICY WAVE

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Hugh Martin, grain operator for the Kerr, Gifford and company, reported that most of the winter wheat in the Umatilla, Oregon, and Walla Walla, Wash., regions has been frozen out.

The soil is frozen so severely,

day they talked to student body assemblies at Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville, Glide and Days Creek.

Mr. Britton has requested that Mr. Seymour return as soon as possible for at least two days to visit the remaining larger schools which could not be visited during those two days.

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