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MELROSE GRANGERS PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

Plans for improvements to the Melrose grange hall and grounds, together with an outline for a summer recreation program, were discussed at a meeting of officers of Melrose grange at the home of Mrs. Mable Busenbark, master, Thursday evening.

Numerous social and entertainment activities are planned for the summer months, and it is also proposed to visit other granges. The date of July 10 was set for an ice cream social and entertainment, open to the public. A local grange picnic is proposed and a date will be announced later.

The next regular meeting of Melrose grange will be held July 3.

RANGE PROGRAM OUTLINE PREPARED

Explanatory Leaflets for Oregon Farmers Ready for Distribution.

A new leaflet on range improvement, entitled "Conservation of the Western Range," is now available for Oregon farmers upon request from county agent offices, announces N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state AAA committee. The leaflet is an outline of the 1937 range program in the western region, explaining the long-time purposes of the program, and giving details of practices which stockmen may put into effect this year to improve their range, and the rates of payment for these practices. Illustrations on contour tawing, reservoir construction and deferred grazing are included.

Inclusion of the mountain meadow provisions in the 1937 program as recently announced will make it possible for ranchers who have a relatively large proportion of their ranches in mountain meadows to cooperate in the program, which otherwise they could not do so readily, Donaldson says.

The two new practices are available for ranchers who have mountain meadows in counties which have been recommended by the county and state committees and approved by the agricultural adjustment administration as counties in which such practices are necessary and will be effective in promoting land conservation.

While no counties have as yet been approved for Oregon, several will be submitted for approval following the July 1 meeting of the state committee of the AAA.

Practices Outlined

The new practices are as follows: Reseeding of mountain meadows to approved varieties of grass at the rate of 20 cents per pound of seed sown, up to \$2 an acre, and construction of earthen dams for control of erosion on mountain meadows, with payment at the rate of 15 cents per cubic yard of fill, and with the payment for each dam limited to \$50. In computing the range-building allowance, mountain meadows will be counted at the rate of 40 cents an acre, when hay from such meadows is fed entirely to livestock on the ranch and owned by the rancher. The amount will be added to the range-building allowance established for the ranch.

Approval has also been given for use of rail and pole fences in addition to wire fences as a range practice, with payment at 30 cents a rod. Commercial mustard and turnips have been added to the list of approved green manure crops for which soil-building payment will be made, and the list of approved emergency forage crops has been increased by the addition of winter seeded peas and vetch when seeded with small grains as a support crop.

FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Lookingglass Camp Cookery club, led by Mrs. George Little, went to Bandon beach for Thursday and Friday of last week. They were accompanied by George Little and County Club Agent E. A. Britton.

The club camped at the splendid Bandon beach and enjoyed beach sports and swimming. On Thursday they took a moonlight hike and on Friday afternoon they went to the coast guard station where all the equipment was explained in detail. The club and other members of the party returned home on Friday evening.

Since it is impossible to hold a camp for 4-H club members, as had been planned this year, County Club Agent E. A. Britton and J. L. Allen, president of the local leaders' association, suggest that those clubs which have been interested in a camp arrange for some kind of a short camp or picnic. Either Mrs. Bartley or Mr. Britton will be glad to assist in planning for such an affair and will give such help as is necessary. Two clubs have already planned overnight camps at the Wolf Creek picnic grounds on Little River. The Glenbowser Cooking club, led by Mrs. Glen Ringo, and the Fullerton club led by Mrs. A. W. Washford, both plan such trips.

Announcement of a 4-H livestock judging tour for older boys and those who have been on tours in previous years has been made by L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader at Corvallis.

This tour is slated for August 2, 3 and 4 and will be taken through Clackamas and Multnomah counties where arrangements have been made with some of the best livestock men for judging of their stock and inspecting their farms. Arrangements are being made for another livestock tour, probably in Coos county, for younger boys and those who have not been on previous tours. According to E. A. Britton, county club agent, he hopes to add another day to each of the tours for use in stopping somewhere for a lot of fun.

It is expected that one or more officials of the U. S. National bank and the county club agent will begin to look over the corn fields of Douglas county 4-H club boys within a week. This amount of time

To Farming Men

By Helen Welshimer

OUT of the soil whose life is everlasting,
You bring our visions to reality;
You prove to us that seed time follows harvest,
And earth produces fruit recurringly.
You tend for us the roots of life implanted
Deep in the land, that from the patient soil,
We may have life and sustenance and freedom—
And what is more, you give us faith in God!

LONG, long before the bridges traced the skyways,
And chimneys scattered shadows in bright air,
When there was only gentle grass in Eden,
And little labor, you were walking there!
Through many ages while men mined and builded,
Learned paths of tides and stars and singing steam,
And harnessed light to re-create its power,
Some gave the food—some wrestled with the dream.

Oh you who know so well the earth's rich secrets,
You are the heart of all the work we try;
Tis you who give us strength for the attempting
To make a world whose spires shall sweep the sky.
Your hands lie deep in soil from which creation
Takes nourishment, the while its vision goes
To seek a higher plane of federation—
To seek the truest work that God bestows!



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will allow for getting all the weeds out and getting the fields properly cultivated.

The Wild Life contest has been announced for those 4-H club members who attended the 1937 session of 4-H club summer school. This contest will be completed by May 1, 1938, and will be judged by a committee of three members representing Oregon State college, Oregon State Game commission, and the U. S. biological survey. The first prize will be a pair of field binoculars and cash; second prize will be a pocket field camera and third prize a copy of "Birds of America."

Each competitor will submit ten written helpful hints for the perpetuation of wild life on the farm, and will be divided as follows: first five hints by which boys and girls may increase wild life; second, five hints that adults may use to increase wild life. Each hint shall not exceed 50 words and must be arrived at through actual experience or observation. They must be practical and should harmonize with good farming practices.

4-H club leaders and members carrying canning projects are invited to attend the canning demonstration to be held at California Oregon Power company on Wednesday of this week at 2 o'clock. Miss Lillian Brinkman, who instructed in canning in 4-H club summer school, will have charge of the demonstration. Miss Brinkman follows the U. S. department of agriculture bulletins very closely in her work.

Rooster Gives Up Romance for Job

HENRYETTA, Okla., June 28.—(AP)—Billie, a five-year-old bantam rooster, made his choice between love and a career and went back to his job as an office boy.

His boss, O. T. Hale, explained Billie's choice in the company's stock department, and keeps a sharp lookout in the front office for customers.

When a customer shows up, Billie calls him, Hale said, and when a hen escapes, Billie persuades her to return to her coop.

About ten days ago, Hale said, love entered Billie's life when Hale brought a sleek brown and white bantam hen to give the rooster "companionship."

"But," said Hale, "Billie immediately forgot all about business. He and the bantam would desert

COUNTY GRANGES TO PICNIC AT KELLOGG

Granges of Douglas county will unite for a picnic at Kellogg, Aug. 11, it was announced today. The committee in charge of the event met last week and outlined plans, which include a program from 10:30 a. m. to 12 noon. Three orchestras will participate, skills will be offered by various granges, readings and special musical numbers will be given, and community singing will be led by Jerry Saylor, state manager of the Farmers Auto Insurance Exchange. The principal address will be made by Ray W. Gill, state master.

Other features of the program will include drill contests, with prizes to be awarded to each grange entering together with grand prizes for first and second place winners.

Pomona grange will furnish coffee for the picnic lunch at noon. Tables will be provided. A small charge will be made on each car to meet the cost of the picnic and work of Pomona grange.

The afternoon program will include baseball games, horseshoe contests, races and other sports.

DEVICES WAY TO CAN MILK AT HOME

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)—Mrs. B. E. Johnson, Choctaw, Okla., club woman, has devised a method of canning milk to use on the farm when pasture grasses are dead and "Bossy" goes dry.

By thoroughly cooling whole sweet milk, putting it in jars and processing it at 15 pounds pressure for 15 minutes, she obtains canned milk that can be used for cooking. Although the milk turns pink when processed, Mrs. Johnson says the color in no way affects the value of the product.

Up until the time have entered his life, Hale said, Billie was content to mind the office, stuff his claws with an especially prepared feed. His one dissipation was an occasional visit down the street to a feed store to gobble up any choice morsel that happened to be lying around.

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FARMERS ORGANIZE FOR PROTECTION

Shield Against Labor War Aim of Step Taken in Jackson County.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 28.—(AP)—The Associated Farmers of Jackson County, Inc., was formed in this city with the selection of W. J. Warner, dairyman, Medford, president, and Henry Van Hovenberg, orchardist, Gold Hill, vice-president. Van Hovenberg left immediately after the session by plane to attend the monthly meeting of California Associated Farmers, Inc., being held in Los Angeles today.

Fifteen directors, from which an executive committee of five will be selected, were also named. Representatives of Josephine county farm interests attended the meeting, and steps will be taken on the coming week to organize in that county.

The dues for the Jackson county body will be \$1 per year for individual growers, and one tenth of one per cent of the payroll for the larger concerns.

The organization is similar to one now operative in California, and has for its purpose the growing and harvesting of orchard and farm crops, without interference from agitators or outside subversive influences. Leaders stressed the organization was not a vigilante committee in any sense of the word, but would co-operate with law enforcing agencies in times of stress.

Every line of agriculture in Jackson county is represented on the board of directors. It is expected a large per cent of the estimated 3,000 farmers and growers in Jackson county will join.

The organization is a precautionary buffer against any possible labor turmoil, leaders said.

APPLE, PEACH, PEAR PRICES MAY DROP

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—The agriculture department tells housewives that prices of apples, peaches and pears should be lower this year, but oranges, grapefruit and lemons may be relatively high this summer and fall.

EGGS PRODUCTS TAX URGED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Congressmen from nine states have petitioned the house ways and means committee to come to the rescue of "hundreds of thousands of demoralized poultrymen

in this country," approving an excise tax on imported egg products. "Imports of dried egg products are increasingly displacing American products," the petition said. "For all practical purposes they have destroyed the American dried egg industry. Our total egg imports from the main importing country (China) are now coming in amounts equivalent to 900,000 cases a year. This is a small percentage of our production, but a much larger percentage of the marketable egg supply in the American market."

"In recent times with high feed prices and low egg prices these imports have contributed to the demoralization of the American industry."

VENTILATED PEACH BASKETS ARE USED

Many growers this year are shipping peaches in a ventilated basket designed by fruit-marketing men in the United States department of agriculture. Its open, crown-shaped cover and slotted sides allow the fruit to be precooled more effectively and more quickly, so that riper peaches may be marketed.

8,000 TURKEYS DIE WHEN RANCH BURNS

HOOD RIVER, June 27.—(AP)—Eight thousand turkeys were burned last night in a fire which destroyed one of the largest bird ranches in the northwest when a blaze of undetermined origin started in the brooder house of the W. T. Price turkey ranch at Pine Grove, eight miles south of here. The loss, estimated at \$50,000, was partially covered by insurance. The entire plant was destroyed.

TENANT FARMERS ON THE DECREASE

SPOKANE, June 28.—(AP)—Tenant farmers in the Pacific Northwest are working themselves rapidly into the landowner class, Ward K. Newcomb, vice-president of the Spokane federal land bank, said. Of 736 property sales during the first five months of 1937, 232 were to tenants. Sales for the first five months totaled \$2,149,987, a substantial increase over 1935.

BLIGHT ENDANGERS BILLION ELM TREES

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Dutch elm disease is threatening elm shade trees valued in the millions of dollars.

American forestry association officials say that destruction of a billion trees is imminent unless prompt steps are taken to eradicate the disease. The blight already has made much progress in the east.

CCC GOING UP TO ORIGINAL STRENGTH

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—The civilian conservation corps announces 53,995 youths and war veterans would be enrolled in July as replacements for the remainder of the year.

The program, approved by Acting Director James J. McEntee, is contingent on President Roosevelt's approval of the CCC extension bill enacted by congress, and the appropriation of funds for operating costs in the 1938 fiscal year.

It provides for the maintenance of the CCC at an enrolled strength of 300,000 young men and war veterans, 10,000 Indians and 5,000 territorialists.

Approximately 5,000 war veterans and 49,000 unmarried young men between the ages of 17 and 23 years of age will be enrolled as replacements. The state replacement quotas will include: California, 2,600 juniors and 249 veterans; Oregon, 185 and 20; Washington, 1,046 and none; Idaho 516 and 33.

COST OF GRADING UP TO CREAMERIES

SALEM, June 28.—(AP)—Approximately 600 milk, cream and butter grades to be qualified by the state agricultural department under a 1937 legislative act, will not be paid by the state, J. D. Mickle, in charge of the state dairy and foods department, announced today.

Mickle's statement followed a number of protests received by the agricultural division. "These graders will be paid by the creameries and milk plants in which they are employed," Mickle said.

STORAGE PLANT TO RISE AT HOOD RIVER

HOOD RIVER, June 28.—(AP)—Construction work on a new storage plant for the apple growers association, designed to refrigerate 500,000 boxes of apples and pears, has started. The plant, which will be one of the largest in the northwest, will be five stories high and refrigeration costs are expected to run less than 75 cents per box.

FARM POPULATION REVEALS DECLINE

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Agriculture department economists noted a traditional sign of prosperity—a decline in the farm population.

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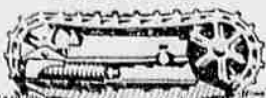
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