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## DOUGLAS GRANGERS HEAR STATE HEADS

### Activities, Finances, Crop Marketing Discussed at Annual Conference.

By DR. C. H. BAILEY  
Editor Oregon Grange Bulletin

Meeting in the beautiful hall of Riverside grange a few miles from Roseburg November 8, the Douglas County Grange conference was typical of others in many sections of the state.

Following the dinner served promptly at 12:30, State Master Ray W. Gill called the large audience to order at 1:30 p. m. and introduced as the first speaker State Secretary Bertha J. Beck. She said that one fault of national granges was not opening at the hour specified, and urged that every member be prompt in carrying out any duty assigned to him or her.

Promptness in meeting financial responsibilities—paying dues on or before the first meeting of a quarter—is a requirement if a grange is to thrive, said the state secretary, for no grange can afford to carry members longer than the six months required by the by-laws with 30 days notice.

All speakers, following their 15-minute talks, were bombarded with questions that required quick thinking to answer.

M. Rena Slack, state juvenile master, took as her topic "Our Responsibilities," and she advised that a juvenile chairman be appointed by the Pomona master to report on possibilities of juvenile granges, who in respect to the secrecy of juvenile granges when in session," declared Mrs. Slack, who said responsibilities of matrons and patrons are great, for they must lead boys and girls into true paths of manhood and womanhood.

**Contest Prizes Cited**

Kathryn Wilcox, chairman of the state Grange Home Economics committee, in a letter from T. Carter, business manager of the Bulletin, urging support of the Bulletin advertising contest. The letter explained that 207 prizes will be awarded to winning granges.

Mrs. Wilcox urged teamwork in the granges, working together for the benefit of all members. She advised newly-elected masters to call their officers for a conference to make plans for the coming year. This divides the responsibility, she said. Only two counties in Oregon are 100 per cent in donations to the Grange Memorial Education fund, said Mrs. Wilcox, who also advised all H. E. clubs to start the new year with a program at each meeting.

**Would Encourage Youth**

The worthy lecturer, Mrs. G. W. Thieszen, spoke on "Our Fraternity," and said grange ritual had developed a fraternal spirit among members everywhere throughout the United States. "We should extend our activities towards betterment of our home communities," said the lecturer, who urged continued encouragement for 4-H clubs, Future Farmers, Camp Fire girls, Boy Scouts and all youth movements. Mrs. Thieszen said that debates and discussions on social methods for all members may take part, providing subjects discussed are of interest.

**DOUGLAS LISTED AS AAA VEGETABLE UNIT**

Douglas is one of 13 Oregon counties designated as a commercial vegetable growing area under the 1940 AAA program, State Chairman Will Steen announced.

Commercial vegetable acreage allotments for individual farms are based on the 1936-37 average acreage, with consideration given such factors as (1) able acreage on the farm, type of soil, production in crops, crop rotation practices, and changes in farming practices.

Some reduction in the state's total commercial vegetable allotment has come about through a change in definition in 1940, strawberries, mint, watermelons and perennial vegetables such as asparagus and rhubarb, no longer will be classified as commercial vegetables, but will be given a special grouping entailing payments similar to the commercial orchard allowances.

**SALABLE WALNUT RATIO INCREASED**

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The salable percentage of walnuts has been increased from 60 to 65 per cent for the 1939-40 season, the U. S. department of agriculture's marketing division disclosed.

The rating includes unshelled merchantable walnuts which may be sold in interstate commerce under the federal marketing agreement covering the California, Oregon and Washington crops. This increase will make available approximately 452,000 100-pound bags of the 1939-40 crop.

**LESS APPLES, MORE PEARS FORECAST**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The crop reporting board said its Nov. 12 survey of crop conditions indicated the total commercial production of apples would be 100,520,000 bushels this year and of pears 20,577,000 bushels.

This was an increase over previous years, but a decrease in apple crop estimates, but a decrease in apple crop estimates, but a decrease in apple crop estimates.

**COOPERATION STRESSED**

County Agent Roland Parker said that grange work for the future should be cooperative marketing. It is successful and agriculture obtain a fair price for its products. One of the greatest problems in Douglas county, said Mr. Parker, is use of land. He said that foreclosure proceedings are being published in local newspapers against 200,000 acres for non-payment of taxes and the 653,000 acres of farm land are paying taxes for 540,000 acres in federal forest, game preserves, etc.

Following these 15-minute talks State Secretary Arthur Brown and Blaine McLean, commercial agent for Douglas county, chairs being filled by local grangers with Mrs. Alice Goff serving as master.

**Finances Sounded**

The final talk in the afternoon was by State Master Gill, who took as his topic "Grange Business," and he divided his talk into three parts—grange, the insurance, the Bulletin and the cooperative movement in the Grange. "Our fire insurance benefit," he said, "has saved thousands of dollars to patrons, and we now have a guar-

## Strong Arm Wins Cornhusking



The husking champion of Lawrence (Slim) Pitzer of Attila, Ind., and a strong pair of hands brought him in winner of the national corn husking tournament at Lawrence, Kan. He husked 28.29 bushels in 30 minutes.

## PEACH LEAF CURL SPRAY NOW ADVISED

Peach leaf curl, a fungus disease which causes thickening and distortion of the leaves, resulting in eventual death and robbing the vitality of the trees, can be controlled by an application of Bordeaux spray at a strength of 6-6-50 as soon as the leaves are off and not later than the last of December. When the buds break and the leaves begin to show, it is too late to control peach leaf curl.

Thorough coverage of every bud and twig is essential for a good control. Bordeaux sprays have been found more effective than lime sulphur and other fungicide sprays. Home-made Bordeaux, if properly prepared, will give excellent results and result in a saving.

Complete information on a spray program for peaches and the preparation of sprays may be secured at the county agent's office. Bulletins are available covering spray programs for all types of fruit and nut trees, as well as the preparation and use of different sprays and spray materials. Bulletins are free to residents of Douglas county and may be secured by either writing or calling at the county agent's office.

## DEGREES CONFERRED

The Douglas County Pomona grange conferred the Third degree on the 44 candidates. Mrs. Alice Goff served as master, and the Fourth degree was then exemplified by the state officials. Tablets were in charge of Mrs. Paula Anderson, Pomona lecturer.

After short talks by the visiting state grange officers and local grangers, the grange was closed in due form at midnight, and patrons who had come over a hundred miles to attend the conference said they were well repaid for their efforts.

## CASH INCOME OF FARMS INCREASED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—American farmers received cash income of \$347,900,000 in September, bringing their total for the first nine months of this year to \$2,413,000,000.

These estimates by the bureau of agricultural economics today, compared with an income of \$345,000,000 in September last year and \$5,357,000,000 for the corresponding nine-month period. Included in the September 1939 income was \$66,000,000 in government benefit payments.

The September and January-September, respectively, farm incomes by states included:

Washington	\$15,714,000
Oregon	\$10,929,000
California	\$51,069,000
Illinois	\$38,717,000

## POISON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOPPERS ASKED

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The problem of protecting bees against poisons used to exterminate grain-hoppers was the basis of a resolution adopted today at the closing session of the national beekeepers conference.

Federal and county agencies were urged by the beekeepers to find a substitute poison or to improve the method of application in their war against insect pests in California, Utah, Louisiana and Oregon.

It was declared thousands of colonies of bees have been destroyed by the control of grass-hoppers. The beekeepers said that the poultry and wild life also are endangered.

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## SHUCKING CONTEST INCLUDED IN SHOW

### Special Feature Announced For Corn Exhibit Dated at State College.

The first corn shucking contest to be held west of the Cascades so far as known, is another added attraction just announced for the state corn show to be held on the O.C.S. campus November 27 to December 2. The two big days for outside visitors are Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2.

The corn shucking contest will, under the circumstances, have to be with shucked corn rather than that standing in the field, but it is expected to provide some keen competition, as well as amusement among the growers attending.

The contest program to be held in connection with the show has been practically completed by the committee in charge, says C. W. Smith, chairman. The only event of Thursday, November 30, will be the college judging contest, which will be open to all college students. On Friday the exhibits will be open for inspection starting at 9 o'clock. The corn shucking contest will follow at 10, after which the growers will hold their own judging contest at 11 o'clock.

**Discussions Included**

An educational program will start Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with a general discussion on corn growing and culture by E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops. This will be followed by a discussion of feeding corn to poultry and livestock by H. E. Cosby, head of the poultry department, and A. L. Oliver, of the animal husbandry department.

Visitors will then see a moving picture of some phases of corn growing in the intermountain region, and will hear Dr. R. E. Fore, associate agronomist, discuss hybrid corn in Oregon. The afternoon program will conclude with a talk on corn products by E. H. Wiegand, head of the food industries department.

Friday evening the farm crops club in the morning and with a banquet, which will be open to the public. Awards in the open class, the hybrid corn growing contest, and the sweepstakes award will be made at this banquet.

Saturday will be 4-H and FFA day, starting out with judging crops in the morning and with a repetition of the previous day's educational program Friday afternoon.

## Plot Against Turkey

### HOOPER, Neb.—The 800 turkeys on George Uhlig's farm don't know what it means to have their feet on the ground.

Uhlig keeps them in a special shed with a screen floor two feet from terra firma. He says it will make the drumsticks more tender, come Thanksgiving.

Ethyle Huckins, Ida Belle Leonard.

The intermediate room of the Middle school enrolled a large club of twenty members selected from those for officers are Stewart Dittel president, Joan Williams vice-president and Bernice Rigby secretary. Mrs. Bertha Blundell was selected as leader.

Mrs. Iuline Brown, teacher of the Curtis school, sent in an enrollment of four marketing club members from her school this week. These pupils expect to be in the annual marketing club program to be held next April.

Pupils of the lower Olalla school (around two clubs last week. One was organized to carry on the health project and includes twenty members with Bill Tankersley president, Dick Croucher vice-president, and Winnie Sheiberg secretary. Miss Rhoda Arnold will lead this club and also the marketing club of five members made up of eighth graders.

One of the largest clubs to be organized this year is that of the 4-H Junior Health club in the Drain intermediate room. There are forty-three members in this club, which is led by Mrs. March Brown, teacher of the Drain school. This club elected Eleanor Moore president, Joan Lyons vice-president, and Robert Cooy secretary.

## News of 4-H CLUBS

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader in charge of all home economics projects, will be in Douglas county Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Miss Cowgill will be present at the local leaders meeting in Roseburg junior high school this evening, and will discuss any problems leaders may care to bring up. Miss Cowgill will meet with as many leaders as possible during this visit and will be looking again soon to contact those missed this time.

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## COW RESCUED FROM WELL FAILS TO LIVE

ASTORIA, Ore.—(AP)—H. M. Winslow's cow lived five weeks at the bottom of an abandoned well only to die when it was rescued.

Clarence Meyer, state department of agriculture inspector, said a farm had found the missing animal lying, thirsty and near death in the black pit. It succumbed soon after it was hoisted to the surface.

## PARTICIPATION IN CORN SHOW URGED

### Corn growers of the county are requested to participate in the 3rd annual Oregon State Corn show.

to be held in Corvallis November 25th to December 2nd. It is possible to secure a large number of outstanding corn exhibits, states J. Roland Parker, county agent, provided corn growers of the county will spend a little time in selecting exhibits.

The state has been divided into four districts. District three, comprising Jackson, Josephine, Curry and Douglas counties, will compete in a separate division from other sections of the state in the ten-acre class, but will compete with all other sections for sweepstakes and county prizes.

**Care Advised**

In preparing the ten-acre exhibit of corn care should be taken to see that the ears are uniform in length, circumference, appearance in regard to both size and color of kernels. An ear 9 to 11 inches long is preferred to ears of less or greater length. Each ear should be well matured and have a bright, five color. Kernels should be deep and the cob relatively small with the tips and butts of ears well filled. A good method in selecting a ten-acre exhibit is to pick out 30 or 40 good ears and then select the ten-acre exhibit from the previous selection.

Arrangements are being made to ship all exhibits from the county to the state corn show at one time. Growers interested in making exhibits may bring their corn to the county agent's office where they will be packed and entries made for the show.

Of special interest to corn growers is the prize offered to the exhibitor having the best ten-exhibits in the show. The cash premium is \$16 and it is to be used for carrying on corn trial work in the county winning the prize.

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## MELROSE Y. G. A. TO STAGE CARNIVAL

### MELROSE, Nov. 13.—The Melrose Y. G. A. is sponsoring a carnival and program to be held at the grange hall at 8 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

The entertainment will be open to the public. There will be a small admission charge. Concession booths and a one-act play will furnish entertainment. Miss May Taylor, president of the organization, reports the committees named to handle arrangements have provided a very enjoyable event.

**OFFICERS ELECTED BY AZALEA GRANGE**

AZALEA, Nov. 13.—Lewis Brady was elected master of Azalea grange at its regular meeting Nov. 6. Other officers chosen included Henry Gaebecke, overseer; Cora Rogan, lecturer; Curtis Nichols, steward; Don Brady, assistant steward; Emma Harrell, chaplain; Ben Phelps, treasurer; Bernice Jantzer, secretary; Lester Harrison, gatekeeper; Bernice Gaebecke, Ceres; Dorothy Tanner, Pomona; Opal Eastman, Flora; Doris Fair, lady assistant steward.

## HUSKING BEE AIDS WIDOW AND SON

### DANVERS, Ill.—One hundred farmers held a one-day community corn husking bee for the widow and son of E. Parke Willerton at their farm near here.

Using eight corn picking machines, but with many husking by hand, they cleaned off 80 acres and put 6,390 bushels of corn in the crib for Mrs. Willerton.

Thirty-five farm women fed the huskers at the Willerton's new house, completed just before he died October 17.

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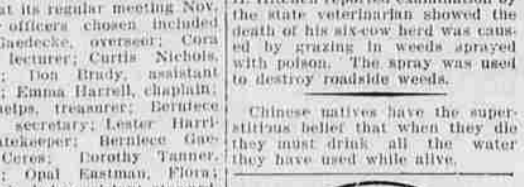
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## POISONED WEEDS KILL HERD OF COWS

### NEWBERG, Nov. 12.—(AP)—W. H. Hitchen reported examination by the state veterinarian showed the death of his six-cow herd was caused by grazing in weeds sprayed with poison. The spray was used to destroy roadside weeds.

Chinese natives have the superstitious belief that when they die they must drink all the water they have used while alive.

## THE MORNING AFTER TAKING CARL'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS



A. Rickkola, Secretary, Lewis & Clark Seed Co., Astoria, Oregon

This fall we bought a "Carpillar" Diesel D4 tractor, with bulldozer, for clearing land of stumps, logs and trash. Previously, we used a leading donkey and crew of 5 men and were only able to clear on an average of 1 1/2 acres per week.

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