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Dairy Co-Op Gets Three New Assns.

SEATTLE, June 24.—(AP)—The Post-Intelligencer says the United Dairywomen's association, one of the largest farm cooperatives in the United States, will become even larger next week when three new dairy associations become affiliated with it.

The expansion, slated for June 29, will give the association a membership of 26 affiliated associations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

United then will represent 22,000 dairy farmers, with 150,000 dairy cows and an annual business of approximately \$15,000,000.

The new members will be the Fernera Cooperative Creamery of McMinville, Ore., the Dairywomen's Cooperative Association of Portland and the Tacoma Milk Producers' association.

The Post-Intelligencer said the Gray Harbor dairy farmers, who withdrew from the Gray Harbor association some years ago to form the milk producers union, had disbanded that organization and rejoined their old association, thus further expanding the United Dairywomen's membership.

W. L. Knutzen is president of the United Dairywomen's association.

Plant Diseases Cured by Fumes

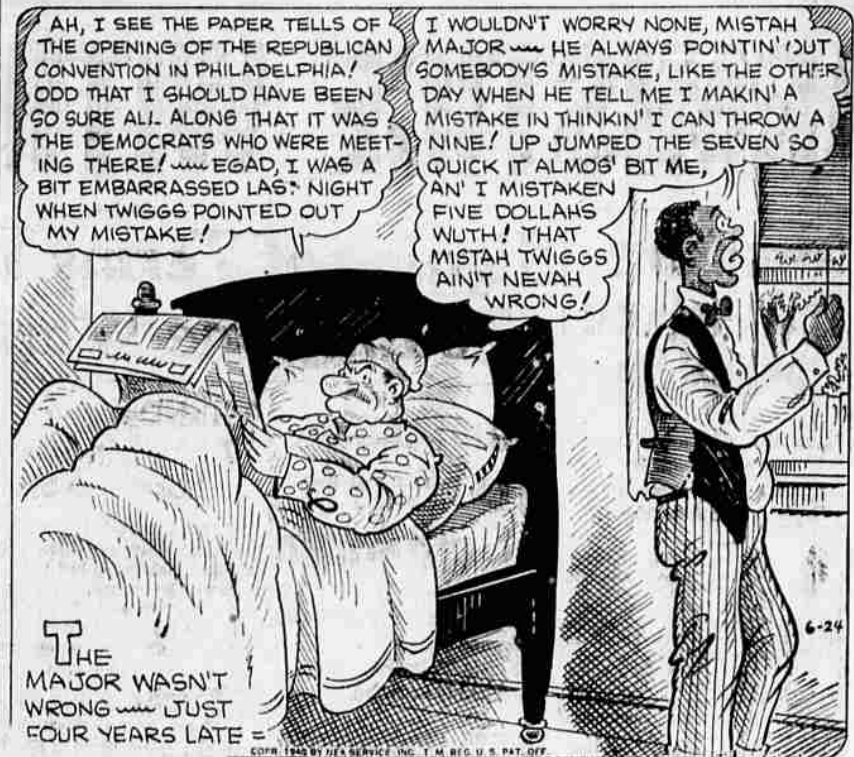
SEATTLE, June 24.—(AP)—Science has launched a new move in agriculture here by demonstrating a method to cure a diseased plant of what had been a mortal plant illness.

The universal method of treating plant and crop diseases has been prevention. Sick crops were never cured until recently in Virginia it was discovered that ozone fumes would cure a tobacco plant of the highly destructive and costly disease known as downy mildew.

Dr. E. C. Yarwood, of the University of California, Berkeley, told the American Association for the Advancement of Science of discovering that fumes of sulphur, beans, clover, cucumbers, snapdragons, clover, cucumbers, snapdragons, and sunflowers.

He described a snapdragon with rust, a disease which yellow leaves, stunts stems and which has

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



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School District Reorganization Plan Discussed

Views Offered on Legislative Proposal as Particularly Applicable to Douglas County Situation.

(Editor's Note—A tentative plan, authorized by the Legislature, for reorganization of Douglas county school districts, has been submitted to the state board of education for approval. The approved reorganization would become effective where accepted. Favorably, but could be rejected by a vote of the people where districts did not approve. In order that there may be an understanding of the conditions upon which the proposed program is based, the News-Review has requested Lee Byers of informational articles for this subject. Mr. Byers was employed by the reorganization board to collect the data necessary for the reorganization study and the statistics he presents in the series of articles appearing in the News-Review are official. These articles are presented solely for the purpose of informing News-Review readers with regard to this program. Any conclusions or opinions expressed are those of the writer.)

By LEE BYERS

(No. 5 in a series of articles explanatory of the proposed school reorganization plan for Douglas county.)

Today the question of school indebtedness both bond and warrant will be discussed from the present standpoint as well as its relation to the reorganization of school districts.

The method of handling the school debt situation has not improved greatly during the past few years, although some districts have through good management substantially decreased their debts together with the high cost of debt service.

During the last fiscal school year several districts in Douglas county spent as much as 50 per cent of their total expenditures for debt service. The following are mentioned: 8-12-11-45-114-129, Union high 2-8, Union high 9 also spent 48 per cent on debt service. Nos. 8 and 13 increased because of building programs. There seems to be no well organized policy of retiring bonds and warrants in a systematic business-like manner, very little provision being made for sinking funds, and too frequently these sinking funds are not permitted to accumulate for the purpose they were first intended. When there is no definite program for bond pay-

ment, interest charges over a long period of years cause additional unnecessary expense.

Total present bond and warrant indebtedness for all the districts of the county amounts to \$421,730. If we consider all cash on hand and amounts in sinking funds there is a net debt of \$168,555, exclusive of School District No. 4 (Roseburg). District No. 4 has a total indebtedness of \$124,000. Complete records of sinking funds were not available when this data was collected but the district had a substantial cash balance at the end of the fiscal year.

The debt situation is not alarming when compared to the assessed valuation, but there is a possibility of further reducing the debt service by more careful management. District No. 4 has especially profited by good management; where faced with a heavy indebtedness and a low valuation ratio the school board decided on a definite program for debt reduction by establishing a sinking fund and as a result their condition showed a surplus at the end of the 1939 school year. Several other districts need to give this plan some attention.

In most of the sections enumerated there are some good improvements to show for the expenditures but in a few instances the debts were created many years ago and the buildings are in poor condition.

An inspection of school district records shows that some districts use poor methods of record keeping as well as poor business methods in conducting the affairs of the district. Annual audits call attention to carelessness in this record keeping but negligent clerks may be continued in office with harmful results. A few districts seem proud of the fact that they have no indebtedness. Occasionally some of these have nothing else to be proud of, for the type of building, equipment, and general school condition show general neglect. Others have good buildings and equipment, good school spirit, and a nice cash balance on hand. One such district had a cash balance of \$10,622, another \$6,701.

Where consolidations are formed either through the procedure which has been followed generally in this county, or through the district reorganization plan, each district now existing must continue to service and retire its own bond and warrant indebtedness. The consolidation starts clear of debt. An example of such a condition is found in the Elton creek section. The consolidated district has a total levy of 8 mills while the original District No. 18 has a total levy of 13.7 mills, the additional levy serving to care for the debt.

School debt conditions according to latest available records:

District or Section	Total Debt	Cash on Hand	Sinking Fund	Approximate Debt Paid in Advance	Approximate Net Debt as Assessed
Coast	80,364	2,620	9,470	1,375	77,049
North Douglas	43,705	23,500	2,600	475	17,130
Catapaloo, Oakland	29,802	3,052	1,500	675	25,675
Central Douglas	17,522	39,563	2,749	275	14,025
(Outside No. 4)					
South Douglas	95,706	16,170	2,211	1,975	77,256
Glendale area	651	7,017			6,366
Roseburg 124,000					
Total for county outside No. 1:		\$297,720			\$110,322
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Freight Rates of Fresh Plums, Prunes Revised

WASHINGTON, June 24.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission has authorized a readjustment of freight rates and minimum weights on fresh plums and prunes from producing districts in the Pacific northwest to destinations east of the Rocky mountains.

The Northern Pacific railway and the Union Pacific railroad, and their eastern connections,

are authorized to put the readjustments into effect July 1.

The effect, the ICC said, will be to increase the rates from Washington, Oregon and Idaho to destinations east of Chicago about 4.5 cents a basket, while reducing the rates from Washington and Oregon to Chicago and destinations west of there.

The reductions, the ICC said, will result in an aggregate of reduced charges as great as the aggregate of increased charges to eastern territory.

Says U. S. Needs Fast Preparation

EUGENE, June 23.—(AP)—"We must prepare as fast as we can and leave no dictator in doubt that we will fight if need be," Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass, state American Legion commander, said here.

In an address to the auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans and to Daughters of Union Veterans, Allen asserted that "America will not meekly accept the status of a tribute-paying nation to totalitarian governments in Europe, and once again in its history cannot depend on peaceful methods."

The Sons' auxiliary elected Mrs. H. E. Slattery, Eugene, state president. Other officers included Mrs. Margaret Burton, Portland, vice president; Mrs. Bertha Ray, Salem; Mrs. Ada Newgard and Mrs. L. J. Baker, both of Eugene, council members; Mrs. Nettie Sebram, Salem, chaplain; Mrs. Myrtle Spencer, Eugene, secretary, and Mrs. Rose B. Riley, Salem, treasurer.

Newly elected officers of the Daughters included Mrs. Estel Bier, Clatskanie, state president; Mrs. Eva Heffner, Portland, senior vice president; Mrs. Mable Reinsdorf, Astoria, junior vice president; Virginia Cyrus, Roseburg, patriotic instructor.

\$1000 WINNER



Ted T. Kirsch, Maupin, 1939 graduate of Oregon State College and long active in 4-H club work, who has won the men's \$1000 U. S. D. A. extension service scholarship in Washington, D. C., for 1940-41.

Plans Are Made for Central Douglas Fair

SUTHERLIN, June 22.—The Central Douglas County Fair board held an interesting meeting at the Community hall Wednesday evening, June 19th. Plans were laid for the fair to be held here August 30 and 31. Those present elected Ray Parker, Clyde Henderson and Wilson Hartshorn as an executive committee to handle the business details of the fair and installed Mrs. Clifford Flory as secretary and treasurer. The following were selected as chairmen of the respective divisions: Peter Adams, small grains; George Stamp, livestock; Venetta Fraser, courtesy; Alva Manning, fruit; John Musgrove, advertising. After some discussion it was decided to operate the fair commission as usual.

Six Mill Pickets Held for Ignoring Injunction

PORTLAND, June 22.—(AP)—Three men accused of violating a court order by picketing the B. F. Johnson Lumber company were under arrest today, Deputy Sheriff A. C. Schirmer said.

Held on contempt of court charges were Fred Gustafson, 42, Lewis Adhill, 27, and Paul Johnson, 29. Three others, CIO lumber workers, have been ordered arrested, the sheriff's office reported.

A temporary injunction against picketing the mill was issued last week by Circuit Judge Tucker. The company contends a majority of its employees are AFL members.

ONE CENT SALE on Hemispar varnish at Page's Down Town Lumber Yard.—(Adv.)

Motorists!

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Sutherlin Firemen Plan Celebration

SUTHERLIN, June 22.—The firemen met last Monday night at the city hall to discuss further Fourth of July plans for the celebration to be held here which is sponsored by the firemen and business people. The following is a tentative program decided on at this meeting:

- 7:30 to 10:00—Patriotic address by Charles Edwards of Roseburg.
- 10:00 to 11:00—Pet parade.
- 11:00 to 12:00—Log rolling and log bucking.
- 12:00 to 1:00—Lunch hour, free barbecue meat, coffee and cream, being cooked at Mr. Scott Lumber Mill Co.'s new mill site.
- 1:00 to 2:00—General sports.
- 2:00 to 4:00—Baseball game, Roseburg vs. Sutherlin Miners.
- 4:00 to 5:00—Archery contest.
- 5:00 to 6:00—Women's soft-ball game.
- 6:30 to 8:30—Band concert.
- 8:00 to 12:00—Firemen's dance. Band music will culminate the program throughout the day.

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THE SPIRIT OF 7/6

Don't tell me autos don't know what you're planning to do with 'em. Right now my Hispano.

Plymouth's out in the drive fairly itching to get going on a fibbing trip.

The Union Oil Station on the corner just brought it back after a Stop-Wear Lubrication Job. No wonder the old crote wants to run. It knows we're going fibbing!

It steers as gently as your son's red wagon, and shifts like a Notre Dame backfield, and that little squeak that's almost driven me nuts has become "the little squeak that isn't there."

On top of all this, they dusted the bus off, cleaned out the fuz in the back seat, washed the glass and dressed the sidewalls of the tires. Wow! I can hardly wait to get out on the highway.

If you think I'm exaggerating, go try it. Try a Stop-Wear Lubrication job. It costs no more than a lit-er-ol-ise greasing, but you can really feel the difference in the way the car rides. They use factory check-charts, and the men who do the work are trained to do it. They even keep a card file to tell them when it's time to call you up and have it done again.

So, if you've a couple of weekends up your sleeve, or a date with a trout, then do what I did and have the car Stop-Wear-ed! It makes a whole of a difference when you're way up in the mountains to know that it's in top condition.

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News of 4-H CLUBS

Eighty of the eighty-two club members who attended the 4-H club summer school, which began June 10, remained throughout the entire session. The group returned home last Friday. According to their reports, the members enjoyed the twelve days and gained a lot of useful information.

Most of these members are those who were awarded scholarships for outstanding work. The chaperons for the party included Mrs. Curtis Calkins, Mrs. Rudolph Ritzman and Miss Florence Ellis.

County Club Agent E. A. Britton announces several requests regarding some kind of a camp for club members. According to Mr. Britton, plans were made last year for a camp but not enough members signed up in advance. After the camp program had been cancelled, quite a number of parents came in with the statement that they had intended sending their children.

He is not making any plans this year, he advises, until a sufficient number have been signed up well in advance. If there should be any interest for a short camp, possibly three or four days, this year, members may send their names in to the county club agent, who will give the matter consideration.

Arthur and Bill Ward have sent in a request for poultry and vegetable gardening material to cover their summer 4-H projects.

An interesting project for both boys and girls to carry during the summer months is that of the canning, states the county club agent. This is not only a fascinating project but good work can lead to the credits. Besides that each member has a chance to exhibit a sample of his or her canning at one of the five community fairs to be held this fall. The top exhibitors will be selected to be shown at the state fair in competition with club members from other parts of the state.

By JOSEPHINE WRIGHT
Douglas county delegates to summer school enjoyed several pleasant events. The girls' pajama party held at the Pi Kappa Phi house (where Douglas county resided) was enjoyed by all. They entertained the girls from the Al-pha Delta Pi house in an evening of playing games, singing and visiting. Many gay and colorful pajamas were judged, with Marie Vleck winning first prize for the homemade division. Jane Ellsworth captured the prize for the bought pajamas.

The same night the boys held a "smokeless" smoker which received much praise and compliment.

Douglas county girls held an exchange dinner with the Theta Xi boys Wednesday evening.

Georanna Jennings of Oakland represented Douglas county in the annual radio review Tuesday night when she presented a tap dance.

Club meetings have been planned to begin again this week. The Woodcrafters Forestry club will be the first to enjoy a get-together when they journey to their plot Sunday evening for an overnight trip. Work has been planned for