

REPORT OF YAMHILL COUNTY AGENT

While my annual report for the current year will not be filed in completion until after the close of November 30, I am making a brief preliminary statement in order that you may be advised of some of the major work of this office since February 14 and including September of this year. During that period I have spent 49½ days in the office and 140½ in the field. Other work has been as follows: Number of office calls 1239, number of telephone calls 1293, number of letters written 806, number of circular letters mailed 22,827, number

of farms visited 720, demonstration meetings 60 with an attendance of 613, miscellaneous meetings 25, attendance 841. In addition, 4 boy's and girl's clubs were organized and 5 clubs already organized were carried thru with the co-operation of the county school superintendent. Twenty meetings of these nine clubs were held.

In addition, I was able to secure the help of specialists from the state college and from the Department of Agriculture to the extent of twenty-seven during the period indicated.

One of the first activities in which I engaged was the expansion of the alfalfa acreage in the county, as I found extreme interest in this work.

According to the report of the farm crops committee of the Yamhill County Economic Conference, there are approximately 16,000 acres of land in the county suitable for alfalfa growing. I found some farmers succeeding well with the crop and immediately engaged in a campaign to expand its acreage. While I did not care to engage in the seed business, I found it necessary to obtain the right kind of seed for the farmers if success was to be attained. I, therefore, assisted in the purchase of 12,008 pounds of improved alfalfa seed, which was sown on 1,200 acres of land. Careful check of most of these fields during the summer indicates that at

least 75% of them will be entirely successful and but a few entirely unsuccessful.

In the neighboring county of Washington and on some farms of this county, high yields of alfalfa hay are obtained, and it is my belief that this work will be of substantial benefit to the dairy interests of this county.

Early in the year the clover industry in the county was threatened by discovery of the clover nematode in the Dayton district. Promptly, methods were employed to bring this to the attention of the people, and the result was organization of a campaign to eradicate the trouble. Through the community organized, funds were raised by the farmers and commercial clubs to enable clean cultivation of the areas infected without loss to the owners. Complete and hearty response was met in this campaign and as a result, it appears that the trouble has been entirely overcome. In the mind of the county agent, this was, perhaps, the most important piece of work accomplished during the year.

70,000 pounds of pyrotol have been obtained by the county agent thru his connection with governmental distribution agencies. This explosive was obtained for the farmers at a direct saving of \$4,800.00 in comparison with current commercial quotations. Additional shipments totalling 20,000 pounds will be obtained in the near future.

A movement has been made toward the establishment of a seed potato improvement center on Chehalis Mountain. This region is particularly adapted to the production of high-quality potatoes, for which there is a uniformly good demand. Ten growers have been enlisted to lay the foundation of this industry.

Throughout the year the county agent has acted as county fruit inspector. While it is not the intention here to give a detailed statement as to the duties involved, this work, largely of a miscellaneous nature, has taken many days time during the year, for which it is very difficult to show definite results. A fairly substantial saving to the county has resulted, however.

In the field of experimental work, alfalfa demonstrations on which different fertilizers have been employed have been established on twelve different soil types in the county. In these fields the basis of a fertilizer has been nitrate of soda with lime on the lowlands and superphosphate with lime on the hill lands. No mention of results will be made until a year hence, although it is clear at this time that lime is essential to the obtaining of a proper stand, and there is every indication that superphosphate will be profitable on the hill lands. On the basis of the results from lime here and in neighboring counties, one carload of 30,000 pounds has been pooled for the farmers. It is probable that additional carload lots will be obtained in the near future.

Five corn variety tests were also established, but present indications are that the results here will be only fairly satisfactory.

Polk county, a cow-testing association has been organized to include herds in Yamhill and Polk counties. Approximately half the herds in this association are in Yamhill county. This work was in line with the recommendations of the county economic conference.

The work in relation to horticulture has just been started in rather a modest way. A campaign against strawberry root-weevil was carried on with demonstrations in the four main strawberry centers and a number of meetings. Apparently considerable success has been obtained in spreading the method of controlling this pest. Two community tours to study small fruit problems were held and one walnut tour was held. Two meetings were held in connection with the matter of dusting for brown-rot in prunes. In each case, an acre of prunes was dusted and checks are being made. Assistance was rendered in the activities of the prune growers toward better marketing conditions which centered in the activities of the committee of one hundred. In connection with the state-wide campaign against the cherry fruit fly, three demonstrations and meetings were held in June.

In order to locate local seed stocks of high quality, 240 acres of White Winter Wheat were passed for certification; likewise, 4 acres of Hannchen barley and 4½ acres of potatoes.

The county agent was charged with the responsibility of collecting material for and preparing the Yamhill county agricultural exhibit at the state fair.

A county poultry association to affiliate with the state association was organized. A number of meetings were held to study important current matter in this industry and four culling demonstrations were held.

In the annual campaign against ground squirrels, 3,100 pounds of poisoned grain were prepared and distributed to farmers at cost.

No attempt has been made in this brief sketch to completely report the activities of this office for the period since its establishment, but we have attempted to outline briefly some of its major activities for the information and guidance of those interested.

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