

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

For Period Feb. 6 to Mar. 4, 1922. During the four weeks covered by this report the agent was occupied with activities in connection with lettuce marketing organization, farm records, farmer's week, extension schools in child nutrition and millinery and cooperative work with the farm bureau on potato seed and organization. Field demonstrations of Federation spring wheat and copper carbonate treatment for smut were arranged and the usual amount of personal service and routine work attended to.

HEAD LETTUCE MARKETING. The growers committee appointed at the Caldwell mass meeting, as reported in the January monthly report, called a meeting in Caldwell on Feb. 6 to give the result of its findings to a limited number of delegates from the different sections, particularly inviting the bankers in main for the formal conference, at

for the conference. This meeting was attended by the committee which had been appointed by the growers at the meeting held in Ontario, the agent accompanying the committee, but being unable to re-though meeting representatives of the California Vegetable Union, which organization the Canyon county committee had selected as the most desirable agent to handle the marketing end in case a cooperative organization should be formed, and also having opportunity to read a mass of correspondence collected by County Agent McCall from large banking institutions and cooperative marketing organizations of California bearing on the proposal as outlined. The conference resulted in an endorsement of the committee's findings by those in attendance and it was decided to proceed to call a mass meeting of the growers to present the plan and recommendations of the committee. This meeting was attended by the agent, the date being February 9. There

were approximately 1000 persons in attendance mostly growers or prospective growers. Some opposition developed to the plan during the day, most of which was traceable to the desire on the part of other commission houses and marketing concerns to head off a prospective loss of the business thru cooperative organization of the growers. In the end the committee's report was adopted by nearly an unanimous vote. Following the meeting, a large number of signatures were taken on membership agreements in the new organization to be known as the Idaho Producers Union. The following day, a meeting of the growers, which had been called by the agent in cooperation with the farm bureau for the purpose of considering the plan outlined, was held at Ontario. This meeting was attended by about 125 growers, the speakers being Mr. Moody of the Canyon County farm bureau lettuce growers committee, and two representatives of the California Vege-

table Union. President Hickox of the Malheur county farm bureau presided. The proposed plan of organization was explained in detail by the speakers and commented on by members of the Malheur lettuce growers committee and others. At the conclusion of the meeting a motion prevailed endorsing the plan and signatures on membership contracts were taken. This has been followed up with membership work by the members of the farm bureau with the result that a large part of the prospective lettuce growers have allied themselves with the new marketing organization and a considerable number of others intend to do so.

FARM RECORDS. Following up the work begun in 1920 and continued in 1921, a financial survey of the farms under irrigation in that part of the county adjacent to the Snake river and approximately 16 miles north and 23 miles south of Ontario, was undertaken in cooperation with the farm bureau and R. V. Gunn, farm management demonstrator of the Extension service. Approximately fifty reports had been taken at the close of the period covered by this report. These records show a large loss by the farmers in 1921. Those farmers who continued to produce hay only suffered far greater losses than those who turned to diversified crops. Dairymen came out better financially than those who did not keep cows, with the exception of orchardists and possibly poultrymen. A more detailed statement of these results will be available later, bringing out matters of interest and value revealed by the data, after the survey is completed.

FARMER'S WEEK. In cooperation with the Extension service of the Agricultural college, a farmer's week program was arranged with meetings at Ontario, Vale and Nyssa. The total attendance at five meetings was approximately 150 persons. E. B. Flitts, dairy specialist, and R. V. Gunn, farm management demonstrator, H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist, and W. L. Powers, professor of soils, assisted as representatives of the college and E. L. Ludwick, secretary of the Oregon Grain Growers' Cooperative association, and Mr. Dunion of the Forest Service also spoke at some of the meetings. Much worth while information was made available to the farmers who attended these meetings, but owing to road conditions and sickness the attendance was not large. The county club agent assisted in this work by transporting the speakers to part of the meetings and by making local arrangements at Vale.

EXTENSION SCHOOLS IN CHILD NUTRITION AND MILLINERY. Six schools in child nutrition and three in millinery were arranged for by the agent for the benefit of rural women in several communities where interest in these matters had been manifested. The Child Nutrition specialist of the Extension Service, Miss Margery Smith, had supervision of the child nutrition schools. About 55 women took advantage of these meetings and the information made available to them in the interests of their children. The millinery schools are under supervision of Miss Esther Cooley, clothing specialist of the Extension service. Two days were spent on this project in each of three communities. Approximately 57 women received instruction in millinery, about half of whom made hats. This work proved very popular with those in attendance and the results were quite satisfactory. The county club agent assisted in these schools by transporting the specialists to a part of the meetings.

OTHER PROJECT WORK. The agent cooperated with the farm bureau organization in calling a mass meeting of potato growers to consider the matter of securing suitable seed stocks and methods of procedure as well as such problems as marketing, getting suitable machinery, etc. This meeting was attended by a large number of growers and resulted in action requesting the farm bureau executive committee to assist the growers in pooling orders for seed, machinery, etc., as well as appointment of committees to cooperate in these matters. This work has proceeded under the management of Secretary Clagett and considerable progress has been made. The agent also assisted with the farm bureau in connection with its reorganization work. Field demonstrations of Federation spring wheat and of the copper carbonate treatment of grain seed treatment for smut were arranged for in several communities. A considerable amount of squirrel poison was distributed by sale to individuals during the month.

MISCELLANEOUS AND PERSONAL SERVICE. During the period of this report approximately 11 days were spent in the field and 13 days in the office; 104 office callers were recorded in 11 days, the total being estimated at about 190; 175 personal letters and 5 circular letters of 580 copies were written; 4 articles for the local press were prepared; 9 farm visits, 8 of which were the first of the year, were made; 13 project meetings with a total attendance of 778 persons were held and 7 other meetings with a total attendance of 1265 attended; specialists from the college devoted a total of 20 days to work in the county, and farm bureau and women's organization committeemen devoted 18 days time; 8 field demonstrations were arranged for.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
D. J. Gillanders, Pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Subject, "The way of the Cross."
Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.
Preaching 7:30 p. m.
Subject "Divinely Guided."
Come and hear the Gospel Truth.

CLUB NEWS NOTES

Sewing Club Organized in Malheur City

Six girls in Malheur have organized a sewing club. Mrs. J. B. Woodcock, who is teaching in that district, will be the local leader. This is the first sewing club to be organized in that community, although there was a poultry club and pig club last year. Vera Bronson is president of the club, Greta Dean is vice president and Dorothea Morfitt is secretary. The other members are Helen Perez, Nina Dean and Pansy Derrick.

Juntura to Have Sewing Club
The first club in the Boys and Girls department of the Extension Work of Oregon to be organized in Juntura is a sewing club of nine members. This club was made possible largely thru the efforts of Miss Juanita Upson, who is teaching the upper grades in the school. Miss Upson is also the leader of the club. The members of the club are Ruby McGotrick, Nellie Stanton, Minnie Zink, Ruby Donaldson, Shirley Baker, Mary Lee, Jewel Carter, Inez Ralston and Pearl Lee.

According to the report sent in by the secretary of the Oregon Slope Dairy Herd Record Club the members not only tested out two cows at their meeting on March 2, but went outside the domain of the project to some extent and tested out a sample of mare's milk. The report did not state just what percentage of butter fat the milk contained, but it is hoped that it is enough to keep the colt in a good healthy condition.

The four boys in the Dairy Herd Record Keeping Club at Jefferson do not have a local leader. They are progressing along quite rapidly however. Ralph Turner helped them with their testing at the last meeting. The secretary, Harold Waugh reported that all of the members were present and that they secured quite accurate tests.

Only two members were present at the last meeting of the Sunshine Sewing Club at Mallet. Under the supervision of Miss McCullough they spent the time sewing on a hand bag. There are only three members in this club but these are determined to make it a 100% club.

The boys in Big Bend are already thinking Corn club. But it is not to be wondered at because of the corn club in the community which last year won the first four places at the state fair, and first three places in yellow dent division at the Pacific International. But that is hardly the main drawing card, as Vern Eachus will be local leader again this year and that means a baseball team. The club members in Kingman Colony are also going to have a baseball team this year. They claim they are going to beat Big Bend, and Big Bend says they are wrong. Guess we'll have to wait and see.

Poultry clubs should be organized in March. If the boys and girls in your community want a poultry club better get in touch with the County Club Agent.

What about Vale, Nyssa and Ontario? Do the boys from nine years old and up have organized work and organized play, so that you will know where to find them, and at the same time give them an interest and an incentive in staying at home? A first class live club organization would do a great deal to simplify this problem.

IRONSIDE NEWS

The snowstorm and heavy wind storm Monday night and Tuesday was one of the worst storms people here have experienced for years. It was almost impossible to get feed out to the stock. The roads were nearly impassable.

Elf Rice returned home from Vale Friday where he has spent the past month.

Mr. Carpenter of Vale, was an Ironside visitor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rutherford of Malheur, spent Sunday and Monday with friends here.

Arthur Beam and Late Hill went to Brogan Tuesday for a load of lumber for the community hall that is being built at Ironside.

Dave Lawrence was an outgoing passenger on Tuesday's stage to Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawrence are Ironside visitors this week from Unity, visiting Mr. Lawrence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Lawrence.

Gas Lawrence was an Ironside visitor from Unity this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James DeRoe and



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Good Shirts—not two weeks away from the button hole makers.

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Shoes . . . \$2.50 to \$10.00
Suits . . . \$18.50 to \$45.00

Toggery Bill

Mr. Foster went to Ontario Monday on business.

Ralph Beam returned home from Baker where he has been working the past month.

Herman Rose made a business trip to the John Woodcock place near Malheur City, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Myers were Ironside visitors Friday from the Southpark ranch.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Bible school 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.
Junior B. Y. P. W. 6:15 p. m.
Gospel service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wed. 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, Rev. W. B. Hinson of D. of Portland, will speak in the interests of "Worlds Conditions and their Remedy." Dr. Hinson is known from coast to coast and the opportunity to hear him in Ontario is unusual.

Rev. H. A. Hunderup the evangelist, will begin a meeting Sunday, the 26th. Chas. H. Blom.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORN Day old chicks, \$15.00 per 100; hatching eggs \$8.00 per 100; or \$1.50 per setting. A. B. Cain, Ontario Phone 206-W.

GARAGE FOR RENT
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