

MONTHLY REPORT OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT
March 6 to April 1, 1922.

Project work done during this period on head lettuce marketing, association organization, pest control, poultry, crops and farm records. An average amount of personal service and routine work was done.

Lettuce Marketing

The organization of a cooperative association of lettuce growers as reported last month was continued. A circular letter was sent to all persons who had signified intention to grow lettuce for the purpose of answering to some extent the demand for information on production of the crop, and to clear up misunderstandings regarding the growers association which has arisen thru the efforts of opposing factions. This was followed by a series of meetings, one each at Oregon Slope, Calro and Nysaa, which were addressed by County Agent McFall of Canyon county, who sought to explain every detail of the association plans. These activities resulted in a considerable increase in the membership which stood at 111 at the close of March, all communities being practically solid for the growers cooperative association with the exception of Nysaa, where some division of sentiment still existed. On the evening of March 31 a meeting of the members of the association of the Vale district was called to organize an informal local association to handle matters of local importance. On the following evening a similar meeting was held at Ontario for that district. This association is now pretty well advanced, so far as the membership work is concerned, some 500 or more members having been secured thru-out the Snake River Valley by the different cooperating agencies working with the Canyon county farm bureau.

Pest Control

Work in Pest control consisted mostly of poison distribution for ground squirrels and gophers. Approximately 150 ounces of strychnine alkaloid, or sufficient poison for

making 3000 pounds of bait, in addition to several hundred pounds of prepared poisons was distributed to various parts of the county. One complaint was received asking for the eradication of gophers under the provisions of the compulsory law. This matter was taken up with the owners of the property and an understanding reached whereby the property is to be rid of the gophers by the owners without invoking the compulsory features.

Poultry

One demonstration meeting was held at the A. B. Cain farm and one lecture at the City Hall in Ontario, with H. E. Cosby, poultry specialist as instructor. These meetings were for the purpose of giving poultrymen assistance on incubation, brooding and problems in feeding and caring for growing chicks. The meetings were well attended and the interest good.

Farm Records

Several additional farm business reports were secured during the month to supplement the records taken earlier in the year. Three days time was spent at a farm management conference at Corvallis and in working up data from the farm reports secured during the past three years. Department of Agriculture statistics, and from information furnished by the department heads of the college and other sources, preliminary to a tabulation of various crops grown on the irrigated lands of the county, with respect to average production costs, average yields time was devoted to this project at intervals throughout the month and the results mimeographed and referred to by letter to a number of persons for comment preliminary to more extended use of them as means toward more systematic crop and farm management practices which it is hoped to bring about as fast as reliable data can be secured upon which to base recommendations.

Crops

Work in this department consisted of completing arrangements for demonstration trials of Federation Spring wheat compared to other

varieties now grown and in promoting the treatment of seed potatoes for disease through a circular letter addressed to the potato growers of the county with which was sent a copy of Station Circular 24, "Potato Disease in Oregon and Their Control" by M. B. McKay, just recently off the press. To insure an adequate supply of corrosive sublimate, a circular letter was addressed to the druggists of the county calling attention to the prospective demand and the increased acreage which will be planted this year. Arrangements were made for a corn varietal demonstration trial in the Big Bend community.

Miscellaneous Service

During the period of this report approximately 11 days were spent in the field and 13 in the office. The number of persons calling at the office on business was about 132; 200 personal letters and 7 circular letters of 1386 copies were written; 8 articles for the local press were prepared; 16 farm visits of which 14 were the first this year were made; 3 meetings in connection with projects and 2 other meetings were held with a total attendance of about 261; one day was devoted to work in the county by a specialist of the college and two days by a county agent from Idaho; 6 demonstrations were visited and one field demonstration arranged.

L. R. BRIETHAUP, County Agricultural Agent.

FRUITLAND BENCH

Fruitland Board Selects Teachers

At a meeting of the board of directors Monday night, the following were selected as teachers for the Fruitland schools:
Sunnyside, Miss Gladys McKeown; First grade, Miss Elaine Jenks; Second grade, Mrs. Ruth VanDergar; Third grade, Miss Catherine Madson; Fourth grade, Mrs. Clement; Seventh grade, Miss Mary Hollenbeck. Mrs. Sim Watkins of Midvale, has been selected for one of the other grades. The High school teachers are as follows: Music and Art, Miss Mary Alice Young; English, Miss Barret; Science, N. E. Bungor; Home Economics, Mrs. N. E. Bungor. Miss Kline, the sixth grade teacher will leave to teach elsewhere. The Misses Edna and Eva Blomstrom, teachers of the third and fourth grade rooms will attend the Lewiston Normal the coming year. It has not yet been decided whether or not to continue Commercial 1 Department.

Opening Game for Fruitland High

If the opening game of baseball for Fruitland High school last Friday afternoon with Nysaa is any indication of the kind of ball that is to be played here it will be splendid sport for all fans. Fruitland won the game 5 to 4, but it was in doubt all the way through. Nysaa put up a good fight and made the first score. The boys played good ball all the way thru, both sides getting out of tight pinches. The outstanding feature was the pitching of Guy Pierce for Fruitland, striking out fifteen men.

Smith-Richardson

Saturday at High noon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Smith, east of Payette, occurred the marriage of Miss Ruth Richardson and Walter Smith, Rev. Mowe of the Christian church of Payette officiating. There were 25 relatives in attendance. Following congratulations a lovely wedding dinner was served. The happy couple will reside on the Smith ranch which he has been in charge of for some time.

Lester Rands Married in California

Word reached here that on March 30, at Santa Monica, Calif., Lester Rands of Fruitland, was married to Miss Maude Kennedy of Santa Monica. The couple left Santa Monica April 3rd, in company with Mr. and Mrs. John Rands, via auto for their home here. Because of the snow storm Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rands are at Payson, Utah, waiting for the roads to become passable, while Mr. and Mrs. John Rands arrived in Fruitland Sunday afternoon by train.

Mrs. Chas. Patheal Honor Guest

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Chas. Coon invited the members of the Mutual Benefit club to meet Mrs. Chas. Patheal of Portland, who was here on a two weeks' visit at the home on south Pennsylvania Avenue. The evening was pleasantly spent in music and needlework. A most delicious luncheon was served to the guests at five o'clock.

Ladies Aid has Large Gathering

Mrs. P. D. Bosen, Marx Thode and Guy Graham were hostesses Thursday afternoon to the M. E. Ladies Aid. More than forty attended. The discussions led to the buying of a carpet for the new building and other matters of interest affecting the church. The guests were served with refreshments.

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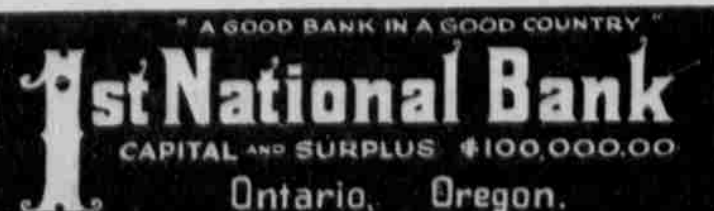


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The Whitman Glee Club

Friday night of this week the 24 members of the Whitman Glee club gave their concert of varied numbers always appreciated by the Fruitland audience. This is the third concert the Whitman club has given to the Fruitland community and a large and enthusiastic crowd always awaits them.

Bereans Grove Excellent Hostesses

The Berean class of the Brethren church proved royal entertainers Thursday night in the Brethren church parlors when their guests, the members of the Fideis class assembled with them to enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. There were more than 125 gathered in response to invitations, some of them honor guests of other denominations. Though older members of the church, they were children grown

up, and surprised the youngsters in their form of entertainment. The special musical numbers were led by Lyle Brown, then came readings, recitations and stories, followed by an old fashioned spelling match with Mr. Mohler, Fruitland merchant, captain of one team, and Benjamin Shanks captain of the other. Mr. Fisher, president of the school board gave the words from old McGuffey's. Mr. Mohler's side won. Then came sandwiches, pickles, pie, cocoa and coffee. Everyone had a delightful time.

Chas. Houston, accompanied by three others in a Ford bug, ran into a Ford Car on the highway between Weiser and Payette, causing slight damage to both cars.

Sunday while Miss Jane Shamburger was backing her car away from the school house where she had

been to practice for the Easter cantata, an unknown person struck her car, tearing off a rear wheel, the tail light and badly injuring the fender.

The contract for the installing of the furnace in the church building; also a furnace in the bungalow, and for a water system throughout, including that for the shower bath in the new gymnasium in the church, was let the first of the week to Laurer Bros. of Payette, for \$800.

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