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WASHINGTON COUNTY FARMERS WILL TAKE AGRICULTURE INVENTORY IN CONFERENCE

Sections on Horticulture, Nuts, Vegetables, Poultry, Livestock, Dairying, Cereals and Potatoes, and Soils Meet Thursday and Friday

No such inventory of Washington county agriculture has ever been prepared as that which will be made available for consideration of those who attend the agricultural economic conference to be held in Hillsboro, January 29 and 30, says County Agent O. T. McWhorter. The conference will be composed of sections on horticulture, nuts, vegetables, poultry, livestock, dairying, cereals and potatoes, and soils. Committees representing these phases of agriculture have been named and are gathering local information on their respective problems.

Opens Thursday at 10

The conference will open at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in the circuit courtroom of the courthouse. Following the opening preliminaries each section will meet separately to consider the information assembled and to prepare a report on production and marketing to be presented to the general assembly on Friday afternoon. Specialists from the Extension Service of the Agricultural college will be present to assist the different groups in preparing their reports. They will bring to the conference the results of months' of investigation of trends in other producing areas of the production and marketing of the commodities that furnish this county its agricultural income.

This conference is one of fourteen that have been held following the state agricultural economic conference at Corvallis a year ago. Representatives of local farm, marketing and breed associations and the college extension service say that out of this conference will come a program which will be a valuable guide to future development in the selection, production and marketing of agricultural products of the county.

Group Chairmen Named

Chairmen of the conference groups are: H. T. Hesse, Scholls, farm crops; L. M. Guild, Scholls, vegetables; H. L. Lafky, Forest Grove, poultry; Charles Bamford, Forest Grove, dairying; D. G. Lilly, Forest Grove, horticulture; Dr. R. P. Nixon, Forest Grove, nut culture; W. N. Hathorn, Laurel, livestock; Robert Warrens, Forest Grove, soils. George Harrow, Hillsboro, is general chairman of the conference.

Figures gathered by the nut committee indicate that in the United States there are 115,000 acres of walnuts, 90,000 acres of almonds and 200,000 acres of pecans. The walnut acreage is producing about 27 per cent of its capacity and is giving about 50,000,000 pounds of nuts each year. The country used last year about 345 million pounds of nuts, exclusive of peanuts. The nut acreage already planted should yield that quantity. Despite the fact yearly plantings are heavy, investigation reveals, as illustrated by 6000 acres each of walnuts and almonds being planted every year in California.

In the light of these facts and considering markets available for walnuts and almonds produced in Washington county this committee will arrive at recommendations to guide nut plantings here.

Analysis of this kind will feature other specialty crops in which Washington county, with about 26 per cent of its seven million dollar agricultural income, according to the 1920 U. S. census. In its preliminary investigation for the conference, the dairy committee has gathered figures that indicate a decline in dairying here in the last four years. Reasons for the decline and conclusions that will aid the dairymen in making this important branch of agriculture pay, will be discussed by the dairy group.

Cereal production returns Washington county farmers almost 30 per cent of their income. In 1923 this county harvested about 20,000 acres of wheat, 22,000 acres of oats, and 800 acres of barley. Possibly readjustments in the cereal acreage and determination of best yielding varieties will be considered by the crops group.

Varieties of fruits and vegetables best adapted to this county in view of available markets, types of soils on which they can best be grown, minimum yields necessary for profitable production and the extent to which the county should go in producing these crops, considering all factors, are slated for discussion by the horticulture group.

Poultry Problems Listed

Washington county is one of the most important poultry sections of Oregon, the local income from this source running close to a half million dollars annually. Factors limiting profits in poultry keeping, the future outlook and recommendations for the guidance of those who

ONE HOUR BOOSTERS NEW CHAMBER BODY

Purpose Is to Secure Members For Commercial Body

SPEAKER TELLS OF CREDIT

Selections on Bagpipe by McIntyre Delight Members At Forum Luncheon

The One Hour Booster club got away to a flying start with several new members for the chamber of commerce at the forum luncheon Monday noon. This was the first appearance of the new organization. The new members added by the One Hour club were Bert C. Huntington, Jimmy Lee and H. L. Christensen.

Club Explained

The first three members of the club were Chairman J. H. Garrett, Jake Weil and Frank Jensen. The organization was explained by Chairman Garrett, who said that in case a member secured a new member for the first luncheon, he would then become an alumnus. If they fail the first time they must bring in two the second time, and if they fail the second time they are forced to bring in three new ones at the third luncheon. If the third time fails to produce, the error one will be tried by the alumni. Any member of the chamber is eligible. The One Hour club members for next week are Glen Stapleton, Dr. Charles Lamkin and A. W. Havens.

John N. Keeler, secretary of the Retail Credit association of Portland, spoke at the luncheon on "Credit Extension." Keeler gave several illustrations showing the advantage of having an organization in every city to check up on people who asked for credit, and urged the establishment of such an association in Hillsboro. Bernard Wagner was chairman of the day, and L. H. McIntyre delighted with several numbers on the bagpipes.

Thomas H. Tongue will act as chairman of the forum luncheon next Monday and a member of the highway commission will speak.

Boys' and Girls' Club Contest Is Planned

Marketing Department of Portland Chamber Gives About \$500 For Prizes

Details of the approaching contest for boys' and girls' club members of the state were given at a noon meeting of the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber of commerce last Thursday, January 8. The contest was explained by H. C. Seymour, state club leader, who stated that lessons were being prepared by Prof. Hector Macpherson of O. A. C. on the subject of cooperative marketing, the first three of which were in the hands of the printer and soon to be sent to the different county agents and club leaders throughout the state for distribution to all club members. Prof. Macpherson is recognized as being a leading authority on the subject, having been a deep student of cooperation as now established not only in this country, but the principal countries of the world.

After lessons covering the entire field have been worked out by the club members, there will be contests to select the boy or girl making the best talk on "Co-operative Marketing." The contests to consist first of a local club contest, the winner of the club to meet other clubs in a county contest, the winners of county contest to meet by districts, and the winners from the districts to meet in Portland for the final contest. The contest will be open to 8th grade and high school students, separately.

It is expected small prizes will be given to the winners of the county and district contests, with the bigger prizes going to the leading contestants of the main event. It is anticipated about \$500 will be provided for prizes, the amount being donated by the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce under the Oregon State-Wide Development Fund.

Remodel Building

Remodeling of the Hare building, adjacent to the courthouse, which was sold to B. N. Bickford of Portland last week, has commenced. The exterior will be given a stucco finish and the inside is being renovated.

Play Basketball

A double header return basketball game will be played in the high school gym tomorrow night when the Banks girls' and boys' quintets will meet the Hillsboro teams. The boys' team has won three victories to its credit and one defeat.

INABILITY TO LOCATE SEED GRAINS WORRY

During the past few days farmers have expressed concern over their inability to locate their favorite seed grain with which to reseed crops frozen out. No doubt there are many small surplus amounts of seed grain on the farms of Washington county which will fill part of the demands. Where one has seed for sale a small add in the local paper will advertise the fact. The county agent's office will also keep on hand such lists of seed for sale as are given him for that purpose.

Plan for Recovery From Freeze Given

Planting May be Made in Latter Part of February With Fair Degree of Success

(O. T. McWhorter)

At this time those who lost fall planted grain during the recent cold weather, may be more or less interested in a letter the county agent received from George R. Hyslop of Farm Crops Department of the Oregon Agricultural college. While the remarks in the letter are well known to many Washington county farmers, they are nevertheless opportune:

"It is possible to plant Rink and Foise or Red Chaff, and even White Winter wheat in the latter part of February with a fair degree of success. The Rink and Foise or Red Chaff will stand probably a little later planting than the White Winter. Jemkins Club, Huston, Blue Chaff Club, and Federation may all be considered as good yielding varieties of spring wheat as well as Defiance for the rather mellow bottom lands."

"This will be an excellent time to emphasize the need of saving Hannechen barley for seed, and there should be a very liberal planting of this crop this year in view of the probable shortage of winter wheat.

In my judgment stands of winter wheat that are sixty per cent good will probably give a better return than to plow up the land and put it into spring wheat. Certainly this will be the case unless the sowing of the spring wheat can take place very early. Probably a top dressing of 50 or 75 pounds per acre of nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia will sufficiently thicken up the stands to make very good returns. I would want to get the application of fertilizer on some time in March.

In the central Willamette Valley and south it is safe to sow common vetch with gray oats up to the first of March. In the lower Willamette Valley the cooler season and more summer rainfall make it safe to sow a week to ten days later. My idea is that a liberal spring planting of the vetch will be a good thing, as clover crop will be a little short."

DeWitt Poole, brother of E. B. Poole, of Hillsboro, died suddenly in Lorain, Colorado, Sunday, at the age of 60 years. Besides the brother here, he is survived by his mother, two sisters in Kansas and one in California.

PEDDLERS MUST PAY TO OPERATE IN CITY

Attempt Will be Made to Secure Property Turnover

BUILDING CODE IS DISCUSSED

Dogs Cause of Much Worry to City Administration, Who Puzzle Over What to Do

Peddlers must pay a license of \$3 a day, \$10 a week, \$25 a month or \$50 a quarter to operate in Hillsboro, according to an ordinance passed by the city council Tuesday night, after going into the question from every possible angle. The penalty is \$5 minimum to \$100 maximum or two days to 50 days in jail.

A listing will be made of all city property and an appraisal committee will act on them with the view of turning over some of the property that the city has had to take over.

The matter of a building code was discussed and it is hoped to have one in operation in the very near future. Before this is made up, however, a wiring fee ordinance will be passed and the city attorney has been instructed to draw one up. Dangerous buildings may be ordered down now by a resolution of the council, according to the charter.

Law requires that doors of public buildings open out instead of in, as is the case most everywhere in Hillsboro, and Fire Chief Morley has ordered to bring about changes in such public buildings.

W. O. Morley was appointed a special policeman to help him in his work as chief of the fire department. Special policemen for the park named by Mayor Zud Tuesday night were Grant Zumwalt, C. W. Redmond and Harry Morgan.

What to do with the dogs taken up by the city is a problem that has grown to serious proportions, and has occupied the attention of the council to some extent. Chief of Police Freeman and City Manager Reiter have been instructed to make suitable arrangements.

The council gave instructions that a larger light be put in at Third and Railroad.

Attempt to Secure Outstanding Leases

Matters Relative to Drilling For Oil To Be Taken Up Again at Meet In Buxton Tonight

An attempt will be made to clean up outstanding leases in the oil section around Buxton, at a community gathering there tonight at 8 o'clock. Matters relative to drilling for oil will be taken up. Dr. Carl Miller of Los Angeles, who is heading the work, arrived last night with Dr. Peterson of Oakland, the geologist, and will tell of the plans.

It is understood that if the deal is anywhere near satisfactory, drilling will start within a few weeks. Dr. Peterson will make a test of the ground to see if it will stand the rotary drill, and in case it is found satisfactory, the trial well should be completed within three months, according to word from Buxton.

Eighth Grade Grads In County Are Named

Forest Grove Has 18 of 32 Pupils Who Complete Tests For State Certificates

Thirty-two eighth grade students passed the state examinations, according to a report submitted by Mrs. Emma Bryant, superintendent of schools. Forest Grove has 18 of this number. Hillsboro grade students do not come under this regulation, because of the district being one of the first class.

Forest Grove graduates are William Bunker, Harriet Hinadale, June Griffin, Harry Allen, Earl Boyd, Laurence Lockwood, Elaine Rice, Lewis Wehrly, Charles Munkers, Ronald VanGroos, Fred Spooner, Kathryn Ahlgren, Grace Hughes, Lester Wehrly, Harold Jillion, Dorothy Howes, Dean Tuttle and Pearl Reiser.

Kinton and Mountindale each had three graduates, while Raleigh and Rosedale had two each. The other graduates are: Bacona, Alma Durnford; Johnson, Homer Stephen; Kinton, Lucille Snider, Edwin Richards and Edna Richards; Mountindale, Lissie Mast, Nicola Mathiesen and Lelia Peters; Farmington, Richard Reed; Timber, Harriet Simonton; Raleigh, Joseph Backus and Katherine Isler, and Rosedale, Karl Doern and Charlotte Hansen.

Cooperation Asked For Most Efficiency

Survey of Defective Sidewalks Is Completed. Interest Payments Due

(C. G. Reiter, City Manager)

Cooperation and service to the public is the aim of the city officers, and, if cooperation on the part of the public is forthcoming much more efficiency will result in carrying on the affairs of the city.

Some may not agree in every way with what is trying to be carried out, but it is the aim of the council and their appointees to make it as near right as possible. Just criticism is constructive and if expressed to those carrying on the work, it will be appreciated. Show us the same consideration—you would expect and I know we can serve you better. If you must kick, kick to us. We expect it, for no servant of the public was ever created perfect in the eyes of everyone.

Recently many statements of long overdue accounts were sent out, the covering improvements made more than ten years ago. A few have come in and cleared up the matter. In order to get the city on a business basis these accounts must be taken care of. If you have received a notice, drop in at the city hall at Second and Washington streets, second floor, and at least tell us what you can do. If you do not come in, the city will have to assume that you want it to take the property, and the next step would be to foreclose. Why not make the city's business your business and help us clean up these long overdue accounts as the first step?

A survey of defective sidewalks all over the city has just been completed and you have perhaps observed some of the notices about town, perhaps you have one on your property. We can't help it; it must be done. If we have missed anyone, somebody tell us about it. These defects must be cared for.

Interest payments on the 1924 improvements are due, and should be taken care of at once. When you bond, you agree to do this. Please keep your contract as you would expect the city to do. If you have not bonded and have not paid cash, the whole amount of the assessment is due and payable. If a new pavement is desired for 1925, now is the time to get started. We were a little late last year. Several requests have been made for better drainage. If you are interested, let us know.

Kindly bear in mind that we are here to serve you and if we do not do it to your liking, tell us about it.

Lumber Company Sells

The Tucker Lumber company has sold its interests to the V. W. Gardner Lumber company, of which V. W. Gardner is the manager. Others interested in the concern are G. Garthofner and O. R. Hensing. All retail business of the Gardner Lumber company will be transacted from the offices of the Tucker company at North Range and Main streets.

M. M. Mead, Mrs. Otto Hartrampf, Mrs. W. Morley and Philip Mead attended the funeral the last of the week of C. R. Mead, at Eugene.

CAR LICENSE FEES SHOULD NOT CHANGE

Chamber of Commerce Passes Resolution

INDEBTEDNESS REALIZED

Also Declare in Favor of Common Carriers Using Highways Paying More Taxes

A resolution asking the legislature to make no change in the automobile license provisions for the present, was passed by the chamber of commerce Thursday night, following an explanation of the question by Senator W. G. Hare.

Support Highways

The license and gas tax is the only means of paying for the state roads, according to Senator Hare, who said that if the license tax was taken off the great bonded indebtedness would have to fall some place and that it couldn't fall on property because property cannot stand it. In order to retire the bonds and interest there will be just about enough to take care of the peak load in 1928 with the present license and gas tax, the Senator said.

A reduction the first year was not favored by Senator Hare for the reason that it would go in as property tax and many would escape paying any fee, as they did before the license changes became effective. He said that one-third of the automobiles in Portland before the law went into effect, paid no fees whatsoever. If the license fee was taken off, the automobile would be placed on the tax roll and the land owner and others on the tax rolls would have to pay just as much for their automobile in property and some would escape. Other states in which the registration fee is small the car is taxed as property in many cases.

Care Is Urged

It was explained that care would have to be taken of the financing of the entire road program would be thrown out of gear. The speakers favored reduction within a few years of the license on used cars. Senator Hare declared that a high gasoline tax would make for bootleg gas.

An outline of the endorsement of solicitors was given by A. C. Heston, secretary of the chamber, and the body will go into this in detail at the meeting tonight. The number of night meetings will also be discussed.

The ladies of the Coffee club surprised the members with light refreshments and a program. The program consisted of a violin solo by Miss Carol Call, with Florence Taylor as piano accompanist; a reading by Mrs. M. B. Signs, and a solo by Mrs. V. W. Gardner, Miss Taylor accompanist.

Attendance of all business men at the economic conference Thursday and Friday of next week, was urged by William Schulerich.

The Resolution

To the Roads and Highways Committees of the Senate and House, 33d Oregon Legislature: Gentlemen:—At the regular meeting of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce on the above date, the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, the great indebtedness which the State of Oregon has incurred in the construction of its highway system has been in consideration and with the distinct understanding that this expenditure should be met, and the indebtedness retired by charges against the users of said highways, in the form of license and gasoline taxes, and that no part of said highway expenditure should be borne by direct taxation of real property, and

Whereas, the peak of the financial burden for the payment of interest and retirement of bond will be reached during the next three years, to meet which will require every resource available to the highway department, if the above pledge is to be redeemed;

Be It Therefore Resolved, That in the judgment of this body no reduction of any kind in the present schedule of license fees is practicable at the present time. "Safety First."

And Be It Further Resolved, That it is the judgment of this body, that the Common Carriers using the public highways, being provided with permanent way and maintenance at the expense of the general public, should contribute at least to the extent of the wear their use entails, and approximately in proportion to the expense borne by those carriers who maintain their own ways.

To this end, we believe that all common carriers should be under the same regulation by the State Regulatory body.

Respectfully submitted,
Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.
By A. C. Heston, Secretary.

WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Hillsboro, January 29 and 30, at Circuit Court Room
County Courthouse

PROGRAM

Thursday

10:00 A. M.—Opening remarks by Chairman George Harrow

10:15 A. M.—"State and County Agricultural Programs," F. L. Ballard, County Agent

10:45 A. M.—"Problems Facing Washington County Farmers," O. T. McWhorter, Co. Agent

11:15 A. M.—Meeting of Community Groups:
Horticulture—Large Jury Room
Dairy—Chamber of Commerce
Soils—Grand Jury Room
Poultry—Circuit Court Room
Crops—Chamber of Commerce
Livestock—Small Jury Room
Boys' and Girls' Club Work
Office of County School Supt.

12:00 to 1:15—Lunch
1:15 to 4:00—Continue group meetings

Friday

10:00 to 12:00—Continue group meetings
1:15 to 4:30—General assembly to receive, consider and adopt the commodity group reports