

COUNTY AGENT NEED IS TOLD

Crowd Overflows Original Meeting Place, Heard At C. of C. Rooms

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tional program conducted by the agent in rodent control and the checking of fruit pests.

C. H. Taylor said he represented the Salem grange No. 17 which was said to be opposed to the agent plan, almost unanimously. Taylor said he was heartily in favor of the plan and knew other men who were.

O. W. Humphreys, Union Hills grange: Of the 83 members of this group, a substantial number favor the county agent plan. Humphreys said by keeping closer in touch with Oregon State college and its experimental work, improvement in growing methods can be effected.

Oscar Lowe, Silverton Hill grange: Lowe said his organization was strongly in favor of an agent. Canada thistle control could best be handled through a central office such as the agent would provide. The same is true of the cherry fruit fly which menaces the entire valley crop, said Lowe.

LeRoy Eason, North Howell grange: Ninety percent of the membership of this grange favors an agent, said Eason. For new methods in the growing of alfalfa alone an agent has made many a county far more than he was said, Eason remarked. Eason commended the county court for being careful before increasing its budget but said the rumor that the granges were going about the county agent matter in an "underhand" way was unwarranted. Eason pointed out that the national grange had secured the passage of the Smith-Lever act which provided on a national scale for county agents. "I'm a farmer and have been at it for 25 years but I know that agents have done much to improve the quality of alfalfa grown and to reduce rodents," said Eason. He said the fact that Marion county had an agent 14 years ago, during war times when prices were high and demand constant, was in no way comparable to today when prices are low and competition extremely keen.

A. L. Collins, Fairfield grange: "We can send to Corvallis for information when we need it," said Collins, but added "Who will do it?" He said his grange had not yet voted on the agent proposal.

Henry Zohr, Puttville grange: Leadership was held by Zohr as the need of agriculture. He said he joined the Yamhill county cow testing association for want of one here and found it was instrumental in building a good herd for him. Individual farmers have not the time to take the lead in agricultural problems which is demanded, said Zohr.

Need New Ideas On Diversification Frank Bowers, Macleay grange: Out of a small attendance eight people in this grange voted for an agent and seven against, said Bowers. He criticized the statement that Marion county had an agent 14 years ago.

"We had a man filling the job and drawing the salary but I don't think he was an experienced agriculturalist," said Bowers. He dwelt extensively on the developing methods of growing wheat, saying districts in Oklahoma and Texas were learning to raise wheat on large acreage and cheap land at 50 cents a bushel and to make money on it. "The farm board can't do anything to keep this district from raising wheat cheaply," said Bowers. "We haven't time to experiment to get new crops to raise on our higher priced land. The time now is to employ someone to bring us newer methods on diversified crops which this valley can produce."

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The Call Board . .

By OLIVE M. DOAK

THE ELSINORE Today—John McCormack in "Song o' My Heart."

BLIGH'S CAPITOL Today—Ramon Novarro in "Call of the Flesh."

THE GRAND Today—John Garrick in "The Sky Hawk."

THE HOLLYWOOD Today—Bob Steele in "The Land of Missing Men."

"Song o' My Heart" the current picture at the Elsinore is a bit of the beaten path of movie song romances. One thing is that it does not "all come out well" as is the way of most shows. Another thing which makes it much different is the singing voice of John McCormack which is truly beautifully recorded. In the development of the play McCormack sings the last of a group of three songs before a concert audience and sings as much as though he were right there listening to the man in person.

Farrell Macdonald and Edward Martindale are outstanding in the character work done and balance for good acting; one feels the presence of the director all the way through and it is disturbing. However the singing of McCormack and the plot make the show one not to be missed.

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returns. "Perhaps Marion county because it is so favorably located can do without an agent," Glatt assured, "but we cannot do as well without supervision and help in the farming problems as with them." Glatt said this was especially true in time of depression.

John Gotterud, Brush Creek grange leader: His district is a highly assessed one consisting of farmers who have generally made a success of their business but admit there are many things they do not know. He declared the county agent proposal was given a unanimous vote. As manager of the Silverton Fruit Products company, Gotterud said on many occasions he sought help from Corvallis men which he would have obtained from a county agent had there been one. He compared the county agent to a road with supervision and construction. At first such a worker was opposed in the county but now no one doubts his importance, said Gotterud. "As for the tax I don't object to it if it get good returns."

Father Joseph, manager of St. Benedict's abbey, 100-acre farm: "We see the necessity for such a distributor of information as the county agent," said Father Joseph. He said that many times farmers came to the farm he conducted to get information but an agent was needed instead of private institution, to carry on such work. Father Joseph pointed to the case of a neighbor who used with dire results, alfalfa seed which had not been treated. "St. Benedict's abbey is in favor of employing a county agent," he said.

Lawrence Thomas, Mt. Angel residence: "I consider this movement an investment, not an expense," he said. "It is an unexpected pleasure to be able to speak for an agent."

C. A. Bear, Turner Community club and Turner Dairymen's association: The dairymen's association is unanimously in favor of an agent, Bear reported. He said the Surprise grange near Turner had voted against the agent movement but he recalled that this organization 25 years ago opposed parcel post and also was not favorable to a paved road to Salem.

C. C. Hart of Jefferson: Hart said in his locality there was general favor for the agent plan. He said he had interviewed 15 people before he found one dissenter from the idea of hiring an agent.

Walter Stolz of the Salem chamber: Stolz said his organization was strongly in favor of hiring an agent for this county. He said he didn't like to see men joke about the United States department of agriculture or its branches in the various states. He said he thought the department had done valuable work for the farmer.

Fred S. McCall of the Keiser community club was represented by Ray Glatt. He reported that the club of 150 members had voted more than two to one to employ an agent.

Alfred Lowe, Evans Valley community club: Lowe praised County Agent Beck of Polk county for the work he had done. He said Beck was of great help in teaching rodent control methods and in helping farmers raise alfalfa.

He said the rodent problem was one bothering his community. Aumsville Club Strongly in Favor Charles L. Martin, Aumsville Community club: He said that 85 per cent of the membership favored a county agent. Martin said how County Agent Beck of Polk county had assisted him, when a resident of that territory, in rodent control and Martin expressed the view that this one action alone had justified the cost of an agent, in taxes to Martin, for an entire life time.

Charles Reynolds, Coolidge McClaine bank, Silverton: Reynolds said the clients of his bank were strong for an agent. Warren Gray, Marion Community club: A leader is needed in the dairying industry, said Gray, and the leadership must be supplied by a county agent.

E. J. Lafky, Marion community club: Lafky said that his club of 150 members had voted unanimously for an agent. He said he saw no harm in an agent save for the increase in taxes. He said this could be overcome by eliminating \$5300 now appropriated for bounties annually, leaving the court \$700 to appropriate to some other work than that of the agent.

Waldo Brown, Knights of Pythias lodge, Hubbard: Brown said his lodge, composed largely of farmers, was unanimously in favor of the project. Brown said all prosperous dairying sections in the east, where land was high in value, had agents and found them profitable.

C. T. Darling, West Stayton Growers' club: Darling said he thought the diversity in his district comparable to the diversity to be found in Marion county. Newcomers to the county, seeking information, unbiased and authoritative, are surprised by the lack of information they receive, Darling said. He urged the employment of an agent as much to spread valuable information from one farmer to another, as for any other single purpose.

Frank Doerfler, First National bank, Salem: Doerfler said irrigation had increased the yield per acre of his land from \$6 to \$70 during one season. He pointed out how clover raisers, dairy-men and other farmers could profit from the services of an agent.

W. R. Dougherty of Labish Community club: Dougherty told the county court that the proposal for an agent had carried in his district by a vote of three to one. He showed how the cost of hiring two agents in this county and maintaining their offices would be more than one-half met by federal and state money, funds which otherwise would not be expended.

Mickey Mouse NOTES

BY ZOLLIE VOLCHOK M M C

So long Chief Scott, we're all sorry to see you leave. M M C

Hello Chief McIntyre, we'll all stick with you, now that you're Chief. M M C

Amid rose petals tomorrow night at eight o'clock on the stage of The Elsinore, Wendall Scott is going to Mary Aldine Kasser, and as your wedding gift Chief McIntyre would like to

pende here. "When pesty faced and cold-blooded bankers tell us it is a good thing it must be fairly sound" he said.

M. C. Eastman, Silverton chamber of commerce: "Our chamber expressed itself as one hundred per cent in favor of the proposal," Eastman said. "I'm for an agent for a selfish reason: I believe when the farmer is helped, I'll be helped. Farming needs leadership and the agent is a proved way of providing trained assistance to the farmer."

R. K. Sealy, Woodburn chamber of commerce: Sealy said his organization was heartily behind the agent program. He said that a local problem there was the control of berry disease and that an agent was a good leader to see such control of disease effected."

John W. Mayo, president Bank of Stayton: Mayo said smaller acreage owners in his district were 98 per cent for an agent. He said some of the owners of larger farms who raised grain largely, were less favorably. Mayo said he regarded the agent as the secretary of the farmers' organizations and essential to any successful program.

The county court made no comments after the hearing other than to announce the meeting Monday.

Always with a smile so bright They never have a very bad night Those sailors sometime will be Discoverers of some unknown sea. M M C

I hope by next week that we know who wrote it for it is sure clever. M M C

If you can compose a good joke, poem or something original, hand it to the Mickey Mouse secretary, Mrs. Kelley and then it will be put in the paper. M M C

Here is a joke that Norman Summers, our Yell Leader made up. M M C

Teacher: Johnny, give a sentence using the words deduct, delect, defense and detail. Johnny: De feet of de duck went over de fence before de tall. M M C

Let's have more of them. M M C

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A member of our club who wouldn't give her name made up a poem that she wants put in the Mickey Mouse Notes. The name of it is "Sailors." M M C

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