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Mexicans To Be Used In County

Mexican National laborers will be brought into Josephine county to help meet farm labor needs this spring if they can be obtained.

Such was a decision reached Tuesday in an all-day meeting of the County Farm Labor sub-committee at the court house. In a formal action the committee voted to approve applications from local growers for a maximum of 95 Mexican National laborers to be brought into the county as soon as they are available.

The committee met in an all-day session to hear officials of the State Extension Service outline the farm labor picture for the State for the coming year and to map out tentative plans for the mobilization of farm labor in Josephine county. Coming here for the meeting were J. R. Beck, state director of the emergency farm labor service under the State extension Service; Mrs. Mabel Mack and Russell M. Adams, assistant supervisors in charge of Women's and Youth Participation for the State.

Mr. Beck reemphasized the recent statement by Dean Wm. A. Shoenefeld, of Oregon State College, who pointed out that 90 per cent of the State's farm labor needs during 1944 will have to be met by local people. There is only a slight increase in the number of Mexican National laborers expected to be available in Oregon

this year, Beck said, and demands for such labor are more widespread and are far greater in number.

The committee's action in approving the bringing of Mexican Nationals into Josephine county to assist with spring and summer work was based on requests made in recent weeks by local hop growers and others farmers. Interested growers are to meet within the next few days to organize a sponsoring committee and to negotiate the necessary contracts with the War Food Administration which is the federal organization charged with recruitment of foreign labor.

Concurrently with its approval of the orders for Mexican National laborers, the committee passed a motion recommending to the grower's committee that a system be set up to distribute the laborers among other farmers of the county whenever possible. The county labor group will also sponsor organization of a mobilization committee made up of interested local leaders who will work out ways and means of mobilizing all available manpower to assist with farm work. Special emphasis will be placed on the mobilization of women and children. The labor group will meet again soon to select a mobilization committee and each member of the group is charged with the responsibility of estimating labor needs for the activity he represents, the figures to be ready for consideration of the mobilization committee.

Efforts are to be made immediately to recruit high school students for work on farms outside of school hours. In this connection the labor subcommittee urged all who will make use of high school students to make their wishes known to the school principal's office and to further cooperate with the schools to discourage unauthorized absences.

Particular attention in the Tuesday session was paid to the needs of the Illinois Valley where a large percentage of hay and feed for the county is produced. Several methods of meeting farm labor needs there were discussed, including the possibility that boys of high school age can be obtained from the coast counties for summer-long work on the farm.

Members of the committee on hand for the meeting were Olaf C. Larsen, Clyde Willey, W. S. Carpenter, Raymond A. Lathrop, Ben Nelson, Ben Hilton, Victor Boehl, and H. G. Plummer. Also present for the meeting were County Ag-

tributed and desire to do so should hand their gift to Rev. Gray.

Last Saturday evening the Young People's class had their monthly party, which was also a birthday surprise for Eldon Boese. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by Cleo Doney, Anne Sherier, Grace Iversen, Delila Hill, Floyd Yoder, the teacher, Mrs. Hill and the hostess, Mrs. Luther Sherier. Angel food cake and chocolate were served.

The all day missionary meeting last Thursday was a delightful affair, with 13 present. Another comforter was completed, and business transacted. Mrs. Nicholson, work chairman, assigned projects to the different ladies to be completed and worked on at the regular meetings. A Round Robin letter was sent Mrs. Gray who is still up north with her daughter. The devotions in charge of Mrs. Brown were enjoyed and the poem read which had been written by Mrs. L. A. Stone. The next meeting will be announced later in the month.

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IT WAS A SAD STORY—Fido mourns the loss of a friend, when reports come in that many baby trees are being destroyed by fern burners. "We must stop fern burning," say Keep Oregon Green officials, "if we are to save our baby trees for future generations." Last year 22,000 acres of fern lands were destroyed by man-caused fires. Fern patches are nature's hot houses for young, tender baby trees. Fire destroys them but not the fern which come back thicker than ever next season.



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BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's service, 7:45 p. m.

Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY CHURCH OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

You are invited to meet with us.
F. W. Cooper, elder, Cave Junction.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Service 7:30 p. m.
Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Coor, pastors.

CAVE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH

Geo. H. Gray, Pastor.
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.

With eight more present at Sunday school the attendance would have reached 50. Why not make it that next Sunday? Three visitors at Sunday school and church, Anne Miller of Cave Junction, Roberta Moore and Mary Lou Hill of Holland.

Rev. Gray's text from John 6:53 "Unless ye eat of His flesh and drink of His blood ye have no life in yourselves." Ruth Hill sang, "It pays to serve Jesus" and the choir gave a special number, "We Reap As We Sow." Choir practice as usual on Thursday night.

The missionary gift sent annually to our young friends doing service in Bolivia, South America, Eldon and Opal Sherier Johnson, will be forwarded early in April, and any who have not already con-