

GRANGERS PLAN PROGRAM FOR 1931

Cooperative Marketing Is Head of Projects Outlined At Conference.

Oregon State College.—Plans for putting the cooperative marketing program carried on by many of the subordinate agricultural committees of the state grange last year on a statewide basis for 1931 occupied the major attention of the joint conference of prominent grangers and extension specialists held at Oregon State college last week.

Reference was made to the excellent work in this field carried on during the past year in cooperation with county agents, in which Fred A. Goff, chairman of the agricultural committee of the state grange, mentioned that the cooperative lamb pools in Douglas county returned the farmers \$170 more per 100 pounds than they otherwise would have been able to get.

Meeting of all subordinate agricultural committees of the state grange will be held in the near future to consider local marketing conditions and possible improvements. These will be followed by county and district conferences under the supervision of three deputy organizers appointed by C. C. Hulet, state grange master. They are S. H. Edwards of Corvallis, northwestern Oregon; Arthur Brown of Roseburg, southwestern Oregon, and Charles Wicklander of Boardman for eastern Oregon.

Other grangers taking part in the conference included Bertha J. Beck, Albany, secretary of the state grange; Ray W. Gill, Portland; Dr. C. H. Bailey, Roseburg; Edward Shearer, Estacada, and Walter M. Pierce, La Grande. Some matters other than cooperative marketing discussed during

the meeting were the state meat dealers law, crop and price reporting, radio service and 4-H club work.

F. L. Ballard, county agent leader of the extension service, reported that 131 of the 275 subordinate agricultural committees of the state grange are carrying out some definite program of agricultural improvement in their communities this year, as compared to only 86 last year.

Oregon State and Willamette Play Night Game

Oregon State College.—Willamette university and Oregon State will be playing the first intercollegiate night football game of the season in the northwest September 20 on Bell field here.

Night football which has been played extensively in the coast and middle west the past year or so has proved very popular with the fans. Capacity crowds have turned out to see several of the games. Much interest has been stirred up over the coming game with Willamette with the result officials here are looking forward to a great crowd.

Football prospects at Oregon State are much brighter than at this time last year and Coach Paul J. Schissler expects to have a much better team. Whether the Orangemen will have a stronger team will be well demonstrated when they clash with the Willamette Bearcats, winners of the northwest championship last season.

Spec Keene, Willamette coach, lost only a couple of his regulars from last year's championship outfit so a great battle is being looked forward to here the night of September 20. The game is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

Eye "Crutches" Exhibited
Eye glasses that fit in the eyes as false teeth fit in the mouth have been demonstrated before the New York Optometric society. Each lens is about the size of a penny and fits in direct contact with the eye, being held in place by capillary suction. They are a German invention.

Power Permit To Wait; License Withheld By Federal Commission, Report

Salem.—Rhea Luper, state engineer, received a letter from the federal power commission at Washington to the effect that the license to the California-Oregon Power company for rights of way along the Klamath river has not been granted as indicated in recent press reports.

The federal power commission explained that the license has been drafted and is now awaiting further disposition. Even though the license was issued, it would not be effective until such time as water power appropriations are granted by the state Luper said.

The power company, in its applications filed with both the state and the federal power commission, sought the development of water power at seven sites along the Klamath river between what is known as the Grant site and the California line. Luper, in a statement issued a week ago, said that no more important water applications would be granted until after the regular legislative session in January.

The statement was issued by Luper in connection with demands for a special session of the legislature to consider the enactment of laws which would withdraw from appropriation all important water power sites in Oregon.

The Oregon-California Power company also has filed on the water of the North Umpqua river and Clearwater lake in Douglas county, but no action has been taken on these applications.

Luper declared that he was not surprised at the information received from the federal power commission, for the reason that it has not been the practice of the government to issue licenses until after water appropriations have been authorized by the state.

Love Scales Tradition and Indiana Man Wins

New York.—Miss Marjorie Mairs, 21-year-old daughter of bluest Knickerbocker blood, was persuaded that tradition outweighs love and outlasts it. She announced her engagement to the Dutch diplomat who occupies a social position a girl of her birth and breeding would be proud to grace.

Then she began thinking of a young man from South Bend, Ind., who worked in Wall street for \$75 a week, and the diplomatic circle became a high stone wall over which youth and love dared her to climb to freedom.

Marjorie scaled the wall and joined Martin Henry, the Wall-street clerk, for a midnight wedding in the best "movie" manner. There was the due to pay when Marjorie brought her stalwart Indian home and told the Knickerbocker Mairs about it, but Mrs. Martin Henry says she is happy and there's no use of her parents talking annulment or any such nonsense. She is in love to stay, and so is Martin.

Tommy Gardner May Never Enter Ring Again

Tommy Gardner may 2 lines Walla Walla.—Tommy Gardner, local favorite and holder of the Northwest bantamweight championship belt, the Will Maylon belt, may never enter the prize ring again, it was said Sunday. Tommy is at his home suffering from infantile paralysis, and while his chances for recovery were reported to be good, it is thought that the affliction would prevent continuation of his boxing career.

The affliction has struck Gardner in the shoulder and neck and while he probably will recover, his boxing days are very probably ended. Gardner came home recently, suffering from an ailment since diagnosed as infantile paralysis. Tommy has been fighting in final and semi-final matches on boxing cards in Hollywood, California, and meeting some of the top-notchers in the bantam weight.

Where Weston Got Its Name

Weston Leader: The Brownsville, Oregon Times prints an interesting article by Everett Earle Stanard descriptive of Heceta beach. An excerpt reads: "The proprietor of the Heceta beach resort is F. E. Weston, a genial and interesting man. In honor of his family the town of Weston in Eastern Oregon gets its name. Mr. Weston's travels have been extensive and he can give detailed and marvelous description of adventure in the interior of South America as easily as he can tell of experiences as a sailor along the Zanzibar coast or in the Arctic seas."

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PORTLAND BOY GETS S. O. S. RADIO CALL

Eighteen Year Old Operator Relates Rescue of Ship Passengers.

The Morning Oregonian relates the following account of the 750 mile rescue dash of the steamship Ventura to rescue the passengers of the ill fated Tahiti in the South Pacific.

Out of the ether came the call: "S. S. Tahiti sinking in south Pacific." An 18-year-old boy, radio operator on duty in the radio room of the steamship Ventura, that was returning from Sydney to San Francisco, heard it.

With a stub of lead pencil upon a sheet of scrap paper, he put the message down. Then followed one of the most dramatic deep-sea rescues of recent years. More than 270 lives were saved; none was lost. The newspapers devoted columns to the story. It happened only last month.

The 18-year-old boy was a Portland lad. His name is Merwin Jones, and this week he is re-entering Washington high school to complete his education.

It was last March that Merwin, determined to see a bit of this old world, pulled out of high school and went adventuring. It was Saturday night that he came home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, 2069 East Taylor streets.

"Adventure?" echoed Merwin to a question. "A bellyful of it! Believe me, home looks mighty good again."

From a radio station at Suva, on the far-away Fiji islands, came the alarm. Merwin Jones, head phones to his ears, jerked to attention in the radio room of the Ventura. He knew the Tahiti was a passenger vessel. He knew what it meant when the wireless said: "No. 4 hold and engine room filling." He knew, also, that his vessel was 750 miles away and the nearest available ship of any consequence.

Merwin's captain got that message in a hurry. Followed then a sudden change of course, a lashing of fires in the stoking room, a bigger head of steam in the boilers. The Ventura was off to the rescue!

At her utmost speed, 16 knots an hour, she plowed her way through the blue waters of the Pacific. Off the usual steamer lanes in practically no time at all, the gallant Ventura was dodging treacherous shoals, hidden reefs, in her "across-country" dash to save almost 300 human lives.

And in her radio room sat Merwin, reaching into the ether to gather additional bits of necessary—yes, vital—information. From the stricken Tahiti, where radio operators worked with utmost calmness, came frequent changes of position. It was hard for her officers to determine their exact location, it seemed. Hour by hour the Ventura plunged on, shifting her course with each succeeding message.

First word had been received the morning of August 15. Finally the Ventura got within radio range of the Tahiti herself. "Those British boys in the radio room were exchanging wisecracks with us as we'd acknowledge their SOS calls," commented Merwin. It was at 10 o'clock on the morning of August 17, two days later that the Ventura finally arrived alongside the helpless Tahiti.

"We got 'em all aboard safely," said Merwin, "except that the Tahiti's fourth officer fell in the water from a lifeboat, and got wet. He was steering the lifeboat with an oar, and the oar broke, throwing him into the ocean. The only fatality was the death of somebody's pet canary. We got off all the first-class mail, too, and about \$25,000 in gold bullion. Everything else went down when the Tahiti, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 17th, suddenly stood on end and took the long dive."

Merwin is full of praise for the Tahiti's crew. "They were wonderful," he said. "Her radio operators maintained utmost coolness. 'It's just like a movie' they radioed to us, as we hove in sight. And believe me, we were welcome. Even the stewards had been doing yeoman service at the pumps, fighting to keep the water down inside her. Once they had the engine room practically dry, but the sea beat 'em again."

"No one knows yet just what caused the disaster, but it is believed that the propeller shaft broke, twisted at one end, and that twisted end, revolving at a rapid rate of speed, tore a hole near her stern before they could stop the engines."

Trying Out Wheat
In order to try out the idea common among many farmers that an increase in yield may be obtained by bringing wheat from the higher to the lower altitudes, Harry Turner of Heppner has purchased a truck load of Hybrid 128 wheat from H. H. Huron, a certified wheat grower of Imbler, and will sow this wheat along side of local grown certified Hybrid wheat. A check on yields will be made at harvest time next year by County Agent C. W. Smith of Morrow county.

Fire Truck Damaged
Yamima.—Protection against fire in the town of Selah was destroyed one night early this week by persons who drained the fire truck of all its gasoline, turned the switch to let the battery run down, and used some tool to damage the gears so that they would not operate, officials of the department revealed.



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Youth Draws Away As Two Reap Long Years and They Die Together

New York.—For 51 years Anton and Anastasia Hahn lived hand in hand. They died the same way.

Anton and Anastasia met and loved in their youth. They married and had six children. The children loved their parents but they, too, grew up and left the home nest to found homes of their own.

Anton and Anastasia were welcome in the homes of the flown nestlings. They went from one to the other, but somehow it was not the same. Strangers were there. The nestlings had other interests, other loyalties. They could no longer "do" except in loving kindness, for the children. Time is that way—cruel.

Anton and Anastasia went to live with a daughter, Mrs. Rose Harmon, in the Bronx, crowded off-shoot of the great city of New York. Rose was kind to them. She loved them sincerely. So did the other five nestlings. But the doctor told Anton that Anastasia's heart, which had been large enough to encompass their world, had slowed its beat. The verdict of the doctor laid an icy hand on Anton's heart. Suppose Anastasia should go—and leave him with the nestlings and the strangers?

Time is merciless. Anton was 78. Anastasia was 74. Daughter Rose thought she would like to go to the beach for a day's outing. She invited Anton and Anastasia to come along. There isn't much fun for a 74-year-old mother with a bad heart and a 78-year-old father with a fearful sense of approaching loss, at a beach. Anton and Anastasia said they would rather remain at home together.

When Rose, the nestling, had gone for her holiday, Anton and Anastasia took stock of themselves. What was left? They had lived, loved, created. They were tired—a little in the way, perhaps—though none of the nestlings would admit it. Eternity was before them—together. They had earned that. Eternity, without the petty burdens of a material earth that makes old people feel in the way.

Anton stuffed the crevices in the nestling Rose's home and turned on the gas. He pinned a \$1 bill to a farewell note to "pay for the gas," then Anton took Anastasia's hand—and they set forth into eternity together.

Is Against Grange Bill
W. S. U'Ren, public ownership advocate, states in the voters pamphlet that he is against the Grange Bill because there is no limit to the taxing powers granted the districts, because they need not be contiguous, and because there is no limit placed on the public debt that may be created by such districts.

15,000 Attended Walla Walla County Fair During Three Days Showing

The Walla Walla county fair closed Saturday night with a total attendance of the three days exhibition placed at about 15,000.

Between 4500 and 5000 people attended the night show, baby night, the final events of the fair, show and fire works display last and then, prior to the closing of the gates at midnight, took one last look at the exhibits representing the best Walla Walla valley could produce in livestock, poultry and farm produce, before returning home.

Eight thousand people visited the fair during the afternoon and evening, a late report from the fair committee indicated, making the total for the three days of the fair just a shade under 15,000 people.

Just before the night show started, Baby King Bobby Keyes, and Queen Dorothy Marcy, were crowned on the raised platform in front of the grandstand by Arthur E. Cox, master of ceremonies.

In addition to taking four other first places, Elmer Smiley, a farm boy living near Freewater, exhibited the sweepstakes dairy calf in the 4-H club division at the Walla Walla County Fair Thursday. Following is

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Slight Gain in Lumber
Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Digest says there has been a slight improvement in the general lumber market during the past week, but sufficient time has not elapsed to permit of determining whether this is just a flash or the beginning of a real upward turn.



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