

SPECIAL FARM WEEK PLANNED BY O. S. C.

Many Specialists Will Place Latest Findings Before Farmers.

Oregon State College.—The latest findings of research specialists in almost every branch of Oregon agriculture information not yet in printed form—are to be presented to the farmers of the state in a special Farm Science Short Course, January 26 to 31, announces A. B. Cordley, dean of the school of agriculture of Oregon State college.

Forty staff members and almost every department of the school of agriculture will take part in this course, which is an emergency measure to aid Oregon farmers in facing the present price depression. Some of the topics to be included are pastures, hops, seed production and marketing, feed grains, hogs, sheep, horses, poultry, soils, farm management, farm equipment, rural electricity, farm finance, rural taxation, weed control, potatoes, irrigation and farm sanitation.

Detailed programs will be available for distribution soon, according to G. R. Hyslop, chief in farm crops, who is heading the committee on arrangements. The schedule is to be so arranged that each farmer may attend only those parts in which he is especially interested.

"Under present conditions of greatly depressed farm prices, a producer to survive must avail himself of the very latest methods of economical production, careful marketing and sound business methods," said Dean Cordley. We are glad to put forth this extra effort in order that farmers of this state may not be without information which will help them during the coming season if the facts that they need are available here."

An "Old-Time" Dance

One of the jolly occasions of the holiday season at Adams was an "old-time" dance Saturday night when almost the entire community met at the city hall for an evening of "old-time" dancing. Every one reported a splendid time. At a late hour refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. The music was furnished by various ones of the community and was much enjoyed by all.

County Sportsmen Not in Accord With Proposed Game and Fish Code

Pendleton.—Umatilla county sportsmen are not in complete accord with changes in the game code proposed by the state game commission, it was evidenced at a meeting of more than fifty active hunters and fishermen in the Elks building here Friday night. The meeting had been called by S. R. Thompson, member of the game commission, who wished to obtain an expression of feeling on the proposed changes from men in this section of the state.

While the meeting expressed approval of the no-minimum-length-for-fish proposal, it stood flatly opposed to the recommendation that live minnows and salmon eggs be prohibited for use as bait. In response to the arguments of the game commission set forth by Mr. Thompson and to the effect that fish were being killed by salmon eggs prepared with poisonous compounds, several members declared if new regulations were to be made they should operate over the manufacturers of salmon egg bait, not the fishermen who use it.

The sportsmen also opposed the two-week's open season on China pheasants and recommended an eight-day season which would include two Sundays as a means of giving increased protection to the birds.

Higher license fees would decrease not increase, the revenue from this source received by the game commission, it was reasoned by the sportsmen, who declared many of their number purchased a combination hunting and fishing license now with little intention of using but half of it; that if they were more expensive only a fishing or hunting license would be purchased by those men having single interests.

The proposed open season on deer from October 1 to November 1 with no interference from the governor met with agreement, but the majority of the sportsmen present stood strongly against protecting bear in Eastern Oregon where so much stock is raised. The game commission proposes to protect bear except for a season in the fall.

When Wheat Equals Coal

Wheat must have a value not greater than 26.5 cents per bushel at the place of use in order that it may be economically burned in place of coal, according to calculations made by Howard H. Langdon, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Washington State college. Due to the low price of wheat, queries have been received concerning the advisability of using it for fuel.

ACTION URGED TO CHECK GRAIN FLOW

Farm Board Member Suggests Embargo or a Higher Tariff.

Washington.—Samuel R. McKelvie, grain member of the federal farm board, advocated action by congress at this session to halt the flow of foreign commodities into the United States over the agricultural tariff rates. He said it was imperative to the farmers in this country.

Placing a temporary embargo on wheat and small grains or an increase in the tariff rates on these products, he said, is necessary to protect American farm markets from foreign competition.

Shipments of foreign wheat and other grains to this country are increasing and have been in substantial amounts recently, as a result of the higher prices prevailing in United States markets, McKelvie said.

Under the flexible clause of the tariff act, President Hoover is empowered to increase rates by 50 per cent after an investigation has shown a disparity in costs, but, McKelvie explained, it would take months to complete such an inquiry in the case of farm commodities.

For this reason, he said, the flexible tariff is not effective for farmers and some new action by congress is necessary to meet this situation.

Foreign competition in United States farm markets comes from virtually all parts of the world, McKelvie said. He explained there have been shipments recently of Argentine corn, European wheat, in addition to some other grain and wool.

"The grain stabilization corporation and the farm board are endeavoring to stabilize farm prices in the United States on a domestic level," McKelvie said, "but this program is being interfered with and confused by imports from abroad, which are arriving here in spite of our tariff. The former needs some additional protection, and it is the job of congress to provide it."

McKelvie said the treasury could be helpful by preventing shipments which were intended to violate the tariff laws, but that administrative action alone was not sufficient in the present emergency. He said the farm board would be glad to cooperate with congress in working out measures to be adopted, but said the board has no formal recommendations for congress at present.

New Administration Has a Seven Point Program

Portland.—The Portland Telegram says it has learned from "authoritative sources" there are seven "essential points in the program to be endorsed by the new state administration." The paper says it understands the bulk of this legislation is being drafted by A. E. Clark, Portland attorney.

The seven points are: Abolition of the present state public service commission.

Creation of a new commission of one, shorn of most of the present judicial powers, and charged with the representation of the people.

Optional home rule for cities in regulating utilities.

Creation of hydro-electric commission of three appointed by the governor, to control power rights in the state.

The so-called "grange bill" properly safeguarded.

Action by the state to speed federal development of the Columbia power possibilities.

Abolition of the law providing "certificates of necessity" for creation of new utilities.

Tax Body Inexact, Says County Assessor Hawks

Pendleton.—An increased tax burden is being placed on the shoulders of private property owners in Umatilla county because of the inexact method used by the state tax commission in determining actual cash value of such property, thinks County Assessor R. O. Hawks, who declared that excessive valuations of the commission have had a deleterious effect on public utility assessments.

Commenting on the recent action of the commission in lowering the Umatilla county ratio between the assessed value and the cash value from 69 to 67 per cent, the assessor said it was the result of maintaining the cash value at too high a figure. He has lowered his assessments in view of depreciation in wheat land and stock caused by depression in farm industry during the last few years, but the tax commission has maintained its estimate of cash value at practically the same figure since immediately after the war.

Reunion of Hodgen Clan
The annual reunion of the Hodgen family and their friends was held at State Line Hall on New Year's day and night. Over 200 persons were present, quite a number from Athena attending. A banquet dinner was served and in the evening dancing was enjoyed. Fletcher's orchestra furnished the music.

Walla Walla Celebration Set for 1934—Early History Spots to be Marked

Walla Walla.—With the advent of the new year plans for Walla Walla's commemoration in 1934 of the 75th anniversary of the founding of Whitman college and the 40th anniversary of the presidency of Dr. S. B. L. Penrose and preliminary discussions of the observance two years later of the centenary of the arrival of the Whitman missionary party, will be advanced.

Participation of all community organizations in the celebrations is assured. The Walter C. Lee post, American Legion, has appointed a committee to work with the chamber of commerce committee in the preparation of markers for historical spots in this country. Pal Clark, chairman of the chamber of commerce committee and originator of the idea of marking historical spots in the county, asserted that the interest displayed is pleasing to the committee and makes certain that the valley will be ready for the visitors who will be here at the time of the celebrations.

Spots and events which Clark hopes to have remembered by markers include two camps of Lewis and Clark in 1805; two camps of David Thompson expedition in 1811; the point where the Hunt expedition struck the Columbia river, 1812; Mme. Dorion's camp in 1814; establishment of Fort Walla Walla in 1818; spots of the J. Smith tour in 1828; the Wyeth expedition in 1832; first camp of the Whitman party in Walla Walla county in 1836; the Whitman mission established in 1837; the Fremont camp in 1843; the wagon trains of 1843-44 and '45; the Indian wars of 1848 with special honor of Colonel Gilliam; the Governor Stevens-Indian council in 1855; the establishment of Fort Taylor from which Colonel Steptoe and Colonel Wright participated in Indian wars; the home of Mrs. Ransome Clark, the first white woman to establish a permanent home in the valley, in 1860; the establishments of Whitman seminary in 1862, the arrival of Dr. Dorsey Baker's railroad train in 1876.

High School Notes

News Story
Many people in Athena are wondering what has happened to their radios. In the middle of an excellent program they begin to howl so bad that many people are forced to turn them off until the noise has quit. There is a law that prohibits radios that regenerate from operating and if there is such a set in Athena it should be reported to Washington at the radio commission so that an inspector may examine the set and if necessary, condemn it. Instead of blaming it onto some poor amateur and then when he quits working his set start blaming it onto some other amateur why not have an inspector come and definitely find the source of the disturbances. In this way the disturbances will be eliminated and all the amateurs in Athena will not be blamed for the mistakes of one.

Personals
Stafford Hansell was in Walla Walla Saturday. Lester Towne was also a visitor of Walla Walla.

Leland Jenkins and Glenn McCullough were in Pendleton Saturday night.

Irene McBride was a visitor in Pendleton Sunday.

Marjorie Douglas and Arleen Myrick were in Pendleton New Year's night.

George Pittman spent several days in Pendleton.

Betty Eager and Arthur Crowley were in Pendleton Sunday.

Raymond Murphy was in Pendleton Thursday.

Boys' Basketball
The Athena basketball boys are in excellent shape and played Weston at

When It Comes To Repairs:

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WOULD you call on your local merchant and ask him for "imitation" sugar, or raisins, or coffee? Would you ask him to sell you a pair of shoes made of something "just as good" as leather? Or a suit of clothes "made for" a man, whether or not it fits you?

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Weston Wednesday night, Coach Miller has been having practice for the boys during vacation in order to keep them in shape for the coming games. Athena plays Mac Hi on the Milton floor tonight. Our boys have played two games this season, losing the first to Pendleton and winning the second from Dixie. The team has been practicing hard during the past week and are hoping to win from the coming teams.

Grades
The honor roll for the fifth grade is as follows: Beverley Barrett, David Lowe, Marjorie Martin and Billy Hansell.

The only student in the sixth grade to make the honor roll was Ira Alkire.

Arleen Foster has earned a grade of one hundred in spelling each day since school began.

Faculty
Mr. Tilley spent the vacation in Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloom spent Christmas at Mission with Mrs. Bloom's parents. They spent a few days in Spokane with Mr. Bloom's parents and drove home New Year's day.

Miss Cameron spent the vacation in Portland with her parents.

Mrs. Blatchford spent the Christmas holidays at home.

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