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## AGRICULTURAL NOTES

### Agricultural Council Meeting.

On Wednesday, November 29, the Tillamook County Agricultural Council met to hear the annual report of the County Agent and to help plan for the next year. The following members were present: Chas. Kunze, A. W. Bunn, Jas. Williams, C. E. Donaldson, Fred Robitsch, R. C. Mauarell, Ole Redberg, C. W. Tilden, Jesse Earl, C. A. Swenson, R. W. Watson and Judge A. M. Hare.

The County Agent's report showed that ten projects of definite outlines of work in specific problems had been planned for work this past year and that two special problems had come up that also demanded considerable attention.

The first project was the Farm Management Demonstration in which the business records were taken on 104 farms. Farm account books were put out to 28 farmers when these records were returned. The benefits of this demonstration can best be pointed out by a repetition this winter.

The second project was that of County Organization. The County Agricultural Council was formed as the outcome of this project. The object of this council is to co-operate with the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural College in outlining the work and maintaining the office of

County Agricultural Agent so that it will be of the greatest benefit to the community. Its members are to aid in planning and carrying out the plans for the greater agricultural development of the community.

Project No. 3. The work of the Cow Testing Association has been fostered by helping in reorganization and publicity of results. There should be more of these associations in the county.

Project No. 4. Corn contests were arranged in the spring and seed distributed to some fifty farmers. The show was impossible and final results of this project were rather incomplete owing to the early frosts. The yield of fodder, however, was good and points to a good future for corn crop in the county.

Project No. 5. Lime demonstrations and trials were arranged with some fourteen farmers and for the most part showed up good results. Vetch and clover were grown on the prairie with better success than ever before.

Project No. 6. Two drainage districts comprising about 1700 acres have been organized during the year and two more comprising about 700 acres are under way. Besides these districts aid has been given to several farmers in laying out private drainage systems. Levels have been run and the ditch grades established on these systems. There are some 1200 acres of agricultural land in the county that need drainage and can easily be doubled in production by

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Pig feeding, potato blight control, and agricultural fairs were also taken up and fuller accounts of these projects will be given later.

Experimental work was done with the aid of a man from the U. S. Biological Survey in the control of the Pacific Coast mole. The expert was called away and this work had to be dropped. It will be taken up again this winter and a campaign for the control of this pest started if feasible.

Co-operative livestock marketing has been started about \$20,000 worth of stock marketed in this manner with a direct saving to the farmer of about \$2,000.

Livestock improvement has been fostered in every way possible. Aid has been given in the selection of six registered, bred for production bulls and 35 registered females. Among these are many which are backed with records of butter of over 1000 pounds in a year.

After the report a general discussion took place and each one present was called on to make any suggestions for the work of the ensuing year. Plans for carrying out these suggestions are now being formed and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Commercial Club entertained the Council at a luncheon served by the classes in Home Science at the High School. Every one entered the High

School with a hungry look but came away with a very satisfied expression. This speaks well for the girls and their instructor.

### Holstein Meeting.

Tuesday, November 29, the Holstein breeders met and discussed plans for work for the next year. A committee was appointed to formulate plans for distributing the profits of the recent sale in prize money for the same stock at the next county fair. The matter of cooperative advertising and selling was also discussed and it was decided to take up this matter at an early date.

The secretary was instructed to purchase a set of herd books and advanced registry books for use of the members. This will enable them to look up or verify pedigrees and will be a valuable asset.

### Farm Loan Meeting.

Saturday, December 2, about 40 farmers met at the South Prairie schoolhouse and discussed with the County Agriculture Agent the Government Farm Loan Laws. A temporary organization, with 18 members, was formed and the secretary instructed to send for necessary blanks to organize a National Farm Loan Association. Any one interested and wishing to join should see Ernest Geinger or John Edinger at an early date.

Roy C. Jones,  
County Agriculturist.

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