

Lane County Farmers Union News

CO-OP WAREHOUSE MAKING PROGRESS

Started by Members of the Farmers Union in 1923 it is Now Doing an Extensive Business in Feeds of All Kinds

One of the major undertakings of the Farmers' Union in Lane county is the Farmers' Union warehouse which has been operated for the last year and a half in Eugene. Following is an account of the warehouse's activities written by E. E. Morrison, the manager:

This company commenced business June first 1923 succeeding the firm of Morrison & Ford. It was capitalized for \$5000.00 but after being in business for a few months it was found that capital stock was too small and a special meeting of the stock holders was called and the capital stock was increased to \$15,000.00. Of this amount \$9000.00 had been sold. The board of directors are making a steady effort to sell the balance of the stock. In order to make the best of a success of the business it is necessary to have all of the \$15,000.

The warehouse is managed by E. E. Morrison who has had several years experience in the feed business. He is operating along an entirely different line than any other like business. He buys carload lots of raw material direct from the manufacturer, and from these, with the grains purchased from the farmers in Lane county he manufactures all kinds of feed that there is a call for. A few of these feeds are: Dairy feed, egg mash, egg producer, scratch feed, baby chick scratch, baby chick mash and many others.

The company is furnishing feed for some of the largest poultrymen and dairymen in the county.

One of the many benefits of the warehouse company to the farmers of Lane county is that it buys all the grains that it is possible to use, thereby saving the expense of shipping them out of the county. Many thousand bushels of grain have been bought and manufactured into feeds thus enabling the producer to receive better prices for his product, and the consumer a saving on his purchases. This done by eliminating the middleman and cost of transportation.

With co-operation there is strength, and if the farmers of Lane county will continue patronizing their own institution there is no question of its success.

FARM REMINDERS

For holding up overloaded fruit tree branches in Oregon orchards masts and wiring are more reliable than wooden props which too often get out of position. Some sort of support is essential for all limbs loaded to the breaking point, says W. S. Brown, head of horticulture at the experiment station. About the cheapest supports are forked saplings, but great care is needed if their use to prevent wounding the branches.

Winter protection of the bee colonies in all parts of Oregon will mean more honey next spring. H. A. Scullen of the experiment station reports from many investigations. Cracks in the hives, likely to form in hard weather and cause the bees to knock off honey making next spring long enough to fill them with wax, are prevented by a good coat of paint.

Rotation of crops in all Oregon diversified districts cost little, distributes labor better and is usually profitable on the soils. It brings increase of humus and nitrogen by turning under clover and different

CANARY LOCAL 189

The regular meeting of the Farmers' Union was held in the hall Sunday, being well attended. Several visitors were present, among whom were Mrs. A. R. Squire, formerly a resident of Berrydale and a union member, but who has moved to Hornbrook, California, and Mr. and Mrs. John Michel, who are now living on the old ranch again.

Mrs. Luther Holesapple and baby daughter, Opal Virginia, who is one month old, and the youngest Farmers' Union member, were present at Sunday's meeting.

Gustard Huston, Farmers' Union member and road supervisor for road district No. 59, and his workers have been highly complimented on the good work they are doing on the roads of Western Lane by the County officials. They promise a larger expenditure of money on Western Lane roads for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bester, who are developing quite a poultry ranch, expect to hatch 3999 baby chicks this spring. They have the St. Helens strain of white Leghorns.

Farmers' Union members who have recently purchased cars are Grant Flisk, Mickel Bros. and Simon Keichle.

The beautiful silk quilt, which was made by the ladies of the Farmers' Union, sold for \$50.50. The making of the quilt was managed by the good of the order committee, composed of Mrs. Grant Flisk, Mrs. Tom Shollenburg and Mrs. Grace Groves. From the proceeds of the quilt, an oil stove, tin cups and knives, forks and spoons were purchased for the use of the members, and are kept at the hall.

Guard Huston gave a very interesting talk on good roads at the Sunday's meeting of the union.

Many tourists, more than ever before, have visited Western Lane County this summer, to enjoy the delightfully cool weather and the fishing and boating on Western Lane County's numerous and beautiful lakes. But one hot day has been experienced by Western Lane residents so far this summer.

GRACE GROVES.

crop residues. The average net profits on the experiment station farm over a period of seven years was \$8.82 per acre—a clear gain of more than \$60 an acre as well as in improved soils.

Peach blight trouble? Spraying with Bordeaux 6-6-50 right after the trees have been stripped of their fruit this fall prevents bug and twig infection sure to start right after the fall rains begin in many Oregon peach districts. Blight is responsible for more damage to peach orchards than any other disease. Directions for preparing and using the Bordeaux will be sent by the state agricultural college on request.

To estimate the number of tons of hay in the stack many ways have been offered, but Oregon growers may be interested in the following approved by the state college farm crops department; Subtract the width of the stack from the distance over the top from one side to the other, divide by 2 to get the average height. Multiply length, width and height, and divide by 512 in newly built stacks—up to 60 days—or 422 to get number of tons.

Mose's Handicap.

The prosecuting attorney was examining a Negro witness. "Now, Mose," he said, "tell us what you know about this fight." "Well, boss, I think—" "I don't want to know what you think. Tell us what you know." "I think—" "I told you not to tell what you think."

"But Boss," said Mose, apologetically, "I ain't no lawyer, I can't talk without thinking."—Prize Story in Judge.

Greeting to All Members of the Farmers Union in Lane County

This issue of the Farmers' Union News is the first copy published in Lane County which is exclusively a farmers' Union paper. Our efforts have been fruitful, we now have an instrument by which we can get in closer touch and become more and better acquainted with our neighbors. It is the aim of the editors and the County officials to build this paper from a mere single sheet to worth while sized newspaper. We, meaning members of the Union, will only get out of our paper just what we put into it, reporters from all the locals are urged and requested to each week contribute something in the way of news which will be of interest to the readers, you do not necessarily have to be a reporter, if any of the members have a story or anything nice to tell please let the editors have it. The Union has approximately 1575 members in the county, this represents, we will say, 700 homes.

Dear friends with much persuasion the editors started this paper with fewer subscribers than the Farmers' Union agreed to furnish. Cannot we all spare the small sum for subscription to put the Farmers' Union News in every members household. I believe it can be done if all the members who have not yet subscribed will send the county secretary and treasurer their name and address and the subscription price.

H. L. BECK,
County Secretary and Treasurer,
Springfield, Oregon.

DORENA LOCAL

The meeting on August 26 was called to order by president E. H. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gleason and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McAllister took the obligation for membership.

The letter received by U. S. Bales concerning the committee on lights was placed on file and carried over until the next meeting.

The seventeen members present listened to an interesting talk given by W. J. Butler of Creswell and the meeting closed.

Lee Thomason, killed the first bear that has been killed around here this season, Saturday near the old Rat creek mill about two miles above Dorena.

Flora and Genevieve Bales went to Eugene last Thursday to stay for some time. They have secured employment there.

The Farmers' Union members appreciate having Mr. Chrisman keep a Farmer Union store in the community very much.

Clarence and Charlie Peterson were Cottage Grove visitors Wednesday.

B. I. and A. N. Land made a business trip to Cottage Grove Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Emit Kirk and children attended the "Round-Up" at London Sunday afternoon.

McKENZIE LOCAL

The McKenzie local held its last meeting the first week in July and meets again tonight. An interesting program of activities are being planned for this winter.

Outside of That!

Passerby: "Why aren't you at school today?"

Youngster: "Cause the school house burned down, an' the teacher's sick, an' this is vacation, an' it's Saturday, an' there ain't no school."

The Silver Lining.

Mr.: "I'm sick of walking the floor all night with this kid."

Mrs.: "Ought to be glad you don't live in Alaska, where you'd have to do it six months at a stretch."

HADLEYVILLE LOCAL

Hadleyville local had an open meeting Sept. 4 in the evening. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. E. Fanning, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crow and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bradshaw and daughters, from the Lorane local and M. M. Boney of the Eugene Farmers' creamery who gave a very interesting talk.

Mrs. Dorris Pratt and her daughter, Ines each gave a very interesting reading.

Several of our members were picking hops. We hope to have them all back for our next meeting. According to reports all had a good time. A Plate supper was served with hot coffee.

Those who attended the Beuhler sale north of Eugene, Friday were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Seals and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Poucel and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rursk and son, Mrs. Martha Derrick, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Gillespie.

There was a large crowd at the Nighswander reunion last Sunday. It was the first time the family had all been together for twenty-four years.

Frank Nighswander started to his home at Vancouver, B. C. Monday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nighswander.

Charles Stroup of Oregon City is spending a few days on his farm.

The members of Lorane Crow Cattle Raisers association held their meeting at the Lone Cedar school house Friday evening.

Stormy Seas.

The morning felicitations were well under way.

"I wish you'd take your spoon out of your coffee cup," she said.

"Why should you care?" the surly brute demanded.

"I merely wanted you to have plenty of room when you dip in your toast, dear!" she suggested sweetly.

Says Boil Well Water.

Users of Well-water which has not been tested should boil it to be on the safe side, is the recommendation of Dr. W. H. Pollard, city physician. Dr. Pollard stated that only 5 tests out of 14 have proved satisfactory for drinking purposes direct from the well.

MT. VERNON LOCAL

We are doing things right, have just purchased a 2-acre tract in Douglas Gardens, for a new home site of Mt. Vernon Local Farmers' Union and Ladies' Auxiliary. The ladies making the purchase. Plans of the building are in the hands of the building committee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Laird have returned from a two weeks' trip, spending most of the time in the Tillamook country, at Netarts, Ore. They were accompanied on the trip by Ray Renie, Marjorie and Dale Phetteplace.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE F. E. C. U. OF A. PROGRESS

First organized in Texas in 1902. Organized now in 27 states with over 2,000,000 members.

Came to Northwest in 1907. Two hundred warehouses, elevators, and selling agencies operated by locals in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Our National President, Chas. S. Barrett, spends much of his time in Washington, D. C., working over time for the farmer. His efforts have been successful in enacting some very favorable farm legislation. He is on the job and will continue to look after the farmers' interests.

Walter M. Pierce, Governor of Oregon, is a member of our organization. He has done, and will do all in his power for the farmers of Oregon.

Herbert Egbert, of The Dalles, our state president, is a past member of the state legislature, and a farmer, working hard for the farmers.

H. L. BECK.

CLOVERDALE LOCAL

The Cloverdale, Camas and Creswell locals held a joint meeting and social at Cloverdale August 22. After the program a social time with ice cream and cake was enjoyed by all. Cloverdale local meets again Friday Sept. 11.

Compliment?

Daughter: "Do you think there is such a thing as honor among thieves?"

Father: "No. They're just about as crooked as other people."

BANNER PROGRAM READY FOR FAIR

Annual Lane County Exhibition and Races will be Staged Next Week; Program Best Ever.

With an elaborate showing of farm products and livestock, a lively entertainment program and the best racing card possible the annual Lane county fair will open Monday at the grounds in Eugene. A four-day performance that will surpass anything heretofore is promised by the fair officials.

While grains and grasses will nit be as good this year as previously there will be an exceptional fine display of fruits and vegetables. Santa Clara is exhibiting as a community. The Eugene public market for the first time is putting up a large display. Chase Gardens and Strawberry Barrett, spends much of his time in Washington, D. C., working over time for the farmer. His efforts have been successful in enacting some very favorable farm legislation. He is on the job and will continue to look after the farmers' interests.

R. C. McCrosky with his famous string of 15 Clydesdale horses has arrived on the grounds as has also A. C. Ruby with 29 Percherons.

The race horses are now coming into the barns. They are the fastest on the North Pacific Racing circuit. The Dixie Syncopators, a 12 person troupe, will be on the main amusement attractions of the fair during the nightly programs. The McMahon & Wheeler circus and individual acts will also live up the program.

The last night this year will offer something different in the way of local talent. The service clubs of the county will have charge of the program and put on an amateur performance.

The American Legion has erected an open air dance hall which will be run nightly.

Altogether it will be the best "Lane County's Own Show" in years, promise the fair board officials.

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