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DIRECT SALES MADE IN FARM IMPLEMENTS

"It takes a plow to sell a plow" has become a common saying among farmers. During the past three or four years the manufacturers of farm implements have been hard hit by being unable to sell and some of the oldest establishments have failed. Now the manufacturers are considering plans for direct sales to farmers, cutting out all the middle-profit agencies.

There is no good reason for implements being sold thru wholesalers, and an army of traveling salesmen and commission men, says C. E. Spence, State Market Agent. Half the price the farmer pays for the smaller pieces of farm equipment is added to the factory price by these middle factors, and in threshing machines, binders, tractors, and like expensive machines the overhead expenses added make the cost so high that their sale is so limited that the factories are hard hit.

The move to make is for manufacturers and organized farmers to deal directly and cut out the whole middle works. This should result in sweeping price reductions and greatly benefit both the factories and the farmers. There is no justification for the present huge middle expenses.

Co-operation Conquering the World

The American Co-Operative Commission, in a statement showing the wonderful strides of co-operation, asks this question: "Does so-called private business do anything that cannot be done better by the producers and consumers themselves through co-operative organizations?" Wherever there is discussion to eliminate middle costs and profits there bobs up the argument that American business is based on the middle men and there does not seem to be any way to remove them, says the state market agent, and he advises the organized farmers and producers to be their own middle agencies and retain the profits now taken by the thousands of wholesalers, brokers, dealers, commission men that operate between the growers and consumers. If the present middle profits could be divided between producers and consumers both classes would prosper. There would be far greater consumption and demand, with higher prices to the grower and lower prices to the eaters.

President Egbert Marries

Herbert Egbert, president of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, department of Oregon and Southern Idaho, was married at The Dalles, Oregon, February 4 to Elizabeth Hall. Farm Union members in Lane county send congratulations to the newlyweds.

OFFICERS OF LANE COUNTY FARMER'S UNION

- Ralph Laird, Creswell, President.
- Will Wheeler, Trent, Vice-President.
- Betty Kappauf, Cottage Grove, sec.-Treas.
- N. A. Horn, Cottage Grove, Door Keeper
- H. C. Jackson, Waverlyville, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

CANARY LOCAL 189

Canary Local No. 189 met at their hall, Sunday February 1, in regular session. There were 22 present. A profitable and interesting session was held after which the members sat down to a bountiful repast provided by the sisters of the local and enjoyed a social hour together.

Canary local has taken advantage of a broom bargain and has ordered five dozen. Members who have used them report them quite satisfactory.

This local will give a pie supper and program Friday evening February 21, to begin at 8:30 P. M., the pies to be sold at auction. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Each lady is requested to bring a pie. The proceeds to defray the delegates expenses to the state convention.

Brother Potter's wife has returned from Eugene where she underwent a serious operation some time ago and is doing nicely.

We are anticipating excellent results from the new gas lamp which our committee on lighting purchased from Mr. Wheeler.

Canary local has received three new members so far this year.

MT. VERNON LOCAL

The Mount Vernon local met Wednesday evening February 4. Owing to the disagreeableness of the weather, and some sickness among members the turn out was rather slim.

However, the committee has something up their sleeve and we look for a good crowd at our next meeting which will be February 13.

Mr. J. R. McPherson was among the indisposed last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reynolds went to Creswell last Sunday afternoon.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laird, who was quite sick one day last week, is reported much improved.

Carl Smith was reported to be on the sick list a few days ago.

ORCHARD SPRAY PROGRAM NOW READY FOR GROWERS

An orchard spray program for 1925 has been issued for the benefit of Oregon growers by the state college extension service. The material composing it was gathered and arranged for this bulletin by H. P. Barss, plant pathologist, and Don C. Mote, entomologist, of the experiment station.

Because of different climatic and other conditions fruit tree diseases and insects and their control are quite different in the part of Oregon east of the Cascades and west of the Cascades. Since these enemies of horticulture are more numerous and destructive in the western part of the state the main program is based on western Oregon needs, with outlines for the eastern districts following. Copies will be sent on request.

JASPER LOCAL

Jesse Wallace, who has lived at Jasper for 40 years sold his place recently. He has not decided where he will settle.

The young peoples Sunday School class will give a Valentine's party at the home of Mrs. Jesse Wallace, Saturday night.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company has surveyors running a contemplated logging R. R. to go back the ridge between the McKenzie and Little Fall Creek.

This road, if built, will tap one of the largest bodies of standing timber left in Lane county. The company has made no announcements.

J. R. Conard, our local secretary, and Harry Jones made a business trip to Eugene Monday.

Mrs. C. F. Humphrey gave a dinner for her son John and little granddaughter, Lois Humphrey Monday, it being their birthday.

L. R. Hack and Arlo Jones are cutting wood on Maurice Hills place.

SPENCER CREEK LOCAL

Spencer Creek Local held an open meeting on Monday February 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gempl. A large crowd was present. Mr. Fisher and wife, joined the ranks of the Farmers Union.

Visitors present were: Roy Brown, of Central local, County President

R. P. Laird and wife and Miss Etta Davis of Mt. Vernon local, Harry C. Jackson and wife of McKenzie river local. After the meeting supper was served and the evening was spent in dancing. All present voted the members of Spencer Creek Local a live wire bunch.

PASTURE ROTATION KEEPS LAMB PARASITES IN CHECK

The belief of progressive sheepmen that pasture rotation reduces the ravages of parasites among sheep and lambs received a scientific test last year at Beltsville, (Md.) farm operated by the United States Department of Agriculture. According to the report of the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, just issued, that belief is correct. The Government investigators found that a systematic rotation of forage-crop pastures enables lambs to reach market weight without visible effects of parasitic infection.

The system, though keeping parasites in check, is not an absolutely sure method. While the frequent changes of pasture proved beneficial, they were not entirely adequate in the control of parasites of sheep carried throughout the year. Stomach worms are among the most serious pests attacking farm flocks, and for their complete suppression some method of treatment such as dosing with dilute copper-sulphate solution is desirable. Details of the method are obtainable without cost from the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, at Washington, D. C.

VIDA LOCAL

Vida Local's new officers have taken up their duties.

The last meeting, of January 24, was well attended and a good meeting held.

Committees were appointed for the year.

One of our members, Mrs. Clauson was reported sick and has since been taken to the hospital, where she is now on the way to recovery.

Road work is the general order of the times, in the Vida district, notwithstanding the general bad weather of the past week. A crew of men are fixing the Gats Creek division of the County road.

Ben Minney expects to have his men at work in a week or ten days, blasting rock and putting in a crusher at the Tucker pit.

CENTRAL LOCAL

Central local held their regular meeting on Saturday night, February 7. On account of bad weather and high water a small crowd was present, but an enthusiastic meeting was held.

Visitors present were Harry C. Jackson and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Laird.

FARM REMINDERS

Many poor hatches are caused by neglecting to test incubator thermometers each season, say poultry authorities at the Oregon station. Thermometers may be tested by placing the bulbs in water heated to 103 degrees, using a clinical or doctor's thermometer to check with. Any difference which may appear can then be taken into account in reading.

Brown rot mummies, dead twigs and spurs, and mildew twigs should be pruned and removed from the orchards, as they lessen the sources of future spring infection, and supplement the regular spray program, advises the Oregon experiment station. These should be burned, for in many cases if not burned, the disease spores are formed just the same, causing much trouble later on.

The spring application of bordeaux is not satisfactory for the clean up of anthracnose in a badly infected Oregon orchard. A new spray program by the experiment station advises bordeaux mixture added to the July codling moth spray in such cases. Fall spraying is no longer recommended for this disease because of weather conditions at that time of the year, which favor infection and interfere with spraying.

Size and shape of hatching eggs are characteristics the Oregon poultryman cannot afford to ignore, says the experiment station. Texture of shell, shape, color, and size of egg may be transmitted through the offspring.

Mould on sprouting oats may be prevented by providing plenty of ventilation and sufficient heat to hasten growth, according to experiments at the Oregon station. Spraying the trays with formaldehyde each day before putting in the oats is also a help.

HADLEYVILLE LOCAL

Hadleyville Local met at the regular meeting night, February 5. The attendance was good, about 50 present. The program was enjoyed by all. Miss Francis McDonald of Crow high school sang a song and several members of the local had interesting pieces to give.

Mr. Pratt from Colorado, who is visiting his brother and family were in attendance. Also the president and his family from the Lorane Local were there and several more.

SOUTH WILLAMETTE LOCAL

South Willamette Local held an open meeting at Dun school house on Monday night. A large crowd was present. 7 new members joined the ranks of the Union.

Visitors were: E. T. Seals and wife and brother Smith of Hadleyville local R. P. Laird and wife and H. C. Jackson and wife

The next meeting will be held on Monday night February 23. This will be a good meeting as the program committee say there will be something doing. All are invited.

McKENZIE LOCAL

The Farmers Union held its regular meeting Wednesday night February 11.

At the next regular meeting two weeks from Wednesday night the Union is planning a small program and pie social.

Juanita Schwerling, who has been on the sick list is able to return to school at last.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are spending a few days with their daughter at Junction City.

Denzel Godard is sawing wood and delivering it on the road.

The Waverlyville Ladies Aid will meet Thursday with Mrs. R. J. Koozer.

Jena Kaldor has gone to Portland to visit her sister, for an indefinite time.

There was a large crowd attended the sale at the W. H. Andrews and sons farm at Deerhorn Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Dewey Bennett of Eugene is spending a few days with her parents at Waverlyville.

TRENT LOCAL

The executive committee of Trent local met at the home of D. S. Linton, Monday evening February 9, and discussed various means for creating more interest in regular meetings of the local. It is the intention of this committee to meet regularly for a while.

D. G. Linton gave the executive committee from Trent local a radio concert after their deliberations which was highly appreciated.

C. E. Jordan, who fell last week on the steps of his back porch straining his back very badly is able to about again.

Representative H. C. Wheeler was over from Salem over the week-end.

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LEAF SUOT CAUSES TOMATO RAISERS LOSS

Tomato leaf spot, or blight, a disease which annually causes to growers a loss of 250,000 tons of commercial tomatoes, can be largely controlled by suitable field practices, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Bordeaux and other copper spray mixtures have given most effective results in the past, but the profits are not always sufficient to justify the expense.

As the spores of the fungus do not form at temperatures below 50 degrees F., the plants are seldom infected in the field in the Middle Atlantic and middle Western states before the latter half of June. For this reason good results can be obtained by setting out large, stocky, well-hardened plants early in the spring.

Strong plants, at least six weeks old, that have been grown outdoors, can be obtained from the South early in the spring at a reasonable price. More than 30,000,000 such plants were shipped into Indiana in 1923, and some growers in the eastern States have been using them. Some large northern companies manufacturing tomato products are now growing their own plants in the south. Some of these southern-grown plants have distributed wilt and root knot in clean fields, and for this reason a system of plant certification is needed.

A leaf-spot fungus can be prevented from living over winter by plowing under the old tomato vines in the fall, but they must be thoroughly covered. The fungus grows as a saprophyte on dead weeds, grasses, and the remains of various crops, especially cornstalks, and destroying them by turning under or burning is an important factor in control.

TIME AND PLACE OF LOCAL MEETINGS

- Vida—Second and Fourth Saturdays at Minny Hall.
- Mt. Vernon—First and Third Wednesdays, Brasfield Store.
- Hadleyville—First and Third Thursdays, Hadleyville School.
- Dorena—Second and Fourth Tuesdays, Dorena Church.
- Creswell—First and Third Tuesdays, Creswell, M. W. of A. Hall.
- Coast Fork—Second and Fourth Thursdays, Hebron Church House.
- Jasper—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, W. O. W. Hall, Jasper.
- Canary—First Sunday and Third Saturday, Farmers Union Hall.
- Danebo—First Tuesday, Danebo School House.
- Lorane—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, I. O. O. F. Hall.
- Trent—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, Pleasant Hill High School Bldg.
- Cloverdale—Second and Fourth Fridays, Cloverdale School House.
- Secretaries will please send in time and place of meeting and changes of date as they may occur.
- McKenzie local, second and fourth Wednesday, 8 p. m. I. O. O. F. hall, Waverlyville.
- Silk Creek Meets First and Third Thursday at Cedar School House.
- Heceta—First Sunday of each month, Heceta School House.

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