

# Lane County Farmers Union News

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## FRUIT GROWERS DO \$1,254,769 BUSINESS

Report of Manager Holt Shows Biggest Year in History of Eugene Association; Officers Elected by Stockholders

A million and a quarter business was done by the Eugene Fruit Growers Association last year according to the annual report of the Manager, J. O. Holt to the meeting of stockholders in Eugene last Saturday. This is \$240,000 more than was done in 1923.

The stockholders re-elected all the old directors who are: M. H. Harlow, J. Beebe, Frank Miller, F. B. Chase, F. B. Harlow, John Thramer, George A. Dorris, George Klinge and H. C. Travillion. Later the directors met and re-elected M. H. Harlow as president; J. Beebe, vice-president and J. O. Holt secretary and manager.

Manager Holt's report showed that during the year the plant at Eugene received 10,047,700 pounds of fruit and vegetables, the one at Junction City 572,441 pounds and the one at Creswell, 453,394 pounds.

The total number of cases packed at all the plants was 258,481.

In the dried fruits department the total number of pounds of prunes put out was 1,172,006.

In the green fruit department 5,164 boxes of apples and 753 boxes of pears were packed.

### General Statistics Given

Other statistics were as follows:

Cherries in brine, 11,350 gallons; vinegar, 24,000 gallons; cider, 4,000 gallons; frozen berries, 8,100 gallons. Walnuts, Franquettes, 12,405 pounds Mayettes, 23,830 pounds, and seedlings 32,200 pounds.

Ice cream made, 78,410 gallons; ice made, 4,382 tons; lime sulphur spray manufactured, 408 barrels.

The box factory cut approximately 2,014,000 feet of lumber during the year.

Gross sales made by the association during the year were as follows: Storage \$1,163.49 Green Fruit 47,142.29 Dried fruit 102,369.05 Canned goods 829,530.25 Merchandise 19,229.33 Ice 35,924.03 Ice cream 87,619.73 Vinegar 4,744.39 Box Factory 81,143.62 Specialties 5,995.25 Soda fountain supplies 21,753.80 Walnuts 18,154.29

Total sales \$1,254,769.58 Total amount paid for labor during the year was \$199,965.87; salaries, \$15,132.30; total, \$215,098.17.

The total number of members of the association at the close of business December 31, 1924 was 1684, an increase of 75 for the year, and the total amount of stock sold and outstanding was \$183,960.

## CANARY LOCAL 189

Sister Potter returned home Sunday February 1 from the hospital and is getting along very nicely.

The Southern Pacific railroad crew has completed the work of cleaning out the slide between Ada and Siltcoos and have went on to Marshfield. They expect to return in a few days and widen the right-of-way at Siltcoos station preparatory of installing a water tank.

We wish to correct an error in our last weeks items. The pie supper and entertainment at our Farmers Union hall is to be Saturday February 21, beginning at 8 p. m. The little girls pies will be kept separate. Everybody come and have a good time.

Mrs. Martina, at Siltcoos has gone to her sisters funeral at Eugene.

Brother Hollisapple has closed his garage and moved onto his farm to be ready for the milking season.

Work on the Fiddle Creek road will be resumed the forepart of next month.

Martin Christenson is getting some young skunks and making pens preparing to start up a skunk farm.

The Ford and Christenson Fox Farm at Northbeach is anticipating a successful season. They have some fine specimens of crossed and silver fox.

Mrs. Groves at Berrydale reports a very successful laying and hatching season. She specializes in pure bred stock.

The night train ran in the daytime last week on account of slides and fallen trees.

## 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, Waiaterville, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

## Editorial

"Kind Friend: Illinois Union Helper died two years ago of High Brain Pressure and Hardening of the Pocket Arteries. Selah."

In an effort to give the readers of the Farmers Union News a glimpse of what the Farmers Union is doing in other states and nationally letters have been sent to all of the different state papers and the National Magazine asking for an exchange. The above postal was received this week.

At first reading this clever message evokes a laugh, but on closer thought does it not spell tragedy? We, of course, know nothing concerning the conditions that contributed to this untimely death, but the message brings before us a mental picture of a group of farmers joined together for the common good of all, who have gradually fallen apart, possibly disagreed, lost interest, failed to pay their dues and caused the death of their common spokesman, their paper.

Does not this message bear evidence to the fact that the farmers can't agree, can't stick together, don't know what they want and fight among themselves as pictured by the cartoonists of today?

But why is this so, and where are the pit-falls? What does the writer of this postal mean by High Brain Pressure?

There is a pit that lies yawning at the feet of all organizations, a pit that threatens to engulf the Farmers Union if it is not planked over. Above this pit is the word "Resolutions." Nearly every week we read in the papers a resolution passed by some local. Some of these resolutions are passed and are rushed into print when only a few members are present at the meeting, some are passed without being studied or thoroughly understood, and others are passed under the influence of mob mind. The sentiment of the local passing a resolution may not be that of other locals and resolutions to the contrary are passed and printed. The result is evident.

If some action were taken to regulate the passing and printing of resolutions in our local and county meetings would not the danger of this pit-fall and of "Death from High Brain Pressure" be reduced?

## HADLEYVILLE LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadley spent Monday in Eugene.

Hazel and Orval Powell and Felix Miller visited Frank McCulloch one evening last week.

Jesse and Charles McCulloch were in Eugene last week having dental work done.

Clark Stevens of Eugene is visiting at the A. G. McDaniel home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Seals of the Grendler district and Lola Henderson of Lorane attended the play at Crow Friday night.

Members of this local remember Thursday night is the Farmer's Union business meeting. All come that can, and come with the intention of boosting the good work along.

The books for the play to be given by the Hadleyville Local have been received. "All a Mistake" is the name of the play. Characters are to be selected from Union members. The play will be given some time in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Briggs visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McDaniel last week.

## McKENZIE LOCAL

February 11 was our usual business meeting. Twenty were present.

Mr. T. W. Carney was appointed good roads committeeman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jackson visited recently the Spencer Creek, Central and South Willamette Locals

February 25 will be a Colonial evening in honor of George Washington's birthday. Pies will be auctioned, the proceeds to be used by the ladies in furnishing the kitchen. Everyone welcome.

## LEGUME CULTURES SENT USERS IN MANY STATES

Bacteria That Takes Nitrogen From Air for Plants Go From Experiment Station

Legume cultures prepared by the bacteriology department of the experiment station are being sent to farmers in Oregon, California, Nevada, North Dakota and neighboring states. One order was received from Mexico last week for bacteria to inoculate 40 acres of garden peas.

Cultures sufficient to inoculate 7000 acres of legumes were sent out by the experiment station last year. The heaviest demands are from Oregon farmers. Out of the state orders come largely from O. A. C. alumni and other state experiment stations.

The cultures are used in inoculating clover, alfalfa, vetches, beans, peas, and other legume crops. They contain bacteria which have the faculty of taking the nitrogen of the air and making that nitrogen available for crop use. The legume crops will not grow with any degree of success unless these bacteria are present.

Bacteria for the particular type of legume indicated are put up in two-ounce size bottles, which are sent post paid for 50 cents each. This makes the cost only 25 cents an acre for the culture.

Field peas for hay should be planted from February 15 to April 1. White Canadian, Blue Russian or Arthur varieties are drilled three-fourths to 2 inches deep, at the rate of 90 to 120 pounds an acre. Where they are a new crop they should be inoculated.

The cutting of scion wood of deciduous trees should be delayed for a short time until the extent of the damage done in Oregon by the severe cold of this winter has been determined, is the advice of the experiment station. This scion wood should be cut before the last of February.

## CLOVERDALE LOCAL

Cloverdale Local met in regular session Friday February 13, with all of the officers present and a majority of the members. An invitation had been extended to Creswell, Walker and Camas locals to attend our meeting. A large delegation of the Creswell local was present but owing to the bad roads members of Camas local were unable to attend.

Other visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Laird, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Trescherm and E. E. Morrison and son. Also two other members of the Mt. Vernon local.

Five new members were received into the Union. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Marguet and Lucille Land as members of the Creswell local and Gladys Morgan and Mr. George Brown into the Cloverdale local.

After the regular business meeting was disposed of President Sweeney called for remarks from the visitors. The speeches that followed were very interesting and highly appreciated.

The Cloverdale Local furnished the following short program: Song—Old Black Joe, Quartet.

Florence Getchell, Lucille Land, H. Parks and L. J. Getchell. Recitation—Velma McPeck. Song—Will the Angles Let Me Play, Lucille and Velma Morgan.

While the ladies prepared refreshments a Valentine box was opened by Mr. Kull. Percy Woodward was the recipient of the majority of the Valentines, although Mr. McPeck, Mr. Kull and Mrs. Wright all received Valentines that deserve honorable mention.

After the refreshments of cake and coffee a social time was enjoyed.

On our next meeting night, February 27, O. S. Fletcher, new county agricultural agent and E. R. Jackman, farm crop specialist of the extension department of the state college will deliver lectures on farm crop problems and the future work of the Agricultural Agent. This will be an open meeting and an invitation is extended to everyone interested in farming to attend.

The Federal T. B. tester, Dr. Thompson, was in this locality Monday inoculating the cows of many of the farmers.

Lois Getchell spent the week end with her grandparents near Eugene. Kenneth Danstrom is working in Eugene at the Eugene Clothing manufacturing company.

Mrs. P. Danstrom who was operated on at the Eugene hospital a short time ago is getting along nicely and will soon be able to return home. The Cloverdale Local of the Farmers Union presented Mrs. Danstrom with a

## CHICK DISEASE INFECTS LARGELY IN EARLY LIFE

White Diarrhea Develops in First Three Days in Most Cases—Spreads Over Flock Next

White diarrhea infects the greatest number of baby chicks within the first 48 to 72 hours after hatching. From 2 to 4 per cent of the chicks infected at birth will cause the disease to spread to 40, 50 or even 75 per cent of the entire flock. Hatchery operators and farmers, in an effort to save a high percentage of the chicks, often leave infected chicks in the incubator and try to doctor them. The result of this practice is usually disastrous.

The best and only satisfactory way of handling chicks showing symptoms of white diarrhea is to remove them from the incubator and kill them. Every "pasty" chick should be killed as soon as it is discovered. Any chick that develops symptoms of the disease in the first 48 to 72 hours should be removed and killed. The killed birds should be burned to eliminate the possibility of further infection.

Infected hens do not always show outward signs of the infection but they do lay eggs carrying the disease. Chicks hatched from such eggs are infected at birth. Trying to save the lives of infected chicks ends in sorrow at some later date. Getting rid of the infected hens is getting rid of infected chicks to a large extent.

The O. A. C. experiment station recommends the use of hatching eggs from blood tested stock as the first step in stopping the spread of white diarrhea. If hatching eggs from an unknown flock are used disinfecting the incubator and the brooder house helps some in hindering the spread of the disease.

## JASPER LOCAL

Remember February 23, as the date for the basket social and radio program to be given by our local. Everybody invited.

All present enjoyed the Valentine party given by "The Young People's" class at Mrs. Martha Wallace's Saturday evening February 14. Light refreshments consisting of grape juice, cookies and pumpkin pie were served about eleven.

Jess Wallace and family sold their place a few days ago and are moving into L. R. Hacks house.

The Adam Ritchie places, owned now by the Pacific Christian hospital have been sold to different parties.

Henry Gully and family are moving up to the Higgins & Carr sawmill where they will work when the mill starts.

A few of the farmers around here are starting their spring plowing.

Arlo Jones received a letter from E. Bauer, who used to live here but now lives at Chico, California, saying Mrs. Bauer had been quite sick but was improving at the time he wrote.

A number of people in the neighborhood have been sick with bad colds.

Don't forget our basket social. Everybody come, the women bring the baskets, the men the pocket books.

## Will Discuss Telephones

To discuss the building and maintaining of rural phone lines a meeting of farmers has been called for Friday evening, February 26, in the Eugene Chamber of Commerce. Two engineers of the Pacific Telephone and Telephone company will address the meeting. It is felt by local officials of the telephone company that education along this line will greatly improve the telephone service in the country. All farmers are urged to attend.

Failure to provide the correct temperature for small chicks often results in hawl trouble. From 95 to 100, at the edge of the hover, is the correct temperature for the first few days. Too much heat is as bad as not enough. Confining the chicks fairly close to the stove the first two days by means of boards 12 inches wide nailed together at the corners, minimize the danger of chilling.

rose colored hyacinth in full bloom. Gladys Morgan has gone to Dexter to assist Mrs. Chas. Hays with the house work and care of the children.

Miss Thelma McPeck entertained the young people of our community on Saturday evening February 14. Those who attended the party were: Harold and Francis Parks, Florence Getchell, Walter Danstrom, Frank Elliot, Hazel and Howard Kull and Loyd Edmundson.

## REPORTERS ATTENTION

Does the name of your local, time and place of meeting appear below? If not, send it in before the next issue of this paper. Send your name and address and phone number to Mrs. Eugene B. Tinker, Creswell, Oregon, Route 1, at once.

## TIME AND PLACE OF LOCAL MEETINGS

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

## CRESWELL LOCAL

There was a joint meeting of the Cloverdale and Creswell Locals February 13 at the Cloverdale hall with a large crowd in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jackson and E. E. Morrison, and County President R. P. Laird and wife were present and gave interesting talks. There were several other visitors. A short program was given, and everyone given a Valentine from the valentine box. Five new members were initiated after which a bountiful supper was served. Everyone enjoyed a good time.

The Creswell members of the Farmer's Union, met with members of the Grange in Woodman hall, Tuesday February 17, the regular meeting night of the Creswell local. Business was suspended and the time given to O. C. Fletcher, the County Agricultural Agent, and E. R. Jackman, of O. A. C., who gave interesting and instructive talks along agricultural lines. Mr. Fletcher outlined briefly his plans of co-operation with the farmers for the coming year.

This meeting was both interesting and instructive, and the members were glad to get in touch with the two speakers.

## FARM REMINDERS

Red clover at the rate of 12 pounds an acre, or alsike clover at the rate of 8 pounds an acre, can be sown in the spring in various ways. Broadcasted in fall sown grain in February as soon as germination will occur is a desirable method of planting at this time. Clover should be seeded on deep well-drained, sweet or slightly acid soils. A light covering of land plasted on many soils helps to secure a good stand and a good crop.

Sow vetch in February and not later than March 1. Fall plantings are best, but those who want vetch for hay can sow now at the rate of 80 pounds per acre of common vetch.

Oregon farmers are advised by the experiment station to sow pasture mixtures early. Good grass mixtures for spring sowing to establish permanent pastures are as follows: 6 pounds of English rye grass; 3 pounds each of Kentucky blue grass, orchard grass, tall oat grass, and red clover; 3 pounds timothy; and 1 pound of white clover an acre in well drained soils, or 8 pounds of English rye grass; 3 pounds each of red top, orchard grass; 2 pounds of alsike clover and one pound of white clover an acre for wet or heavy soils. Sowing should take place from February 15 to March 15 if the grass is to be well established.

## COUNTY AGENT WILL MEET FARM UNIONS

Series of Meetings to be Held By O. S. Fletcher; First Meet At Central Saturday, February 21.

A series of meetings with Farm Union locals have been announced by O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent, the first of which will be Saturday night, February 21, with the Central local. The meeting will be held at the community hall. It will be an open meeting and everyone is invited to come. Coffee will be served.

O. S. Fletcher, accompanied by E. R. Jackman, crop specialist, the new County Agricultural Agent will hold meetings with Farmer Union locals as follows:

- Tuesday, February 17, 8 p. m., Creswell Farmer's Union, Modern Woodman hall.
  - Wednesday February 18, 8 p. m., Mt. Vernon Farmer's Union, Mt. Vernon Hall.
  - Thursday February 19, 8 p. m., Hadleyville Farmer's Union, Hadleyville school house.
  - Saturday February 21, 8 p. m., Central Farmer's Union, Community Hall.
  - Monday February 23, 8 p. m., South Willamette Farmer's Union, Dunn school house.
  - Tuesday February 24, 8 p. m., Dorena Farmer's Union, Dorena church.
  - Wednesday February 25, 8 p. m., Trent Farmer's Union Pleasant Hill high school.
  - Thursday February 26, 8 p. m., Coast Fork Farmer's Union, Hebron church.
  - Friday February 27, 8 p. m., Cloverdale Farmer's Union, Cloverdale school house.
- All these will be open meetings and the farmers in each district are invited to be present.

## TRENT LOCAL

At the regular meeting of Trent Local held Wednesday evening February 11, it was decided to hold open meetings once a month at which time lectures and demonstrations would be held on subjects pertaining to local problems.

O. S. Fletcher our County Agent and E. R. Jackman, crop specialist, have been asked for our next meeting night February 25

Arnold Collier, assistant county school superintendent will be asked to tell us of his work, particularly as to what our members can do to assist him in his boys and girls club work.

H. E. Cosly, poultry demonstrator from O. A. C. extension service, will continue his lectures and demonstrations throughout the summer. His first lecture last fall was on "Feeding and care of the Flock."

D. G. Linton was reelected to represent this local on the county good roads committee.

The executive committee will meet again sometime this month to further discuss the question of how to make the meetings sufficiently interesting to get everyone out. A good start was made last meeting and our last meeting showed results.

C. B. Wheeler reported his failure to attend the last county convention was due to his having lost a dog while out hunting the day previous. He said in locating his dog he succeeded in treeing a bobcat. The local sportsmen assured him if he could guarantee them a cat up a tree they would be tempted to forego the pleasures of a county convention themselves.

C. E. Jordan was confined to his easy chair last Friday due to a severe cold.

Mrs. A. Olson was received at the Goshen hospital and underwent an operation, Friday February 13.

C. F. Hyde is putting in a complete system of tiling on his farm at Pleasant Hill. About 10,000 feet of ditching preparatory to the placing of the tile has already been done. As this is the most complete system of drainage that has been undertaken recently around Pleasant Hill it should be of interest to those conveniently near the Hyde ranch to watch results.

## Attend Roseburg Meeting

E. E. Morrison, manager, and C. E. Jordan, secretary of the Farmers Union Co-Operative warehouse, went to Roseburg Wednesday to attend a meeting of managers of all co-operative enterprises in Western Oregon.