

Lane County Farmers Union News

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FLAX GOOD CHANGE-OFF IN SPRING WHEAT AREA

As a means of introducing further diversification in the crop system of the spring-wheat belt of the northern Great Plains area, the growing of flax was encouraged by Federal and State agencies during the past two years with the result that there was an appreciable increase in acreage over the 10 year average. The unprofitable returns from wheat growing had made some such diversification desirable. The prevalence of flax wilt and other diseases and the lack of new wilt-free land had caused flax growing to decrease, says the United States Department of Agriculture so that the average production was not more than 10,000,000 bushels, or scarcely more than one-third of our domestic needs. Flax, therefore, seemed a desirable crop to recommend.

As a result of this Federal and State encouragement the seed-flax area in 1923 was increased to 2,061,000 acres and the estimated production to 17,429,000 bushels. The average acre yield of 8 1/2 bushels, with a good price throughout the year, made the crop fairly profitable to growers. These agencies did not attempt to increase the acreage in 1924, but only to stabilize the aims made in 1923. Preliminary estimates for 1924 indicate, however, that about 3,375,000 acres were sown, or an increase of approximately 63.6 per cent over 1923. Much of this increase in the past two years has been on old land instead of newly broken sod. This has been made possible by a better knowledge of the wilt and the production of wilt-resistant varieties, especially North Dakota Resistant No. 114, developed by the North Dakota station. It was estimated that about 26 per cent of the North Dakota crop was grown on sod and 74 per cent on older land.

A method of growing flax and wheat as a mixed crop, developed by farmers in southeastern Minnesota, has been fully investigated by the department and the State stations and found to be desirable and profitable under some conditions. Satisfactory results with this mixed crop were obtained in rather extensive experiments conducted in 1923 by the Minnesota station and by the department in cooperation with the North Dakota station. The mixture of the two crops holds weeds in check, prevents heat canker in the flax seedlings, makes the flax crop easier to handle with the grain binder, and at the same time increases diversified crop ping.

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- H. C. Jackson, Walterville, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

Editorial

The first exchanges from State Farmers Union papers were received this week. There are many articles and editorials we would like to reprint but space does not permit it. In reading these papers I find the same problems face the Farmers Union members in Kansas and Iowa as are facing us here. They have their legislative, county and local problems. But in most of the reports of local meetings where there was a good crowd present a program and eats are mentioned. What can this mean? Are the members of Farmers Unions owners of such appetites that they cannot go out for a two hour meeting without being fed. Hardly that. Good eats—the very act of eating breaks the barrier of formality and opens the doors to sociability. Men and women when served with a plate of sandwiches, cake and a cup of hot coffee or chocolate will sit and visit with each other for an hour or more, talking over their own personal problems, exchanging experiences of their daily lives, or discussing more fully some measure brought up in the meeting. Without this bit of refreshment the members say good night and are gone. It is not to satisfy a demand for food that "eats" are served but a clever way the women have of saying "stay awhile and visit."

From the report of the Woman's Auxiliary Committee as adopted at the National Convention at Oklahoma City, November 18-21 and printed in the Iowa Union Farmer, we wish to call attention to the following paragraph.

"The junior work has two principal purposes, namely, the education of farm children in the knowledge of cooperative work, keeping in mind that in another generation they will be the farm leaders, and to assist in providing programs that will indirectly build up interest in local meetings and increase membership."

Are we giving our children enough attention along these lines? Are not many mothers staying at home from meetings, thus losing interest and enthusiasm because the children are not considered at our meetings? How are the different locals in Lane county meeting this problem? We will be glad to publish letters on this question as it is undoubtedly a vital one.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses issued during the past week by the county clerk included: C. K. Pryor and Frances Virginia Davis, both of Eugene; Percy J. Houser, Grants Pass, and Alice Hazel Tunis, Eugene; Earl Barger and Frances Summers, both of Eugene; Carl H. Phetteplace, Powers, and Edith Pearl Alton, Eugene; B. Frank Shontz and Hattie B. Fletcher, both of Eugene; Glenn Chamberlain, and Emily Smeed, both of Eugene.

CANARY LOCAL 189

Everybody remember Canary Local's regular monthly meeting next Sunday, March 1. The secretary has a splendid letter from State Market Master Spencer on marketing conditions to read and other items of new business that will be of interest to all. The new brooms have arrived in good shape and are an even better bargain than were expected.

Think over and decide whether you want a free traveling library this summer as this question will be talked over at our next meeting.

The pie supper and program Saturday evening, February 21 was a splendid success in every way. A large crowd attended, the pies sold at a good average price and the volunteer program of over 20 numbers was especially well rendered.

Mr. Stalenburg, as auctioneer gave a fine demonstration of salesmanship. The entertainment committee requests the members to have volunteers ready for any program they may wish to put on in the future.

The schools observed Washington's birthday with appropriate exercises.

The railroad company is busy re-enforcing its grade after the recent high water.

H. P. Sutton is logging off the Erhart brothers timber at Silteos, Ore.

HADLEYVILLE LOCAL

The Hadleyville local held their regular meeting Thursday night.

O. S. Fletcher and E. R. Jockman were the speakers.

H. H. Smith was appointed to act on the good road committee and W. W. Hawley on the fair board.

H. H. Smith and Jesse McCulloch gave a good report about the County Convention held at Springfield.

Mrs. Frank Anlauf is spending the week with her sisters Mrs. Frank Hemenway and Mrs. A. G. McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas McCulloch and son Tommy and Mrs. Lucy McCulloch went to Eugene and Cottage Grove Monday on business.

The program and pie social given by the Hadleyville school was a decided success. The children were drilled by their teacher, Mrs. Lewis.

The negroes from Coontown and the Cate family were exceptionally good.

The Crow high school gave their program the second time on February 13. It was well attended.

COAST FORK LOCAL

PERSONALS

Therapy weather has stopped our ambitious farmers from their spring plowing again.

W. L. Kimble received word Saturday morning from his son, Garland, and wife, who are in Portland that their infant daughter died Friday.

L. D. Huff butchered a fine beef which he disposed of in the community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Perrini and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Huff.

Logging operations in the Walter Woodard B Camp began Monday.

The children in the London school district received their last treatment of Toxin-Anti-toxin last week.

Coast Fork Local has their new hall well under construction.

The Charles White family are settled in their new home south of Hebron bridge.

Mrs. L. H. Gilchrist is having new improvements added to her home.

Miss Hazel Fuhrer returned to O. A. C. Monday afternoon after spending the week-end with her parents.

The Christian Endeavor held their monthly business meeting and party at the Kelly home last Saturday night.

Madelle Kappauf was absent from school two days last week on account of a very bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDole have a new sport model Chevrolet car.

Mrs. J. T. Pleser and daughters of Salem spent Thursday night with Mrs. Pleser's sister, Mrs. George Keibelbeck, and family.

The Coast Fork local of the Farmers Union held a special committee meeting Monday evening, relative to the marketing interests.

Chairmen attending were: W. T. Garoutte poultry; O. A. Nichols dairy; A. L. Lent, livestock.

Representatives of this committee were appointed to confer with other locals: Hugh Trunnel with Lorane and Robert Powell with Creswell. Others to be appointed later.

The payup contest voted at the last meeting is progressing satisfactorily. Shoe Shop.

JASPER LOCAL

Jasper Local will hold its regular business meeting Wednesday February 25, and the basket social Saturday February 28.

"Doc" Sylvester has been quite sick for several days.

The Sunday school is planning on having a program at the church Friday March 13. The program will be given by E. R. U. students.

Ida Shelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shelley, was operated on for appendicitis at the Pacific Christian hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ruthven and son, Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Jones and son, took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Eldson of West Springfield.

Harry Jones has been blowing out stumps for J. R. Conrad, trying out the powder that was distributed by the government.

Don't forget our basket social and radio program this next Saturday. Everybody come.

SPENCER CREEK LOCAL

Spencer Creek local met in regular session Monday evening February 23, at the home of brother and sister Gimpl.

The members were all very happy over receiving our charter, and are now ready to settle down to a definite routine of work.

The members of the local voted to change the meeting night from Monday to the third Friday of each month.

Of much interest was the discussion of a home for the local, resulting in the appointment of a committee of four, Carl Gimpl, Frank Gent, John Fisher and John Moss, instructed to see what could be done about the matter.

A committee of four was also appointed for the "good of the order," consisting of Frank Gent, Mrs. Carl Gimpl, Mrs. Joe Gimpl and Mrs. Edward Halderson to arrange a definite program for each meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Pine Grove school house, Friday evening March 20th.

After the business meeting a social time was much enjoyed.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served at a late hour and all went home feeling the evening was most enjoyably spent.

FARM REMINDERS

Irrigation farmers of Oregon will do well to look over their distribution boxes and build weirs at this time of year. Much contention can be avoided by measuring the water used. Directions for building weirs may be obtained by asking for Oregon-Corvallis station circular 182, on "Materials and Structures for Farm Distributaries" by W. L. Powers, professor of soils.

A good colony of bees at the beginning of the main honey flow should consist of one selected queen and 75,000 to 100,000 workers. There should be as few drones as possible, advises the state college experiment station.

Ordinary straw contains as much plant food material as does barnyard manure, but this material is not as readily available to the plants as in manure. One ton of straw contains nearly 10 pounds of nitrogen, 5 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 10 to 12 pounds of potash, says the state college experiment station.

Heavy pruning of winter injured fruit trees should be delayed until the extent of the damage has been determined, says the experiment station. Promiscuous pruning or cutting back now may remove some of the best wood from the tree which cannot be told from the damaged wood until later in the season.

Getting spray outfits in shape before the season starts is advised by the state college experiment station. Some orchardists will have to increase their spray outfits due to the growth of the orchard to prevent serious trouble. If they cannot get over the orchard in time, the insects may get a start on them.

Butter wrappers printed with name, address and weight, in accordance with law. Springfield News.

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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.
- Heceta—First Sunday of each month, Heceta 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, Walterville.
- Mt. Vernon—First and Third Wednesday, Brasfield Store.
- Silk Creek Meets First and Third Thursday at Cedar School House.
- Spencer Creek—Third Friday, Pine Grove 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.

MT. VERNON LOCAL

Mt Vernon Local had a very good meeting Wednesday, February 18. Mr. Jackman from O. A. C. and Mr. Fletcher, the County Agent were both present and made some interesting and helpful talks.

Refreshments were served later in the evening to a large crowd of members and friends.

EXCHANGES

We wish to acknowledge the following exchanges this week:
The Iowa Union Farmer, Columbus Junction, Iowa.
The Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kansas.

POTATO CERTIFICATION GENERALLY PROFITABLE

Potato growers in the northwest are obtaining better yields by using certified seed.

The merit of certification is slowly becoming understood by the general class of farmers. A large number of inquiries have been received this year from farmers, by the experiment station at Corvallis. While planting certified seed will not always result in a crop that will pass certification requirements, it usually means a considerably better yield of potatoes. The potatoes will be more uniform and have less culls than where the common potatoes are used for seed.

Certified potatoes must be of uniform size, showing the varietal characteristics, and comparatively free from disease. But do not think that because they are free from disease, you will get disease free potatoes that season. Potatoes may become infected from diseased soil or containers before planting. Always treat the potato seed before planting. It serves as a disinfectant for the seed and kills the disease organisms that may have reached the surface of the seed from the containers. Use corrosive sublimate for treating them before the seed is cut for planting.

GOOD PACKS, LOWER FREIGHT

The surest way to get a lower freight rate in Oregon on the perishable commodities of the northwest is to grow, grade, pack and ship them so there will be fewer claims to be met by the railways according to C. J. Hurd, market specialist of the extension service. The cost of claims is passed back to the grower in the high rates to cover the amount of the claims.

Wood ashes contain about 5 per cent potash and 30 per cent lime. The potash supplies the plant food element potassium, and the lime can be used to neutralize acidity in our soils. Wood ashes that have been exposed to the rains are leached and are not as valuable as unleached ashes, advises the experiment station.

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