

Lane County Farmers Union News

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TELLS OBJECTS OF FARM ORGANIZATION

Professor Jackman Says Farm Locals Work Comes Under Five Heads; Urges This Program for Best Results.

In an address at an open meeting of the Trent Local, Prof. E. R. Jackman, crop specialist from Oregon Agricultural College, who is himself a member of the Farmers Union, belonging to the Columbia local, said that the main idea of the tour that he and county agent O. S. Fletcher were making over the county was to get acquainted and to let the farmers know what line of work would be taken up this year. Prof. Jackman spoke for several minutes on organizations and their effectiveness. He said: "There are over 4000 farmers in Lane county and in order for the County Agent to get in touch with them he will have to work through farm organizations as much as possible." Prof. Jackman spoke of the difference that exists in the efficiency of different locals, saying that in most cases a strong local has a program of work to do and accomplishes it. He divided the work of any organization under five heads with their subdivisions.

- (1) Educational.
 - (a) Study of special measures.
 - (b) Debates (thus getting both sides of a question.)
- (2) Social.
 - (a) development of friendly spirit.
 - (b) Neighborly help, assistance and cooperation.
 - (c) Recreation.
- (3) County Improvement work.
 - (a) Beautifying roads, homes, public buildings etc.
 - (c) Improving schools etc.
 - (4) Financial.
 - (a) Buying.
 - (b) Selling.
 - (5) Cooperation in introducing new crops, new methods etc.
 - (a) Treatment of wheat for rust by copper carbonate.
 - (b) Buying treating machines.
 - (c) Volunteering land for trial crops.
 - (d) Rodent control.

Professor Jackman urged farmers to work for their organizations, saying, "No one has a feeling of loyalty to his organization who has not done anything for it, given of his time and his efforts. This is true also of church, school and government."

In discussing the use of treating wheat or chest with copper carbonate instead of formaldehyde or blue stone, Prof. Jackman brought out these points:

- (1) Grain is not killed.
- (2) A large crop is guaranteed.
- (3) Cuts down the amount of seed used 20 to 25 per cent.
- (4) Grain grows more steadily and faster.
- (5) Grain can stay in cold or damp ground longer without injury.
- (6) Grows ahead of weeds and chokes them out.
- (7) Care should be taken not to breath the copper carbonate dust.

In regard to planting alfalfa Prof. Jackman brought out these points:

- (1) Should be planted on well-drained land or on rolling land.
- (2) Grimm is the variety to plant.
- (a) Crown set down well below the surface of the ground can be cultivated after the first year.
- (b) More resistant to clover stem rot disease because the crown is low.
- (3) In most cases the seed should be inoculated.
- (4) In many cases the soil must be limed.
- (5) Must be planted on firm ground.
- (6) Ground must be well worked to kill out grass and weeds.
- (7) Time to sow depends on conditions of the land.

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Editorial

WITH THE EXCHANGES

Everybody is making suggestions to help the farmer, but if the farmer ever gets his head above water he must help himself. Give your own organization and your own business your personal attention and the problem will be solved.—Farmer Union Messenger, Houston, Texas.

It is undoubtedly true as has been said, that the Farmers Union does not have the influence it should have because the different locals and county organizations as well, fail to act in conjunction with one another in matters of public interest. One local goes on record as favoring certain legislation and sends its views to their members in the legislature. Then another local in the same county stands on the opposite side of the same question and sends its views to the legislators. Now what are your representatives to think? They find the union is divided so naturally whatever influence it might have is lost. But suppose the county union sent its recommendations, supplemented later by the locals sending the same, then we could realize the influence the Farmers Union deserves to have. It is better to keep still on certain questions than to send a report opposite to the one sent in by the county or state organizations. If the local is opposed to these things, do not report as a union thereby causing the state union to lose prestige, and at the same time do your own cause no good, but if you feel action must be taken, do it as individuals and not as a farmers union. "A house divided against itself cannot stand," so lets stand together as members of our great organization.—Farmers Union News, Oregon.

MCKENZIE LOCAL

Due to the efforts of Mr. T. C. Carney, our road committee, the road in our district has been improved by the labor and crew of workers.

The local will have O. S. Fletcher, County Agent and E. R. Jackman, crop specialist, with us at our next meeting, March 11.

The pie social was a great success, netting the sum of \$28. The local wishes to thank all who helped with our program and compliment the little folks with their songs and readings.

Several of our members attended the millinery school held at Mt. Vernon Hall last week.

JASPER LOCAL

Jasper local met Wednesday February 23, and elected Arlo Jones vice-president and Maurice Hills conductor. Also appointed a committee to get new members.

The basket social and radio program was enjoyed by a large crowd. "Hennie" Adrain of Springfield furnished the radio program.

Floyd, the oldest son of Jim Aubrey, will be operated on for appendicitis this week.

Several members of the Mt. Vernon local attended our social last Saturday.

HADLEYVILLE LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Seals and sons, Mrs. M. Pratt, Lottie Mae Pratt, H. H. Smith, W. Reick, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hickman all attended the Lorane local Saturday night.

M. and Mrs. W. I. Seals and sons visited Mrs. Seals' sister, Mrs. Ora Davis of Cottage Grove, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Simonson and son, Charles, and Mrs. M. Simonson visited Mrs. M. Simonson's sister Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Lambkin and their families at Cottage Grove Saturday night and Sunday.

The Hadleyville local will meet Thursday night for a social time. Would like to see as many out as possible.

TRENT LOCAL

An open meeting was held last Wednesday evening, February 25, at which E. R. Jackman, crop specialist from O. A. C. and O. S. Fletcher, county agricultural agent were speakers. A very fair number from the community were in attendance.

The subject discussed was so thoroughly enjoyed that a great many regretted the fact that more were not out.

As several non-members were under the impression that these lectures were for Farmers Union members only, it was requested that all present make an endeavor to correct this misunderstanding. All lectures and demonstrations sponsored by the Trent Local are for the benefit of all and are called open meetings.

H. E. Cosby, poultry specialist from O. A. C., will give his first lecture of a series to be given in this district, March 18, at 2 p. m., in Woodman hall at Pleasant Hill.

The next regular meeting of Trent Local will be March 11.

The executive committee of Trent Local met at the home of D. G. Linton Tuesday night March 3, and talked over the business to come up at the next meeting of Trent Local. There will be some important business brought up at that time and H. C. Wheeler has been asked to give a review of the work accomplished at the legislature. Members are requested to be at the high school building Wednesday night March 11 at 8 p. m.

COAST FORK LOCAL

The Coast Fork local held an open meeting February 26. With an attendance of 120. Meeting was called to order by President Trunnell. Opening address by Ralph P. Laird, President of the Lane County Farmers Union, who spoke on organization work and welfare of the county locals. Mr. Laird then introduced E. R. Jackman, crop and soil specialist of O. A. C., and O. S. Fletcher, Lane County Agricultural Agent, who both gave very interesting and useful talks.

Delightful music was furnished by the local orchestra, which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Refreshments were served after the exercises.

Saturday night, February 28, fifteen of our members, visited Lorane Local and spent a very enjoyable evening. Harry Hansen of Spencer Creek called at the G. J. Kappauf home on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Perrin visited over the week-end at Harrisburg with Mrs. Perrin's aunt, Mrs. Jones.

The community was very sorry to hear of the death of little Viola, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gilham, who died at 2 A. M. Monday, after a prolonged illness. The funeral will be held at the Chapel Tuesday afternoon and interment in the Taylor Lane Cemetery.

Mrs. Fred Overton of Dunsmuir, California, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. H. Gelcrist. Mrs. John Cherry of Camp A called on Mrs. G. M. Keibelbeck Sunday.

Mrs. J. O. A. Young is employed at Cottage Grove.

E. P. Carlile called on Lincoln Taylor Sunday.

The weather is so fine now that the farmers are all busy and Mr. Tedford, the road patrolman is giving our road a rest.

Miss Anna Jenson and Mrs. M. Jenson called Wednesday afternoon on Mrs. G. M. Keibelbeck.

C. H. Wood now takes in camp B on his daily return trip from Cottage Grove.

Mr. Harold Dugan is contemplating a trip south for his health.

Mrs. G. M. Keibelbeck visited Mrs. Lillean Taylor Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich and son of Camp A spent Monday evening at the Gilcrist home.

Ma and Mrs. Abner Gilcrist spent the week-end at Lebanon visiting Mrs. Gilcrist's parents. They are planning on leaving for California the middle of the week.

Marriage Licenses Issued

During the past week County Clerk R. S. Bryson has issued marriage licenses to the following: John Alfred Moore and Cornelia Agatha Ellifson, both of Eugene; Etanley Walker and Gladys Hoik, both of Eugene; Frank Wesley Walker, Crawfordville, and Sibel Grace Windham, of Mabel; Homer O. Purly and Hazel Fay Bowles, both of Eugene; William Mitchell Thum and Irma Beager, both of Cottage Grove; Edward Lee Murphy and Florence Myrtle Sterling, both of Junction City.

CLOVERDALE LOCAL

Cloverdale local met in regular session Friday evening, February 27, with Vice-President Riley Petty presiding. The meeting was opened by singing America. Velma Morgan sang "Washington."

As this was an open meeting all business was set aside and Mr. Petty introduced E. R. Jackman who with O. S. Fletcher had come to make the acquaintance of the local.

Mr. Jackman spoke of his membership in the Farmers Union in Wasco County and stated he was proud to be a member of this organization. He spoke of the good work possible for the Locals to accomplish, how social activities created the right kind of neighborhood feeling and how the people should educate themselves in regard to the future laws of the state. He spoke with emphasis of the loyalty of all the members as a necessity for success. All must work with no limit to their efforts, sacrifice or energy.

Mr. Jackman also mentioned the financial part—how the farm organizations are helping through co-operation.

He then spoke of Mr. Fletcher the new Agricultural Agent, of his intended work in rodent control and the trying out of new crops. Mr. Jackman state that all results from new crop trials should be reported to the public. In order that all may profit by the experiment. Mr. Jackman explained the treatment of wheat by copper carbonate and displayed a sample mixer. He stated that the advantage of using this treatment was in the fact that it did not weaken the vitality of the seed whereas the liquid treatment injured 25 per cent of the seed sown.

Mr. Jackman also spoke on alfalfa as a future hay crop for Lane county farmers. He told how in the Eastern and middle states and also in Western Oregon farmers who had been experimenting for years in alfalfa and failed were now succeeding by using the Grimm alfalfa which will stand cultivation and is a permanent crop. He told what soils were adapted to alfalfa and the necessary treatment.

Mr. Fletcher on being introduced opened his talk by calling a mother's attention to a small boy who had fallen asleep in a perilous position, thereby proving his ability to solve more than farm problems. He said that he was here to work with the farmers and he wanted them to "use him." He told of a convention of Agricultural Agents to be held in the future to which members of the farm organizations will be invited.

Mr. Fletcher gave a brief outline of the work he intends to take up, some of which will be tests of fertilizers for orchard trees, control of insect pests of orchards, cherry pollination, general livestock and wool growers difficulties, poultry work, rodent control and new crop experiments.

Mr. Fletcher told of the Farmer's Creamery plan to aid farmers in the experiments in alfalfa. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would give his attention to the marketing end also and endeavor to establish new lines of marketing. He gave as his office hours Tuesday morning and all day Saturday, and invited the farmers to call on him there. He will also meet them there by appointment. After the speaking J. Lower played several pieces on his phonograph.

Refreshments consisting of doughnuts, prunes and coffee were served. The next meeting will be a strictly business meeting.

MT. VERNON LOCAL

The ladies of the Mount Vernon Farmers Union and Auxiliary met at hall on Thursday and Saturday of last week, for the two day millinery school, with Miss Cooley as instructor. About twenty-five ladies were present, some making ahts, others just taking notes.

It is surprsing how much one can learn in so short a time, but it is certainly worth ones time to take the course.

On Thursday we enjoyed a covered dish lunch. On Saturday each brought an individual lunch and a committee served hot oyster soup, tea and coffee. Later on we hope to have Miss Cooley give us the dressmaking course.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Cassidy have moved to 351 West 6th St., Eugene. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Cassidy (nee Etta Davis) from our Union, club and community but wish this young couple a long, happy and prosperous life together.

Mr. Cassidy is a carpenter and Mrs. Cassidy is working in the tax department at the Court House.

Local Reporters

- Canary J. L. Northrup
- Central Ray Bower
- Cloverdale Mrs. L. J. Getchell
- Coast Fork Mrs. Geo. Keibelbeck
- Creswell Mrs. M. A. Horn
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- Mt. Vernon Mrs. V. A. Reynolds
- Silk Creek Bulah Smith
- Trent E. B. Tinker
- Vida Mrs. W. E. Post

CANARY LOCAL 189

G. P. Flak has bought John Nichols' farm. Mr. Nichols is looking for another location in the neighborhood.

John Sholtz and Fred Kneaper are doing road work near upper Maple Creek school house.

N. L. Austin has purchased a fine Jersey bull from M. D. Scott on Fiddle Creek.

The brooms are selling nicely and giving good satisfaction.

Mrs. Monroe of Berrydale died last night at 9 a. m. She had a bad fall several months ago and has not been well since. She was making her home with her daughter at the time of her death. She was 87 years old and a devoted christian woman.

The monthly meeting was well attended, and an interesting session was enjoyed by all. After which the women of the Union served a bountiful dinner.

The local Sunday school is planning Easter exercises. Everybody is invited. The date will be announced later.

Mr. Bester has been very poorly for several days. It is thought he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. He is improving slowly.

UNIONS OF CRESWELL AND CLOVERDALE MEET

Creswell and Cloverdale Locals met at the Woodman hall in Creswell March 3, with many visitors present from various locals of Lane county. And a number present who were not members.

R. P. Laird, County President, Mrs. Betty Kappauf, County Secretary, E. E. Morrison, from Eugene and representatives from the different Locals gave interesting talks.

All of which told that the Union is alive, growing and really doing things. A following program was rendered, after which supper was served, and the happy crowd of 150 farmers went home with only a few hours between them and milking time.

Program

- The evening's program enjoyed by the joint meeting was as follows:
- Piano Duet, Eleanor Nixon and Alice Kent.
- Reading, Donald Nixon.
- Piano Solo, Lo's Jackson.
- Song, Beulah Rouck.
- Reading, Nina McPeck.
- Piano Trio, Alice Kent, Gwendolyn Haight, Eleanor Nixon.
- Reading, Katherine Wright.
- Piano Solo, Clifford Traviolin.
- Dialogue, Reginald Haight, Francis Horn.
- Piano Duet, Clita and Bobbie Walden.
- Reading, Francis Horn.
- Piano Solo, Thomas Wright.
- Reading, Eleanor Nixon.
- Piano Duet, Lucile and Leona Land.
- Reading, Alma Grousebeck.
- Reading, Mrs. R. P. Laird.
- Musical numbers by four members of "The Country Kids" orchestra from Walker.

PROGRAM OUTLINED BY COUNTY AGENT

Farm Crops, Dairy Work, Horticulture, Rodent Control, Poultry and General Livestock Improvement Sought.

O. S. Fletcher, county agricultural agent who has been making a tour in company with E. R. Jackman of the Oregon Agricultural College was at Pleasant Hill Wednesday, February 25, and at an open meeting of Trent local outlined his work for the coming year as follows:

1. Farm Crops.
 - (a) Alfalfa demonstration.
 - (b) Copper carbonate demonstration.
 - (c) Seed inspection and certification.
2. Dairy work.
 - (a) Leguminous hay.
 - (b) Pure bred sties of merit.
 - (c) Feeding and management.
3. Horticultural.
 - (a) Test of fertilizers for tree and cover crops.
 - (b) General orchard pest control.
 - (c) Pollination work of cherries.
4. Rodent control.
 - (a) Central mixing station.
 - (b) Community poisoning of rodents.
5. Poultry.
 - (a) Lecture demonstrations and tours.
6. General Livestock.
 - (a) Sheep, their management, marketing of mohair etc.

The above Mr. Fletcher said was a large program and could not be carried out without the cooperation of the farmers and the farm organizations. He said "I am here to work along your lines and I want you to work along with me. You can make my work effective by letting me know what you want and working with me." Mr. Fletcher also spoke of reorganizing the County Agricultural Council which is a body consisting of a representative from each local, grange or farm organization.

Editorial

Anyone stepping into the office of the county agricultural agent and staying for only a few moments will realize the big task ahead of O. S. Fletcher. For over two years Lane County's agricultural ship has been floundering around without a captain, at times riding on the crest of the wave and again sinking in the trough. The crew which has manned the ship has become demoralized, discouraged and at times about to despair. Now that the captain has returned the crew must again man the ship and work in unison with its leader. To expect Mr. Fletcher to catch up with the work of the past two years that has been piling up before a closed door and go ahead with the present work is beyond all reason unless the farmers take the oars in their hands and work too. This can be done only through organization work. Farmers who do not belong to any organization should join O.C.F. members of the Farmers Union who have become disinterested should turn out again and help make the coming year a banner year for Lane County farmers. Those who have been turning out should upon themselves to bring out old members and gather in new ones. The Lane County Farmers Union News is cooperating with Mr. Fletcher in his work and has offered him and Arnold Collier, county club leader, space in its columns for the publishing of news of live interest, announcements of meetings and demonstrations, organizations of clubs etc. Keep on the lookout for "Notes from the County Agricultural Agents Office."

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