

Lane County Farmers Union News

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FARMERS TO HEAR AGRICULTURAL TALK

Meetings Called for Coburg and Vida; General Fruit Growers Meeting to be Held in Eugene and Society Organized.

Meetings of the farmers will be held by County Agent O. S. Fletcher at the Coburg Grange hall at 8 o'clock Friday evening and at the same hour Saturday evening with the Vida Farmers Union. General farm subjects will be taken up and the county agent program outlined.

Treat Wheat
A smut control demonstration was conducted on wheat to be planted on the C. A. Peterson farm at Dorena Tuesday by the county agent. The wheat was treated with copper carbonate. Arrangements have been made also for the farmers of Southern Lane county to secure poison barley for extermination of gray diggers. The Sterling food store at Cottage Grove will handle the poison.

Fruit Growers Meeting
The program for the orchard growers meeting Saturday afternoon at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce has been arranged. All farmers of the county who are interested are urged to be present as it will not be possible to hold many of these meetings. "Orchard Plant Disease Control" will be the subject of an address by Professor H. P. Barss, plant pathologist of O. A. C., and "Orchard Insect Pest Control" will be discussed by professor Don C. Mote, head of the department of entomology.

After the meeting a Lane county horticultural society will be organized. Professor Clayton L. Long, of O. A. C., will be on hand to assist in the work.

HYDE DRAINAGE PROJECTS VIEWED BY 30 FARMERS

Over thirty men were present at the drainage demonstration held at the ranch of C. F. Hyde Wednesday afternoon under the supervision of F. E. Price, specialist in soils and drainage of O. A. C., extension department and O. S. Fletcher, County Agent. The drainage system being put in by Mr. Hyde was laid out in January and as some of the construction is under way, some of the tile being already laid and most of the ditches dug the demonstration was very successful. About 10,000 feet of tile is being put in by Mr. Hyde which will drain about 30 acres. Many of the farmers present expressed their desire to watch the results.

FARM REMINDERS

If clover sod land which is to be used for potatoes is plowed early and shallow, the clover roots will have time to decay. The land can then be turned up deeper two or three weeks before planting. A 50 bushel increase to the acre with potatoes has been realized with this method in O. A. C. experiments.

Now that the spring seed catalogs are being distributed, it is worth while to call the growers attention to the desirability of using standard varieties of seed that agree with market demands, and which have proved their value over a period of years. It is important to standardize a product in any community that the same variety of vegetable should be produced by all growers. A list of recommended varieties of vegetables can be obtained from the college exchange Corvallis.

Poultrymen of western Oregon are learning the value of Mangel beets as a kale substitute as the result of the severe weather the last two winters. If beets are fed occasionally during the fall the birds learn to eat them readily in case the kale freezes. While not so good as kale, beets as succulent feed are recommended by the station authorities.

With a little bright growing weather well drained land will become firm enough for manuring and plowing. Advantage need be taken of good weather as freezing has resulted in much spring work to be done, says the O. A. C. experiment station.

To get complete control of the peach leaf curl disease, it is necessary to spray so as to disinfect every bud on the tree. This spraying should be done while the buds are dormant. Bordeaux 6-6-50 was found by the college experiment station to be satisfactory.

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, Waltherville, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

MT. VERNON LOCAL

The Mt. Vernon Local of the Farmers Union met Wednesday March 4 for a regular business session.

M. M. Boney of the Eugene Farmers Creamery and Mr. Johnson Field worker of the Willamette Valley Creamery Association, were present and gave very instructive and helpful talks on the care of cows and their products.

The business meeting was called to order at a rather late hour, and business disposed of as soon as possible.

Our worthy president, Mrs. Freshern was present, altho suffering with a boil on her face. She is much better now, however, and we hope to see her looking natural by next meeting.

Thursday, March 5, the Mt. Vernon Thimble club met at the home of Mrs. Lee Davis.

The day was spent in quilting and social chatting. A special feature of the day was the splendid chicken dinner, served at the noon hour, by the hostess, and her daughter Sara.

Members present were: Mesdames Armitage, Smith, Francis, Griffin, Ida Gorrie, Margaret Goffe, Carpenter, Ingersoll, McPherson Reynolds and Davis.

Mrs. Scott was an invited guest but before the business session was over she became a member.

All declared they spent a most enjoyable day and adjourned about 10 o'clock to meet next month with Mrs. Francis.

Mrs. McPherson, two daughters, Low and Vinnie and George Gunn of Springfield visited one day recently at the J. R. McPherson home.

Wednesday, March 18 the Farmers Union will hold a box supper at the hall. The ladies will bring boxes containing lunch for two and the men will buy the boxes at fifty cents each. It is hoped that a large number will attend as the proceeds are to buy some much needed articles for the kitchen. The public is also invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds drove to Creswell Sunday to visit relatives.

Life on the Farm

Down on the farm, 'bout half past four, I slip on my pants and sneak out the door. Out to the yard I run like the dickens, to milk the cows and feed the chickens; clean out the barn, curry Nance and Jiggs, separate the cream and feed the pigs. Work two hours then eat like a turk, and by heck, I am ready for a full days' work.

Then, I grease the wagon and put on the rack, throw a jug of water in an old grain sack, hitch up the horses, hustle down the lane, must get the hay in for it looks like rain. Look over yonder—sure as I'm born, cattle on the rampage and cows in the corn; start across the meadow, run a mile or two, heaving like I'm wind-broke, get wet clean through. Get back to the horses, then for recompense, Nance got straddle the barbed wire fence; joints all aching and muscles a jerk, I'm fit as a fiddle for a full days' work.

Work all summer 'til winter is nigh, then figure up the books and heave a big sigh; worked all year, didn't get a thing, got less cash now than I had last spring. Now some people say that there ain't no hell, but they never farmed, so they can't tell. When the spring rolls round I take another chance, wh'is the fringe grows longer on my old pants; give my 'spenders a hitch, my belt another jerk, and by heck, I am ready again for a full years' work.—Exchange.

Fertilizers should be applied early to do the crops the most benefit. Much of the fertilizer used in the Willamette valley is applied too late to go in to solution the season it is applied. Fertilizers offer come cheaper if the orders are bunched and sent in through the county agent or farm bureau, says the college experiment station.

CANARY LOCAL 189

The Ladies Club had a pleasant and profitable meeting Wednesday, March 4. A good attendance was reported. The time was spent in quilting and social intercourse, after which refreshments were served. The place of the next meeting will be announced later.

Speaking of papers, did you notice the splendid appearance of the Farmers' Union page in the last issue of this paper? It was certainly good. Such work surely deserves our fullest cooperation. Are we giving it, if not let us subscribe today.

Mr. Mathews, general Canary merchant, is strongly advising a carload lime for the sweetening of the upland soil. Would it not be well for farmers having upland soil to give this their consideration.

Plans for the Easter Exercises at the farmers Union hall are advancing nicely. Any one caring to give volunteer numbers are requested to come prepared to render them. The exact date will be announced later. Everybody come.

We are glad to report that Brother Bester is recovering slowly from his attack of paralysis, although he still has an occasional bad day.

The Silcoos Community Sunday school was well attended last Sunday.

The service station opposite Farmers Union hall will open soon under a new name and new manager. Brother Halsapple gave up excellent service and we will miss his smiling face behind the oil pump, and his cheerful "how many gallons, please," that made it a pleasure to dig up a square meal for "Lizzie".

Logging across the inlet from Silcoos is progressing nicely. There are two donkeys in action now.

Work on the Silcoos-Fiddle creek road which is progressing slowly will be speeded up as soon as weather conditions permit.

Mrs. W. L. Fish is leaving Silcoos Lake this week for Cushman, Oregon. She will be missed by a host of friends who wish her success in her new home.

Fruit Trees? Plant Now

Plant all fruit trees in Oregon orchards as soon now as the ground is workable is the advice of the experiment station. Set the trees two inches deeper than they were in the nursery, and sift the dirt well around the roots. When the latter are covered a few inches, tramp the earth firmly. This will not hurt the roots, but they will be injured if air pockets are left in the soil.

Head back the top to balance the root system after the tree is planted. The height of the head will depend on the variety of tree.

Artificial pollination of green house tomatoes has been found to be very profitable. Greatly increased yields result as compared to tomatoes which have been left to take care of themselves. By writing to the Clerical Exchange, Corvallis, Oregon, experiment station circular showing the possibilities of this method will be sent.

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, Waltherville.
- Mt. Vernon—First and Third Wednesdays, Brassfield 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.

COAST FORK LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Taylor spent the week in Cottage Grove, with Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. Florence Small and family.

Mrs. Albert Woodard of Camp B is enjoying a visit with her sister and family of Portland.

Mrs. F. C. Stitzel and daughter Margory Jean of Cottage Grove are spending the week with the George Keibelbeck family.

Mrs. Young, Mrs. Doolittle and Frank Carlile were called to Camas Valley last Thursday by the sudden death of their brother, Wesley Carlile, who was killed in a logging camp near that place.

Judd Doolittle had the misfortune to lose his horse last week.

Leonard Gilchrist is going into the chicken business quite extensively. He is installing a thousand chick brooder and is expecting five hundred little chicks next week.

The M. A. Horn family of Delight Valley spent Sunday at the G. J. Kappauf home.

Jim Johnson had the misfortune to sprain his back and is unable to work this week.

Mrs. George Kappauf was in the Grove Monday and brought home with her one hundred little chicks.

Mrs. George Keibelbeck and her guest Mrs. Stitzel spent Monday at the Jerpson home.

Miss Hazel Fuhrer, who is attending O. A. C. spent the week-end with her parents.

The Walter Woodard Sawmill at Camp B began sawing for the first time last Friday. They are also moving the donkeys from camp A to camp B.

Mrs. John Keibelbeck spent Tuesday with Mrs. Fuhrer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keibelbeck, and M. Keibelbeck, spent Tuesday in Eugene on business.

PIG RAISING CONTEST IN STATE NEXT FALL

The ten-litter pig growing contest for Oregon producers will be held at the Oregon state fair next fall for the first time. Rules and regulations have been outlined to make the contest as useful and interesting as possible, both to the growers and the public. Premiums are as follows: First prize \$50, second, \$30, fourth \$20, and fifth \$10. The heaviest pig in any litter will also get a prize of \$10.

Any litter farrowing after March 1, 1925, and weighing not less than one ton September 29 is eligible to compete. This means any litter, pure bred, cross bred or grade.

Growers wishing to enroll are to notify the animal husbandry department at the state college within five days after the litters have farrowed. Special blanks may be obtained either from the college or the county agent.

Awards will be made on the weights of the litters exhibited at the state fair, no award going to any litter of which either the adjusted weight or the official weight is less than one ton.

The litters may contain any number of animals and may contain sows, barrows and bores, but it is recommended that no bores be in the ten litter.

The pigs in the ten-litter contest are eligible to enter in the regular classes contained in the state fair premium list.

TRENT LOCAL

F. E. Price who held a demonstration on drainage at the ranch of C. F. Hyde Wednesday afternoon March 11, was persuaded to remain in the district and talk to the members of the Trent local at their regular meeting which was made an open meeting so that others might attend. Mr. Price gave some valuable information on soils, fertility, the use of cover crops, straw, commercial fertilizers, manure and lime. After his talk the farmers asked many questions, thus increasing the value of his talk. No business was transacted. The next regular meeting will be March 25.

Prof. H. E. Cosby will give a poultry lecture at Woodman Hall Wednesday afternoon March 18.

Much alarm was caused at the Harden home Tuesday night when a noise near the chicken coop sounded like chicken thieves. On investigation it was discovered a neighbors pig was causing the racket.

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- McKenzie.....Mrs. Lawrence Millcain
- Mt. Vernon.....Mrs. V. A. Reynolds
- Silk Creek.....Bulah Smith
- Trent.....E. B. Tinker
- Vida.....Mrs. W. E. Post

HADLEYVILLE LOCAL

The Hadleyville Local met Thursday evening, March 5 for a social good time.

Brother E. D. Olson gave a very interesting talk on the K. K. Klan subject which was enjoyed by about fifty people. We hope he will come again.

The members were very much disappointed when Brother Laird and Brother Jackson didn't come as the President made the announcement early in the evening that they would be there.

Brother Farring and wife, brother Brabbam and family and several others from Lorane, also Brother Moss from Spencer Creek met with us. We were glad to see so many out to watch us grow. All come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and children and Miss Mildred Johnson have gone to Washington on a visit.

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LIME-SULPHUR CONTROLS MILDEW OF GOOSEBERRY

Mildew sprays on gooseberries must be applied immediately to be effective, reports H. P. Barss, plant pathologist at the experiment station. The before blossom sprays control mildew without leaving sulfur on the fruit when developed.

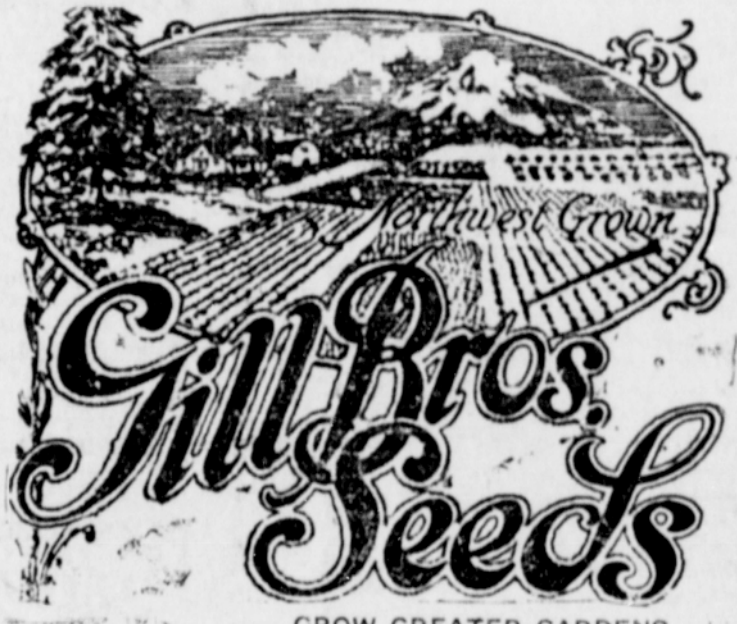
Sulfur on the berries make them unfit for canning, according to cannermen. A large percentage of "springers" or bulged cans develop when berries with sulfur on are put up. Even though the cans may not show outward effects of the sulfur, the product is not considered fit for merchandising.

Complete control of mildew has been obtained by use of before-blossom sprays in experimental work on the plantings of two Benton county farmers—W. L. Powell of Kiger Island and W. W. Stover of Corvallis. The first spray, lime-sulfur 1 to 25, is put on before the blossoms open. It is followed two weeks later by a second spray, and this by a third spray in 10 days to two weeks if it can be put on before the blossoms open.

If dry lime-sulfur is used it is mixed with water at the rate of 4 pounds to 25 gallons. With these sprays a thorough treatment is essential to success, the station farmer experiments show. The solution must drench every part of the plant.

The mildew fungus hibernates in the leaf bud and if allowed to become established on the growing leaf will produce spores that may infect the berry. Since it is then too late to protect the fruit without putting sulfur on it, thereby damaging it for canning, sprays must be put on early enough and often enough to keep the disease from starting on the leaf.

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