

Lane County Farmers Union News

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CANARY LOCAL 189

We are glad to be able to report that Brother Bester who has been bothered by a stroke of paralysis is well enough to resume his place in Sunday school. Welcome back, brother Bester.

Brothers Flisk and Willians are installing new cream separators, preparatory to the heavy milking season. Brothers Flisk and Willians are absent from his ranch for the last year and a half working in a logging camp is back on the farm again cheering us all with his genial smile. He says the farm is the best after all.

Our Sunday school attendance is picking up since the weather and the roads commence to improve. Sunday school at 2 p. m., every pleasant Sunday. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Questions suggested by the various members to be discussed and voted on at the Local's regular monthly meeting. Come and take your part in settling these important questions: "Shall the name of our Union be changed to Maple Creek Farmers Union." "Shall our Union install a radio set in the hall."

"Shall we appoint a representative to the Lane County Agricultural Council."

"Shall we change back now to semi-monthly meetings."

"Shall we authorize our secretary treasurer to act as purchasing agent, secure wholesale prices, and pool our orders once a week or at definite fixed times."

"Shall we appoint a committee to repair the Union Local's motor in front of our hall or arrange for the painting to be a new one."

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers are happy over the arrival of an eight pound boy who arrived March 6. Every body is doing fine.

The Stokes ranch, which includes the old John Starke place has been recently purchased by Mr. Patterson and his partner. We are glad to welcome these new neighbors to our midst and trust they will be well pleased with their new location. They are bringing a number of livestock with them.

Brother Holesapple is installing a new radio at his home.

Everybody remember the Easter exercises at the Farmers Union Hall. (Definite date to be announced later) Under the auspices of the local Sunday school, and everybody is cordially invited to come prepared to take an active part in the program, but come and bring the children anyway.

A sure harbinger of spring. Cars are quite a common sight on some parts of our roads these days.

Oreville Erhart has purchased a new engine for his boat and is giving the boat a thorough overhauling for the summer's run.

The object of spraying for fungus diseases is to cover all exposed surfaces with a fungus poison, which will kill the disease spores that are carried to the plant and thus prevent infections. Thoroughness in spraying is essential to success says the O. A. C. experiment station. Any bit of unprotected surface will be an open port of entry for diseases.

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- Betty Kappauf, Cottage Grove, sec.-Treas.
- N. A. Horn, Cottage Grove, Door Keeper
- H. C. Jackson, Walterville, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

Editorial

Wonder how many of our readers noticed the bit of praise that J. L. Northrup of Canary gave our paper in last week's letter. In this day when criticism and fault finding are all too plentiful a bit of praise shines out in the world like a candle in darkness and light the way to greater progress and higher aims.

The one word that stands foremost in the agricultural field today is cooperation. The Farmers Union of Lane county have two cooperative enterprises. The Lane County Farmers Union Warehouse and the Lane County Farmers Union News. The success of the enterprises depends in part upon the manager of the first and the editor of the last, but neither will succeed without the cooperation of the members of Farmers Union. Especially is this true of the paper, as local reports and community news stands foremost, notes of live interest and farm helps stand next in line of importance. If our reporters fail us then our paper will fail. There are some points that the editor would like to bring to the attention of our members. First the paper is now going into nearly 900 homes and places of business in Lane county and is going into twelve different States of the Union to other state papers. What does this mean? It opens a wonderful field for improving and strengthening our union. It can be an organizer and a revivalist, a messenger of coming events and above all a splendid medium for advertising Lane County and its Farmers Union. As far as the editor has been able to ascertain Lane county is the only county in the United States that has its weekly Farmers Union paper and the readers will see by a personal letter published elsewhere in this issue that the idea is being urged in other states. But sad to relate every enterprise must have its money backing and the members of Farmers Union are falling very short in that line. Since our last county meeting only four subscriptions have come in. In order to meet this really critical condition we are asking each subscriber to secure for us one more subscription, using the coupon in this paper, and asking that each new member be requested to take the paper. We have several plans in view to increase the value of our paper but unless the desired amount of subscriptions are turned in we will be forced to close shop. The publishers have given us a time limit to bring our subscription up to the minimum promised and as we have only a little more than half that number it is necessary that each member take this matter to heart.

JASPER LOCAL

March 25 is the date of Jasper Local's next regular meeting. Would like to have all the members out.

Mrs. Mary Sanders has been very sick for the past week or more.

There will be a program and box supper at the church Friday evening. Students of the E. B. U. will furnish the program. Women bring the boxes which will be sold for fifty cents.

Road Supervisor, M. L. Wallace has started work on the Hill Creek road. Some trees have been cut down and a number of stumps blown out.

Painters have begun repainting the steel bridge that crosses the Willamette here.

Charlie Montell has rented Lawrence Walkers ranch on the head of Hills creek.

Iriley, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hack is quite sick.

P. S. Hills has been busy for the past few days laying and oiling the floor in his new house.

H. R. Conrad had the misfortune to lose one of his hounds. It was run over by a car.

A Wise Boy

Dullard: "Why do you work night and day to get an education?"
Scholar: "So I will learn just how little I know."

COAST FORK LOCAL

Coast Fork Local met in regular session on March 12 with Vice-President Powell in the chair.

One application for membership accepted.

F. C. Furber reported on the good roads committee. This body will hold a joint session with the grange and county court on the last Saturday in March.

Report of the market committee, sub-committee appointed to meet with Dorena on Tuesday night to invite cooperation.

E. W. Powell appointed to act on the agricultural council temporarily.

As the regular meeting place will be used by its owners on March 25 Coast Fork local will meet on Saturday night the 28th.

W. T. Garoutte, appointed to act as a committee to interview members on the shipment of car load of lime.

The McGowan family are moving to Cottage Grove from the May place on Cedar Creek.

Judd Doolittle purchased a house from A. S. Newton last week.

Mrs. Mary Doolittle of Cottage Grove spent the week-end with her brother E. F. Carlile.

L. D. Huff sold a load of hogs last week.

Hazel and Helen Huff, Kathleen and Madelle Kuppau and Georgie Keibelbeck spent Sunday at the Schneider home. Celebrating Welby's birthday.

24 OREGON COUNTIES HAVE COUNTY AGENTS

All Oregon counties with agricultural agents last year have continued for this year and three additional counties have joined the group—Lane, Coos and Grant. The first two are renewing the plan after 12 years trial except for the last two years, while Grant is trying it out for the first time.

The counties carrying the agent policy cooperate with the state college extension service and the federal department of agriculture. The extension service includes 30 of the 36 counties of the state in its cooperative work, which is now closely organized in four-fifths of the counties, as follows:

- Union, Lincoln, Umatilla, Malheur, Benton, Jackson, Baker, Douglas, Wasco, Multnomah, Klamath, Clackamas, Josephine, Lake, Deschutes, Clatsop, Washington, Morrow, Columbia, Tillamook, Crook, Linn, Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Lane, Coos and Grant counties.

The Grant County Agent is D. E. Richards, reports F. L. Ballard, state county agent leader. He is a graduate of the state college and former member of the faculty. He has been county agent in Lake county and also livestock inspector for the Ladd & Tilton bank, Portland. He has organized control against rodents and grasshoppers and finds much interest in improving alfalfa stands and in farm dairy herds and sheep flocks. Renewal work on the once famous orchards of the John Day valley is another project scheduled for early consideration.

Another Richards, Clyde R. who is a graduate of the University of Idaho, is the new agent for Coos county. He has been a successful county agent in Idaho for three years and has had extensive training in dairying and experience on dairy farms.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, Dentist, Vitus building, Springfield, Oregon.

WITH OUR EXCHANGES

From the Kansas Union Farmer we reprint a part of President Jardine's farewell address to the Kansas State Agricultural College.

"My experience in the agricultural college has fixed me more firmly than ever in my conviction that in cooperation lies the solution of most of our national problems and consequently the permanent betterment of the American nation as a whole," he stated.

"We must remember that here in the United States we are most of us business folk. If we are not, we at least are closely connected with business. We do not have a situation in which there is business in the towns and cities and something else on the farms. We have business and business men on the farms. Each of these business men need to improve his business methods. The town man has had longer experience, more help in his business methods than the farmer. It has been our purpose in the agricultural college and it will be my purpose in any field of work that I enter, to help the farmer in this direction.

"If we are going to make a fair interest return on the land we have got to do one of three things,—lower our standard of living, deflate the value of the land or make the land produce a larger income. There is no farmer but will see that the last of these is the practical, common-sense thing to do. By producing the right kind, the right quantity, the right quality of farm products, we can obtain a larger net income from every acre of land. Most of this must be done by the individual farmer on his own farm.

"The farmer also has a serious marketing problem, however. There must be cooperation to discover the demand for products from season to season and consequently to give suggestions on how much and what to grow; to get the products to market at the best time, and to get the best prices. This does not mean that the consumer must pay more for what he eats. He cannot afford to pay much more. It simply means a reduction in the spread between the amount received by the farmer and the amount paid by the consumer."

Doctor Jardine stated, in closing, that he enters the department of agriculture anxious "that everything that I shall do shall contribute to the farmer's betterment and hence, I believe, to the permanent betterment of the United States.

During the past two years a great change has taken place in the general attitude of the farmers of western Canada and of the farmers of Canada as a whole. A general feeling of dissatisfaction with the inferior position that agriculture has been forced to take, and with the efforts on the part of other industries to keep it in its state of semi-bandage. A realization is coming over them that it need not be so, and that, instead of being an inferior occupation, it is the world's most important industry—an industry that will respond to business methods of production and marketing more readily and to better effect than any other industry. They also realize that this has been recognized by other antagonistic interests long before it was known to the farmers themselves, and that the opposition that is met in the establishment of their organization and cooperative enterprises is only a natural opposition that is being shown to a world force that they are anxious and determined to keep under their control. In this connection, much interest is being taken in a new or-

Local Reporters

- Canary J. L. Northrup
- Central Ray Bower
- Cloverdale Mrs. L. J. Getchell
- Coast Fork Mrs. Geo. Keibelbeck
- Creswell Mrs. M. A. Horn
- Dorena Mrs. Ada Jennings
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- Lorane Mrs. C. M. Foster
- 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 will meet Thursday, March 19, for the regular business meeting.

Pastor Stringham preached at Centralview Thursday and Friday evening of last week.

Mrs. M. Prut visited Mrs. W. I. Seals Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Seals, Mrs. M. Pratt and Mr. Smith were Eugene visitors Saturday.

Hazel and Thelma Powell, Freda and Reta Hooker visited the M. Gillespie family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Seals and Mr. Smith attended the pie social at the Spencer creek school Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayes and children, Mrs. Nancy Sutherland and Lola Henderson motored down from Lorane Sunday to church.

Mrs. Harve Nighswander and children and Opal Deicen attended church at Lone Cedar Sunday.

After cultivation begins, the land that is wet and late can be easily recognized. Then is the most favorable time for designing farm drain systems. Wet land owners should make studies of ground water and sub-soil conditions and plan a drain system for the whole farm, advises the Oregon experiment station. The most necessary drain can be installed first and the whole system completed in units as time and means permit.

WHAT THEY SAY IN KENTUCKY

Mrs. Eugene B. Tinker, Creswell, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Tinker:

We are placing your name on the mailing list of the Kentucky Union Farmer, according to your request for an exchange. Also, we are mailing you a few back copies.

We think your plan of editing a Farmers Union page in the local weekly a good one. We are suggesting the plan to some of our county organizations hoping that they may try it. For that reason we would like to receive a copy of your paper regularly.

Yours very truly,
Kentucky Union Farmer,
James H. White, Editor.

CLOVERDALE LOCAL

Cloverdale Local met in regular session Friday evening March 13. The following appointments were made: Representative to Agricultural Conference, L. J. Getchell; Member of Good Roads Committee, T. H. Morgan; Committee for visiting the sick, Mrs. T. W. Morgan, Mrs. Riley Petty and Mrs. Floyd Lord.

Mr. Morgan resigned from the entertainment committee and Mr. Riley Petty was appointed in his place.

The next meeting, on March 27, will be a joint meeting of the Creswell and Cloverdale locals at Cloverdale. There will be refreshments and a program.

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