

Lane County Farmers Union News

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LANE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL CONVENES

Many Delegates Hear County Agent Leader Ballard and Other Speakers in Tuesday Session, Held in Eugene.

The Lane County Agricultural Council met at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning at 10:30. After a reading of the constitution and by-laws the roll was taken. C. W. Allen of Vida was re-elected president, H. C. Wheeler elected vice-president, Howard Merresin secretary. The executive committee consists of Tom Green, Mr. Maxwell and C. D. Rorer. F. L. Ballard of O. A. C. was present and gave an interesting talk on the value of such an organization as the Agricultural Council and the way in which it can co-operate with the county agent and the O. A. C. extension work. Mr. Ballard said "there is no county in Oregon where the cooperative movement has attained the height of success as Lane county." He mentioned the Eugene Farmers Creamery, the Eugene Fruit Growers Association, public market, livestock market, Farmers Union, Granges and Community clubs.

O. S. Fletcher, county agent gave the outline of his tentative program for this year which he has given to the different farm organizations the past two months. Meeting adjourned until after dinner. At 1:30 the delegates assembled again. Mr. Fletcher's program was adopted as a permanent program.

The subject of rodent control was discussed for sometime and as it is time now for the poison to be sent out. A motion was made and carried that the county agricultural council representatives from the various districts be appointed deputies with the power to appoint sub-deputies to carry on the poisoning campaign, seeing that all land is covered. No slacker shall go without poisoning his squirrels. Frank Harlow, E. B. Tinker and G. W. McFarland were appointed as a central committee to work with Mr. Fletcher on the rodent control campaign.

H. C. Wheeler explained the tuberculin testing law as passed by the recent legislature. A committee of three were appointed to confer with the county court in regard to tuberculin testing and the tagging of animals thus tested. Cal Young, Mr. McCormack and Mr. Millican were appointed on this committee.

Delegates present were as follows: Powell, Coast Fork F. U.; Powell, Hadleyville F. U.; Walls, Willakenzie Grange; Wheeler, Goshen Grange; Dowell, Danebo F. U.; Flanigan, Meadowview F. U.; Harlow, Pamona Grange; Getchell, Cloverdale F. U.; Howard Merriam, Horticultural Society, Cal. Young, Livestock; McFarland, Creswell Grange; Stoneburg, Coburg Grange; Wallace, Jasper F. U.; Miller, Goshen Grange; Ball, Mt. Vernon F. U.; Herrington, Irving Grange; Hollister, Creswell F. U.; Bower, Central F. U.; Rorer, Banks of Eugene; Harlow, Chamber of Commerce; Stevens, Crow Grange; Tinker, Trent F. U.; Mrs. Tinker, F. U. News; Collier, Club Leader; Fletcher, County Agent; Ballard, O. A. C. Extension; Maxwell, Irving Grange; Allen, Vida F. U.

Local Reporters

Canary	J. L. Northup
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NOTES FROM COUNTY CLUB LEADER

By Arnold Collier

In today's mornings mail there were two enrollment blanks from standard clubs. One was from Roosevelt Beach, a community in the most extreme northwest part of the county, the other was from Vida, a community on the McKenzie River in the Cascade Mountains, just 100 miles in a straight line, one from the other. Between these two clubs there are more than 50 standard clubs with an enrollment of more than 600 boys and girls. Fifty-five individual job members have enrolled where clubs were impossible to organize on account of lack of five interested in the same project.

In the county are two corn clubs, a potato club, three home making clubs, two sheep clubs, fourteen cooking clubs, and twenty-nine sewing clubs.

It has been very gratifying to see the interest manifested by parents and adults who are eager to give up their time in leading these boys and girls in their club work. Many teachers ask that they might act as leaders and boys and girls who have been in club work before are organizing clubs of their own.

The County Fair, State Fair and Pacific International Live Stock Exposition are offering excellent prize money to club members who exhibit their club work. Several live stock clubs have signified their intention to have a 100 per cent exhibit at the County Fair and at least ten clubs members are planning to attend the boys and girls two weeks summer school at the Oregon Agricultural College in June.

JASPER LOCAL

At the last meeting Jasper Local decided to meet twice a month again instead of once a month as it has been doing thru the winter, making the second Wednesday in the month our social or open meeting night and the fourth Wednesday our business night.

April 8 the local is planning on having special speakers out. There will also be light refreshments served of coffee, cake and sandwiches. Coffee will be furnished by the Union and the ladies bring the cake and sandwiches.

Bill Drury and Arlo Jones started falling timber for the Higgins and Carr sawmill Monday. The mill expects to start sawing before long.

Rev. Patterson of the E. B. U. will deliver the Easter sermon at the church Easter Sunday.

Fred Wallace was elected as representative from our local to the Agricultural committee in Eugene.

Has LaGrippe—Mrs. S. E. McNeill is ill at her home at 2nd and G streets with the la grippe.

CANARY LOCAL 189

Rev. J. Willan, a traveling evangelist, held services at Siltcoos and Westlake Sunday, which were greatly appreciated by those who attended.

C. E. Drugan of the tunnel gang No. 2 leaves with his family for their former home in Missouri today to visit their people who live there. They have not yet settled on their future location. They have been stationed at Canary for the last two years. Their many friends here regret to see them leave and wish them a pleasant trip to their former home.

The dance at the Grange hall at Canary Saturday night, March 28, was well attended. Everyone reports a good time.

Be sure to make use of the free State library at the Union hall. There is a splendid assortment of books for young and old. The library is open to the public every Sunday from 12 to 3 p. m.

Our drive for a 100 per cent subscription list to our Union paper is on. Have you sent in yours?

Members and non-members are lining up well on the poison barley pool. This is an excellent chance to make war on the grey digger pest.

Brother Chas. Bester was a busy man Sunday. His largest incubator was hatching. He has two incubators running at this time and is reporting excellent results.

Remember the all day Easter services and basket dinner at the Union hall, April 19.

Siltcoos school has lengthened their school term, to continue until 8th grade examinations in May.

The logging camp on Siltcoos lake is running full time. The logs are being rafted to Westlake and placed in booms. The sawmill expects to begin operations in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Roushlaw and Mrs. Davenport, all of Portland, spent the week-end with the G. G. Erhart family.

Our community Sunday school at the Union hall is increasing in interest and membership. We meet every Sunday at 2 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

Walter Beard, who has been under the Doctor's care with blood poisoning in one hand is getting better.

The Fiddle Creek road workers completed their contract, and moved out last Friday.

Remember the date of our next regular monthly meeting, next Sunday, April 5. Business session called for 11 a. m., picnic dinner at 12. Everybody come and bring a new member.

Brother Wilkins kept bachelors hall for a few days last week while the good wife went visiting.

Brother Lee Austin and sons are certainly doing a fine job of fencing.

Brother Grant Fisk says it isn't so hard to get No. 1 grade on your cream and he ought to know for he has the habit.

Brother Dick Potter says "plant plenty of beets for the dairy cows." He is getting ready to plant quite a field of them.

CLOVERDALE LOCAL

Cloverdale Local met Friday, March 27 with the usual crowd present. The only representatives of the Creswell local were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Land.

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain the conditions under which the local could obtain a traveling library.

Arrangements were made for obtaining the squirrel poisoning.

Letters were read from O. S. Fletcher and C. E. Spence.

A short program by the children was rendered.

The refreshments committee served oyster soup and crackers.

We have the promise of a radio concert for our next meeting.

That 1925 should be a good corn year in Oregon, as there is not nearly enough corn produced in the state and there was a large amount of high class seed harvested in 1924 in both eastern and western Oregon, is the belief of experiment station authorities.

Marrige Licenses for Weew

The following obtained marriage licenses during the last week from the county clerk: Sherman B. Knight and Jessie E. Ferguson, both of Cottage Grove; William B. Wrenn and Ida Wilfred Keyburg, both of Eugene.

Dismissed From Hospital—Mrs. C. W. Foster was dismissed from the Pacific Christian hospital Tuesday.

FARM REMINDERS

The average price to farmers for No. 1 Burbank potatoes on the Portland market for the last nine years has been about \$1.15 per bushel during October, November and December; an average of \$1.36 from January to April; and an average of \$1.80 during April and May, according to O. A. C. extension service.

Large scale poultry keeping on one, two, and three tracts is a hazardous and generally short lived enterprise, according to E. Cosby, poultry specialist for Oregon extension service. Soil contamination with its attendant destructive diseases is almost sure to follow such system of management.

Contract poultry range and laying houses after the pattern of types that have proved their worth, advises H. E. Cosby, poultry specialist for the extension service. Plans for successful houses can be had from any county agent or by writing the Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis.

Experimental work at O. A. C. with potatoes has shown the hot formaldehyde and the corrosive sublimate treatments to be about equally effective. The corrosive sublimate treatment is best suited to small lots of potatoes, while where there are to be large plantings, and where facilities are available for providing plenty of hot water, the hot formaldehyde treatment is most economical.

COAST FORK LOCAL

The meeting of the local was held Saturday night, March 28. Instead of the regular meeting night, as the meeting place is being used for church services at the present.

There was a good attendance and quite a bit of business transacted. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Green met with what might have been a serious accident as they were returning home from the meeting Saturday evening. In some manner unexplainable Mr. Green was on the wrong side of the road and ran into the Lincoln Taylor mail box with such a force as to throw him and Mrs. Green from the buggy and bruise them up pretty badly, but neither were seriously hurt.

Mrs. George Kappauf who has been sick the past week is improving at this writing.

The Johnnie Perrine family are moving to the Daughtery mill, which Mr. Perrine recently purchased from Mr. Daughtery. Also Mr. Perrine bought the Thatcher timber adjoining the mill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keibelbeck spent Sunday at the L. G. Markham home.

Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Mrs. W. Thackra and Mrs. Geo. Keibelbeck spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. George Kappauf.

Miss Anna Jepson was in Cottage Grove Wednesday having dental work done.

Miss Hazel Fuhrer returned to O. A. C. after spending the spring vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Jepson spent Saturday evening at the George Keibelbeck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White and Mr. and Mrs. M. Jepson motored to Goshen Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Victor Kerr of the Grove spent Monday afternoon at Camp B.

TRENT LOCAL

The Trent local of Farmers Union held its regular meeting at the Pleasant Hill high school Wednesday night March 25. A communication from County Agent O. S. Fletcher on squirrel poisoning was read a acted upon.

W. L. Wheeler of Trent related a very interesting story regarding the cougar which he killed on his place Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wheeler had lost several lambs recently and was on the lookout for a coyote and was much surprised when his dogs treed a cougar near the place where Mr. Wheeler had just felled a tree.

Many of the poultry raisers of Pleasant Hill have received their shipments of baby chicks and many more are expected the first week in April.

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

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.

Objects to Pheasants

There is a saying that goes something like this, "consistency is a pearl of great price." It is a pearl that the majority of the people in Oregon apparently have lost or conditions would not be as they are. What brought this old saying to my mind recently is the present drive against the grey diggers. The question that presents itself to me is, why spend hundreds of dollars to kill the grey diggers and then turn around and spend hundreds more to raise the Chinese Pheasant which do nearly the amount of damage that the diggers do and in some localities more. At the time the State Game farm was discussed a few years ago and considerable objection raised against it, the farmers were not organized and many of us new arrivals did not realize what a menace the pheasants would be. Now the farmers are organized and realize what it means to have the pheasants pull their corn, scratch out their peas or maybe sat up their pop corn slick and clean as they did mine last year. It seems to me that our farmers union ought to start a movement to prohibit the liberating of the Chinese Pheasants in any farming district where they will injure the crops. The state owns the pheasant farm and the pheasants. Why shouldn't the state liberate its own birds on its own property? Would these officials like us to bring our chickens, no matter how beautiful they might be down and turn them in their gardens or flower beds? There would be just as much justice in it. Farming in Oregon is unusually difficult. The soil is hard to work, the long rainy spell makes the real farming season short. We have the crows, the moles, the bugs and worms that nature for some reason has provided why should we permit any more to be thrust upon us?

Mrs. L. J. Getchell.

COUNTY UNION TO MEET ON APRIL 17

Spring Meeting to be Held in Cottage Grove; State President and Secretary on Program for Day's Session.

The spring quarterly meeting of the Lane county Farmers Union will be held Friday, April 17, in Cottage Grove. Call has been issued for the spring session by President Ralph Laird, who has commenced arrangements for the session.

State President Egbert and wife of The Dalles and Mrs. Jones, state secretary, of Monmouth, are expected to appear on the program as well as other outside speakers. The Cottage Grove local will have charge of the entertainment and refreshments for the all day session.

All unions are urged to send delegates and as many members as possible.

CENTRAL LOCAL

At the last regular meeting of the Central Local Farmers Union it was decided to continue the membership drive until Saturday, April 7, at which time there will be an oyster supper for all members, new candidates and their families.

The ladies side in the drive are using all their spare moments in seeking new members, while the men are working overtime so they won't have the oysters to buy.

At our last meeting County Agent O. S. Fletcher spoke to an interested crowd on rodent control and especially emphasized the fact that if every one would put out poison much better results would be obtained. Several dozen sacks of the poison were distributed among the membership.



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