

# Lane County Farmers Union News

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## CANARY LOCAL

The meeting at the Farmers Union hall was well attended. E. E. Morrison gave an interesting speech on cooperative buying. A committee was appointed to see what could be done along that line.

A goodly number of the Firrie Creek people attended the meeting. The ladies of the gathering served a bountiful dinner that was enjoyed by all.

The state inspector for tuberculosis inspected the dairy herds in this locality last week.

Herbert Vorus and family of La Grande visited his sister, Mrs. Northup, last week.

Hay harvest is coming along nicely. The hay crop this year is an excellent one.

Tom Miller has purchased a confectionery at Cushman and expects to take charge of it soon.

Bill Erhart is getting his shingle mill ready and expects to start logging in about a month.

Brother Groves is building another large poultry house.

Fred Buss and family were Florence visitors last Wednesday.

Several of the young people of this valley are going, or getting ready to go, to the places where they will attend high school for the coming year. Would it not be well for these adjacent school districts to form a union grade and high school so that they might continue their education nearest home.

Les Austin reports a monthly cream check of over \$300 from his herd of excellent Jerseys.

## COAST FORK LOCAL

Coast Fork local met August 13 with a fair attendance as everybody is very busy harvesting.

The membership was much interested in the report of the market committee and a further report will be given at the next meeting.

Two applications for membership were presented. Action will be taken at next meeting.

Committee on entertainment report a net profit on the harvest festival of almost \$65.

Organization plans are under way and methods for raising funds for Loyalty week were discussed.

Hershel Tracy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tracy, had his tonsils removed Sunday by a local physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Gierist, who have been visiting at the home of their parents, Mrs. L. H. Gierist, and Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw returned to their home in Dunsmuir, Cal., Monday.

Mrs. Warf has her son, D. E. Ireland of Mont., visiting her.

Mrs. W. C. Johnson is visiting in Portland with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Overton, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Overton's mother, Mrs. Gierist and family, returned to their home in Dunsmuir, Cal., Monday.

A party of friends driving to a picnic narrowly escaped injury when the car driven by Hazel Foster suddenly left the road and crossed a deep ravine.

Mrs. J. G. Murray has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. White accompanied by Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. Sweatland of Portland, left for a 2 week outing at Newport Tuesday.

The Misses Annabell and Marjory Small of Cottage Grove visited over

## Local Reporters

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

the week end with their aunt, Mrs. Lincoln Taylor.

Kathleen Kappauf has gone to Seattle for a months visit with relatives. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKenan and family who had been visiting at the Kappauf home on their return home.

## DORENA LOCAL NO. 190

Mr. and Mrs. James Redford and son, Edwin, left Friday for Walla Walla on a few days outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hand of Cottage Grove spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Hand's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mosby of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Wright and children of Cottage Grove visited Sunday evening with Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Land of this place.

Road work in this vicinity is progressing nicely, and the roller was brought up last week.

Most of the men in the community and neighboring villages are busy fighting the fires at Disston and Teeters creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeters, daughter Nellie and little granddaughter picniced at Dexter last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emit Kirk and children, Mrs. Ruth England and children, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirk and grandson, Evert Holstrom, and Mrs. Williams and children, picniced at London Sunday.

Mrs. John Teeters, who has been visiting her father near Salem for some time, returned to her home here Sunday.

Mr. Smith, who runs the roller over the road, moved his family to the Perry Van Scholack place on Rat creek Sunday.

Oiren Land of the 7th St garage spent Monday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Land here.

## Moving to the Cities

Although the increase in population of the United States is over a million a year, last year two million people moved from the farms to the cities. Low returns and high taxes are two reasons generally given. Government statistics state that farm wages in this country have increased over 200 per cent during the past fifty years, while taxes have far increased this ratio.

## Potato Inspection Pays.

Oklahoma is following Oregon and is working to standardize the potato industry. In 1924 there was no shipped-out stock inspected, while up to August 1 of this year nearly a thousand cars had been federal-state inspected and found ready markets outside. Standardization of nearly every thing is demanded and it is those who get in early that get reputations and permanent markets.

## Fairs Will Bring Farm to 25 Million People in 1925

Approaching Lane County Fair Symbolical of Remarkable Growth of Exhibits in the United States.

In 1810, one fair; in 1925, two thousand fairs. In 1810, an attendance of about five thousand; in 1925 an estimated attendance of approximately twenty-five million.

These figures, in a nutshell, tell the story of the marvelous growth of the American fair from the humblest beginning to its present-day status as an important factor in agricultural education. They are of especial interest here in view of the approaching Lane county fair which will be held September 22-25.

While the fair idea has been taken hold of tremendously in the United States, it is not native to this country. Fairs run back to ancient days, but in the olden times they were more after the manner of a bazaar or market, only held with less frequency, very much like the fairs in vogue in Germany and other European countries today. The American fair traces its ancestry back to about the middle of the eighteenth century, when a group of progressive farmers in the Tees River valley in northeastern Britain joined to bring their livestock together for comparison. It has been termed the first agricultural fair and was the model after which patterned the hundreds of country fairs both here and in England.

## Origin of Fairs.

Elkanah Watson of New York has been credited with being the father of the American fair. In 1815 Watson organized the agricultural society of Albany, N. Y., and proceeded to establish fairs and cattle shows in the neighboring counties. In 1819 due mainly to his influence, the New York legislature appropriated ten thousand dollars a year for six years for premiums on agricultural and home manufacture products. In 1832 the state agricultural society was founded and work started in other eastern states. But while Watson was busy converting farmers and legislators to the value of fairs, the Columbian Agricultural society held what is believed to be the first exhibition of its kind in Washington, D. C. in 1810.

Pittsfield, Mass., shortly thereafter inaugurated regular agricultural exhibits, and from these first small efforts grew up our system of community, county, state, district, national and international fairs which cover practically every section of the country.

The development of the fair in the United States has been one of normal growth and expansion, according to Samuel R. Guard director of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation and one of the leading exponents of agricultural exhibits in America. The successful contestant in a local fair naturally wished to compare his products with those of winners in other local fairs. That was how the county fair came to be. The state fair with its wider appeal was the next logical step, and there county winners went to settle disputes on the relative merits of their products. Eventually this led to competition between states, culminating first in the inter-state fair, later in the national show and finally in the international exhibit. Many a national champion grain grower or livestock breeder today can trace his success to some little honor captured at the county fair years ago.

## Inspires Ambition.

The appealing thing about the

county fair is the opportunity it offers the farmer to compare his own work with that of his neighbors and so inspires in him a healthy ambition to improve himself and his work. Likewise his wife can pit her needlework, her baking and pastry, her canned fruits and vegetables against those of other farm women and enjoy the thrill and reward that comes of victory altogether the county fair stimulates friendly competition that has been responsible for much of the farm progress in the past century, he says.

The educational value of the farm implement and equipment displays that are part of all the better fairs is one of the most commendable features, according to Mr. Guard. State and federal government exhibits bring home to the farmer lessons in growing his products more economically and efficiently and household furnishings and labor saving devices on view work directly for the improvement of country life.

## FROM STATE MARKET AGENT

By C. E. Spence

The Producers Got It. A third payment of \$20,000,000 has been made by the Western Wheat pool on account of last year's crop on the prairies. But for the pool that twenty million dollars would have gone, not to the producers of wheat, but to those who handle the grain after its production.—Toronto, Canada, Sun.

The trouble with farmers is that while they raise the crops they have to depend on someone else to raise the price.—Albany Democrat.

A Consumer's Protest. "Many different requests and protests from all over the state come to the State Market's Agent's office," says C. E. Spence. "One received the first of the month was from a Portland lady, stating she was member of the Housewives' Council, enclosing an English market report printed in a Toronto paper, which quoted the following prices of bacon in London: Danish 23 to 25c; American 21 to 22c; Irish 24 to 25c. The lady wanted to know why our bacon was sold at this price, after the expense of shipping it two thousand miles, while the price in Portland was 26 to 40c? She was referred to the meat packers."

## Half Million Loss Yearly.

On the Cadle Bros. farm, one mile west of Rickeral, there is now in operation again cleaner, which the Portland office of the federal grain investigation department wishes that grain growers who can, would see in operation. The cleaner is called a "grain aspirator" and it will clean any grain of weed seeds or light foreign material. It is inexpensive, light, can be attached to any standard thresher and it requires but little power for operation.

Federal statistics state that in 1923 approximately 475,000 bushels of dockage were produced in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. This great volume of screenings was shipped into the terminals with the wheat; freight was paid on it, handling costs and insurance were added, and it was a total loss. Kept on the farm the screenings have feed value and marketing costs are greatly reduced.

## 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, Watterville, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

## CRESWELL LOCAL

The Creswell local of the Farmers Union met Tuesday evening, August 18. It was reported that the grocery department of the Farmers' union feed store is all ready to open.

A committee to raise subscriptions for the Farmers Union News was appointed by the president. Also a committee was appointed to plan a picnic and musical entertainment to be given September 22 for the purpose of raising money toward an organizers salary.

After the business session a social time was enjoyed by the members.

The ice cream and pie social given by Creswell local on August 1 was well attended, the net receipts were \$15.65. This money is to go towards the organization fund.

The ladies of our union local had a shower for Mrs. T. J. Sweeney on August 13. The shower was given at the home of Mrs. McPeck. Refreshments of sandwiches and fruit salad were served. The ladies present were: Mrs. Zelma Sweeney, Mrs. Eliza Sellers, Mrs. Rose Beaver, Mrs. Ivy Lord, Mrs. Cordella McPeck, Mrs. Carrie Lord, Mrs. Fern Rinehart, Mrs. Anna Palmer, Mrs. Jennie Moran, Mrs. Lullia Parks, Mrs. Mary Getchell and Miss Hazel Hull. Mrs. Sweeney was the recipient of many pretty and appropriate gifts.

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## McKENZIE LOCAL

The McKenzie River local held their regular meeting Wednesday night, August 12. This was a good meeting and well attended, 54 in all being present.

After a great deal of discussion it was decided upon to hold a community fair at Watterville, a committee was appointed with C. W. Allen as chairman to make arrangements, all are urged to assist in making our first community fair a success. Announcement of date, etc., will be made later.

It was also voted to adopt the state wide organization fund campaign and several members paid their assessments. It is hoped that all will pay their \$1 to Secretary Goddard as soon as possible.

County Agent Fletcher was a visitor and gave an interesting talk.

Mt. Vernon local was well represented by Mr. and R. R. Laird, Mr. and Mrs. Pershing and D. M. Davis, C. W. Allen and family from Vida local were also visitors.

The application card of E. V. Remter was balloted on and accepted.

Tom Camey recently turned in a new subscribers to the Union News.

After the business was disposed of ice cream and cake were served, pie and coffee was also served for the benefit of Mr. Goldfield, but he failed to attend the meeting so President Emerek assumed the responsibility of disposing that part of the feed.

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



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