

Lane County Farmers Union News

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FARM REMINDERS

Three conditions are necessary for successful wintering of bees in any locality says H. A. Scullen of the experiment station. The first is that there be a liberal supply of young workers produced during late August and September; second, that there be ample stores of honey in the hives during winter months, and early spring; third, that ample protection for the colony is given against winter cold and moisture.

The sooner owners of apple and pear trees damaged by cankers apply a spray of bordeaux the better, the Oregon experiment station finds. This is the best method known of preventing infections of apple tree anthracnose, and European canker on apple and pear trees, and peach blight and die back as well. Growers have found August to be the best time for this application, but it is not too late yet for results.

Plenty of time still remains for potato growers to go into the fields and select the best sections and best plants in these sections from which to get seed for the general crop next year. Oregon growers have learned to take out those hills from the best sections that show any sign of disease of lack of vigor, leaving the remainder to be dug as a group. The experiment station has found that this method will not insure absolutely disease free seed as some hills carry infection without showing it in the tops, but it is a big improvement over general bin sorting.

Farmers having seed wheat to treat for smut but not enough to warrant purchase of a commercial duster for applying copper carbonate may obtain directions for making at home. The O. A. C. diagonal axle dusting machine for treating wheat if they will ask their county agent or write the college for extension bulletin No.



Stephen M. Crother of Philadelphia, shooting 200 rounds a day, broke 400 pigeons without a miss, establishing a world record and winning the national championship at Vandalia, Pa. The former record was 256 without a miss.

Local Reporters

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- Central..... Ray Bower
- Cloverdale..... Mrs. L. J. Getchell
- Coast Fork..... Mrs. Geo. Keibelbeck
- Creswell..... Mrs. M. A. Horn
- Dorena..... Mrs. Ada Jennings
- Heceta..... Mrs. B. Baker
- Hadleyville..... Mrs. M. Gillespie
- Jasper..... Mrs. Grace Jones
- Lorane..... Mrs. C. M. Foster
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- Trent..... E. B. Tinker
- Vida..... Mrs. W. E. Post

381. This machine will treat 20 to 30 bushels an hour satisfactorily.

In hill selecting next year's potato seed hills that show green and look vigorous later than the average are recommended by the experiment station for improvement in the Oregon potato crop. The leaves should be normal for the variety with no unusual wrinkling or mottling—indications of mosaic. Mosaic leaves have small areas less green and more yellow than the healthy leaf. Sometimes these leaves appear to have thin spots in them. Plants with uniform, green smooth leaves are the best. They may be staked now and dug later or dug now and put into crates for storage on cooling out. Seed selection pays in the commercial field and is particularly valuable for next year's seed plot.

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, Farm Union Hall.
 - 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 Wednesday, Brasfield 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

At the regular session of the Coast Fork local September 24 the final report of the dairy committee was read and accepted.

Prof. White's offer to conduct night school was accepted and the first Tuesday night of each night of each month was set as the meeting night.

New President Elected.
The resignation of Hugh Trunnell as Coast Fork president was read and accepted. Illness in his family was the reason given. Burt McDole was chosen to finish the term.

The resignation of R. B. Powell, vice-president, was reconsidered and accepted. E. W. Powell was elected to fill the unexpired term. The members of this local are sorry to lose the R. B. Powell family from our neighborhood.

The newly elected officers were duly installed and entered upon their duties immediately.

Ask to Meet in Cottage Grove.

A special meeting was called on September 27 by President McDole for the purpose of discussing the advisability of changing the meeting place of the county convention from the Coast Fork hall to the W. O. W. hall in Cottage Grove. With the result that membership voted to petition President Laird to call the county meeting at that place.

Now that the end of the fall work is in sight the thoughts of many active members are turning toward a bigger and better Farmers' Union. With the state organization coming on and the finishing of our hall yet to be accomplished we feel the need of organized efforts. On Saturday night, October 3, an ice cream social will be held at the Coast Fork Union hall. Games for the young folks and perhaps a short program arranged for the more serious minded of us. You are cordially invited.

Plans are being formulated for the organization for a ladies' club, with the idea of a bazaar to be held early in the winter. It is expected that the same spirit of co-operation will be available that has made our local the success that it is.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thorne have returned from Pendleton and the roundup and are moving to their farm which was a recent purchase from Jos Abeene.

A party of young people consisting of Lela Kelly, Ada Gilham, Kathleen Kappauf, Claude and Dwight Huff motored up the McKenzie river Sunday and visited briefly at the home of W. E. Post.

Anna Jepson and Mrs. Francis Smith spent Sunday at the George Keibelbeck home.

Mrs. George Kappauf attended a committee meeting Tuesday night at the home of E. B. Tinker at Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Keibelbeck spent Sunday with the L. G. Markhams.

More cheap forage is one of the big problems confronting the American farmer including many in Oregon. Specialists of the federal department of agriculture report to the experiment station. As pasture this forage gives good yields and costs little after the pasture has been established.

FROM STATE MARKET AGENT

By C. E. Spence

Shortweight Scales.

Many interesting and ingenious devices to cheat the public are brought to light in the state Sealer of Weights and Measures, which department is now under State Market Agent Spence. In one case of platform scales it was found that one of the large weights had been drilled out and lead filled in, to make the weight register less. It took the third inspection to discover the trick, as on former inspections the owner slipped out the false weight and substituted a correct one.

In eastern Oregon the deputies found a washer of half inch thickness applied to a gasoline pump at a filling station which shortened the sweep and cut back one quart on each five gallons.

In another instance the scales used at the receiving end were correct, but those used in weighing out had been drilled out. Very often weights are drilled out at the factory to balance the scales, and only the deputy strictly onto his business would discover such a trick. Many reports are made of all kinds of trickery to rob the seller, and many prosecutions have been made. The sealer of weights reports great improvement over former conditions.

Potato Law Enforcement.

Recent announcement by the state market agent that the potato grading law is to be rigidly enforced has brought a deluge of requests for copies of the law, grades, rules and regulations. Many of the wholesalers and large dealers have written in that they will co-operate with the department by refusing to buy any stock offered by growers unless the potatoes are graded and sacks stenciled as required by law. Mr. Spence says he hopes it will not be necessary to make any prosecutions, but that he will be compelled to if violations continue. The law provides that before any person shall offer potatoes for sale same shall be graded and the grade and grower's address be stenciled on the sack. Any person selling potatoes without these requirements in lots of more than 50 pounds, is liable to arrest and prosecution, and the last legislature provided severe penalties for violation.

Daily Market Reports.

Potato growers and dealers may have the federal daily market reports without charge by requesting same of the State Market Agent, 714 Court House, Portland.

Team Work Results.

The Manitoba, Canada, co-operative wheat pool handled eight and one half bushels of wheat last year at an administrative cost of slightly over three-fifths of a cent per bushel. In-

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.

Forest, insurance and elevator charges were a little less than half a cent, and the total cost was slightly over one cent per bushel. This is the kind of management that makes co-operative organizations successful. Too many are managed by inexperienced men at the head. There must be capable, experienced men; there must be loyal backing and there must be a larger per centage of the acreage under contract. Without these as foundations co-operative undertakings will fail.

State Loans Will be Paid.

Practically all of the loans made to eastern Oregon farmers by the state, with which to purchase seed to reseed the frozen out acreage, will be repaid this year. But for this state aid many a grower would have been compelled to let his wheat fields lay idle this summer.

Grain, Hay and Potatoes.

Grain, hay and potato yields in the state are considerably larger than last year in Oregon. In the U. S. the potato yield is estimated to be 100,000,000 bushels less than last year and the outlook is good for fair prices.

Program for Loyalty Week.

The Loyalty Week committee at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tinker Tuesday, September 29 and made a tentative program for "Loyalty Week" to be held in October. Details will be printed in next weeks paper.

Farm Mortgage Debt Increases.

Estimates made by the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of the Census indicate that the total farm mortgage encumbrance in the United States increased from \$3,320,470,000 in 1910 to \$7,857,700,000 in 1920. There is reason to believe, says the department, that the total has increased since 1920, although there is no exact measure of the increase. While some of the increase represents merely a refunding of short-term debt, a part is attributed to the tendency to expand farm operations. Transfers of lands by purchase or inheritance have also no doubt been responsible for some of the increase.

NEWSPAPER BARGAIN RATE.

The Eugene Guard every week day one year by mail, \$2.95, cash in advance. Send check or money order. Costs less than one cent a day. Offer closes Saturday, October 10.—Adv.

DORENA LOCAL NO. 190

Mrs. Ruth England left Saturday for Monmouth to attend normal school this winter.

Rev. Starkey and family, who have been spending the summer at Medford, came up Saturday to look after their things here. They expect to return to Medford in a few days for another month or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Vanschoick visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Land here.

The house and contents of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ernschaw were completely destroyed by fire Saturday and Mrs. Ernschaw and baby were severely burned. They were taken to the hospital at Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Emit Kirk attended the dance at Cottage Grove Friday and Saturday night of last week.

The Farmers' school has been organized in this local beginning the first Tuesday in October. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hand of Cottage Grove visited Mrs. Hand's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosby, here Sunday evening.

The rain Tuesday put the grade around Cerro-Gordo in pretty bad condition but we hope to have it gravelled soon.

Florence Land spent Monday afternoon and night with Jeanette Spahr of Star.

Prayer meeting will be held Friday evening at Floyd Sroyers of this place conducted by Rev. Miles Pitcher of Star everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coombs of Eugene visited at the home of Mrs. Coombs parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Teeters, Sunday.

Carl Volgamore and sons, Gene and Millard, came last week and expect to stay this winter.

increase, although land values have declined. In this respect the tendency of the last few years is in very striking contrast to the tendency manifested from 1910 to 1920. In that decade the average value of mortgaged farms in the United States increased 83.6 per cent, while at the same time the average mortgage debt increased 95.7 per cent. Since 1920 the value of all plow lands in the United States is estimated to have dropped about 30 per cent. Farm-land values rose only in two states from 1920 to 1923. In all other states they dropped from 3 to 47 per cent. Thus there was an absolute as well as a proportionate decline in the value of the farmers' equity in their land.

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