

Lane County Farmers Union News

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County Agents 1926 Report Shows Numerous Activities

Reflecting a noteworthy achievement in scientific and practical enterprises looking toward development of Lane County's agriculture, the annual report of the County Agricultural Agent, O. S. Fletcher, was made public this week. While the report is largely of a statistical nature, in the facts and figures which it contains much cause for optimism on the outlook for the county's farming interests is thought to be seen.

The report shows that Agent Fletcher received 3,469 office calls during the year, and 518 telephone calls. He wrote 2,266 letters, mailed 14,947 copies of circular letters, and made 250 farm visits. He devoted 188 days to field work and 117 days were spent at the court house office. The agent travelled 13,699 miles by automobile and 665 miles by other means.

Fifty-eight demonstration meetings were conducted, and the agent or cooperative specialists spoke at 164 meetings with a total attendance of 5, 632.

Highlights Given

A few of the highlights of the agent's report on farm crops are given herewith:

Orders from 90 farmers for 2,226 pounds of Grimm alfalfa seed were pooled by the county agent and the seed was purchased and sold to the farmers at cost by the Eugene Farmers' Creamery for the purpose of helping introduce alfalfa in the county. Seventy of the 90 farmers sowed alfalfa this year for the first time.

Forty farmers where alfalfa was sowed this year for the first time were visited during March and April and the owners were given advice on various alfalfa culture problems.

Yields of alfalfa on eight demonstrations on the use of lime and land plaster on alfalfa started in 1925 were determined. Lime alone increased the yield 900 pounds of hay per acre over the check plot on one cutting while lime and land plaster together increased the yield 1285 pounds.

Eleven demonstrations on influence of lime on vetch or clover started in Western Lane in 1925 showed that lime benefits both of these crops greatly, and that more than one ton of lime should be applied for best results with vetch.

Legume cultures as follows were sold during 1926 by the county agent: alfalfa, 254 acres; vetch, 152 acres; red clover and alsike clover, 90 acres; soy beans, sweet clover, and common beans one acre each.

A cow testing association with 32 members owning 642 cows was organized and testing was started in May.

Poultry Meetings

Two hundred four poultrymen attended six poultry culling demonstrations conducted during August by H. E. Cosby, cooperating with the county agent.

An intensive campaign against the gray digger ground squirrel was carried on throughout the county in cooperation with farm organizations and committees of interested farmers in communities having no farm organizations.

The county agent, assisted by A. W. Moore of the Bureau of Biological Survey, mixed 6000 pounds of strychnine poisoned barley, and approximately 5254 pounds of this was sold during the year.

Thirteen committeemen in twelve communities poisoned squirrels on 9245 acres of land in 47 tracts that were neglected by the owners and the expenses charged against the land by the county. Committeemen also poisoned squirrels on 2720 acres additional land at the request of the owners that would have been neglected but for the organized campaign, so that squirrels were poisoned on a total of 11,965 acres of neglected land during 1926.

Soil Improvement

Feasibility surveys were made on proposed drainage projects near Creswell and Donna at the request of interested farmers and assistance has been given these parties in their effort to organize drainage districts.

Five carloads of pyrotol with a total of 135,300 pounds have been distributed during the past year. Two hundred sixty individuals made three hundred eighty-four purchases with a total of 95,300 pounds and the county court four purchases with a total of 40,000 pounds. The total savings to tax payers effected by the county

agent and the county court is approximately \$11,536.

Marketing

Lane County breeders of heavy chickens were introduced to a representative of a large California commercial hatchery who contracted for the eggs from 2,100 hens on nine farms at a very satisfactory price.

Data on the general prune production situation was given to Lane County growers and a survey made to ascertain the probably production in this county.

Miscellaneous

Three demonstrations on the poisoning of coyotes were conducted during January by Elmer Williams of the Bureau of Biological Survey, in cooperation with the county agent, and were so successful that they led to the employment of a part time cooperative coyote hunter.

How to poison grasshoppers was demonstrated on the farm of Overton Dowell at Mercer Lake where much damage was done before the poison was spread.

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- C. W. Allen, Vida, President.
- W. I. Seals, Eugene, Vice-President.
- Betty M. Kappauf, Cottage Grove, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Walter Morgan, Creswell, Conductor.
- H. H. Smith, Eugene, Doorkeeper.
- O. L. Clement, Waverille, Chaplain.

CANNERY BOOSTS IRRIGATION OF LAND

Stayton, Oregon, boasts a farmer-owned cooperative cannery which packed a quarter of a million dollars worth of fruits and vegetables in the past season.

One of the rules of this cannery is not to accept any but irrigated beans and next year this irrigation requirement will apply also to tomatoes. R. D. Hoke, manager of the cannery, explained that the size and quality of irrigated beans was so much better than non-irrigated beans that he could not afford to bother with the non-irrigated ones. Irrigation makes the beans large and tender without developing strings. The quality of tomatoes is also much improved by irrigation.

"Irrigation," said Mr. Hoke, "is the greatest thing for this part of the country that ever happened."

"For years people have worked under the impression that there was so much rainfall in the Willamette valley that drainage was the only problem. Now they are finding that there are several months of the year when there is a shortage of water and irrigation will often more than double the crops. Those who do not have ditch water are installing pumping plants."

CALL AND SEE Dr. N. W. Emery on prices on plate and other work.†

TIME AND PLACE OF LOCAL MEETINGS

- Canary—First Wednesday, 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. C. F. Hall.
- Mt. Vernon—First and Third Wednesdays, 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.
- Secretaries will please send in time and place of meeting and changes of date as they may occur.

Community News

By Special Correspondents

UPPER WILLAMETTE

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wheeler are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter born to them at the Pacific Christian hospital Thursday December 2. Allan Wheeler is the son of H. C. Wheeler of Trent and Mrs. Wheeler was formerly Miss Effie Gibson of Long Beach, California.

Friends of Emery Schreuder who was a highschool student of Union High school No. 1 two year ago will be glad to know that he has fully recovered from his operation for appendicitis at Oakland, California and is able to return to his work. Mrs. C. T. Hyde his mother who was called to his bedside returned to her home in Eugene last week.

The first basketball league game of the season was played at Pleasant Hill resulted in victory for both the girls and boys teams of Union High school No. 1 over the Elmira teams.

The girls' score was 48 to 9 and the boys' score was 31 to 13. During the forepart of the game Robert Monson took the place of Kenneth McKenzie who has been suffering with boils. Many of the boys on the team have been laid up during practice because of boils so the score was more than had been anticipated. The next game will be played with Walker December 17. Much interest is being taken in basket ball this year.

Electric lights in the gymnasium and Lyman Tinker attended the Creswell-Walker basketball game at Creswell

greatly appreciated by the players. Many of the students are taking cold showers before school begins in the mornings and claim they are feeling fine.

Mrs. E. C. Simmons a former resident of Pleasant Hill is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Robert English and daughter, Margaret of Lattins Mill visited at Pleasant Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas of Lattins mill visited with Dr. and Mrs. Brown of Pleasant Hill Sunday.

On Friday afternoon December 10 at 2 o'clock the ladies of the Christian church will hold a bazaar at Woodman hall. Fancy work, painted gifts, Christmas cards, fruitcake and candy will be for sale. In the evening at 8 o'clock a program will be given. During the afternoon and evening hot coffee, chocolate and pies and cakes will be served for a small charge.

Bydette, the little six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Curtis is again suffering with an abscess on her right hip. She was taken to the doctors Sunday night and it is feared an operation will be necessary. The little child has been suffering for over a year with what was thought to be inflammatory rheumatism.

Turkeys by the truck load are going from the Pleasant Hill district to market.

E. E. Kilpatrick, T. F. Kabler and Lyman Tinker attended the Creswell-Walker basketball game at Creswell

Saturday night.

GARDEN WAY

Mr. and Mrs. William Curry and daughter, Vera, of Philomath and Jesse Mounts of Franklin spent Sunday at the Frank Bailey place.

Tuesday evening a number of friends and relatives of this neighborhood met at the Chaq Myers' home in Springfield to help Mrs. Myers celebrate her birthday. After some interesting games delicious refreshments were served. The following from this neighborhood were present: Mr. and Mrs. I. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wylie and son, Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. McElhany, Mr. F. B. Chase and Miss Carol Chase.

Elmo Chase left for a short trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bogart and son, of Junction City visited at the G. R. Fish home Sunday.

C. E. Bailey spent a week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Fish.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kellogg and grand-daughter, Miss Ruby Nelson left Wednesday for Watertown, S. Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg will visit with their son, Curtis Kellogg who is ill and who with his family spent a year here recently. Ruby Nelson after a sort visit in Watertown will leave for her home in Rapid City, S. Dakota.

Mrs. A. Fish and daughter, Polly, of Salem visited at the G. R. Fish home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop and daughter of Watertown, S. Dakota, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bishop of Jasper, Minnesota who are located at the Seavey Auto Camp were visitors

at the Cline home Tuesday. The Bishops and Clines were old friends in Minnesota. The visitors like Oregon and expect to locate here.

Mark Bailey of Wendling and John Lynch of Springfield were visitors at the Fish home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal have returned from their honeymoon and are located at the G. H. Neal home.

THURSTON

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Barnett, a daughter, Mildred Louise, at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene on Wednesday December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cotton from Springfield spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edmiston.

The Ladies Aid play given at the hall last Thursday evening was well attended. The proceeds amounted to \$64.63.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Needham and grandson, Dan Mitchell, and nephew, Hugh Doolittle, spent the week end at Cottage Grove.

Mike Tennis from Creswell spent the week-end at Fred Gray's home.

John Edmiston, who has spent the past two weeks in Washington returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. William Barnett was moved to her home from the hospital last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edmiston entertained for dinner last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bertsch, Ione and Theda Rhodes and Mrs. John Edmiston and sons, Loren and James.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weaver are



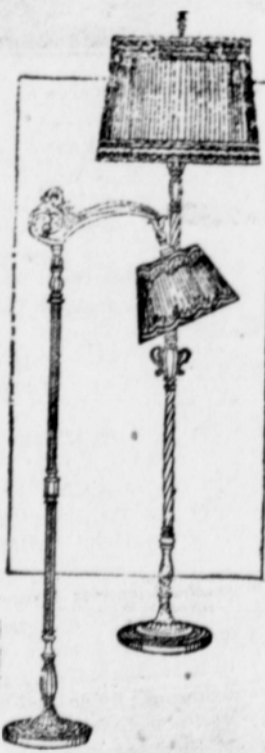
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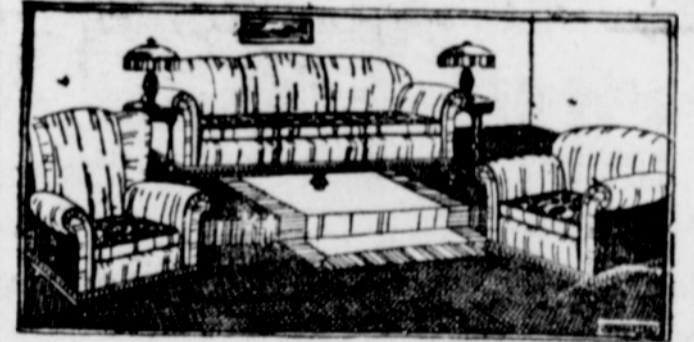
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