

# Lane County Farmers Union News

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## RESIDUE REPORT ISSUED BY EXPERIMENT STATION

O. A. C., March 3.—A dilute bath of hydrochloric acid has been found the most satisfactory means of removing spray residue from apples and pears according to a bulletin just issued by the Oregon experiment station. Henry Hartman, station pomologist, and R. H. Robinson, station chemist, are authors of the progress report, which is the first comprehensive publication on the subject.

Before and since the shipping crisis last fall, the station conducted extensive experiments with many chemicals under varied conditions and with mechanical cleaning devices as well. The latter were found to be more or less injurious to the fruit and ineffective in reducing the residue to the required tolerance. Hydrochloric acid has been found to be both cheap and effective and absolutely harmless. It will also remove copper and lime residue. Machines for its use are reported to be in process of manufacture to be sold at a reasonable price.

Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Reds, and Wyandotte hens, and in fact most hens of the general purpose breeds make good mothers. The heavier class, or meat breeds, such as the Brahmas and Cochins also make good sitters, but are likely to be clumsy on the nest. Leghorns seldom get broody, and are not very good for hatching chicks.

One cow eats about as much as seven sheep.

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A good mash for laying hens may be made up of 300 parts by weight of corn meal, 100 each of meat scraps, bran, middlings, and ground oats. This mash should be fed with green feed. In the absence of green feed add 5 per cent of alfalfa meal to the mash. Feed a good scratch feed along with the mash. Skim milk or buttermilk also makes a good addition to the feeding plan.

There were 339,000 more head of livestock on farms in the United States on January 1, 1927, than on January 1, 1926, according to the Department of Agriculture estimates. The number of sheep increased about 2,045,000 head, and of swine 481,000 head, but the number of all cattle decreased 1,627,000 head, and horses 561,000 head. Milk cows decreased 324,000 head during the year.

The highest yearly record for milk production is about 37,000 pounds, or some nine or ten times as much as the average cow gives. Some cows, it is estimated, give as little as 1000 pounds of milk a year.

## Community News

By Special Correspondents

### THURSTON

Rev. Turner gave a lecture and showed slides on the Hawaiian Islands last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Putman from Dearborn visited their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Genes last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Campbell is spending a few days in Eugene with Mrs. Mathews.

Mr. Moore from Marshfield visited his daughter, Mrs. Bert Weaver last Thursday.

Mrs. Martha McKinney, who has spent some time with relatives here, has returned to California.

William Weeks from Eugene was a caller in Thurston last Sunday. He reports the birth of a new baby boy in his home. He formerly resided here.

A. W. Weaver motored to Junction City last Monday where he bought a holstein cow, before he arrived home, he broke his trailer down and had to unload his cow and drive her home.

Mrs. Gregory Mitchell at Westfir is seriously ill with pneumonia. Melvin Needham brought her two children down to their grandmother's, Mrs. Taylor Needham, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Laura Hadley an aunt from Hadleyville motored over last Saturday and took the baby home with her, while Mrs. Needham is caring for the older son, Daniel.

Melvin Needham returned to Westfir last Sunday after spending a few days with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mathews and family from Pleasant Hill spent the week end visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bertsch spent Sunday in Springfield with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McKlin.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Lawrence Gossler for an all day's meeting Thursday.

Mr. Ziegler, who has been living on the Frank Taylor ranch moved his family to Klamath Falls last Wednesday. Mr. Jacobson from Eugene will move on Mr. Taylor's ranch.

Mr. Dowdy, who has been living in Mrs. Needham's cottage has moved his family to Cottage Grove.

Miss Flossie Herrington from Monmouth spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Henson.

Mrs. Bert Weaver visited her cousin in Eugene last Monday.

Maude Russell, who is attending Normal at Monmouth, spent the week end with home folks.

Last Sunday there was a large crowd attended services at the church in the morning. At noon a basket dinner was served. In the afternoon was a lecture on Africa also slides were shown of the same.

Mr. and Mrs. James Calvert and family from Junction City spent Sunday in Thurston and attended church services.

The Thurston girls basketball team won the silver cup for Lane county last Friday in the tryout of the Y. M. C. A. in Eugene after a hard earned victory over the Walker team.

There will be an entertainment given at the hall next Friday evening, by the Junior Bible School class there will be several numbers put on by students of the E. B. U. from Eugene. There will be a small admission charge. There will be home made candy and pop-corn balls for sale. The proceeds go toward buying heaters for the class rooms at the church.

### UPPER WILLAMETTE

Jerry Kebler, Annetta Matzan and Thelma McPeck, delegates to the Corvallis educational exhibition gave their reports at the high school Monday of this week. These three with principal Kilpatrick went to Corvallis the Friday before the high water and returned to Eugene too late Sunday to get home and were thus marooned in Eugene until Tuesday night. There was no high school Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Although Mrs. Jeanette Clark principal of the Pleasant Hill public school, was marooned in Eugene Monday and Tuesday of last week, the school was not closed. Mrs. C. E. Jordan substituted in her place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phelps and two children of Swisshome spent a few days the fore part of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Swift.

Quite a few at Pleasant Hill are still having the flu.

The first fruit blossoms, that of the Vesuvius plum, made their appearance at Pleasant Hill March 1st.

### And George Did It



George T. Swearingner, of Trenton, S. C., is "Cotton King," winning the crown and reward for having raised more cotton per acre in 1926 than any other planter in the state.

and took in the Washington and Oregon game Saturday night. Those who couldn't go in got the game by radio.

The Pleasant Hill High school basketball team won the county class B championship at the county tournament held in the Y. M. C. A. building last Friday and Saturday. They defeated Walker, Vida and Elmira. The Pleasant Hill girls lost to Walker. The Thurston girls won the girls championship.

Now that basketball is over athletes at Pleasant Hill are turning their thoughts to tennis and baseball.

Mrs. W. B. Bristol has a brooder house full of Rhode Island Reds hatched this week.

### GARDEN WAY

The P. T. A. have arranged to have a play entitled "The Poor Married Man" put on by talent of the Willagillspie neighborhood in the school-house Friday, March 7, at 7:45 p. m. Admission will be charged and half of the proceeds will be retained by the visiting cast while the other half will be applied on the piano fund. The cast of characters is as follows: Prof. John B. Wise — John B. Moore Dr. Mathew Graham (Country M. D.) Truman Chase Billie Blake (College Boy) Lewis Glenn Jupiter Johnson (Black Tramp) Fred Bower Mrs. Iona Ford (Some mother-in-law) Lola Chase Zoie (Charming daughter) Nellie Shelton June Graham (College Freshman) Lollie Gilbert Rosaland Wilson (College Reporter) Louise Harrison

A cooking club has been organized in this community with Mrs. J. R. Fish as club leader. The first meeting was held Saturday forenoon at the Fish home. The members will do their cooking in their own homes and discuss food cooked and ask questions at their meetings. This week members will learn to cook rice, oatmeal, custard and cocoa.

The club will be called Garden Way Cooking club and the following are charter members: Gertrude and Helen Haugen, Lucille Monday, Virginia Chase, Charline Florence Bell and Alma Fish.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie and Miss Doris Caldwell of Eugene were visitors at the Thomas Maxwell home Sunday.

Forest Anderson has been quite ill the past week.

I. Cline is building an addition to the house occupied by the Harrington family.

Mrs. Dorothy Cyr, who has been ill has recovered.

A. W. Ferree was obliged to install a new electric motor for his water system, the old one being ruined by the flood.

Ralph Haugen is recovering from the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Curry and daughter and Miss Wood of Philomath were visitors at the Frank Bailey home Sunday.

The H. K. Chase family were visitors at the Everett Chase home Sunday.

Professor Long, horticulturist of O. A. C., demonstrated pruning in the H. E. Wylie orchard. About thirty men were present. After his demonstration here he left for the Roger orchard near Santa Clara to demonstrate on sour cherries.

A. Vik, whose motor was damaged by the flood, was obliged to purchase a new one.

## FARM REMINDERS

Forcing of fattening feeds are harmful to the birds during the breeding season, according to the poultrymen at the college station.

Chicks are not removed from the incubator immediately after hatching by successful Oregon poultrymen. They are allowed time enough to dry off thoroughly before being moved.

Plans to increase the amount of irrigation equipment to be used in the college and experiment station on Kiger Island near Corvallis are being made, reports the vegetable gardening department of the state college. Both the overhead and the gravity systems are being used. It is planned to extend the area to be watered by the gravity system. A centrifugal pump, raising the water 22 feet from a driven well, supplies the water for gravity irrigation. The water is distributed in open ditches leading from a 3-inch permanently laid pipe. Vegetables watered by this system include sweet corn, tomatoes, celery and melons, while the overhead system is used for early cabbage, spinach, early lettuce, peppers, and early root vegetables.

Transplanting of early cabbage and lettuce plants in Oregon will begin as soon as weather and soil conditions are suitable, says the vegetable gardening department of the state college. By setting plants out in late February or early March the grower has an opportunity to harvest them early in May when demand is strong and prices good. The most widely used variety of cabbage is Golden Acre, a Copenhagen market strain and of lettuce is New York.

## Slated High



Despite evasive denials, report is current that Judge E. H. Gary, head of U. S. Steel, plans to retire in April and that former governor Nathan Miller of New York (above) is to take his place at \$200,000 a year.

## CLASS IN HAY GRADING SCHEDULED AT O. A. C.

O. A. C., March 3.—Another hay-grading school, covering more work than that of a year ago and leading to federal license, has been announced by the farm crops department. The course will begin March 7 and continue three weeks. The first two weeks will be devoted to laboratory work on the campus, and the final week to actual inspection work in Portland.

The course is open to farmers and feed dealers as well as inspection officials of this and other states. As this is the only school of its kind west of Kansas City and as Oregon has adopted the federal grades, considerable interest in the work here has developed.

Two O. A. C. Graduates will be in charge of the instructional work. Walter Morgan, '17 graduate, at present federal hay supervisor for the Pacific coast will be assisted by Donald Hill, '25, now instructor of farm crops. Mr. Hill took work in the Kansas City school.

Alfalfa is not successful when seeded too early in Oregon, says the experiment station. Plantings in late spring have always given better results than fall or early spring planting. It is essential to get the seed bed free from weeds and well settled for alfalfa.

Planer shavings as fillers for bee smokers is recommended by H. A. Scullen, bee specialist at O. A. C. Other substances such as dry corn cobs, oily waste, and dry rotten wood may also be used.

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

## 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.
  - Lorain—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, I. O. C. F. Hall.
  - Mt. Vernon—First and Third Wednesdays, Brasfeld 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.

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