

MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU WORKING GOOD

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 5.—There was no active county-wide organization of farmers in Morrow county when L. A. Hunt was appointed county agent early in 1919. His first work was to lay plans for the organization of a County Farm Bureau, which would determine upon a program of agricultural improvement for the county. He visited each community, meeting a few leading farmers and discussed with them some of the problems of that particular community.

Following this a public meeting was held, at which time the community program was adopted, and the county program of the Farm Bureau was made up from recommendations of the organized communities. The projects taken up and the county chairman of each project are as follows: Better Wheat Varieties, F. S. Stevens, Lexington; Farm Labor, Ed. Reilmann, Ione; Co-operative Marketing, R. W. Turner, Heppner; Rodent Control, Jack Hynd, Cecil; Good Roads, Adam Knoblock, Heppner; Livestock Improvement, Ed. Rugg, Heppner; Orchard Work, John Wigstman, Heppner; Community Club Work, C. C. Paine, Boardman; Irrigation, Matt Hughes, Heppner; Farm Records, Myles Martin, Lexington; Oscar Keithley of Eight Mile is president of the Farm Bureau.

One of the first pieces of organization work was a rabbit campaign. No record of the number of rabbits killed is available. Twelve tons of poisoned alfalfa leaves were distributed. Approximately the same distribution in Umatilla county resulted in the killing of 250,000 rabbits. The county agent's office in Morrow county has from the first been a labor distribution center. In 1918 a county labor committee was appointed. This committee of seven men representing different distribution centers, arranged a county wage scale and assisted county agent F. R. Brown in placing men within the county. One hundred and eighty three farm hands were placed. As a result of the county wage scale the average cost of hired help was a dollar per day per man less than was paid in an adjacent county.

During 1919 nearly as many men were placed through the county agent's office. During the past year a Jersey Bull Association was organized at Boardman. This is a newly settled district which is rapidly developing. The new settlers needed the regular income derived from the monthly cream check and it is very important that the dairymen get started with the proper kind of stock. A community shipment of improved dairy stock was arranged by Mr. Hunt and two carloads of cows with known production records were shipped in from the Willamette Valley. Sixteen were registered Jerseys and the others were high grades. These were sold at auction.

Considerable activity in local real estate is reported for last week by F. R. Brown, a local dealer. The activity extended over eight counties, according to Mr. Brown, and the land, or parcels of it at least, were as high in one county as the other. Mr. Brown had the pleasure (?) of visiting these eight counties while the storm wave was at its crest.

John F. Kenny, east Heppner farmer and stockman, was a Monday business man in Heppner.

M. E. Cotter, well known lone well driller, spent Saturday in Heppner.

DAIRY FACTS

SCHOOLS TAKE UP DAIRYING

Bulletin Published by Department of Agriculture Has Twelve Lessons on Subject.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

To add impetus to the teaching of dairying in elementary rural schools Bulletin 763, just published, contains 12 lessons on the subject. With each lesson are given helpful directions for home projects that may be worked out with profit to every community and with real educational value to pupils. Practically all the subject material for class use and instructions for home projects can be found in available bulletins either free or at small cost, but teachers and pupils are advised to use additional sources of information, such as the printed matter from dairy cattle breeders' associations, books on dairying, and farm and dairy journals.

According to the bulletin teachers of agriculture are agreed that instruction on that subject should follow certain definite lines—it should be seasonal, be local in its interests, meet the needs of the pupils, and be practical. The home-project plan affords the best means of meeting these conditions, especially the practical side, for by it the pupil works out for himself the principles and theories taught in the classroom.

The term "home project," applied to instruction in elementary and supplementary agriculture, includes as requisites a plan for home work and related instruction in agriculture at the school. It should be a problem new to the pupil; the parent and pupil should agree with the teacher on the plan; some competent person must supervise the home work; detailed records of time, method, cost, and income must be honestly kept; and a written report based on the record should be submitted to the teacher.

One of the means by which teachers may learn the dairy interests of the district is a dairy survey. The pupils may assist in obtaining this information, but first-hand knowledge obtain-

ed by the teacher will be valuable. This survey should tell the kind of farm (crop or stock), purpose of dairy cows (commercial or home use), breeds of cattle, feeds raised, feeds purchased, milk records kept, how milk is tested, how milk is disposed of, and dairy conveniences. Informa-



Rural Schools Teach How to Select Good Dairy Cows.

tion should be tabulated as it is collected. In addition the teacher with the pupils' help should prove charts showing the points of a typical dairy cow, samples of dairy records showing how they should be kept, directions showing the food value of milk, and drawings showing a section of the model dairy farm, milk house, etc.

The bulletin contains lessons, giving sources of material, on the following subjects: Producing clean milk, care of milk and cream, weighing milk, testing milk, keeping of records and marketing dairy products, profit and loss (good and poor cows), judging and purchasing stock, care in handling of the dairy cow and barn, butter manufacture, food value of milk and its use in the home, making cottage cheese, cooking with milk products, and the use of milk as a supplement to other foods.

OAK MARKS VENERATED SPOT

Tree Planted Where Abraham Erected Altar to the Lord Has Been Carefully Preserved.

It is recorded that when Abraham was promised the possession of the land of Canaan and was commanded to "walk through the land," he "removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar to the Lord." This spot is still marked by a great oak, venerated alike by

Christian, Jew and Mohammedan. It is to this protection, that one must attribute its preservation in a region cleared of almost all trees by the prevalent Turk. The species is not uncommon in Palestine and Major Portal, while stationed at general headquarters of the British army there, sent to Kew gardens a small box of acorns which were recognized as the fruit of Abraham's tree. Sir Joseph Hooker visited the spot in 1853 and wanted to secure a specimen of the wood for Kew, but no one would cut off a bough. It was only when the snow, which visited Jerusalem in 1856 and which did not spare Hebron, had broken down one of the oak's branches he was able to secure a portion of it which is to be seen to this day in one of the Kew museums. But a more practical fame awaits the tree, for it is with it that the Syrian forests will probably be rehabilitated in the bright era which is dawning now that the Turk no longer rules the land.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

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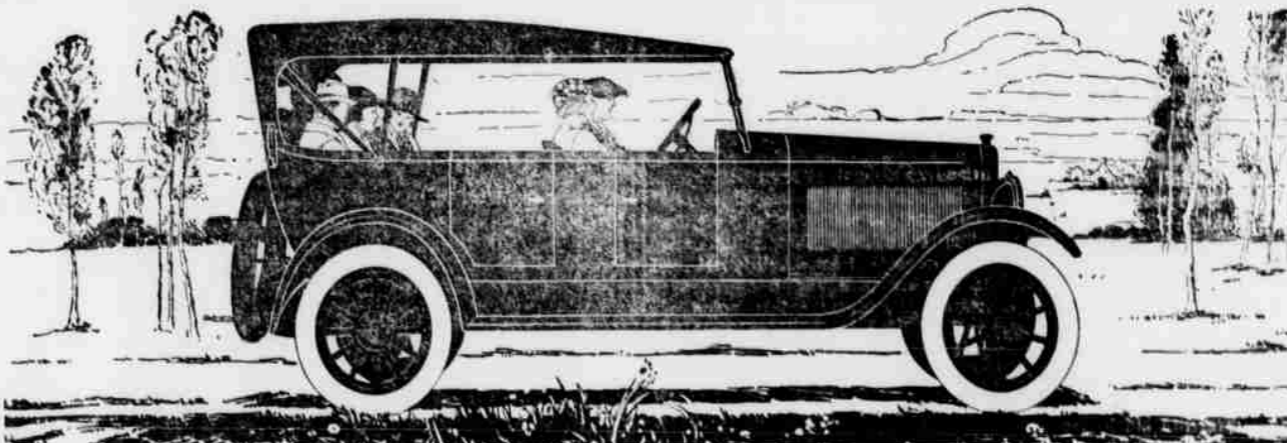
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