

FARM BUREAU NEWS

(From the Morrow County Farm Bureau News.)

Meeting of Executive Committee of Morrow County Farm Bureau June 26, 1929

This was one of the most fully attended meetings held this year and the committee had a good deal of work to take care of. The labor committee met with the executive committee to consider the fixing of wages for the summer season and it was the unanimous opinion that \$5.00 a day should be sufficient pay for all help during the harvest, and that common labor should include the box drivers, loaders, stackers, sack-jig, and the header tenders on combines. That other labor should be adjusted from this basis. The executive committee of the Morrow County Sheep Association met with the Farm Bureau and the consideration which had been handed up from the local Farm Bureaus at Boardman, Irrigon, Alpine and Wells Spring, that the county vote a tax to take care of the rabbit situation was approved and coupled with the recommendation of the Sheep Committee that this be doubled and that the balance be used in assisting paying for a government trapper and assist in destroying ground squirrels. This was approved and a committee appointed to take the matter up with the county clerk and the district attorney to see whether or not the matter would be entirely legal. At this meeting plans were made for holding a grain grading school and a considerable consideration. The report of the County Agent on the progress made and preparation to receive distillate was submitted and approved and the bills submitted were ordered paid by the local treasurer. Another matter that came up for consideration and considerable discussion was the fact that some of the road districts are out of funds but in some need of work being done because of rocks, etc. in the road. This was given considerable discussion and it was ordered as the sentiment of the meeting that the Farm Bureau favor the use within each district of all the money provided by the law, which is 70 per cent of that raised, for its own use and that if this was not sufficient special tax levy should be made to provide for anything further along this line. The wire-pool appearing nearly completed was discussed at some length, several notifying us of their intention to join in this shipment. No other business coming before the meeting and the hour grown quite late the meeting adjourned until the 4th Saturday of the coming month.

Care of Summer Chicks

The rooster has no effect on the egg yield of the flock. He merely fertilizes the germ of the egg and this fertile germ in hot weather results in partial development of the chick. Warm weather has the same effect on fertile eggs as an incubator. The fertile egg may leave your farm in an edible condition, but be unfit for food by the time it reaches the consumer. Every bad egg hurts the consumption, lack of demand cuts the price and every poultryman is affected.

Did you ever sit down to breakfast in full anticipation of two fresh, soft boiled eggs? You perhaps remember your disappointment when opening the egg to find that—well anyway your interest in soft boiled eggs immediately fell below par.

Have you observed the good housewife losing confidence in the quality of eggs produced on her farm by first breaking them in a saucer to see whether they were fit to eat? Why should she get angry then, when the egg buyer refuses to pay for the bad eggs as seen under the candle?

Avoid this loss by killing, selling, or confining the male birds. Over fifteen million dollars was lost last year in the United States through the sale of fertile eggs that had partly developed chicks in them before reaching the consumer.

Have you preserved a few eggs in water glass solution while they are cheap, for cooking purposes next

winter when they are high in price? Ask the County Agent or write the Poultry Specialist at the Agricultural College for printed instructions.

Egg production is rapidly falling off. This is due in part to the presence of a large number of slacker hens in the flock that only lay during the ideal conditions of early spring. Calling schools and public demonstrations will be given this fall in all counties organized for poultry work and every one who keeps poultry should learn how to select the looser hen. This is a dollar and cent business proposition for the farmer.

Another reason why egg production is dropping rapidly is the fact that people feed too sparingly of the high priced feed. Because feed is high, people are inclined to be "stingy" with it, resulting in giving the hens only enough for body maintenance, with no surplus to be used in manufacturing eggs.

Poultry keeping is a business, not a haphazard side line as it used to be. The commercial poultryman or the farm flock owner succeeds in proportion to the amount of business principles followed.

Those Wire Worms

Many farmers not only in Morrow county but over the entire Northwest are very much interested in wire worms. We are surprised at so little information available as to how to destroy these. It is just as much up to us as any body else. So far the only matter that has been given serious consideration is that it is best that continuous cultivation of summer-fallow will eventually assist in reducing them. This is not, however, a very satisfactory solution although it might be effective if continued long enough, but it would mean a number of years and during the meantime the ravages of the worms would continue. Last year the County Agent published in the Morrow County Farm Bureau News a statement that he felt that sulphur might give some relief in destroying this pest. Plots were accordingly prepared but it was unfortunate that the worms did not work anywhere in the field where these plots were found. It is, however, apparent at this time that where sulphur was put on the plots there has been quite an increase in the wheat yields. The definite amounts have not yet been determined but it will be determined before harvest. Another point that is of great importance is that four gardens which were treated with sulphur where the worms had been particularly troublesome in years past, notwithstanding the fact that worms were bad in other gardens this year, were entirely free from worms. To corroborate this we have a statement from Medford where one of the experimenters there has tried sulphur on fruit trees trying to eradicate woolly aphis from the roots of the tree and in checking on the results of the aphis on the fruit discovered that there were absolutely no worms or beetles of the variety producing wire worms around the trees where the sulphur had been placed. While on corresponding trees where no treatment was used as many as three hundred to three hundred and fifty of these beetles and worms were found. This is encouraging. Added to this we have a very clear statement from John Wightman, our orchard committeeman near Heppner, who on examination on one piece of ground which had for years given him a great deal of trouble with wire worms, so much so that he was never able to field a stand. When he went to the field this spring to seed it to barley and on examination found that the handful of dirt produced three or four wire worms and the ground seemed to be more greatly infested with wire worms than ever before. He therefore applied sulphur at the rate of 150 pounds per acre; the result is that there is practically no worms at all at the present time and for the first time in years he has received a good stand of barley and the worms did him no damage. These things are encouraging. We do not claim that this is the final solution but we commend this not only to the con-

sideration of farmers but to any other investigator who sees this. We believe that we have here more available data that is fairly conclusive in its results than any similar amount that has been produced. We shall watch very carefully for further information along this line. One question which we are unable to answer is the probable amount of sulphur that would be necessary to apply to destroy these worms. At the present time we would say 150 pounds to the acre, however this might be too little, we do not know. It is believed that the sulphur will add to the gluten in the wheat and to cut down the percentage of yellow berries in the turkey wheat and add to the market value of the grain. This, however, is a matter for further determination. We advise every farmer to experiment a little along this line himself and we also will do so. But we do not advise any man to go too strong on the rather meager experiments which we have so far carried out.

Perrydale Cow Wonder

Perrydale, Ore., July 17.—Frank E. Lynn, who owns and operates a large Jersey breeding establishment just north of Perrydale, has been notified by the American Jersey Cattle club that his cow, Poppy's Dortha, has broken the world's record for Junior 3-year-olds of the Jersey breed by producing 994.4 pounds of butterfat on a yearly test.

The former record of 892 pounds was held by Vive La France, owned by Pickard Bros. of Marion, Ore. Vive La France, however, still retains her world's record of 1031 pounds as a senior 4-year-old.

The new champion was bred by Mr. Lynn. She was sired by St. James Golden Poppy, a bull from the famous Ed Carey herd at Lafayette, and her dam is the imported cow Ladyshipper of Stilton, bred on the Island of Jersey.

The new record not only gives Poppy's Dortha first place among Jersey Junior 3-year-olds, but also the fifth highest record for cows of all ages of that breed. She is looked upon as a future champion butterfat producer, irrespective of age.

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The evening services will begin at seven o'clock with the Christian Endeavor session, and song service and preaching will follow at seven o'clock. The evening theme will be, "The Scarcity of Religion." Everyone will be given a cordial welcome at all the public services. "I was glad when they said unto me let us go up unto the house of the Lord."

W. O. LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

Myron Carver, who recently made a trip to his old home in the middle

west, returned to Heppner Sunday. He says the cattle and sheep, which he accompanied to Omaha, arrived at their destination in good condition.

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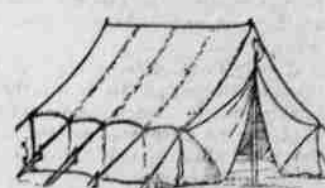
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