

LEXINGTON NEWS

Joint Grange Meet Initiates Candidates

By MARGARET SCOTT

An assemblage of about eighty persons attended the special joint meeting of Willows and Lexington granges at Lexington grange hall Saturday evening. One candidate was obligated in the first and second degrees and eleven candidates were initiated into the third and fourth degrees of Patrons of Husbandry. Oscar Lundell, past state steward of Oregon state grange, delivered the charge and instruction. The opening and closing exercises were conducted by J. O. Kincaid, master of Willows grange, after which all retired to the dining room and partook of a repast consisting of chicken salad, nut bread, pickles and coffee. The remainder of the evening was spent in old time dancing and visiting.—B. H. Peck.

Dan Summers has been ill at his home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pointer were visitors in Portland and Salem this week. Mr. Pointer has accepted a position in Salem.

A P. T. A. executive board meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Smethurst Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck have moved into the house formerly occupied by Eber Hanks and family.

Church will be held at the Christian church Sunday evening at 8:15. C. E. will meet at 7:15 with Jerrine Edwards as leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van Winkle were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ryan were called to Oregon City Sunday by the critical illness of Mrs. Ryan's mother.

Correction: Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Portland are the parents of a son instead of a daughter as stated in last week's items.

Ralph Jackson was a business visitor in Pendleton Sunday.

Guy Shaw and family of Hermiston were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whitte of Hermiston were visiting here Sunday.

Fred Pointer of Corvallis spent the week end at the home of his mother, Mrs. Maude Pointer.

Howard Lane arrived home from Portland with a new semi-trailer this week.

Bernice Bauman and Maude Pointer were Pendleton visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George York are the parents of a daughter, Janet Louise, born at the home of Mrs. Lillie Aiken in Heppner, Sept. 25.

Paul Phelps, salesman for the Ames, Harris, Neville company of Portland, was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. Townsend has returned to his Portland home after visiting at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Pieper are the parents of a son born Sept. 25 at the Pieper home.

A birthday dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Cora Munkers Sunday in honor of Mrs. W. R. Munkers who was 80 years of age, and Charles Gilman who was 71. Tables were set on the lawn and dinner was served the following: Mrs. W. R. Munkers, Charles Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvannus Wright and son Lloyd, Mrs. Myrtle Gentry and granddaughter Virgie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munkers and son Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Munkers and sons Riley and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Warden and son Vere, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers and daughter Marlene, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright, Mrs. Margaret Sherer, Mrs. Beulah Sherer and son, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer and son Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Melvin. An attractive birthday cake was served and many nice gifts were received.

School News

Jerrine Edwards
Freshman initiation was held in the school gym Friday evening.

The Lexington six-man football team will go to Ione for a game on Friday.

The high school enjoyed a safety talk by a representative of the secretary of state, Earl Snell, Monday.

Ronald, Lyle and Dorothy Peck are new grade school students.

Farm Animals on Increase; Demand Rises Slightly

An abundance of feed, at relatively low prices in the country generally, is stimulating production of animal products and bringing increased livestock numbers, according to the annual outlook report on poultry, dairy, beef, hogs and sheep just published by the OSC extension service. The report is available at county agent offices.

Current trends in industrial and business activity, on the other hand, suggest some improvement in consumer's purchasing power for animal products, if industrial activity continues to gain. The report states that the chief factors which determine farm price trends for animal products in Oregon are purchasing power of domestic consumers and the volume of production of respective products.

The cost of feed and other costs, of course, are important in determining the net income of the producer. The feed supply in Oregon and other Pacific northwest states is by no means so abundant, and current prices for hay and grain are considerably higher than in the great livestock producing states east of the Rockies.

In regard to the poultry and egg outlook, production is expected to increase as laying flocks are enlarged, owing to an estimated increase of 13 percent in the hatch and relatively light culling of old hens this fall.

The best available information indicates that cattle numbers, both beef and dairy, are beginning to increase after declining for several years. The record output of milk in recent months is attributed, however, to high production per cow owing to good pasture conditions and an abundance of feed grains and hay at relatively low prices in the country generally. The statistics on young dairy stock indicate that cow numbers will probably increase somewhat during the next few years.

During periods of increasing cattle numbers, marketing of cattle for beef tends to be reduced somewhat in relation to the annual calf crop, says the report, indicating that the supply of beef slaughtered during the next few years will not be excessive.

All Oregon Termed Oregon State Campus

Oregon State College—The campus of Oregon State college is in reality the entire state of Oregon, President G. W. Peavy told faculty and students in opening the seventy-first year of the institution. The largest freshman class in history has enrolled.

The agricultural research and extension program, the 4-H club work, and other extension activities including adult education in the homes of the state, was pointed out as being probably of equal importance with the resident instruction work conducted at Corvallis.

"It is our job and the job of all of us, by giving the best we have, by cooperative effort, and by steadfast loyalty, to strengthen the influence and to increase the service of Oregon State throughout the institution's expanded campus," declared President Peavy.

In emphasizing this state-wide service, however, President Peavy did not minimize the need for improvements in campus instruction. He called particular attention to the need of improved teaching methods, pointing out that a "Ph.D." may be so stuffed with subject matter that he cannot impart it to students. He also urged adapting instructional methods to practical needs of the students, while retaining cultural training, every encouragement to the students who have to earn their way through college, and more attention on the part of both faculty and students to world events.

Contour Seeding Planned

Athena—Tillage specialists of the Soil Conservation service report that a larger number of farmers than usual this fall will do their winter wheat seeding on the contour, where hillsides are steep enough to permit washing under ordinary circumstances. Tillage and seeding op-

erations, when run on the contour leave what amount to miniature level terraces and contour ridges, which tend to catch and hold run-off water. Where field corners on sloping land run up and down hill, it is even possible to drill these out first rather than last, thus avoiding leaving ready-made ditches for water to follow.

Deferred Use of Ranges Approved As Sound Method

(Editor's Note: DeWitt C. Young, formerly an agricultural magazine editor and writer, now with the AAA office in Washington, D. C., recently visited Oregon to look over the range improvement operations by Oregon stockmen. This is the second of several brief articles by Mr. Wing reporting his observations.)

By DeWitt C. Wing

Oregon ranch operators believe that provisions in the AAA range program for developing grazing are among the most practical for this state, according to information I gathered on my Oregon visit this summer. This practice is easy to understand and to follow, requiring that a stockman delay grazing on not to exceed 25 per cent of his range land until the grass matures seed.

Where deferred grazing has been followed, even on badly depleted ranges, it has been found that a surprising amount of range grasses will come back, and through natural re-seeding will thicken the stand. Artificial reseeded, a possibility for the future, if and when suitable range grass seed is materially reduced in price, is now used mostly to return marginal land to range uses.

The development of more stock watering places on range land is another of the most popular and practical range improvement practices in Oregon. By building earth ponds or reservoirs, by improving and protecting springs from tramping, and by digging wells, hundreds of additional watering places have been provided throughout the range area, which has the effect of allowing better distribution of cattle and sheep on the range, thereby relieving grazed areas and making use of hitherto inaccessible regions.

The average carrying capacity of Oregon ranges included in the improvement program is about 34.9 acres per animal unit, an animal unit being a cow, a horse, two calves or five sheep. In Washington the figures are 36.8 acres per animal unit, and in Idaho 33.6. About 16,000 ranch operators throughout the western states took part in the 1937 range program. This was an increase of 12 per cent over 1936 participation and indicated growing approval of the plan in general. In most of the range states the total number of cooperators this year is expected to show a considerable increase over that of 1937.

PINE CITY NEWS

Pine City 4-H Boy Receives High Honor

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Guy Moore won a scholarship as the most outstanding boy 4-H club member in the county. The First National Bank of Portland is giving him a free trip to the Pacific International Livestock show.

Miss Charlotte Helms is now employed at the Oregon hardware store in Hermiston.

Miss Henrietta Helms is now attending school in Pendleton.

Fred and August Rauch returned home from a successful hunting trip Thursday evening.

A large crowd from Butter creek attended the Hermiston fair Saturday.

Mrs. Kent spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. and Ms. Robert McGreer are attending the Redmond fair.

August Rauch left last Thursday evening for Corvallis where he will attend his second year at Oregon State college.

Burl Wattenburger and son Junior made a business trip to Mt. Vernon last week.

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell of Union is spending the week end with Mrs. Roy Neill.

Mrs. Ethel Knighten of Hardman

is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Roy Neill.

Roy Neill is a business visitor in Wallowa this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fan Roffness from Utah are visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew. He is finishing his master's degree at Oregon State.

Chas. Bartholomew is a business visitor in Spokane this week.

Mrs. George Currin of Lena and Mrs. Kate Currin of Pilot Rock were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison. They were just returning from Corvallis where Bobbie Currin of Pilot Rock had entered as a freshman at Oregon State college.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart left for Seattle Saturday.

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