

Oregon Agricultural College is the Friend of the Farmer

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View of Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, the Sole Aim of Which Is to Aid Agriculturists.

ASSISTANT STATE LEADER OF FIELD DEMONSTRATION.

AN ASSISTANT state leader of county field work has been appointed to help Professor H. T. French care for the growing interests of farm demonstration. The new assistant is M. O. Evans, Jr., supervisor of school and home garden work for the Portland Public Schools, who has already had considerable experience in rural work in Oregon.

Mr. Evans, a native of Vermont, is a graduate of Cornell University, and has taken two years graduate work at the Oregon Agricultural College. In 1912 he was engaged in making agricultural investigations for the state survey of the Oregon State Immigration Commission. The next year he was business manager for the General Welfare School conducted by the Agricultural College.

In March of last year Mr. Evans was called to Portland to take charge of the school garden work for the Garden Contest League. The success of the garden movement was so pronounced that the Portland school garden plans soon came into national recognition. Mr. Evans was then appointed supervisor of garden work by the Board of Education. During his less than two years of service the school garden movement has grown from three gardens to 43, and the number of children doing garden work has increased from a few hundred to more than 8,000.

The work of the new assistant will be partly direct and partly through the county demonstration agents. It will deal with all forms of plant and animal production that are practiced on the farms of Oregon, and will include in a general way the advancement of progressive agriculture through the Extension division of the Agricultural College.

VALLEY NEWSPAPER MEN TO MEET AT COLLEGE.

IN CONNECTION with a number of state and district conventions the next meeting of the Willamette Valley Editorial Association will be held at the Agricultural College. The date for this meeting has been placed on Saturday, December 5, by the executive committee. Mr. Hornbrook, editor of the Albany Democrat, is president of the association and Mr. Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, is secretary. The Agricultural College will join with the officers of the association in the work of bringing a large delegation of newspaper men to this convention and in providing for a profitable meeting.

It is the wish of the association officers that the time of the delegates should be divided between the business session and the work of inspecting the college buildings and equipment and learning more of the character and extent of college operations. The occasion will form an excellent opportunity for the live newspaper men of the Willamette Valley to see in operation the institution maintained by the state to give help and direction to its farming activities while at the same time training its future citizens for useful and honorable careers.

Among the other important conventions to be held during this week are those representing the agricultural, the domestic and the educational interests of the state. The presence of these conventions here will give the editors a chance to meet many leading men of the state in various lines of endeavor.

Special railway rates will be secured for the delegates who will be the guests of the college during their stay.

STALLION BUYERS WARNED OF UNLICENSED ANIMALS.

THAT STALLIONS coming from outside the state will be exhibited at the State Fair this fall is the information received by the State Stallion Registration Board, says Carl N. Kennedy, the Agricultural College horse specialist who is secretary of the board. Those contemplating buying any of these stallions are warned that they should ascertain whether they are registered by associations that are recognized by the United States government. If there is any doubt as to their soundness and breeding they should be purchased only with the understanding that they are not to be accepted and paid for until licensed by the Oregon Board.

No unsound stallion is allowed by law to stand for service in this state. Hence no person should purchase for public service a stallion that is not recorded in a recognized association, since such animals are licensed as mongrels and do not meet with favor among the horsemen. It is greatly against your interests to permit a horse dealer or peddler to sell you an unsound stallion or one of unsound breeding.

The Stallion Registration Board, located at Corvallis, is glad at all times to give any information within its power.

PRECEPTRESS NAMED.

F. W. KEHRLI, who was graduated from the course in dairying at the Agricultural College last June, has been appointed farm dairy advisor of the Hermiston district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. J. Damon. Mr. Kehrl's appointment was to take effect September 1, and he has already entered upon his duties.

This is the third O. A. C. dairyman to receive the appointment as dairy field man at Hermiston, the first being now deceased and the second, Mr. Damon, having resigned to go into the creamery business for himself. Like his predecessors, the present incumbent was selected by the head of the dairy department for his splendid qualifications. "He was," says Professor Graves, "one of the specially strong men of the class, and will undoubtedly be highly useful to the dairymen of his district. He is in the co-operative service of the Agricultural College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and is in a position to render practical aid to the dairy industry in various ways."

It is the province of the field dairymen to keep in touch with the dairymen of their district and give such assistance as may be needed in solving the local dairy problems. Questions of selecting and improving, the herd, of feeding and management, of dairy production and dairy manufacture, as well as marketing dairy products, receive the attention of the dairy agent. The agents likewise visit the dairy farms on invitation or in emergency, and either make necessary recommendations or take the matter before the college specialists who may be better prepared to render the special service required.

COLLEGE SHORT COURSE IN PRACTICAL PHARMACY.

A COURSE in pharmacy designed especially for those students who wish to take the junior and the senior state board examinations is maintained by the Agricultural College. The course is strong and practical, covering a period of two years, and upon completion provides its students with a suitable certificate. The

subjects are entirely scientific and professional, and are made up of general chemistry, general pharmacy, nomenclature, therapeutics and doses, pharmacognosy, organic chemistry, materia medica, toxicology, qualitative analysis and prescription practice.

Each year the college has registered not only four-year high school graduates, but men of more advanced age, some of whom have had five years or more of practical experience in the drug business, but who lack adequate scientific training and have found this course peculiarly fitted to their needs.

In this course as in all others, the college is carrying out its policy of serving the best interests of the state. With nine specially equipped laboratories for chemical and pharmaceutical work, this course, under the supervision of Professor Adolph Ziefle, is well suited to meet the needs of all classes of students.

Students may register for this work on the regular registration dates. September 18 and February 9. Any inquiries concerning the course should be directed to H. M. Tennant, Registrar O. A. C., Corvallis, Oregon.

FALL CROP SEED TESTED.

FARMERS and gardeners may have their seed for the fall crop tested by experts in charge of the Agricultural College co-operative seed testing laboratory at the State Fair in Salem. That this may result in very great gain in many cases has been conclusively shown. The work will be done with absolute thoroughness and accuracy and will be free to all residents of the state.

"Growers who plant untested seed are often taking big chances of spreading weed pests as well as getting a poor stand," said Professor Scudder in discussing this feature of the college exhibit at the fair. "The laboratory has just finished a test of alfalfa seed in which there were 47,970 weed seeds of various kinds in each pound of seed. In sowing this crop the farmer would distribute 2,817 seeds of dodder and many seeds of other kinds on each square rod of his land."

Of 295 samples of alfalfa seed tested during the last year, 93 samples were more or less adulterated with dodder. This is 31½ per cent of the samples tested, and shows that one man in every three that purchased alfalfa seed bought dodder for his farm. Professor Scudder called attention to one case in which a farmer bought \$150 worth of alfalfa seed, sowed about half of it and becoming convinced that the seed was not pure, sent a sample to the Agricultural College to be tested. An enormous amount of dodder seed was found in the sample. The farmer had done untold damage to his fields. In fact, the need of having seed tested is so pressing that much will be made of this feature of the Agricultural College exhibit at the State Fair.

WOMAN GROWS PEACHES.

ONE of Willamette Valley's most successful peach growers is Miss Helen Crawford, formerly a member of the Agricultural College faculty. Her orchard this year has produced a remarkably fine crop of peaches that rival in appearance and flavor those of the distinctly peach sections of the country. Miss Crawford has followed the college methods of orchard practice, and her success points the way to a far larger production of the queen of fruits in Western Oregon.

A. B. Cordley, dean of agriculture and director of the Oregon Experiment Station, spent last week at the

Sherman County branch Experiment Station near Moro. It is the intention of Dean Cordley not only to observe the operations in progress at each branch experiment station in the state, but also to relate more closely the work of the various college and experiment station departments with the work of the branch stations, and bring all these forces into closer co-operation with the farmers of Oregon.

COLLEGE CALENDAR 1914-15.

1914.
September 18, 19, 21, Friday, Saturday, Monday—Registration and examination for admission.
September 22, Tuesday—Recitations begin.
October 9, Friday—Quarterly meeting Board of Regents.
November 2—Forestry short course begins.
November 25, 26, 27, 28, Wednesday (noon), Thursday, Friday, Saturday—Thanksgiving recess.
November 30 to December 5 (noon)—Farmers' Week.
December 19, Saturday (noon)—Christmas recess begins.

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January 4, Monday—Regular exercises resumed. Winter short course begins.
January 6, Wednesday—Quarterly meeting Board of Regents.
January 30, Saturday—Winter short course ends.
February 1, 2, 3, 4, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—First semester examinations.
February 4, Thursday—First semester ends.
February 9, Tuesday—Second semester begins.
April 7, Wednesday—Quarterly meeting Board of Regents.
April 16—Forestry short course ends.
May 7, Friday—Military inspection.*
May 22—Interscholastic Field and Track Meet.
May 30, Friday—Decoration Day, legal holiday.
May 31, June 1, 2, 3, 4, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—Second semester examinations.
June 6, Sunday—Baccalaureate exercises.
June 7, Monday—Quarterly meeting of Board of Regents.
June 8, Tuesday—Commencement exercises.
June 14, Monday—Summer school begins.

*Subject to change.

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Nominee

State Superintendent
of Schools

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