

FARM BUREAU BACKS IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Many farmers of the country and in fact of the state are interested just now in the work and plans of a paid up Farm Bureau organization.

The account which follows was taken from the "Osakis Review" under date of February 3 and shows in a concise manner what is being accomplished in that state where the organization has been in operation for some time:

Striking progress was made in 1921 by the Minnesota farm bureaus, according to the annual report of F. E. Balmer, state leader of county agents.

The report says that the 82 co-operating bureaus of the state worked upon 1,191 projects in 1920, the grand total of all projects planned for the year having been 1,273.

In addition to farm projects, 25 counties included home economic activities in their programs and 71 counties included boys' and girls' club work.

To summarize a few of the many great achievements of the year it can be said that 138 drainage systems, involving 17,378 acres, were planned and adopted in 26 counties.

Some splendid results are reported in the movement for better sires and better classes of livestock. In 71 counties 1,220 registered bulls were procured and in 61 counties 1,607 registered boars were added to swine herds.

The value of farm products sold or exchanged through farm bureau service during 1920 amounted to \$1,701,533 in 46 counties. In 52 counties the farm bureaus and county agents gave assistance to the work of 819 associations, previously in operation, which transacted a volume of business amounting to \$40,665,868 and effected a saving of \$1,603,383.

FARMERS INCREASE CROP BY TESTING SEED CORN

Corn growers sometimes find that their stand of corn not only has missing hills but occasional weak and spindling stalks that have come up but seem to lack strength to throw out leaves and continue growth.

Since these stalks usually take the place of better ones that would bear good ears, the crop is often materially reduced by them as well as by missing hills. A test that will determine the weak growers as well as the grains with dead germs, will enable the grower to reduce this loss very materially.

The rag doll test is recommended by the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station, and by continuing the test five to seven days additional kernels affected with corn rot, mostly responsible for the weak growth, can be detected, and ears from which they came rejected.

The doll for testing is made and used in the usual way, with the exception that a glazed fiber paper is rolled up with the cloth to keep the rot that may develop in any row from spreading to the sound rows.

After the cloth has been marked into squares and its rows numbered, it is laid square up on the protective paper cut to the same size. The grains are then taken and placed as usual, and tester containing the duly recorded grains rolled and put into germinator.

By keeping the tester moist and warm enough for growth the sound kernels will in the added time still develop, while the seedlings from diseased kernels will dwindle from the rotting seed.

The pastor, Rev. Jesse E. Brown, will discuss the subject "Charged with Murder." At the regular morning service Sunday, February 20.

The Berean Bible class will meet as usual at 3 p. m. Choir practice, the young peoples meeting and the prayer meeting will be held as usual this week.

DEATH OF LITTLE LAD GRIEVES COMMUNITY

Many friends gathered at the Pleasant Home Methodist church Wednesday to attend the funeral of Everett Collins who died suddenly Monday morning.

Rev. Earl B. Cotton, pastor and friend of the small boy, had charge of the services and spoke of his own associations with the lad and of his sorrow at his early departure, but he voiced his faith in the loving kindness and wisdom of God the Father and pointed to Him as the only source of comfort for sorrowful hearts.

Miss Vada Bettis, Miss Inez Bell, Miss Helen Bickford, H. L. Ball and W. R. Crozier sang. The pallbearers were all young men of the community.

Everett Frank Collins was born in Pleasant Home, November 28, 1912, and died February 14, 1921.

He was buried in the Pleasant Home cemetery beside an infant brother, who died about two and a half years ago. He leaves to mourn their loss his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell F. Collins, a brother Freelin, and two sisters, Zelma and Helen.

Card of Thanks.

Words fail to express our appreciation for the kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us in our sorrow at the death of our son and brother, Everett. To the many friends and the community in general, we extend our heartfelt thanks for their helpfulness and also for the beautiful flowers which cover the resting place of our loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell F. Collins and Children.

POPULAR DAMASCUS COUPLE ARE MARRIED

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett DeYoung was the scene of a pretty home wedding Saturday evening, February 12, when their daughter, Miss Harriett DeYoung became the bride of Albert Hoffmeister.

Rev. H. R. Gebhardt of Gresham officiated at the simple ceremony which was witnessed by members of the families of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmeister left immediately for their home in Portland where Mr. Hoffmeister is employed in the O. W. R. N. Co. shops.

TESTING DEVELOPS HIGH PRODUCING COW.

The honor roll for this month in our cow testing association has brought out some very high producing individual cows. The following is the list of cows which produced over 50 pounds of butterfat for the month. You will note that part of them were figured for the month of February with 28 days and part were figured for the month of January with 31 days:

Table with columns: Name, Milk, Test, B-fat. Lists cows like Phebe Veeman Buryle, Wayne 4th, Bessie Ruby Bonheur, etc.

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CENSUS RETURNS SHOW INCREASES

The 1920 census figures for Multnomah county show an increase of 23.7 per cent over that of the 1910 census in the number of farms operated. The total value of these farms is placed at the sum of \$26,083,842 or an increase of \$4,123,164 during the past 10 years.

The census figures show also that there has been an increase of almost 60 per cent in the number of colored farmers who are operating farms. There are now 107, practically all of whom are Japanese.

Of the 1721 farms operated by white farmers, 1239 were operated by owners or managers and 589 by renters. There is a total of 100,495 acres listed as farm land by the last census, of this 46,148 acres are improved.

Although this county is not noted for the amount of livestock still the census shows 13,673 head of cattle, 6,526 head of swine, 2,644 head of horses, 58 mules and 917 sheep. There has been increases during the past 10 years in the number raised of each kind of animal listed with the exception of sheep and horses.

In 1910 there were 3,415 horses in the county and 5,835 sheep. The figures for domestic animals in 1910 are not very closely comparable with those for 1920, however, since the present census was taken in January before the breeding season had begun, while the 1910 census was taken in April or about the middle of the breeding season and included many spring calves, colts, etc.

The principal crops harvested in this county were oats, wheat, hay and potatoes. There were 144,397 bushels of oats, 83,984 bushels of wheat, 345,411 bushels of potatoes and 24,953 tons of hay raised in Multnomah county during the year 1919.

In the year 1909, 143,390 bushels of oats were raised, 11,044 bushels of wheat, 472,654 bushels of potatoes and 26,216 tons of hay. This shows a decrease in the amount of potatoes, hay, only a small increase in oats, but a very large increase in the amount of wheat raised. This was due to war conditions and reports from the county agent's office indicate that the wheat acreage will be much less this year than at any time for the past few years.

FAIRVIEW MAN'S COW BREAKS 7 DAY RECORD

The Fairview Holstein farm, owned by J. Luscher and sons of Fairview, has made the highest milk and butter record in Oregon with the senior four-year-old Bessie Zeeman Aggie DeKoi 332511, having a record of 703.1 pounds of milk and 29.32 pounds of butter.

It is of interest to note that both of these records are the highest seven day records made in Oregon in any class.

Read the ads. Get the business benefit of the paper as well as the news.

PRESIDENT WILSON SHIPS BY TRUCK



President Wilson is an advocate of the "ship by truck" idea which has been urged upon rural districts as one way to lower short haul transportation charges.

SACRED CONCERT ON SUNDAY NIGHT

A sacred concert will be given at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday evening by the choir and local singers. This will take the place of the usual preaching service. The following is the full program:

Song by the congregation, scripture, prayer, offering, announcements.

Anthem—"Let the People Praise Thee", Choir.

Solo—"The Singing in God's Acre" (Brackett), Mrs. E. W. Ayworth.

Song—"The Church in the Wildwood", Male Quartet.

H. McCormick, Leslie Webb, Jackson Jones, Leslie Walrad.

Anthem—"Sing of the Mercies of the Lord", Choir.

Duet—Selected, Myrtle Rusher and Doris Zimmerman.

Solo—"The Prayer", Choir.

Anthem—Selected, Guy Jones.

Anthem—"Ransomed of the Lord", Choir.

Solo—"The Heavenly Song", Martha Hagberg.

Song—"Sometime, Somewhere", Male Quartet.

Anthem—"Praise Ye the Lord", Choir.

Doxology.

The Epworth League will meet as usual at 6:30. Miss Mabel Shipley is the leader and the topic is a study of the Philippine Islands. A feature of the evening will be a debate on the question of the granting of independence to the Philippines.

The Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. Special features of the opening exercises will be numbers by the members of Miss Gilbert's class of girls.

Regular morning worship will be at 11 o'clock, when the pastor, Rev. A. S. Hisey will take as his topic, "Temples of the Divine." The choir will sing, "Love Divine." A cordial invitation is extended to all these services.

AMERICAN LEGION GAINS NEW MEMBERS

The American Legion held an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday evening at their new club rooms.

A number of visitors were present and several new members were added to the Legion. Refreshments were served which were furnished by members of the Women's Auxiliary.

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SENATOR GEO. CHAMBERLAIN

It has been quite definitely announced that on March 4, when Geo. E. Chamberlain ceases to be United States senator, he will be appointed on the United States shipping board. This may disappoint a few aspirants for the position but shows two things—that the ability and standing of "Our George" is recognized and that Harding is broadminded enough to appoint a democrat to so important a position. Oregon generally will be gratified over this recognition.

FUNNY PAPERS TO COME TO LIFE AT ORIENT HALL

Plans for the Multnomah grange circus Saturday, February 19 at Orient hall are maturing fast and everyone is anticipating a royal good time. The parts for the playlets and drama have been exceptionally well chosen and the familiarity of the characters portrayed and the prominence of the actors are creating a great deal of interest.

The Katzenjammer Kids, Mama and the Captain, Mutt and Jeff and the Jiggs family will all be there and so will all of their friends and admirers.

Miss Marian Robertson and B. C. Altman have promised to sing solos and Miss Iva Ten Eyck and Mrs. Geo. Armstrong will give readings.

There are many other features on the program, including two plays, a clown, a gypsy, Indian and Japanese maidens, etc.

A very small admission will be charged but full measure of entertainment is promised.

INSANE BARBER IS KNOWN IN TROUTDALE

Frank Dury, a former resident of Troutdale, shot and perhaps fatally wounded motorcycle patrolman M. E. Nolan and also slightly wounded L. L. Stevens and H. G. Hansen of Portland Wednesday evening when he became crazed in the belief that he was surrounded by persons seeking to injure him.

Dury, who was recently discharged from the state hospital for the insane at Salem as cured, had only recently purchased a barber shop on Belmont street.

Neighbors hearing him screaming for help thought he was being attacked and called in the motorcycle police who forced an entrance to his shop only to be met by a hail of bullet shot from a tiny 32 caliber revolver held by Dury. Patrolman Nolan fell at the first shot but the other men finally got Dury under control.

Late reports indicate Dury has a chance to recover. Dury will probably be returned to the state hospital.

His wife, Mrs. Josephine Helming Dury, is employed by the Mutual Telephone company in Gresham.

WILLIAM M. DAHLQUIST WEDS PORTLAND GIRL

William M. Dahlquist, well known in Gresham and vicinity, was married Monday, February 14 to Miss Emmy Blanchart of Portland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alfred Thomson at the home of Wm. Pritchard in Portland in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dahlquist will make their home on their farm in Pleasant Valley.

William Dahlquist is a grandson of Mrs. Hannah Johnson of Gresham.

SUDDEN DEATH TAKES P. R. L. & P. MAN

The morning papers carry the notice of the death of Ferdinand O. Reed, chief clerk in the office of F. D. Hunt of the Portland Railway Light and Power company. Mr. Reed was a frequent visitor in Gresham and was well and favorably known. He was 74 years old. Death came suddenly while he was on a street car enroute to the office yesterday morning.

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PATRONS, TEACHERS, WILL COOPERATE

An excellent get-together meeting of school patrons, teachers and pupils was held at the Gresham grade school building last Wednesday night under auspices of the Patron-Teachers association. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman who is president of the association. In her happy manner of interposing pertinent ideas she introduced those who took part in a musical or literary way and gave the patrons much to think about in matters of cooperation with the teachers and club leaders in making their work more successful.

Miss Calkins, county club leader, outlined the club activities for the year. The principal talk of the evening was given by Principal C. M. Quick-sall. He told of the privileges accruing to educational leaders, parents and pupils through modern methods and facilities for education. With every privilege, he said, comes an added responsibility. He showed how the work of the schools could be greatly facilitated by the parents.

Several of the teachers and patrons made brief remarks showing their interest in school matters. Among those who spoke was Principal Elmer F. Goodwin of the union high school. He wondered if the people of Gresham realized what an opportunity was presented to the young people by the grade and high schools and state universities, all so free and thorough. He said there were here 24 trained teachers all anxious to serve the pupils and parents of a large locality in educational and moral uplift. The need of training the children to become loyal American citizens was emphasized.

The pupils took part in several interesting numbers. Punch and cookies were served and a social time enjoyed.

RUN AWAY RETURNED TO CUSTODY OF OFFICERS

Portland papers recently reported the capture of a run-away girl from The Cedars, but gave full credit for the capture to the Portland policemen who, apparently, ignored the officers by whom the arrest was made. The matron of The Cedars telephoned to Deputy Sheriff Squire of the escape of the girl and that she was supposed to be at "Birdleg" Reed's resort on the Base Line road. On arriving at that place Mr. Squire learned that she was on the way into Portland in Mr. Reed's car. The officer knew that his car was not equal to a race with the powerful car of Mr. Reed, so he pressed into service motorcycle deputy sheriffs who captured the fugitive near Montavilla and turned her over to city policemen.

WELL KNOWN MAN DIES AT AN ADVANCED AGE

I. Wood, known by his friends as Dad Wood, died suddenly last Tuesday while working for Wm. McKeown. He was 84 years of age. He was buried at Multnomah cemetery. The funeral service was held in the undertaking parlors at Montavilla Thursday at 2 p. m. A large number of friends were present. The services were conducted by Dr. A. Thompson of Gresham.

WELL KNOWN COUPLE AT BORING WEDDED

C. A. Radford and Miss Verna Beck, both well known Boring residents, were married in Vancouver last Saturday, February 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Radford are making their home at present at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beck, but they expect to build themselves a home at Boring in the near future.

SAKI BRINGS ANOTHER JAPANESE TO GRIEF

Y. Kido, a Japanese farmer living at Hogan station, was arrested for bootlegging this week and is now out on \$500 bail. Federal officers made the arrest and located a 15-gallon still, a large amount of rice mash and a large quantity of saki.

Kido is said to have been doing a thriving business and to have transported the liquor to Portland in vegetable crates.

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