

FARMERS' WEEK

MEDFORD, JANUARY 21-24

HOME CONVENIENCES DEMONSTRATED.

The women Thursday morning listened to a discussion by representatives of local business houses of different labor-saving devices for the farm home.

The different makes of power washing machines were discussed as to the good and poor points in each make, both from the standpoint of efficiency in washing and in the wear and tear on the clothes.

The matter of water systems on the farm was gone into and an idea as to the cost of installation and of operation was brought out.

The small motor was taken up and its many uses in lightening the housewife's labors were discussed.

A discussion on the care, cleaning, oiling and operation of sewing machines was especially interesting and of value to those present. Portable machines were discussed and the value of the electric motor as an attachment was gone into.

Miss Brewster, home demonstration agent, closed the morning session by demonstrating the working of the bread mixer and its relation to the quality of the bread produced.

The afternoon was given over to talks on home decoration, special attention being given to curtains and the use of cushions. The use of color schemes along these lines was brought out in a helpful way.

PROF. BOUQUET ON GARDENING.

Tuesday at 2 P. M., Prof. Bouquet of O. A. C. met with 75 gardeners to discuss the different phases of gardening in Jackson county.

He had met the Grants Pass growers the day before and reported that the gardeners and business men in our neighboring city were pulling together to put truck growing on a better basis in that locality. He reported that the business men responded generously in backing a movement for better seed and that as a result of the conference, orders for the best of seed were wired east at the close of the session.

He urged the matter of good seed upon the Jackson county growers, pointing out to them that poor seed are always the most expensive in the long run.

He said that he would always and everywhere in Oregon preach the doctrine of "take care first of the settlers we already have." Then pointing out that the Grants Pass sign, "It's the Climate," was not a catch phrase, but that the Valley of the Rogue does have a climate distinctly its own and that the vegetable man should capitalize this natural advantage. He cited The Dalles as a section that is turning its warm soil and sheltered position into dollars in the shape of early vegetables. Common sense, good seed and standard

crops especially adapted to our valley, coupled with co-operation of gardeners and business men will mean added dollars to Jackson county, said Prof. Bouquet.

The statement that the broccoli crop of Douglas county is of equal value with the fruit crop of Josephine county, set many to thinking of the possibilities along these lines. He spoke of the amazing importance of cabbage, spinach, tomatoes, turnips and green onions under southern Oregon conditions.

Mr. Demmer of Medford, in this connection told of his experience with broccoli, stating that he had raised seven good crops in an many years and that he had the assurance of a good crop this year, when the Douglas county crop is practically a failure.

Prof. Bouquet touched on the necessity of insect control, advocating dusting as the best method. Don't spread over too much ground, he said, standardize your crops, your pack and your packages.

He assured the growers that his department at O. A. C. was for them to use and he urged them to make their wants known, and closed after assuring them that he would attempt to visit the valley again soon.

REMODELING HOUSES.

The matter of remodeling the farm home was taken up Saturday morning in an instructive way. From drawings and plans many suggestions were given that might be used in many Jackson county homes.

The kitchen was discussed at length. Make the kitchen light, cheery, handy, compact; the wife spends much of her time there and should have her workshop as pleasant and as convenient as possible.

The front door should be reached by a hall from the kitchen, to save carpets and the inconvenience of being obliged to pass through dining room or living room, or both to reach the front door.

In the matter of modern equipment, water, lights, plumbing, etc., it was pointed out that too often money is saved over a series of years for these conveniences instead of putting them in and getting the use of them as time goes on.

Homes should be planned with reference to the prevailing winds and storms, especially sleeping porches, was another valuable hint given. The afternoon subject, art in the home, was handled in an original manner. He thought it would be better that no home is a real home unless some considerable time and thought is given to the matter of harmony among those of the family, and that the home where kindly consideration and helpful co-operation exists is in its very atmosphere artistic and beautiful.

sick, teeth never decayed, used teeth to crack nuts; but take him away from nature and give him civilization and our food and he soon succumbs to disease.

I think that the first duty of every housekeeper, be she wife or mother, farmers' wife or bankers' wife, is to learn to feed her family properly—not luxuriantly, but nutritiously. One of the sad things we see every day is the undernourished child of the well-to-do people. Please remember this, "It is not with dollars and cents that we can buy health for our future Americans, but with plain common sense."

A JACKSON COUNTY FARMERS' WIFE.

HOME ECONOMICS MEETING.

On November 15, 45 women who represented 13 different communities, gathered at the Hotel Medford to discuss their various problems and to have a good time. Each was given a card with her name and community on it, to serve as an introduction to all the other ladies present. It was good to see Mrs. B., whom you hadn't seen for two years, or Mrs. C., who was a great friend of your sister's back in Iowa. And the luncheon was good. Isn't it fun to sit down to a meal which you haven't had to prepare, and know you don't have to wash the dishes? That in itself was worth the 60 cents.

After the luncheon, when everybody talked her head nearly off, Miss Elizabeth Gore played two piano solos. They were beautifully played and made everyone happier.

As one of the main objects of the meeting was to get acquainted, the whole procedure was informal and plenty of time allotted for visiting. Miss Woolsey, the county librarian, told how easy it is for everyone in the county to have the use of books from the library, although she never comes into Medford. Not only the books in the county library, but from the state library as well, are to be had for the asking.

The general subject for discussion was the program for the winter. A representative from each community gave a report of the activities of her group and told what they wanted assistance with in the future. Some had done much, some little, but all were enthusiastic when it came to the future—more community clubs, more help from the agent and more meetings of this kind. There seemed to be a very general feeling that the demand for help with men planning and child feeding was growing, as people come to realize more and more the close relationship between diet and health. As the present agent is particularly interested in this part of the work, it seemed advisable for her to do as much as she could along this line. Some women want to gain weight, while others want to lose; all in all, there seemed plenty of candidates for the "eat right club," and it is hoped that branches will be formed in many communities.

THE ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR.

One of the newer but a most important appliance to the average ranch home is the electric refrigerator. The better class of ice boxes or refrigerators can be made into electric refrigerators by the addition of the necessary apparatus, or one may purchase the complete electric refrigerator with its motor and compressor and have it installed. It is also quite feasible to build into ones home, especially if one is erecting a new building, a refrigerator

Wanted School Boys and Girls to Supply Ideas



What is the matter with the above cartoon or other, now here is the chance to show what kind of a cartoonist you will make, as the drawing is very simple compared to thinking up new and original jokes, just fill in the blank spaces.

PRINT—don't write—what you think Jiggs is saying to the pretty girl and what Maggie is saying and mail to the Jiggs Editor at Mail Tribune or Sun, so as to reach him not later than Wednesday, February 4, as the contest closes then and the winners will be announced and the prizes awarded on Thursday, the 5th, by three judges not connected with this office.

First prize, 4 seats; 2nd prize, 2 seats; 3rd prize, 2 seats; 4th prize, 2 seats. These seats will be reserved and the person accompanying the winners can either be a grown person or child.

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More Rain Predicted

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The weather outlook for the week beginning February 1 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Unsettled weather with rain in

Washington, Oregon, northern California and possibly in southern California. Temperature near or above normal.

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