

FARMERS WEEK SESSIONS OPEN ASHLAND MON.

This is Farmers Week during which the farmers of Jackson county will have an opportunity tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to assemble and take stock of the agricultural situation, compare results of last year, hear latest developments in production and marketing, and consider authentic outlook reports for the future, through lectures offered by the extension department of Oregon State college.

These "farmers week" replace the outlook conferences of the past. Programs will contain the outlook conference features, but in addition will include the latest in production methods and will offer opportunity for reporting on quality agent projects and other investigations of interest to the county.

The extension service of the college will provide specialists for the meetings. Each day in the farmers' week will be devoted to a single enterprise.

The addresses will start each day at 10 a. m. The first two days of the convention will be held in Ashland at the City hall. The program for the last three days of the week will be presented in Medford at the Hotel Medford.

Tuesday is Dairy Day and Wednesday is Poultry Day when all farmers who are interested in dairying and poultry raising, will gather in Ashland to hear the two subjects discussed by experts. N. C. Jamison, professor of P. N. Brandt, of Oregon State college, Corvallis, will point out all the problems of the dairy business, and on Tuesday, Professor Lunn, head of the poultry department of the college; Dr. Johnson, poultry veterinarian, and Mr. Hunt, Yoncalla turkey grower, will cover the poultry business in lectures.

The three days in Medford will be devoted to the questions of livestock, farm crops and horticulture. County Agent Fowler will have charge of the programs for the first four days of the convention and County Agent L. P. Willcox will take charge of the fifth day.

Mr. Lindgren and R. L. Clark of the Portland Union stock yards, will discuss the lamb situation on Wednesday, February 20, which is Livestock day. Farm crops will be the subject of addresses to be given Thursday by Professor Hyslop and Mr. Brassman, both of Oregon State college.

Professor Long, extension specialist in horticulture, Professor Hartman, well known fruit expert, and Mr. Beese will speak on fruit problems and costs, dealing with pears particularly, on Friday.

ELKS ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

The Elks lodge, starting with the big boxing smoker tomorrow night have quite a program of activities for the next five weeks, including the following:

Initiation next Thursday night, when a number of candidates will be initiated into the B. P. O. E. order and lodge.

Washington's birthday dance, Friday, February 22.

Election of officers, Thursday, March 7.

Installation of officers Thursday, April 4.

Nomination of officers for the ensuing year will be in order every lodge night during this month.

HONOR STUDY ROOM AT SENIOR HI OPENS

"A new honor study room system is being tried out in Medford high school," says the Medford III Times. "This is the first time it has been used in this high school. In this study room the teacher just takes the roll. The students are left under their own control, thus tending to develop self-reliance. The study room is room two. There are about 20 pupils in this room.

"This new study room is being used because of the overrunning of the ordinary study rooms and lack of teachers. If this new system is successful the plan will be used on a much larger scale."

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The Lincoln's birthday radio program which the "Copeo Players" put on last Tuesday, Feb. 12 was the subject of a favorable comment.

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JAIL TERM GIVEN PSEUDO OFFICER FOR BUM CHECKS

Clyde R. Elzy, a 19-year-old youth of Redding, Calif., who caused considerable trouble for the Hotel Medford and the Crater National forest service here last July, on his plea of guilty before Judge McNary in United States court in Portland last Thursday, was sentenced to serve eight months in the Multnomah county jail at Portland, for impersonating a forest officer and passing two bogus checks.

It seems that last summer Elzy was sojourning in Medford and became practically broke until he came into possession of a forest ranger's badge in some manner. He claims he found it in a Medford pool hall—and armed with it posed as a forest ranger, and thus passed two checks of \$15 each on the hotel in payment of his hotel bill.

The checks were given on a California bank in which he formerly had an account, and were returned marked "no funds."

As time went on and the bogus checks were not made good, nor could any contact be established with Elzy, the hotel management communicated with the Crater National forest office to learn the address of their "supposed man Elzy."

The forestry office officials detected the fraud at once and began a search to locate Elzy. The young man had been given every opportunity to make the checks good, but disdained all notices. He is married and is also the support of aged parent.

The Crater National forestry headquarters office, as well as the federal forestry service in general, was particularly anxious to capture and prosecute Elzy, in that they wanted to make a forestry man's word and badge good, as sometimes forestry employees get in strange places where they need money and temporary credit.

Hence Elzy was arrested and held 16 to federal court in Portland, pleaded guilty and was given the light sentence of eight months, which was recommended by Assistant United States Attorney Ches. W. Erskin in view of his youth and the wife and aged parents depending on him.

LITTLE BUTTE CRK RANCHERS SUE TO GET PHONE RIGHTS

When three farmers on the Little Butte, were cut off from their direct telephone connections with Medford by the Butte Falls-Eagle Point telephone company, they claimed they were going to the bottom of the matter. The evidence of their right to direct telephone connection with this city, they allege, lies several feet underground, in a stretch of pipe line across two of their ranches.

According to their complaint, which was filed by Attorney Chas. Reames in the county court house during the past week, they declare that during the year 1908, the city of Medford, desirous of obtaining rights of way for the city pipe line, entered into contracts with them, agreeing to give them permanent easement and rights to use the city telephone line from their ranches direct to Medford. This was offered as part consideration for the privilege of crossing the ranches with the pipe line, they say.

Charles Terrill, M. F. Hanley and T. L. Farlow, the plaintiffs in the case allege that they have used the telephone line for more than 19 years, ever since the right of way was put across their lands. They say that even though the city attempted to sell the telephone lines to the defendants, any rights definitely acquired were subject to the rights of the plaintiffs.

The three ranchers request that the Little Falls-Eagle Point telephone company be required to connect them up on the line as they were before, and that the latter be restrained from ever interfering with their rights and use of the line in the future.

Medford sold the original line to Eagle Point Telephone company and the latter is said to have cut off the little group of farmers, because they would not recognize that the Eagle Point telephone company were the exclusive owners of the rights. They therefore refused to pay the rates charged by the defendants.

In 19 winters Frank Collet of Bellot, Kas., has pushed a wheelbarrow 259 miles between the coal bin and furnace at the courthouse.

Hitcrack War a Draw

NEORHO, Mo. — (AP) Neesho's controversy over hitching racks around the public square has ended in a draw. Farm and city men clashed over the issue recently, masked men tearing down the racks one night. Now a lot near the public square has been set aside for farm wagons.

Notice to Real Estate Dealers

H. A. Davidson's property on Route 3 has been withdrawn from the market.

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