

SO. ORE. RABBIT INDUSTRY SEES 1931 OBJECTIVE

Mutual Association Working For Tariff Protection—Would Make Area Famous For Product.

In reviewing events of the past year in southern Oregon's rabbit meat and fur industry, we observe that they were, in common with other industries, mostly of a retrogressive nature.

The price of fryer rabbits has dropped from 30 to 25 cents, about equal to the drop in cost of rabbit feeds.

Those breeders not in the Southern Oregon Mutual Rabbit Breeders' association have not fared so well, as 20 cents per pound is the price they receive for fryers.

The task that the above association has set out to accomplish, to make southern Oregon as famous for its rabbits as it is for its Crater Lake—has received a severe check due to the economic situation, but a transitory one it is believed.

Raise Fine Rabbits. Southern Oregon can and does raise as fine rabbits as are grown anywhere.

By-Product Valuable. In regard to rabbit manure, nothing has been done to stimulate a demand for it.

World economics, or the employment of labor-saving machines to throw men out of work, is affecting everything as a general rule, but there are exceptions.

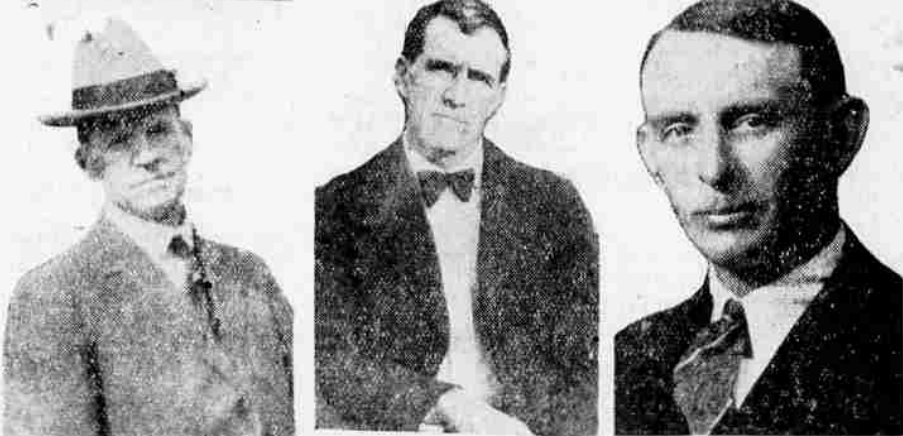
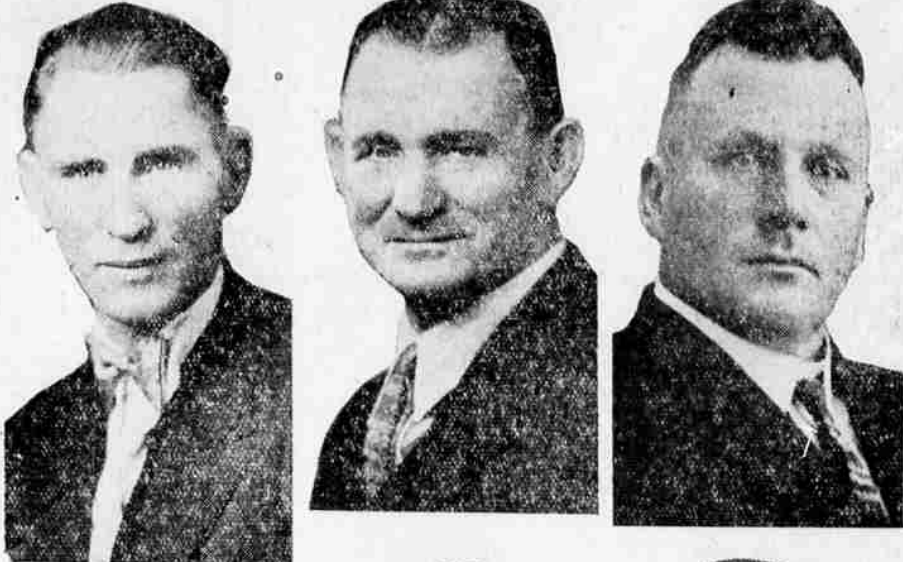
Now breeders were exhibited for the first time in our local fairs, the most outstanding of which are the Angora woolers and the different varieties of the beaver-like farmed rabbits called Rex.

From the Angora is obtained a very fine quality of wool which is valued upward of \$8 per pound. From the Rex we get a fur similar to plucked beaver.

Locally grown animals are awarded highest premium wherever shown. Local breeders have won first premiums this year at the Pacific International Livestock exposition, State fair at Salem, State fair of California, Pacific Rabbit show, Oakland, Cal., State fair at Dallas, Tex., and at other fairs.

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Lead County Granges In Ensuing Year



Recently formed at a ceremonial held in the Medford Armory, the largest Grange gathering in the history of the county, ten prominent farmers took over leadership of their respective Grange chapters as masters for the coming year.

Grange Chapters Review Accomplishments During Past Year of Activities

Lake Creek Grange

Lake Creek Grange was organized April 11, 1928, by State Deputy W. R. Geckler, County Deputy Gertrude Hank and Worthy Master L. E. Klins of Eagle Point, with forty-four charter members.

The most outstanding achievements are: A creditable exhibit for each county fair since organization, each bringing the grange neat sums of money besides several special awards.

A degree team was organized which exemplified third and fourth degrees.

Creameries were successfully petitioned to send trucks to Lake Creek on regular schedule so that cream from said community might reach Medford fresh and sweet.

Insurance secured through the grange at much cheaper rates. Poison barley was purchased through the grange at very low cost.

Salt purchased at reduction through Grange salt pool. Obtained oil from Union Oil Co. at exceptionally low figure thru Grange pool.

Hall fund started which has been added to from time to time. Several plays and dances have been sponsored by the grange for the purpose of raising money.

It has recent achievement along this line was carnival held Dec. 13. Lake Creek Grange has supported road improvement in its community, has been a valuable social and educational asset, has brought the community more closely in touch with its Jackson county neighbors as well as with prominent members throughout the state.

Lake Creek Grange has many members active in Pomona Grange and several state grange members; has always sent a delegate to State Grange and has provided for attendance of its lecturers at lecturers' conferences.

The Grange has sponsored the organization of a Juvenile Grange which is progressing nicely. It has been active in legislative work and has been generous in holding open meetings that all in the community might share in messages brought by outside speakers.

Sams Valley Grange. The Sams Valley Grange under the leadership of Master H. E. Nealon early in 1929 adopted a program including many worthy projects. Among those of interest and value to the community were a road program, a marketing program, a community exhibit at the county fair, cleaning up of the local cemetery, sponsoring of a 4-H club and support of the high school basketball team.

At the close of a busy year it is gratifying to know that practically all of these and many others have been completed.

Sams Valley Grange was first in the state to send in its quota to the income tax campaign, fund and worked efficiently for the passage of all Grange measures.

The Grange secured a change in method of assessing in the district and brought about a downward revision in light and power rates for many of its members; cooperated with the school board in making needed improvements to the district school building and helped materially in securing the next state Grange convention at Medford.

During the year just closed

Grange Grist

MORE HED—GRANGE GRIST — More Grange halls were dedicated in the United States during 1929 than in any previous year, and the total of Grange owned halls in the United States has now reached 3400 and the number of homes is increasing at the rate of at least three every week.

The National Grange is making an energetic effort to aid the bean growing of Michigan and adjoining states, who have been hard hit by the depression of the past two years, an effort being made in their behalf to have them included in the government aid dispensed by the Federal Farm Board.

One of the Grange organization slogans of the present year is "One Hundred new Granges in the Corn Belt during 1931." To accomplish this end energetic organizers will be set to work in the half dozen states making up the Corn Belt district.

The Kansas State Grange has just added a life insurance project for the benefit of its members, supplementing the extensive protection feature from fire, hail and tornado damage that has long been one of the outstanding features of Grange benefits in the sunflower state.

The Grange in Missouri is taking steps to establish a state-wide mutual fire insurance company and already has the problem of financing same well in hand.

Although the Grange has been functioning in North Carolina since nearly 120 active subordinate are now doing business in that state, with rapid accession to their membership and with the outlook for many new local units to be organized early in 1931.

Rhode Island is the latest State Grange to establish a Students' Loan Fund, making nearly a dozen different states where the Grange is aiding young people to get a higher education, Massachusetts has a record in this respect of having assisted 1629 such young people educationally.

The Grange in Maryland has aided in organizing the Agricultural Corporation of Maryland, a \$1,500,000 worth of business the past year, chiefly in selling grain for the farmers, greatly to the advantage of the latter.

The action of the National Grange in starting an energetic fight against objectionable billboards has been backed up heartily by the vote of numerous State Granges, representing nearly every section of the country, who have pledged themselves to exert all possible influence to rid both highways and fields of billboards, which are at once an eyesore on the landscape and a menace to highway safety.

In consequence thousands of subordinate Granges will put the billboard subject upon their discussion program for 1931, and a tremendous rural sentiment against the billboard is certain to be created.

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Eureka Grange in Maine believes it has the youngest Grange secretary in the United States and is challenging any subordinate in the land to produce a younger one.

She was 14 years old August 14, 1928, and joined the Grange three weeks later. Shortly after she was elected secretary and has served two years. As she is now being installed for her third year in office she is still scarcely more than 16 years old. Furthermore, she is declared to be one of the most efficient secretaries in the Pine Tree state.

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Grange Wages Long Fight Against Use Of Oleo And Other Butter Substitutes

For many years the Grange of the country has conducted a vigorous fight against the sale of oleomargarine and other butter substitutes in competition with the genuine article, and it was this energetic farmers' organization which succeeded in putting restrictive laws upon the statute books which require that all such butter substitutes be plainly indicated when sold, so that the public may not be deceived into thinking they are purchasing the real article.

More recently the Grange has started a lively crusade against certain "cooking compounds," whose nature and form of manufacture was found to be such as not to be covered by the oleomargarine laws in force. Hence these products were finding an extensive sale throughout the country from a lack of realization by the public of what they were getting.

The latest Grange move is to attack the custom prevailing in many state and federal institutions of using butter substitutes, and at the session of the national body in Rochester the issue was thus sharply rebuffed.

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that may result in improving dairy conditions, and through the increased use of grain and feed benefit all agriculture. The same solution called upon all other farm organizations of the nation to join in the present fight and likewise to appeal to its own members for constant action in supplying their own tables with nothing but genuine dairy products.

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