

Grange Notes

Eagle Point Grange

A meeting was held Feb. 19 at the Eagle Point Grange hall, preceding the regular Grange meeting, to introduce Mr. Gilson, deputy fire marshal from Salem, and Mr. Robles, deputy fire marshal from Grants Pass. This meeting was held to familiarize the community of the need of, and ways of organizing a rural fire district around Eagle Point. Gilson and Robles, after a brief talk, answered questions concerning rural fire districts, local and statewide.

After the fire meeting Master Cliff Moore opened the Grange in regular form. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Williams were elected to become members of this order. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers were obligated in the first and second degrees. It was voted to try to have a degree team at the March 5 meeting to confer degrees on these candidates.

Due to the late hour, committee reports were kept to a minimum. The legislative committee held a short discussion of bills coming before the state legislature.

Visitors introduced were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bartling from the Lake Creek Grange and Robert Bush from the Gold Hill Grange. Mrs. Bartling, Master of the Lake Creek Grange, was escorted to the Master's station.

Mrs. Paul Force reported the next HEC meeting would be at her home Feb. 27 at 1 p. m., and that the display table was old and out of date.

Chaplain Augusta Perry reported Mrs. John Clarke would be in the hospital at Los Angeles for three weeks treatment.

Master Cliff Moore presented Mrs. Lester Wertz a Past Master pin.

Serving committee for this meeting was Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wertz.

Cora Bitterling, Publicity.

Enterprise Grange

Members of Enterprise Grange held open house last Friday evening, inviting their neighbors and friends to a Valentine party. Various card games were played, with high score player receiving a prize.

At the last regular meeting of Enterprise Grange, members elected David S. Blair as their lecturer. Also, members voted against the banks closing on Saturday and asked their secretary, Enid Stone, to write their representative and let him know how they felt about the bill.

Dairy chairman Chester Jensen reported that the same trend of larger and fewer distributors seems to be following the dairy industry.

HEC chairman Lottie Martin reported \$80 has been turned over to March of Dimes. Members also voted to let the Evans Valley PTA use the Grange hall for Principals dinner in April.

Master Gladys Boulter announced that efforts were being made to organize a first aid class. She reminded members that those who took the same course three years ago, should take it again as their cards will expire in April.

She said those interested in Scout camp-outs and hikes must have First Aid to qualify as leaders. All those interested may get in touch with Mrs. Leo Cooper.

Hots and hosts for the evening were Leo Orvis and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Badcock.

Gladys Boulter, Master.

Live Oak Grange

Charles White, Master of Live Oak Grange, attended the recent state convention of the agricultural stabilization and conservation committee in Gearhart, Ore., and gave a report at the Grange meeting Thursday, Feb. 14. One of the highlights of his report was that approximately \$3,000,000 had been spent in the state in repairing flood damage.

Agricultural committee chairman Ray Frantz reported that market on hogs had dropped slightly and would continue a downward trend, and a low price on eggs had been reached. Legislative chairman Larry Sheehan spoke on tax measures now under consideration in the state legislature, and reported defeat on the sales tax proposals. A past master's pin was presented to Ray Frantz.

The literary program under Cassie Golding's direction consisted of group singing and sketches on Oregon history commemorating the state's 98th birthday.

The refreshment tables were decorated in St. Valentine's day theme and cakes and coffee were served by Letsy Miller and Beth Potter.

Edna Sheehan, Publicity.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

PHOENIX BEEF CLUB

The Phoenix 4-H beef meeting was held at the Harris home Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p. m. A snow party was suggested and the club decided to have one. Suggestions were also made on teaching calves to lead.

Scott Holmes, Reporter

Westside Cooking Club

The Westside Cooking club met Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the home of the leader, Mrs. Barnes. Donna Debricks, president, called the meeting to order. Seven of the 11 members were present. Mrs. Barnes explained the new books and passed out

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Central Point Grange

The grangers of Central Point held a social meeting last Friday night.

Over a hundred members and invited guests attended a potluck dinner at 6:30 p. m., followed by a trip through England, Ireland and Scotland via pictures taken by Mrs. Frank Perl on her trip through Europe last year. She plans to show pictures of the rest of her trip at a later meeting.

A skit, "The Course of True Love" written by Mrs. Scott Hamilton, was enacted by six Grange members. Mrs. Effie Kurtz led in group singing.

The party ended with square and ballroom dancing.

There will be a St. Patrick's party given in honor of the men who are working on the new kitchen at the Grange hall. The date will be announced later.

The next regular meeting will be at 8 p. m. Friday, March 1.

Lake Creek Grange

Final voting approved the changing of our meeting night to the second Friday of the month. Opening hour will be 8:30 p. m.

Worthy Master Pearl Bartling and husband, Murray Bartling, attended the Grange council meeting held recently at Central Point Grange hall.

Lake Creek Extension unit asked for the use of the hall for a pie social on Saturday, Feb. 23. To which all residents of the community are invited.

Insurance agent Bartling announced that Nat Etzel, FFA instructor at Eagle Point High school, will be our guest at the March meeting. He will bring several of his students and give a demonstration of parliamentary procedure. The meeting will be open to the public and will start at 8 p. m.

Lecturer Faye Burrell had prepared a program that included a reading by Mrs. Ed Myer, of the article "I Am the American Flag." Mr. and Mrs. Carl Webb presented a comedy skit. Supper partners were found by the matching of husbands and wives names pinned on the back of their coat collars. All of the names were of notable personages, such as the Eisenhowers and the Rainiers.

Members are reminded to send their dues to the secretary. Dues are payable on Jan. 1.

The next Grange meeting will be March 8 at 8:30 p. m.

Eilyn Charley, Secretary.

Valley View People Favor Formation of Rural Fire Group

Formation of a Valley View Rural Fire Protective association was favored by a vote of 33 to 5 at a meeting of district residents Wednesday evening.

Forty-three residents of the district attended the meeting. Five abstained from voting on formation of the association.

The vote followed a panel discussion by fire protection officials, including W. P. Repley and Mervin Gilson, state deputy fire marshals; Charles Davis, Ashland fire chief; Gordon Barker, Medford fire chief; Carl Norris, Medford Rural Fire district; and

Sidney Ainsworth, Ashland attorney and legal adviser for the district. Mrs. James Gilson, president of the Valley View Community club, presided.

The group decided to widen boundaries of the proposed fire district to include all rural districts circling the city of Ashland. An invitation to join the Valley View association will be extended by Dee Newton and A. L. Lemley.

If accepted by the Ashland city council, the plan would provide additional service from the Ashland city fire department in case of emergency. Fire equipment would be housed in the city fire station and manned by

trained personnel. Twenty-four-hour protection would be provided.

When other rural districts indicate their decisions on joining the proposed district, Ainsworth and Davis will establish legal boundary lines. Petitions will then be presented to the county court. If approved by the court, a special election on formation of the district will be held.

Final plans for the proposed district will be discussed at a general meeting to be held later, it was stated.

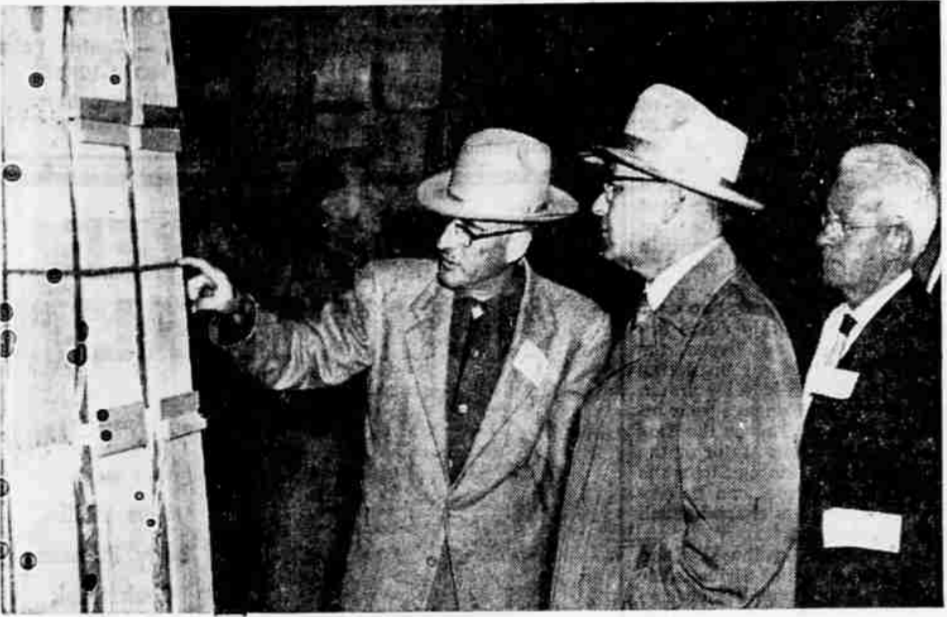
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PEAR SHIPPING EXPERTS—Among speakers at the eighth annual pear shipper's perishable loss prevention short course held at the courthouse Wednesday and Thursday were shipping experts from throughout the United States. Pictured above, left to right, front row, T. A. Merrill, of the horticulture department of Washington State college; Dr. S. B. Apple of the horticulture department of Oregon

State college; back row, Dr. G. W. Woodbury, agriculture department of the University of Idaho; Govert A. Dyke, chairman of the short course committee, Spokane, Wash., and V. T. Jessen, of the Railroad Perishable Inspection Agency, Jersey City, N. J. The men are shown as they were taking a coffee break at the Bear Creek Orchards cafeteria during a tour of the plant.



SAFETY ROPE—Dick Grey, plant manager at Bear Creek Orchards, explains how the use of a small rope makes "no end" shipping possible by stabilizing the top layers of packed fruit boxes for handling. The rope is removed when handling is finished.

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NEW SHIPPING METHOD—The use of "no end" handling of fruit boxes was demonstrated to groups of northwest pear shippers when they went on tours of local packing plants during the perishable loss prevention short course in Medford Wednesday and Thursday. The method is new, and provides more protection against bruising. Above, a Bear Creek Orchards lifted truck operator shows how 48 boxes of packed fruit can be handled at a time with the use of a pallet.

Legislation Report Given at Meeting

Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, reported on school legislation submitted to the state legislature at a recent meeting of the Jackson County School Superintendents' association in the courthouse conference room.

Mayfield's report was centered around the key district formula, which is concerned with redistribution and equalization of basic school support funds.

Dick House, Medford insurance man, spoke to the group on athletic insurance for county schools.

Discussions were held in regard to scheduling athletic events during school hours. Members agreed such events should be held during the latter part of the day in all cases. Current policy of the superintendents' association is to schedule only one athletic event per week during school hours. Kenneth Vannice, Prospect schools, chairman of the association, said this policy will continue.

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