

Over The Valley

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Play Twice This Week

The Imbler high school basketball team has two games scheduled on the home floor this week.

Summerville P. T. A.

The first regular meeting of the Summerville Parent-Teacher Association since its organization some weeks ago was held at the school house on Monday evening with a very good attendance.

Recovery from Illness

Dorothy Jean and Iris May Carter, children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter, of near Cove, are recovering from their recent siege with the chicken pox.

Installation This Evening

The new officers of the Rock Wall Grange, at Elgin, are to be installed this evening at their regular meeting place, the Thorny Grove school house.

Recovery from Operation

Mrs. Harvey Frazzell of Pleasant Grove is recovering nicely from her recent operation. Mrs. Frazzell is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital in La Grande.

Goes to Salem

Mrs. Nell Tucker and children, of Enterprise, who have been making an extended visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sanderson in Summerville have gone to Salem to see Mr. Tucker who has been working there for some time.

Visits Parents

Albert Baker, of Walla Walla, came yesterday and is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baker, in Dry Creek neighborhood.

Still Very Low

Mrs. McKenzie, who has been critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank McKinnis, in Imbler, falls perceptibly each day, and her death is almost momentarily expected.

Buried in Summerville

James Walker, of Imbler, who died several days ago in a La Grande hospital, was buried Wednesday in the Summerville cemetery.

Spend Day in Elgin

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Park, of Dry Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park, of Summerville, spent the day Tuesday at the home of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hill, in Elgin.

Given Birthday Surprise

A group of the neighbors of Mrs. Frank Ott went to her home near Summerville Wednesday and gave her a birthday surprise, as that day was her birthday. The afternoon was spent in a social fashion, and some lovely refreshments were served.

Returns from Vacation

Miss Zelma Goin, teacher at the Dry Creek school, returned the first of the week from Portland where she spent her vacation. Studies at this school was resumed Monday of this week.

Visits Uncle

Miss Vivian Rubin, of La Grande, is visiting at the home of her uncle, B. E. Cantrell, at Summerville.

Has Farewell Party

Mrs. Bert Sanders and family gave a farewell party last Saturday evening to their friends in and around Summerville, anticipating their planned trip to New York. A large company of Summerville folks were in attendance and enjoyed the games, music and dancing provided for the enjoyment of the evening.

To Give Dinner

Pleasant Grove Grange is sponsoring one of its dancing parties tomorrow, Saturday evening at the grange hall.

Entertaining Club

Mrs. Bert Grant, of Grande neighborhood is entertaining the members of the Country Women's Club this afternoon at her home.

Continue to Improve

Arthur Hamann, of the Cove highway, who several weeks ago submitted to an operation for the removal of one eye, is improving quite steadily. Since the affected

member was removed, Mr. Hamann's general health, which has not been good for some time, has been on the constant mend.

Returns Home

Miss Anna Brooks has returned to her home, Brooks Lane, near Imbler, following a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Rue Loughlin, in La Grande.

To Take Tests

Students of the Elgin high school are among those thousands of pupils in high schools all over the country to take the standard tests sent out by the Kansas Teachers' College, at Emporia, Kansas. This is the third year this unique process of examinations has been conducted by this college, and it is being followed on a larger scale than ever this year.

Entertain Aid

About 30 members and friends of the Summerville Ladies' Aid Society were entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John J. Wagner, assisting hostesses being Geneva Sayre, Lottie Black and Mabel Morton. The afternoon was spent in an informal social fashion. Mrs. E. C. Combes, presided over the business session, and also in the devotional exercises. During the afternoon, homemade hot tamales, and wafers, salad and coffee were served by the hostesses. Mrs. E. A. Sayre, of La Grande, was a guest from a distance.

Women's Club Meets

The members of the Imbler Women's club were most graciously entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ralph L. Morgan, and the meeting has been described by one as a very large and enthusiastic one. Mrs. Leo Westenskow had charge of the program of the afternoon, the general subject having been "Beauty Spots of Oregon." Mrs. Irvin Westenskow told of the "Columbia River Highway" in a fascinating manner. Mrs. John McKinnis was the second on the program and her topic was "Crater Lake." "The Bridge of the Gods" was described by Mrs. Wilford Westenskow, and the last was Mrs. Charles Cleaver who told of the "Oregon Caves." Following the papers, Mrs. Will Westenskow and Mrs. Morgan who had visited some of the places described showed pictures, etc., which added much to the program.

Visits in Hood River

Miss Lucille Fannan, of Dry Creek, has returned from Hood River where she visited over Christmas with friends and relatives.

Imbler P. T. A.

At the regular meeting of the Imbler Parent-Teacher's association held last evening at Wade hall, there was a very good representation of the membership present. Mrs. Hugh Huron, president, presided during the evening, the program opening with devotionals conducted by Mrs. Charles Cleaver. Mrs. Frank McKinnis serving as secretary announced the first number on the program to be a report of the recent national convention of the Parent-Teacher congress at Oakland, California, by Mrs. Carl Helm, who was a delegate to that gathering. Mrs. Helm gave a very illuminating report and was able to bring to her hearers much inspiration from the several days sessions which she attended. Following her report, E. E. Hurley, of La Grande sang two vocal numbers with Miss Frances McKinnis as accompanist. The program proper concluded with two numbers by the high school glee clubs under the direction of Miss Baxter. The business session followed. Cakes and hot chocolate were served at the conclusion of the business meeting by the committee in charge—Misses Frank McKinnis, W. R. Ledbetter, Clay Fox and J. J. McKinnis. It should be mentioned that at the business meeting, it was voted to make a payment of \$50 in the present indebtedness on Wade hall.

Organize Auxiliary

Imbler ladies who are eligible to membership in such an organization got together shortly before Christmas and arranged all the preliminaries for the perfecting of a chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary. There were ten ladies who gave their names for charter membership. A few evenings ago at a meeting held, officers for the first year's work were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. Ralph L. Morgan; first vice president, Mrs. Otto Buchanan; second vice president, Mrs. Walter Furman; chaplain, Mrs. Wilford Westenskow; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Pat Hollins; sergeant-at-arms, Miss Melva Buchanan. On Tuesday evening of this week, a meeting was held, when a delegation of auxiliary members came from La Grande and under the direction of Mrs. Otto Palmer, as installing officer, the new officers were duly installed. The visitors also exemplified the work of the order. A contest has already been started and a class of 12 candidates are ready to be initiated at the next regular meeting. The auxiliary is already at work on very practical projects. They have undertaken to provide clothing for two families who are in need of clothing and they would appreciate very

Pickles Made By Local Women In Big Demand Now

A study of the side lines followed by people living on the farms in Union county is exceedingly interesting. Every one in the county is doing something just a little out of the ordinary to increase the family income, and in many cases these side-lines have been found to have assumed quite large proportions. A few weeks ago, in these columns we described the operations of Ed Jasper, of the Valeria school district, who operates a big ranch where he specializes on pure alfalfa seed. His side line is the manufacture of the cereal "Health Nuggets," which he prepares from the seed which he sows, to the final sacking and delivery to the market.

Now our attention is drawn to another industry, started as a sideline but which, after three years' operation, has come to be quite a business enterprise. We refer to the pickle business, the making and sale of real, delicious home-made pickles, dills, sweet mustard and lay housewife as it is being conducted by two sisters, Mrs. Charles Spencer of the Grande neighborhood, and Mrs. Bert Knight, of Union.

Three years ago, having a surplus of cucumbers in the garden and being experts in making pickles, these two ladies started to can some of their products for marketing purposes. The beginning was very small, but the results were so encouraging that two years ago, they went a little deeper into the pickling game. This last year, they prepared for the market 1000 quart jars of the mustard pickles, which is their specialty besides jars and jars of the other varieties including some home-made apple butter.

When Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Knight first started their business operations they used only the surplus of their own grown products, but of late they have been buying of neighbors and have thus been utilizing garden products which otherwise might have been very nearly a total if not, indeed, a total loss.

This year a local jobbing house has looked after the sales of these pickles, and has placed them in the stores of both Union and Walla Walla counties. If we remember correctly, 85 per cent of the stores in these two counties handle over their counters, the S. & K. brand of pickles. They report a good sale, because housewives, so they say, are finding it more satisfactory to buy these home-made goods than to go to the trouble of making themselves, and home-made products are replacing the commercial brands continually, they say.

Mrs. Spencer reports that they do not intend going into the business at any greater rate each year, than they feel justified by the demands of the preceding season. However, they intend to add to their line each year and already have in mind a splendid recipe which they will experiment with next year. All the work at present is done by hand, but they contemplate introducing the use of machinery as fast as possible. But no matter how fast the trade increases, Mrs. Spencer is emphatic in the statement that it is their purpose to patronize the home gardeners and assist them in disposing of their surplus garden products.

much donations of children's wearing apparel.

In La Grande

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frazzell and Roy Baker, of Pleasant Grove, spent Wednesday in La Grande on business.

Has Tonsillotomy

Scott Stinson, who has been confined to his home for several weeks with rheumatism, submitted to an operation the first of the week for the removal of his tonsils. It is hoped that this will give him permanent relief from his trouble.

Girls in Game

The Imbler high school girls basketball team goes to Enterprise tomorrow, Saturday evening where they will engage in their first real game of the season.

Travel Fifty Years Ago

By M. L. Carter—"The Indians paid no attention to the white men, but seemed most interested in what was in the wagons. After they had ransacked them, they set fire to a part of them, but not the ones which had the coal oil in them. Some of the horses were shot. The Indians obtained fire arms, ammunition and a good supply of whiskey. Goods from the wagons were scattered along their line of travel. They camped that night just below Glenn's Ferry on the river. The next morning they started on down the stream and soon met a traveling party of four white men, in a small wagon, and attacked them. When found, one man, a butcher from Rock Creek, lay dead, across the dash board of the wagon; the second was about two yards away; the third was John Hession, a brother of James Hession of Rock Creek. He was about 200 yards away. He had a good, latest date revolver and empty cartridge shells were all around where he lay, showing that he had put up a good fight. It was thought the fourth man had got to the river at McDowell's just below Glenn's Ferry on the river. He had a good rifle and was shot while in the water. A dead man thought to be him was taken out of the water about McDowell's

LAST YEAR BIGGEST IN COUNTY HISTORY FOR CLUB WORKERS

County superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre, has recently received from state headquarters a tabulated report of the club work done in this county during the year 1927. The report is very interesting, not only to those who have a close connection with the work, but to all who are in any way interested in farm work in this county, and naturally, the work of training being done for the younger people on those farms. The report shows that this past year was the biggest year in club work in Union county, and especially in the matter of membership in the clubs, where the increase over the year preceding 1926, was 45.

A detailed study of the report of the different projects is quite interesting. There were more pig clubs in the county than in any other division of livestock. Five clubs enrolled 44 members at the beginning of the year, and of these a little over 50 per cent, or 23 completed the work of the year. The value of animals raised by these club members is given at \$1984.66, with the cost at \$1742.18, showing a profit of \$242.42.

The Dairy Calf club comes next, being two in number and having enrolled 20 members. One more than half of these also completed the year's work or 11. The animals cared for by these clubs realized a much better profit than the pig club members, for the profit was \$58.88, the cost having been \$2176.91, while the value was placed at \$2855.79.

The Beef Calf club was one of the 100 per cent clubs last year, for in the one club working, the eight members enrolled at the beginning of the season completed their work. With a valuation of \$1284.20, they showed a profit of \$37.86.

There were two boys in the county who started sheep projects, although there was no organized club for this line. Only one of the two completed his work and he reports to have profited to the amount of \$9.69 on a valuation of \$36.95.

Poultry clubs were not so numerous last year, only two of them operating. However, the birds which they reported cost \$77.10 were valued at \$101.85 at the end of the year, thus showing a \$24.75 profit.

In no line of club work save one, was there as great a profit shown as in the garden club, where the profit was little less than 100 per cent. At a cost of \$141.71, a profit of \$167.93 was realized, and this club was also one of the 100 per cent clubs.

There were 22 cookery, sewing and home-making clubs included in the report which covered this division, and eight of these were 100 per cent, that is, all the members completed the work mapped out for the year.

The cookery clubs numbered seven, with 45 starting the projects and 23 completing them. The work which they did was rated at \$223.12, of which \$92.36 was given as clear profit.

Fourteen sewing clubs enrolled 88 members at the beginning of the year, and saw 46 members still working when the year was drawing to a close. These boys and girls, for there were some boys in this branch, are told, reported a profit of \$52.08, their work costing \$128.98 and being worth \$181.06.

Five of the seven girls enrolled in the one home-making club completed the project. They report a 100 per cent profit on their work. Cost \$28.27, profit, \$28.27, value \$56.54, their report read.

The totals as given in the report for the year show the following facts:

There were 23 clubs operating in the county which sent in reports of their year's work.

These clubs enrolled 239 members at the beginning of the year and 133 at the close. This was in a 100 per cent club.

The dead men's outfit showed very plainly that there had been four men belonging to the party. The freighters, whom we left on the hilltops viewing the movies, such as were in vogue 50 or 100 years ago, where Indians looted and burned wagons and shot freight horses that came within easy range, seeing that nothing could be done to improve the situation, had taken a back track up the river. They traveled 35 miles to Payne's ferry where the people of the country, and travelers on the roads, were gathered in and preparing for defense if the Indians should come.

comparison to \$8 of the previous year. The total valuation was \$7201.77. The total cost was \$5789.35. The profits were \$1412.42. Eleven clubs were 100 per cent.

Cows fed correctly will need no tonics. If a cow is sick a veterinarian should be called, but the tonic habit is unnecessary. Alfalfa hay, silage, linseed-oil meal, and bran are good feeds. Addition of ground corn to the ration makes an excellent combination. A grain mixture of four parts ground corn, two parts bran, and one part linseed or cottonseed meal should be fed in one-pound portions for every four pounds of milk produced. If all the alfalfa hay the cow will eat is added, together with 20 to 40 pounds of silage a day for each cow, no tonic will be needed.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

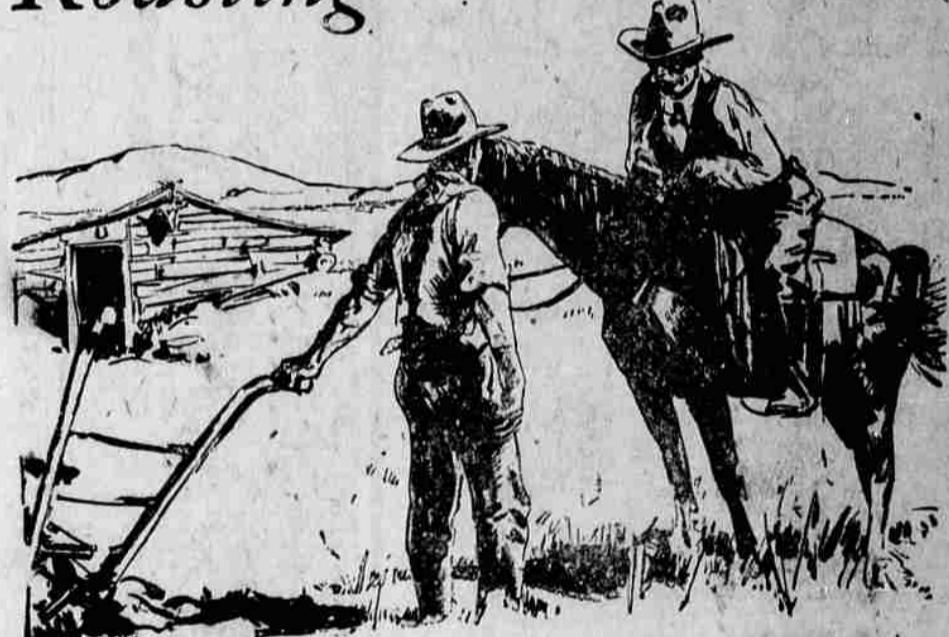
HAM LOAF
2 pounds lean pork.
1 pound raw, lean, smoked ham.
1 cup cracker crumbs.
3/4 teaspoon black pepper.
1 handful raw oatmeal.
2 well beaten eggs.
1 cup milk.
10 cloves.
1 cup tomato sauce or soup.
Grind the meat twice. Mix as for meat loaf. Bake one hour. Stick cloves in loaf. Cover with tomato. Bake 1/2 hour longer.

Several foreign countries have passed legislation, in some cases amounting virtually to a subsidy, to encourage and finance the placing of purebred sires at points advantageous to livestock owners. Except for subsidies the general status of livestock-improvement work in the United States compares favorably with that abroad. Recently the last of scrub and crossbred sires have been eliminated from three entire counties.

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