

# Over the Valley

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**Entrtain Aid**—There were 45 members of the Alice Ladies Aid society present at the meeting held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tom Wallinger, on the lower Cove highway. Mrs. Louie Standley had charge of the devotional after which an interesting program was presented. Miss Myrtle Wilcock played Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," a humorous reading was given by Mrs. W. J. Case, Mrs. Will Adler and Mrs. Ray Fuller sang "I Know a Bank," Mrs. Fuller sang two solos, "April" and "Clover Blossoms." A general discussion was participated in by all present on "What I Shall Plant in my Garden." Mrs. Will Adler opened the discussion with a paper, stressing especially chrysanthemum culture, after which each member told the flower she had found most adaptable and satisfactory in her garden. Mrs. Walter M. Pierce closed the discussion, giving an interesting talk on the flower gardens in Western Oregon and also telling of a number of books she had found most profitable in flower gardening. The closing numbers were by the Robekah quartet, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep" and "The Freckled Frog." After the program Mrs. Wallinger, assisted by Mrs. Ray Fuller and Mrs. Roy Wells, served delicious refreshments.

**Sister Visit**—Mrs. Roy Wells, of Alice, was enjoying a short visit today with her sister, Mrs. Roy Kincaid, of Portland, who is visiting relatives while Mr. Kincaid transacts business in La Grande.

**League Carnival**—The Epworth League of Island City are holding a carnival this evening at 8 o'clock to which everyone is invited.

**Island City Aid**—Mrs. Dee Davis and Mrs. Williamson entertained the members of the Island City Aid yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Davis. Sixteen members and two visitors were present and plans were made for the entertaining of the members of the Chamber of Commerce at their luncheon Tuesday, April 23. The hostesses served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

**Hold Services**—The members of the Epworth

League of Island City held their services at Hot Lake Sanatorium last Sunday evening. About 29 members of the League made the trip and held an interesting meeting for the patients and visitors at the lake.

**Visiting Friends**—Visitors at the Henry Hermann home on the Cove highway this week were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Freiberg, of La Grande.

**Meeting at Cove**—A report from a correspondent at Cove states that a very successful meeting was held last Monday evening in the interest of boys and girls club work. R. C. Kuehner, assistant state club leader, and Acting County Agriculturist Wray Lawrence had charge and showed the moving pictures which have been shown at various places in the valley this week. C. L. Cadwell, of Union, was present and stressed the exhibits at the Stock Show, giving some information as to how to prepare the stock for exhibiting. Prof. Roy Conklin, Cecil Griggs and George Baird, of Union, were also present.

**Have Birthday Party**—A number of friends from the valley gathered at the home of Mrs. Ella Moon in South La Grande Wednesday afternoon for a surprise birthday party and handkerchief shower. A delightful afternoon was spent visiting, after which refreshments were served which included a small birthday cake which was brought by the guests. Those present for the happy occasion were Mrs. L. D. Smith, Mrs. Roy Spencer, Mrs. Heese McAllister, Mrs. Willard Moss, Mrs. R. A. Masterton, Mrs. Charles Taul, Mrs. Ernest De Long, Mrs. Harry Moon and daughters, Janice and Helen Jean, Miss Roberta Nielson and Mrs. Moon.

**To Hold Services**—The Rev. R. C. Lee and the young people of the Epworth League of the Methodist church at Union will hold services Sunday evening at the Hot Lake Sanatorium. An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

**Move to Union**—Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Irvin, who have been living on the Sherwood Williams place near the foot of

by their son, Billie, is staying at the Louis Standley home until the close of school.

**Returns Home**—Miss Mildred Standley returned to her home this morning after spending the week in Corvallis and Eugene. She accompanied the High School band to Corvallis, and after the contest went on to Eugene where she visited Jean Williams and Lenore Ely, of La Grande, for a few days.

**Unable to Work**—Ed Lark, carpenter for the Stoddard Lumber company at Pondosa, is taking an enforced vacation. He is suffering what is known as "weeping" or carpenter's eczema, caused from the poisonous dust from nails and lumber. Mr. Lark has been unable to work for the last three weeks, and does not expect to be able to resume his work for about two weeks more.

**Hold Benefit Dance**—The girls of the 4-H cooking club of Pondosa, in charge of Miss Marie Conlogue, gave a dance at the school house last Saturday to raise funds for the club. Punch and candy made by the girls were sold during the evening and after all expenses were met the girls had cleared \$17.00.

**Visiting in Pondosa**—Mrs. J. P. Hogensen and children of La Grande, are spending the spring vacation visiting in Pondosa. Mr. Hogensen is civil engineer for the Stoddard Lumber company.

**Attend Meeting**—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morgan, of Imbler, attended the meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers association at Spokane this week.

**Visit in La Grande**—Mrs. Ray Hayes and daughter, Eleanor, of Imbler, were visiting at the W. A. Hutchinson home in La Grande Wednesday evening.

**Interesting Program**—The patients and visitors at Hot Lake Sanatorium enjoyed a delightful program Wednesday evening when the Rev. T. P. Granam, of the Methodist Episcopal church at Cove, gave a very interesting talk on his personal experiences in

## Two New Clubs Are Organized In This County

Interest in boys and girls club work in the valley this week has been at a high level, and from all reports the meetings which were held at various points the first three days of the week were most interesting and were well attended by enthusiastic groups of parents as well as club members and prospective club members.

R. C. Kuehner, assistant state club leader, was in charge of the meetings, which were held at Cove, Imbler, Union and Wolf Creek, and was accompanied by Wray Lawrence, acting county agriculturist, and E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent. Visits were also made to various schools in the valley during the week.

Officers of the new clubs organized this week are: Wolf Creek Pig club—local leader, J. A. Nice; president, Charles Nice; vice president, Owen Gorham; secretary, Olive Gorham. Imbler sheep club—local leader, Frank McKennon; president, Clayton Fox; vice president, Bobby Huron; secretary, Norvin Woodell.

For several years the state department of education has given bronze achievement medals to club members and it is now announced that a new system of awards has been worked out whereby different pins will be presented to members for from one to seven years work, instead of the same award for any number of years work. As soon as the list of members who have completed more than one year work, pins according to rank will be mailed to those deserving them, it is announced.

As interest in the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show increases, a new set of rules for premiums has been drawn up to conform more closely with those of the state fair at Salem and the Pacific International, so as to make it easier for club members from Eastern Oregon to meet the requirements of these two shows.

## A SEASONABLE RECIPE

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**Ginger Bread**

1 cup sugar  
1 cup cooking syrup  
½ cup lard, scant  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon ginger  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 cup boiling water  
2 ½ cups flour

Mix the sugar and lard, cinnamon, ginger and salt. Next add the eggs and the syrup. Put the soda in the hot water and add just before the flour. Bake for about 15 minutes.

## Owner Of Still At Minam Sent To State Prison

WALLOWA, Ore., April 12—Ben Stilson pleaded guilty before Judge Knowles at Enterprise to the ownership of the big still that was seized in a raid by the sheriff and his force at Minam three weeks ago and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve a year in the state prison at Salem.

The sentence so reads that if the fine is not paid, at the completion of his prison sentence he shall be returned to Wallowa county to serve out his fine.

The cases against Ed George, one of three men arrested in connection with the raid, was dismissed, while Leo Hall pleaded guilty last week to possession and was fined.

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## STATE OUTLOOK ON POTATO SITUATION FOR SEASON GIVEN

With a goodly number of farmers in this valley raising potatoes on a larger or smaller scale, and with many producing certified seed, the outlook on this product as prepared for the state of Oregon, as planting season approaches, seems quite timely.

According to the sample census, Oregon farmers intend to plant about 11% less acreage of potatoes in 1929 than in 1928, or the same as shown by intentions to plant data for the whole country. One or two specialized potato counties in the state may not change the acreage greatly. With the intended decrease there would be no shortage of market potatoes in 1929-30 if average yields are secured. There is a substantial carry-over of 1928 potatoes in sight and the federal outlook report is especially bearish regarding the outlook for potatoes to be marketed before July 1. Oregon potato growers are confronted

with marketing problems in transportation costs and standardization.

"Potato growers in nearly all parts of the United States suffered such terrific losses from overproduction in 1928 that there is little probability that an excessive acreage will be planted this season. Preliminary reports on the acreage which growers intend to plant indicate that if the crop is given average care, production in 1929 may be expected to vary from 400,000,000 bushels about in the proportion that growing conditions are more favorable or less favorable than usual. Considering the low cost of seed potatoes this season, this prospect need not discourage efficient producers of late potatoes, but it does not encourage speculative plantings. Heavy stocks now on hand will tend to hold down the price of new potatoes until the end of June, so prospects for southern growers are none too bright, even though their acreage is reduced around 25 per cent, as now seems probable."

"Reports this year seem to indicate that growers are now planning to plant an acreage 11 per cent smaller than they planted last year, indicating the probability of a harvested acreage slightly below that of 1927. As this indicates about average prospects, there is no reason to expect farmers to make material changes in their plans between now and planting time.

"While indications of intended acreage are, of course, only approximations, they are sufficiently uniform to indicate that the principal reductions in acreage are to be expected in the early states, in the commercial sections of the second early states, that is Virginia, Maryland, Oklahoma and Kansas, and in the important potato area extending from Michigan to North Dakota. Substantial reductions are also to be expected in Idaho and Colorado.

"In estimating the acreage of potatoes needed next season, allowance must be made for the upward trend in yields that is resulting from more intensive methods of production. If average weather as favorable as those enjoyed by conditions are experienced this season, and yield follows the trend of recent years, a yield of about 117 bushels per acre must be expected. If this yield is secured on an acreage 11 per cent below that available for harvest in 1929, production will be around 400,000,000 bushels, and supplies after July 1 will be about equal to the average during the last ten years. In considering prospects for next year, it should, however, be borne in mind that yields have often been relatively low when seed has been cheap and potato growers discouraged. This year farmers are planning to use a little more seed per acre, but the crop may not receive the usual attention."

**Seed Potatoes**

There may be some opportunity to increase the acreage of Wisconsin Fries (White Rose) seed potatoes in Western Oregon and in Klamath county for California trade, provided good seed can be obtained. The potato seed outlook in Oregon will probably hinge to a considerable extent around some organized system of marketing and in the establishment of transportation rates to consuming districts as favorable as those enjoyed by other potato seed districts.

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