

FARMERS BEGIN SPRING WORK

Favorable Weather at Wallowa—Stock Going to Summer Ranges

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Various classes of work on the farms in this county has become quite well started. Weather conditions recently have been much more favorable than earlier in the month. While the ground is said to be too wet on all farms yet for plowing and other field work, many of the valley farmers between here and Enterprise have been busy the past several days working the fields into shape as rapidly as possible. Some seeding of spring grain is also being done on ground which was plowed last fall and dried out sufficiently to work with discs and harrows somewhat sooner than ground which had to be plowed this spring. Farmers feel that with the weather becoming much warmer there is not likely to be much danger of the grain being frozen. A considerable acreage of spring wheat will be sown on the farms of this county this spring according to reports from various farmers. Federation wheat apparently is leading all other varieties in this community in the amount of yearly acreage, with the greater part of the plantings on the dry land being of the hard variety and while some of this is also grown on the irrigated land many say they prefer the soft Federation because of its being better for feeding purposes and also apparently a little heavier yielder on the irrigated lands.

There appears to be somewhat of a scarcity of seed oats in this end of the valley this spring. During the past two weeks many inquiries are heard from farmers wishing small lots for seed purposes. With the extremely high hay prices during the past winter many of the farmers who had oats used for feed, resulting in a shortage and a considerable rise in price toward spring. As early as February some small lots of seed oats were reported to have sold at prices around \$50 per ton. There is considerable re-seeding of hay crops including alfalfa, red clover, yellow blossom sweet clover and some timothy being done on a number of the valley farms at this time.

The past ten days has been marked with the moving of much of the livestock from feed lots to summer range areas. In some instances the land being used for summer range by the large stockmen is not yet suitable for putting the stock onto, however, many of these have early grazing land in the more open foothills where the grass is getting nicely started at this time and it is here that many of the stock are being pastured at this time. Many fine bands of February and March lambs are in evidence over the county at this time. Since the sheep have not put on the grass the ewes are said to be giving plenty of milk and many of the early lamb flock are large enough to pick much of their feed from the new grass.

Sheep owners here feel highly elated over the prospects for good prices for their wool clip and lambs again this season. J. J. Durham, representative of the Pacific Coast, operative Wool Marketing association, was in the county during the past week meeting many of the flock owners. He was working in the interest of securing new members for the co-operative, and according to reports was successful in signing up a considerable number of new members owning flocks of from 25 to 1,500 head. According to recent reports locally the average price being offered for wool clip this season is around 26 and 27 cents per pound, with a slightly higher price possible for wool of exceptionally high grade. Some of the owners say they believe it will be possible to get a little better prices for good lambs this year than what was paid last year.

Work has been started on a part of the unfinished portion of the connecting link of road between the Loggins-Evans-Leop market road and the Whiskey creek market road. The county road crew has been working for the past several days near the south end of this stretch near the Williams farm at the mouth of Parsnip creek. Some of the work has consisted of clearing a part of the right way of trees and brush, this work is being done with a large caterpillar tractor with good progress being made according to several who have observed the work. Farmers along this stretch are anxious to see the completion of this stretch which will aid them greatly in the season when the old dirt roads are hub deep in mud at many places.

The past week has given many of the local fishermen an opportunity of trying out their skill at landing some of the large fish which are supposed to inhabit the streams of this county. Few reports are heard yet where very good catches of trout were made, but it is thought by many because of the fact that the most of the streams have been quite muddy since the opening of the fishing season. Some who have been fishing for steelheads recently report catching some very nice specimens.

Ted Brown, of Enterprise, spent a few days here during the past week visiting his aunt, Mrs. Ivan Vance. Mr. Brown underwent an operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago but is getting along nicely at this time.

Mrs. L. W. Minor purchased a roadster recently. Arrangements are being completed by the Wallowa County Marketing association to load out a car of fat hogs from here Wednesday of this week. The shipment was intended to be sent the last of the week, but was held up a few days

OUT OUR WAY



THE LADIES AID

because of a break in prices at the stockyards.

Giles Plass, and wife, of Leap, were visitors in town the last of the week.

Sam and G. C. Meek were Enterprise business visitors the latter part of the week.

A number of farmers in this community have been busy recently fighting the ground squirrels with poison gas. This method of combating squirrels has been used by a number of the farmers here during the past two or three years and seems to be much more effective than using poison grain, especially at this season of the year.

T. A. Bakke, of Whiskey creek, has been leveling some of his ground and getting it ready to seed to hay grasses.

Drying weather of the past few days has been very beneficial to the dirt roads in this community. The greater part of the mudholes have disappeared making it possible to use cars in most parts of the community.

J. R. Williams and wife were in town the last of the week from their farm near Evans. Mr. Williams says he has been re-working some of his alfalfa ground and seeding in some yellow blossom sweet clover to make a thicker stand for hay purposes.

LADD CANYON GET TOGETHER CLUB HOSTESS

By Mrs. Charles Grandy (Observer Correspondent) LADD CANYON, (Special)—The members of the Get Together club broke their regular routine and entertained the Countrywomen's club on their regular meeting day at the hall. About twenty women accepted the invitation and a delightful day was spent. During the afternoon a short program was given. Mrs. A. E. Peebler and Mrs. H. W. Peebler sang two numbers. Mrs. Laura Huden, Mrs. W. O. Sherwood and Mrs. Charles Grandy each gave a reading. This was followed by two contests. Mrs. Hatie Macomb and Mrs. Dollie Thallie for honors in the first contest, the prize going to Mrs. Thallie. Mrs. C. Y. Beale won the prize in the other contest. Luncheon was served at one long table which was appropriately decorated. A number was placed under each place at the table, the lucky one being under Mrs. Elliott Austin's plate, for which she was given a prize. All reported having a very enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. A. E. Peebler will



Trade Claim At Cove For Farm At Hermiston

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Thomas left Cove early Monday morning for their new home at Hermiston. They traded their timber claim here for an alfalfa ranch at Hermiston. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas came to Cove less than two years ago, but have grown into the life of the community and made many friends here who are sorry to have them leave. Mr. Thomas lived in Cove in his youth and was well known here.

The Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Lavee, of Athena, were Cove visitors Sunday, April 21. They were guests of Mr. Loree's brother, Melvin Loree. Mr. Loree helped the Rev. W. Platt conduct the services at the Baptist church both morning and evening. He was pastor of this church for a few years and has many friends here.

The camp fire girls held their first all-day hike Sunday, accompanied by their guardian, Mrs. J. R. Price. They went to Camp Yew Row and climbed the mountain above the camp where they cooked dinner and spent a very enjoyable day.

Prof. and Mrs. C. G. Springer left early Sunday morning for a day in the open. They drove over into Malheur county where Mr. Springer taught school a number of years ago.

The Enterprise girls won a game from the Cove girls Saturday by a score of 40 to 27. A return game of both boys and girls will be played at Enterprise next Friday afternoon and evening.

The Fun and Joy Bridge club gave a delightful travel party Saturday evening. The members' husbands and a few others were guests of the club. The party was a progressive luncheon, the first course of which was served at the home of Mrs. L. J. Chadwick with Mrs. G. E. Barker as assistant hostess. The second course was served at the home of Miss Ross Kelly with Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. A. H. Orton and Mrs. T. H. Conklin as assistant hostesses. The third and last course was served at the home

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Alfred E. Jakobsen, 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighing 235 pounds, walks a police beat at night and studies at the University of Minnesota in daytime.

Picture Contest Planned at Cove

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—A picture contest for the pupils of the 8th grades of the Cove and Union schools will be held Wednesday afternoon at Cove. This contest has been arranged by the Women's clubs of the two cities to inspire greater interest in the picture libraries and to interest pupils in the study of art. Mrs. E. P. Massman, who is chairman of art in the Federated Clubs of Oregon, will take charge of the contest.

In reporting a list of eighth grade students making high grades at the last examination, one student, Logan Anderson, with a grade of 92, was inadvertently omitted.

J. H. Love, a prominent orchardist, who has been spending the winter visiting in California, returned to his home here today.

J. W. Patterson Home At Union Ruined By Fire

By W. V. Connor (Observer Correspondent) UNION, Ore. (Special)—A fire of unknown origin practically destroyed the J. W. Patterson residence in South Union Monday evening about 10 o'clock. Responding to an alarm which was not sent until the building was all ablaze, the volunteer department soon had the fire under control, but the building and furniture were practically destroyed. Mr. Patterson with his wife and daughter were away at the time and could not be reached until their home was in ruins. It was learned later that there was insurance on the property. This is the third disastrous fire within a short time in Union, the first being a building at the Ed Hall residence and the second the destruction of the Charley Tobin home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler and their daughter, Gertrude, made a business trip to North Powder and Baker Monday.

The Indian operetta, "The Pioneer's Papoose," which was presented here recently by a cast of 30 members from the Union High school glee club, was presented at Hot Lake Monday evening for the benefit of the patients and employees at the sanatorium.

Next Monday evening a play, "The Dutch Detective," will be put on at the school gym by a cast from the sophomore class of the Union High school.

Some of the critics are questioning the authenticity of Joan Lowell's story of the sea, "The Cradle of the Deep." They don't think it holds water.



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of Miss Vina Conley with Mrs. Margery Miller as assistant hostess. Bridal was played during the evening. The different homes were decorated attractively. Miss Conley used carnations and snapdragons. Miss Kelly used daffodils and pussy willows and Mrs. Chadwick used narcissus and hyacinths.

The senior play, "Crooks For a Month," will be presented at the Maccabee hall Wednesday evening. The characters will include Edward Bloom, Archer Anles, Dean Puckett, Lee Elton Hreshchans, Esthee Anderson, Dell Puckett, Edward Bristolow, Elaine White and Dorothy Barker.

ALICEL PERSONALS

By Mrs. Carl Fuller (Observer Correspondent) ALICEL, Ore. (Special)—Recently someone entered D. H. Ruckman's smoke house and took eight hams and shoulders which Mr. Ruckman had cured for use during the summer. Datus Conklin moved to Lower Cove last week where he has rented a place to farm for the coming year. E. M. Murphy is enjoying a visit from his niece, Mrs. Alla Hole for a few days. She is on her way home in Spokane from an extended

visit in Chicago and Green Bay. Mr. Bryant accompanied his wife on this trip. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller are the owners of a new sedan. D. H. Ruckman recently purchased 739 Ischorn chicks and is having splendid success with them. Mrs. Jack Bryant returned home from a visit in Portland Thursday, and had been home two days when she was taken very ill and returned

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