

DIGGING SPUDS IN WALLOWA CO.

T. G. Johnson Reports Good Yield in Spite of General Conditions.

By S. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special) T. G. Johnson has been busy with a crew of eight men during part of the past week digging one patch of his potatoes in Middle valley. Despite the fact that many of the potato tracts over the country have run from light yields to practically nothing, Mr. Johnson has secured an exceptionally good yield of nice sized potatoes so far in his digging operations. The rain which fell the early part of the week made the soil too muddy to dig for a few days. However, during the last two days of the week work was resumed. From an eight acre tract of land on the Al Thompson farm in Middle valley where Mr. Johnson had a part of his potatoes he has harvested better than 500 sacks and still has in the neighborhood of 200 sacks to dig. Many local people who have not grown enough potatoes for their own use have been anxious to buy for their winter needs believing that the general scarcity will cause the prices to advance sharply later in the season. Mr. Johnson has sold some lots of potatoes from the field during the past few days. The balance of the potatoes are being hauled to his home east of town and stored in a basement.

The poultrymen of this community who are lucky enough to be getting plenty of fresh eggs at this season are enjoying some very good prices for their products. The prices being paid at the local stores have been around 40c per dozen for the past two or three weeks, however, with supplies gradually becoming lighter the price has advanced 2c during the past week. But few of the pullet flocks of this section have started laying yet and the eggs being brought in are from the old hens which have not yet gone into the full moult. Some of the poultrymen say the past season has not proved very good for growing pullets which have not matured as quickly and started laying as early as in former years. The long spell of hot dry weather is believed by some to have been a drawback to the rapid growth of the flocks.

Sam Meek has been helping T. G. Johnson with his potato digging several days the past week. W. M. Downing and wife of Leap visited at Ira Fisher's of Hurricane creek the early part of the week.

Giles Pluss was digging potatoes for Mrs. Kate McAlexander the latter part of the week.

H. K. O'Brien and a friend from La Grande were in the valley and hill sections Sunday hunting. They reported some luck in getting Chinese pheasants but were not successful in getting any grouse.

Oscar Maxwell has been busy at the U. G. Couch ranch in the hills the past several days fixing a well and piping it out into a trough for stock he has in a pasture there. While the ground is very dry and water quite short at some places Mr. Maxwell states he has found a fairly good supply of water where he has been digging.

A. M. Pace, of the Wallowa National bank of Enterprise, was a business visitor in the Whiskey creek community during the past week.

H. C. Boggs, of Lower valley, was visiting at L. W. Minor's of Lower Leap community the last of the week.

Doc Gastin who has been working for Frank Walker, of Trout creek, for the past few months, finished his work there recently and returned home.

John Schaut was painfully injured when his car left the road and upset near the Joe Allen farm in Middle valley. Mr. Schaut is still a patient at the hospital but is reported to be recovering rapidly from the cuts and bruises.

George Cusins moved his sheep home from the Whiskey creek range recently and is holding them on pasture at home. The range where the sheep have been held for the past several weeks has become very short and they were not doing well. A considerable number of sheep owners report their ewes in poor condition at this time with the ranges being short and the ewes thin after the lambs were weaned have not had much chance to pick up in flesh.

E. A. Crowder and daughter of the Parsnip creek community were visitors in Wallowa the latter part of the week.

Fay Bright is working for T. C. Johnson at present. Mr. Bright has charge of the milking and preparing the milk for distribution on the milk route which Mr. Johnson operates here.

Mrs. Ira Litchfield and children and her mother Mrs. T. M. Gastin were visiting at Mrs. J. B. Gastin's the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Gastin and Mrs. Litchfield recently returned here from Lewiston where they have lived for the past several months.

Deer hunting has occupied the attention of a considerable number of persons of this community during the past week or ten days. While some hunting has been going on since the opening of the season no large amount of success has been met with until after the recent rains. The wetting up of the brush and other vegetation in the forests have made it much easier for the hunters to

Witnessed Killing; Boy Is Beaten



Hobart White above, 14-year-old son of a Gastonia textile striker, was a witness to the killing of Mrs. Ella May Wiggins, who was shot while en route to a union demonstration. He is pictured here with broken arm and shoulder, results of a beating said to have been inflicted to "keep his mouth shut." Hobart, however, will testify in the investigation of the killing of the woman.

stalk the deer than when everything was so dry. During the past week some of those who have been lucky enough to get bucks are: Hugh Hayes and "Chuck" Goetz and reports heard about town are to the effect that a number of others who have made trips out during the past few days have also been successful in bagging some game. The deer killed by Hayes and Goetz were secured in the Bear creek section where deer are said to be quite plentiful this season.

Farmers of this county were much pleased with recent rains. The last rain, according to some of the farmers, has come deep enough into the soil to insure the fall seeded wheat having plenty of moisture to bring it along in good shape. With the extremely dry conditions prevailing over such a long period some fears were felt regarding the prospects of the wheat having enough moisture to keep it coming in good shape and investigation in some of the fields previous to the rain revealed the fact that in places where the soil contained enough moisture at seeding time to start the seed, had since been dried out and the young sprouts were dying from the lack of sufficient moisture. Some who have dug into spots over the fields say they do not believe that enough of the seed was in this condition to make much difference in the stands and it is highly probable that much of this will come out and grow with plenty of moisture. The grasshoppers which were so numerous a few weeks ago have nearly disappeared. The recent rains and cold, frosty nights is believed to have proved disastrous to them. The new grass is showing signs of getting started on much of the dry land pasture land but will not make much of a growth unless more rains fall soon because of the fact that the ground has been dried out to such a great depth that the present moisture supply will not remain long in the soil unutilized land.

E. A. Downing of Leap was busy the latter part of the week mowing some grass seed.

C. A. Thompson, of the local schools, is preparing to attend the Pacific International Stock show the last of this month. Mr. Thompson will take a judging team to compete in the stock judging contest.

Mrs. Elmer Osborn, of Parsnip creek, was a visitor in town the last of the week.

Roy, Dee and Irvin Gastin have been helping T. G. Johnson with his potato digging.

J. E. Gregory, of Smith mountain, was a business visitor in town the latter part of the week.

Will Collins, of Powatka ridge, was a visitor in town Saturday. Many of the teachers from this end of the valley left for La Grande Thursday to attend the teacher's institute at that place.

TO COMPLETE HIGHWAY SALEM, Ore., Oct. 16 (AP) — The state highway department has announced that the highway between New Era and Canemah, where straightening and widening has been in process for about 19 months, will be completed Thursday, according to announcement by the state highway department. The detour from New Era to Oregon City was done away with last Sunday and all of the new road has been in use since then except one side of the highway for a short stretch south of Canemah.

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Society News

Oregon Music, Art and Literature Feature Program

The second fall meeting of the Neighborhood club was held yesterday afternoon at the La Grande hotel in the gold room with Dr. Margaret Ingle presiding.

A very interesting program of old subjects related in a new way that had a very personal appeal to the listeners was presented under the leadership of Mrs. George H. Carrey. It included Oregon literature, art and music.

Mrs. Carrey told of Oregon writers of history and fiction, especially mentioning "Seward's Folly" by Edison Marshall, and Harnden's "Oregon History." She gave a survey of the development of writing in the Oregon country.

Mrs. A. T. Hill told of the writers of poetry, drama, and the novel and read "Trains" from our own poets, some of whom were personally known by the members, telling much about Edwin Markham's life and of his famous poem "The Man With the Hoe." She also mentioned Mrs. Lucille Carter Hendrickson, who lived in La Grande and was a member of the Oregon Poets society.

Dealing mostly with the five artists who were chosen to display at the national exhibit in Portland, Mrs. E. S. Fleming spoke about Oregon's many artists.

The five receiving special mention were: N. B. Zane, Alfred Schreff, Sidney Bell, Leo Fairbanks, and Clyde Leon Keller. Mrs. Carrey had been able to obtain four beautiful pictures from Portland: "Columbia Gorge," by Clyde Leon Keller, "Between Sunshine and Shadow," by Edith Elsworth, "August Day," by Bird Le Foy, and "An Oregon Shore," by Colista Dowling. A sketch by N. B. Zane presented to Mrs. J. H. Cleaver by the artist was also shown.

Mrs. Sherwood Williams interesting outline was of the Oregon musicians. She mentioned the famous De Moss family which formerly lived in La Grande. "The Four-Lear Clover," by Ella Hargraves was sung by Mrs. Ray Parley Richardson. She also sang two other selections, Miss Mina Cooper played two piano numbers.

An interesting article which was displayed yesterday was the only state flag in existence, a flag of Oregon made in 1925 and presented by the Legion to ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce. The emblem was sent East for the 150th celebration of the battle of Lexington. The flag is handsome with the ever-ratchoon in gold and colors on a navy blue ground, the reverse showing a beaver in gold on the blue. It is a cherished possession of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce.

Farnams Entertain Members of Club

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Farnam were hosts yesterday to the members of the Wistaria Bridge at a delightful evening of bridge at their home with three tables at play. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry winning high score.

A dainty two course luncheon was served. Lovely bouquets of asters formed an attractive decoration. This is the first meeting of the club this season. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Green on Cedar street will be hosts to the club Oct. 29.

Hallow'en Party Given by Auxiliary

Members of the Ladies' auxiliary of the U. G. T. entertained their husbands and families last evening at a jolly Hallow'en party. This was preceded by a business meeting at which arrangements for the White Rose club to meet October 23 were made, when they will begin work for the novelties sale this fall. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. Russell Davy, with Mrs. Everett Jennings, and Mrs. Laura Kennedy assistants. Mrs. Rolland's side is ahead in the membership contest. The hall was attractively decorated in a Hallow'en color

scheme last night. About 100 members were present to enjoy the party.

Miss Myrna Ward gave several interesting readings, "Down at the Depot," and "My First Baseball Game," responding with an encore. Von Cell Bruce and Marlon Chausse accompanied by Alo Mac Hough, gave a clever clown dance. A fishing pond and hobbling for apples amused the children.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening. Mrs. Mike Sullivan, Mrs. Josephine Stoop, and Mrs. George Rolland.

Miss Edith Bragg Is Complimented

Following is a clipping from the Salem Capital Journal which is of interest to many in La Grande: Miss Edith Bragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bragg, is being feted at a number of attractive pre-nuptial affairs. The month that will elapse before Miss Bragg's marriage to Wallace Carson on November 3, will be marked by a round of society with the popular Salem maid as the center of interest.

Tuesday night Mrs. Foster Cone entertained with three tables of bridge in her home on Ben Lom and avenue, complimenting Miss Bragg. Golden asters and marigolds were used in baskets throughout the living rooms, and the supper table where Mrs. Cone served following the evening of cards was centered with the bright fall blooms combined with tall yellow tapers in green crystal holders.

Guests bidden in honor of Miss Bragg were Mrs. Milton Steiner, Mrs. Frank Deekenbach, Mrs. John Coughell, Jr., Mrs. William Benham, Miss Josephine Baumgartner, Miss Kathryn Hartley, Miss Leah Ioss, Miss Ruth Griffith, Miss Prudence Patterson, and the Misses Marjorie and Mildred Christensen.

Tuesday afternoon the bridge club of which Miss Bragg's mother, Mrs. E. E. Bragg, is a prominent member, honored the bride-elect with a miscellaneous shower and luncheon at the home of Mrs. James Lewis.

White and pink geraniums centered the dainty luncheon table. Covers were marked for Miss Bragg. Mrs. Albert Graf of Los Angeles, Mrs. John Carson, Sr., Mrs. Lucille Swenney, Mrs. Bradley, and for the eight club members and the hostess, Mrs. Lewis. The gifts were presented to Miss Bragg by the hostess' small nephews, Dayton Robertson.

One of the largest affairs to be given for Miss Bragg in the near future will be held Saturday afternoon, when Miss Prudence Patterson will entertain a large number of prominent maids and matrons in compliment to the bride-to-be.

Mrs. Inlow Hostess To Visiting Women

At an informal tea yesterday afternoon Mrs. H. E. Inlow entertained for the pleasure of a group of Pendleton women, who accompanied their husbands to the Rotary Golf tournament. During the tea hour La Grande friends of the visitors and members of the Eastern Oregon Normal school faculty called.

Party Compliments Katheron Church

A charming shower was given in honor of Miss Katheron Church Monday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Baker by her fellow employees at the J. C. Penny store. Miss Church's marriage to Frank Johnson will be an event of Sunday, Oct. 20. Games were the diversion of the evening. Clusters of marigolds and asters added attractive bits of color to the home. Many lovely gifts were presented to the guest of honor.

Announcements

Chapter I of P. E. O. will meet for a short business meeting at the home of Mrs. H. S. Brewton Friday, October 18, at 2:30 o'clock. Tuesday, October 22, they will entertain their state organizer with a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Harley Richardson and Mrs. T. J. Richardson. This will be followed by a called business meeting.

The Mid-week Children's Bible story hour conducted by Mrs. Harriet MacDonell will begin its regular Thursday meetings tomorrow afternoon with Primary children at 2:45 o'clock and older children at 3:45 in the chapel of the

George Way, Mrs. Louise Royce, Mrs. Eva Stevens, Mrs. Lee Warrick, Mrs. Grace Scott, Mrs. Fern Thomas, Mrs. John Jenkins, Mrs. Thelma Gordon, Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Dorothy Ann Warrick, Miss Lydia Prouty, Miss Leah Bramwell, Miss Helen Austin.

Mrs. Erickson Entertains Club

Members of the A. O. T. club spent a pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. August Erickson yesterday with four tables of bridge at play.

Prize for high score was awarded to Mrs. Nellie Spencer, with consolation presented to Mrs. William Howard. Bouquets of fall flowers formed attractive decoration. A dainty two-course luncheon was served.

The next meeting of the club will be Tuesday, October 29, at the home of Mrs. Howard.

Finance Committee Honored at Dinner

The Rev. and Mrs. Vernon E. Hall had for their guests at a lovely dinner last evening at the Methodist parsonage on Spring avenue the members of the finance committee of the church. The table was very pretty with its decorations of fall flowers. The dinner was served in two courses at six-thirty. Mrs. Hall having been assisted by Miss Ruth Margaret, Party Ann and William. The evening was spent discussing business matters pertaining to the year's work of the church. The invited guests were the Misses Blanche Clark, Mabel E. Doty, Rosa Sherman and Mabel E. Morton, Mrs. R. F. Tyler, Mrs. Sam Lottel, Mrs. Claude Cooper, S. C. Smith and L. B. Aldrich.

Bridge Club In Meeting at Elgin

The Wallowa bridge club were the guests of Mrs. Henry Hug of Elgin Monday afternoon, at a delightful bridge luncheon. Lovely decorations were of fall flowers. Three tables were at play during the afternoon with Mrs. Jack Oliver winning high tally. Second high score was won by Mrs. James Oneal. A guest prize was awarded to Miss Tilly Hug.

Charming Bridge Party Last Night

At a charming bridge party the P. T. club held its first meeting last night at the Saugawee Inn, with Miss Gwen Buchanan, Miss Maury Gould Parsons, and Mrs. Judy Moore as hostesses.

Five tables were at play with Miss Marva Lyman winning high point. Consolation was awarded to Miss Margaret Baker. During the evening dainty refreshments were served.

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The Baptist Missionary society will meet Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. William Shade at 1267 Penn avenue with Mrs. J. L. Heiden assisting. All members are requested to bring articles for the White Cross box.

A social evening will feature the next meeting of the Pythian Sister Lodge Friday, October 18, at the K. P. hall.

Willow Glen Circle No. 208 of the Neighbors of Woodcraft of North Powder is giving a dance and lunch in the high school gym next Friday evening. Grande

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