

OVER THE VALLEY

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On Trip—Mrs. Frank Conley and children, Grant, Merrill and Maxine, early in the morning, left early this week for an auto trip down in California. They planned to be gone about three weeks and will visit numerous places during their absence.

Home for Vacation—Miss Ruth Johnson, who teaches at the high school at The Dalles, is at the home of her parents near Allice for the Christmas vacation.

Day in Town—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell of near Summerville, were in La Grande Wednesday having their Christmas dinner with his mother, Mrs. Ida Mouts and family.

Family Dinner—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Niederer and family gave a splendid Christmas dinner Wednesday at their home in Dry Creek having members of Mrs. Niederer's family as their guests. Among those present were Grandma Wagoner, the John Wagoner family and the Press Egan family.

Entertain Families—Mrs. Ray Fuller of near Allice and Mrs. Will Adler of near La Grande entertained the members of their family at a sumptuous turkey dinner Christmas day at the Fuller home. Those who were together were Mr. and Mrs. James B. Moss of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moss and daughter, Jane, of Allice, Mr. and Mrs. Adler and daughter, Genevieve and Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and son, Dickie.

Visits in Washington—Mrs. Jeanette Tuttle of Blaine, has gone to Aberdeen, Washington, where she will make an extended visit at the home of her relatives. She will be gone for several weeks.

Returns Home—We are tardy in reporting Mrs. Pearl McNabb's return to her home in Berkeley, California. Mrs. McNabb and her little daughter had been here for a number of weeks visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. A. McDonald in the Iowa neighborhood.

Give Dinner—Turkey and chicken, accompanied with all sorts of other good things made up the dinner which Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bull of Pleasant Grove, served to three families of their relatives Wednesday at their home. These families were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Arnold of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Routh McKennon and daughter, Evelyn, of Allice, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arnold and family of Pleasant Grove.

Gets Along Nicely—Frank McKinnis of between Imbler and Summerville, who underwent an operation for antrium trouble last week, is at his home again and doing nicely, it is reported. Mr. McKinnis has been a sufferer for years from asthma and related troubles. It is hoped that this operation will give him much relief. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnis had several members of their family at home for Christmas dinner including Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thatcher and family of Haines, Miss Frances who is away teaching, Catherine, a student at the normal school, Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnis and family of Imbler and Keith at home. It was a very happy occasion.

By to Arkansas—Mr. and Mrs. R. S. French of the Cove have gone to Clarksville, Arkansas where they spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. French's mother, Mrs. A. M. McKennon.

Expected Next Week—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Avery postponed the date of their leaving

Corvallis for a week and now their friends are expecting them to arrive in the valley the 31st. They and their two daughters, Harriett and Kathryn, have been spending the year at Corvallis.

Mother Ill—Dave Osborne, residing near Imbler received word this week to the effect that his mother, who lives at Lewiston, Idaho, was very ill of the flu. Mrs. Osborne is well up in the 80's and has been bothered with some heart affections for some time. Her family and friends are quite alarmed over her condition.

To Muddy Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Miller of Lower Cove and Kenneth Proctor drove to Muddy Creek Tuesday and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel and family.

Meeting Today—Instead of having the meeting of the Tapawack Camp Fire girls tomorrow at the home of Miss Ava Woodell as had been planned, the junior and senior groups are both meeting with their guardians this afternoon at Pleasant Grove grange hall. In the company are several girls who have been away to college.

Making Visit—Mrs. Ruby Loennig of Muddy Creek is making a few days visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter near Allice.

Class Meets and Eats—Several members of the Wall-singer family had a wonderful day together Wednesday at the home of "Tom and Etha" on the Lower Cove road. Of course everyone knows that "Tom and Etha" are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wall-singer, and that Harold, Tom Jr., and young Cleland at the Island City store, are their sons. Those who ate turkey with them were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wall-singer, Virgil and Marjorie of Valeria district, Miss Bertha Wall-singer and Mrs. Joe Wood of La Grande.

Day at Elgin—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richards of the Cove highway drove to Elgin Wednesday where they spent their Christmas with Mrs. Richards' mother, Mrs. Tracy.

Returns From Portland—Mrs. W. O. Sherwood of the side hill road is home again from her recent trip to Portland.

Week at Home—Miss Lydia Cleaver who teaches north of Elgin is having her vacation days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cleaver near Imbler.

Take Dinner—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jasper, who live on the side-hill road were at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jasper and children in the Valeria district for Christmas.

Pioneer Passes—On the front page of last evening's Observer, there appeared a news item consisting of two paragraphs which told of the passing Tuesday of a pioneer of Wallowa county, an aged lady, Mrs. J. A. Rumble. To most readers the item held interest, to some it held considerable interest for the Rumble family has been a prominent one in Joseph and surrounding territory. Mr. Rumble and a son passed away a few years ago. The aged lady and her devoted daughter-in-law kept the home, one of the nicest and most attractive in that part of Wallowa county. To Over The Valley the news had more significance. For years there hung on one of the walls of the Rumble home—and perhaps still does, an

old war picture of the days of 1861 to 1865, a picture made back in either Washington county or Henry county, Iowa, a good many years ago. It was the same picture that the Morton children were familiar with and gazed at with bated breath as deeds upon deeds that these men had done were recounted and most of the faces were familiar ones. Mrs. Rumble was an aunt of Mrs. Ota Babcock Miller, now past supreme president of the P. E. O. sisterhood who visited in La Grande a year ago last summer on her way to Joseph for a brief visit at the Rumble home.

Dinner at Fisher's—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher, daughter, Josephine, and son Jay Newton, gave a dinner Wednesday at their new home on the Cove highway. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fisher of Lower Cove, Misses Mary and Margaret Taylor of Allice and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon and son, Russell, and daughter, Frances, of near Imbler.

Visits—Lawrence Winslow, of Hermiston, student at Willamette university, has been visiting among friends in the valley.

To Other Valley—Oscar Benschadler, living near Elgin has gone to Western Oregon where he contemplates spending the winter. He will be in Portland and other cities in the Willamette valley.

Visit in Valley—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Alexander and children of Island avenue have gone to Medford for a holiday visit.

Visit Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert D. Brown came from Lakeview, Oregon to spend Christmas at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, County Agriculturist and Mrs. Wray Lawrence and their baby daughter. Their daughter had come to the valley last week, and Christmas was a happy one at the Lawrence home. Mrs. Lawrence is feeling along nicely though she is still not able to be around.

UNCLE DUNHAM SPEAKS

Uncle Dunham Wright, beloved resident of Medical Springs, prominent pioneer, now up in the 90's, sends the following greetings to readers of Over The Valley at this Christmas season. The verses were first received yesterday afternoon, else they would have appeared Tuesday, Christmas Eve. Of the Christmas Eve of the long ago, on which I love to dwell, When the day's work all was finished and the shades of evening fell, When the father and the mother, the sister and the brother, All passed the Happy Christmas round the same hearthstone together; It was Christmas Eve at our home, and Christmas in the morn And plenty of good hominy, all made of good, white corn; There was buckwheat batter in the jar to make the cakes we ate And plenty of good maple syrup to make them good and sweet. Oh, for the happy childhood days, of the very long ago, When the girls, they wore the lincey and the boys wore shirts of tow, When the mother with her needle—she patched up all the clothes, And the father cobbled up the shoes, when they were out at the toes. Many of the boys today—they were no patched clothes, They smoke cigars and make a smokelack of their nose; And many girls wear their silks quite above their knees, Catering to fashion, if they do almost freeze. But we know old Santa is coming, with a great load on his sled, To fill all the little stockings while the children are in bed, To all of those who this may read—may the world to them be bright, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" is the wish of Dunham Wright.

CROP CONDITIONS MORE PROMISING IS WALLOWA NEWS

Precipitation has done much to relieve and improve crop conditions, feeding prospects etc. in Wallowa county according to word received from our correspondent in that section. Conditions have been more or less discouraging in certain localities, but in and around Wallowa things seem to be more encouraging, our reporter writing as follows: The weather prevailing over this section at this time is somewhat more winter-like than the preceding weeks of this month. The ground over the greater part of the county has been covered with a few inches of snow since the early part of last week. While the weather has not been cold it has been necessary for farmers in general to do considerable feeding of livestock, as pastures and fields have been pastured out quite short during the several weeks while no snow lay on the ground making it rather short picking for the stock after the fall of a few inches of snow. Some of the farmers estimate that with the open weather which has prevailed up until about a week ago, practically one third of the feed used during a normal winter has been saved and should the spring prove no later than that of the average winter they feel that the present supplies of winter feed should hold out well and bring the stock through to good grass in good condition. Fall plowing was started at a number of the farms in the hill section following the soaking rains of two weeks ago, however, the

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Lamb Croquettes Four tablespoons butter or margarine. Four tablespoons flour. One and one-half cups milk. One and one-half cups minced lamb. One and one-half tablespoons minced onion. Salt, pepper. Three-fourths cup mashed potato. Flour. Egg. Bread crumbs. Melt butter, add flour and blend thoroughly. Add milk gradually and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add lamb and onion, season well. Cool slightly, then add mashed potato, chill. Shape into croquettes, roll in flour, slightly beat on egg and bread crumbs. Fry in deep fat heated to 350 F. (an inch cube of bread browns in sixty seconds; is the fat). Serve with picnient sauce. NOTE—Roast veal, beef or ham may be used in place of the lamb; then the seasoning will need to be changed. Or rice may be used in place of potatoes.

Have 40 Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Childers, who live on the Lower Cove road threw their home open to a company of their relatives, mostly members of the Gray family Wednesday, and a dinner was served which, we are told, included "just everything," certainly including turkey. There were 40 relatives present for the feast.

Mrs. Hamilton Entertains—Mrs. Fred Hamilton, living on her ranch near Summerville gave the dinner Wednesday to a number of her relatives including, besides her son, Wellington, home from the university and her daughter, Faye, home from the Eastern Oregon Normal, and Dick Moore who lives at the Hamilton home. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron and Mrs. Bobbie, Miss Anna Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers, son Charles and daughter, Lawanna.

Here From Idaho—Mr. and Mrs. Theo McClain, who have been at Nampa, Idaho all the fall, came home Sunday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Allie McClain and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Loree of the Cove. Mr. and Mrs. McClain have a new baby daughter since their

last visit in the valley, born to them about three weeks ago.

Dinner Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welch of Dryad, Washington were dinner guests at the W. R. Ledbetter home yesterday. Mrs. Welch was a worthy sister of the four Ledbetter girls while at Willamette university.

Gets the Lamb—They say there is one proud boy over at Imbler. It is Clayton Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fox. Clayton won the Roselawn special at the Pacific International Livestock show at Portland this year and has now received the prize, the \$75 lamb. Since the Portland show, the lamb has been on exhibition in shows in the middle west, particularly the National Livestock show in Chicago.

Given Surprise—Miss Dorothy Mills, who is a freshman at Whitman college, Walla Walla, came home Saturday to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills near Cove. On her arrival Saturday evening, she was honored by her mother, Mrs. J. E. Mills with a beautiful birthday dinner, December 18 having been her 18th birthday anniversary. Covers were laid for 11, the guest of honor, Miss Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conlin, Miss Dorothy Barker, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barker and the Mills family, Mr. and Mrs. Mills, Allen, Gale and Lloyd. After dinner the evening was spent at

bridge.

Near Reunion—Had Glenn Ledbetter been able to come home from Salem, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter would have had their entire family with them for turkey on Christmas. The dinner was a sumptuous one with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McKennon and Ray Ledbetter of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loennig of Muddy Creek, Eva and Edna Ledbetter, of Weston, Marie from Willamette university, the host and hostess and son, Lyle, surrounding the family board.

Working on Road—Every day sees more work done on the Cricket Flat road which is being improved as a county market road. The six or seven inch foundation has been down for some time and the top covering is being put on now. This road will certainly be appreciated according to residents who will have the use of it.

Are Well—One of the fine young men of the valley, Clarence Berry of the Iowa district was one of the principals in a pretty home wedding Christmas day when he married Miss Effie Blanchard of La Grande. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Berry. His friends in the valley offer to him and his bride the most sincere congratulations.

Have Fine Reunion—Members of the family of Mr.

and Mrs. Sam Williamson, beloved pioneers living out on Cove avenue, had a wonderful family reunion Wednesday at the parental home. The dinner was served at the home of the daughter and sister, Mrs. Reba (Dee) Davis and twin daughters, Susan and Margaret, near the Williamson home, while they all went to the latter place for the big Christmas tree. It was a very happy event and we imagine one which was in the mind of another daughter, Mrs. Wade Brooks most of the day. Mrs. Brooks had planned to be back home for the holidays after 2 1/2 years in Cuba. It will be remembered, however, that she got as far as Havana on her trip where it was learned that the trip home would be impossible. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson were down from Wallowa Lake, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Love of La Grande were also guests. Miss Sara Williamson who had been on a business trip to San Diego, California, returned in time for Christmas and

received from the extension service of the Oregon State college, a part of a project being started there to ascertain certain data relative to growing of grains and cereals in this part of Oregon. It is a part of a state wide survey and Mr. Lawrence is exceedingly anxious that Union county farmers respond as quickly as possible to assist in the project.

The college is asking such questions as these,—number of acres sown in grain, the varieties sown, the yield during the past year, the time of planting etc. The grain situation in this state, particularly as regards the best varieties for definite soil and climate conditions has been the matter of much investigation and it is hoped that in securing this first-hand information from the growers themselves much good may be accomplished in the state.

Things are rather quiet in the county agriculturist's office these days, with only routine work occupying most of the time. Mr. Avery, county agriculturist is expected to be back at his desk next week after an absence of a year, and such projects as will be taken up during 1930 will then be given attention. Mr. Lawrence, who has done such splendid work in all times in the valley for the year just passing does not yet know where he will be next year. The matter of the location of county agents is determined largely by governing officials and Mr. Lawrence has not yet received definite word. Two places have been under consideration for some time.

Questionnaires Sent Out For O. S. C. Survey

Acting County Agriculturist Wray Lawrence has recently circulated among grain farmers in this valley copies of a questionnaire which he has recently re-

Advertisement for Macmarr's food distributing system. Features a large illustration of a child holding a banner that says 'A NEW YEAR IN FOOD BUYING'. The banner also includes the year '1930' and 'JANUARY'. The text emphasizes the organization and efficiency of the system for food buyers.

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Advertisement for Union Creamery. Features an illustration of a butter wrapper and text explaining why Meadow Harvest Butter is always good. The creamery is located at 1112 Jefferson Ave., Main 122.

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