

OVER THE VALLEY

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The Conference—The one important event of next week for every resident of Union county, who can possibly attend, is the seventh annual economic conference which comes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27, 28 and 29.

For the women, outside of those who are primarily interested in dairying or the poultry industry, perhaps, the part of the conference which will appeal the most are the home economic sessions of Tuesday and Wednesday, when specialists from the state college, the county nurse, Miss Alice Marquardt, and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce will be the speakers, and Mrs. Frank McKennon of near Imbler will be the presiding officer.

The important thing now is to plan and arrange to attend, and attend as many of the sessions as possible.

School Closed This Week—On the account of the death of Mr. Crunkshank of Elgin, grandfather of Miss Margaret Hall, teacher of the Dry Creek school, the directors dismissed school for this week. Some other schools in the county were closed on account of the extreme weather.

Losses Cows—Mrs. Stella Witty of near Elgin had the misfortune to lose a valuable Holstein cow a week ago today. Either blood or poisoning was the cause of its death.

Returns to Salem—Glenn Ledbetter who has been spending a three-day vacation at the home of his parents near Alcedo, has returned to his work at Salem.

Miss Madeline Oliver of Dry Creek, a student at the Imbler high school has been confined to her home this week by illness.

Mrs. W. F. Brock, of north of Summerville was taken to Hot Lake the first of the week for medical care.

Miss Cowgill Injured—Miss Helen Cowgill, of Corvallis, who spent some time in the valley last fall working with County Superintendent E. A. Sayre in organizing some 4-H clubs was injured in an automobile accident in Portland last week according to reports that have been received here.

Work Slow—Jim Dobbins of Moss Chapel reports that very naturally the work on his new sheep barn is going on very slowly during this weather. He is hoping to have the building enclosed very soon and the finishing will be postponed until spring opens.

No School—Pupils at the Imbler school had a vacation Wednesday on account of frozen pipes etc. in the building.

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find someone with a team and sled to take her the rest of the way.

Home—Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Chenault of the Valeria district are home from their trip of several weeks in California, Western Oregon and Washington.

Has Niece—Miss Lorene Carnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Carnes of near Cove has been spending this week at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom at Moss Chapel and taking treatment for her eyes in La Grande.

All Day Meeting—The weather and the roads were responsible for a smaller attendance than usual at the meeting yesterday of the Ladies Aid society of Island City at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder in the golf club district. Once inside the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder, the cold and the roads were entirely forgotten and the meeting, which was a social meeting, was most thoroughly enjoyed.

Have Cold Bath—To be dared to do a thing will send most anyone to an unusual task or to have someone wager that you can't do a thing will spur you on to at least make the attempt. That is probably the reason a couple of youths up in the Dry Creek neighborhood took a very cold bath last Saturday in the Slack pond. Men of that vicinity have been cutting their supply of ice at the pond Saturday while the work was progressing the question of swimming across the pond and back again came up. Things waxed warmer and warmer, and finally two boys, in spite of remonstrances of the older heads in the crowd, hurriedly disrobed, dived off a block of ice, went down under.

came up, got across the pond and then returned. There was some pretty brisk rubbing for awhile afterwards, with the supply of bath towels being none; clothes were doctored and to date the lads are reported to be none the worse for the experience. One boy is reported to have said that after the first plunge all he knew was that he was just numb. No wonder.

Prominent Granger Coming—County Agent Harry Avery has received word from Roy Ritter of Pendleton to the effect that A. H. Shumway, who is quite widely known in this locality will come with him to the economic conference next week and will have something to say about the national wool-marketing plan, before one section of the conference. This is good news to Union county men who have come in contact with Mr. Shumway in different ways at different times. His discussions will add to the strength of the program, it is asserted.

Returns From Portland—Mrs. Garrett Holstead of near Island City has returned from Portland where she had been since before Christmas with her aged mother, who lives there and who has been in an invalid condition for some time.

At The Lake—Charles Hinman of the Cove highway is a patient at Hot Lake, having been ill for some time.

New Clubs—Two new 4-H clubs were organized this week at the Island City school, one a sewing club and the other a cooking club. The girls who have enrolled, and their leader Miss Dorothy Smutz are all very enthusiastic over the prospects for the year's work. In the sewing club, Miss Lillian Parker is the president, Annie Moore, vice president, Alma Schroeder, secretary-treasurer. Of the cooking club, Beulah Hagey is the president, Clara Blackman is the vice president and Mary Jane Chadwick, the secretary-treasurer.

Paulson Promoted—The many friends in this valley of Oscar I. Paulson, state inspector of the Smith-Hughes department will be interested to know that he has recently been promoted to the position left vacant last November by the sudden death of Charles G. Gignoux, also well known in the valley.

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ECONOMIC MEETING OPENS MONDAY A. M. AT LA GRANDE HOTEL

The three day session of the seventh annual economic conference opens Monday morning, January 27 at 10 o'clock at the La Grande hotel. In his foreword concerning the conference, Harry G. Avery, county agriculturist, who is in direct supervision of the movement, with the Union county chamber of commerce as promoting and sponsoring agent, says "I believe the program will be the best one we have ever had. I urge all of you who can, to attend and also respectfully hope that the snow drifts out your way do not get any deeper, and that warmer weather will prevail."

In speaking of the sheep meeting on Monday, Mr. Avery says he is confident it is the most complete program of its kind ever offered here. More new stuff will be presented and considered and he adds "this program will be worth money to every sheep owner." The general session comes on Monday morning, with the general chairman, Dr. W. T. Pfy calling the conference to order at 10 o'clock and the address of welcome coming from A. W. Nelson, president of the chamber of commerce. Harry Avery follows with a review of the accomplishments of previous conferences and an outline of present problems. Frank McKennon will speak on the recent home market survey. A ten minute demonstration by the Boy Scouts will precede the address by R. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers.

There will be three sectional meetings in the afternoon. S. E. Miller, of Union, will preside over the livestock section, when such men as N. C. Donaldson, county agriculturist of Walla Walla county, Mr. Avery, Robert Withycombe, of the Eastern Oregon experiment station, Dr. J. N. Shaw, of the veterinary department of the state college and Mr. Miller will be heard. Jet Gaskill presides over the farm crops section. E. H. Jackman of the state college opens the program with some recommendations. He is followed by Raymond S. Judd, federal grain supervisor of Portland, Mr. Gaskill and Mr. Avery.

The horticulture section will be presided over by the Hon. H. H. Weatherston, of Elgin, member of the state board of horticulture. He will give a report of apple production and also present recommendations. John Dean of the Cove will be another local speaker, while C. L. Long, horticulture specialist from the college will talk on pertinent subjects. Tuesday The general session comes again at 10 o'clock with the following program: Address—Hon. Walter M. Pierce, Music—Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller, Our Eastern Oregon State Nor-

mal—H. E. Inlow. Cooperative dairy marketing—W. B. Wagner, manager Farmers Cooperative creamery, Payette. 12 m. Announcement of group meetings in afternoon on dairy, poultry, small fruits and truck crops. There will be at 10:30 the first of the home economic sections, presided over by Mrs. Frank McKennon, the subject being "Home Management." These programs have been given previously in detail. In the afternoon, there will be held three sectional meetings. These complete programs are as follows: Dairy section, S. T. Balfie, general chairman. Report of dairy committee on home market survey—R. F. Tyler. Dairy outlook and new dairy recommendations—N. C. Jamison, dairy specialist. Dairy disease conditions in Union county—Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, bureau of animal industry. Cow testing association results—Hans Seltors, tester. Poultry section, Mrs. Irwin Moss, chairman. Poultry production in Union county—A. L. Voez, president Union County Poultry association. New methods of poultry management and disease control—Professor A. G. Lunn, head of poultry department O. A. C. Hatching of chicks—Mrs. Irwin Moss. Report of poultry committee of home market survey—Frank Webb. Small fruits and truck crops section, Mrs. Homer Wilson, chairman. Report of small fruits committee—Zack Chandler, chairman. Report of truck crops committee—Mrs. Homer Wilson. Production and marketing problems in small fruits—K. J. Blackman. Production and marketing in truck crops—C. L. Long, horticulture specialist. On the last day the general session at ten o'clock opens with a sheep club demonstration by Roy Ritter and Clayton Fox of Imbler, young sheep experts. Dr. W. T. Pfy will discuss at 10:30, the work of the state board of health. At 11 o'clock, the Hon. Roy Ritter of Pendleton, president of the Eastern Oregon wheat league, will address the conference. At the closing session of the afternoon, Frank McKennon opens the meeting at one o'clock with a consideration of the subject "Building our Home Market for Home Products." At two o'clock comes the general committee reports, together with recommendations and discussion. At the same time of the above meetings, the women will be having their own conference throughout the entire day, the subject to be "The Child in the Home."

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