

# Over The Valley

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## 1930 CONFERENCE SUMS UP IDEALS IN RECOMMENDATIONS

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trial law is under our conditions. The chairman hereby appoints the following committee to study work as soon as possible and take the steps necessary to organize such a district. H. G. Avery, Harold Binigaman and Wm. Northrup.

The calcium chloride spray, applied at the rate of one to three millions per square rod with a solution of one gallon of water seems to be giving good results on all the perennial weeds, particularly when applied late in the season. In some cases one spray is enough, in others two or three seem necessary for a complete kill. Better hills are secured in pastures, road sides or other places where the roots have not been distributed for some time.

Since a spray has been found which apparently gives complete control of weeds such as morning-glories and Canada thistle, we urge all Union county farmers to clean up patches of weeds of this type with the least possible delay.

A new alfalfa, Lakota, gives promise of being a better variety for any land or for irrigated land than any other now in the valley. People who are planning to seed alfalfa this year to seed a strip of this new alfalfa along side their main field in order to thoroughly try it out and see if conditions warrant its general use here. The seed supply is very limited and orders should be given to your county agent at once. The main advantage of this new alfalfa seems to be that it produces a much heavier first crop than the old alfalfa and that it can more or less go into a dormant period under exceptionally dry conditions for the balance of the season.

We heartily endorse the use of locally milled flour believing that it is an economic waste to import into this county every year ten thousand barrels or more of outside flour. It is possible that some of this must be imported but the local flour is as good as any on the market for home use and for at least part of the commercial baking. By using local flour the benefits are spread over a large number of people including local farmers, labor and mill and elevator. When outside flour is used the benefit goes to the railroads and outside labor and capital. In addition the local milling of flour provides valuable by-products such as bran or mill feed for the use of dairy cows and other stock.

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League is a vital organization work-

ing on problems of interest to all wheat farmers, such as freight rates, fair discounts, legislation affecting wheat growers, better warehouse laws and regulations, and the spreading of information on ways to cut down costs of wheat production. It costs only \$1 to join this organization and its work is made vastly more effective by having a large membership. We hope that a large number of Union county farmers will send in the \$1 necessary to join. Hon. Walter M. Pierce is the director for Union county and is empowered to receive these membership dues.

The government has passed the agricultural marketing act enforced by President Hoover and has created the federal farm board largely composed of fearless men of great ability and this board is now endeavoring to stabilize the various agricultural industries through the formation of nationwide cooperative marketing enterprises and we must accept this activity as the policy of the United States government toward agriculture. If we do not take advantage of this plan of organization we see no hope of ever being able to ask anything else of congress in the name of agriculture. They fear in order to study the plan and if it meets with their approval to organize one or more local units for the purpose of cooperating with the federal farm board.

We particularly wish to thank Mr. Roy Gilmer, Pendleton, for his able presentation of the plan of cooperative wheat marketing.

In order to put before this meeting the matter of the organization of a local unit for cooperative wheat marketing, we make a motion that the farm crops committee be authorized to appoint a committee of ten to take steps toward the formation of one or more units in Union county.

**J. A. Gaskill,**  
**Frank McKennon,**  
**B. R. Jackson,**

### Dairy Group

Dairy report, as drawn up by the dairy committee and adopted at the general dairy session of this conference. H. E. Tyler, G. W. Parker and A. R. Hunter, S. T. Bullie, H. G. Avery and Albert Becker.

**Dairy Leaders.**—A prevalent practice used by merchants, not only in Union county towns but elsewhere, consists in making a "leader" out of dairy products to attract the trade. This practice has a tendency of depressing market prices and operates to the harm of butter fat producers. **Conclusion.**—We recommend immediate termination of this practice.

**Butter Substitutes.**—Arguments from the survey that there are about 2,125 pounds of butter substitutes consumed in the county. If butter was used instead of substitutes about \$18,000 would be kept in the county that now goes out for butter substitutes that are manufactured elsewhere. This would make a 25 per cent increase in local consumption of local made butterfat. The consuming public holds the key largely to the remedy. In that they can insist on the retailer not selling them substitutes. **Conclusion.**—We earnestly urge the consuming public to avoid substitutes whenever possible in favor of butter and that no merchant press substitutes on his customers. We recommend that this

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CARNATION WHEAT OR OATS	SPERRY'S PANCAKE FLOUR Large Pkg.	MILK Dairgold
Per Pkg. 35c	2 Pkgs. 45c	3 Large Cans 25c
LETTUCE Firm Heads	CARROTS New Bunch	ORANGES Large, Sweet, Juicy
2 For 19c	3 Bunches 25c	1 Doz. 57c
SHREDDED WHEAT BISCUITS	TURNIPS New Bunch	2 Bunches 19c
3 For 33c		
BEANS Great Northern		
4 lbs. 35c		

conference request our congressmen to work for the enactment of their legislation which will result in the exclusion of vegetable oils now imported for use in butter substitutes.

**Ice Cream.**—The manufacture of ice cream calls for local sweet cream and labor. We find two or three La Grande dealers and, in some instances, other sections of the county are selling ice cream made outside the county. This is a direct detriment to sweet cream producers of Union county; to labor and local manufacturers. It is felt that the committee that home products are not given a fair chance with fruits produced outside and shipped into the county. The fruit in Union county comes on later than outside territory within shipping distance to Union county and the summer campaign are not on before local fruit comes on, consequently our market is very poor when local product comes on.

According to the figures of the Home Market survey and the average production in this county, it is estimated that the following acreage of small fruits would be necessary to supply local demand: Strawberries 2 acres, raspberries 5 acres, blackberries 7 acres, loganberries 5 acres, blueberries production equal to consumption at present time. Production of dewberries should be investigated.

**Specific Recommendations.**

1. That a campaign be carried on by the business men, chamber of commerce, producers and others interested to see that the general public and consumers be educated to the putting off of canning of the fruit until the crop in Union county is at its height. This campaign should not only be put on through advertising in newspapers and through merchants, etc., but publicity should be carried out through local organizations such as the Neighborhood club, ladies' aids, fraternal organizations, etc.

**Cottage Cheese.**—Cottage cheese is a very palatable commodity and should be delivered fresh. To our minds there is no reason why all locally consumed cottage cheese should not be manufactured in Union county. **Conclusion.**—We recommend that manufacturers employ themselves to make this commodity, and that when price and quality are equal to the prevailing foreign-made cottage cheese, merchants secure the home-made brands.

**Milk Sanitation.**—Abortions and other diseases have made their appearance in Union county. Only the greatest vigilance can stamp it out. Milk that is tainted with weeds is being marketed. It is extremely important to milk consumers that bacteria count be held down. In many cities and states laws compelling pasteurization of all milk sold to the consuming public have been made in an effort to make milk wholesome. There is a decided movement in the county to eradicate "boarders" from herds and to increase the butter fat production per cow. **Conclusion.**—We recommend that the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association and the county agent be commended for their efforts to eradicate abortion, and to raise the standard of butter fat per cow through milk testing associations, and that these organizations, and individuals be urged to increase their vigilance. That milk producers use every precaution in handling their milk in the adoption of sanitary methods. Pasteurizing is recommended where equipment is available.

### CONFERENCE SIDE-LIGHTS

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at the line occasionally and look to see if there are any thin spots? Would you have thought to say it just that way?

Mrs. Frank McKennon of near Under presided at the different home economics group meetings. She bids fair to put her husband in the shade in that particular job.

When Miss Johnson told her hearers what every real home should be, they were convinced that she was right when she said that the essence of her study that the biggest of the job of home-making challenged everything that was best—every talent, every bit of physical strength and every bit of moral fibre. Here is what she passed on to the women in her hearing in picturing what every real home must be.

**Economically sound.**  
**Mechanically convenient.**  
**Physically healthful.**  
**Spiritually inspiring.**  
**Artistically satisfying.**  
**Socially wholesome.**  
**Morally wholesome.**  
and founded on mutual affection and respect.

It pays to advertise. Now every reader expects someone from advertising departments to say just that thing. But listen—in the Fern Bulletin, sent out last week from Mr. Avery's office, there was a statement in the ad of the local Ford agency to the effect that no one employe of the whole local Ford plant uses automobile.

This statement struck wherever it was read, but it struck Earnest Bell in a most emphatic way. Everyone who reads this paper knows Earnest Bell because of the registered Jerseys he has on his place over above the Cove and because of the active interest which his two daughters, Roberta and Gertrude take in club work, to say nothing of Mr. and Mrs. Bell's interests and activities. When Mr. and Mrs. Bell came to the conference the first of the week they brought a treat to somebody at the Ford plant, and that was a quantity of fine 7 per cent Jersey milk. We have first hand information about the milk from the Bell Jerseys and we know that whoever drew that particular lot from that ranch, enjoyed it—"good to the last drop."

Hans Sellors, the official tester of the Union county Dairy Herd Improvement association, says the weather and the roads have not retarded his work to any great extent so far as travelling is concerned. Once he was stuck, and it was a good job of getting stuck, too. More difficulty was experienced when the severe weather and the low temperature affected the milking machines over the valley.

We ask, ladies and gentlemen, how many of you could or would supervise a conference of this proportion and see that all the machinery worked smoothly, meet everyone with a smile, etc., etc., etc., etc., with a raging toothache all the while? That was the fix Mr. Avery was in and the first thing he did after the best shouting was done was to hunt out a dentist. No one would have guessed what was going on, from the patient and unharmed way in which Mr. Avery conducted things.

The conference was no easy job for the secretaries either and Miss Esther Miller comes in for a good word. Her wide acquaintance over the county and her familiarity with the work of the county agent's office made her invaluable at this time.

Mrs. Hugh Haron figured in a collision with returning home Wednesday evening after the conference had closed. A Chevrolet coupe backing onto the highway from the lane at the Carl Fuller place struck her new Chevrolet sedan doing considerable damage.

John Dean of near the Cove, introduced as the valley "premier prime grower" was ill and unable to carry out his part of the program Monday. He came over on Tuesday however and gave his report on the line in which he is specially interested.

A new face at the conference this year was that of Iva Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robinson of the side-hill road. Iva was graduated last June from the state college of Montana and has been very active in managing one branch of the numerous activities on the Robinson ranches. He is one of the very progressive, younger farmers of the valley.

Visitors from the other valley were authorized by the statement that there was great consternation over there when it was learned that the state was to lose the services of "Cornelia Marvin, state librarian." Union county has gained much in the coming here of Mrs. Walter Pierce. Now, here is a familiar figure approaching any sort of a gathering with her arm, or her basket or a box full of books. She has certainly become a preacher of the gospel of good reading and the interest and enthusiasm is becoming quite contagious. She appeared twice on the conference program. Another in the series of round table discussions by the "What Shall I Read" League was held at the Pierce home last Sunday. There was a good attendance and many took out state library books.

Be sure to read the recommendations in another column. These give some idea of the seriousness of the whole movement and also of the goals set up for this year.

**Take HONEY & TAR**  
**Foley's COMPOUND**  
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**DEPENDABLE**  
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It was the general opinion of the growers present that the strawberry estimate per acre was too low; that Union county is not a big local growing center for blackberries and loganberries, and that with the high yield of strawberries possible in this county we might very successfully bid for barrelling business in strawberries.

The price of canned strawberries in the stores at the present time, ranges in price for the inferior brands to the better brands from 25 to 50 cents for a 20-ounce can. At 42 per crate for good quality freshly picked strawberries, such as are obtainable by the housewife if she wants local stock a 22-ounce or one quart jar of strawberries can be put up for winter use at approximately 24c per jar. Another argument for home grown products.

The following report of Mrs. Homer Wilson, chairman of the vegetable producers committee was read and discussed.

The vegetable products committee of the Union County Agricultural conference met at the office of Mr. Avery, county agent, at the call of the chairman. The committee consisted of Mr. Whitings of Mt. Glen, Mr. Harris of Union and myself.

After a careful examination of the study published by L. R. Brethaupt and Robert M. Haley, concerning the vegetable situation in Union county, and after a careful personal study of the growing and marketing conditions in Union county and in La Grande especially, the following deductions and estimates are made.

During the season in which locally grown green beans, green peas, bunch carrots, bulk carrots, green corn, potatoes, bunch beets, bunch turnips, squash, pumpkins, shubarb, green onions, parsnips and cucumbers are found on the market, the supply exceeds the demand. Not all of these products are supplied locally for the reason that it is not always possible to get the local retailer to handle only locally grown stuff. This is no doubt, due partially to the fact that the pack of the locally grown products is not generally standardized, and not always dependable, and probably due in part to the fact that it is very convenient to step into the alley and select from the peddler's trucks from across the mountain, the produce necessary for the day's business without the bother of having previously anticipated his day's requirements and ordered them from some local grower.

It appears to this committee that the growing of spinach to meet the spring trade might be increased by fall planting, but the spring plantings of spinach comes on too late to meet a ready sale, due to the fact that foreign spinach has been on the market for weeks and spinach no longer appeals to the housewife.

There is a small quantity of local apparatus of good quality. This acreage probably should not be increased. It appears there is a shortage of cabbage and this vegetable should be more generally grown, especially the late varieties that will keep in storage until late winter and spring and command the high prices that are paid at that season of the year. At the present time retailers are buying the wholesale home \$2.00

per ton for foreign cabbage. Head lettuce is an uncertain and very exacting crop in this climate. Small patches sometimes buying good dividends, but more often being a source of disappointment to the grower.

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organization, guaranteeing improved standards and orderly marketing under cooperative management.

Respectfully submitted,  
ORA D. WILSON,  
Chairman.

### Horticulture Group

**Apples.**—We, the committee on horticultural products submit the following facts and findings; the result of careful consideration given to the various phases developed in our meetings during the past two days on home marketing of fruits grown in Union county; also the matter of increasing the present acreage of apple, cherry and prune orchards in the county; and in better the cultural methods of bearing trees; also the matter of increasing the methods of packing and grading fruits with a view to making same more attractive in appearance, which we believe would greatly increase the demand for home grown fruits both at home and abroad.

We recommend the following: In the matter of home markets we do not find the markets of this county any different from those of all localities where any particular kind of fruit is grown.

There is always much good fruit that will not make the necessary grades required for long distance shipping and local keeping, such fruit is often the very best good if used immediately when it is ripe, and properly graded.

We find much of this fruit reaches the local markets, not properly selected or packed, and often so packed as to deceive the merchants who as a rule are willing to handle same believing it to be first or second grade fruits and often pay the seller prices not warranted for the class of fruits they get. We find also that out of county peddlers during the past year have worked many deceptive games to sell apples, pears and peaches to our home merchants and in many cases have unloaded truckloads of such fruit in Union county that was gathered from the cull piles of the packing houses across the mountains to the west; on the merchants which in many cases was sold to them in violation of the federal and state laws and the merchants in turn sold same to consumers in violation of the same laws. Samples of fruit have been picked up during the past year that was brought into the county with enough arsenic known as spray residue to kill small children and would seriously injure the health of grown-ups if eaten without washing.

One recommendation is that the merchant in buying from peddlers demand that the grade of the fruit contained in the package be marked off by stamping on the outside of package. Take the name and address of the peddler and the number of his truck license and if you find you have been deceived in any manner in the grade call in the local inspector, have him examine the fruit, and if not correct, money will be taken to get your money refunded and the seller punished.

In buying home grown fruit the same precautions should be taken

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