

OVER THE VALLEY

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Cherry Orchards—Cherry orchards have become very important in the Elgin country, so it is reported. The older orchards are being added to and several new ones planted this spring. The following men are establishing orchards that will help in a financial way the outlying districts: Walter Lull of North Creek Flat, C. E. Bean, north of Gordon Creek, Vern Hug of Pumpkin Ridge, Frank Hazelwood, of South Creek Flat and B. D. Hug of Creek Flat. There are probably a number of other farmers who will make smaller plantings. Bart Chandler of Fishtrap hill will set out about three acres of trees this spring.

Old Fellows Initiate—One candidate was given the initiatory work Saturday evening when the I. O. O. F. of Summerville met in regular session. Three car loads of Odd Fellows from La Grande attended the meeting and contributed to the enthusiasm of the evening. At the close of lodge the members served refreshments.

Club Has Interesting Meet—Members of the 4-H club in camp, cookery, with Mrs. Willis Moss as leader, met last Thursday, March 6 at the Allie school. The following program was given during the afternoon:

"How to build a reflector oven"
"How to build a good campfire for cooking"
"How to build a good camper"
"How to select a camp site"
"How to make camp"
"How to make a camp crane"
"How to make a good club leader"
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Is Successful—Jet Gaskill of near Imbler has a test plot of wheat on his ranch this year which will be watched with considerable interest. Mr. Gaskill reported yesterday that two of the breeds which he is testing have come through the winter in the shape and look good at the present. These are two breeds of winter wheat with a short straw, the first being a cross between Porty-ford and Club 28 and the other a cross between Porty-ford and Porty-ford.

Home For Visit—The Misses Eva and Edna Ledbetter were home for a visit over the weekend at the parental home near Allie. From Weston. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brace who were guests at the Ledbetter home.

Improves—Mrs. Homer Littleton of near Allie who has been quite ill for several weeks is reported as being on the up grade again. Mrs. Littleton is quite advanced in years and it is hard for her to regain her strength.

Returns—Mrs. Mary McKenize is at her home in Summerville again after having had a delightful winter in California.

Home—Miss Marie West who has been in Baker for some time where she started her course of nurse training has returned to her home on Pumpkin Ridge for an indefinite stay.

To Travel—Mrs. Inez Fries has been elected as the teacher for the Dry Creek school for the next school year. Miss Margaret Hall, the present teacher will attend the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland. Dry Creek was the largest one room school in the county this present year.

Remodel Home—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frizzell of Pleasant Grove, are having some improvements made on their country home. The kitchen is being completely remodelled, new cupboards and other conveniences being installed.

To Have Social—Willowdale school, where Miss Frances Kelly is teaching this year is announcing a picnic social to be held Friday evening of this week. The school is working on what is sure to be a good program. The proceeds of the evening are to be used for playground equipment.

Club to Meet—The Women's club of Imbler is to meet tomorrow at the home of Mrs. C. C. Welch. It is hoped that the attendance may be quite representative.

Better—Mrs. Charles Gump of May Park is working this week at the Richardson Art shop in La Grande. Mrs. Gump is improving now from her recent experience with infection.

Fall—E. B. Long, aged 83 years, who is the caretaker of the Summerville cemetery, had a fall last week which might have resulted more seriously for one of his years. He caught his foot while about his tasks and tripped. In falling he struck his left shoulder. At first he thought some bones had been broken but that did not prove to

be the case and after a few days of considerable discomfort he is improving nicely and was, this week, able to begin his spring work at the cemetery.

More to Farm—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Miller and son, Kenneth, of Elgin, moved last week to the Earl Miller farm on the Creek Flat where their flock of sheep has been wintering. They will remain there until the lambing season is over and then will move to their range on the Minam river, where they will spend the summer. They have about 250 head of sheep.

Home Again—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brecheart of the Cove who have been in Los Angeles the last six weeks returned Friday to their home in the valley. Mr. Brecheart has been taking a course at a school for auctioneers. A communication received from them a short time ago by this department, spoke of their loyalty to their own valley in spite of the road time they were then having in their neighboring state.

Boys Miller—The Dierks who live on a ranch near La Grande have recently added to the equipment on their place, a new two-hundred DeLaval milking machine. This is one of the new electric type. There are around 25 or 30 head of dairy cows of different breeds on this farm.

Specialist Here—C. L. Long who has made numerous trips into this valley during the years when he was connected with the extension service of the state college was here during the latter part of last week, assisting with some test plots for commercial fertilizer on ranches near the Cove. Friends of Mr. Long will regret to know that this was his last visit, in all probability, to this valley as a member of the extension staff. He is severing his connection with the state college to take up some commercial work along this same line. He stated that he could possibly continue to visit this valley in the future, but not in exactly the same capacity.

Over From Union—Miss Susan Chadwick, who teaches near Union went to La Grande Saturday and spent the day at the home of her friend, Miss Ruth Margaret Hall.

Speed Day—Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart of La Grande drove to the Iowa district Sunday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knauts and Lillian.

Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnis who live near Summerville had for their dinner guests Thursday noon, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hug, of Pumpkin Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight of Rhinehart and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinnis of Summerville.

To Seattle—Byron R. Paul of Falls City, Oregon, has been visiting at the Miles Woodell home at Pleasant Grove the past week. He and Lloyd Woodell attended the radio school in Portland together and both are licensed radio operators. They left Thursday morning for Seattle where they expect to get employment in their line of work.

Weekend At Home—Clark Ruckman, who is a student at the Eastern Oregon Normal, spent the weekend at his home at Allie.

Here From California—Lynn Woodell, formerly a resident of the valley is here from Orange, California, where he has been working and is visiting among his numerous friends and relatives in different sections of our valley.

Sunday Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell of near Summerville had for their guests Sunday, Mrs. Burt Oliver, Emory and Madeline, Mrs. E. Sanderson, Willie Sanderson and the children, and George Bottles. They came especially to see Mrs. Willie Sanderson who has been at the Woodell home recuperating from her recent hospital experience. Mrs. Sanderson expects to go to her home Sunday. Mrs. Amanda Wagoner will be with her for a few weeks.

Good Recommendation—The Cove school folks are feeling quite elated, and justly so, over a recent communication, which came, unsolicited, from the manager of the Enterprise hotel. Not long ago the Cove boys went to Enterprise to meet the basketball team from that town. Some days after their return the following letter was received by C. G. Springer, principal of the Cove school:

"Since February 21, 1930, when the Cove High school basketball team stayed at Hotel Enterprise, when they played a basketball game against the Enterprise High school basketball team, I have included writing you and advising you of the manner and conduct of the Cove team. While with us, each player on the team conducted himself as an absolute gentleman, and the team's stay with us was a pleasant one. I know that you will be pleased to learn of our sincere appreciation of the good conduct of your team. We hope the Cove team will be with us again at some future time. Signed, C. E. McCurdy, manager."

Give Party—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKinnis gave a dancing party at their home in the Dry Creek neighborhood last Saturday evening. Over

20 friends and neighbors were present. A delicious lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

Stile Spind—South McKennon, of Allie, has recently sold and delivered to parties in central and eastern Washington three car loads of his potatoes, which are to be used for seed. The price was reported to have been quite good.

At Echo—Miss Allen Ott of near Summerville has gone to Echo, Oregon, where she is employed for a time.

Ald Meet—Mrs. Lyle Wilson entertained the members of the Ald society most graciously at her home in Imbler Thursday. There was a good crowd present. During the business meeting plans were made for the bazaar to be held this fall and also for a quilt which the aid is to make. During the afternoon, Mrs. Wilson, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Johnson, served a nice lunch.

Organize Sunday School—Recently a Sunday school has been organized in the Willowdale district which is reported to be doing very well. There are 20 pupils enrolled. The school meets each Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Fisher being the superintendent. Mrs. Fisher the assistant superintendent and Mrs. D. R. McMillan the secretary.

Have Guests Sunday—Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaskill near Imbler Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hutchison, Wilma Gaskill, Jack Hilt, Mr. and Mrs. Ames Helm and Snap McManis, all of La Grande.

Home For Sunday—Miss Marie Frizzell who is en-

gaged in a preliminary announcement made last week, definite dates are now available for the series of meetings which are to be held in this county next week by the state 4-H club leader, H. C. Seymour, working in connection with the county agent and the county superintendent of schools. This is the time of year when clubs, particularly the livestock and poultry clubs are organizing for the work of the season and it is the hope of those in charge, and club leaders as well, that a number of very active organizations may be perfected at the time of the leader's visit.

The dates for the meetings at the different centers, are as follows:

Wednesday, March 19, Cove.
Thursday, March 20, Imbler and Island City.
Friday, March 21, Union and North Powder.
Saturday, March 22, Pomona garage meeting at Elgin.

COUNTY DAIRY HERDS ARE BEING CULLED FEB. REPORT SAYS

According to the recent report for the month of February of Hans Seltzer, official tester of the county cow testing association, there has been very heavy culling of inferior cows in the herds belonging to the association. This seems to be the experience prevailing in most sections of the state. It is reported that around 50 per cent of the unusually large number of cattle received last Monday at the Portland stock yards were dairy cattle. Those who were there and who are familiar with the situation believe that this was a result of the fact that dairymen all over the state were culling their herds.

Local dairymen speaking of this situation in the Portland yards believe that is a healthy sign; that it indicates a general improvement in the character of the dairy herds, the poor producers being disposed of, and that the entire movement is a natural one following the recent severe slump in the price of butterfat.

There were 50 40-pound cows in the association for the month just passed, the 41 herds on test having 751 cows enrolled of which 175 were dry. The report showed that the total production for the month amounted to 338,625 pounds of milk and 14,921.4 pounds of butterfat. This made the average per cow 450.9 pounds of milk and 19.87 pounds of butterfat.

The two high cows for the 30-day period were "Star" from the herd of Ernest Kohler which had to her credit 801 pounds of fat and 1271 pounds of milk, and "Bell" on the A. J. Stange ranch, a Durham which produced 1546 pounds of milk and 71.1 pounds of fat.

C. P. Edvalson had the high herd in the group of over 20 cows, his 22 grade Holsteins averaging 845.8 milk and 27.5 fat. Frank Wells' herd ranked in the group of from 12 to 20 cows. His 17 grade Jerseys made the record of 289 pounds of milk and 29.1 fat. In the herds of under 12 cows, Archie Conley milking 11 cows, had a production of 26 pounds of fat from 718.8 pounds of milk.

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Kyrene Kohler, Star J-H, 1271 milk, 71.1 fat.
A. J. Stange ranch, Bell, Durham, 1546 milk, 71.1 fat.

arranged for dancing, the music to be furnished by the Lindsey orchestra.

Ald Thursday—Mrs. Jessie Fisher of near the Cove, assisted by Mrs. Mina Standley and Mrs. Maude Speckhart of the Iowa district are to entertain the members of the Allie Ladies Aid Thursday of this week at the home of Mrs. Fisher.

Better—Mrs. Mary Murchison of Pleasant Grove is reported to be improving after her recent illness.

Stock Meeting Tomorrow—The Summerville Stock association is to hold its annual meeting in Summerville tomorrow.

Movement to Put Chemical On The Free Tariff List—Farmers in this valley who are in line with the movement for the extensive use of sodium chlorate as a spray for killing obnoxious weeds will be interested in watching the fate of a movement to place that chemical on the free tariff list. According to word received in Corvallis last week, Senator Stewer succeeded in getting sodium chlorate placed on the free list by senate vote. This action if allowed to stand in conference with the house bill will mean a saving of \$20,000 to Oregon farmers this year as about 50 carloads of this chemical will be used in the state for the control of noxious weeds.

At present there is a tariff of one and one-half cents per pound on this material which has been proved in recent experiments to be most effective in controlling such weeds as Canada thistle and wild morning glory.

C. L. Hyson, professor of farm crops who is well known in this valley, who is in the east completing special committee work for the department of agriculture, urges farm representatives to get in touch with Oregon congressmen in the house to urge similar action there. Hyson particularly urges communications to Representative Hawley, chairman of the ways and means committee.

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C. P. Edvalson, Fern, grade Holstein, 1332 milk, 65.3 fat.
Fisher & McClung, Margaret, Durham, 1515 milk, 52.1 fat.
N. K. West, Bonnie, Durham, 1114 milk, 56.5 fat.
Charles DeHaas, Peti, grade Jersey, 1972 milk, 36.8 fat.

Class B:
Archie Conley, Peggy, grade Jersey, 1187 milk, 58.2 fat.
Ernest Kohl, Darling, grade Jersey, 1129 milk, 57.1 fat.
Frank Wells, Spot, grade Holstein, 1258 milk, 56.1 fat.
Walter Vogel, Rosebud, grade Jersey, 1067 milk, 51.1 fat.
C. Y. Beale, No. 2, grade Jersey, 1056 milk, 50 fat.

Class C:
N. K. West, Rocket, grade Guernsey, 1324 milk, 66.2 fat.
Fisher & McClung, Joseph, Durham, 1438 milk, 57.5 fat.
C. P. Edvalson, Snowball, grade Holstein, 997 milk, 43.5 fat.
Fisher & McClung, Blue, Durham, 924 milk, 33.7 fat.
C. Y. Beale, No. 27, grade Jersey, 962 milk, 41.5 fat.

Class D:
C. P. Edvalson, Violet, grade Holstein, 920 milk, 52.1 fat.
C. P. Edvalson, Mud, grade Holstein, 1959 milk, 47.5 fat.
Archie Conley, Tina, grade Jersey, 801 milk, 47.3 fat.
C. P. Edvalson, Rosie, grade Holstein, 784 milk, 47 fat.
Frank McKinnis, Brownie, grade Jersey, 734 milk, 46.2 fat.

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the afternoon and four at night. The first two games will be at 2:30 and 7:30 and the evening games at 7:30 and 9:30.

Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Viola Parker in North Union the women of the Bible class at the Methodist church held a so-

tion put on the work. Following the meeting the members enjoyed a general social manner. Refreshments were served. About 25 members of the class were present.

Four young men of this community rode the Odd Fellows goat on the first degree in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Wilde, the rancher who bought the old North frame school building, is rushing the raising of the large building in order to complete the work before spring work on the ranch stops him. The lumber is being hauled to his ranch and will be used in making improvements there.

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