

OVER THE VALLEY

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Young People Wed.

Miss Edith Hermann chose for her wedding day to Howard Smith, of Island City, the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann, of the Island City-Cove highway. The ceremony was an event of last Saturday evening, April fifth and was performed at the Hermann home in the presence of a company of close relatives of the young people. At eight o'clock the beautiful single ring service was read by the Rev. Hall K. Wallis pastor of the Methodist church at Esterport, the bride being attended by the groom's sister, Mrs. Rex Ayres, as matron of honor, while Cecil Hermann, a brother of the bride served as best man. The bride wore a gown of blue periwinkle and carried a bride's bouquet of roses and sweet peas. After congratulations, a delicious lunch was served. The guests witnessing the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith, Mrs. Joe Smith and daughter, Houlah, Mr. and Mrs. John Hermann, Rev. and Mrs. Hall K. Wallis and Mrs. Milo Bliokland and daughter, Betty Anne, and the Henry Hermann family.

Improving Orchard

Ed Dennison of Imbler has leased the apple orchard of some 18 or 20 acres belonging to Mrs. Turner Oliver and is putting in considerable work there in preparation for this season. The trees have been trimmed and now the soil is being carefully cultivated. This orchard is located on the highway across from the elevator at Allice.

Poisoned

Mrs. M. E. Buchanan of Allice was the victim of ptomaine poisoning Thursday evening and for a time was very ill. Her illness, fortunately, did not last very long and she is quite all right again now.

Sunday Guests

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park near Summerville were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill of Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Park of Pleasant Grove.

To Have Guests

Mrs. Judson Perkins, of Hyderabad, India, is to be a special guest Thursday when the Allice Ladies Aid meets at the home of Mrs. Paul Knautz in the Iowa neighborhood. A large attendance is desired.

Important Information

With cooperative marketing very much to the forefront just at present, the legal phases of cooperation are attracting considerable interest. This question will be discussed over radio KOAC Friday evening, April 11, by W. P. Riddelberger, assistant professor of political science at the state college. This will be a part of the regular weekly program for business people and will start at 7:45 o'clock.

Visit Mill

The children of the Moss Chapel school recently had a most interesting as well as very instructive trip, when accompanied by their teacher, Miss Margaret Michelson. C. H. Bidwell took them all over the mill describing its operation in detail and in a fashion which the youngsters understood and appreciated. It was a worth-while expedition patronized by the school.

Weekend Visit

Miss Beulah Smith, who is teaching this year in the high school at Athena, was home for a visit over the weekend.

Purchase Ranch

Schmitt Brothers of Clark county, Western Washington, have recently purchased a ranch in this county and according to reports have also purchased 60 head of milk cows and will start dairying here on a large scale. They have purchased the Hole ranch in Elko county and have already taken possession. The sale included the properties better known as the Butterfield and Wolf tracts, total close to 1900 acres and is one of the largest transfers in real estate reported for some time.

Better

Mrs. Fowler, new owner of the Ted Coulter place near Imbler is improving quite consistently from her recent illness. The blood transfusions last week for pernicious anemia were reported to be successful.

Receives Appointment

Two years ago this summer, Robert M. Haley was in this valley, counting on an expedition to the state college to gather the data on the home markets survey. He became very well acquainted here and made many friends. Those friends will be quite interested in the recent account of an offer which has been made Mr. Haley and which he accepted. We copy the story from the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Give Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Bliokland gave a lovely dinner party Friday evening at their home at Island City, covers having been laid for Miss Edith Hermann, Mrs. Rex Ayres of Walla Walla and Howard Smith.

Visits in Valley

A guest in the valley at the present time is Mrs. Margaret McDonald of Bend, Oregon, who as Margaret McDonald, was a former resident of Pumpkin Ridge.

Improvement

Robert Deal of west of Summerville who has been in La Grande for an operation for sinus trouble is getting along very nicely and is out and around.

Sunday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz of the Iowa district had some guests Sunday at their country home, including Mr. and Mrs. John Hamann and Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hamann and Charles Hamann of the Island City-Cove highway.

Go to New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson who were recently wed at Allice left within the last few days for Joseph where they expect to make their home.

New Equipment

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McClure who operate the Stamp ranch near Island City have recently had installed a new electric incubator for the hatching of goose and duck eggs. The machine is of a 300-egg capacity. McClure are getting an early start in the chicken business this season and have 300 fine Barred Rock chickens, now about five weeks old which they secured of the Mosseses hatchery.

To Baker

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peller and son, Claire drove to Baker Sunday

and spent the day visiting among their relatives.

Gets Instruction

And then there is the optimistic in the valley who had all of his chickens stolen but one hen, but has been a faithful attendant at the poultry school which has just finished its sessions at Allice.

Attent Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson of Dry Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lammann of Pleasant Grove, drove to La Grande Sunday and attended the funeral of the late John W. White.

The Experiment

Of course it is too soon yet to know all the effects of the experiment made by using the killer chisel on the Joe Carr farm operated by Henry Hermann. On this place the machine was used to break up a hard pan which was located some 18 inches below the surface and left alkali pools on one piece of land. It is stated, however, that these are no longer there and that part of the experiment is a success. Further tests will be made shortly to see to what extent the soil has been improved by the process.

Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell of Summerville had for their dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. Ida Moss and son, George, Mamie Woodell and Bernice Pierson all of La Grande.

Visits

Mrs. Rex Ayres of Walla Walla is visiting relatives in the valley, particularly the Smith homes and Garrett Bliokland home near Island City and with numerous others. She timed her visit for the wedding of her brother, Howard Smith, and Miss Edith Hermann Saturday evening.

Busy Places

The Mosseses Hatchery is a very busy place these days, with its incubators full of eggs labelled with different hatching dates, brooder houses with chickens from a few days up to five weeks old, and then the pen of the fine and pedigreed birds. Mrs. Clara Moss reports that this season has been very successful thus far, enough so that plans for expansion for next year have been thought feasible. It will be remembered that Mrs. Moss had about 2000 eggs of green chicks last year. These have made splendid growth and are fine specimens of birds. Mrs. Moss selects the white chickens for her pens very carefully, and she has for a goal about 500 hens of high breeding, placed in pens headed by pedigreed cockerels.

Boys More Acroage

Nell Kitch of the lower Cove has added to his farm, 40 acres from the Nathan Deaton place. It is entirely farm land with no building improvements on it.

Farmer Passes

The Wolf Creek grange had charge of the funeral Friday of the late Samuel O'Brien, prominent farmer of that part of the county who died very suddenly Wednesday morning. Mr. O'Brien was 50 years of age and had lived a long time in this part of the state, for 12 years continuously having lived on the ranch in the Wolf creek district where he resided at the time of his death. His widow and three children, two daughters and a son survive.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

DATE PUDDING.
One pound dates (seeded).
One cup sugar.
One-half cup water.
Three egg yolks and one white, beaten together.
One cup broken nut meats.
Two egg whites.
Boil dates and water together, then stir in eggs and sugar beaten together and cook slowly, stirring constantly. When thickened, remove from fire and fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and nuts. Chill and serve with whipped cream.

Island Aid

The meeting of the Island City Ladies Aid is to be held this week on Thursday at the home of Mrs. John Bowers. This is to be an afternoon meeting only.

Better

Mrs. C. D. Huffman of Cove avenue is improving from her recent illness and that part of the experiment is a success. Further tests will be made shortly to see to what extent the soil has been improved by the process.

Guests

Mrs. Garrett Bliokland, of near Island City, had for her guests last Friday, her niece, Mrs. Rex Ayres, of Walla Walla, and also a niece, Miss Eva Roberts of Salem, and her nephew, Glenn Roberts of Portland. The two latter who were in the valley to visit their father, Frank Roberts of Cove, left this morning for their work in the other valley.

School Postponed

With the meeting last Thursday evening, the sessions of the poultry school which was being held at Allice closed until this fall. Spring work getting rather heavy cut down the attendance some, naturally. The school will be resumed in time to study housing problems next fall.

Hear Fine Address

Residents of the vicinity of Island City are quite enthusiastic in their reports of the address delivered Sunday evening at the community church by the Rev. Judson Perkins of Hyderabad, India. Rev. Perkins in his very interesting fashion described the work of the country, the people.

Annual Session Smith - Hughes Students Coming

Students from the Imbler and Union High schools who are enrolled in the Smith-Hughes department will participate in the coming annual meeting which is to be held on the state college campus, April 24, 25 and 26. There are about 20 high schools in the state which have this department and their needs, their entertainment and their instruction are all included in the plans which will be made by the college authorities for this the sixth annual gathering. A. W. Norblad, governor of Oregon, has accepted an invitation of Dean A. R. Cordley of the school of agriculture to be the principal speaker at the annual banquet on Friday, April 25. At that time placings will be announced and

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900 MILLION IN TAX MONEY PAID IN BY FARMER

Direct taxes paid by farmers now amount to more than nine hundred million dollars annually, of which approximately 84 per cent is paid through the general property tax, according to Whitney Coombs, agricultural economist, in a report of a study of taxation on farm property just published by the bureau of agricultural economics, United States department of agriculture.

The report contains an analysis of the kinds of taxes paid by farmers, of trends in farm taxation, of taxes and agricultural income from various types of farm tenure, of farm assessments and farm values, and of the incidence and effects of farm taxes. Mr. Coombs believes that the period of rapid rise of farm taxes has passed and that any increase in the immediate future will be at a less rapid rate. He says:

"The rate of increase of state and local taxes will be less than it has been, but no general reduction in farm taxes is likely to come from a decrease in total expenditures. It may come either through new methods of financing certain governmental expenditures, such as more state support for the schools, or through the introduction of new sources of local revenues to supplement the general property tax."

Mr. Coombs says that taxes are taking about 30 per cent of the net of farm real estate, and that an examination of the results of audits of the returns on farm property and on the owners' managerial activities indicates that, on farms operated by their owners, taxes in the past six years have amounted to from 18 1/2 to 21 per cent of such returns. In 1924 taxes were reported to have taken on the average 1 1/2 per cent of the value of the farm real estate of the country. The slight increase in farm taxation since that year and the decline in the value of farm real

estate had, by 1927, in Mr. Coombs' opinion, probably increased this to 1 1/2 per cent of the value of farm property.

Discussing various proposed types of tax reform, Mr. Coombs believes that "improvement in the administration of local farm taxes must be centered around the problem of assessment, because it has been found that faulty assessment is the cause of much of the inequality of taxes among farmers. In many states the assessing districts are too small to provide full-time work for trained employees. In most rural sections a county assessor will be more satisfactory than a township assessor, and it is possible that in many places it might be desirable to employ one assessor to do the work in both jurisdictions.

"Increased supervision of assessment methods and results by state authorities will aid in establishing uniformity. At present, 15 states give to state supervisory officials, usually to the state tax commission the power to make assessments on their own motion and by their own agents. Ten other states give to supervisory officials the power to order assessments. Such powers, although necessary, are rarely used.

"A state supervising body can do most to improve assessments by carrying on research activities that are impossible and would be uneconomical in the local assessment districts, by acting as a court of appeal for individual and group assessments, and by adjusting the various taxing jurisdictions. Studies of the results of past assessments, by comparing sales and assessed valuations, and of methods of which equality of assessment may be attained are among the useful activities to be carried on by the state commissions. The results of such research can be utilized by the

National Group O. K.'s Ass'n. Of N. W. For Wool

That the Oregon wool to be marketed this year through the National Wool Marketing corporation, the commodity organization sponsored by the federal farm board to develop wool cooperative marketing on a nationwide basis, may be handled in the most efficient and reasonable manner the board of directors of the national corporation has recognized the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers as the exclusive unit for the state.

The directors of the national corporation felt that the terms of the agricultural marketing act of 1929, under which the federal farm board is developing the various commodity marketing agencies, entitles them to limit the number of individual units that might be formed to handle the wool. One of the first objectives of the farm board program for wool was to eliminate what competition had already developed among cooperative associations by uniting them into one large national organization. It is now recognized by the directors of the national corporation that if too many new units are permitted under the new national program it will be encouraging too much further competition and unnecessary duplication of effort within the organization.

The National Wool Marketing corporation is giving this organization the best interests of the producer who will suffer from any overdevelopment of marketing organizations. Similar decisions have been made by the corporation of directors for Montana and South Dakota, states in which organization activities threatened an undesirable duplication of marketing machinery.

Shaping its program along lines advocated by the agricultural marketing act of 1929, which discouraged competition among cooperatives and unnecessary duplication of facilities, the National Wool Marketing corporation has from the beginning favored a smaller number of storage units. Speaking on this subject recently, Byron Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the national corporation, said: "The large volume of wool given each unit the more economically it can function. The point of greatest interest to the individual producer is the price he gets for his wool. Obviously the efficiency of the marketing set-up is a big factor in influencing the amount of supplemental return the grower receives."

By its national statement of the wool market for 1929-30, the National Wool Marketing corporation, under the leadership of W. H. Bohnenkamp, secretary, has made it the business of the state of Oregon to secure the largest possible wool crop and to market it in the most efficient manner possible.

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Assets of national statement of the wool market for 1929-30	\$1,250,000.00
Wool production in Oregon	1,250,000.00
Wool production in other states	1,250,000.00
Wool production in foreign countries	1,250,000.00
Total wool production	3,750,000.00
Wool production in Oregon as a percentage of total	33.33%
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in patronage dividend in addition to the basic price for the wool. Therefore, the potential patronage dividend would be secured more effectively by setting up an "little new machinery as possible."

Facilities provided by the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers are regarded adequate for the needs of Oregon. In addition the Pacific will attract a large volume of wool from surrounding states.—Washington, Idaho, California and Nevada, and has a total of eight million pounds of wool under marketing agreements of this time.

The Pacific is next to the oldest large scale wool cooperative in the United States with nearly ten years of experience in wool cooperative marketing. By expanding its existing facilities the Pacific feels it can adequately care for the wool of larger volume of wool than it has ever handled before at a lower cost.

Action of the directors of the national corporation in Montana, Oregon and South Dakota indicates that the leaders in the wool cooperative movement recognize it more desirable to expand existing

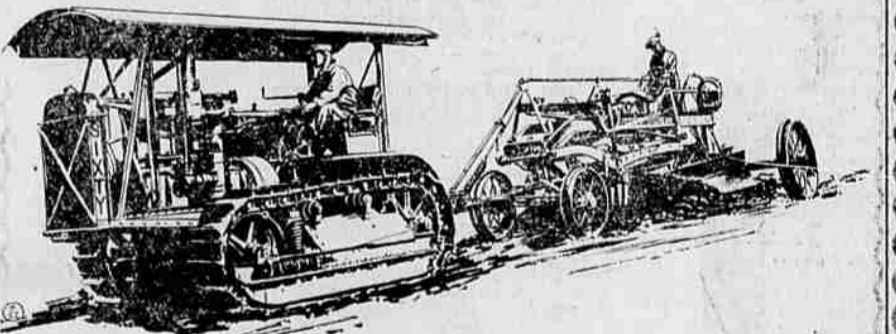
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