

OVER THE VALLEY

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Start to Alaska—Mr. and Mrs. Miles Woodell of Pleasant Grove have received word to the effect that their son, Lloyd, sailed from Seattle Thursday, April 10 on the S. S. Admiral Rodgers for Alaska. He will be chief operator of station KCON, Union Bay, Alaska.

Elected at Wolf Creek—Miss Esther Blokland of near Island City has been elected as one of the two teachers at the Wolf Creek school near North Powder. Miss Blokland will have the first four grades. She has been a student this year at the Eastern Oregon normal.

Has Operation—Norvin Woodell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woodell of near Island City, had an operation for appendicitis yesterday and according to reports is doing nicely.

Looks Familiar—There was a familiar face on the first page of the auto section of the Sunday Oregonian. The trip described this week was down toward Roseburg and in the picture of a group of old soldiers spinning war yarns, men who are living at the state soldiers home was Uncle Ed Murphy formerly of Alced who has been at Roseburg for the last year or more. "Uncle Ed" was in a very characteristic pose.

Return From Trip—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch of Imbler returned the latter part of last week from their trip to Western Oregon and Western Washington where they visited among their relatives and friends.

To Portland—Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton and baby daughter, Sally, of Brooks Lane went to Portland last week and spent a few days with their husband and father, Donald Sutton.

Makes Improvements—O. McCabe of the Island City-Cove highway is improving the buildings on his farm by putting on new shingle roofs.

Meet Tonight—The meeting of the Woolgrowers' association is to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the federal building. The timely topics of wool marketing and lamb marketing are to be discussed. A good attendance is expected.

Returns Home—Mrs. Wray Lawrence and baby daughter, Betty Jane, returned Saturday morning to their home in Ontario after having visited a few days with friends in the valley. Special guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bidwell at Island City. Mrs. Lawrence visited here while Mr. Lawrence was attending a meeting of county agents at Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Avery also drove down from here for the Baker meeting Saturday.

Visit Relatives—Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Garrett of Central Point, Oregon, are in the valley making a visit among relatives. They are guests at the home of their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Art Furman and family on Brooks Lane.

To Baker, Co.—A. L. Daviers of the Dry Creek neighborhood left last week for Baker and from there he goes to his stock ranch to supervise some spring work that he is having done.

Visit in Country—Miss Genevieve Choate and Miss Sylvia Johnson, high school students in La Grande, spent a part of their spring vacation last week visiting at the Thebert Choate home near Summerville.

Returns Home—Mrs. Eddie Blokland has concluded her visit among her relatives in this valley and returned to her home near Enterprise the latter part of last week.

Elected at Lostine—Friends in the valley are interested to know that Dean Lobaugh has been elected as principal of the school at Lostine for next year and he and Mrs. Lobaugh will move to that place early this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Lobaugh who have many friends in this part of Oregon, former fellow students at Willamette university, have been the past two years at Naselle, Washington.

Home From Lake—Mrs. S. A. Robinson of Cove avenue is back at her home again after spending another winter at Hot Lake. Mrs. Robinson is said to be improving quite satisfactorily. She underwent a major operation several months ago.

Plans Farm—It is reported that Charles Lawrence has rented the farm of Mrs. Frank Johnson in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood and has been putting in the spring crops and doing other spring work. This is

one of the fine farms on the side-hill road, adjoining the N. K. West home ranch.

Move to Valley—Mr. and Mrs. John Michaelbook have moved from their former home in Joseph to this valley. They have rented a small place near La Grande. Mr. Michaelbook and the older son having already come here, while the mother and younger son will remain in Joseph until the close of school.

Spent Weekend—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fries and baby daughter, Thelma Jean, came down from La Grande Saturday and spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fries of the Pleasant Grove district.

April 1, Crop Report—The United States department of agriculture through the extension service of the Oregon State college makes the following report concerning crop report for Oregon as of April first:

Winter wheat condition was estimated on April first at 86 compared to 86 a year ago and the ten year average of 90. Based on this condition figure, the estimate of production is 16,900,000 bushels compared to 19,712,000 bushels last year and the average of the past five years of 17,454,000 bushels. The April first condition of winter wheat in Washington state is only 50, indicating a production of 15,200,000 bushels. In Idaho winter wheat condition averaged 86 and the estimated production is 9,400,000 bushels.

Oregon rye condition is estimated at 84 a year ago and the ten year average of 91.4. Oregon pasture condition is placed at 85 compared to 77 last year and the ten year average of 90.3.

For the United States, the average condition of winter wheat is placed at 77.4 compared to 82.7 a year ago and the ten year average of 80.5. The total production is estimated at 65,500,000 bushels compared to 57,325,000 bushels in 1929 and the average of the past five years of 54,735,000 bushels. Rye condition in the United States is estimated to be 82.9 per cent of normal which compares to 84.5 a year ago and the ten year average of 85.2. United States average pasture condition is placed at 78.5 which compares with 85.9 on April first a year ago and with 80.7 on April first 1928. Oats condition in the United States was estimated at 71.1 per cent of normal. United States potato condition was placed at 75.3 per cent of normal and the peach crop prospects were estimated to be 52.0 per cent of normal.

Home From Visit—Mrs. William Perry and her sister, Miss Esther Blokland, returned Saturday from a visit with relatives and friends at Nyssa, Payette and Ontario. They report a splendid vacation trip.

Sunday guests—Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Avery and their two daughters, Kathryn and Harriet, of Island City; and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King and baby son, of Imbler, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon near Imbler.

New Tractor—Wilbur Zurbriek of Moss Chapel is doing his spring work this year with a tractor, for the first time, having recently purchased a caterpillar 20. Probably in the noise of the merchant, maybe not, but Mrs. Zurbriek insists that it has been hard to keep the food piping hot, it was so hard to make Mr. Zurbriek hear the dinner bell and get into the house at meal time. Ride around the country for half a day on a nice bright day and see how fast motor power is supplanting old John. Scores of tractors are in use for the first time this year in the Grande Ronde valley.

Measles—Miss Ava Woodell, teacher of the Lone Star school, reports that Edith Greiner has been confined to her home the last week with the measles. So far, this is the first case in that school.

Chickens for Project—Gerald Masters a sophomore in the Imbler high school and enrolled in the farm animal course has recently secured 500 baby chicks, Rhode Island Red's, which he will care for this season as his school project in agriculture. Gerald has them in brooders now and reports that the birds seem to be getting a good start.

To Clean Up—Members of Blue Mt. range are going to have a spring clean up at their regular meeting this coming Saturday. Members will gather at the hall at ten o'clock instead of the customary hour and with the necessary utensils to put the ground about the hall in good shape. The regular meeting will be held before the dinner which is to be served by section two at noon.

Home From Portland—Miss Vergeella Bond, Turner Bond and their mother, Mrs. C. W. Bond, of near Island City, returned Sunday from Portland where they had motor to spend the spring vacation with Champ Bond who is attending an aviation school in that city.

Easter Music—Members of the choir of the Island City Community church under the direction of Miss Ethel Hansen are busy this week practicing their Easter music which they will give next Sunday.

In Pendleton—Jim Woodell of Lone Star was a business visitor in Pendleton on Saturday.

Serving Dinner—The women of the Island City community church are serving their annual chicken dinner today to the members of the Union county chamber of commerce. This is an annual event at Island City and the women try to make so successful that the men will remember it too. This valley is just full of wonderful cooks.

Giving Program—Rev. and Mrs. Judson T. Perkins and their four interesting children, Mae, Judson, Clifford and Naomi, of Hyderabad, India are giving the program today at the regular meeting of the Eastern Oregon Holiness association which is in session at Cove.

Sunday Guests—Mrs. Echo Helm, Mrs. Lola Hutchison, Miss Wilma Gaskill and Jack Hyatt of La Grande were Sunday guests at the Jet Gaskill home near Imbler.

Likes Eastern Oregon—W. E. Brock, a large land-owner in this valley as well as in Wallawa county lives on the home ranch north of Summerville. The following item concerning him was culled from last week's Wallawa Sun: W. E. Brock, who calls Summerville his home and newspaper work his profession, was in town Saturday, looking after one of his many ranches. It was when a mere boy that he selected a ranch in this valley and urged his father to take it, but the elder Mr. Brock thought differently and W. E. had to wait until years later. But he owns the ranch now and is very proud of the fact.

To Give Program—The Parent-Teacher association of Imbler is giving a miscellaneous program Thursday evening of this week at Wade hall. There is to be a one act play in addition to other splendid features, we are told.

This motto has been adopted by too many married men: "If at first you don't succeed, lie, lie again."



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Next Saturday evening at the high school at Imbler, the Eastern Oregon Future Farmers of America speaking contest will be held under the supervision of agricultural instructors of Eastern Oregon. Donald Stewart, agricultural inspector of Imbler has been appointed chairman and two of the judges will be Prof. E. A. MacEachran and A. R. Hunter of La Grande, with one other from one of the other centers. This is one of four similar contests being held at the same time in different parts of the state. It is expected that representatives will be present from all or most of the schools where such departments are in existence although it is stipulated that only those Smith-Hughes departments which have applied for their future Farmers of America charters may be eligible. These schools are Dufur, Enterprise, Halfway, Imbler, Ontario, Union and Wallawa. The winner of the Eastern Oregon section will be automatically selected to compete with representatives from the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon sections in the state contest. The state contest will be a part of the program of the Smith-Hughes weekend which comes on April 23-26 inclusive. The state winner, in turn, will be sent to Phoenix, Arizona in (Continued on Page Eight)

DAIRY ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEET AND ELECTS OFFICERS

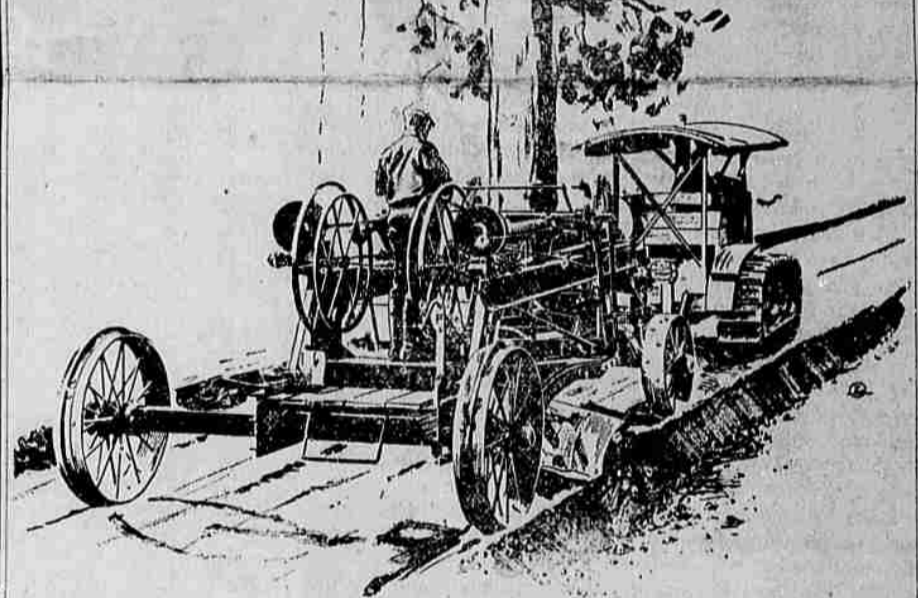
At the annual meeting of the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association held yesterday afternoon in the federal building, certificates were awarded to 12 dairymen of this county whose herds averaged more than 300 pounds of butterfat during the past year. Three hundred pounds was the low mark for herds winning such certificates while the high herd went up to an average of 550 pounds. Of these 12, two received a certificate for the second time, which means each year since the association has been functioning in Union county. These two were H. J. Nielson and W. W. Langford, both of Union. Those whose herds made the record for the first time last year were T. B. Johnson, Chris Bertch and W. A. McNeill of Cove, S. A. Robertson, Homer Wilson, Ira Kennedy, Brooks and Conkey and Albert Groat of La Grande, C. P. Edvanson, Walter Vogel and W. H. Woodruff of Union. No action was taken concerning a successor to Hans Selvors, whose resignation as official tested was made public two weeks ago. There are a number of applications for the position, according to officers of the association. The chief item of business at the meeting yesterday was the election of directors for the coming year, and these in turn met and perfected their permanent organization. Directors chosen were T. B. Johnson, E. H. DeLong, Frank Wells, Walter Vogel and S. T. Ballie. Of these, E. H. DeLong was elected president of the board, T. B. Johnson, vice president and S. T. Ballie secretary. J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner was present yesterday and was the chief speaker before the meeting. Mr. Mickle and (Continued on Page Eight)

Library Funds Apportioned By County Schools

County superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre has recently completed the apportionment of library funds to the various school districts of the county. The total fund amounting to \$644.95, was raised through taxation, the apportionment being ten cents per child of school age, according to the last school census. Some back taxes paid in during the period, sent the fund a bit over that amount and the amount received prorated among 6351 children in the various districts, made about 12 cents per child. In districts where the apportionment would be less than a dollar, a dollar was made the minimum. Mr. Sayre has notified his teachers of the amount of their apportionment and requests are coming in to his office with the names of books desired. These books are ordered by the superintendent in time for distribution when the schools open for the fall term. It has been pointed out by one who believes thoroughly in the county school library, that the total sum, approximately \$550, would mean much to a library, while the amount divided up among so many schools appears to be a drop in the bucket. The census of the districts of the county upon which the distribution was based shows 6351 children of school age in Union county. This census is given by districts in the following table and the amount each district is to receive in book values is as follows.

Table with columns: District and Number, Census, Amount. Lists various districts like La Grande, Mt. Carmel, Iowa, Shanghai, Union, Pleasant Grove, Moss Chapel, North Powder, Lower Cove, Island City, Imbler, Riverview, Summerville, Indian Creek, Cove, Frosty, Dry Creek, Liberty, Ladd Canyon, Wolf Creek, Highland, Elgin, Catherine Creek, Pondosa, Pine Grove, Fruitdale, Mt. Glen, Highland, Gordon Creek, Tolocess, N. H. Valley, Hindman, Clover Creek, Park, Upper Ladd Canyon, Willow Creek, Fox Hill, Valeria, Pumpkin Ridge, Cunningham, Alced, Mountain Home, Thorny Grove, Starkey, Jimmy Creek, Lone Star, Fairview, Kamela, Willowdale, Darr, Perry, Ryslam, S. H. Valley, Palmer Junction, Hempe.

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