

OVER THE VALLEY

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Married—
Marcus May of near Imbler and Miss Minnie Crooks of Seattle were married in the Episcopal church in La Grande, the Rev. Tenyson performing the ceremony Saturday afternoon.

Experiment—
A number of valley farmers are planning to experiment this season with Ladak clover, according to county agriculturist, Harry Avery.

Visits Mother—
Miss Florence Zalauf, of Los Angeles arrived in the valley last Sunday and is visiting with her mother, Mrs. I. E. Chenault in the Valeria district.

Club to Entertain—
Members of the Countrywomen's club are giving a luncheon next Friday at the La Grande hotel having as their special guests members of the Parkdale club.

Guests From Spokane—
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams and daughter, Mae Stevens, of Spokane, arrived in the valley Sunday to visit Mrs. William's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stevens of near Imbler. They started on their return home Thursday, going by the way of Portland where they will visit a couple of days.

Have New Club—
A new 4-H club has just been organized at Willow school, a "Home-makers" club with Mrs. R. C. Alexander as the local leader. The club consists of five members with Frances Alexander as president, Virginia Campbell as vice president and Zella Tidwell as secretary. The other two members are Georganna Lockwood and Ernest Bates.

Correction—
We trust our Union correspondent will not mind if we make a correction in an item in her news which appeared in The Observer early this week. The account was that of the meeting of the Women's club there, which was attended by a group of La Grande women. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Blanche Clark of La Grande, who gave the afternoon talk on art.

Visits Sister—
Mrs. H. C. Bidwell drove down from North Powder Tuesday and visited her sisters, Mrs. Hugh Huron and Miss Anna Brooks of Brooks Lane.

To Entertain Club—
Members of the Women's club of Imbler are looking forward to their meeting next Wednesday when they will be guests of Mrs. Walter Hutchison in La Grande.

Pinochle Club—
Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hug of Pumpkin Ridge entertained the members of the Willow Creek Pinochle club Saturday that day being the birthday of Mrs. Hug and her daughter, Shirley. At serving time a beautiful big birthday cake covered with candles occupied the center of the table. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jim McKinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight and son, Loren, and daughter, Rosalyn, Ed Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron and son, Bob, the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hug, son Bud and daughter, Shirley.

Salmon Fishing—
Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinnis of near Summerville went salmon fishing. They have not yet heard what success they had. Several people have caught salmon in Willow Creek south of Summerville.

To Salem—
Mrs. Walter M. Pierce of the valley was called to Salem this week by the death of Mrs. Virginia Alexander, state librarian. We have heard that Mrs. Pierce has been assisting at the library until Mrs. Bacon's successor shall have been chosen and taken up her duties.

Orchards Advanced—
According to state representative, H. H. Weatherpoon, of Rock Wall district, if the present weather continues, his orchards will be in

full bloom by the first of the month. This is very early, according to Mr. Weatherpoon, but he is of the opinion that that will be beyond danger of damage by further cold weather. At least he is optimistic about it and is not fearing too early blossoming.

Making Improvements—
All of the auto tourist camps about La Grande are in the midst of a program of improvements looking toward a busy season this year. Pine Cone camp in the canyon about two miles west of La Grande is putting up a number of its two room modern cabins and is otherwise improving that beautiful camping spot. The camp has been running all winter. The swimming pool will not be opened until warmer weather is here. Mr. Davis at the Oregon Trail camp east of La Grande is just completing four cabins which are perhaps the most modern of any of the camps. They have two rooms, individual toilets and lavatories and garage. The cabins are each equipped with a bed and a day bed, stove, sink, breakfast nook in addition to the comfort features. This makes 21 cabins at this camp. Others are also making extensive improvements.

Doing Nicely—
Norvin Woodell of near Imbler, who is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital is making satisfactory improvement from his operation for appendicitis performed the first of the week.

Starting to Russia—
I. E. Chenault of the Valeria district has recently received word that his son, Ray Chenault, of Seattle but very well known in this valley—his old home—is starting on a trip tomorrow, sailing from Seattle with Russia as his destination. Mr. Chenault, who is connected with the Wallace Construction company of Seattle goes to the island of Sagalin, where he will supervise the erection of several steel buildings being put up for a salmon fishery concern. Mr. Chenault's first port will be Yokohama, then Vladivostok and then to the island where he will live for the next six months. This island is located about 800 miles north of the Japanese islands and is half owned by Japan and half by Russia.

Strip Border Irrigation—
Charles DeHaas of near the Cove with the assistance of county agriculturist, Harry Avery, has finished surveying a plot of 25 acres on the DeHaas farm, which has also been leveled and other preliminaries arranged for another experiment in strip border irrigation. DeHaas will have alfalfa on the twenty acres.

Directors in Session—
The new board of directors of the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association met last evening at the federal building, to make plans for the next year's work.

Give Health Program—
There were big doings today at the Willowdale school near La Grande and in it participated the pupils of the school, the members of the P. T. A. and of course, back of it all was the inspiration of the teacher, Miss Frances Kelly. At noon the P. T. A. sprung a surprise on the children by serving a picnic lunch and it was everything that the first picnic of the season should be. It was followed by the afternoon program when all the children in the school had parts in the health program. They appeared in costumes which they fashioned themselves and gave a very interesting play. Honor pins were awarded to Roy Fishman, Harold Schwelke, Jean Spilkes, Margaret and Ruth Fisher, County Superintendent and Mrs. E. A. Sayre were special guests.

Sheep Club Meets—
The Imbler Sheep club held a meeting Thursday night at the school, with the local leader, Frank McKinnis and County Agriculturist Harry Avery both present. Five more members have been added to the club since it was first organized, Keith McKinnis, Clifford Royce, Wilford Conklin, Dale Stanley, Ferrel Skilling. Club business was transacted and a talk on "Housing and Feeding Equipment" by Bob Huron and one on "How to Fill Out the Record Sheets" by Mr. Avery made up the program. Clifford Conrad was to make a talk on "Feeding" but he was unable to be present. At the next meeting on May 1, Dale Stanley is to give a history of the Hampshire sheep and Clayton Fox on judging the good points of a sheep. This was the third meeting for this year. The new club raising is that each club must hold ten meetings during the year.

Tans Some Dinner—
Members of the Union county chamber of commerce—and there were 81 of them present—are very lavish with their words of praise concerning the dinner served them Friday by the Aid society of the Island City Community church. This group long ago established its reputation along this line and Tuesday's dinner simply agreed with all of its predecessors. The church was very attractive with its decorations of the spring flowers, so beautiful now. A chicken dinner was served, the chicken

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

QUICK CHOCOLATE CAKE
One tablespoon butter.
One cup sugar.
One egg.
One teaspoon baking powder.
One-fourth teaspoon salt.
One cup flour.
Three-fourths cup milk.
One-half teaspoon vanilla.
Two squares unsweetened chocolate.

Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten egg yolk. Sift baking powder and salt with flour and add to the butter mixture, together with milk. Stir in melted chocolate. Mix well. Fold in beaten egg white. Bake in greased loaf tin in a moderate oven. Ice when cold with following:

Mocha Icing
One tablespoon butter.
One tablespoon cocoa.
One cup confectioner's sugar.
Two tablespoons strong coffee.
One-half teaspoon vanilla.
Cream butter, cocoa and sugar. Add coffee and vanilla. Mix until smooth and spread on top of cake.

having been served along with delicious vegetables, salads and pie with coffee for dessert. The committee who were responsible for the arrangements, had the support of each member of the organization, but the responsibility fell on the following—Kirchen, Mrs. Florence Irwin, Mrs. Reba Davis, Mrs. O. O. Shaffer, Mrs. Orin Anson and Mrs. Dick Smith, dining room, Mrs. John Schroeder, Mrs. Fred Kiddle, Mrs. Albert Stein and Mrs. I. Sauffer; soliciting, Mrs. C. H. Bidwell, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. John Dahlstrom, Mrs. Reba Davis and Mrs. Dick Smith.

Weekend in Country—
W. S. McMillan of La Grande went to the country yesterday and will spend the weekend at the home of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Ralph Wells and family of the Valeria district.

Post-Nuptial Party—
The Willow Creek people had a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Marcus May Tuesday night. They took refreshments and the evening was spent playing cards and getting acquainted with the bride. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Reid Ribbard and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight and children, Mr. Beam and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Binehart, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron, John Kerr, Ed Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hug and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams of Spokane, Miss Mae Stevens of Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stevens, Anna Carson of Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus May.

Friends Visit—
Mrs. Bertha Millard and daughter, Annie, of Enterprise, were weekend visitors at the Garrett Blokland home near Island City. Mrs. Millard, who is the librarian at Enterprise and Mrs. Blokland have been life-long friends.

Make Stop Here—
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hawley and son, Brooks, drove down from Sumpter and spent the night with Mrs. Hawley's sisters, Anna Brooks and Mrs. Hugh Huron on Brooks Lane. They drove on through to Moscow, Idaho, the next day to visit Mr. Hawley's father, who is 87 years old and is getting quite feeble. They drove back through Central Idaho and did not come through the Grande Ronde valley. They report a very pleasant trip having been gone about a week.

Georgia Meets—
Tomorrow is regular meeting day for Blue Mt. grange. Dinner is to be served at noon by section number two.

Selects Club Animals—
County Agriculturist Harry G. Avery spent a part of the day last Sunday selecting the lambs for the sheep club members. First he picked lambs for Evelyn McKinnis and Josephine Fisher at the Frank and Toath McKinnis ranches, then one each for Keith McKinnis and Bob Huron at the Hugh Huron place, and also one each for Ferrel Schilling and Clifford Royce at the Mike Royce place.

Visits Sister—
J. H. Henderson was in the valley last week visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. Garrett Blokland near Island City. Mr. Henderson has been spending the winter at Long Beach, California and from here went to Enterprise where he will remain on his place through the summer.

Plan for Oregon Day—
Most of the schools over the county are making preparations for a special program for Friday, May 2nd, two weeks from today which will be Oregon day.

Eggs in Oregon—
For 154 farms scattered throughout the state, the average cost of producing a dozen eggs was 23.7 cents, according to a study made by the Oregon experiment station, covering the years 1926 to 1929

inclusive. The actual average price received by growers for the same period was 23.1 cents. This applied to nearly four million dozen eggs, making this study one of the most complete of its kind ever carried on.—Farm Bulletin.

Associations Over The State Do Good Work

With the end of the second year of operation of the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association just drawing to a close, those who have belonged to the group and have had their cows tested regularly and officially are very enthusiastic over the accomplishments even during this comparatively short period of time. Not in the situation here an isolated one, the reports are the same from all over the state of Oregon.

Dairy progress in Oregon during 1929, was marked by an increase in cow-testing association work and the control of infectious diseases of dairy cattle. According to reports of county agents in the office of F. L. Ballard, state county agent leader, there were 16 Dairy Herd Improvement associations operating in the state during 1929, in which 12,729 cows were tested, and for which production record feed cost records, and profits and loss statements were obtained. As a result 1026 unprofitable cows were discarded. These associations served 632 dairymen located in 24 counties.

In control of infectious diseases many educational meetings, circular letters, newspaper articles and cleanup demonstrations were arranged or prepared by county agents. This resulted in vastly increased activity among dairymen in control of the contagious abortion disease. Forty-three thousand cows in 454 herds were tested, indicating an increase of more than 150 per cent in the number of herds tested, as compared with that of the previous year.

The activity of dairymen in this field places Oregon in a leading position among all states in controlling this menace to industry, according to dairy authorities.

Local Butter Passed On By State College

Seventy-five per cent of the butter produced in Oregon comes from creameries which have their butter analyzed and scored by the O. S. C. dairy products department. Dr. G. Wilster, professor of dairy manufactures, receives two-pound samples from each of 50 creameries throughout the state every month, and the butter is examined and scored while fresh and again after four weeks storage.

Three judges act as tasters in determining butter quality. H. C. Itaven, Raven Dairy company; E. E. Savett, Idaho dairy; and L. B. Ziemer, deputy dairy and food commissioner, are coming from Portland Monday to do official testing this month. They will have 100 samples to taste, 50 of which are a month old.

This examination is done in connection with experimental work as well as for public service. Dr. Wilster, aided by Arthur W. Cole, graduate student from North Dakota who is studying growth of yeasts and molds in butter, and Mr. Cole is doing research study to determine the number of yeasts and molds which grow in butter.

Georgia has increased its asparagus production five-fold since 1929 and now ranks fourth among the states in this crop.

WOOLGROWERS IN PROFITABLE MEET, FOR MARKETING

About 4000 fleeces were signed up for the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers association, and over 5000 lambs were listed for shipment in the Union county lamb pool, formed at a meeting, called by County Agriculturist Harry Avery Tuesday evening at the post-office building.

According to Mr. Avery, the meeting was well attended. Thirty-eight sheep owners representing about 8000 sheep were present. Lloyd Pierce, a director of the Union County Wool Growers association acted as chairman of the meeting.

Wool marketing was discussed by Fred W. Herrin, of Medford, who is a director of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers association. Lamb marketing was presented and discussed by the county agriculturist, assisted by J. R. Fletcher, of Cove. Mr. Fletcher has had personal experience in shipping sheep in Southern Idaho, where the pool

ing a total of 14,824 lambs were shipped. Prices at home with 4 per cent shrinkage amounted to \$11.16 per hundred in June, \$11.14 per hundred in July, \$10.98 in August and \$9.52 in September.

Following the discussions, Mr. Pierce asked for comments on the plan from the wool growers themselves. J. R. Fletcher, of Cove, who is quite familiar with the management of the Gooding county, Idaho, pool gave a report of their success. T. B. Johnson, another wool grower endorsed the plan.

Ranch lambs totalling 2000 head and range lambs totalling more than 3,000 head were tentatively listed in the pool.

A temporary committee consisting of T. B. Johnson, Cove, chairman, A. H. Parsons, Elgin, Mike Royes, Summerville, Robert S. French and J. R. Fletcher, Cove, was elected to serve as directors of the Union county lamb pool. This group is having agreements prepared and will meet to complete their plans at the county agriculturist's office on Saturday, May 3rd.

Between 15,000 and 16,000 fleeces are now signed up in the Pacific Cooperative (which represents about one-half) as compared

with something less than 5,000 last year. The 5000 lambs listed probably represent a little less than 20 per cent of the crop of lambs, but a little more than that per cent of market lambs—the number of ewe lambs being kept out for breeding purposes having been deducted from the total.

According to Mr. Avery, Tuesday evening's meeting was one of the best meetings of men interested in this particular line of the farming industry in a long time.

COLLEGIAN KIDNAPED
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Apr. 17 (AP)—After trudging 20 miles in his bare feet from a cabin in the Blue mountains where his abductors had left him, Vernon Wilkerson, senior at Whitman college, who was kidnaped Tuesday night presumably to prevent him from participating in a campus election, was located last night about 10 miles from Walla Walla. He was apparently none the worse for his experience.

A woman is running for mayor in each of three towns in Humboldt county, Iowa, smallest county in the state.

WIVES! SUPPOSE YOUR HUSBAND SHOULD READ THIS AD. Illustration of a man and a woman.

Just suppose your husband should read this ad to choose your food supplies! He would be sure to notice the wide variety, the reasonable items, the well-known guaranteed brands, and of course, the economical prices would catch his eye. And if you told him of our courteous service, excellent values and consistent savings he would most surely compliment your splendid judgment on selecting our stores as your food buying headquarters.

TIMELY FOOD FEATURES SATURDAY & MON.

High Grade Vegetables, Mothers China Oats, GINGERALE Canada Dry, MARSHMALLOWS 5-lb. box, GRAPEFRUIT Fancy No. 2 cans, 2 for 39c, MACMARR FLOUR 49-lbs. \$1.59, MASHOLA For Easter Salads, BUTTER, PALMOLIVE, LOG CABIN SYRUP, PANCAKE FLOUR, Sperry's Prepared, SPECIAL PRODUCE FEATURES, LETTUCE—3 Crisp Heads 25c, ASPARAGUS—Fancy Green, 2 lbs. 23c, NEW POTATOES—3 lbs. 29c, NEW PEAS—2 lbs. 25c.

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