OVER THE VALLEY

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Will Cull Herds—
One of the important steps taken by members of the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association when it met at the office of the county agricultural agent was the move looking toward higher herd production records by the elimination of cows thought to be unprofitable, and in this instance these were cows whose production of butterfat fell below 240 pounds, the adopted minimum standard of production. If this recommendation is followed by individual members of the association it will mean the disposal of 49 cows. Union county cows have had a low average production record among the testing associations of the state, it is said, but the lower cost of production in this locality has offset that somewhat.

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Sells Purebred Animals—
Wilbur Zurbrick, of Moss Chapel neighborhood, who raises some fine purebred livestock, last Saturday sold six of his purebred Hereford bulls to Jack Tippett and J. Chenoweth of Enterprise.

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Home from California—
Mrs. J. A. Holman of near Island City returned home Thursday evening from California where she has been sojourning since Christmas at the home of her daughter and family, the Weatherfords. Mrs. Holman looks fine, says she feels that way and was very glad to be at home again.

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To Portland—
Mrs. Everett Wallsinger, of the Valeria district, left early Sunday morning in company with Mrs. Charles Graham, of La Grande, to attend the state health meeting which is being held in the Rose city. Mrs. Wallsinger will also visit her sister, Miss DeLong while there. She plans being away from home about a week. Everett SAYS he gets along splendidly on his own cooking and has just what he wants but what he said about the coffee he made himself was nobody's business.

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Better—
Ode Shaffer, of Moss Chapel, who has been among the sick, is said to be much better the last few days.

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Moves to Wallowa County—
Andrew Anderegg, who came into this valley a year or more ago from Umatilla county, and located on a dairy farm in the vicinity of Hot Lake, has recently moved up to Wallowa county, the story of the change having been given last week by the Enterprise Record-Chieftain as follows:

A new dairyman arrived in the county to make his home Monday. This was Andrew Anderegg, who came from Island City, with 20 head of Holstein cattle, including old and young. He unloaded at Enterprise and drove his fine herd to the ranch he has bought five miles south of Enterprise and about two miles from Joseph.

Mr. Anderegg is reported to be a skilled maker of Swiss cheese. He has been farming in Union county.

He has bought the J. S. Amey ranch, adjoining the Carl Whitmore and R. A. Shinn places. It formerly was owned by Sam and Fred Shinn. The farm has 160 acres with much good pasture land and enough plow land, and with good improvements. It lies off the main road and is reached by going through a field, and is due east of C. E. Crow's home.

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Give Shower—
Mrs. Henry Hermann of the Island City-Cove highway and her daughter, gave a shower for their niece and cousin, Miss Peggy Walters, Tuesday night at Mrs. Smith's home in the Island. The honor guest received many lovely presents. Refreshments were served lat in th evening. Those present were Mrs. Elmer Case, Mrs. Sam Irwin, Ula and Beulah Prouty, Mildred Wardell, Mrs. Dick Smith, Mrs. Albert Wardell, Mrs. Lee Smith, Mrs. Milo Blokland, Mrs. Hubert Walters, Georgia Walters, Mrs. Ray Blokland, Mrs. John Dahlstrom and Wilma Smith.

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The Quilt Exhibit—
The ladies in charge of the quilt exhibit held at the Cove gym one afternoon last week were surprised and highly gratified at the interest shown. Between 95 and 100 women examined the showing of quilts, spreads and other articles, besides the girls of the seventh and eighth grades and the high school girls. Those from a distant were Mrs. J. B. Weimer, Wilmerth Weimer, Mrs. Della Rees, Mrs. Grace Thornbrue and Mrs. Cynthia Saling, of Hilgard, Mrs. Marvin Blake, Mrs. C. T. Lindsay, Mrs. Roy Carper, Mrs. Ralph Webb, Mrs. Robert Chandler and Mrs. Clyde Bloom, of La Grande, Mrs. Emma Neely of Portland and Mrs. Lela M. Dean of Nampa, Idaho.

Quilts of every kind were represented. Applique quilts, crazy quilts, silk quilts, embroidered quilts and pieced quilts, besides a number of home spun and home woven spreads. One spread owned by Mrs. John Dean was 114 years old. A number of spreads woven by Grandma Harris, who died about two years ago were shown. A spread owned by Mrs. A. McClain was on display, which had a picture of George Washington woven into the pattern. Altogether there were between 45 and 50 quilts and spreads shown.

Among the other antiques were a China tureen which had been in the Peterman family 200 years, a willow platter which was 100 years old and owned by Mrs. Ralph Comstock, a silk scarf 150 years old. A number of quilts were almost 100 years old. The prizes were given to Mrs. Mildred Packler on her quilt, 105 years old, the oldest one shown, Mrs. J. L. Gibson for the best pieced quilt, Mrs. Harry Fisher for the best quilted quilt, Mrs. Annie Miller for the best appliqued quilt, Mrs. Helen Conklin for the best embroidered quilt. Mrs. J. Rundall received honorable mention on her silk crazy quilt. All the old quilts shown were in a perfect state of preservation and the quilting on the older quilts was not duplicated on the newer quilts shown, although many beautiful and colorful quilts were shown which had been made within the last year. The idea of the quilt exhibit originated with the members of the Ladies Guild, but since the guild is financially so well situated at present, they offered the Woman's club the opportunity of serving the silver tea, which netted the club exactly $5.

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Return Home—
Mrs. Lynn Hill and son, Lloyd, have returned to their home in Elgin. They have been at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. D. Huffman on Cove avenue while Mrs. Hill was recuperating from a recent and severe attack of the flu.

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Visiting—
Mrs. Ralph Smith of Pumpkin Ridge went to La Grande Saturday where she visited with friends and relatives and then planned to go on to Union for a visit with her mother.

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Make Stop Here—
Prof. O. M. Nelson, sheep specialist and member of the O. A. C. faculty, has had his senior class in animal husbandry on a field trip the last week or so, bringing them to Eastern Oregon to get some first hand instruction in sheep management. The most of the time was spent in the John Day country where the boys were assigned to different sheep outfits. After finishing there they came on to this vicinity and inspected the farm flocks at the Eastern Oregon experiment station, the S. E. Miller, Lloyd Pierce and J. D. Dobbins flocks. There were ten students in the party and they camped out on the expedition. They spent one night at the experiment station with Robert Withycombe as host and it is needless to add that he did all he could to add to the comfort of the visitors from the college.

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Visits Sister—
Mrs. George Carnes, who teaches at Muddy Creek, and her daughter, Leonora, visited Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Dahlstrom and family of Moss Chapel.

Purchase Acreage—
Rysdam brothers of Cricket Flat have recently acquired by purchase 320 acres of fine farm land which adjoins their present farm and is commonly known as the Bird Smith farm. The Rysdam brothers are among the largest landholders in that part of the county.

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More Clubs at Cove—
The 4-H Cooking clubs, numbers one and two have organized at Cove for the spring work. Members of cooking I are Marjorie Smith, Doris and Lois Clark, Helen VanVlack, and LaVerne Houx. The officers are Helen Lloid, president; Mildred Hagey, vice president and Pearl Lindsay, secretary. Themembers in cooking II are Phyllis Handcock, Bertha White, Lona Nelda Price, Maxine Towle, and the officers are Velma Richards, president; Nellie Meroney, vice president; and Kathleen Comstock, secretary. The leaders for the clubs are Mrs. E. H. Bell and Mrs. J. R. Price. At the first meeting of club II held Friday, plans were made for following meetings and the program of work was outlined. It was voted that the first girl to finish the required work would be the guest of honor at the luncheon or supper which is one of the ten groups of work required in this club's program.

To Set Out Cherries—
Ray Cope who has recently returned to the valley after several years residence in California, is planning to set out several acres in sweet cherries on his place across the river from Elgin, this spring. Mr. Cope recently purchased the Harris Rainbow apple orchard which transaction was recorded in these columns.

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Has Birthday Celebration—
Harold Roy Hermann celebrated his eighth birthday Sunday with a party at the home of his sister, Mrs. Howard Smith in Island City. A peanut hunt was staged and Tommy Mullenberg won the prize for finding the most nuts. The youngsters had a lovely time and enjoyed the refreshments served later. Those who shared in Harold's party were Clarence Mullenburg, Tommy Mullenburg, Wilfred Hamann, Anita Hermann, Keith Simmons, Bobbie Simmons, Reta Walters, Donald Walters, Helen Roberts, Jack Bair, Harry Hermann, Truman Irwin, Alfred Perrine, Verna Walters and Corrine Walters.

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Sale Is Successful—
A number of relatives from this valley were in Wallowa county last week to attend the closing out sale of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Davidhizar. That the sale was a success is recorded by the Enterprise Record-Chieftain. — No signs of hard times were noticed at the auction sale held by H. B. Davidhizar last Thursday on the former Bauer farm on the river two miles south of Enterprise. The attendance was large and bidding was brisk at good prices. The sale reached a total of $4,236, of which more than $600

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A SEASONABLE RECIPE

CHOCOLATE POTATO CAKE

1 cup sugar.
¾ cup butter.
3 eggs.
1 cup mashed potatoes (freshly cooked).
1 cup sour milk.
1 teaspoon soda.
1½ cups flour.
2 squares chocolate.
¼ cup hot water.
1 cup chopped nuts.
1 cup ground raisins.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
½ teaspoon salt.

Mix in the order given, creaming butter and sugar, adding beaten eggs, mashed potatoes, then chocolate, melted in hot water. Dissolve soda in sour milk, then add alternately with the dry ingredients, which have been sifted together. Add raisins, nuts and flavoring.

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Tuesday, March 10

12-1 p. m., Farm Program; 12:10, In the day's news; 12:25, "Root Injury and Pear Blossom Wilt," Prof. H. P. Barss; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.

2-2:30 p. m., Around the Campus.

2:30-3:30, p. m., Homemaker Hour; 2:30, Cousin Jane, "The Home Sewing Center"; 2:45, Review of Magazine Articles, Mrs. Sara Prentiss; 3, "How Can You Guide in Sex Education?" Mrs. Sara Prentiss.

6:30-7:30 p. m., Farm Program; 6:30, In the day's news; 6:45, Market reports, crops and weather forecast; 7:15, "Cereals for Spring Planting," D. D. Hill.

7:30-8 p. m., Poultry Husbandry Course, Lesson 19, "I Want to Know," Prof. A. G. Lunn.

8:15-9:15 p. m., Concert by the college cadet band.

Wednesday, March 11

12-12:45 p. m., Farm Program; 12:10, In the day's news; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.

12:45-1:30 p. m., American Legion organ program from Whiteside theatre.

2-2:30 p. m., Around the Campus.

2:30-3:30 p. m., Homemaker Hour; 2:30, Cousin Jane, "Spring Clothing for the Youngest"; 3, "Cutting Down the Meat Bill," Georgia Bibee; 3:15, Safeguarding Your Food and Drug Supply, "Buying Canned Foods."

6:30-7:30 p. m., Farm Program; 6:30, In the day's news; 6:45, Market reports, crops and weather forecast; 7, "Spring Feeding and Care of Draft Horses," B. W. Rodenwold; 7:15, "Improvement of Butter Quality by Farm Refrigeration," F. E. Price.

7:30-8 p. m., Radio Shorthand Contest, conducted by Prof. H. T. Vance.

Thursday, March 12

12-1 p. m., Farm Program; 12:10, In the day's news; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.

2-2:30 p. m., Around the Campus.

2:30-3:30 p. m., Homemaker Hour; 2:30, Cousin Jane, "Paper for Kitchen Jobs"; 3, "Keeping the High School Girl Up-to-Date," Margaret Brew; 3:20, With Uncle Sam's Naturalists.

3:30-4 p. m., The Home Garden.

6:30-7:30 p. m., Farm Program; 6:30, In the day's news; 6:45, Market reports, crops and weather forecast; 7, "Land Fertilization for Vegetable Growing," Prof. A. G. Bouquet; 7:15, With the Poultry Flock.

7:30-7:45 p. m., "Guardianships," by R. M. Alton and M. H. Erz.

7:45-8:45 p. m., Co-Ed Debate, Oregon State college vs. University of Oregon on the question: "Resolved, That Gandhi Has Been a Benefit to India."

Friday, March 13

12-1 p. m., Farm Program; 12:10, In the day's news; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.

2-2:30 p. m., Around the Campus.

2:30-3:30 p. m., Homemaker Hour; 2:30, Cousin Jane, "A Chicken Pie Dinner"; 2:40, "A Child's Wholesome Idea of God," Dr. E. W. Warrington; 3, A Story, by Lenna Guthrie.

6:30-7:30 p. m., Farm Program; 6:30, In the day's news; 6:45, Market reports, crops and weather forecast; 7, "Brown Rot and Prune Disease Problems," Prof. H. P. Barss; 7:15, "Cherry Soils, Fertilizers and Cover Crops," O. T. McWhorter.

7:30-8 p. m., Business Institute of the Air, "Retail Merchandising Costs," Prof. E. E. Bosworth.

8:15-8:45 p. m., Stories from American History; 8:20, Address by Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook.

Saturday, March 14

12-1 p. m., Farm Program; 12:10, In the day's news; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.

6:30-7:30 p. m., Farm Program; 6:30, In the day's news; 6:45, Market reports, crops and weather forecast

RECOMMENDATIONS OF 1931 ECONOMIC CONF. COVER DISCUSSIONS

Following the several days devoted to the discussion of all phases of the farm industry, the annual economic conference held in this county after the first of each year, sums up its decisions in a group of resolutions, one adopted by each different group. These resolutions, then, cover, or attempt to cover the present status of th industry, changes that may or should be made and the outlook. The eighth annual conference held in La Grande last month was considered by those who attended it a very important one, with groups of representativ men and women facing fairly and squarely the numerous and difficult problems of the day. The resolutions adopted by the various groups, which give a good idea of the conferences, are given in full as follows:

DAIRY REPORT

Butter Substitutes

The dairy group endorses the bills now before the legislature for the control and taxing of butter substitues and urge upon the Union county and other legislators that suitable legislation on this order be adopted at once.

We recommend that a special committee be formed to work out an educational plan to eliminate the use of butter substitutes in Union county.

Cost of Production

We recommend that each dairyman study in detail his cost of production and reduce it if possible as this is an item largely in control of the individual and has a very definite bearing on the profitableness of his farm.

The following recommendations were adopted by the conference a year ago. We feel that they are of enough importance to be re-asserted at this time:

Milk Sanitation

Argument: Abortion 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 butterfat 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 butterfat 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. Pasteurization is recommended where equipment is available.

Milk Distribution

Argument: There are some 14 or 15 dairymen making their own deliveries of milk in La Grande. In our opinion this creates an excessive cost in milk distribution. Conclusion: Expense and unnecessary effort could be reduced through one or two delivery systems at a saving to the dairymen and the consumer, and we recommend serious consideration of this point by raw milk distribution.

Outside Manufacture

Argument: Neighboring states are receiving publicity on the amount of dairy products they manufacture. As a matter of fact, considerable quantities of these dairy products are shipped to adjoining states by Union county producers. Conclusion: We recommend that all butterfat produced in Union county be manufactured into dairy products in this county or state. The committee thought it advisable to sometime during the year have a dairy tour and visit outstanding practical dairy farms in the county.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HORTICULTURE, ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

La Grande, February 11, 1931

Report by J. E. Mills on berry crop:

There is now being grown all the berries warranted by demand in local markets. This decision warranted by the fact that during part of the berry season of 1930, the local markets of the county were glutted at times with berries of various types to such a degree that the fruit had to be sold at times below the cost of production.

There being no organization of growers in the county it is impossible to pool the product in a way that would create orderly marketing.

Report by T. C. Hefty on Fertilizing of Fruits:

Experiments carried on by him during the past year without any check plots and having been carried on for one season only he did not feel that enough had been determined that would justify any decision as to benefits.

Report by Mr. L. Lantz of Cove on Pooling and Production of Cherries for Sale:

Mr. Lantz produced figures showing returns received by the Cove-Union Cherry pool, clearly indicating that said pool did receive for their fruit an average of 3 cents per pound more for Lamberts, 2 cents per pound more for Bings and 2 cents per pound more for Royal Anns, than was received by independent growers in the Grande Ronde valley.

With the proof in evidence in this matter, all growers should endeavor to market through pooling, as much better grades can be made under organized packing methods at a great saving to the producers, also fruit can be harvested, packed and rolled much quicker, always assuring the products standing up better for delivery.

Mr. McWhorter of O. S. C., Specialist on Fertilizing:

The speaker produced check maps with figures worked out during the past year showing various types of fertilizers now on the market and claims by those manufacturing same, also their cost and claimed values.

His address proved very conclusively that, while there may be some virtue in some of the mixtures that are being offered to the public, most of such so far have not apparently worked out as a cure-all for fertilizer needs.

In the figures produced on charts exhibited, his hearers were most impressed with the fact that for Eastern Oregon as we are situated alfalfa hay and sweet clover hay far exceed any of the prepared products.

His checking showed that above hay properly applied has a fertilizing value of from $10 to $20 per ton which is far above the feeding price of such hay as a rule, and further figures produced by him prove that such hay can be produced and applied to the lands at a price of $7 or less per ton, thus cutting down the cost of fertilizer for our land more than half as against using commercial prepared product.

His talk was very convincing and any one hearing him could not doubt the facts as stated. This should save all tree fruit growers much money in coming years and will enable them to build up their lands each year, to more than compensate for the amount of productive energy lost in growing crops each year.

Production and Outlook for Apples by Mr. Ray Wilson, of Imbler:

Due to the fact that Mr. Wilson was not present, your chairman touched on this subject for a few minutes.

In apple growing, although we have received the lowest price for several years, the same can be said of prices in all other commodities.

Notwithstanding the low prices, the export demand was very good and enabled growers to market a very large volume of fruit that would have been impossible to do in the U. S.

Growers able to pack their fruit by having their own storage and necessary machinery, marketing largely direct rather than through selling agencies received a profit for their efforts for the year.

Due to the fact that apple prices are based largely or entirely on supply and demand and that all such fruit production is governed entirely by the seasonal conditions, there is nothing in the picture that should discourage owners of orchards now bearing except that the depressed condition of times may for a short period slow up consumption and demand the same as in all other farm commodities. Even then shortage in yield due to weather conditions may bring back to us over night, prices that would yield handsome returns.

Persons having good fruit lands that can be set to apples in the belief of your chairman, will make no mistake in setting same provided the right varieties suitable to the land are used, and in due time they will find such orchards coming into bearing. Demand for apples will no doubt then be stronger than any grower has witnessed for the past ten years, due mainly to the fact that all orchards of the entire Northwest are past the middle life of their commercial bearing, hence supply will be reduced largely through the abandonment of the old orchards.

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. WEATHERSPOON,
Chairman, Horticulture Committee.

Poultry Committee Report

Poultry prices are low in keeping with general economic conditions. No expected rise in egg prices is anticipated before July. The poultry business is a short term business and will adjust itself more quickly than longer term farm commodities.

Th poultry industry has suffered from heavy importations of dried egg products, lack of advertising of the food merits of eggs, general unemployment and general lack of organized effort.

Cold storage dealers and speculators lost heavily in storage eggs and will be hesitant about storage operations in 1931 unless the price is low. There is a heavy carryover of frozen egg products which will have a depressed buying effect on undergrade eggs during the normal storage season.

A general reduction of poultry flocks throughout the nation is indicated by heavy sales of laying flocks and greatly reduced volume of baby chick orders from hatcheries everywhere.

After early summer, prices are expected to show strength. Prices during the summer, fall and winter of 1931 should be better than in 1930, even under the existing employment situation. If labor conditions improve, the poultry industry will derive additional benefit. Egg prices in Oregon are not likely to seek lower levels during the spring flush of production due to efforts of coast cooperatives to at least keep their members in business during the low point through reserve, credit and storage operations.

Building costs are low, feed prices are seeking low levels, the poultry population is reduced, replacement stock is below normal, efforts are in progress to curtail importations of foreign dried eggs, efforts are in progress to establish a permanent advertising plan, so all in all the poultry picture is not so depressing for the individual who can finance for the future years a normal replacement or reasonable expansion.

Union county poultrymen receive better egg prices than other sections because their home market absorbs the present production, with very little volume competition from outside sources. Feed prices are out of line and need study.

Union county at present should not expand unwisely to the point of low volume surplus. It is not in a position to expect to develop to the point of volume surplus for Eastern shipment.

The industry in Union county operates on an even keel and, beyond individual farm adjustment, the committee does not recommend any wide expansion.

The poultry industry as a whole is sound. This period of depression will bring about a greater degree of efficiency on the part of all operators able to withstand these few months of readjustment.

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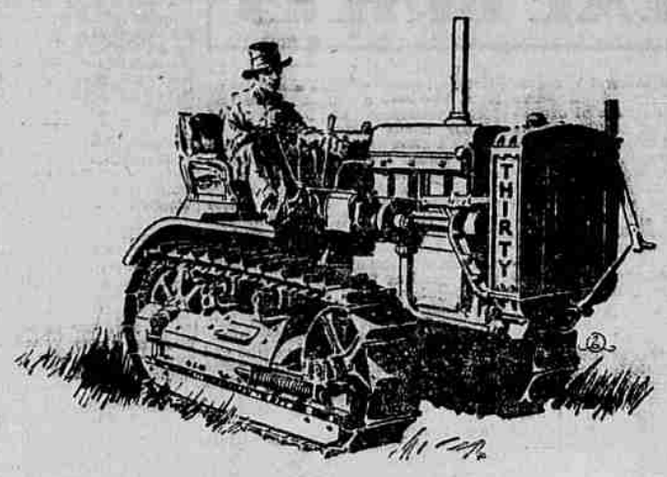

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