

# OVER THE VALLEY

Mabel E. Merton, Valley News Editor

**Mrs. Lillie Baker**—As this is being written Mrs. Lillie Baker, well known over the valley is hovering between life and death at a La Grande hospital, her condition having been regarded as critical following an operation which revealed a ruptured appendix. The news of Mrs. Baker's illness since the first of the week has aroused general and sincere sorrow together with a wish and prayer that there might be a change for the better. A few years ago, Mrs. Baker, with her son lived on her farm in the Dry Creek neighborhood, and following its sale to Mr. Pottratz, who now lives there, the two moved to La Grande. Her children have been at her bedside since the middle of the week.

**From Idaho**—John Jasper arrived in the valley the first of the week from his home in Meridian, Idaho, called by the condition of his brother, William Jasper, aged valley resident who fell and fractured his hip last week.

**To Seattle**—Earl Robinson returned Thursday morning to his home in Seattle, following a vacation visit with his relatives in Cove and lower Cove. Mrs. Robinson and the baby remained for a longer stay at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Childers at lower Cove.

**Has Menials**—Miss Dorothy Barker, prominent student at the Eastern Oregon Normal school has developed a case of menialitis after having been detained at her home near Cove for a few days by illness.

**Heavy Feeding**—Sheep and cattle men over the valley are noticing a big difference in the amount of feed used during November and December this year, as compared with last year. The last month has called for heavy feeding as the pastures have been pretty well covered with snow.

**Pleasant Grove Grange**—What great times they are having at Pleasant Grove grange now! In spite of bad roads and bad weather, a large and enthusiastic crowd took part in the regular meeting held Saturday, Dec. 5. This was election night and the following were elected:

- Master, Frank McKennon.
- Overseer, W. A. Bull.
- Lecturer, Katie Woodell.
- Steward, Howard Pottratz.
- Assistant Steward, Bill Fries.
- Chaplain, Mabel E. Merton.
- Treasurer, Miles Woodell.
- Secretary, J. J. Murchison.
- Gatekeeper, Wayne Frizzell.
- Ceres, Martha Johnston.
- Pomona, Inez Fries.
- Lady, Vesta Frizzell.
- Flora, assistant steward, Bernice Johnston.

**Removes the cast**—Although the cast has been removed from the arm of Mrs. E. E. Hughes, who lives near La Grande, Mrs. Hughes has not yet been able to return home from Boise, where she went to spend Thanksgiving and where the accident occurred wherein she fractured her left arm. The bones are knitting satisfactorily, it is said, and Mrs. Hughes is looking forward to her return home which will be within the next few weeks.

**Makes Club**—Out of the group of young people who tried out for the Dramatic club at Whitman college, recently, Glen Henderson, of the Lone Star district, was among those chosen so he learns from Mrs. Todd Henderson, Glen is a former E. O. N. student and was a hard worker in the Dramatic club here.

**Has Birthday**—Recently, when Miss Maxine Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley, of near the Cove would celebrate her thirteenth birthday, her sister, Miss Vina Conley of La Grande brought a carload of girl friends out with her from La Grande for the celebration. In the group were Delda, Rebah and Maiva Gray, Barbara Fines and Lavada Millerling. First on the program was the birthday dinner, which all enjoyed so much. Then there was an evening of games and fun, then the slumber party. The guests returned the next morning to La Grande with Miss Conley.

**At the next regular meeting** of the Pleasant Grove grange which comes a week from tonight, a large class of candidates for the first and second degrees will be admitted to the grange. The degree work will be exemplified by the grange degree team. The program will be furnished by the Juvenile Grange. There will also be a Christmas tree and all members attending are asked to bring a five or ten cent gift to present to some other member. Supper will be served by the Home Economics committee.

**Pleasant Grove grange** is inviting Blue Mountain grange and any other grange that would care to come to a joint installation of officers at the meeting to be held January 2, in the evening. At this meeting a play entitled "The Old School at Hickory Holler" will be presented by the grange.

This grange is certainly proud—and justly so—of its hall. It has just been papered—completely finished on the interior—under the direction of the grange's capable carpenter, John Lewis. As an extra social feature they have been having great times at their old-time dancing parties held at the hall the next one being this evening.

## A SEASONABLE RECIPE

- Prune Cake**
- 2 1/2 cups cake flour.
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder.
  - 1 teaspoon soda.
  - 1 teaspoon salt.
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
  - 1/2 cup shortening.
  - 1 1/2 cup sugar.
  - 2 eggs beaten.
  - 1 cup cooked prunes.
  - 1 cup sour milk.
  - Sift the flour before measuring.
  - Sift flour, baking powder, soda, cloves, allspice and cinnamon together three times.
  - Mix shortening and sugar.
  - Add well-beaten eggs and prunes.
  - Add the sour milk alternately with the dry ingredients.
  - Beat well.
  - Bake in greased, floured cake pan for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.
  - Ice with caramel icing.

**School has been adjourned** this past week at the Dry Creek school on account of the illness of the teacher, Mrs. Inez Fries.

**Get Two Coyotes**—Lenna Tucker and Charlie Barnhardt, of near Elgin, lived up to their reputation as coyote hunters by bagging two more of the furry animals last week. They sold the pelts to Chris Miller, of La Grande.

**Publish Paper**—The pupils of the North High Valley rural school, where Ruth Smalley of the valley is teaching this year, are getting out a school newspaper which makes its appearance twice each month. In it are chronicled the various items concerning the work of the school and the individual pupils and other items which make interesting reading for the pupils and for the patrons of the school, as well.

**From Hot Lake**—Mrs. Cora Bloom returned Wednesday to her home at Cove after having been for a time at Hot Lake with Mrs. Joe Goyette. Mrs. Goyette was taken to the lake for treatment for some gall stone trouble.

**Has Collision**—A Ford service truck from Joseph, coming toward La Grande failed to properly make the turn at Island City, according to Hoyle, on Wednesday of this week. The car swung around striking one of the gas pumps at the Hyde filling station and completely knocking out one of the pillars supporting the roof, even though it was set in cement. The blow set one of the gas pumps a few inches out of plumb being the only other damage done to the station. The impact of the collision however threw one of the occupants of the car up against the windshield, breaking the glass, stunning the woman and causing only minor bruises. The accident might have been, very easily, much more serious, it is said.

**Attends Club**—Mrs. Henry Hermann of the Cove highway attended the meeting of the Friendly Corner club at the Schwan's home in La Grande, Thursday all day.

**In Valley**—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Woodell, of Portland arrived in the valley this week called by the critical illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Baker.

**Hold Meetings**—Ray Hug, of Pumpkin Ridge who has been holding preaching services at various centers in the valley for the last few years, has just completed his second week of meetings at the hall in Imbler.

**Preparing Program**—The boys and girls of the Pleasant Grove school are preparing a Christmas program for the public which will be given on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 23.

**Johns Family**—Vaughan Bingham, of Payson, Utah arrived at the Peterson ranch near Hot Lake, Sunday to join his wife and two children who are spending the winter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McClellan.

**To Address Pupils**—Miss Amanda Zabel, head of the English department of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, goes to Cove Monday afternoon, where she will address the English students on "Vacation Reading."

**Visits**—Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Bloom and their ten-year-old son, home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gale, in Union. They were returning to Seattle, their home, from Nampa, where Dr. Bloom spent several weeks ago to have his arm amputated. It will be remembered that more than a year ago, during hunting season, the doctor's arm was accidentally severed when he was putting it in his car, and the bullet went through his left arm. Everything possible was done to save the arm but it finally became imperative that it be amputated. Dr. Bloom is well known in the valley, having spent his boyhood in Cove. He has been practicing dentistry in Seattle for many years and the loss of his arm will compel him to seek some other means of making a livelihood. It will be several months before he recovers from the shock and illness. His wife was formerly Miss Margaret McCallum, of Union.

**Ill**—Mrs. John Speckhart, of La Grande, so well known out in the valley, is still able to be about much. She has been ill for the last three weeks.

**To Have Initiation**—At the next regular meeting of the Pleasant Grove grange which comes a week from tonight, a large class of candidates for the first and second degrees will be admitted to the grange. The degree work will be exemplified by the grange degree team. The program will be furnished by the Juvenile Grange. There will also be a Christmas tree and all members attending are asked to bring a five or ten cent gift to present to some other member. Supper will be served by the Home Economics committee.

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**Arrives in Valley**—Her friends in the Elgin vicinity have received word from Mrs. Sarah Tuttle, of her arrival in Medford and Klamath Falls where she has gone to spend the winter with her son, Lee Tuttle and his children, Shirley and Joan and with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Garrett.

**Open Season Tonight**—Well, the basketball season opens tonight at Imbler with the annual game between the high school and the alumni team. Imbler is known for its splendid athletic programs throughout the year, and there is a large crowd of basketball fans just waiting for the whistle to blow tonight.

**Birthday Dinner**—Mr. and Mrs. Grant Conley, of lower Cove, entertained at their home recently in honor of the birthday anniversary of their sister, Miss Vina Conley, a teacher in the La Grande city schools. After the dinner, there was an evening at bridge, Mrs. Ralph Webb and Merrill Conley making the high scores. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Millerling, Mrs. Ralph Webb, Dr. W. K. Ross, Merrill Conley and Miss Conley.

**Guests**—Mrs. Wayne Park of near Summerville and Mrs. E. C. Combes of Summerville were dinner guests Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Hattie Wise in Imbler.

**Visit**—Mr. and Mrs. John Brugger of Elgin spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Hibbard, of the Willow Creek district.

**Arranging Program**—Mrs. Teresa Leslie, teacher of the Summerville school, is busy with her planning for the annual Christmas party and community tree which is given by and for the Summerville community through the school. This year there will be some change in the plan and the program will be given at the school house instead of the hall. The affair is scheduled for the evening of Dec. 23, which is Wednesday evening.

**At Sister's**—Mrs. Arch Burford of High Valley, visited Wednesday and Thursday with her sister, Mrs. W. O. Wheeler, in Union.

**To Vale**—Mrs. Besie O'Neill, who has been Observer correspondent at Perry for some months has gone to Vale, Ore., and news from that little community will be sent in now by Wilda O'Neill.

**From Eugene**—Marion Wagoner who has been making his home at Eugene has returned to the valley, and is visiting with relatives in the vicinity of Summerville.

**Club Meets**—Nine of the 11 members of the 4-H club in High Valley met at the school house with their leader, Mrs. Arch Burford, to take charge of their sewing endeavors. The five boys do bachelors sewing, four of the girls have Division I sewing, and the other two girls are in the handwork division. The club are working on quilts and the whole club is busy on their program for Christmas. The entertainment and Christmas tree will be held at the school house. Marjorie Alexander is president of the club this year, August Haefler is the treasurer.

## FROM CHINA

Recently we have had several inquiries concerning Ding Buo Lang, the brilliant young Chinese woman who spent several of her vacations in this valley while working for her master's degree in home economics at the Oregon State college. Buo Lang visited quite a bit in the valley, spoke before numerous gatherings and made many personal friends. In April of last year she called home for the college, she was called home by her mother's illness and death. She is now connected with Hwa Nan college, Foochow, China, from which she received her bachelor's degree and has now started a department in home economics. We pass on excerpts from her letter.

"I have found my work here rather interesting. I am teaching 10 hours this term, 15 in college and six in senior night. The courses that I am teaching are Elementary Nutrition, Method in Health Education, Physiology and Orientation in Home Ec. The latter one is given to the high school senior class. It is rather surprising that there are 40 out of 50 students of that class taking this course. Because of lack of Chinese, H. Ec. text book, I have to write the lesson every time. It keeps me more busy this way but I enjoy doing that very much. China today really need more of this kind of translation work though.

"I have heard from Dean Millam quite often. We are expecting her here about Christmas time. She probably will spend six weeks with us. Of course you have learned from papers about the trouble broken out between China and Japan. As you know, China is just suffering by flood and communist. The Japanese are taking this chance sending out troops to occupy our territory. I can't see of any right of doing this. Can you? Our Chinese are well-known of 'peace-loving.' We do not want to open war with her unless necessary. We will wait and see how the 'League of Nations' think and decide of this matter. At the same time, we are getting ready for the resistance. However we are against the wrong policy of Japan, yet we are not going to hate all the GOOD Japanese people.

"These days we are enjoying to hear Dr. Eddy and his wife's speech on 'What Can Save China.' He is certainly a wonderful speaker. He tells us so frankly and friendly. Almost every word he said comes from his heart. Oh, I would weep for it, when I hear him.

"How is your work? Remember me to my friends in your valley."

## Six Get Support On Half an Acre

Some few weeks ago a reader of this page found a story concerning a man, who until a couple of years ago was a machinist earning a good salary. When he found himself out of that job he took himself and the other five members of his family to a small acreage—only half an acre in fact, and he set about supporting his family on that piece of land.

Our reader agrees that the experience cannot be universal because of the wide variation in local conditions but he insists that the story should impress one with the fact that diversification is THE thing. He suggests also that the dry conditions here is a factor which might make a difference but with the prospects of irrigation water, a matter which seems more and more probable, the man with a small acreage as well as the larger land-owner should reap large benefits and the possibility of making a "go" on a small place would be assured. (Parenthetically the matter of irrigation for this locality, is being given much thought by residents of this valley.)

The story, which was handed us and which we give herewith concerns a man in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and reads like this:

Josey turned to a half acre of ground he had bought here and began cultivating it. That he is some cultivator is shown by the fact that he has made his tiny plot of ground support his family for two years.

He started with 85 and two good strong arms. He bought some seed. Others he borrowed or found in the field and woods.

Today the once barren lot is completely covered, with growing things that furnish much more food than is necessary for the family. It contains beans, peas, potatoes, cucumbers, radishes, corn, plums, peaches, pears, figs, onions, grapes and even two small date palms.

Outside the house a cow and two calves graze on hog manure in a nearby pen. Inside the house all is activity. Mrs. Josey and her daughters are busy canning vegetables and meats for winter. Shelves groan with the weight of foodstuffs harvested from the half acre. Of some it can't be eaten or canned. This is crops they have such a surplus that fed the animals around the house.

Josey claims no great credit for what he has done. "Other men could get the ground," he said. "I did, and I didn't have a thing in the world but a desire to support my own without going to charity for help. I didn't know a thing about farming, but I got instructions from the chamber of commerce and the U. S. department of agriculture, and that made it easy."

"This sort of thing keeps a man's self-respect. I never get so blue that I can't get hold of my shovel and work myself around to a good humor."

Vice president, LaVon Burford is the secretary and Agnes Alexander is the treasurer.

**Guests**—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell had for their guests Sunday at their home near Summerville, Bryan Hibbets and

**Monday, December 14**

- 7:00 a. m., Good morning meditations, led by Reverend Walter E. Tip-ton.
- 7:15, Setting-up exercises, directed by Grant Swan.
- 7:30, Scanning the headlines.
- 8:00, Potpourri.
- 8:00, Uncle Sam at your service.
- 9:15, Rhythmic melodies.
- 9:30, Organ concert by Byron Arnold.

- 10:00, Home economics observer.
- 10:05, Tomorrow's meals.
- 10:15, Food facts and fancies.
- 10:35, How's and why's of house-keeping.
- 10:47, The magazine rack.
- 11:00, Morning matinee.
- 12:00 (Noon), Farm hour.
- 12:10, In the day's news.
- 12:25, "The Auto Operators' Examination Law," Harry C. Graves.
- 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.

- 1:00 p. m., Vaudeville.
- 1:30, Organ program from Whiteside theatre.
- 2:00, Around the campus.
- 3:00-4:00, Homemakers hour.
- 3:05, "Social Entertainment" - Help For the Recreation Leader," Miss Ruth Robinson.
- 5:55 p. m., Market reports—second broadcast of wheat and livestock reports.

- 6:00, Fox-Whiteside theatre organ.
- 6:30, Farm hour.
- 6:35, Rythmic melodies.
- 6:45, Spot market reports and weather forecast.
- 6:50, Market reviews—miscellaneous commodities and potatoes.
- 7:15, Chat by County Agent C. E. Briggs.
- 7:30, 4-H club meeting—Comments on 4-H livestock exhibits by H. A. Lindgren and experience in judging 4-H club at the state fair, by Mrs. Florence Regan and Mrs. Alice Peiko.
- 8:00, Music of The Masters.
- 8:15-9:00, The Oregon Loggers.

**Tuesday, December 15**

- 7:00 a. m., Good morning meditations, led by Miss Mildred Bartholomew.
- 7:15, Setting-up exercises, directed by Grant Swan.
- 7:30, Scanning the headlines.
- 8:00, Potpourri.
- 9:00, Rhythmic melodies.
- 10:00, Home economics observer.
- 10:05, Tomorrow's meals.
- 10:15, Food facts and fancies.
- 10:35, "Spring and Fall Housecleaning in the Discard," Zella P. Rodenwald.

- 10:47, The magazine rack.
- 11:00, Morning matinee.
- 12:00 (Noon), Farm hour.
- 12:15, In the day's news.
- 12:20, "Stories From Our Forests," Lynn F. Cronmiller, state forester.
- 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.
- 1:00 p. m., Vaudeville.
- 1:30, Organ program from Whiteside theatre.

## Economic Conference At Corvallis

From the state college comes the word that the tenth annual Pacific Coast Economic conference sponsored by western schools of business and departments of economics that make up the Pacific Coast Economic association, will be held on the campus of the Oregon State college, December 29 and 30. The program for the gathering has just been issued by Dr. A. O. Schmitt, secretary and professor of finance and administration there.

Though this organization was formed 10 years ago through the efforts of leading faculty men of the Oregon State college school of commerce, this is the first conference to be held on the campus. Arrangements were originally in the hands of J. A. Bexell, president of the association and now dean emeritus of the school of commerce, but through ill health he has been forced to relinquish the active management of the conference to his successor here, Dean H. V. Hoyt.

The conference will discuss many current topics of general interest and the sessions will be open to anyone who cares to attend. Business men of Portland and all other Oregon

## COUNTY AGENT H. G. AVERY SUBMITS AN INTERESTING REPORT OF YEAR'S WORK

County Agent Harry G. Avery will, on March first, next, complete the 11th year of his work in this valley, as a representative of the federal and state departments of agriculture, doing a work upon which, it is agreed, no valuation can be placed. Since the office was first opened here in Union county the work has grown to immense proportions and covers a very wide field of farm activities. His services have been open to all who needed them and this has required in addition to the hours retained for office work and consultation, thousands of miles of traveling and days lasting from dawn, and sometimes before dawn, to late in the night. Mr. Avery is starting out on another year's work, incidentally at a voluntary reduction in support of \$500, in spite of the increased demands and enlarged field of activities.

In a recent summary of his work for the year, a glimpse of that work is given and we are glad to give that to our readers, especially those who have not been familiar with the ins and outs of the county agent's office.

**Summary**

1. Soil Improvement. (a) Surveyed and mapped 12 1/2 acres for strip border construction, 180 acres for flood irrigation and assisted in other irrigated work. (b) Grain fertilizer test made. (c) T. G. Harty five-year cherry orchard fertilizer trials, measured and fertilized with assistance of agent.

2. Crop Improvement. (a) Certification of grain continued with assistance of E. E. Jackson, farm crops specialist. Varieties certified included Mackton oats, Trebi barley, Hybrid 128 wheat and Hagd Federation wheat (Selection 91), a total of 289 acres. (b) Seed of Mackton oats seed by county agent to Montana districts.

3. Poultry. (a) Assisted Ucoo association in further re-organizing and locating of business in the Grande Rondo Co-operative creamery. Resulting profits to growers estimated at 20 per dozen from June 1st to November 1st, to be disbursed as a dividend soon. (b) Conducted successful poultry growers' excursion studying types of houses and egg production methods under leadership of H. E. Cosby, extension poultry specialist. (c) Secured blue prints of O. A. C. model house for cold climates. One model house built by E. G. Zurbitu, a well modeled. (d) C. F. Edvalson Barred Rock flock in sixth year of culling by agent showed 12 culls in 130 fowls handled.

4. Dairying. (a) Purebred sire meetings held in six communities. Bull survey undertaken by Dairy Herd Improvement association. (b) Cow testing association under Ralph Robinson, tester, completes year with 13 herds out of 27 above 90 lbs. of butterfat average. Three high herds in order—E. H. Bell, 7 cows, average 300.2 lbs.; A. J. Stange, 9 cows, average 384.6 lbs. and N. K. West, 33 cows, average 371 lbs. West's record is one of two highest ever made by large herds in Eastern Oregon. (c) Association assisted in combining with Wallowa county and reorganizing with 11 herds in test. (d) Took part in abortion disease testing. (e) Safe keeper bull pens built on 3 farms. Plan of pen now available at agent's office to loan to dairymen.

5. Animal Husbandry. (a) Lamb pool operations return Union county growers \$4.77 per 100 lbs. Baker county average (later shipping) \$4.10 per 100 lbs. Range lamb prices—under \$4 per 100 lbs. Number of Union county lambs marketed—3892. Gain compared to Baker county—87c per 100 lbs. or \$2070.22. (b) Co-operative shipping of hogs started with assistance of agent in Imbler and Elgin districts results in satisfactory sale of two double deck and three single deck shipments. (c) Hog improvement work planned. (d) Feeding plus careful grading results in sale of Pierce lambs at top price.

6. Agricultural Economics. (a) Outlook reports reviewed at Economic conference. (b) Annual census and monthly "agricultural situation" reports made. (c) Assistance in lamb, hog, poultry and dairy marketing work.
7. Home Economics. (a) Two home management meetings arranged for by the county agent attended by 83 women. (b) Four child training meetings arranged for by the agent attended by 74 women.

8. Boys and Girls' Club Work. (a) Livestock club work of Union county ranked first in final state fair contest in 1930 and 1931. (b) Sixty-one of seventy-nine club members enrolled have already completed their work and turned in records involving care and production of 210 head of livestock, much of it pure bred. (c) Large number of club meetings, with subject and attendance listed.

9. Miscellaneous. (a) Economic conference arranged for and conducted by agent with assistance of farmers with attendance of 421 people. (b) Farm bulletin published.

**Wednesday, December 16**

- 7:00 a. m., Good morning meditations, led by Rev. Paul P. Petticoat.
- 7:15, Setting-up exercises, directed by Grant Swan.
- 7:30, Scanning the headlines.
- 8:00, Potpourri.
- 8:00, Rhythmic melodies.
- 10:00, Home economics observer.
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- 6:50, Market reviews—Eggs, poultry and weather feeds.

- 7:10, Meeting of Soils Club, "Crop Rotation and Productive Land Values," Dr. W. L. Powers.
- 7:30, Radio shorthand contest, conducted by Professor H. T. Vance.
- 8:00, Music of The Masters.
- 8:15, This interesting universe of ours—"How Old is Mars?" Dean J. H. Hance.
- 8:30-9:00, Contributions of science to our well being—"Nutrition—Its Contribution to Preventive Medicine," Mrs. Jessamine C. Williams.

cities large and small are particularly invited to attend the sessions in which they have greatest interest, says Dean Hoyt. From 35 to 40 delegates from other institutions are expected to attend in addition to the staff of our state college.

The program is arranged so that each period will be devoted to a particular topic on which a paper will be presented, followed by general discussion. On the first day, the topics will be "Use of Statistics in Verifying and Clarifying Economic Concepts," "Curricular Trends in Schools of Commerce," "The World Economic Depression—Consequences and Remedies," and "The World Depression—A Challenge to Economists."

Topics for the second day include "Service at Cost Through Public Ownership," "The Economics of Protectionism in the Light of Contemporary Development," "Specialized Training in Modern Capitalism," and "Public Works As a Resource For Unemployment."

**TROUT FOR ARGENTINA**

NAHUEL HUAPU, Argentina (AP)—Launching a national fishing industry for Argentina's inland lakes, the ministry of agriculture has planned to Lake Trufil near Patagonia's border, 50,000 Atlantic salmon and river trout eggs. Similar plantings have been made at other lakes.

## LOCAL PRICES ON FIVE CATTLE SOLD

Additional Ladak alfalfa trials arranged on 33 acres, 30 of which were planted in rows by Benzel D. Hug for seed. Some reports on 1930 seedings favorable, some unfavorable. (d) Trial of pasturing off sweet clover grown for seed on Gilbert Hunter farm results in four bushel yield. (e) Report of individual trials of field peas given.

(f) Examination of weed plots sprayed by the county spray machines with calcium chloride in 1930 shows an average of 85 per cent to 100 per cent kill which is satisfactory to owners. Due to financial conditions use of chemical dropped this year to 5900 lbs. compared to 23,000 lbs. in 1930.

3. Horticulture. (a) Four soil fertility meetings arranged in February in co-operation with O. T. McWhorter, horticulture specialist, attended by 89 orchard men. (b) Two thinning demonstrations attended by 17 orchardists. (c) Nursery stock inspected by agent—171 lots.

4. Rodent and Predatory Animal Control. (a) Mixed and distributed 8162 pounds of poisoned oats in eight communities. (b) Poison sold through eight distributing points, allowing dealer 10 per cent of sale price plus handling charges. (c) Value of campaign to county is \$28.87 if each squirrel loses the worth of damage. (d) Tasteless gopher poison distributed—133 ounces. (e) Tasteless coyote poison distributed—29 ounces.

5. Insect Pests and Diseases. (a) Assisted Wolf Creek grange in securing modification of alfalfa weevil quarantine. (b) Five-year spray program for cherry fruit fly directed by agent, results in elimination of all damage. No insects observed or reported in 1931. (c) Many miscellaneous insect troubles and diseases identified and remedy, if any, prescribed.

6. Poultry. (a) Assisted Ucoo association in further re-organizing and locating of business in the Grande Rondo Co-operative creamery. Resulting profits to growers estimated at 20 per dozen from June 1st to November 1st, to be disbursed as a dividend soon. (b) Conducted successful poultry growers' excursion studying types of houses and egg production methods under leadership of H. E. Cosby, extension poultry specialist. (c) Secured blue prints of O. A. C. model house for cold climates. One model house built by E. G. Zurbitu, a well modeled. (d) C. F. Edvalson Barred Rock flock in sixth year of culling by agent showed 12 culls in 130 fowls handled.

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8. Animal Husbandry. (a) Lamb pool operations return Union county growers \$4.77 per 100 lbs. Baker county average (later shipping) \$4.10 per 100 lbs. Range lamb prices—under \$4 per 100 lbs. Number of Union county lambs marketed—3892. Gain compared to Baker county—87c per 100 lbs. or \$2070.22. (b) Co-operative shipping of hogs started with assistance of agent in Imbler and Elgin districts results in satisfactory sale of two double deck and three single deck shipments. (c) Hog improvement work planned. (d) Feeding plus careful grading results in sale of Pierce lambs at top price.

9. Agricultural Economics. (a) Outlook reports reviewed at Economic conference. (b) Annual census and monthly "agricultural situation" reports made. (c) Assistance in lamb, hog, poultry and dairy marketing work.

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