

OVER THE VALLEY

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To Have Memorial Service—

Rev. E. C. Lee, pastor of the Methodist church at Union, is announcing that on next Sunday morning at the hour of the regular morning service, a memorial service will be held for the late Robert Withycombe. Mr. Withycombe was not only a member of that organization, but he was one of its most faithful attendants and supporters. An appropriate program is being arranged and all friends of the late Mr. Withycombe are urged to attend.

Guest—

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertoch, of the Mill Creek canyon road, had for their dinner guests on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Spaeth, Mrs. Amanda Wheeler and Miss Rose Zeller.

Visits Parents—

Mrs. Dwight Fleishman, and young son, of near La Grande, are in Walla Walla county visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, who live near Walla Walla.

Brother Visits—

Mrs. J. L. Sager, who lives on Indian creek, has her guest her brother, Owen Mallory, who is in the county from his home at Clarkston, Wash.

Called To Portland—

Stanley Arnoldus has gone to Portland to see Mrs. Arnoldus, who has been in a hospital there for treatment for several weeks past.

Goes To Yakima—

Mrs. Sarah Casper, better known as "Mother Casper," left last week for Yakima, where she is making a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Robinson.

Returns Home—

Miss Ruby Scott has returned to her home near Elgin after having spent the past several months with relatives at Pacific Grove, Cal.

Family Dinner—

Mrs. Mary Blokland, of near Island City, had all of her family home for a wonderful post-Christmas dinner Monday evening. A roast goose dinner such as no one but Mrs. Blokland can prepare was served to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Blokland, of Iostine, Rev. Josie Blokland, of Nyssa, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blokland and daughter, Margaret Anne, of Island City; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Perry and daughter, of Gekeler Lane; Esther Blokland, of Wolf Creek; Mildred, Lester, Herbert, Gene, Alfred and Wilbur Blokland, at home; Walter Bach, of Enterprise, and Miss Doris Cade of La Grande.

Return From Portland—

Mrs. Mabel Withycombe and son, Bob, returned home Friday from the Willamette valley. Funeral services for the late Robert Withycombe were held in Portland on Thursday and burial was made in Salem.

At South High Valley—

On December 29 a very interesting Christmas program and party were given by the pupils of the South High Valley school, and the teacher, Miss Jeanette Hanford. They were assisted by Mrs. Ruth Cockrell. Christmas colors were used in decorating the school room and in one corner stood a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. A dinner was served at noon by the parents and this was followed immediately by the presentation of two Christmas plays, by the pupils under the direction of their teacher. The cast of characters for the first play, "Mother Baker's Christmas," were as follows: Mother Baker, Miss Hanford; Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Wright; Thelma Mason, Carmen Cockrell; Jackie, Jerrold Wright; Billy Merion, Elmer Smith; Jack Smith, Charles Wright; the paper boy, Marion Wayne; Mr. Crawford, Marie Wright. The characters of the second play, "The Girl Who Had No Birthday," were: Maxine, Marian Wright; Freddie, Elmer Smith; Mable, Carmen Cockrell; Gloria, Marion Wayne; Florene, Marie Wright; Jack, Jerrold Wright; Paul, Charles Wright; the little fairy, Janet Cockrell. After the program, Santa Claus visited all the children and gave them each a sack of candy and a gift.

In California—

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Huffman, who moved to Tracy, Cal., in November, that they are nicely located on a ranch 2 1/2 miles out of Tracy. The children are taken to school on the bus and are doing right on in the same grades they were in at the schools of Eastern Oregon. Mr. Huffman found work soon after they reached their destination. Mrs. Huffman's brother, Frank Fine, is farming in that vicinity and Mrs. Grace Fine is head of the English department in the Tracy high school. There are 400 students enrolled in the school. Mrs. Charles Cross teaches home economics in the same school. Both of these women were formerly teachers in the Elgin high school. The Huffman's moved to a lower climate on account of Mrs. Huffman's health. She said it seemed odd to be spending a Christmas without snow on the ground but they thought they could stand it.

In Elgin—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parks and son, Floyd, of Cricket Flat, had their Christmas dinner with Mrs. Martha Cope in Elgin.

Have Baby Girl—

A baby daughter, weighing eight and a quarter pounds, was born Monday morning at the Elgin hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Finnell, who live at Pleasant Grove.

Family Reunion—

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. Ruth Cleaver met with her at

her home in Grange Hall for a happy reunion on Christmas day. There was a splendid dinner and then pleasant visiting afterwards.

There were present Mrs. Gekeler, Ben Gekeler, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ragain and children, Kermit, Edith and Kenneth, of Grange Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gekeler, Helen, and Maurice, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redhead and two sons, Robert and Billie, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gekeler, of near Imbler.

To Washington—

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hicks, of Island City changed their plans concerning their Christmas vacation and left Christmas eve following the program at the Island City community church for the home of his parents, near Cheney, Wash., where they were visiting. They returned to the valley yesterday morning.

At McKenzie's—

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie and son, Glenn, observed the first Christmas in their lovely new home near Summerville by giving a family Christmas party. Guests included Mrs. Mary McKenzie and Alex McKenzie, of Summerville, Mr. and Mrs. William McWilliams, of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Standley and son, Dale, of the Iowa district, and Miss Mildred Standley of Seattle.

Suffers Stroke—

Relatives in the valley have received word to the effect that Billie Stearns of Portland, recently suffered a stroke at his home in Portland. Mrs. Stearns will be remembered as Miss Leone Wade, formerly of this valley and a niece of Mrs. Julius Fisher, of Lower Cove. Mrs. Stearns' sister, Mrs. Virginia Butler, of Klamath Falls, is assisting in caring for him.

At Cleaver's—

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller and daughter, Miss Gladys, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bingham, of Imbler, were dinner guests on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleaver, near Imbler.

Moss Funeral—

One of the largest funerals ever held in La Grande was the service held Sunday afternoon for the late James Moss, valley pioneer. The Methodist church in La Grande, where the service was held, was completely filled by friends, neighbors, relatives and members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah organizations. Rev. W. H. Hertzog had charge of the service, giving the eulogy and the funeral sermon. Mrs. Paul Knauts, of the Iowa district, presided at the pipe organ, and Mr. Knauts sang two solos, "Face to Face," and "Crossing the Bar." Immediately following the service at the church, the funeral cortege moved to the Summerville cemetery, where interment was made. Carriage bearers were H. E. Coolidge, C. E. Stine, Orin Anson, D. J. Kimmell, William McClure and Frank Luke. At the graveside, members of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah orders, with representatives present from La Grande, Elgin, Cove and Summerville conducted their burial service. Mr. Moss' death occurred Wednesday morning at his home in La Grande after a long illness.

Visits Friends—

Miss Lottie Black of Western Oregon is in the valley visiting among her many friends, especially in Summerville and at the McDonald home on Pumpkin Ridge. Miss Black, who is now a student at the University of Oregon, taught for two years in the Summerville school.

Friend Visits—

Almon Geiss, who returned last week from his studies at Gooding college for a vacation visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker on Lower Cove, was accompanied to this valley by his college friend, Wayne Brewer, of Twin Falls, Idaho.

In La Grande—

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speckhart and daughter, Miss Helen Jean, of the Iowa district, were dinner guests on Christmas at the Lon Gower home in La Grande. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knauts and daughter, Lillian, of the same district were guests at the John Speckhart home. The two families spent Christmas eve, following a custom of a good many years, at the John Speckhart home.

From Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Phillips, of Island City, had for their guests over the holidays, Audrey and Dallas Phillips, of Portland.

Have Family Dinner—

A delightful family dinner, which came at the holiday season, though not on Christmas day, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCall at Haines when Judge and Mrs. U. G. Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Seitz and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bacon

depicting various events in connection with the birth of Christ. The last was a feature, "Christmas in All Lands."

To Entertain Club—

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speckhart will entertain the T. and C. club Thursday night at their home in the valley. This particular club, as its name would suggest, is made up of a group of people from both La Grande and the valley.

Have Open House—

Mr. and Mrs. William Roulet, of Elgin, had open house, on Christmas day to their children and families. All were present, which included Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roulet, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Roulet, Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Gordon, and their five grandchildren.

Install Lighting System—

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roulet, who live on the flat east of Elgin, have recently installed a new lighting system in their farm home. They chose one similar to that one at Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman's, and both families are very well pleased with these new improvements.

At Liberty School—

The children of Liberty school, on Gekeler Lane, under the supervision of Mrs. Mary B. Kall, teacher, held their Christmas program Thursday evening at the schoolhouse. A good sized crowd made up of friends and parents was present. A decorated Christmas tree, which was well-laden with presents for both teacher and pupils was, of course, the chief attraction for the children. A treat of candy, nuts and an orange was passed out to each child. The program which they gave was as follows:

Songs, "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by the school; story, "First Christmas," by Mildred Fleishman; story, Kenneth Ragain; recitation, "Poor Papa," Frank Johnson; dialog, "Mother Goes," school; recitation, "Tommy's Discovery," Glen Mulienburg; story, "Rocking Horse," Donald Lindsay; recitation, "If I Were Santa Claus," Joe Spencer; songs, "Tis Christmas," and "Santa Claus is Coming," school; recitation, Marjorie Fleishman; dialog, "Little Angels," by 10 pupils; song, Ronald Lindsay; recitation, Derril Lindsay; dialog, "Santa's Mistake," by two pupils; recitation, Pat Hughes; dialog, "Christmas Letters," by five pupils; song, "Tomorrow Will Be Christmas," school; songs by Erma Gekeler and Kenneth Ragain; recitations by George Fleishman and Mary Lindsay; song, "Santa Claus," by the school.

Have Family Dinner—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Kiddle entertained their children and families at a lovely Christmas dinner Friday at their home in Island City. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Kiddle there were present their two sons, Clyde and Lisle, with their families.

Guests—

Guests at the C. C. Prouty home in Island City for Christmas day and a wonderful dinner were Mr. and Mrs. George Way and the L. E. Prouty family at La Grande.

At Hindman's—

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cameron, of

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Dress Up Packages Help Sales

An experiment in packaging Oregon dried prunes so they are not only attractive physically but have an added appeal through a descriptive label, has just been tried successfully here by the horticultural products division of the state college.

Tom Onsdorf, acting head of the horticultural products division, decided that Oregon prunes are as deserving of being presented to consumers with their merits attractively described as are many of the present highly publicized manufactured food products. For the pre-Christmas season he obtained some of the best quality dried prunes available, put them up in the usual neat wooden boxes, but added this unusual description of the prunes to the outside of the box:

"The delicious flavor you find in these Oregon prunes is the reward of patience. This good fruit is the result of constant care and vigilance of grower and packer from the time the orchard was planned until the fruit reached you. These prunes, known as the Italian variety, were harvested when fully ripe. They were washed and then dried in a dehydrator in which the clean air was circulated by a fan.

"This drying was rapid and retained all the ripe fruit quality. Damaged fruit was sorted out before drying and the fruit again inspected before packing. Processing and packing were done under sanitary conditions. . . . That process involved washing and sterilizing in boiling water and then pressing at that temperature into this box.

"These prunes are clean and wholesome to eat just as they are. They will keep well if stored in a cool dry place. They possess many health giving qualities. Children and adults relish them from the box or cooked in a variety of ways. We have a booklet of tested recipes for dried prunes which we shall be glad to send you."

In this case the background of this label is a lightly printed view of the Oregon State campus, though it is pointed out that for general use any one of hundreds of beautiful Oregon scenes could be used in a similar manner.

The buying public in Oregon took to the idea immediately and sent many more boxes of these fancy prunes to friends throughout the country than were purchased formerly when just as good prunes were put up in just as good boxes. And perhaps in many eastern homes this Christmas Oregon prunes were eaten with greater enjoyment because of this simple statement about the background of this wholesome Oregon fruit.

THUG MAKES MISTAKE
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 30.—The timorous thug who fled from a service station he intended to rob here Sunday when the attendant told him the sheriff's office across the street was observing the affair, made another mistake. He returned to the same service station Monday night and declared he meant business. Phil Stump, attendant, gave him \$24.85. The man fled through the snow and was tracked to an apartment. He said his name is Ted Larsen.

ROBERT WITHYCOMBE

Following notices which have been more or less of a biographical nature concerning the late Robert Withycombe, for one year assistant superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Experiment station near Union, and for 27 years its superintendent, a resume of the work which he did for the agricultural and livestock industry of the state has been given out by the state college. That his accomplishments were many and the lines of activity varied, is proven by this account.

The Eastern Oregon branch station was established in 1901 as the first of the eight branch stations now maintained throughout the state. As a graduate just out of college here, Mr. Withycombe went to Union that year as assistant superintendent. A year later he was placed in full charge of the large station that now comprises 600 acres, and he has developed the station to its present leading position.

"More work with livestock has been carried on at the Union station than at any other research center of the state, and it has been looked to over a long period as the center of research for the important Eastern Oregon livestock industry. Just the titles of the bulletins put out from there to which Mr. Withycombe was either sole or joint author will serve as a resume of the scope of livestock work carried on. These are as follows:

"Deferred Breeding of Beef Cows," "Fattening Lambs—Shelter vs. Open Lot Method," "Silage for Fattening Lambs," "Winter Rations for the Farm Flock in Eastern Oregon," "Cost and Profits of Sheep on Irrigated Farms," "Fattening Calves and Yearlings," "Fattening Steers," "Growing Steers," "Shelter and Warm Water for Fattening Steers," "Wintering Stock Steers," and "Spring Crops for Eastern Oregon."

"Though most of the work of the station has centered around livestock, Mr. Withycombe has also carried on some outstanding work in field crop development, most notable of which was probably his breeding of the Union beardless barley which is now generally used in that section and also served as the basis of other barley development since that time. Plant breeding had held that development of a beardless barley that would not shatter was an impossibility, because elimination of the beards would throw other physical characteristics of the barley head out of balance. Regardless of this opinion, Withycombe did develop just such a beardless barley that does not shatter.

"Withycombe also tried out Grimm alfalfa on the Union station for the first time in this state on a field basis. The variety that has now become standard over most of the state and which has made alfalfa growing possible in many sections where it was not produced before. The original field of Grimm planted there is still in existence and producing crops every year.

"More recently, in response to requests from farmers, Mr. Withycombe established on the branch station farm a dairy unit to show the possibility of building up a high

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

A GOOD NUT CAKE

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup milk
4 egg whites
1 cup chopped nut meats
1 teaspoon vanilla
Cream sugar and shortening. Sift, after measuring, the flour and the baking powder together. Add the milk and flour alternately, the nut meats having been mixed with the flour. Add the vanilla and last of all fold in the egg whites. This makes a fair sized sheet cake. Bake in moderate oven.



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Thursday, Dec. 31

7:00 a. m. Good Morning Meditations, led by Dr. John S. Burns.
7:15 Setting-up exercises, directed by Roy Lamb.

7:30 Scanning the Headlines.
8:00 Potpourri.
9:00 Rhythmic-melodies.
9:30 Organ Concert, by Bryon Arnold.

10:00 Home Economics Observer—
10:05, Tomorrow's Meals; 10:18, Food Facts and Fancies; 10:33, How's and Why's of Housekeeping; 10:47, The Magazine Rack.

11:00 Home Garden.
11:30 Morning Matinee.
12:00 (Noon) Farm Hour—12:10.

In the day's news: 12:23, "Rural Fire Protection," L. B. Davis; 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 Homemaker Hour—3:05, "Considering Bedroom Curtains," Zelta F. Rodenwald.

5:35 p. m. Market Reports—second broadcast of wheat and livestock.
6:00 Fox-Whitcomb theatre organ.
6:30 Farm Hour—6:33, In the day's news; 6:45, Spot market reports; and weather forecast; 6:50 Market reviews—hops, livestock, range and pasture notes, and dried prunes; 7:10, "With the Poultry Flock," Prof. A. O. Lunn; 7:30, "Progress in the Oyster Industry," Tour Farm Reporter at Washington.

7:45 "Puzzle in Everyday Life," The Hand Camera and Its Uses, J. C. Garman.
8:00-9:00 Music of the Masters.

Friday, Jan. 1

7:00 a. m. Good Morning Meditations, led by Dr. William Schoeler.
7:30 Scanning the Headlines.
8:00 Potpourri.

9:00 With Uncle Sam's Naturalists
9:15 Rhythmic-melodies.
10:00 Home Economics Observer.
11:00 Morning Matinee.

12:00 (Noon) Farm Hour—12:10, In the day's news.

1:00 Organ Program from Fox-Whitcomb theatre.
2:00 Around the Campus.
3:00-4:00 Homemaker Hour.
6:00 Dinner Music.
6:30 Farm Hour—6:33, In the day's news.

7:30 Business Institute of the Air.
8:00 Music of the Masters.
8:30-9:00 Great Composers and Their Works by Byron Arnold.

Saturday, Jan. 2
7:00 a. m. Good Morning Meditations, led by Mrs. Florence Parker.
7:15 Scanning the Headlines.
8:00 Potpourri.
9:00 Rhythmic-melodies.
11:00 Morning Matinee.

12:00 (Noon) Farm Hour—12:10, In the day's news; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.
1:00 p. m. Vaudeville.
2:00 Around the Campus.
3:00-4:00 Phonograph Records.
5:35 p. m. Market Reports—second broadcast of wheat and livestock.
6:00 Dinner Music.
6:30 Farm Hour—6:33, In the day's news; 6:45, Spot market reports, crops and weather forecast; 6:50 Market reviews—wheat, wool, Portland livestock; 7:00, Hands-Straight orchestra; 7:15, Your Farm Reporter at Washington.
7:30-9:00 Music of the Masters.

"BOB" WITHYCOMBE'S PRIZE DAIRY HERD



During the years of Mr. Withycombe's connection with the Eastern Oregon Experiment station, which means from its opening until the present, special emphasis has always been placed on the livestock end of the station's activities. Mr. Withycombe was always very proud of the herd of dairy animals, which under his efforts, reached a very high standard and were so recognized. The above is a very good cut of some of the animals which rated exceptionally high.

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