

# OVER THE VALLEY

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**Expecting Relatives—**  
Mrs. Rankin Edgar and her daughters, Mrs. Ella Fisher, and Lovine Williams, of Lower Cove, are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to a visit with some relatives of theirs who plan to be in the valley probably during June. The guests will be Mr. and Mrs. F. Tracy and their two grandsons who are driving through from their home in Guthrie Center, Iowa. Mrs. Edgar has not seen her relative, Mr. Tracy, since he was a very small boy, and the fact that he is being driven out here now by his grandsons gives some idea of how long it has been since the two have met. The trip was planned for last summer but unforeseen events made the postponement necessary.

**From Nyssa—**  
Miss Josie Blokland spent a few days this week in the valley the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Blokland, of near Island City. Miss Blokland, who is the pastor of the Methodist church at Nyssa, delivered a baccalaureate address before the graduating classes of the Haines and Muddy Creek High schools this year.

**Purchases Place—**  
Bart Robbs, government trapper, has recently purchased the place known as the "Wade" place in Island City and has started a course of improvements on the property, including the rearing out of an old orchard. It will be remembered that the house, which was one of the largest and best in Island City burned to the ground last summer from causes which have never been determined.

**To Attend Meet—**  
Mrs. Ardra Behrens, of Dry Creek, and Mrs. Ava W. Paul, of Outlook, who have been chosen delegates to represent the Rebekah lodge at Summerville at the state convention which comes later this month at Eugene, are making their preparations to attend the big gathering. Mrs. Perle Waggoner, is also planning to go to the convention in view of the fact that she will, there, be installed as one of the state officers, an honor which the Summerville lodge appreciates very much.

**In Valley—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Powers, of Medical Springs, with a friend of theirs from the east, were guests Monday of Mrs. Minette Sentner at the Cove swimming pool. Mr. Powers stated that he had opened his plunge at Medical last Sunday and the opening was quite auspicious. Mrs. Sentner was making some improvements at the Cove pool during the week. The huge center pole which supports the swings, rings and other apparatus has been replaced, a new diving tower has been erected, and the cement walkway has been finished. Clear around the pool, a number of other items which will be taken care of as the season progresses.

**Ill—**  
It is reported that Mrs. Marion Stoddard is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Irwin east of Island City.

**Questions—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peebler, of Ladd canyon had for their guests Sunday at their home, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, of Lower Cove. Mr. Peebler and Mr. Johnson are brother and sister.

**Gets Big Start—**  
Wade Gray is making a fine start this spring in his poultry business. He has now 800 baby chicks—the Minors—which are doing very well. Mr. Gray started out in the special line a few years ago having a yard on the sidewalk above the home of his brother Charles Gray, of Lower Cove. Last season his sister purchased the place at the late Homer Littleton, close to Alcei, and he went into the business on a larger scale. Mr. Gray has 80 acres in this new place—there is much fruit, some alfalfa and large garden plot—in fact it lays very well for such an industry as Mr. Gray conducts.

**Mr. Fannie Grange—**  
With all the members of Mt. Fannie grange in the mood for improving their hall and its surroundings, plans were made at the regular meeting on Monday night to move the hall back. Put in a stone foundation and raise the building, preparatory to erecting an addition on the front at some future time. John Richards will superintend the work, with a number of the grange men working gang. The grange men, Mrs. Mary P. Chambers and Howard Gasset, water will be piped into the building by tapping the pipe under the hall. The work is to be done at the next day meeting on Friday, May 20, and the women will be on hand with a big dinner. One new member was admitted on Monday night and one application was presented. Mt. Fannie grange has become one of the most active subordinates of the county. The membership is not large, but all are interested enough to work for the good of the organization. They have some other interesting features for the future.

**Island Aid—**  
The Ladies Aid society of the Island City Community church will meet next Thursday afternoon, May 12, at the home of Mrs. Mary Blokland.

**In Valley—**  
Roger Morse, state dairy specialist from Corvallis, has been in the valley on business this week in connection with the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association. Mr. Morse has been on the extension staff of the college for probably two years having been taken from Baker county, where he was county agent, to the college to succeed the late C. L. Jamieson.

**Rattle Snakes—**  
We do not mean to beat our Promise correspondent, Mrs. C. P. Carper, on this story, but we have just been advised of a "killing" of rattle snakes that has been made in the valley in

the vicinity of Promise. Three Carper boys, Orval, Ivan and Lewis, and we doubt not but that they are Mrs. Carper, our correspondent's sons, and two other men killed 20 rattlesnakes on the river canyon at Promise where the snakes had their den. This is the same place where some years ago, a resident of that section killed 60 of the feared reptiles.

**Drive Out Tomorrow—**  
If tomorrow is a nice day, at all, take the family in the family car, and have a ride around the valley. There are so many beautiful places to see now, and the roads are invariably good. Flowers are coming out into bloom, over at Cove the fruit trees are just about out, the gardens are making pretty little green ribbons across the gardens. The valley is beautiful now and you should see it soon. Take any one of the half a dozen or more loop trips and be sure to include some view from a high spot like Mt. Glen, or Pleasant Grove, or Mill creek or Lower Cove, where you can get a glimpse of the sweep of the valley.

**Get-Together Club—**  
The last meeting of the Get-Together club of Ladd canyon was a very pleasant one at the home of Mrs. Ada Clark. All of the members and one visitor, Mrs. George Tilton, of Lostine, were in attendance. Mrs. William Banton, Mrs. Henry Counsell and Mrs. Charles Grandy's names were drawn to furnish the entertainment for the afternoon. Mrs. Banton and Mrs. Counsell each had a guessing contest and Mrs. Grandy read a business newspaper which she had prepared. Then Mrs. Elliott Austin was the "lucky" recipient for the "gift box" receiving many useful and practical articles. Mrs. Clark concluded the afternoon by serving a lovely lunch. The club will have its next meeting in two weeks with Mrs. Henry Counsell.

**Alcei Aid—**  
Next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ralph Chenault, in the Iowa district, the members of the Alcei Ladies Aid society will be entertained by Mrs. Chenault assisted by Mrs. I. E. Chenault and Mrs. I. A. Howell.

**Injuries Hand—**  
Mrs. Frank Conley of lower Cove sustained some very painful bruises Monday when she caught one of her hands in the electric winder. Although the flesh is quite badly bruised, and Mrs. Conley will not be able to use her hand for some time, fortunately no bones were broken.

**To California—**  
We are told by our correspondent in Ladd Canyon that Raymond L. Counsell was in that neighborhood from La Grande one day last week bidding his mother, Mrs. Mary Counsell and other relatives farewell here.

## A SEASONABLE RECIPE

**Mock Lemon Pie**  
One and one-half cups rhubarb cut fine.  
Two cups water.  
Two eggs.  
One cup sugar.  
Three tablespoons flour.  
One tablespoon butter.  
Cook rhubarb in water until it mashes up well.  
Add sugar, egg yolks beaten lightly and mixed with the flour which has been moistened with more water.  
Cook until thick and add lemon juice.  
Cool a little and pour into a previously baked pie crust.  
Make a meringue of the egg whites and sweeten with two tablespoons of sugar.  
Pile lightly on top of the pie and brown in oven.

## ON THE AIR

Station KOAC Extension Service of the Oregon State College 556k

**Monday, May 9**  
7:00 a. m., Good Morning Meditations led by Dr. E. W. Warrington.  
7:15, Phonograph records.  
7:30-8:00, Scanning the headlines.  
8:30, Organ concert by Byron 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, Uncle Sam at your service.  
11:15, Morning matinee.  
12:00 (noon) Farm Hour.  
12:05, "Installing a Farm Irrigation System," Arthur S. King; 12:35, market reports, crops and weather forecast.  
1:00 p. m., Around the campus.  
1:30, Organ concert from Fox-Whitseite theatre.  
2:00-2:30 Homemaker Hour: 2:05, The Old Song Book, Luke Roberts and Byron Arnold.  
5:55 p. m., Market reports—second broadcast of wheat and livestock.  
6:00, Fox-Whitseite theatre organ.  
6:30, Farm Hour: 6:31, in the day's news; 6:45, Spot market reports, crops and weather forecast; 6:50, Chat by County Agent C. R. Briggs.  
7:00-8:00, 4-H club meeting, address by Governor Julius L. Meier on "Farm Fire Hazards."  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
7:00 a. m., Good Morning Meditations led by Dr. Frank B. Mathews.  
7:15, Phonograph records.  
7:15, setting up exercises, directed by John Kenny.  
8:30, Scanning the headlines.  
10:00, The 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, General Sociology; "Social Conditioning," Dr. E. H. Moore.  
12:00 (noon) Farm Hour: 12:10, in the day's news; 12:25, "Beauty Spots of Oregon," Lynn P. Cronmiller, state forester; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.  
1:00 p. m., Around the campus.  
1:30, Organ program from Fox-

## Outlook For Farmers Is Discussed

The outlook for farmers in Oregon in general in 1932 depends a great deal upon the trend of domestic and foreign demand. The unprecedented decline in farm income during the past two years was due to weak demand for farm products more than because of general overproduction of such products. Nevertheless, there were instances of overproduction of particular commodities resulting in still greater declines than the average. On the other hand, shortages occurred in a few instances and relatively high prices were obtained.

In 1929, business conditions were well above normal and the cash income of Oregon farmers was estimated at \$132,000,000. In 1931, business conditions were very poor and the cash income of Oregon farmers for crops and livestock will not greatly exceed one-half as much. Gross agricultural production in the United States in 1931, however, was about the same as in 1929, or only slightly above the 1926 to 1930 average, and only 4 per cent greater than in 1930 when drought was severe.

The trend of business and demand conditions during the past six months has shown that the demand for agricultural products is not so optimistic as to the probable course of conditions. The world-wide business depression which started after a short-lived recovery during the first half of 1931, again turned downward and has continued longer and has gone deeper than anyone expected.

Because of the complexity of the economic and political factors which are affecting business and credit conditions in this country and throughout the world, it is doubtful whether anyone can forecast very reliably what the trend of commodity prices will be during the next year. However, substantial improvement in domestic demand for farm products is not to be expected until credit conditions become more favorable, and there is a revival in industry. There is very little definite evidence of significant improvement in the near future in the foreign demand for agricultural products from this country.

**At The Hatchery—**  
Things are very busy at the fish hatchery up Catherine creek from Union. The lumber for the new tanks arrived several days ago. Twenty-four new troughs and 40 new tanks are being installed.

**Visits Daughter—**  
Mrs. George Tilton visited two days last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Counsell in Ladd Canyon. She had stopped there on her way to her home at Lostine, from Unnatilla county where she had been spending a few days with her grandchildren, the Spencers.

**Shoofs Immense Hawk—**  
There has been a hawk flying around Harry Fisher's place in the Shanghai district recently and one evening early this week, Mr. Fisher decided it was high time to get rid of it. After some maneuvering, he managed to bring the bird down and it was some bird, too! We are told that it measured 48 1/2 inches from tip to tip.

**Engagement Announced—**  
Friends in this valley will be interested to read the following announcement taken from a Pendleton East Oregonian of the first of the week:

At an attractive tea on Saturday at the home of Mrs. Fred Brown, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Margaret Burke and DeWayne Umberger. A group of the intimate friends of Miss Burke were guests.

Miss Burke is the daughter of Mrs. W. C. Robinson of Bellingham and attended the University of Washington. For the past two years she has been art supervisor in the local schools and has many friends in Pendleton. Mr. Umberger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Umberger, of Seattle. He attended the University of Southern California and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He makes his home in Seattle.

The wedding will be an event of this summer.

**About Eggs—**  
A friend of ours in the valley contributes this: The American hen lays 61,000 eggs every minute of the day, according to Miss Jean Stuart, of the Homemakers Bureau on the National Farm and Home hour. Let's do a little figuring and see just what the hens are doing. 61,000 a minute, 3,660 an hour, 87,840 a day, 614,880 a week, with a grand total of 31,973,760,000 a year. Who says the American hen isn't on the job? Carrying it still a little farther, we find that the 125,000,000 more or less—people of the United States (Continued on Page Seven)

## Pig Loss Reported In Wallowa

Following the reports coming in from different localities in Wallowa county relative to the early and heavy loss of pigs, county agricultural agent, N. C. Donaldson, of Wallowa county, has made a statement in regard to steps to be taken in such instances:

Reports from various sections of the county this spring indicate that losses among spring pigs have been quite heavy and that in some cases this was due to the fact that the pigs were born without any hair. This condition is due to the lack of iodine in the feed and can be easily overcome by the feeding of iodine to the sows. Fred Hinze, right of Joseph reports that he was unable to raise any pigs until he started feeding iodine to the sows. He found that the feeding of 3-grain capsules of potassium iodine to each sow once a week for several months before farrowing overcame the trouble that he had been having. His pigs this year were strong, healthy pigs and none of them were hairless.

The feeding of iodine to cows will also prevent rotter in calves. The 3-grain capsules of iodine can be prepared by your local druggist and are not very expensive.

**BALTIC RUM FLEET FADES AS FINLAND BECOMES WET**  
STOCKHOLM (AP)—Finland's abandonment of prohibition has cleared the Baltic of most of the boats and barges which used to conduct rum-running operations into Finland and, when business was bad there, into Sweden.

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## Frown On Corn Importation

Two billion pounds of corn has recently been docked at Portland from the corn belt in the midwest, according to word recently received at the Oregon State college by Dr. E. N. Brossman, associate professor of farm crops. Corn on one of the boats made the entire trip from Iowa by water. These are the first shipments of corn to come to the northwest by water, but others are on the way.

"In Oregon we have facilities for the growing of over 200,000 acres of corn," said Dr. Brossman, "and high prices are being paid for corn grown in this section. Because of the great saving made by not having to ship the product so far, the corn industry in the northwest should develop rapidly. He said, water transportation of corn from the midwest is 810 per ton, or \$2.50 less than shipment by rail.

The largest import of corn to the northwest was in the season of 1928-1929 when 4547 carloads were imported. The cars averaged 50 tons each and the value of the shipment was \$6,000,000. In recent years the importation of corn has been less.

George Bernard Shaw having written a book, we assume it is likely to be red.

## War Is Waged On Many Pests

WASHINGTON, May 7—(NEA)—Plant diseases and insects cause a loss of more than \$1,800,000,000 to agriculture in the United States every year. The development of chemical warfare against these enemies of crops has resulted in several disinfectants being developed for use in freeing seed from disease and insects.

The story of the development of a chemical spray to combat the tobacco flea beetle is interesting. Knowing that the flea beetle has sensitive feet, the Tennessee agricultural experiment station in Knoxville, together with a commercial manufacturer, prepared a fluorine compound. This is sprayed on the tobacco plant. It has an irritating effect on the tender feet of the insect, and causes him to lick his feet and wipe them across his mouth in an effort to clean them. After a time enough of the compound gets into the bug's digestive tract to cause death.

Agricultural chemists had a hard time finding a substance to kill the beetle, which cause a huge loss to the pickle and melon crops of the country. Arsenical sprays formerly used were detected by the insects and they refused to feed off portions of the plants sprayed with this chemical.

A non-arsenical compound, known as barium fluoride, has been developed. The beetles cannot detect this, and it is very efficient in killing them.

Research has shown that there are over 200 disease organisms which attack flower and vegetable seeds. The annual "tax" paid by farmers because of these organisms is estimated at \$200.

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## 4-H Club Notes

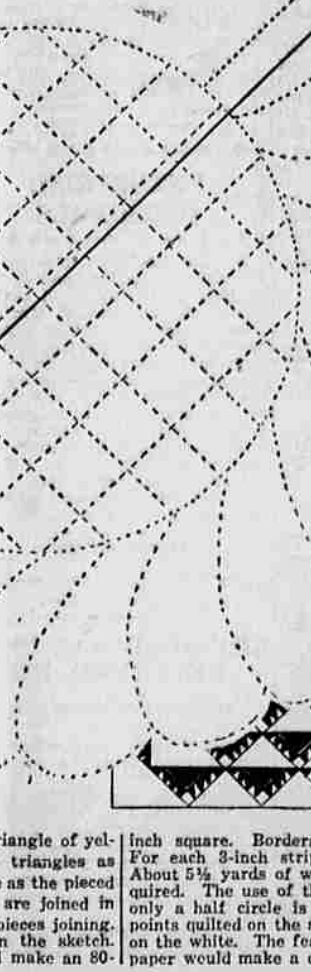
Members of 4-H clubs and others interested in the valley will tune in to station KOAC (560) Monday evening during the 4-H club weekly hour, to hear Governor Meier speak.

County Agent Harry G. Avery, H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist from the extension service of the state college, Tod Conrad, son, Clifford, and daughter, June, of near Imbler, visited three places Thursday in their effort to find a suitable registered calf. They visited Herbert Chandler's herd in Baker county, Jim Wilson and Les Davis' herds of North Powder and the experiment station. They are after a calf for a member of the Beef Calf club.

The young folks of the valley, who have earned scholarships to the annual summer school, on the state college campus are beginning to make their definite plans for the trip to Corvallis about the middle of June. Union county always sends a large delegation of splendid young people to this school, and this year promises to be no exception.

At the school fair put on by the teacher and pupils of the Liberty school last week at the school, there was a special feature of interest to 4-H club members. That was when county superintendent of schools, E. Members of the Island City club are spending this afternoon at the experiment station near Union on a judging instruction tour. This is the meeting which was postponed from two weeks ago.

## Our Prize Quilt for Today



## ANNUAL MEETING DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT GROUP IS HELD WEDNESDAY EVE.

The annual meeting of the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association was held at the federal building Wednesday evening. While all of the members of the association were not able to be present, all of the directors were on hand to consider the work of the past year and the outlook for next year. The Union county group has been functioning for the last three years and plans to continue the organization for another twelve-month, according to Harry G. Avery, county agricultural agent and secretary of the project.

The testing association started in cooperation with Wallowa county, and later an organization for this county, alone, was perfected. Hans Selberg, who previously had had charge of the Pioneer herd of registered Holsteins at Hot Lake, was the first official tester. On his resignation Ralph Robinson, son of Carl Robinson, of near Tolocast, who had just been graduated from the Montana State college, was selected to be the field man, and he has done two very successful years' work. It is reported that during the past year he has worked in both Union and Wallowa counties again.

The new year will begin on July 1, and during the weeks between now and that date, members of the association will make a personal census of dairymen of the valley in an effort to secure more testing as possible. Roger Morse, state dairy specialist of the extension service of the state college, former county agent of Baker county, was present at the meeting Wednesday evening, and if his services are necessary, he will return to assist in the canvass.

Many of the present members who are quite enthusiastic over the value of the service which is rendered through this group, are already signed up for another year, and many others hope to line up with the project if only necessary funds to cover the required fees are forthcoming. It is quite evident with the present condition of the dairy business and the record-breaking low prices are not conducive to the accumulation of wealth, and with cream checks not covering the cost of caring for a dairy herd, the additional funds necessary for membership are not in sight, no matter how beneficial the results may prove to be.

If not enough are secured to carry on the project as it has been going, a part time tester may be on the job, or Tilton county may be invited with some other county, possibly, Unnatilla or Baker.

The personnel of dairy herds in Union county has improved quite noticeably during the years the association has been in operation. "Bonder" cows have been eliminated on the other hand, individual cows and also herds, are making high records among other counties of the state.

## Crops Weather In Wallowa

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Much delay is still being experienced by farmers in this community in getting started at their spring farming operations. The first of the past week much of the soil had become about ready for working. However, with a heavy rain falling during the middle of the week and again at the last of the week, the fields have again been soaked greatly and several days drying weather will be required before much in the way of plowing can be done.

A very little seeding of spring grain has been done at a few of the farms in the valley, but most have just started doing a little plowing. Fall wheat and grass have made a fairly good growth during the past two weeks. A large part of the livestock has been moved out to pasture and in some instances a part of the cattle and sheep have been moved to summer range areas. Ticks are reported to still be giving considerable trouble in some parts of the county. Some losses have been reported among stock which were very thin when placed on the grass several weeks ago.

Sheep have made a wonderful improvement in condition since they have been on grass during the past several weeks. The most of the flocks were very thin in flesh when first taken off the feed yards and many of the early lambs appeared to be somewhat stunted in growth. However, the new grass has proven an excellent tonic for them and the most of the early lambs are doing fine and many have reached a weight of 50 pounds and better each at this time.

Mr. Johnson, who has charge of the shipping of lambs for the shipping association in this end of the valley states that he expects to get in touch with flock owners and get out a car of early lambs as early in the season as possible, in order to get at least a part of them onto market before the large breaks in price occur. The first pool shipment of lambs for the county this season were sent out the last of May and commanded the best prices that were received by local growers for the season.

A little shearing of sheep has been done at a few places in the community, but the bulk of the farmers do not expect to shear until toward the last of this month. Rather discouraging reports are heard in regard to wool prices this season, apparently there is but little interest being shown by buyers at this time and many do not expect to receive more than seven or eight cents per pound for their clip.

A number of unavoidable circumstances out down the attendance at the meeting of the Imbler Sheep club, which was held Saturday evening with Miss Josephine Fisher at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Fisher, of Lower Cove. A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who did attend. This group has been planning for a field trip out from Imbler which was originally announced for May 21, two weeks from today, but plans will be more definitely made at the next meeting of the club which will be announced in the near future.

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## Alfalfa Markets

Alfalfa markets during the week ending May 2, ranged from about steady in the central west to somewhat lower at the principal southwestern markets, according to the Weekly Alfalfa Market Review of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Trading at the principal markets has been seasonably light during the past few weeks, as evidenced by total receipts, which for April were 2,381 cars, compared with 2,943 cars for the corresponding month of last year. Demand however, has been light as pastureage became increasingly available. The weakness in the south and southwest was due largely to increased new crop offerings.

Pacific northwestern alfalfa markets remained quiet. Only two cars were offered at Portland during the week but demand was also light and quotations held steady. Remaining stocks in the territory for the smallest in several years, according to trade reports. The new crop was reported growing rapidly and water reserves are ample in the principal irrigating districts.

## SHIPMENTS SURPASS OUTPUT

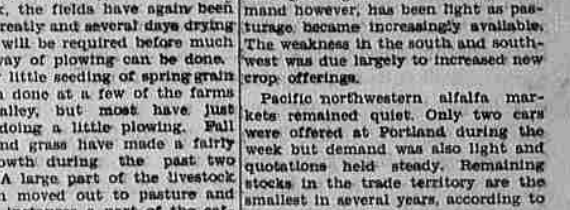
SEATTLE, May 6 (AP)—Lumber shipments of 216 mills for the week ending April 30 were reported as 29.7 per cent over production by the West Coast Lumbermen's association today, but current new business was 1.9 per cent under production.

Three hundred and twenty one mills operated at 25 per cent of capacity during the week as compared with 24.7 for the previous week and 44.7 per cent for the same week last year.

Inventories, 144 mills reported, declined 22,000,000 feet for the week ending April 30 and are 0.1 per cent less than at the same time last year.

Unfilled orders declined 13,567,000 feet for the previous week.

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