

OVER THE VALLEY

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The Judging Teams—

Our hats are off to the members of the 4-H club judging team which made such a splendid record the first of the week at the state fair. Competition there is stiff, there are scores and scores of competing teams and they have all made good records. So we are decidedly proud of the three boys, Clayton Fox of Imbler, Troy Becker of Lower Cove, and Truman Erwin of Island City, for having made such a place and with a total score which was not far behind the winners of first place.

And then there must be a word for the team which beat Union county by one place, because they are sort of related to the Union county boys—nephews, wouldn't you say? That team of boys from Malheur county, Russell McKennan's boys, Russell, who is assistant county agent of Malheur county and county club leader, coached a team this year, the first they have ever had in outside competition, and the team just naturally walked off with fifth place. Russell doesn't enjoy the complimentary publicity he has earned of late because of varied honors, but he should remember that it is he who set the high school on fire. He killed someone, he would argue from the front pages of the country, but since he has gone out and made good and is making good, why—"honor to whom honor." Russell came into this valley Saturday afternoon bringing with him Bob Winters, Arnold Slippy, Leonard and James Nichols. They practiced judging sheep and hogs in this valley. They stayed at the home of Mrs. Della Gibbs, where they were Saturday night at the Frank McKennan home near Imbler and went on to Salem Sunday morning early.

The Pomona Grange— Last Saturday members of the Blue Mt. grange entertained the Pomona grange at their hall near La Grande and patrons were present from Wolf Creek, Medical Springs, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Fannie, Rock Wall, Cricket Flat and the hostess group. The business meetings of the day and the exemplification of the ritualistic work was presided over by J. A. Nice, of Wolf Creek, master of the county organization. At noon Blue Mt. entertained the large company of guests at a roast chicken dinner. Supper was also served between the noon and evening sessions. The afternoon program given under the direction of the Pomona lecturer is always an open meeting with a program to which the public is invited. The special feature which the lecturer, Miss Minnie Holman, provided for Saturday's meeting was a debate on the proposed school merger bill, and so interesting was it and so influential were the speakers that other speakers withdrew in favor of this number. Hector McPherson, of the Willamette valley, whose name has been linked up with the project from the first, and who has been spending his time of late campaigning for the measure, explained it in full, carefully setting forth the claims of the proponents, that in addition to making possible greater educational facilities, it would mean a distinct saving in taxes. An attorney from Baker was to have represented those who are opposed to the merger, but he was unable to come to Union county and A. W. Nelson, of La Grande, expressed the arguments of the opponents, that the merger will be a serious blow to education in this state and that the proposition in place of retention taxes will call for greater expenditures. After the speakers had presented their arguments, those in the meeting were privileged to ask questions and the subject was discussed more or less informally.

To Elgin— Miss Clara Auclair, who has spent the summer months at the home of her parents, Mrs. A. A. Auclair, of Elgin, has returned to Elgin, where she has opened her music studio for the year's work.

Given Reception— Friends in the valley of Rev. and Mrs. (Josie Blokland) Bach will read with considerable interest an account given them recently by the people of North Powder, to which city they have been sent to serve for a year. The reception tendered North Powder's new pastor, the Rev. Walter Bach, and Mrs. Bach, the former Rev. Josie Blokland, at the local church last Friday evening was a most pleasant affair and attended by a large crowd of church adherents as well as well-wishers from every walk of life in the community.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lindsey and their daughters, Evelyn and Catherine, are newcomers in the valley, having recently come from Wallowa, where Mr. Lindsey had been in business, to live on a ranch in the Iowa district.

Resumes Work— Miss Marie Ledbetter, of Allice, has returned to Salem where she has resumed her work at Willamette university. This year Marie is manager of her sorority house, the Delta Phi.

To Elgin— Mrs. S. McAnish and daughter, Miss Emma, of Valeria district, accompanied Mrs. F. A. Epling of La Grande to Elgin last Sunday, where they spent a time visiting.

Injures Back— Glen Miller of Lower Cove recently received quite a painful injury when he sprained his back in lifting a sack of grain from a wagon. He is making trips to Union almost daily for treatment.

To Spend Winter— Mrs. Mary Wagner of Spokane has arrived in the valley and will spend the winter at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells.

Moving— Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ryland stopped for a short visit with Mrs. Ryland's sister, Mrs. Charles Gray, of Lower Cove Monday evening. The Rylands were enroute from their former home at Enterprise, to Hermiston, where they have purchased a farm.

Accompanying Car— Farrell Skillings of Imbler and Roy Bell of near Cove have left for Salem to attend the state fair. They accompanied a carload of stock which was to be entered from this vicinity at the fair.

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noticeable difference was in the size of the kernels, which were considerably larger on the irrigated portion of the field, otherwise the grain was very even.

This field was a part of the land Mr. Bakke had reclaimed by hard labor and much patience, together with considerable outlay of capital, from the winding bed of Whiskey creek. Originally the creek pursued a winding course through the valley, making it apparently worthless, but Mr. Bakke saw the possibilities, because of his early training in his native land where much of the farm land is built up by controlling the streams. The winding of Whiskey creek through Mr. Bakke's place made a channel some 713 yards long, 15 to 30 feet wide and from 6 to 10 feet deep. For weeks Mr. Bakke, together with his son, had to grub the brush from the soil. Then by digging a ditch along the edge of his place for the creek to follow he re-entitled. A vast amount of earth claimed the last it had once made had to be moved in filling up the old creek bed and leveling the surface, but Mr. Bakke feels well repaid for his efforts and expenditures.

A part of the time and rebuilt soil is in alfalfa, from four and one-half acres of which 22 tons of hay were cut, in the three cuttings for the season.

Mr. Bakke has another piece of reclamation work to undertake and figures it will be well worth the effort and a good producing field. The land is now waterlogged by several springs and a drainage system will be installed to take away the surplus water.

Watermelon Feed— The Will Wright home on the Lower Cove market road was the scene of an enjoyable gathering last Thursday evening, when about 25 neighbors gathered for a watermelon feed. The melons were grown on the Wright place and according to reports were very delicious.

To Salem— Another enthusiastic club worker from Kiddle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kiddle, of Island City.

Birthday Celebration— In honor of the birthday of the Clark twins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark of Allice entertained a few guests at their home Sunday at dinner. Another splendid feature was that the day was also the birthday of their aunt, Mrs. Nellie Gray, who was also present, and she was also suitably remembered. A feature of the occasion was two large cakes with which the twins had their picture taken during the afternoon.

Wallowa County Fair— All Wallowa county is looking forward to and planning for their annual county fair which comes off next week at Enterprise. This county will no doubt be very generously represented during the three days. Those who have the arrangements in charge have planned to meet the various desires and requirements for a thoroughly good fair and yet keep the operating expense within limits suitable to the times. If this year's fair is like other preceding, and there seems to be no reason why it should not, it will be a genuine success from all points of view.

Funeral Held— The funeral of William Jasper, pioneer resident of the valley, was held last week and was largely attended by relatives and friends, both from La Grande and surrounding territory. The Rev. J. George Walz of the Presbyterian church of La Grande was in charge of the service and the soloist was Sherwood Williams. The pallbearers were all nephews of Mr. Jasper. It will be remembered that Mr. Jasper suffered a broken hip when he fell some months ago, and on account of his condition and advanced age it was impossible for the broken bones to be set. Besides the large number of relatives in the vicinity, Mr. Jasper had a host of friends who mourn his passing.

Builds Barn— Everett Peleco, who lives just across from the Valeria school is in the midst of the building of a fine new barn on his place. The work is progressing rapidly and the new barn will be in use before the fall rains set in.

Will Be Missed— Because of the removal of the Pike family from the Dry Creek neighborhood, classmates of Bobbie Pike who has been a student at Dry Creek school, will miss him from their midst. His sister, Urryl, who was to have entered Imbler High school, will instead enter high school in Boise, as the family has purchased a ranch near the Idaho capital. Urryl attended the Dry Creek school for the last few years and received her eighth grade diploma from there last spring.

A Big Wheat Yield— The Wallowa Sun says that on a 914-acre field T. A. Bakke harvested an even 601 bushels of wheat of the soft Federation variety. The field was approximately half irrigated and the remainder unirrigated. The only

Farm Conditions In Wallowa

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special) — The moisture in this community is still insufficient to make fall seeding conditions good. However, during the past 10 days a large part of the summer-fallowed land in the hill sections has been seeded. The rains which fell over this county the early part of last week did not wet the soil to any great depth and drying winds which have blown considerably since have staked out a part of this moisture. Some of the farmers state that a part of their grain which was seeded last week is beginning to come up and should more rain come during the next week or two will likely get a good start before winter. The most of the fields have been worked into excellent condition.

A little threshing of late spring grain in the valley section is still being done. Giles Plass reports that he still has a field of barley and oats to thresh for J. F. Fisher, at the former John Pace farm a few miles east of town. A few jobs in other portions of the valley still remain to be threshed.

The greater portion of the third cutting of alfalfa hay has been put up at this time and reports from many of the farms state that winter feed supplies are larger than for a number of years. There appears to be but little doing yet in the way of hay sales, but judging from the basis on which some work has been exchanged for hay at some of the farms in the county it would appear that it would range somewhere around 60 per ton. Reports from the upper part of the valley state that some small lots have been sold from the fields recently at 65 per ton. Some of the haymen here are planning on baling out a part of their hay as soon as other fall work is out of the way.

There is said to be a heavy demand for green pasture in the irrigated part of the county at this time and with a large amount of stock being carried on many of the small irrigated pastures many of them are kept very short. Opening up of many of the fields is relieving the pasture shortage to some extent at this time. In the hill parts of the community, fall rains have not been sufficient to keep the ground as moist as yet and while some of the ranges farther back were fairly well soaked with the rains of last week, other parts of them are said to be very dry and some of the stock which has been held there during the summer is coming into the valley at this time.

When your cows are increasing in flesh rather than increasing in milk production, you are including too much grain in the feeding ration. The live weight of the cow is a fairly accurate index as to whether or not a cow is being fed the proper amount.

A cow loses weight a few weeks after increase or decrease in weight, except freshening but after the first month or six weeks she should not gain weight. E. V. Ellington, head of the dairy husbandry department at Washington State college. It is necessary that the cow increase in weight toward the end of the milking period.

There are several feeding rules which should be observed. The cow should be permitted to eat all the roughage she will clean up. Feed one pound of grain to each three or four pounds of milk produced daily. The amount depends upon the breed and inherited ability of the animal. Observe the weight and condition of the animal. If the cow puts on weight reduce the grain ration, and if she begins to lose weight increase the grain ration.

PEAS USED AS FERTILIZER KENANSVILLE, N. C. (AP) — Ben Gray, farmer, has found he can increase his corn yield by planting Austrian winter peas and then turning them under for fertilizer. Following corn crop, the better crop resulted, he said, when he used peas instead of commercial fertilizer.

This year's University of Illinois football squad will have only two players with more than one season's varsity experience—Capt. Gil Berry and Pete Yanuskus.

MAKES 3-IN-1 RESCUE GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—Capt. W. J. McIntosh, life guard, made a triple rescue when three children waded into a deep channel near here. They were rescued by being slung in to aid them, but was being pulled under by their combined weight when Captain McIntosh came to his help.

Hi-Ways to Health by ADA R. MAYNE OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

DIET AND TEETH A well balanced diet, which means one rich in all the dietary essentials, is the best basis for the building and protection of the teeth. Teeth are nourished from the same source as all other parts of the body and when they fail to receive the proper nourishment they are imperfectly formed. Faulty composition of the teeth along with improper diet results in degeneration and decay.

Among the elements needed for good tooth structure, calcium and phosphorus are the most important. The chief source of these two minerals is milk. Milk is so much rich in calcium that most food that it would be difficult to plan a diet to furnish enough of this element without milk. While the temporary diet does not make their appearance until between six months to three years, they have begun to develop in the third month of pregnancy. At birth the first teeth are fully formed in the jaw, which means that the mother is the sole source of food for their development. Her diet must protect her own teeth and build those of her child.

The permanent teeth are already in the jaws of the baby at birth, although the first of these does not

Specialists Will Make Intensive Study Of Fruit

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore.—The Oregon-Washington pear industry, largely built upon public horticultural research, cannot prosper without it and hence must have it even at private expense. This is the decision of the organized pear growers and shippers of the two states who have recently joined in a co-operative project with the Oregon experiment station whereby they are financing a specialist to maintain headquarters here to continue research in harvesting, storage, transportation and marketing of western pears.

This specialist is none other than Henry Hartman, for many years a member of the teaching and experiment station staff of the school here, later on special research work with the Rogue river valley pear interests, and for the last year in the federal department of agriculture service at Wenatchee, Wash. Mr. Hartman has now established his office here and is already taking up the experimental program where he left it.

"While my work at Wenatchee was related to that which I will continue here, it was more diverse, dealing as it did with transportation and storage of all sorts of fruits," Hartman explained on his return. "The pear industry of the two states decided that it wanted research continued on pears alone, with specific attention to its major problems, hence the Oregon-Washington pear bureau decided to furnish the necessary funds to continue the co-operative research program previously carried on with beneficial results."

Many Problems Unsolved "It is important that such research be carried on in connection with an established public agency such as the Oregon experiment station, if it is to meet with greatest success," Hartman continued. "Here I will have access to proper equipment and facilities and the benefit of co-operation with other specialists in related fields."

To those who have seen the near-perfect pears placed on the market by the Medford growers, it may seem odd that they have any problems, particularly in view of the casual comment so frequently heard that growers have production perfected if they can just sell their stuff. So Mr. Hartman was asked what are some of the things still needed to give the consumer in New York an Oregon pear so pleasing that he will not only ask for more, but be willing to pay for them.

"First we must continue tests on packing methods to avoid still further injury in transit, so the fruit will appeal to the buyers in the east, whether these buyers be patrons of a fruit cart in the lower east side or of some fashionable shop uptown. Both outlets are important in disposing of the northwest's pear crop," Mr. Hartman explained.

"We have already made considerable advance in methods in recent years, one of the most important being the use of paraffined linings to the boxes, which greatly reduces chafing of the fruit in transit.

"We also will continue studies of ripening methods to get the fruit on the eastern markets in the best condition of flavor and quality, and such as the ripening of Bosc at high temperatures, have been well worked out technically, but to devise adequate commercial methods of applying them in the eastern centers and getting the trade to adopt them is an unfinished task."

Much of this work must be carried on in the eastern consuming centers, therefore it will be necessary for Hartman to go east again this winter during the height of the marketing season, first in November and December when the earlier varieties are moving from storage to markets, and again in March when the winter pears are going into consumption.

Meanwhile he will continue work both east and west in study of storage diseases such as pin-hole rot, gray mold, scald and similar troubles. Much has already been accomplished in this field by past work by Hartman and others. Anjou pear scald is now controllable by use of oil wraps in packing the pears, while experiments are still being carried on with the use of copper-impregnated wraps in controlling some of the storage rots.

Mr. Hartman has also succeeded in working out the approximate length of life of the various varieties of pears in storage under present conditions thus avoiding trying to keep fruit beyond the period when it will ripen properly after being removed. Pears will "die" in storage, even though they may retain all the normal appearance of perfect fruit, he says. Possibilities still exist, however, of modifying the storage methods so as to lengthen this life period.

Assisting Mr. Hartman on this campus will be J. C. Moore, assistant horticulturist in the experiment station, who recently published findings on a new electrical method of testing pears for maturity, both before picking and during the storage period. He will continue work on this phase and will launch more detailed studies of the chemistry of pears, partly with an idea of finding out more fully their proper place among other foods from the nutritional standpoint.

Products made from milk. Vegetables—At least two liberal servings, beside potato, one preferably a raw green vegetable.

Fruit—At least two, one preferably raw as orange or canned or fresh tomato.

Whole Grain Cereal—At least one liberal serving as breakfast food or bread. Foods that must be chewed should be given young children for jaw development.

A Protein Food—As eggs, cheese, meat or additional milk.

Enough additional food to assure growth during childhood.

To Study Pear Diseases

ON THE AIR Station KOAC Extension Service of the Oregon State College 650kc

Thursday Evening, Sept. 29 6:00 p. m. Fox Whiteside theatre organ.

6:30 Farm Hour—6:31, In the day's news; 6:45, Market and crop reports, and weather forecast.

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TODAY WE HAVE

THOMAS HARRIS Cove, Ore.

This is the story of Thomas Harris, who has not lived long but has lived much. He was a soldier in the great World war and did his "bit" in a little of the bitterest part of the conflict.

He was born in Hiram, Roanoke county, Virginia, on April 14, 1892. His parents and grandparents were natives of Virginia. The family lived on a farm and his father also did carpenter work. In 1901 they came west to Cove. They stayed a year and went back to Virginia, but after six months there, they came back and have made their home here ever since.

Mr. Harris is one of a family of seven children, five of whom are living. His parents also are living. He was educated in the Cove school and lived a rather uneventful life until he decided to take a hand in the great war.

He was married to Miss Gladys Martin, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Martin, on the fifth day of June, 1917, and on the 23rd day of the same month he left for Camp Lewis, and 48 days later he landed in France with the 40th division of the American troops. After some more marching and drilling, he was one of 125 men mustered into Company B, 908th infantry, 77th division, U. S. replacements, bringing this company back to full strength of 250 men ready for the Meuse-Argonne offensive which started on August 26.

A month later they were in the Argonne Forest and it was just as Sherman described it, only more so. They had been ordered to leave all equipment, even blanket and overcoat and for 14 days they were fighting with no shelter or covering in mud, water and rain, with only four meals in all that time.

They had been commanded that "ground gained should be held at all cost"—each day they were able to make a little advance and on Oct. 2 they found that the battalions to the right and left had been unable to advance and that the Germans had formed in their rear and that they were surrounded. Major Whittlesey sent a patrol of 15 men, including Mr. Harris, under a sergeant to reconnoiter and as they reached the crest of a hill, machine guns picked off nine and only seven succeeded in getting back to their "fox" holes.

As he says, "The following days were full of horror. We were constantly repulsing assaults with hand grenades; machine guns were firing the positions where we were dug in, killing many, including our company commander. None of us had anything to eat and our canteens soon became empty. Without water the sufferings of the wounded were increased until the major asked another soldier and myself to gather some canteens and try to fill them at the water which was so near us in the center of the little valley. All was quiet until after I had filled

the first canteen, passed it back to my companion and had partly filled another when the machine gun fire started. I fell flat and tried to shield myself behind the stub of a tree about six inches in diameter. My companion ran back a rod or so and fell flat. When he stopped I ran to where he was. We repeated this until we reached the major with one canteen and a half of water."

Their severest trial came when they were shelled by our own American artillery. Through some blunder, the forces they were expecting to rescue them poured a barrage over them for an hour and 45 minutes. A carrier pigeon was sent out with this message, "We are along the road parallel 278 H. Our own artillery is dropping a barrage directly on us. For heaven's sake stop it." The message got through. For five days the nightmare of war went on. Each day they saw airplanes dropping food and messages but the Germans got them. The fifth night an advance patrol of the 307th infantry reached them and the next morning relief came with General Alexander himself. Only 64 of the 250 men who went in were left to come out and they were all privates. Every non-commissioned officer and the company commander were dead. They were not returned for rest even then, but the company was recruited with replacements two different times and they continued the offensive until the armistice, 83 days later. Of the 250 men who started on Sept. 24, only five remained on Armistice day—90 per cent were casualties. Mr. Harris returned to Cove June 1, 1919, after almost a year of absence.