

BREITHAAPT IS MADE AGRICULTURAL AGENT

DEAD OX FLAT RANCHER SELECTED BY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL TO HAVE CHARGE OF WORK STARTING JANUARY 1.

VALE TEMPORARY LOCATION

Ranchers Meet in Ontario Monday With F. L. Ballard and Make Choice—New Man Has Had Long Practical Experience.

L. R. Briethaupt, who for the past two years has owned and operated a ranch on the Dead Ox Flat was selected County Agent at a meeting of the temporary council of the County Farm Bureau, held in the offices of the Ontario Commercial club here Monday afternoon.

At the same meeting the council, consisting of V. V. Hickox, Pete Tensen, C. M. Beaumont, of the Nyssa and Adrian districts, and Mr. Carman of Vale, selected Vale as the temporary headquarters of the agent and named the salary as \$2700 per year.

Meeting with the members of the council was F. L. Ballard of O. A. C., who is in charge of the extension work in Eastern Oregon, having charge of the County Agricultural agents.

Mr. Briethaupt, the newly appointed agent, is so well known in Eastern Oregon that he will require no introduction to most of the ranchers. He is a graduate of O. A. C. with the class of 1910. That fall and in 1911 he taught agriculture in the Pendleton High School and in the fall of 1911 opened the Agricultural Experiment station at Burns, Oregon, which he operated for six and a half years, resigning in the fall of 1917 to move into the Snake River valley. He purchased an 80 acre tract on Dead Ox Flat, which he developed and where he continued on his own account to do experiment work. He has since coming to this section, taken an active interest in the public affairs of the county, being especially interested in the good roads movement. He represented the Payette-Oregon Slope region at many of the meetings prior to the road bond issue, was one of the committee that went to Portland and is thoroughly acquainted with that phase of the county's program.

Having lived in the cattle regions, having also been a hay rancher, he is thoroughly equipped with a practical knowledge of the problems of this region from every angle.

P. S. L. TO ENJOIN LEASE TO STANFIELD

Warm Springs Board Offered \$50,000 for Grazing Rights on Lands Recently Condemned From P. S. L.—Action Started.

Thru its local attorneys Brooke & Gallagher of this city, the P. S. L. company has filed notice on the board of directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation District of its intention to contest the lease of the lands about the Warm Springs Reservoir to the Stanfield company.

It is understood that the Stanfield interests have offered the district \$50,000 for a 99 year lease on the meander lands about the reservoir, and the company contests that right.

The grounds of the company's action are based on the terms of the order of Federal Judge George S. Bean in the condemnation suit. It is their contention that the district has condemned merely the right to overflow the lands and does not possess the property in fee simple. Of course the directors take the opposite view point and the action will be contested.

Mrs. Henrietta Payne left Saturday for Southern California to spend the remainder of the winter enjoying the orange blossoms and balmy breezes of the Pacific. While she is away Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Taggart have taken her residence on Idaho street. They moved into the house on Monday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Tuesday bridge club met this week at the home of Mrs. E. M. Greig. Mrs. H. C. Whitworth of Weiser was the out of town guest present.

Mrs. Florence Johnson was the hostess for a Christmas dinner party at her home on Indiana avenue which numbered 17 guests, including Mr. and Mrs. William M. Walker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Van Valkenburg, family and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson and son Emmett, Mrs. Iva Fox, and D. G. Stroup. In the evening the party adjourned to the Walker home.

The central theme of the decorations of course was a festive Christmas tree whose green boughs were laden with brilliant coloring and lights above which, nestled in the topmost branches hung a limplid moon, whose rays proved enticing in the "moonlight" number.

Miss Sallie Almond, who is one of Uncle Sam's enlisted nurses assigned to the Bremerton Navy hospital, where she cares for disabled sailor boys, spent the week in Ontario, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haney and E. B. Allen of the Purity Bakery. Miss Almond is enroute to Bremerton from her home in Fall River, Mass., where she spent her furlough from duty. She leaves tonight for Bremerton.

CHARTER FOR LEGION ARRIVED THIS WEEK

Meeting Called For Next Wednesday Evening at Commercial Club Rooms—Charter Roll Will Be Completed Soon.

A temporary charter for Ontario Post No. 87 of the American Legion arrived this week and the officers for the post have called a meeting for next Wednesday evening. The meeting will be held in the Commercial club rooms at the City Hall.

"The charter received is a temporary one," said Earl Blackaby, secretary of the Post, "to be used until the Charter Roll is complete, when the names will be transferred to the permanent charter."

At the meeting next Wednesday, to which every ex-service man is urged to attend, it is planned to arrange for the closing of the charter roll, so that all who wish to be listed as charter members should be present.

Mrs. R. E. Laurence of Riverside, which was a busy city this summer while the Warm Springs dam was under construction, came to Ontario this week.

H. Long of the terminal city of Crane was registered at the Moore Crane also furnished another guest, Will Kiesenbeck.

Seven of the Freshmen girls from O. A. C., gave an informal party to the N. N. Club and other O. H. S. girls Monday evening at the home of W. L. Turner, on Montana avenue. Fortune telling, stories and music followed by a Waldo Hall luncheon and dance, furnished a jolly time for all. The hostesses were: Amy Canfield, Ruth Lackey, Viola Husted, Delta Hill, Cecil Logan, Majorie and Dorothy Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader had a family dinner gathering at their home on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pearson came over from Weiser for the day and E. A. Trousdale of Nyssa was also present. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Rader, Miss Irene Rader, Bernard Rader and Mauser Harrison Rader and Mr. Trousdale went to Weiser where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson.

W. C. Bills of McMinnville, Oregon, spent the holiday season in Ontario a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam.

Miss Crystal West and Miss Elsie Gibson of Nyssa were the guests of Ontario friends during the week.

Roscoe and Donald Conklin of O. A. C., were home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Conklin.

P. J. Gallagher leaves next week to attend the sessions of the Oregon Irrigation Congress.

Miss Lavine Smith is spending the week end in Boise.

Otto C. Miller of Dead Ox Flat, accompanied by his young son and his brother spent Saturday in Ontario.

ONTARIO PRESSARY TO ERECT BUILDING

Concrete Building to Be Erected on Plant on King Street at South Edge of City—Contract Is Let.

L. I. Hirsch of the Ontario Modern Pressary let the contract for the erection of a factory building for the pressary to J. A. Draper, this week.

The building which will be of concrete, will be erected on the five lots purchased of Mrs. A. A. Browne, which are located on South King street near the edge of the city limits. Plans are being prepared for the building and call for a structure 35x50.

In this building will be located the cleaning plant with its gasoline washers, rub cleaning devices, driers and other machines. A full basement will be excavated and a gravity and distillation system installed to add to the efficiency of the plant.

The pressary will maintain an up-town office where its new Hoffman steam press will care for that type of work, including alterations, repairs, etc. The new steam press was just installed at the shop during the past week.

With the new building and additional machinery the partnership, which includes L. I. Hirsch and Hirschel Browne, will have the most modern and thoroughly equipped plant of its kind in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho.

EX-MARINE GOES TO PALO ALTO TO RECOVERATE HEALTH

Clint Pinney, ex-marine, who has been ill for some time, left Tuesday evening on No. 6 for Palo Alto, California, to enter the government sanitarium there. The young man's ailments date from his days in France when as a member of the famous Sixth Marines he saw service in four major offensives, including some of the warmest fighting that the "Devil Dogs" engaged in. He expects to be gone for several months in California.

FUEL SITUATION GREATLY RELAXES RESTRICTIONS

The fuel situation in Ontario has so greatly improved during the past week that the fuel commission this week removed all restrictions upon business houses using fuel. There are no families in positive need of coal and the amount of fuel arriving each week is more than sufficient to care for immediate needs.

Fuel permits are still required to secure coal but if conditions continue to improve even this system will be abandoned.

The Ontario Modern Pressary is securing the play in the Oregon-Harvard game, play by play, today and there is a great deal of interest being shown here in the contest. Oregon is the favorite of local football enthusiasts, but Harvard has backers, too.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Hirsch went to Boise Monday. Mr. Hirsch returned in the evening but Mrs. Hirsch remained over in the Idaho capital.

Thos. J. Joyce, one of the many members of that numerous clan residing in the vicinity of Juntura, is registered among the sheep men at the Moore.

PROSPECTS FOR NEW YEAR HAVE BUSY HUE

Past Year Has Been Prosperous and Business Men Believe That 1920 Will Be Even Better Than 1919.

Ontario is optimistic concerning 1920. It is the general opinion of business men that conditions are such that the city and surrounding country will show greater progress during the next 12 months than were recorded in the 12 that have just passed.

During 1919 Ontario launched its paving program, and its house building campaign. Neither were completed during the year and the benefits will largely accrue during 1920.

During the past year, too, the county road bond issue was passed and a real road program started. This is now under way and the city and country will feel its benefits during the year.

Likewise the Warm Springs lands will be under water this coming year and that will materially aid in the development of the city and county.

That Ontario was prosperous this year is indicated by the absence of business failures and the addition of several new firms to the city's rolls.

A roll call of all the business men of the city will reveal a spirit of optimism that spells progress in a city, for all are united in the firm belief that 1920 holds much in store for this section, and for Ontario in particular.

MISS CRANLEY RESIGNS HER POSITION IN H. S. FACULTY

Word was received this week of the resignation of Miss Pearl Cranley, teacher of music and art in the High School. She was called home to Grand Forks, N. D., by the death of her brother and could not return. The school board this week selected Miss Edith Griffith of Richmond, Missouri, to Miss Cranley's position.

"HITCHING" ON VEHICLES DANGEROUS, SAYS MARSHAL

There must be no more "hitching" on sleds or autos on Oregon street or on any street one block back from Oregon street," says Marshal H. C. Farmer.

"Already many drivers have reported that they have very nearly injured boys, and they fear that some one will be seriously hurt unless the practice is stopped at once. It should not be necessary to warn the parents of Ontario of this danger. The streets are slippery and cars skid in spite of careful driving and the drivers cannot be blamed if boys 'hitching' get hurt. But if the parents do not act, the officers will, and that should not be necessary," says the marshal who does not like to have to arrest small boys and yet who does not want them injured.

"DOUG" WINS HIS COMMISSION

J. G. Medkin of Westfall spent the first of the week in Ontario getting acquainted with friends from the interior who have "come out" for the winter.

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Robt. E. Smith, Director War Loan Organization, 12th Federal Reserve District, Commissioning Douglas Fairbanks W. S. S. Director for Southern California.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Ben Payne and Plak Becker came in from Westfall this week to get acquainted with the cattle situation in the lower valley. They registered at the Moore Tuesday.

Miss Virginia Reynolds of Twin Falls, who was a member of the O. H. S. class of '17 spent a portion of the week visiting friends here. Her mother, Mrs. E. F. Reynolds, passed thru the city recently returning from Crane, where she was called by the illness and death of her grandson, the little Weitenheller boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Roethler of Westfall spent the week in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Handley and son and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McEndree leave this week or the first of next for Long Beach, California, where they will spend the winter. If they find the location they seek they expect to make the Golden State their future home.

Word has been received by friends of the safe arrival at Long Beach of J. A. Walker and his son Melvin, who motored to that city from Ontario to join the rest of the family who preceded them nearly two months ago. The Walter family will remain in California until April when they will return to Ontario to occupy the home they purchased just prior to their departure, on East Idaho avenue.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will hold its annual business meeting and election of officers on Wednesday, January 7, at the home of Mrs. Anne Booz. The meeting is called for 2:30.

Mrs. F. Leslie Body and daughter, Marial, have been ill during the past week. Each of them, however, is reported to be improving.

BOTTLING WORKS TO BE ERECTED AT ONCE

Devette Business Man Signs Lease on Building Which T. H. Moore Is to Build at Once for Bottling Works.

W. R. Higginbotham of Payette, proprietor of the Payette Bottling Works, this week signed a contract with T. H. Moore for the erection of a building which he is to use as a manufacturing plant here in Ontario.

Under the terms of the contract Mr. Moore is to have work started on the building at once and it is to be completed by April 1 so that Mr. Higginbotham will be able to get started for the summer trade in this section.

The building is to be of concrete, 17x50 feet and will be located on lot 5, in block 3, the block in which the Ontario Furniture company is located. In fact the building will be just north of the furniture store.

Mr. Higginbotham has been investigating the possibility of coming to Ontario for some time and was actuated in his determination by the advantages of the city as a shipping point as well as the advantageous local market. He came here as a result of correspondence with the Commercial club.

An epidemic of too much Christmas or a new phase of grip germs made life miserable for a large portion of the youthful population of Ontario this week and kept the men from the doctor shops busy.

The members of the Carnation club open their 1920 season as the guests this evening of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cockrum at a dinner, following which five hundred will be played. The club this season is having a series of dinner card parties.

Mrs. S. A. Stanfield of Malheur was a guest at the Moore on Monday. Gerald Stanfield went to Boise on Tuesday on business.

Jay Dibble motored over to Boise on business and pleasure bent Tuesday.

Miss Irene Rader, Bernard Rader and E. A. Trousdale were among the Ontarians who attended the big dance given in honor of Nyssa's returned service men by Golden Rule Lodge A. F. & A. M. at Nyssa Tuesday evening.

Superintendent E. B. Conklin of the Nyssa schools was one of the few Malheur county teachers to attend the State teachers' association convention at Portland this week. He returned today.

PLANS FOR POULTRY SHOW NOW COMPLETE

BUSINESS MEN FURNISH FINANCIAL BACKING—MORE THAN \$200 IN PREMIUMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG POULTRY OWNERS.

FORTY-FIVE CLASSES LISTED

Renewal of Poultry Exhibition and Permanent Organization Planned—Banquet Will Be Given on Opening Day, January 22.

Ontario business men furnished the necessary financial backing for the 1920 Poultry Show, which is to be held here January 22, 23, and 24.

C. W. Davidson, representing the Commercial club, secured the subscription of \$275 to stage the show and did that in but a few hours last Friday. This fund, together with the interest shown by the poultry raisers in Malheur county and over on the Idaho side insures the success of the event.

So keen has been the interest manifested that F. Leslie Body, secretary of the Commercial club, has arranged for the staging of a banquet on the opening night for the formation of a permanent organization of the poultry fanciers. Details of this banquet will be made public later.

The show this year will be staged in one of W. E. Lees' buildings on Oregon street, next to Boyer Bros.' G. G. Wherry, the well known poultry man of Payette, Idaho, has been selected to judge the show.

The committee, Dr. A. G. Moore, H. H. Tunny, and C. E. Dibble of Payette, and Mr. Body completed the premium list this week and entries are divided into 45 classes, permitting a wide showing of the fowls raised in this section.

OREGON-WESTERN HAS NEW YEAR'S PRESENT

Perhaps the Best News Item of the New Year Is Announcement of New Pumping Plant North of Fair Grounds.

Perhaps the best New Year's gift to Ontario is the announcement made today by W. J. Pinney, agent of the Oregon-Western Colonization company, that they are to build at once a pumping plant to irrigate 450 acres in section 33, just north of the Fair grounds.

In this direction only has there been little progress toward the development of the land about the city. That there is room for many prosperous ranches in that section has long been known and it has been the hope of the city that the flat would be under cultivation. The start to be made now by the company means the ultimate realization of a family on every subdivision of that region.

That the land is in demand is evident, too. Mr. Pinney on Wednesday closed contracts for the sale of 102 acres of the section. Dr. E. S. Fortner purchased 50 acres that he had already cleared, and Geo. F. Duffield bought 52 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig entertained at a Christmas bridge party at their home on Morfit street Saturday evening. Three tables of bridge were played, a Christmas tree with gifts contributed by all present proved one of the fun producing events. The guests present were: Messrs. and Mesdames H. H. Whitney, J. R. Rasmussen, W. F. Honn, Ivan E. Oakes, and Geo. K. Aiken.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lelton will entertain at dinner this evening, one of the many New Year events staged in Ontario. They will have as their guests Messrs. and Mesdames E. M. Greig, S. D. Dorman, H. H. Whitney, A. J. Glover, W. H. Brooke and Geo. K. Aiken.

Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs were the hosts for a family dinner party on Christmas which included the Biggs family, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Weese, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Allen and Miss Rena Biggs and Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Weese.