

Many Parties Held in Week

Mountindale Youths Back at Oregon State

MOUNTINDALE—Walter Mathieson and Gordon Layton, who are attending Oregon State college, returned to college Monday after spending the Christmas vacation at their homes.

Dinner guests Thursday at the Frank Corey home were Rev. and Mrs. Howard Rushton of Los Angeles, Cal. and Herbert and Louise Maurer of Hillsboro. Rev. and Mrs. Rushton are on an evangelistic tour. They left Saturday for Denver, Colo.

Miss Clara Lund, who taught at the Harrison school thirty years ago, visited friends in this vicinity last week. Mrs. Vickers was formerly Miss Clara Lund, who taught at the Harrison school thirty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hutchings and family of Blaine, Miss Mildred Hutchings of Forest Grove and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutchings of Banks were Wednesday guests at the Archie Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Westcott of Hillsboro were New Year's Eve guests at the Archie Thompson home.

Thursday dinner guests at the J. L. Van Domelen home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doohier and Mr. Doohier's mother and sister of Cornelius.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harms is ill at the home of her son Harold Harms of North Plains.

Miss Verita Rafferty spent a few days last week with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rafferty, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leming entertained with a dinner Friday evening. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown, Mrs. Henrietta Short of Klamath Falls and Miss Martena Olson of Silverton.

Social News of Local Folk and Their Friends

MOTHER NATURE collaborated with public enemies and politicians, dissatisfied American workmen, and disgruntled European citizens to make the year 1934 one of the most eventful in the last decade.

Nature's contribution was a catastrophic drought. One of the worst dry spells in history cost the country's farmers hundreds of millions in livestock, crops, and toepoil.

Politics mingled with economics and aviation to produce many headlines. In January, the U. S. dollar was revalued at \$9.00 cents. In February, suspicion of fraud in the awarding of airmail contracts brought the aviation industry a spanking.

President Roosevelt cancelled all private airmail contracts, turning the job over to the army. This proved a federal "hot potato," when several army airmen died in smash-ups. After a temporary shutdown in the service, contracts were again awarded to private concerns.

In other political headlines, the G. O. P. named Henry P. Fletcher national chairman, and Donald Richberg supplanted NRA's Gen. Hugh Johnson (resigned) at the Rooseveltian right hand. A landslide in the November elections gave Democrats complete control in House and Senate.

THE year marked a new technique in the handling of public enemies. Done with coddling outlaws, federal, state, and city police co-operated in a drive which erased many names from gangsters' "Who's Who."

Police bullets ended the careers, for instance, of John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Clyde Barrow, and Barrow's "moll," Bonnie Parker.

Despite these object lessons, big-time crime persevered. A machine gun gang in Brooklyn robbed an armored truck of \$127,000. Kidnappers swooped at St. Paul, Minn., where Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker-brewer

from an appendix operation, returned to Gladstone with her Tuesday for a visit.

Drouth, Labor Troubles, Anti-Crime Drive—High Spots of '34



The drought, strike violence, and the anti-crime drive furnished much of 1934's news. At left, above, a farm family supplies its own "rain." Top right, "Baby Face" Nelson after his death from federal bullets. Below, clubs fly in the Minneapolis truck drivers' strike.

was held for \$200,000 ransom; in Canada, where abductors of John Labatt, Toronto brewer, demanded \$150,000; and at Louisville, Ky., where Mrs. Berry Stoll, society matron, was "snatched" by an alleged maniac.

National indignation flamed when June Robies, 3, Tucson, Ariz., was found chained to an iron cage in the desert 19 days after her disappearance.

DENUOEMENTS of two long-time news stories of importance—the Insull "chase" and the search for the kidnaper of the Lindbergh baby—came in 1934. Turkey shipped the aged Chicago one-time utilities magnate home for trial; and Bruno Hauptmann, German immigrant, was arrested in the Lindbergh case when ransom money was found in his garage.

One of the biggest human interest stories of the year was the birth of girl quinquets to Mrs. Ovilia Dionne of Corvallis, Ore.

Labor troubles created much news. Violence brought deaths to scores in strikes at Minneapolis, Toledo, San Francisco and Kohler, Wis. A textile strike in east and south involved 400,000 workers.

In Cleveland, O., the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. closed 423 stores following labor difficulties, but reopened them later.

Vetch Increases

Vetch seed production has been increasing locally the past few years and 1934 saw quite a pronounced increase and at the same time the grower received a fairly good price. While the yields in seed were not in all cases as good as in some other seasons, yet this was a crop that generally made a little money for the grower who had planted it on good land and with the necessary equipment to handle the crop effectively.

Heavily vetch made up the greater part of the vetch acreage that was cut for seed. There was also an appreciable acreage of Hungarian vetch and Austrian field peas. Like everything else, when there is a good year and the grower makes a little money, there will usually be an increased acreage the following year and sometimes this will be carried to the point where the price, because of too heavy production, will force the grower to a figure where it becomes unprofitable. This in turn results in decreased production and the price goes up. That sort of thing is inevitable in the production of some of these seed crops but regardless of that fact that there is a good demand for this seed, a demand which so far as we can see now is not going to lessen but rather is going to increase.

The demand for this seed is in the cotton belt where it is necessary to grow cover crops preceding the growing of cotton. As the practice of raising vetch for seed increases, and the ability of the cotton farmers to buy is improved, the demand for this seed will increase. That statement does not mean that there will be an unlimited increase in demand. Some caution should always be observed in expanding the acreage of anything.

Clover Grown

Crimson clover was grown as a seed crop last spring on some seven or eight farms in the county. Yields in this case were good, while not enough of it was grown to have very much effect on the total farm income, yet it was sufficient to indicate that the crop offers possibilities on certain farms where it may be planted at the right time. Yields of this seed averaged somewhere between 500 and 600 pounds per acre.

Crimson clover is purely a seed crop proposition and to be sure that a seed crop will be obtained the clover should be in the ground with enough moisture to sprout not later than the latter part of September, preferably two weeks earlier. In the fall of 1933 some seedings were made well into October and these late seedings produced a good seed crop in 1934. That was possible only because of the very mild winter which permitted the clover to grow throughout the winter season. This requirement of early seeding means that there are some years when it cannot get it seeded due to lack of moisture.

Quite a number of older farmers of the county have commented on the rather large acreage of red clover that was cut for seed last summer. The large total amount of seed harvested was due to a large acreage rather than to heavy yields per acre. Generally those fields that were clipped early or pastured and then clipped and let go for seed produced the heavier yields of seed. Where a full hay crop is taken first, clover seed yields the past few years have generally not been heavy.

Growers obtained more money for clover seed than for three or four years due largely to the fact that there is no real surplus of seed produced in the midwest and some sections of the clover belt; objections which we are attempting to overcome by bringing in eastern strains of clover or a harder type than our native stock. Success with this has not been pronounced but one strain, the Tennessee strain, known as Resistant, has met with approval and recently approximately two carloads have been sold to that section of the east where clover anthracnose is a serious problem.

While the premium received was not as high as it was in the past, it was sufficient to make the growing of the Tennessee strain worthwhile. At a recent conference in Chicago at which Oregon was represented, a program was approved which, if carried out, should mean a continued market for a

Milk Prices Advance

Milk prices have advanced and as dairy products are now about the largest agricultural source of income to Washington county this means that the increased return is being felt. Feed prices have also advanced along with the price of milk. In spite of the increased cost of production, dairymen generally are feeling better.

The federal abortion control program, started locally in November, is progressing and indicates that the percentage of reacting animals in Washington county herds is not large. Returns to date indicate less than 10 per cent reactors. Removal of these reacting animals does not mean an equivalent decrease in the production of milk as the reacting animals are generally not good producers. Problems confronting the dairymen in respect to this program are in replacing the animals that are removed from the herd.

Due to the increased price of milk and the disease control program both here and in California, cow prices in Washington county this year are finding it difficult and in some cases almost impossible to rebuild his herd with purchases. This release of reacting animals does not mean that the plan of control really becomes effective. Control areas develop out of the program that has been started.

Surplus Hit

Criticism is occasionally directed at some phases of agricultural development on the ground that improved farm practices in crop production, better bred cattle and horses, disease, and better management, only adds to the difficulty by adding to the so-called surplus that is produced. Such criticism ignores fundamental facts. In nearly all these phases of farm development there is no intention, thought, or encouragement to increase numbers of either animals or acres. Rather, the idea is to increase the unit so that fewer animals or fewer acres will be used to produce a certain income. The acreage thus released from the production of any given commodity may then be diverted to the production of some other crop in which there is not a burdensome surplus.

When the marginal production is removed, the surplus problem becomes simple. Some may argue that the limitation on production is unjustified as long as people are hungry. Looking at it purely from the standpoint of humanity, that idea

is correct but on the other hand it should be remembered that the farmer is not operating his farm for charity purposes, that he can only continue to grow crops or maintain livestock when that livestock or farm can produce crops or products which can be sold at a price high enough to return a profit over what it cost to produce it. Even though the total production may be no greater than what should be consumed, as long as it is not consumed the effect on the farmer is the same as though there was being produced much more than could possibly be consumed.

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Birthday Honored at Roy on Sunday

(By Miss Martha Vanderzanden)  
ROY—Miss Dorothy Vandomelen was pleasantly surprised on her nineteenth birthday anniversary Sunday with a party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Vanderzanden. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Vanderzanden, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vandancey, Mrs. Leadore Vanderzanden, Mrs. Marie Vanderzanden, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vanderzanden and son Wayne, Lynn Van Doren, Dorothy Vandomelen and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Vanderzanden and Edmund Aloysius and Delores.

Miss Letty Vandomelen left Tuesday for Washington, where she will spend a few months with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Spiering, December 30, a boy, William Deplanche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Deplanche, who is attending school in San Francisco, spent the holidays visiting with his parents.

Miss Martha Vanderzanden spent last week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vanderzanden of Forest Grove. Eleven tables of cards were in play at the card party given at the Mrs. Hall New Year's eve. First prizes were awarded to William Vandomelen and Mrs. Nick Smith, second to Edmund Vanderzanden and Mrs. P. J. Vanderzanden.

Miss Norma Jean Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Taylor, has been ill the past week with influenza.

Mrs. C. F. Jesse and son Archie spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jesse and son at Hillsboro.

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local price might have permitted it, but apparently this has not occurred as authentic information from Middlewestern states where this has been shipped indicates resales to middlewestern consumers at a figure which will allow a

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