

# Local Happenings

Harry Murchie will soon have his store finished and ready for occupancy.

Ira A. Berger went to Portland Tuesday on business connected with his store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Flickinger entertained the Messenger family at a delicious dinner on Sunday.

Hector Wicklander entertained a few of his friends Tuesday afternoon the occasion being his 12th birthday.

M. Morgan arrived Wednesday morning to pay a short visit with his wife, who is a daughter of Mrs. Harter.

Mrs. Walney of San Francisco, and Mrs. Malloy of Cascade Locks, are here visiting for a few days with their brother, John Jenkins.

Mrs. C. G. Blayden was called to New Plymouth, Idaho on Friday because of the serious illness of her son's wife, Mrs. Lauren Blayden.

Miss Lena McAdams returned to her home in Walla Walla, Wash. last Friday, after a week's visit at the Gorham and Blayden homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Shell of Goldendale, Wash., stopped at the Highway Inn Wednesday, and looked over the project before returning.

If you want any melons see N. Seaman, station agent at Irrigon. He will furnish ripe, juicy melon fresh from the field at reasonable rates.

A. W. Cobb went to Hermiston Wednesday to get medical treatment for a disordered liver that has almost incapacitated him for his arduous ranch duties.

Paul Smith and Nick Falser have been trying out the Irrigon recipe for poisoning rabbits. They report it very successful—found 16 dead rabbits around one shingle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Barker of Messner, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Earl Harper, moved to Ione on Monday. Mr. Barker is employed by the railway company at Ione.

The two daughters of Ray Brown have returned to their home from a visit with their grandparents near Walla Walla, Wash. Their girl cousins came with them for a visit.

Mrs. Casper Snively and children returned this week from Yale, Washington, where she attended the funeral of her father, Hanson L. Hannah. He lived to be 76 years of age.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen of the Dakotas, old time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Falser, arrived Tuesday, and have rented the Klagis house until they can find something more suitable.

Prof. Barns of Estacada, near Portland, was renewing old friends and acquaintances here Wednesday. It will be remembered that Prof. Burnes was the former principal of our schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballenger and Maxene motored to Wasco Tuesday, where they visited with the Murchies. Mrs. L. Morgan and Billy, Mrs. A. T. Hereim and A. T. Jr., went with them.

Mrs. Christenson, of near Portland, and Mrs. Carrie Vibbert and son and grandson of Gateway, were visiting this past week with the Chas. Dillon family. Mrs. Vibbert is Mrs. Dillon's mother.

J. R. Johnson and family returned Wednesday from their motor trip to Spokane, Wash., and other points. They returned by way of Yakima and Arlington. They have been absent for about a week.

Wm. Fennell has two bum pedal extremities. First he dropped a piece of lumber on his right foot and disabled it, next he scratched the left instep, so now he cannot do anything but wear slippers and a grouch.

O. H. Warner went to Hood River Wednesday morning with some tourists, and returned on the afternoon train. We don't know what he did down there—got into a mixup or what—but he came back wearing both a new lid and a subdued look.

Mrs. Ernest Loy, whose home is in Southern Oregon, and Mrs. N. Leathers of Hardman, visited last week at the Frank Cramer home. They are daughters of "Uncle Hank" Cramer, who lives with the Frank Cramers. "Uncle Hank" has been suffering from rheumatism.

Little Lois Messenger entertained 14 of her little friends at a birthday party Monday afternoon. The house was tastefully decorated in crepe paper and Japanese lanterns. The afternoon was spent in playing games, after which raspberry shrub and cake was served. Miss Lois was the recipient of several presents from admiring friends.

## BEEKEEPERS BEWARE OF BEE DISEASES

Foul brood is getting a pretty strong foothold in Umatilla county, and is so plentiful in counties along the east state line that the honey crop this season will prove a failure. The bee business is in such a demoralized condition that Mr. Scullen predicted that there would be a large number of colonies of bees offered for sale at a price that would attract the attention of beekeepers at a considerable distance who would probably not know of the diseased condition of the bees in that part of the state.

He also said that probably some bee men would be looking for new locations as their alfalfa also was nearly ruined by various pests so that bee pasturage was very scarce.

We are very fortunate in being free of any bee disease, so let us take every precaution possible to prevent any bees being shipped into the county unless they can show a clean bill of health. In order to do this we will have to petition the County Court to appoint an inspector who will have the authority to examine all bees being shipped into the county, and refuse admittance to any which are diseased. It is the duty of the County Court to appoint an inspector whenever seven or more beekeepers petition it to do so. There is no provision made for compensation so we will expect one of our number to volunteer to act as inspector gratis until such time as plans can be made for paying him.

It is estimated that fully seventy-five per cent of the bees in the west half of the state died last season of foul brood, and the prospects were good that more than that percentage of what was left will be lost this season. They have in the west part of the state what is known as Europe foul brood and east of the Cascade mountains almost invariably it is American foul brood which is much more fatal, no possibility of their curing themselves as is often the case with the European variety. So far we have but one nonresident keeping bees in this locality. Now let us make an effort to prevent any extension of this branch of beekeeping, as the actual residents will soon have the territory stocked to the extreme limit.

Our great danger lies in these often neglected apiaries. Neighbors

caught at least ten absconding swarms from this one small yard this season, and several other swarms were known to go to the plains to find homes in some badger hole or other lodgement on the John Day desert.

When these wild bees become weak from disease, our bees will rob them and spread the disease over the whole project. The drones will also carry the disease, and as they are welcome in any hive no matter how far from home, there is great danger from this source.

The association must call a meeting to adopt a constitution and by-laws and prepare a petition to be presented to the County Court for the appointment of an inspector in the near future.

Let everybody interested in keeping our bees free from disease and holding the territory for the settler should come to the meeting when called.

Yours for better bees and all that we can properly take care of and no more. C. H. DILLABOUGH.

## NO FUNDS FOR FARMERS FROM FEDERAL LAND BANK

In reply to an inquiry from H. H. Crawford, secretary-treasurer of West Extension Farm Loan association, addressed to the Federal Land bank of Spokane, Stuart A. Rice, secretary to the president, replies as follows:

"We acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of the 7th instant, wherein we are requested to advise you if we have resumed our loaning operations in Oregon and Washington and if we are in position to inform you as to when business from our locality can be considered.

In reply we respectfully beg to advise that the Bank resumed its activities to a limited extent about the first of May, but has not at any time been in position to undertake further investigations in the Boardman district with a view to determining the eligibility of the proposed association there to charter, and is not at this time in position to advise you definitely as to when this can be done.

The funds available for loaning purposes are limited in amount and he demand greatly in excess of the supply. As equitable distribution of these funds as was possible has been made, but we have been unable to do more than partly supply the borrowing requirements of the associations of our district already established and on an operating basis. The situation is one over which we cannot, of course, exercise any control and, while we hope that as the season advances conditions will improve, we do not know when funds for the completion of business in excess of the amount to which we are now committed will be obtainable.

## THE ABANDONED SHRINE

There's a little old church at the forks of the road, a landmark, dismantled and grey, where once the warm fires of humanity glowed, there's a column of ashes today. Yes, an old country church, where the ravage of Time its plan of destruction pursues.

Where the pulpit, deserted, pathetic, sublime, looks down on the worm-eaten pews. And, the old congregation lies, sleeping, serene, where the spread of "God's Acre" enthalls. They hear not the roar of Humanity's tide, nor the plaint when the whippoorwill calls. Thus, the little old church, at the forks of the road, divinely yet mutely holds sway,—till Time with his sickle, and Tide with his god, shall have swept her last fragment away.

This house was the Mecca of sinner and saint, in the halcyon days of her youth. From her Holy of Holies to vestibule quaint, they quaffed at the Fountain of Truth,—but the spire in the City hath crowned in its might, a greater and grander abode—till, only the Angels may pause in their flight, o'er the church at the forks of the road.

## ATTEMPTED TO ROB BROWNELL

Earl C. Brownell's store was the scene of an attempted burglary last Thursday night.

George Butterwood, yardmaster, was just returning home from work when he noticed three men trying to force an entrance into the store. They were frightened away so hurriedly that they forgot their kit, a soldiers or sailors kit. No further clue was found.—Umatilla Spokesman.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U. S. LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, ORE., JULY 26, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby given that Cecil M. Smith, of Echo, Oregon, who, on Nov. 13, 1919, made Homestead entry No. 018377, and on July 26, 1921, made homestead entry No. 022489, for all of Section 24, Township 3, N., Range 26, E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. G. Blayden, United States Commissioner, at Boardman, Ore., on the 3rd day of September, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: L. P. Keith, of Hermiston, Oregon Solomon C. Cummins, of Westland Oregon.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

L. V. WOODARD FAMILY ON TRIP

L. V. Woodard and family left on Tuesday—via auto—for Marshfield

to stay a few weeks. Mr. Woodard has sold his stock and expects, on his return, to either rent or sell his ranch, then go to Missouri to live and run his widowed mother's ranch. We are sure he will not like the East after living in the West—but then, he will not "have to be shown" how to get back.

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