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### Spoon River Sparks

(Enterprise Correspondence)

W. W. Tinwiddle and wife of Corvallis were Sunday dinner guests at J. N. Elliott's. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Frum and daughter Vivian called there in the afternoon.

Miss Grace Kirk spent the week end at W. R. Kirk's.

A. L. Falk and family went to Harrisburg Sunday.

M. B. Harding and wife and two children spent Sunday afternoon at H. L. Straley's.

C. L. Falk was a Sunday dinner guest at R. E. Bierly's.

Miss Ellen Vannice and Ted Mitzner were Sunday dinner guests at Merwin Van Niece's. The dinner was given in honor of Betty Jean Van Niece's second birthday. Ellen spent the week end with the Van Nieces.

Mrs. R. E. Bierly and son Kenneth and Mrs. L. R. Falk and daughter Betty Jean and son Louis spent Friday in Albany.

Miss Nellie Falk, Miss Hope Hussey, Kenneth Van Niece and Carl Nichols had picnic dinner at Triangle lake. They made the trip after Sunday school.

C. L. Falk jr. and family were Sunday evening visitors at L. R. Falk's.

### Pine Grove Points

(By Special Correspondent)

Misses Velda and Alice Curtis spent the week end with Miss Agnes Chandler.

Rev. Roy Birkey preached at Pine Grove Sunday morning and evening. The Birkeys have been missionaries in China, but have had to return to America on account of the trouble there.

Mrs. Lowry spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Palmer at Lake Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Eagy of Oakville attended church at Pine Grove and visited at L. E. Eagy's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoyer and daughter Florence visited at E. E. Hoyer's Sunday.

Fred Sylvester painted the Charles Nichols residence last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester and Mrs. Pehrson visited H. L. Blood and family near Eugene Sunday.

L. E. Eagy and family were Corvallis visitors Saturday.

George Chandler and family motored to Triangle lake Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Smith preached a baccalaureate sermon for the Peoria and Pine Grove eighth grades at Peoria Sunday evening.

Our objection to the Patterson income tax bill is not because of any shortcoming as an income tax law. It is a splendid income tax law if we are to have an income tax.—Oregon Voter.

Mr. and Mrs. Southworth made a business call to Albany Saturday morning.

## More Coast Farmers Are Also Owners

### Rural Tenancy is on the Decline Here

Washington.—Marked readjustments in farm ownership and tenant farming in the United States between 1920 and 1925 are shown in an analysis by the bureau of agricultural economics, United States Department of Agriculture.

The bureau reports that there were 7,724 more tenant farmers in 1925 than in 1920, and 50,786 fewer farm owners. The net change, says the bureau, is not startling, but the picture in detail "is not at all reassuring."

Farm owners have increased in the New England, Middle Atlantic, and Pacific groups of states and decreased in all other groups, the larger decreases being in the west north central, east south central, and west south central areas.

Tenant farmers have increased in the west north central, west south central, and mountain states, and decreased in all other areas. The increase in tenant farming has been especially notable in the newly developed cotton areas in the Southwest.

An analysis of the various tendencies appears to indicate that the increase in owner farmers has occurred mainly in regions sufficiently close to cities or to mining and other industrial enterprises to create a demand for farm homes supported largely by wages earned in nonagricultural industries. In regions mainly dependent on agriculture the agricultural depression appears to have resulted in a relative increase in tenancy.

Full details of the bureau's analysis have been published in a mimeographed report entitled "Changes in the Tenure of Farm Land, 1920-1925," copies of which may be obtained from the bureau of agricultural economics, Washington, D. C.

### Bank Bandits' Social "Approach" Is Flawless

Superior, Neb.—Making an offer to entertain their thirteen prisoners and folding any display of roughness, the two well-dressed bandits who held up and ransacked the Farmers' State bank here of \$25,000 during lunch hour, established a model of politeness.

"Here, take a seat, you'll be more comfortable," one of the bandits told J. H. Parsons, the bank's president, who had been lined up with the other captives. Parsons sat down, as did several other prisoners who could find chairs, while all awaited the arrival of the cashier to unlock the safe.

"Come right in, sir, and make yourself at home," said one of the men as a shoemaker's apprentice came into the bank for change. "Just step over there with the other gentlemen."

When Floyd Boersman, assistant cashier, finally entered the bank, the bandits forced him to open the safe. One scooped up everything in the vault, while the other unshowered his prisoners into the repository. He failed to lock the vault door, however, and an alarm was soon sounded, but no trace was found of the men.

Grass and early garden crops have made great progress, despite the unusually cold spring, and now that real summer is upon us it has become quite the fashion for various members of the family to hoe and dig and plant, "just as they have before," as was described in a pleasant jingle by Ruby

Schroll before she added "Almon" to her name. The concluding verse of it will remind many of past experiences: "A patient hen appears And swallows worms galore. She knows she'll get the garden yet, Just as she has before."



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