

NO "AVERAGE FARMER," EXISTS, SAYS AUTHORITY

The Country Gentleman decides that there is no "average farmer." The phrase originated as the result of statistics put out by the department of agriculture after it examined 13,475 farmers out of more than six million in the United States. Also it points out that the phrase "average expenditure of farm families for clothing" resulted from the department of agriculture year book for 1925, which was based on reports from 1,337 farm families.

Commenting on this, the Los Angeles Times says: "If these figures are true, they sweep away at one movement some nine-tenths of the argument for farm relief measures, for such figures evidently are worthless as a basis for anything. They could be used only for the wildest guess work."

"It appears then that there is no reliable statistical information regarding the condition of the American farmer, save the general price index which is concededly only an approximation. This general index shows that in the last few months farm products have practically caught up with the price levels of other commodities." Here in the Willamette valley the question of farm relief and labor shortage are of little importance but the question of cooperative marketing is one that should be studied carefully and well for on this point rests the greater or lesser prosperity of the farmers of the valley and we have only to cite the citrus growers of California to prove the argument.

Peoria News Items

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Mrs. Jessie McLaren of Pine Grove visited Mrs. Ruby Dorsey Sunday.

Arthur Dorsey who has been quite ill is able to be in school again.

J. W. Lamar was a Corvallis visitor Tuesday in the interest of Lamar & Lamar.

W. A. Muller and wife of Potter Station, were visiting friends in Peoria Sunday.

J. W. Lamar attended a meeting of the building committee at Shedd Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Jones of Benton county visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Alice Barcus, who is ill, Sunday.

George Githens was called to Portland Friday to the bedside of his wife who is in a hospital in that city.

Mrs. Alice Barcus is quite ill at her home here. Dr. Marks of Halsey was called to see her Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Gibson visited at the J. W. Lamar home last week. They were on their way from Eugene to Salem to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lamar, Mrs. J. S. Lamar and Mrs. Fay Githens attended the Eastern Star lodge at Shedd Wednesday. The two latter are officers.

Mrs. Fred Hughes has returned from Noti where she has been helping care for her father who had fallen and broken his collar bone. He is improving nicely.

The members of the Women's missionary society met at the parsonage Thursday afternoon. Part of the afternoon was devoted to the reading of the quarterly report.

The revival meeting that has been going on at the Lake Creek church closed Sunday night. Rev. Metcalf expects to begin one at Peoria in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lamar were overnight visitors in Albany Friday, while there being guests at the St. Francis. Mr. Lamar attended a meeting of the Knight Templars and also looked after business interests while in the county seat.

SOCIETY NEWS

From Our Regular Correspondents

Social events during the past week among the younger folks have given place to the rehearsals of the operetta "Patricia," which will be given at the city hall this evening.

Mrs. George W. Laubner extended the hospitality of her home to the members of the Thursday Study club for their meeting last Thursday. Roll call was responded to by naming a modern inventor and giving his invention. Mrs. B. M. Bond read the paper for the lesson, her subject being, "Industrial Arts of China." At the close of the lesson hour the hostess, assisted by Mrs. M. M. McMahan, served a delicious lunch. Fifteen members were present. Mrs. Douglas Taylor was a complimented guest.

Mrs. Earl Albertson a recent bride, was the motive for a miscellaneous shower, given in her honor by the members of the Church of Christ, at the church parlors. The gifts were arranged around a prettily decorated Christmas tree. After the presents were unwrapped and admired members of the young peoples class, of which the honor guest was also a member, served sandwiches, cake and coffee.

Mrs. Albertson was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts.

Peoria — Rev. Metcalf, whose birthday was Monday was surprised that evening by a group of friends, who met at his home, taking with them a birthday supper including a beautifully decorated birthday cake. Several hours were spent in playing games and contests, and the serving of refreshments brought the pleasant evening to a close. Rev. Metcalf received many nice presents.

Notice to Telephone Patrons

Every patron of the telephone in Halsey and vicinity is requested to meet at the Council rooms in Halsey Wednesday evening, January 18, at 7:30 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to get together and see if the present telephone service cannot be improved by putting the lines into better shape.

Bert S. Clark }
C. H. Koontz } Com.
O. W. Frum }

Teacher 65 Years



Miss Olive Coffeen of Covington, Ind., has been teaching for 65 years, and is still active in her profession at eighty-one. Among her present pupils are grandchildren of her first class back in 1862 when she was engaged as instructor at Veedersburg, Ind. For many years she was professor of mathematics at Indiana State university and also at Austin college at Effingham, Ill.

Girl Leader of Miners Asks Help



The photograph shows Milka Sablich, known as "Flaming Milka" of the Pennsylvania mine strike district, with Proko Muiltich and John Richey, two of the striking miners. They were in New York to enlist aid for their cause. This eighteen-year-old girl has done much to relieve the suffering of the families of strikers.

HALSEY AND VICINITY BREVITIES

Carl Hill spent Friday in Portland on a business trip. Delos Clark accompanied him that far on his way back to Crane.

The condition of Mrs. John C. Bramwell who has been seriously ill the past two weeks as the result of a stroke of paralysis, is still the same.

Sam Hull, a nephew of W. H. Robertson, arrived on the noon train Thursday from Crane, Montana, for a visit, and he may possibly locate in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Byers and daughters of Hoskins were visitors at the E. C. Miller and I. E. Gardner homes. Mrs. Byers is a sister of Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole J. Kayser of Silverton were overnight visitors in Halsey Monday night at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. W. H. Wheeler. They were on their way to Noti.

Morris' Pharmacy now offers to the residents of Halsey and vicinity many bargains in high grade box stationery. Also a few bars of Coleo and bath tab soap left at the SPECIAL price of 5 cents a cake.

Do not forget the meeting of telephone patrons at the Council rooms Wednesday evening, January 18. Condition of lines and construction are inadequate to furnish

service as it should and the growing demands are for a better system. Let everyone attend this conference.

Wilma Wahl and Ruth Sturtevant expect to go to Eugene Friday as delegates to the older girl's conference. While in Eugene they will be guests at Sigma Nu.

Mrs. L. H. Armstrong and daughter Hazel spent Friday and Saturday in Eugene where Hazel underwent an operation at the Northwest Hospital. Dr. Gullian performed the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller drove to Eugene and Springfield Sunday, visiting at the J. H. Griffith and T. F. Bennett homes. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gormley accompanied them as far as Irving where they visited their daughter, Mrs. George Alford, and family.

The first meeting of the city council was held Monday evening at the council chambers. The city is out of debt, there being no outstanding warrants or bond and the treasurer's report shows \$700 on hand, speaking well for those who have had charge of the city interests.

Mrs. Hannah Cummings has sold her residence and the block of ground, between Second and Third and C and D streets to her son-in-

law, W. C. Smith, according to announcement made the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved to their new home Wednesday from the John Porter residence in which they have been living for several months.

Mrs. W. H. Wheeler left a bunch of raspberry blooms which she picked from the bushes at her home in the north part of town, at the Enterprise office this morning.

Owing to the fact that the time of installation of officers of Vine Maple Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, has been changed, and also because of the parent teacher meeting Friday evening, the guards will not drill that night. Wednesday night of next week is regular lodge night and it is hoped that every officer and member and all guards will be present, so that the installation work may be practised.

The Halsey Gun Club have just received their new clay pigeon trap and have installed the device at their grounds in the east part of town. The trap was acquired by a few of the members advancing a part of the purchase price. A tournament is to be held Sunday and many from out of town will be in attendance for the club already has acquired a reputation for good clean sportsmanship.

"Laddie," which will be shown at the city hall in Halsey next Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, is a faithful picturization of Gene Stratton-Porter's novel, and with splendid histrionic performance, particularly on the part of John Bowers, Bess Flowers, David Torrence, and Gene Stratton the novelist's twelve-year-old granddaughter, shapes unquestionably as the most vital, truly American drama in the country today.

The past week has seen unusually fine weather, even for Oregon, and is all the more appreciated perhaps because of the slight flurry of snow which preceded it. C. C. Jackson was a visitor at the Enterprise office a few days ago and while discussing the weather, recalled to mind a similar winter about 53 years ago. At that time he was living on a small place near Scio, and early in January the weather was so warm that he broke ground and sowed grain.

Splendid Program Arranged For Parent-Teacher Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent Teacher association will be held Friday evening at the high school.

The following program has been prepared by the program committee:

Opening song by the association.

Colombian Beauty



Among the most beautiful women in Washington's diplomatic set is Senora Nicolas de Zubiria, wife of the newly appointed second secretary of the Colombian legation.

DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF FARM RELIEF, JAN. 16

January 16 is the date set for consideration of farm relief bills by congress. One thing congress can do for the farmer is to let the quota provision of the immigration law alone. High prices for farm products will not help the farmer to any appreciable degree. Congressman Hagen of Iowa has presented a measure in the present session to establish a federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities in interstate and foreign commerce.

At a meeting of the national association of marketing officials, held recently in Chicago, the committee on legislation, among other recommendations, included the following: We recommend specifically that the respective states pass laws authorizing the state department of agriculture or other administrative authority concerned with marketing, to adopt and promulgate such grades and standards for the state as have been established by the United States department of agriculture.

Shedd Personals

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Mrs. Fred Springer was a business visitor in Albany Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Maxwell were Albany visitors Thursday.

Donald Margason is recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Merrill Davis has been helping Ray Beamer build a fence on his farm.

Jack Cornett was initiated into "Buster Buttons" of Oakville Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Springer and son were visitors in Bell Plain Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hoffman of Lebanon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Coates.

Mrs. Mary E. Duncan spent Wednesday evening visiting with Mrs. R. C. Margason.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Cottage Grove moved to this vicinity several weeks ago and their children started to school Monday.

The play, "O, Kay" that Shedd High School is to give Friday, 13, is coming along nicely and most of the reserved seats have been sold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seipp and family and Mr. and Mrs. Creson and son of Silverton were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Thompson Sunday.

The Calla Circle held its regular meeting Tuesday evening. The members dressed to represent the months of the year. After lodge candy was passed around and a pleasant evening spent.

Reading, "The Night Wind," by Jimmie, Donna and Jean.

Instrumental music, Retta Armstrong.

Reading "At the Movies," Agnes Hayes.

Song, "Sparkin' Peggy Jane," Beverly Isom and Elta Bramwell.

Reading, "Gosh, but She's Different," Mr. Rossman.

Child Study—when to teach the child and when to let him alone.

Dialog, "Dr. Wise," Fourth grade pupils.

From 37 acres of Italian rye grass, planted in September, A. G. Waggener who lives four miles east of Halsey, has fattened about 300 head of lambs. He will continue to pasture sheep on the grass until April when they will be taken off and the grass will be allowed to grow until the first of June when it will be cut for hay.

New Year Aftermath



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I WON'T DISCUSS ANYTHING TODAY FURTHERMORE I KNOW NOTHING TO DISCUSS