

Community News

By Special Correspondents

UPPER WILLAMETTE

Mrs. J. A. Phelps teacher of the primary grades at Pleasant Hill entertained her pupils at a valentine party at her home Saturday afternoon. The home was fittingly decorated for the occasion. Games were played during the afternoon until refreshments were served. Cake with brick ice cream with red heart center and heart candies were much enjoyed by the children.

The pupils of the Pleasant Hill public school will give a program and picnic on the evening of February 21.

Verna Awbrey, Clarence Monson and Lyman Tinker have been chosen to represent the Pleasant Hill high school at the O. A. C. conference this year. As Verna Awbrey is quarantined at home with the pink eye, Verna Higgins has been chosen to take her place. The students accompanied by their principal, E. E. Kilpatrick, leave for Corvallis Friday morning and will be the guests of the college for 3 days.

The women of Pleasant Hill will hold another social meeting at the home of Mrs. H. C. Wheeler Thursday February 16.

The members of the Pleasant Hill community club are requested to meet at Woodman hall February 17 to decide what to do with the piano and other possessions of the club.

At the student body meeting at the high school the following officers were elected: Carl Linton, president; Nina Dilley, vice-president; Lyman Tinker, secretary-treasurer; Kenneth McKenzie, athletic manager.

Mrs. Douglas Cooper has returned to her home at Bend for a few weeks.

The Pleasant Hill high school basketball team defeated the Santa Clara team last Friday on the Pleasant Hill floor. This ends the inter-high school games until the tournament at the Y. M. C. A. floor in Eugene. Donald Kabler, Jerry Kabler, Clarence Monson, Carl Linton, Paul Harden and Lyman Tinker played their last game for the Pleasant Hill high school last Friday. All graduate this year.

THURSTON

A large number of relatives and friends honored Ross Mathews by a birthday surprise party Wednesday night.

E. J. Moore County School Superintendent visited Thurston schools the first of the week.

The Cruthers family are expecting to move from their home on the McKenzie to the Charlie Scott residence in East Springfield.

Mrs. McArthur of Eugene, John Taylor of Indian Creek and William Fowler of Linslaw, who is attending the university were visitors at the Charles Taylor home Thursday.

Walter Platt was seriously injured Friday when a horse kicked him and broke three ribs.

An old-fashioned neighborhood party was given at the community hall Friday night. Old time dancing was enjoyed by those not caring to play cards. A violin, banjo and piano furnished the music. Lunch was served by the women at mid-night.

Mrs. Felix Sparks of Blue River and Mrs. Arch Shough of Vida were visitors at the John Price home during the week-end.

Lillah Bertsch, Theda Rhodes, Helen Eyer and Maude Edmiston visited the Rhodes homestead on the McKenzie near Blue River Saturday and Sunday.

Clark Parrott received a broken finger Monday while catching a baseball at the high school.

Mrs. Platt of Deerhorn was a visitor at the Walter Platt home Saturday.

Franklin Sunday school superintendent by William Jesseys has challenged the Thurston Sunday school under Ard Hoover in an attendance, on time and studied lesson contest. Thurston began with an attendance of fifty last Sunday.

GARDEN WAY

Mr. and Mrs. James Reed and Henry Adams were callers in this neighborhood Wednesday. The Reed family is visiting with the W. J. Butts family near Coburg.

Cecil Collingwood is ill with the mumps.

C. E. Bailey is rejoicing over the news of the arrival of his forty-second grandchild. The child is the son of Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Bailey of Toledo, and was born February 7th.

The Sewing club completed their first project in sewing and their work was exhibited Friday afternoon at the school house. The hand work consisted of doll rugs, tea mats, envelope bags, and lunch cloths. The members who have completed the work are: Florence Bell and Charline Fish, Virginia Chase, Thelma and Dorothea Wells, Helen Haughann, Laverne Money, Patsy Bear, Lucille Monday,

and Bernice Waite. The club just received their charter for last year's cooking club work.

A hard-times party was held at the J. W. Chase home Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers association. A small admission was charged and about \$12.09 realized which was applied to the piano fund. About fifty people were present wearing hard-times costumes. Valentine games were played. Refreshments of baked beans and sandwiches were served.

WILDCAT PETE WINS ON AIRPLANE TWIST

An airplane twist, achieved as he was in a headlock, gave Wildcat Pete a victory over Steve Strillich in a wrestling match at the Bell theatre last night. A good sized crowd of fans witnessed the encounter.

Strillich, who had been struggling on even terms with Pete for 35 minutes, was so badly knocked out in the first fall that he was unable to come back for more. His arm was badly swollen.

Visit Montgomery Home—Mrs. Fred Williams of Noti was a visitor at the Sam Montgomery home late last week.

Undergoes Operation—Mrs. J. O. Henderson underwent a major operation at the Pacific Christian hospital Saturday.

Here from Oakridge—Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Holt of Oakridge were visitors in Springfield for a short time Saturday.

Undergoes Operation—Mrs. D. W. McKinnon, resident of South Second street, underwent a major-operation at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

Moves to Globe—Mrs. Ralph Hurlbutt has gone to Globe to join her husband, who has employment in the mill there.

Here from Teaching Post—Miss Lenabell Harper, former editor of the Springfield high school Maple Leaf, was here visiting from Fall City, where she is teaching, the last week-end. She returned to her post Monday.

Here from Bend—Henry Volstead of North Bend visited Springfield for a few days this week.

Drive to Portland—Dwight Kessey and Roland Parker drove to Portland Saturday.

Here from Portland—A. J. Perkins of Portland was a visitor here Tuesday.

Visit in California—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hobson left this week on a motor trip to California.

Home from Hospital—Mrs. H. Frey returned to her home from the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

Here from Natron—Mrs. Vern Stewart of Natron was a Springfield visitor Monday.

Vida Woman Here—Mrs. A. T. Donahue of Vida shopped in Springfield Monday.

Dexter Man Here—G. M. Mathews of Dexter was a visitor in Springfield Saturday.

In from Marcola—Mrs. M. Craig of Marcola shopped in Springfield Saturday.

Visits in Springfield—Mrs. L. S. Stevenson of Oakridge visited in Springfield Saturday.

Here from Wendling—Mrs. Jess Wilcoxon of Wendling was a Springfield visitor Monday.

Here from Blue River—Among visitors here Monday was Mrs. W. E. Hines of Blue River.

Marcola Man In—R. E. Hager of Marcola paid Springfield a business visit Monday.

Visitors from Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor of Fall Creek were visitors here Monday.

TOWN AND VICINITY

Production Trend Shown In State Outlook Report

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 16.—Agricultural income in Oregon for 1928 will be equal or slightly above that of 1927 if present indications for the leading farm enterprises are not radically changed, according to the annual economic-outlook report just issued here. The state report embodies pertinent excerpts from the federal outlook report combined with local information gathered by extension and experiment station specialists and 26 county agents.

Gradual improvement in the agricultural situation is shown though many suggestions are made for adjustment of production to changing market demands. The complete report, covering general conditions, farm crops, livestock, dairying, poultry, and horticulture is being prepared for general distribution after the middle of February. A skeleton summary follows:

The general agricultural situation in Oregon is improved, the gross farm income being higher than at any other time since the peak in 1919-20. There is increased activity in farm lands and an increase in number of farms. With increased efficiency and adjustment of production to market demands, gradual increase of farm income is indicated for some time.

Local markets on Pacific coast, where population is increasing twice as rapidly as in the nation as a whole, will probably tend to improve. Domestic markets generally are expected to continue about as in 1927, while foreign markets appear a little less favorable than a year ago. Credit conditions are favorable for the farmer now, and although labor rates are still 70 per cent greater than for the pre-war period 1910-14, a better supply is likely to be available.

Commercial potato acreage in Oregon is likely to remain about the same as in 1927 but it appears that material increases are intended in all states from Nebraska to Maine. Regions of high acre yields and low freight will suffer least from overplanting.

A world expansion in wheat area is in prospect. A three per cent increase in winter wheat is in sight for Pacific coast states. Justification for spring planting exists in the blue mountain region and parts of the

Willamette valley, though in the latter flax, barley or oats may be more profitable. Increase in general barley acreage is warranted because of local and export demand. Increase in corn is justified.

Cattle prices are expected to remain fairly high for several years, but new operators are cautioned in starting at present high prices for breeding stock. Sheep are increasing throughout the world, but market demand is expected to be good except in occasional years. Efficient production is essential to continued profit. Only 249 stallions were in public service in Oregon as compared to 1051 in 1912. Hogs are still produced below state requirements but probably to the capacity of waste feed available which is the economic basis here.

Dairy situation is favorable with increasing demands for products, without corresponding national increase in production, though high quality of butter must be produced. Little alarm need be felt over shipment of cows from the state, as they are being fully replaced with better ones.

Surplus eggs of this state comprise but a small percentage of the total production. National volume will be little affected if Oregon production is doubled or trebled. The poultry business in this state is fundamentally sound but depends as much on safe management as on current egg prices.

Apple production has about reached its peak in the northwest. Larger unit production at low cost is vital to profits. Little if any increase in Bartlett pear acreage is warranted. Peach production can be improved in quality and grading with profit, though a great acreage expansion is warranted except under exceptional growing and marketing conditions.

No increase in acreage of brambles can be recommended except in localities of exceptional cultural conditions and market facilities. Vegetable growing for canneries is on the increase in Oregon, having expanded more than 300 per cent since 1920. Walnut markets are being affected somewhat by fluctuating production in competing areas. Fibers are remaining more stable.

The complete report contains detailed figures and trends on which recommendations are based.

A Charming Fashion



A frock made along the lines of this charming model will prove an asset to your spring wardrobe—for it can be worn for any number of occasions. The blouse is fashioned of Duotone Cashmere and the skirt of Crepe. The side pleats and shoulder tucks add a pleasing feminine touch.

Spends Week-end Here—A. E. Archer spent the week-end here from Globe, where he is engaged in trucking.

Baby Son Born—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gladdish are the proud parents of a baby son, born at the Pacific Christian hospital Saturday. The newcomer weighed a little more than 8 pounds.

Have Valentine Parties—Valentine's day was celebrated in the Brattain elementary school Tuesday by parties in each room. Children exchanged valentines.

Returns to Lebanon—Dale Curtis, who has been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Poole during an illness, returned Tuesday to his home at Lebanon.

McLagan at Bay—W. C. McLagan, steam superintendent of the Mountain States power company, was a visitor in the Coos Bay district late last week.

Paper Represented at Meet—The Springfield News was represented at the state newspaper conference at the university last week-end by the publisher, H. E. Maxey, and Malcolm Epley, reporter.

Portland People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freese were surprised Sunday by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Iri LaGasse, of Portland. Mrs. LaGasse was recently married, and was the widow of a late brother of Mrs. Freese. She was accompanied on the trip by her daughter, Earleen.

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