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By WALTER RAMSER.

The Lemke children have the scarlet fever and the family is in quarantine.

The Valberg farm has been rented to Joe Gaupman, a recently discharged soldier, who, with his parents, will take possession as soon as the Valberg family vacates. Will Gaupman, a brother of Joe, is assisting the Valbergs in packing their belongings.

Last week a Farm Bureau meeting was held in Elliott's hall at Damascus and Mr. Cotterly of Corvallis was introduced as speaker by S. Roberts, who acted as chairman of the meeting. Among the many interesting points touched upon, the speaker explained that the Farm Bureau was intended to be for the various farm organizations what a chamber of commerce is for the various dealer's organizations and what the Federation of Labor is for all the affiliated trade unions, namely a parent organization, which desires to direct the energies of such societies as the grange, farmer's union and others, to harmoniously and systematically work out such problems as are of interest to the farmers. So the Farm Bureau does not seek to take the place of the grange, or Dairyman's League, but to bring them in closer touch with each other. Some localities may feel the need of co-operative warehouses. The Farm Bureau will take the lead in getting them established. Through the Farm Bureau the wool growers or the wheat growers will form an organization through which those most interested may pool their crops and sell them in the best markets at an opportune time. The county organization is the smallest permanent body in the Farm Bureau, it being composed of all of the members living in the respective county. Only one regular meeting is held per year, when officers are elected, and regular business is transacted. But as many special county meetings may be called, as become necessary and any community, which has its special problems to solve, may hold its own meetings, elect a chairman and secretary, and transact such business as establishing an electric light system, or putting on a squirrel or mole campaign, and when the desired end is attained, then disband. At present Clackamas county has no salaried officers. Membership dues are \$5 for the first year and probably much less thenceforth. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the total Farm Bureau membership consists of bona fide farmers; and to date none of the other 20 per cent have caused any trouble. Luckily, only bona fide farmers can hold offices. S. Roberts is leader of the Damascus district for a membership campaign, and he has appointed five or six assistants, two of whom are E. P. Schedeen and A. L. Heacock. These assistants will take the organizer from farm to farm, helping sign up members, the campaign to begin next week.

Nothing definite has as yet been decided upon concerning the new grade on the cut-off road. Right here let it be said, once for all, that so far as these columns are concerned, this road, popularly known as the "Devil's Cut-off," will only be mentioned as the cutoff omitting the title of his satanic majesty. Erring may be human, but occasionally it may become inexcusable, especially if a sophomore is reported

to be a freshman, as I did in my last letter. Ed. Schwedler is a Sophomore, (please write with a capital S) and is ready to tell the world about it. We should worry about a community name. This neighborhood is in winter quarters yet, like the ground squirrels, awaiting a few warm sunny days to awaken them from their sweet slumber. I differ with those who assert, that ours is a dead bunch, but I must admit that we are a wee bit snooty, of the "sleepy like" type. Just hold your breath, till we wake up.

Mrs. Weddeier called on Ramsers Sunday.

Geo. Leadbury is putting in some gray oats. His lame horse is cured and working as ever.

COTTRELL

Rev. Wm. Baker, of Illinois, pleasantly surprised his brother, I. A. Baker, Saturday. Mr. Baker has not seen his brother for over forty year. Rev. Mr. Baker is 70 years of age.

Rev. J. A. Hopper of Portland was a dinner guest of Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Pitts, Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Blackburn spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. S. B. Splawn. Mrs. A. Butz and Mrs. E. A. Taylor of Gresham called on Mrs. Splawn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Butz have purchased 20 acres east of Gresham and are building on it.

Rev. and Mrs. Pitts have received a letter from their son, Leonard, who is stationed at Camp Travis in Texas. He reports the weather very warm, it being 90 in the shade at that time. He has had some thrilling experiences while there. He has been up in an aeroplane twice and while he says it gives one a peculiar sensation yet he certainly enjoys it. He is a member of the field artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blackburn are staying with Mrs. Guy Robertson while Mr. Robertson is soliciting on the Farm Bureau organization.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gogger called on Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Duncan Friday evening. Mrs. Duncan has been quite poorly but is much better at this writing.

Ross Manary was a Portland visitor Saturday.

CORBETT

The benefit dance given by Columbia grange Saturday evening was very well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knieriem entertained over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Roy Muck, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Knieriem and Miss Della Rae, all of Portland.

Mrs. Henderson, of Crown Point chalet, entertained a few friends Saturday in honor of her son, who is visiting her from Astoria.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan's children and their grandmother, Mrs. Ough, have been on the sick list the past week.

James Benfield, who met with a painful accident three weeks ago, while operating a drag saw, is able to be around.

Mrs. Ethel Smith Stewart, of Portland, spent the week-end with her mother at Ferndale Place.

Al Woodard had his "flivver" quite badly damaged Sunday, near Springdale, when he came near having a head-on collision with a large touring car.

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Watch Papers for Details and Places of Public Meetings

The Multnomah County Farm Bureau helps solve all local problems of production, distribution, home economics, and better farm life generally. The Oregon Farm Bureau is the state-wide voice of the farmer bureau members in legislation, economics, marketing, industrial and allied interests. The American Farm Bureau Federation is the masterful organization which represents you, Mr. Farmer, in the seats of the mighty at Washington, in all State capitals, and wherever regulatory and administrative commissions are sitting.

Membership in the Multnomah County Farm Bureau entitles you to all the benefits of three links of the perfected plan. The membership fee is \$5.00 a year, for life, with a provision which permits withdrawal after one year. The drive starts Monday, March 7, and continues just one week. Membership men will call upon you at your farm to see you and take your membership, as well as to explain the full details of the Farm Bureau work from County to Nation. Be ready for them when they call. They are, everyone, just plain farmers like yourself Farm Bureau members in their home counties. Get into this most perfect organization that is really doing big things now. Watch papers for dates and places of public meetings. The Campaign is under the direction of the

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