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IRRIGON NEWS

James Warner, who has been in Canada for some time planning an extended trip by airplane to some gold fields in Alaska, changed his mind and returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Uooley from Idaho, visited several days this week with their cousin Mrs. Amy Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sudderth have again taken up their residence on their place three miles southwest of town. The Asa Scarlet family, who spent the winter on the Sudderth place have purchased the Eggleton place and are moving this week.

Mrs. A. C. Houghten entertained the H.E.C. ladies at her home Thursday afternoon. A pleasant social time was spent and a delicious lunch partaken of at the close of the afternoon.

Mrs. Ollie Coryell was called to The Dalles last Wednesday by the serious illness of her father. He was still very low Sunday.

Earl and Donald Isom, Verdie Leach and Florence Brace spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kandler, Jr., at Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Williams were guests at a table of five hundred at the Houghten home Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Brace had her tonsils

removed last Monday at the Hermiston hospital and is now home very much improved in health.

Henry Weir was in Hermiston Saturday having some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Don Rutledge Sunday afternoon.

Jack McFall and Mac McCoy of Imbler, Oregon, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Dawald motored over to the Condon country on a pleasure trip Sunday.

Bill Grabell and Snow McCoy left Monday for San Diego, Calif., to visit relatives.

W. C. Isom was a Hermiston visitor Saturday where he purchased a used Ford coupe from Frank Pierson.

Mr. Isom is employed on the Umatilla cut-off and will start to work Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Jones were Umatilla visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Batee Rand returned from Pendleton Wednesday and will remain a few days with her mother Mrs. James Warner.

Several men with teams were employed at the cemetery Saturday, doing some much needed improvements.

HEPPNER — Furrow seeding wheat on the farms of Dwight Meisner and Lawrence Redding shows fewer weeds, a better root system and more thrifty plants than that in the standard seeding fields, reports County Agent Charles W. Smith.

BUSINESS PITFALLS IN FARM DISTRICTS

Bankers Point Out Hazards of Unsound Practices and Help Farmers to Avoid Them.

WAYS in which bankers may discourage unsound farm practices are described by President F. D. Farrell of the Kansas State Agricultural College in the American Bankers Association Journal. He says:

"In Kansas in connection with the importation of dairy cattle, a large shipment of very inferior animals came into a county to be sold at auction to local farmers. The county agricultural agent informed the bankers that the cattle would be a detriment to the community. The bankers refused to finance the purchase of the cattle and the sale was abandoned. The cattle were shipped to another county. The county agent and the bankers there did as was done in the first instance and the second county escaped.

"A year ago creamery promoters began trying to capitalize the Kansas farmers' desire to improve his markets by inducing communities of farmers to purchase creamery plants before production and local conditions justified them. Informed of this by the State Agricultural College, the bankers association sent warnings to every bank in the state, leading many to refuse to support the creamery promoters until the college approved the plant for the community concerned. This saved many communities loss from the premature establishment of plants.

"A third way bankers can discourage unsound practices is to refuse to finance farmers who wish to pyramid their enterprises, a temptation difficult to resist. This is illustrated among farmers who buy cattle for feeding purposes. A farmer feeds two or three cars of cattle one year and makes a good profit. This induces him to buy twice or three times as many the second year, still more the third and so on until he finally loses more by having too many cattle on feed in a year of bad prices than he made in several previous years with smaller numbers and better prices. When bankers discourage bad practices their action is a positive benefit to the farmers concerned."

HINTS ON CAMPING FOOD AND EQUIPMENT OFFERED

Another Oregon spring has sent out its "call to the wild" and people everywhere are responding to the urge to get out and "rough it," for awhile.

For some this means merely an occasional afternoon picnic in the woods, while others prefer a more extended camping trip. The former can take as much equipment as they can pack in the car and still have room for the children, but the latter group will do well to keep in mind the slogan of the true woodsmen, "Travel light but true woodsman."

A few suggestions as to how this maxim can be followed in the matter

of food and cooking equipment are offered by Miss Willetta Moore, who has taught courses in camp cookery for men at Oregon State college for a number of years. It is best, she says, to select foods that are high in nutritional value, small in bulk and light in weight. Energy producing foods are essential because of the great amount of energy expended on such trips. For that reason, sugar is better than saccharine as a sweetening agent in spite of its greater bulk because of its high energy value.

It is well to avoid canned foods as much as possible, with the exception of tomatoes, which have a place in the camp supplies because of their vitamin and mineral content. Dehydrated vegetables offer variety as

well as food value. Cloth bags are much better than cans or boxes for packing groceries, Miss Moore says. They are less bulky on the return trip, and if dipped in paraffin, will keep sandwiches and other foods fresh. A very thin coating of paraffin is applied so that it will not crack. These bags can be rolled up and used again. As personal equipment, each person needs a canteen, a water proof match box, a compass, a first aid kit and a combination mess kit, says Miss Moore. It is always a good idea to make a list of all supplies and equipment needed and check off the items as they are packed.

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DALLAS — A demonstration trial in dusting with lead arsenate for the control of symeta beetle on the R. W. Hogg & Son cherry orchard near Eola, and another using lead arsenate spray and pyrethrum spray in the Max Gehlar cherry orchard adjoining were started recently by County Agent J. R. Beck. A careful check will be made prior to picking time to determine the extent of control given by each method.

EUGENE — Twenty-five varieties of oats and 26 varieties of wheat are being tested out this year in the rust resistant cereal nursery being conducted for the third year by Warner C. White of Cushman, in cooperation with O. S. Fletcher, county agent, and the Oregon Experiment station.

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WHAT A KEY BANKER DID FOR HIS COUNTY

The farmers of one county in Tennessee are receiving \$400,000 additional annual income from new farm enterprises started since 1926 through the efforts of a "key banker" and the county agent, according to estimates from the Tennessee College of Agriculture. A "key banker" is a part of the state bankers' association voluntary field force cooperating with the American Bankers Association in its nationwide plan for bringing about better agricultural conditions through combined banker-farmer effort. New projects started in this particular county are tobacco, Irish potato and cabbage production for cash crops, and dairying and poultry raising for livestock.

The key banker, looking for something to do to better his community, first attempted to procure a county agent but was unable to get the county to make the necessary appropriation, so he and other leading citizens made up the requisite funds through private subscription among farmers and business men and an agent was employed.

Up until 1926 grain was the principal farm production in the county. The banker recognized the disadvantages of this. It afforded a low cash income, and the land was too hilly and rough for profitable grain raising. His idea was to introduce cash crops that offered more return per acre and were better fitted to the county. It was decided that the county should standardize on the Green Mountain potato and to market it in carload lots. Through his bank he sponsored the buying of a car of certified seed potatoes. He likewise bought some high quality tobacco seed and several hundred settings of purebred eggs. These supplies were distributed at cost through the banks to the farmers. After considerable effort a market for dairy products was assured the farmers when in 1928 a national cheese company located a factory there. A county appropriation was secured for county agent work in 1928.

In 1929 the cash crop program resulted in farmers selling \$45,000 worth of milk, \$150,000 worth of tobacco and fifty-five carloads of potatoes and cabbage, mostly through cooperative sales. "This was some step from the \$25,000 worth of cash crops in 1926," the county agent says, "and indications are that this amount will be doubled."

Banks Favor Diversification

Emphasis was placed on the strategic position the banker holds through the use of directed credit at a recent meeting of the Alabama bankers' agricultural committee. Alabama is confronted with the problem of over-production of cotton. The committee recommended to banks that credit be extended on the basis of a twenty-five per cent reduction in cotton acreage. The value of growing other crops than cotton was strongly stressed and county outlook meetings are being planned with the thought of bringing about a more balanced agricultural program in the various communities.

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