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## Butter Creek Comes Back

Butter Creek Valley, Big and Little, this year is a sight for tired eyes. After a period of years of depression and drouth it had faded greatly from its former glory. There was a time when its farmers were said to acquire other lands on which to stack their hay, so heavy were the yields of alfalfa. It was the beef feeding ground of the Northwest where from 5000 to 10,000 steers were fattened each winter. Pendleton banks loaned money during the summer to wheat men and in winter the same money was used to buy cattle and eight and ten percent interest never stopped its round of return to the financial institutions.

But times changed. Marketing conditions became different and feeding of herds almost ceased. Along with years came the shortage of moisture and this celebrated valley lost its prestige as a great asset of Umatilla county. But the old wonderful picture seems to be revolving on the screen into sight again. Last year's increased moisture brought back renewed hope and this year the old valley begins to look like its former self. Great stacks of hay loom in sight already and the third crop is not yet harvested. Acres of heavy grain, where just a few years ago were scarcely worth the planting and harvesting, now assure abundant yield. And again history repeats. Cattle are cattle, sheep are sheep and hogs are hogs, and the demand for meats is heavy and profits reasonable unless ceilings fall. Perhaps the old feeding grounds will come back again.

While shocks like the Creek has received for a number of years cannot be overcome in a season or two, either in production of crops or financially, if nature continues in friendly disposition, the heart of its people will soon restore the valley to its former richness.

## STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Roy Duncan has taken over the Associated Gas and Service Station operated formerly by Denzil Arnold who is going to Couer d' Alene Naval air base station to get employment. Mr. Duncan will continue operating the U.O.D. buses.

Mrs. Frank Ayers is now cooking at the Jolly Inn operated by Cleo Somerville of Pendleton.

Bob Refvem of the United Air Lines and stationed at Salt Lake is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Refvem and fiancée Miss Virginia Gabriel.

Mrs. George Elliott was a business visitor in Pendleton Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Hannan will leave Friday for a visit at her daughter's home in Klamath Falls and son James and family at Chester, Cal. for an extended stay.

Miss Rose Hoosier left Wednesday for a few weeks visit with friends at Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leasure from California are visiting the John Kruse family. Miss Adeline will return with them to California.

Miss Carolyn Smith left Wednesday night to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith in Portland.

Mrs. Weiss is visiting her mother who is ill in Spokane.

W. T. Reeves is ill at Meadow View farm.

Miss Elva Berry and nephew Tommy Refvem returned last week from their summer's visit in Nebraska and Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Max Pigar has heard that her husband arrived at Newark, New Jersey, in due time and found the East alert in their wartime activities.

On Thursday afternoon the white elephant exchange at the Presbyterian church will be continued. A constitution will be formed and read at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Miller visited friends in Portland over the week end.

Mrs. Kenneth Gregory accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gregory of Vancouver to their home for a week's visit.

Miss Lorna Gabriel spent the week end at Wallowa Lake.

Arthur Woodring, farmer west of town, is ill at his home.

D. W. Bliss of the trailer office contributed four vases of lovely flowers of the old-fashioned variety to the Presbyterian church on Sunday for which they were indeed grateful.

The homes recently air-conditioned were surely put to a test this past week, the hottest known in Stanfield.

Mrs. Shutz of Baker is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucian Jouannault and daughter Lorena who has spent the summer here.

Mrs. Hershall Townsend is assisting at the post office.

The 4-H club leaders met at the assistant county agent's office, Gene Lear, last Friday night to make their plans for the project fair. On Sunday night all members assembled at the home of Billy Gilbert for a social time.

## DR. STRAND TO BE NINTH PRESIDENT OF STATE SCHOOL

Oregon State College—Dr. August Leroy Strand, the newly elected president of O. S. C., who will become ninth head of the institution early in October, is a man of varied background, with both agricultural and scientific education and experience, and with proved administrative ability, according to officials of the state system of higher education and of this institution who took part in the search for a new executive.

Dr. Strand comes to Oregon State after five years as president of his alma mater, Montana State college. While a native of Texas, his common, high school and collegiate education were in Montana, although his graduate studies for both master's and doctor of philosophy degrees were at the University of Minnesota, where he specialized in entomology and zoology.

On a recent visit to Oregon to be interviewed by the board and leaders of the college, Dr. Strand proved to be a large, affable man with a frank, straightforward manner. Both before and after his final election and acceptance those on the campus who had met and talked with him were unanimous in speaking highly of his personality and general attitude. He succeeds acting president F. A. Gillfillan, who has served since the resignation a year ago of F. L. Ballard because of ill health.

His professional experience includes service as assistant state entomologist in Montana, extension entomologist in Pennsylvania, and seven years on the staff of the University of Minnesota as instructor and assistant professor in the division of entomology and economic zoology. From there he returned to Montana as head of the department of entomology, from which position he was promoted to the presidency in 1937.

The new president is 48 years old, is married and has three children. His oldest son James is attending the U. S. Naval academy at Annapolis; his daughter Patricia will be a senior in high school this year, and his son Roy will be in the fifth grade. He is a veteran of the first world war, having served first with the rank of chief quartermaster in the U. S. Naval Air service and later as a naval aviator with the rank of ensign.

In his present position Dr. Strand has maintained close relations with the various farm organizations of

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Montana, as well as with the state government. He has also been popular with faculty and students. He will take office just prior to the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the institution, which is to be celebrated in 1943.

## NUTRITION, NOT MEDICINE, CURES BAD EWE DISEASE

Proper nutrition rather than medicine will provide control for the so-called pregnancy disease of ewes, according to extensive experiments and observations carried on by the O.S.C. department of Veterinary medicine and by the eastern Oregon branch experiment station. A thorough discussion of this disease, which has been recognized by American and European workers for some 50 years, has been issued as circular of information No. 277, by O. H. Muth and J. N. Shaw of the college department, and D. E. Richards, superintendent of the branch station.

This disease is beyond doubt the most important one affecting Oregon ewes, and results in greater economic loss than any other, according to the authors. Losses of 10 per cent

are not uncommon, while occasional losses of as high as 20 per cent in some flocks have occurred. A most conservative estimate would place the loss to Oregon sheep men at around half a million dollars annually.

In experiments in the past five years at the eastern Oregon branch station no losses occurred from this trouble among ewes wintered on good quality hay and grain. These and other tests have led to the definite conclusion that pregnancy disease is primarily a nutritional trouble resulting from insufficient nourishment during the last six weeks of pregnancy.

The feeding of four pounds of good quality alfalfa hay and one-third pound of barley, or their equivalent, every day to each ewe is recommended for older ewes. Were ewes are brought in from the range for lambing, they need to be on full feed at least four weeks before lambing time.

The source of considerable trouble in western Oregon, the investigators found, was the fact that ewes are run on pasture during the winter months at a time when the grass contains approximately 80 per cent moisture and does not supply enough nutrients for the later stage of pregnancy without supplemental feeding.

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## LOW FEED WHEAT PRICES SET FOR NEW AAA SETUP

Wheat prices for disposal of surplus government-held grain for feed have been announced for Oregon at two levels in a new program just authorized under terms of recent congressional action, the state AAA office at Corvallis has just announced.

For August the two price levels are 90 cents per bushel for all counties east of the Cascades except Hood River and Klamath, and 94 cents for these two and all counties west of the Cascades.

These prices are on the basis of whole wheat delivered in each county, explained N. C. Donaldson, administrative officer. Purchasers desiring cracked or ground wheat will have to get it processed at their own expense.

Prices for September and October will be at an advance of one-half cent per bushel each month. Any undelivered or rescaled farm-stored wheat of the 1941 crop may also be purchased under the program for feed.

Availability of this wheat at prices approximately 85 per cent of the corn parity price presents an attractive opportunity for farmers to convert low priced feed into high priced meat, eggs, and dairy products, AAA officials point out. Secretary Wickard is urging the movement of at least 75 million bushels of surplus wheat into feeding channels before the movement of new crop corn gets under way about October 1. Every bushel moved now relieves the storage situation that much.

Feeding experiments and demonstrations by Oregon State college over a number of years have demonstrated that wheat can be used successfully in feeding or fattening all types of livestock. Information on best methods of feeding wheat may be had in bulletin form or from any county agent.

Deliveries of the government wheat are made only in carload lots, either through local dealers or to individual or groups of farmers direct. Orders may be placed with any county AAA committee.

# Auction Sale

GEORGE GRIMPS -- HERMISTON, ORE.

Thursday, August 20, 1942

Have sold my ranch and will sell at public auction the following at my place 7 miles S. W. of Hermiston or 2 miles South of Westland school.

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| 40   | HEAD CATTLE  | 40   |
| 25   | HEAD DAIRY COWS—Some Durham, some will freshen soon. | 4 YOUNG STEERS   |
| 10   | HEAD DURHAM HEIFERS                                  | 1 2-YEAR-OLD DURHAM BULL—Milking strain.                 |
| — ALL CATTLE TESTED THIS MONTH FOR T. B. AND BANGS — |  |  |
| 4  | BROOD SOWS—Three of these to farrow time of sale.    | 1 TEAM OF HORSES (Blacks) — 1300 lbs. each, 7 years old. |
| 24   | FEEDER PIGS  |  |
| 1  | HAY RAKE—McCormick                                   | 1 WALKING PLOW   |
| 1  | MOWING MACHINE, McCormick                            | 1 3-SECTION HARROW                                       |
| 1  | JAXON FORK   | 1 HAND GARDEN CULTIVATOR                                 |
| 1  | BLACKSMITH FORGE                                     | 1 GAS ENGINE—2 h. p.                                     |
| 1  | CORRIGATOR—3 row                                     | 1 SICKLE GRINDER—Bicycle type                            |
| 1  | IVORY DRESSER  | 1 CHIFFONIER   |
| 1  | SINGLE BEDSTEAD & SPRINGS                            | 1 BOOK CASE  |
| 2  | DOZ. CHICKENS—Heavy                                  |  |
| 1  | DOZ. TURKEYS   | 1 CORD SLAB WOOD   |

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