

# Over the Valley

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### The Hulse Reunion

This weekend was the time for the annual reunion of the Hulse clan—an event looked forward to from one reunion to another. Always a happy event, always several days of the best kind of fellowship and friendship, the reunion this year is reported to have been one of the best held in years. There was an extra day this year, for festivities started on Friday and continued through last evening; there was a larger crowd; there were members of the clan present who had not been to a reunion for many years and some who had never been privileged to be there before at all; three tiny members, one a month old, one six weeks and one two months added their bit, and it was not a small bit, we are told, for they were the center of attraction all the time. 'Twas a gala time. What filled the four days? Visiting, renewing old acquaintanceships, reviewing all that had happened during the past year, recalling events of childhood, and of youth, merriment, singing, especially the old songs which are sung each year, and on Saturday evening an "all star cast" from among the relatives put on a play. Of course, there was eating, and three times a day the immense company gathered around the family board and broke bread together. And it was not always the same kind of bread. For everyone had a piece of Aunt Clara's Johnny cake during the feast and those who were not there were told, misadventuring in not having an opportunity to help judge the biscuits in the contest in which Rhoda and Myron figured. Sleeping arrangements included, as usual, the hayloft where quantities of new hay made the finest sort of beds, the chairs of at least a dozen of the crowd.

Those who gather annually at the "Hulse" reunion, which, by the way, is always held at "Madison Park," the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hulse in the Iowa district, where graciousness and hospitality are known far and wide, are members of the "ten tribes"—the ten children of Joseph and Achah Hulse. These good people pioneered to this valley from Saline county, Nebraska, to which place they had also previously pioneered. Different members of the family came here from 40 to 53 years ago, located on the sidehill in what is now known as the Iowa district and were among the first thrifty, sturdy residents of this valley. Of the 90 who were present Sunday for the reunion proper, almost 30 were relatives and included the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hulse, Mrs. Clara Hulse and son Orlando, Port Angeles, Washington; Mrs. Viola Lent and granddaughters, Louise and Candy, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hulse and daughter, Pauline, Clatsop, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hulse and six children, Flora, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hulse and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Ana Hulse and daughter, Bonita, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hulse and son, Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shumway and two children, all of Enterprise; Mrs. Pearl Weaver and daughter, Myrtle, Wallawa; Mrs.

Amanda Clinton and two children, Seattle, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McMaisters and two daughters, Gifford Harris, Conrad, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. John Bates and son, Richard, Ponderosa, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stimpf, Union; Mrs. Vada Thornburg, Starkey; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mullenberg and four children, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilstrap and son, Roderic, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and daughter, Betty, Frances, W. H. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown and daughter, Pauline, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hulse and three children, Mrs. Lucy Proll, Mr. and Mrs. James Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McLean and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank German and daughter, Rev. Mrs. Emma Harris and daughter, Mildred, all of La Grande, and other visitors.

Great plans are already under way for next year. Those who remained over yesterday assisted Mr. Hulse in celebrating a birthday anniversary, just which one we are rather under penalty not to divulge, but it is somewhere between 68 and 70.

**Notice Date**—Members of the Island City and Alsea lodges and societies are asked to notice especially the date of the joint meeting, when the Island City 541 is to be hosted. The meeting is to be Thursday, June 27.

**Returns From Hospital**—Miss Bernice Slack, who has been a hospital patient since the accident at the livestock show, when she fractured her left leg in two places, has sufficiently recovered to be able to be taken to her home north of Summerville.

**Make Fine Showing**—The two Ogilvie children of above the Cove made splendid showings with their entries of registered Guernsey cattle at the livestock show, a part of the herd of 25 head on the Ogilvie ranch, known as the old Geer place. In addition to \$17 in money, they won three blue ribbons on their showings and one red. These were won on club exhibits only. Ted and Eleanor are both very enthusiastic club members.

**To Move to Union**—Prof. Wortman, of Union, who has been elected to head the school at Island City next year, plans to move his family to La Grande in the near future and will make that the family home.

**At Lake for Summer**—Miss Sarah Williamson, of Cove avenue, has gone to Wallawa Lake where she will spend the summer assisting Mrs. Williamson at the shore.

**Attend Conference**—Attending county agent Wray Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence and Harry G. Avery have gone to Portland where they are spending a few days attending a conference.

**Having Sale**—Frank and Jim McKinnis are having a sale today on their farm, known as the old McKinnis home.

near Summerville. Weather is good and a fine crowd is at the sale, the prices which the offerings are getting is not known. Only surplus is being sold, as the old farm is being divided among the three brothers, Frank, Jim and Clem.

**At Hospital**—Mrs. Matt Kries, who has been a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital for three weeks, is reported as getting along as well as could be expected. Mrs. Kries' home is in the Hot Lake vicinity.

**Building New Home**—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Elmer, who live on what is known as the old Scotland place in the Red Pepper neighborhood, are commencing work on a fine new home which they are building on their homestead. The home is to be commodious, modern, with all the ideas found in a farm home of today incorporated in it.

**Home For Summer**—Miss Vera Gray, a student the past year at the Mountain Normal, has returned to her home near Alsea for the summer vacation. Miss Vera will attend the Eastern Oregon Normal next year, while her brothers will be students at the La Grande High school.

**Returns From Hospital**—Mrs. Joe Gray, of lower Cove, who underwent an operation at Hot Lake the first of this month, has returned to her home. Her condition is quite satisfactory.

**Sunday Guests**—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann, of the Cove highway, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carnes, Mrs. Hermann's parents. The Carnes have as their guest this week their nephew, Eugene Bishop, of Hood River, Oregon.

**Guests From Portland**—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight and family, of Rhinehart, have been entertaining some guests from Portland—Mrs. Macfield and Mrs. Lilly Nye and daughter, Juanita, who came to the valley last week.

**Visit Near Wallawa**—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frizzell, of Pleasant Grove, drove to Wallawa last week where they visited at the home of Mrs. Frizzell's two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Gillespie and Mrs. Ed Glenn, of Middle Valley, and their families.

**Good News!**—A statement from Albert Baker, forest ranger at Tollgate, about huckleberries this year was given in last week's *Evening Observer*. All huckleberry fans and all fruit fanciers will be interested in what he had to say through the *Recreation*: "Prospects for a large crop of huckleberries in the Blue mountains are excellent at this time, Albert Baker, forest ranger in charge at Tollgate, states. 'The bloom on the huckleberries is among the best ever had and unless there comes a hard frost or other setback, there should be a good crop in the mountains,' he said. 'The Blue mountains have hundreds of berry pickers each summer and the little blue berries are much in demand when they are available.'

**Have Visit From Son**—Mr. and Mrs. I. Bingham, who live on the edge of Imbler, have been having a visit from their son, Ivan Bingham, from California. Also their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Osborne, recently drove up from Salem and returning home took with them their little daughter Marie, who had been visiting at both her grandparents', Bingham's and Davy Osborne's.

**Elect Officers**—At the recent school meeting of patrons of the Shanghai district, A. E. Hartley was re-elected as director for the three-year term, and Mrs. Georgianna Chadwick was elected clerk of the district.

**Is Re-elected**—Miss Frances McKinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnis of near Summerville, has been recently re-elected to teach at school near Huntington where she has been for the past two years. Frances is taking the six-weeks teachers course at the normal at La Grande, while her sister, Catherine, is also entered, taking the straight normal training course.

**Reports Are Successful**—Reports concerning the operations of the Wallawa County Marketing association, emanating from the office of their county agent, N. C. Donaldson, show that the association is functioning quite successfully. In speaking of the record made since last October, the Wallawa Sun says: "According to word received by Arthur Donaldson, local representative for the Wallawa County Marketing association, from N. C. Donaldson, county agent, the association has marketed 19,522 hogs, 226 cattle and 311 sheep, with a total value of \$206,787.40, between the 5th day of October and the 5th day of June. The association has no contracts but merely charges 10 cents per hundred for handling. It has been successful, however, that growers have trucked hogs here from Union county, where no association exists, in order to get the benefit of cooperative marketing, says Mr. Johnson."

**Mother Ill**—Mrs. Reed Taylor, of Alsea, has been in Wallawa assisting with the looking after things at home while her mother, Mrs. W. H. Gibson, is a patient at the Wallawa hospital.

## BOARD OF REGENTS VISIT EXPERIMENT STATION AT UNION

A party consisting of members of the Board of Regents and other officials of the Oregon Agricultural college on their annual inspection tour of experiment stations visited the station at Union Friday morning.

Oregon is such a large state with such varied soil and climatic conditions that there are eight branch experiment stations located in the various sections of the state in order to meet the needs of the agricultural activities of the different localities. The station at Union is the largest and also the oldest of these institutions. Located as it is in a diversified farming community the demands for information covering these various lines of endeavor are many. Hence, we find an extensive farm-crop department where different varieties of grains and forage crops are grown in order to ascertain the most desirable ones for Eastern Oregon localities.

Experimental investigations with livestock is an important part of the station's work. These livestock units include both dairy and beef cattle, sheep, hogs and horses. The poultry unit is one of the recent additions to the many station activities and is proving to be a very popular one.

After carefully going over the work of each department and expressing their appreciation and approval of the work accomplished the party left by auto for Pendleton where they will likewise inspect the work of the Ematilla station. From there they go to Hermiston, Moro, Hood River and Astoria.

Those making the trip were President and Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, Doctor and Mrs. W. J. Kerr, Director James T. Jardine, George A. Palmer, Harry Bailey, H. J. Elliott, George W. Peavy, George A. Spencer, J. K. Courson and Dr. H. M. Francis.

Having recently undergone an operation, Mrs. Gibson is reported to be doing nicely. Her three daughters, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Taylor, of Alsea, and Mrs. Walter Smith, of La Grande, were with her.

**Yield Some Feed**—There were required 25 tons of hay for feeding purposes at the Union stock show this year, about double the amount formerly required, we are told. An feed is furnished by the association, this accounts for one large item on the contingent expense account.

**Down From Wallawa**—Hershel McKinnis, of Wallawa, drove out to La Grande yesterday, visited among some of his relatives at Imbler and returning home last evening drove a new Pontiac car, which he purchased during the day.

**Pondosa Wedding**—The marriage last week of Miss Virginia Gray and Thomas Garcia, both of the Pondosa community, is reported.

**Return From Valley**—Mrs. C. A. Hunter and daughter, Miss Virginia, have returned to their home at Wallawa following a visit of two weeks in the Wallawa valley. Miss Virginia is a student at the University of Oregon and Mrs. Hunter visited with her a few days at the edge of the school year. After leaving Eugene visits were made with relatives at Corvallis and Portland.

**Leave Imbler**—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Morgan and son, who have made their home in Imbler during the years that Mr. Morgan has been principal of the Imbler school, have left there permanently and have gone to Corvallis for the summer school at the state college. Mr. Morgan

will teach at Clatsop next year, having charge of the Smith-Hughes department.

**Retain Old Officers**—At the Provy school election held recently, Mrs. Nell Knight was re-elected clerk of the district and E. S. Morris the director for the three-year term. This school is located near Tom Johnson's in lower Cove.

**Attending The Normal**—Six young women from Elgin are driving back and forth to La Grande each day while they are taking their summer course at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. In the crowd are Mrs. Wallace Wilson, Miss Luella Why, Helen Reed, Wilma Hill, Jeanne Denham and Gladys Galloway.

**12 Queens Imprisoned By Candy Plugs**—Queens travel grandly wherever they go, but no queen's journey was ever more thoroughly planned than that of twelve queen bees which arrived in the valley at the Volswinkler apiary last week.

Each of the twelve queens was sheltered in a tiny box, all of screen wire. One end of each box was formed by a block of wood, an inch or so thick. Through the center of this block a hole was bored and then plugged up with candy—no doubt the queen's favorite recipe. Four or five willing workers attended each queen bee and helped her while away the long hours of her journey over the mountains and desert, by placing on a new plug.

When the entire reached their new beehive, each found a throne

in a separate hive. The bees, whom each queen had come to rule, swarmed about the little wire compartment, saw their queen, greeted her by tasting the results of her favorite recipe, then began eating the candy plug from the exterior. The workers who had come with each queen all the way from the Wallamette valley renewed their

attacks on the plug from the interior. During this feasting the Volswinkler bees had a chance to become acquainted with their new queen whom they could see through the wire screening. During the days required to eat clear through the candy, a new acquaintanceship was formed, which made the queen have a friendly

attitude toward her new subjects and saved the subjects from resorting to a certain cannibalism, which would naturally follow if the queen assumed control of affairs before the bees knew her—in fact she would be stung—and to death. Mr. Volswinkler's new queens replace those lost last fall when some fatal malady destroyed them.

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