

OVER THE VALLEY

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Observe Anniversary—

Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder of the Country Club district entertained at dinner last evening at their home. Dinner of four courses was served at six o'clock. Mrs. Schroeder having had the most competent assistance from her daughter, Miss Alma. The table decorations were all suggestive of the Yuletide, with red and green tapers in beds of ferns, cones, and Oregon grapes. The genial host and hostess sprung quite a surprise on their friends, when at the serving of the last course Miss Alma brought in a beautiful wedding cake, adorned with a miniature bride and groom and bearing the inscription "15," and it developed that the happy affair last evening was in honor of their fifteenth wedding anniversary. Congratulations and felicitations followed. Instrumental solos by Miss Alma and some readings by Harvey, con-

tributed to the entertainment. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knuts and daughter, of the Iowa district, Miss Mabel Morton, "Over The Valley," and Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom and daughter, Della Jean at Moss Chapel.

Cars Suffer in Collision—

Two Ford cars suffered considerably in a collision last Thursday evening at what is known as the slough bridge south of Summerville. The drivers of the cars were Charles Lewis and Jim German, both of the Summerville locality, one of them alleging that he was blinded and unable to see the road at a place where it is very narrow. Both cars were very much damaged and German sustained quite a cut on his head.

Receivers—

Miss Helen Jean Speckhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert

Speckhart of the Iowa district is about well again from her siege with the chicken pox. She is back in school again this week.

Return Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willis and little daughter, of Twin Falls, Idaho, left Friday morning for their home after visiting a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Groat in the Grange Hall neighborhood. The Idaho people arrived in this section of the state Thanksgiving time, making visits among relatives in La Grande, Elgin and Hesperia, besides with the folks here. Mrs. Groat and Mrs. Willis are sisters.

Relative Ill—

Relatives in the valley and La Grande have been very anxious over the condition of Earl Rosenbaum of Baker who has been seriously ill following an operation

for ruptured appendix last week late. Reports yesterday were to the effect that he was some better. Mr. Rosenbaum is a son-in-law of Mrs. Charles Phyllis of La Grande and a brother-in-law of Carl and Ray Fuller of the valley.

Visits Daughter—

Mrs. A. F. Wilson of near timber was at Union last week making a visit at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox.

Leaves for California—

Mrs. Hector Macdonald who has been at her cottage at Walla Walla since early last spring visited among her relatives in the valley last week on her way from Walla Walla to California where she will spend the winter, as is her custom.

Club Elects—

Miss Minnie Holman was elected president of the Countrywomen's club when it met for a pleasant afternoon Friday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Holman, with her daughter as assistant hostess. The other officers chosen were: Mrs. Helbert Anson, vice president; Mrs. Albert Hamann, secretary; Mrs. Sara Anson, treasurer and Mrs. Charles Spencer, correspondent. Mrs. R. A. Masterion won first prize and Mrs. Hamann consolation in an interesting game pertaining to Christmas. Guests for the meeting were Mrs. Gerald Anson, Mrs. Paul Conrad, Mrs. C. W. Bond and Mrs. O. J. Pischman, the two latter having joined the club during the afternoon. Before adjournment, the hostesses served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be in the evening of December 22, instead of the afternoon of December 27, the regular meeting date. At this time, the club members will entertain their families at a Christmas party at Blue Mt. Grange hall. The members of the committee for arrangements are: Mrs. Hamann, chairman, Mrs. Mattie Golden, Miss Minnie Holman, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Sara Anson and Mrs. Helbert Anson.

Has Been Ill—

Miss Evelyn Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter on the Cove highway has been confined to her home with the chicken pox the last week or two, but is now quite well again.

Glad to be Home—

Mr. and Mrs. William Parry of Island City are back home from their extended trip back to their old home in Virginia and are glad to be back. During their stay in the east they were permitted to see many of their old time friends and relatives, but the years had wrought many changes, they found and after visiting with us many of their acquaintances as they could, they were glad to have their faces set once more Oregon-ward.

Grange Saturday—

The regular meeting of the Blue Mt. Grange will be held next Saturday at the hall with the special feature being the Christmas tree which is held annually. The reg-

ular meeting begins at 11 o'clock with church at noon.

Dinner Guest—

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knuts and daughter, of the Iowa district, were in La Grande Sunday being guests at the dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams.

Returns Home—

Miss Alice Ott is having a ten day vacation at her home near Summerville. Miss Ott is employed in La Grande at the dehydrator plant.

Have Successful Meeting—

The meeting held Sunday afternoon at the Island City church by one of the clubs of the County Library League was very well attended considering the rainy afternoon. Mrs. Harry Cleaver, of La Grande, and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce of the valley were the speakers of the afternoon and Mrs. Pierce presented a number of the latest books which she had secured from the state library. Nearly all of these were taken out. She also had a collection of children's books. The meetings are being held for those who are interested in reading the very best books. The next meeting is announced for Sunday afternoon, January 2.

Visit in Baker—

Mrs. John Dahlstrom and little daughter, Della Jean, of Moss Chapel, spent several days last week in Baker where they were guests of Mrs. Dahlstrom's sister, Mrs. Beryl Loughery. They returned home Saturday night.

Returned from Walla Walla—

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Oliver and John Schlegel, of Dry Creek, have returned from Walla Walla where they visited at the Kendall and Hubank homes. The two latter named families are very well known over the valley.

Have Nice Party—

The Misses Dorothy and Della Snyder and Ruby Peik entertained at a nice party Friday evening at the home of Miss Peik in the Mr. Glen neighborhood. The evening hosts were spent playing cards and other interesting games and at a late hour a lovely lunch was served by the hostesses. The color arrangement was red and green, color so appropriate in this particular season. Guests during the evening were Ida Nebeker, Alex Nebeker, Eugene Hilbert, Lloyd Heerman, Zina Zaugg, Donald Brown, Vergil Kuhn, Vernon Walte, Norman Peik, Roy Allen, Luther Peik, Poncea Peik and Floyd Peik. The three hostesses were assisted during the evening by Mrs. J. A. Leak.

Moving to Lostine—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blockland, who have been living in Island City, are planning to move within a few days to Walla Walla county and, we understand, will make their home on the Wade ranch between Lostine and Enterprise.

Present Play—

The student body of the Imbler high school cleared over \$70 at the play presented last Friday evening before a crowd which completely taxed the capacity of Wade hall. "Jimmy Yonson's Yeh" was the three act comedy drama which the cast of about ten or a dozen young people of the student body presented, the coaching having been done by members of the faculty under Principal J. W. King. Between acts instrumental music was furnished by Miss Norger, one of the Imbler teachers.

Dial to Get Nurse—

At a meeting of the county budget committee of Baker county held last week, after petitions had been presented by two factions and the place of meeting of the committee packed with interested parties, the proposal to have a full time health nurse in Baker county

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Wallowa Co. Is High In Test For November

Members of the Wallowa County Dairy Herd Improvement association feel quite proud over the record of their herds for the month of November, which places them third among all the testing associations in the state—only two other counties having made a higher record. The association is in its third year of testing and the work has been very satisfactory, with much good accomplished, its members assert. The report states that while the milk production was not as high as that reported during the month of October, yet it is much ahead of the same month a year ago.

The association in Wallowa county is not as large as the one functioning in Union county. Thirty-seven herds were tested in November, these having a total of 626 cows, and of this number 34 were dry. The report showed the average production of milk to have been 45.4 pounds and 24.32 pounds of butterfat.

With a record of 32 pounds of butterfat from 177 pounds of milk, a grade-Jersey in the herd of Charles Litch was high cow for the month. The second high cow was a registered Jersey belonging to H. B. Davidson. This fine animal produced 1282 pounds of milk and 73.3 pounds of butterfat.

The three high herds of the different divisions, were—

Herds of over 20 cows—Charles Thorsburg's 32 cows (dry cows included) which averaged 37.20 pounds of fat.

Herds of from 12 to 20 cows—That of Fred Masterion's with an average production of 48.25 pounds.

Herds of under 12 cows—Eight cows belonging to Harley Murray recorded an average of 28.63 pounds of fat.

WHERE DO OREGON APPLES GO? VERY FAR, STATION FINDS

With what has been quite a successful apple season very nearly over in this valley, some findings made by the Oregon Experiment station are quite interesting. When a person drives around through the apple districts and sees and "smells" the inside of the parking houses, large and small, quite naturally there is a question—"Where do all these apples go?"

Investigation to know who eats these delicious Oregon apples, the experiment station made a study, and they report that out of every three marketable apples, produced within the confines of this state, one is eaten here on the Pacific coast, one goes to some far off corner of the United States and one is shipped to some foreign land.

Studies by Ralph S. Besse, associate in farm management at the Oregon State agricultural experiment station, and M. R. Cooper, agricultural economist of the United States department of agriculture, published in a recent bulletin of the Oregon station, show that 2.17 per cent of Oregon apples are marketed on the Pacific coast, 29.5 per cent are marketed in other sections of the United States and 29 per cent are exported. Oregon apples shipped to other states are mostly to the Atlantic coast.

The leading varieties exported are Yellow Newtown, comprising 10 per cent of the total, Esopus Spitzenburg, Ortley, Jonathan, Arkansas Black and Delicious. All important varieties are in demand to some extent, in practically every section of the United States.

Records of cooperative and independent shippers covering 1927-1928 show that 115 boxes of graded and packed apples of 22 different varieties in the seven important apple-producing districts of Oregon were studied. This represented 42.5 per cent of the total commercial apple production of Oregon for a five-year period.

Boxes of eight leading varieties classified by size showed that ap-

proximately one-half of all the apples produced were in the large size group, one-third of the medium size and one-fourth of the smallest size. The investigators indicate that an extremely large number of minor varieties are produced.

Average prices of apples were found to decrease as the size decreases. Foreign markets, however, apparently prefer apples of medium size.

A study of prices received for Oregon apples showed a wide fluctuation in apple prices by years, and even among the various producing districts. In comparing the prices received for apples with those for other commodities the purchasing power of apples is found relatively low. The average price received at the shipping point was \$1 per box over the five-year period.

Massachusetts is beginning to test the eyesight of drivers applying for licenses to drive. That ought to cut the Sunday parade down to about three cars.

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