

OVER THE VALLEY

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Begin Your Pardon—
In the list of those who were responsible for the success of Blue Mt. grange, there was one name omitted and it was surely but an oversight on the part of those making out the lists.

Attend party—
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nico and daughter, Elsie, of Wolf Creek neighborhood, near North Powder drove to La Grande last evening and attended the festivities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nizer.

Moving Today—
Mrs. Sara Anson and son, Charles, are moving today from their farm home in Grange Hall neighborhood to Haines where they expect to reside now, Charles having secured employment there. The three Bork brothers will operate the Anson farm this season.

More Hard Luck—
Burr Slack of Dry Creek has suffered some more losses the last few weeks. The fine registered Jersey heifer which Mr. Slack showed at the Pacific International and which proved to be a winner there, was found dead week before last. The animal had gotten away in under the straw stack and was, evidently, unable to extricate herself and was dead when found. Also two of Mr. Slack's fine Short-horns died recently.

Double Celebration—
Last evening a very unique and most delightful event was celebrated at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nizer in La Grande—or rather a double event was celebrated. In the first place members of Blue Mountain grange had a house-warming for Mr. and Mrs. Nizer, dedicating their new home with the ritualistic service of the order. The second event and of equal importance was the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Nizer's thirty-first wedding anniversary. When the company, which completely filled every nook and corner of the home, had assembled, the exercises proper were held. Members of Blue Mt. filled the respective offices in exemplifying the ritualistic service, the second time it has ever been put on in Eastern Oregon, and Union county members led the first time in Oregon. Ed Eckley served as master and had excellent support from his fellow officers. This service is very impressive and is most fitting and proper. At its completion, Mr. and Mrs. Nizer donned their wedding clothes of 31 years ago and another ceremony was performed with Ed Eckley acting as the clergyman and the other parts being well taken. A program of readings and music, presided over by Mrs. J. A. Holman, included two violin solos by Miss Anita Hermann, talk by Walter M. Pierce, and also greetings by J. A. Nico, master of the Pomona grange, reading, Mrs. Fred Hoffman, reading, Mrs. Tom Walsinger. There was visiting and story telling, while the women of the grange prepared the lunch which was served very late in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Nizer received a great many gifts from their individual friends, and also a gift of silver from the brothers and sisters of Blue Mt. The new home which was dedicated last evening is a very commodious and modern structure, replacing the house which was burned about a year or more ago. The building has been erected by Mr. Nizer himself, who was also its architect, we are told. It was a very happy occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Nizer have the best wishes and congratulations of all their friends.

Remains in America—
Their many friends in the valley will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knautz have recently made up their minds not to return to their missionary work in New Guinea for the present. Mr. Knautz has been having some difficulty with his eyes, a trouble brought on by the continuous and absolutely necessary use of quinine in that locality where he has been working. Physicians have advised him that to return would mean the loss of the sight of one eye in a short time and then the loss of the other. Their plans had been to return to their work in New Guinea and leave their small son here with Mr. Knautz's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz. Mr. Knautz is manager of a business college and Mrs. Knautz is superintendent of the boarding home for girls, at Fargo, N. D., both under the Lutheran mission.

Return to Farm—
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hug and family have taken possession again of their farm on Pumpkin Ridge after an absence of a short time, during which time they were residents of Elgin. The preceding statement is not exactly correct as Mrs. Hug and the children will still be in Elgin for a time, however Mr. Hug has gone and is getting ready for the opening up of the heavy spring work.

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Lose Cow—
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richards, living on the Cove highway had the misfortune to lose one of their best milch cows a week or so ago.

Weekend in Country—
Mr. and Mrs. Burr Slack and children were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. Slack's mother, Mrs. I. Littrel at Summerville.

Visits in Country—
Maxine Helvey, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Helvey of La Grande is fortunate enough to have a grandmother living in the country and right now she is having one of those wonderful visits at grandmother's—she is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright in the Valeria district.

Located Temporarily—
A note to this page from Mr. and Mrs. Jay Breshears of the Cove who went to California a few weeks ago for an extended stay, states that they are "now at Santa Monica, only a stone's throw from the mighty Pacific. It is surely great to watch the waves roll in. We had a fine trip down here and the weather and climate are ideal, and attending the American Airplane school at Los Angeles, the best of its kind in America. They surely have some very fine instructors. But, I think after a while California's delightful climate and beautiful sunshine, that the Grande Ronde valley has them all beat."

Have Fine Party—
The W. W. class of the Island City Community church entertained a number of their friends at a Valentine party at the home of Miss Harline Howery last Friday evening. The decorations about the Bowers home were very appropriate and pretty. There was music during the evening and in the games arranged. Sylvia Johnson, Jean and Wilbur Blokland won the first prizes while the consolation went to Lillian Parker and Harold Zurbick. The refreshments served, also carried out the color arrangement of red and white. Those present at the party were Lawrence Bosquet, Glen Fox, Gene Blokland, Harold Zurbick, James Wilson, Floyd and Delbert Haggy, Kenneth and Ralph Shupp, Sylvia Johnson, Herbert and Alfred Blokland, Wilbur Blokland, Evelyn and Beulah Haggy, Mildred Shumate, Georgia and Lillian Parker, Anna Mae Shafter and Daphne Howery.

Children Have Party—
Last Friday at the close of school the little folks at the Iowa district school had a Valentine box under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Jean Meschaz; and what a happy time it was. And it was made all the more so, when two of the mothers, Mrs. Harvey Berry and Mrs. Paul Knautz came in with some delicious refreshments for the entire company.

Driving New Car—
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Berry of the Iowa district are driving a new Chevrolet car the last few days. They report that their little daughter, Arda, who was so severely burned about the face and arms a few months ago is back in school again and feeling fine. There are some scars left on each of her arms and some small ones on her face but it is believed they will disappear in time.

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Two Signs—
There are two signs of spring in evidence in the valley now. One sign is large flocks of blue birds seen the past few days and the other, even more unmistakable, is the seed catalogue with the great big red tomatoes flanked with every kind of vegetable known, making up the striking front page. If we dared we would say there was one more sign, as the green Dodge committed murder yesterday evening by killing one of the first squirrels seen this season. Last Frank McKennon employ the use of his favorite expression (something like "cock-eyed") we will stop with the remarking that the squirrels are coming out. We intend to ask Mr. Avery some day if this kind of squirrels are hard on nuts, too.

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THOSE QUESTIONS; 232 OF 'EM—ALL TO BE ANSWERED, TOO

"How many chicken eggs were produced in 1929, whether sold, used, incubated, or otherwise disposed?" "Value of farm garden vegetables grown in 1929 for home use only?" "Amount expended in 1929 for hay, grain, mill feed and other products (not raised on this farm) for use as feed for domestic animals and poultry?" "How many days did you work for pay at jobs not connected with the farm you operated?" "Do you rent this farm from your own or your wife's parent, grandparent, brother or sister?" "Total number of cows or heifers (both beef and dairy) milked during all or any part of 1929?" "Number gallons milk produced during the year 1929?" (Whether consumed, fed to livestock, sold, or otherwise disposed of.)

These are but a few of the questions selected at random from the list to be answered by every operator of a farm in the United States as a part of the 1929 census. The general farm schedule covers inventory items as of April 1, 1929 while production items cover the calendar year, 1929. However no tract of land is designated as a farm which consists of less than three acres, unless its product in 1929 were valued at \$250 or more.

Not all of the questions in what sounds like a very long list require much time to answer and, also, not all of the questions concern any one given locality. For instance, questions relative to the production of cotton, tobacco, rice, peanuts, pecans, cranberries, buckwheat, sugar cane, sorghum, etc., can be skipped over easily by valley farmers. And the proper answering of the other questions will not require hours and hours of time from the farmer who has been careful with his records of account during the twelve-month.

The questions to be asked—and answered—are divided into 17 groups, as follows: 1. Farm operator. 2. Farm acreage. 3. Rotation pasture, terracing and drainage. 4. Farm tenures. 5. Farm values. 6. Farm debt. 7. Farm taxes. 8. Farm expenditures. 9. Other Occupations of farm operator. 10. Farm machinery and facilities. 11. Cooperation in marketing and purchasing. 12. Domestic animals, poultry, swine and animal products in 1929. 13. Irrigated crops on this farm in 1929. 14. Crops harvested on this farm in 1929. 15. Value of products of this farm in 1929. 16. Movement of farm population. 17. Total farm land owned, April 1, 1929.

Division one has to do with the operator himself, his name, address, color or race, age and the date of the beginning of the operation of the farm. Division two consists of nine questions relative to the character of the land, whether active the past season, fallowed, woodland used for pasture and not used for pasture. The number of acres of pasture designated as rotated pasture, amount terraced to prevent erosion, how much provided with artificial drainage, and how much land is afforded drainage or protection from overflow by a drainage district, constitute the third section. There are seven questions in regard to land tenure, such as the number of acres in the farm owned by the operator, how many acres are rented from others, what do you pay as rent—cash or crops and how much, are the work animals furnished by the person from whom you rent and the one titled above as to whether the owner is a near relative. Farm values, the farm itself including all buildings, the value of the dwelling house, and the value of farm implements and machinery used in operating make up group five of the questions.

Any mortgage debt on the land on April 1, 1929, the amount of mortgage debt on land and buildings and the amount charged for interest, commissions, bonuses and premiums in 1929 make up the three questions coming under the sixth division. Only two questions come under the head of taxes, one being the total amount paid in 1929 on all property of this farm and the other portion payable on the land and buildings. Under the heading of farm expenditures come such questions as those—how much spent for hay, grain, mill feed and other products for domestic animals and poultry; amount spent for the purchase of electric light and power to a power company; expenditure for the purchase of farm implements and machinery, including automobiles, trucks and tractors; amount spent in cash for farm labor; number of days of farm work done in 1929 by hired laborers of all ages (exclusive of house work); amount expended for commercial fertilizer, manure, lime and ground limestone and the quantity of commercial fertilizer purchased of other kinds than those just mentioned. Other occupations of the farm operator constitute the next section. Farm machinery and facilities come in for several questions—have you an automobile? motor truck? tractor? electric motor for farm work? stationary gas engine? combine? telephone? water piped into dwelling? pipe line for electricity? electricity for lights? what kind of a road adjoins the farm? The value of products from the farm sold cooperatively and the value of supplies bought through a farmers' cooperative organization are next in line. It requires 66 questions to give all the data desired concerning the livestock on the farm and include horses and mules, colts, asses and burros, hogs and pigs, sheep and lambs, cattle, goats and kids, registered and purebred animals, chickens, other poultry and bees. Irrigation is an important question, and Uncle Sam wants to know if any, and how many crops were raised under irrigation and who supplied the water. Of the remaining list of questions, there are 24 which have to do with the crops harvested and this covers corn, sorghum, sugar crops, small grains, annual legumes, hay crops, grass seeds, vegetables, fruits and nuts. Not content with what you raise Uncle Sam wants to know how much of this you consumed or fed, and how much you sold. And what was the value, you will be asked, of these different products, grains, cotton, tobacco, hay, vegetables, fruits, plants, flowers, livestock and poultry, milk, cream, butter, butterfat, meat, eggs, honey, wool, mohair, forest products, also bark, turpentine, gum—all these which found or will find a market, and also he is curious about the value of the products from your farm that you and the members of your family used. And more, if you had any lodgers, or boarders, or campers, you will have to tell what they paid you. The movement of the farm population seems to be of interest and you will be asked how many people from your farm moved into a city or village during the year 1929, and how many from the city or village moved to your farm. As a wind-up on this questionnaire, they want to know if you own any other land in the United States besides the farm which you are operating and on which you have given the above report. If you do then follows the question as to the total number of acres you do own, and the total value of the farm land and farm buildings, the amount of the mortgage debt and the amount charged you on such indebtedness for interest, commissions, bonuses and premiums in 1929.



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