

# OVER THE VALLEY

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**AN INVITATION**  
To our friends in the valley. You are most cordially invited to attend the opening of the new home of THE OBSERVER Friday evening, June 27 or Saturday, June 28.

**Celebrates Birthday**  
In honor of the 90 birthday of "Grandma" Carnes of near North Powder relatives and friends gathered at the home of her son, Sam Carnes, three miles up the North Powder river last Saturday, and celebrated the event in a style which brought happiness to the aged and beloved woman. The visitors took lunch, including a birthday cake and 90 candles, with them and all enjoyed a delicious dinner. Those present also sang songs, joined hands in a prayer, which caused Mrs. Carnes to feel better than she had for a long time, she declared. She had recently recovered from illness, but is again active and in good health. Many gifts suited to the uses and enjoyment of the aged lady were presented.

Those present on the happy occasion were: Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Grisson, Mrs. Allie Sloan, Mrs. Eldon Sloan, Mrs. W. A. Haddison, Grandma Gibson, Mrs. Mary Gordon, Mrs. Pearl Dalton, Mrs. E. F. May, Miss Florence Stevens, Mrs. P. Hobbs and daughter Fern, Mrs. Dwight Riggs and two children, Mrs. Howard and son Bruce, and Sam Carnes and wife.

**To Give Program**  
Members of the Ladies Aid society of Island City are announcing an entertainment which is to be given at the church Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and to which all the ladies of that and every community are invited. What is said to be a very excellent program will be given with a variety of fine numbers. Tea will be served.

**Weekend at Home**  
Clifton Baxter drove from Burns Saturday evening and spent the weekend with Mrs. Baxter at Hot Lake.

**A 250-Pounder**  
At the recent Eastern Oregon livestock show, Bobbie Huron had on exhibition the buck which he exhibited last year both at the state fair and at the Pacific International as a fat lamb and which won the blue ribbon and the championship purple last year. This year the animal weighed 250 pounds, showing wonderful care and expert feeding. The buck had this weight after shearing.

**Visits The Walkers**  
When Mrs. Ray Blokland was on her recent visit to Klamath Falls points in the Willamette valley, she stopped off at the new ranger station near Corvallis and visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walker who were residents of this valley when Mr. Walker was head of the crops department at the Eastern Oregon experiment station near Union. Mr. Walker is head of this new enterprise in Western Oregon is doing well, as is his family. They sent messages to their friends in this part of the state.

**Cricket Flat Grange**  
Cricket Flat grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening at the customary place. During the meeting it was decided to join with Rock Wall grange at the next meeting which will be next Friday evening, June 27. Cricket Flat will have five candidates to be initiated in the first and second degree at that time. Therefore the degrees will be given in the Rock Wall hall. There will be no meeting on the next regular meeting night on account of Pomona grange.

**Crop Short**  
Mark Goodwin, who is a small fruits grower, and lives in Fruitdale is another who reports that his strawberry crop is a failure this year. Mr. Goodwin has a fine patch of the Clark Seedlings and the Shermans report that while, ordinarily during the season he has several crates a day, now he is fortunate if he gets one every three or four days. The frost of four weeks ago was surely disastrous to those who had counted on berries for the market this season.

**School Meeting**  
The annual school meeting of district number 72 was held on Monday. Walter Vogel will chairmen the board of directors next year with William Woodruff and J. E. Peterson as the other members and with Mrs. Grant Wilde as clerk. It was not decided whether school would be held in this district next year.

**Return From Trip**  
Mrs. C. E. Lawson of the Union-Cove highway and her mother, Mrs. E. E. Woodruff of near Hot Lake returned home Sunday night from an auto trip which took them to Portland. They report a very pleasant trip and a nice visit.

**Weekend at Home**  
Miss Merle Frizzell employed at the Blue Mt. creamery and Miss Ava Woodell, a summer student at the normal school, went to their home at Pleasant Grove for the weekend, also attending the rehearsal of the play "Descon Dubbe" in which they have parts and which is to be given soon by the Pleasant Grove grange.

**Pomona Grange**  
Members of the Medical Springs subordinate are to be the hostess

grange to the Pomona meeting to be held next Saturday, June 28.

**Returns Home**  
Mrs. Ross Evans and two daughters left Wednesday for their home in Richland after having visited for some time at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Waely. In Cricket Flat district, and also with other relatives. They were accompanied on the trip home by Mrs. Raymond Waely and Mrs. Elma Sewell who have now returned to their home in this valley.

**Fire at Island**  
Fire completely destroyed the newly constructed barn of Sam Simmons at Island City yesterday afternoon late. The cause of the blaze, having not been determined. The city fire truck responded to a call after the church bell at Island had called the populace of that town, and the fire was confined to the barn. An old barn had just been razed by Mr. Simmons and the new and smaller building constructed. The loss has not yet been estimated.

**Meets Accident**  
Little Robert Kohler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kohler of Hot Lake met with a very painful accident near his home last Wednesday when he was struck by a horse, ridden by Osmond Orton. According to reports, the little fellow ran out into the road and became confused, was hit on the head, cutting him and bruising his leg. He was rushed to Hot Lake in a passing car where the wound was dressed and treatment given him.

**Guests**  
Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Blokland of Island City have as their guests Mrs. Blokland's nephew and family, Dr. and Mrs. Avery Roberts and son, Gerald, of Seward, Alaska. Dr. Roberts is recuperating from and receiving medical attention for a minor operation which he recently sustained.

**Home From Grange**  
Among the grangers from over the valley who attended the state convention at Redmond last week were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witherspoon of Cricket Flat. They have returned home very enthusiastic over the gathering.

**Improving Rapidly**  
Mrs. Mame Speckhart who has been at the Grande Ronde hospital, was able to be returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. Governor, in La Grande Sunday. She is reported to be getting along very nicely.

**Give Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blokland of Island City entertained a few friends at a buffet dinner Thursday evening at their home commiserating their sister, Miss Esther Blokland who has just graduated from the Eastern Oregon Normal school and Miss Mildred who was graduated from the high school. A lovely dinner was served to these guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Perry, Lester Blokland, Mildred and Esther Blokland, Doris Cade, Buster Gibson and George Delyria.

**Entertain**  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilde of Hot Lake were guests at a dinner given in honor of Francis P. Halling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baxter in Union Friday evening. Miss Doris Klek of Union was also a guest. Mr. Halling recently came from Portland for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Halling of Union.

**Hay Down**  
The rains of last week caught much hay down, but according to reports from different corners of the valley, not any serious damage had been done yet, and with no more rainfall, everything will be fine with this first cutting which is invariably reported as being good.

**Visits Daughters**  
Mrs. Clifton Baxter of Hot Lake has as her guest her mother, Mrs. J. J. Lovhaugh from Logan, Utah.

**The Cow Testing Association**  
The county agent and others interested are continuing their annual campaign for membership in the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association which has proven so successful in its operation.

**A SEASONABLE RECIPE**  
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Stuffed Meat Loaf With Glazed Prunes

2 lbs. ground beef with a small amount of pork added to it.  
2 eggs (beaten).  
1 1/2 c. milk.  
1 t. salt.  
1/2 t. pepper.  
1 1/2 c. cracker crumbs.  
Line a loaf pan, bottom and sides with mixture. Make a stuffing of 3 c. fine bread crumbs.  
Salt and pepper to taste.  
1 t. sage.  
1 t. butter.  
1 small onion, if desired.  
Moisten if needed with water. Fill the center of meat with this mixture, then cover top with meat mixture, bake one hour in a hot oven.

**Glazed Prunes**  
Soak 1 lb. large prunes overnight. Drain, place in a shallow baking dish. Make a syrup of:  
1 c. water.  
1 c. sugar.  
Juice of lemon.  
Cook until it begins to thicken or make a syrup, pour over the prunes, bake in a hot oven about 1/2 of an hour, basting often.

tion during the last two years and which members have found to be of great practical benefit. The last number of the Farm Bulletin had the following report to make concerning the campaign:—The cow testing association sign-up in Union county is now reported to be about 75 per cent complete. Directors expect to hire a tester as soon as a few more days are enrolled and will have all herds tested in June. Three candidates for the position are listed with the O. A. C. extension service and the association has received one application locally.

**Car Accident**  
Last week there were very evident signs of a car accident at Island City. A tree in front of the home of Judge and Mrs. U. G. Couch was very badly "damaged" with not only the bark gone but also the wound gouged way into the tree. The guy wire of a light pole was broken loose and the cross bars were broken. It seems that Joe Stoop of the Elgin neighborhood became sleepy while driving his car and losing control left the highway and had the above misfortunes in addition to an almost total wreck of his car.

**Visits Friends**  
Willard Peters, of Quincy, Ill., spent a few days the last of the week at the home of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz. Mr. Peters is touring the northwest and resumed his trip yesterday after his visit in the valley.

**Club to Meet**  
Members of the Countrywomen's club are asked to remember the meeting which is to be held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edith Gekeler, with Mrs. O. Ansen and Mrs. C. Redhead as assisting hostesses.

**News From Lake District**  
Mrs. Vernon DeGraw of La Grande and a patient at the sanatorium is improving very rapidly and expects to go to the home of her father, J. A. Kofford who lives near Union in the very near future. . . . Ho Hanks of La Grande is working during haying at the John E. Peterson ranch. . . . Mrs. G. W. Wilde went to Baker Wednesday night with friends from La Grande. . . . Haying season is in full swing in this section with large crews of men at work. Crops are looking fine with very little damage to hay from the storm so far. . . . Mrs. Clark Martin and Mrs. J. E. Peterson and Miss Velma Peterson were shoppers in La Grande Thursday. . . . Mrs. Oscar Hollins of Heppner, Oregon, drove here last week and has been visiting with her father and relatives at the Frank Lawlis home. Mr. Hollins is in the forestry department in Heppner this season. Mr. Hollins expects to return to Heppner this weekend.

**On Weekend Trip**  
The Misses Edna and Eva Ledbetter, accompanied by their brother Lyle, drove to Lewiston, Idaho, Friday and spent the weekend visiting.

**Sheep Shipment**  
J. R. Fletcher, of Cove, left today for Omaha in charge of four carloads of sheep which are the first to be shipped by the pool which was recently organized. Tom Johnson, Robert French, County Agent H. G. Avery and Mr. Fletcher covered Union county and much of Wallowa county recently in arranging for this shipment. The larger part of the shipment is lambs, the remainder being ewes. Mr. Fletcher, who has had experience with a sheep pool in Idaho, was largely responsible for the pool organized in Union county. He expects to be away for about two weeks.

**Huckleberries**  
Perhaps no question is more frequently asked "Over The Valley" the last weeks than "how are huckleberries?" It is reported from different sections, following the first reports that blossom time found the bushes loaded, that there should be lots of huckleberries this year, barring no bad luck until the middle or latter part of July when they should be ripening.

**Annual Reunion**  
The annual reunion of the Hug family will be held at the City park in Elgin on next Sunday, June 29. All members of the Hug family and relatives are urged to come and all friends are given a cordial invitation. Bring your lunch.

**Aid is Invited**  
Mrs. Mina Standley, president of the Allied Ladies Aid is announcing today to the members of her organization that this aid is invited to the big get-together picnic dinner to be held Sunday at the La Grande park under the sponsorship of the First Methodist church of La Grande, as a welcome to their new pastor, Rev. W. H. Hertzog. Mrs. Hertzog and their family and all get-together and get-acquainted affair. She is asking that all members and their families make plans to attend.

**School Clerks Make Supt's Honor Roll**  
While school clerks of the county are not the tardiest officials or committeemen to get in reports promptly, some of them are said to be slower about the matter than the office of the county superintendent alike. Consequently an honor roll is published annually of those 20 school clerks, who out of the total of 55 get their reports in first. School elections were held over the valley on last Monday and the following officials of the several districts have their reports made out, sent in, and probably already forgotten.

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**Endurance Plane Nears 300 Hours**  
CHICAGO, June 23 (AP)—The refueling endurance plane, "City of Chicago," passed its 250th hour in the air over Sky Harbor airport at 4:49 p. m. (C. D. T.) today.

A mechanical device has been invented to detect defects in the operation of elevators.

Such a merger or federation of cooperatives is now being proposed. The plans being worked out in cooperation with the federal farm board representatives and the state college extension service. The lower Columbia cooperative dairy association has been the first to use federal inspection service in this state and now includes a certificate of quality in each package of its inspected butter. The bulk of butter produced by other creameries both private and cooperative has failed to increase the outside market as rapidly as desired.

A definite improvement in average butter quality through the state is being noted in the last year or so and exports had increased proportionately. Oregon, in fact, increased its California sales by 75 per cent last year which is more than twice the increase of any neighboring state. In the portion of the state touched by the demonstration train bounded by Eugene on the north and Redmond on the east, there is no talk of booming the dairy industry but there is everywhere among the better farmers a confidence in the future of the industry in Oregon.

## DAIRY INDUSTRY IS WEATHERING DEPRESSION WELL

Very encouraging, and much to the credit of the dairy farmers of Oregon and others connected with that industry, is the report from authorities that the crisis was and is being met successfully. The report which emanates from the state college says, Oregon's dairy industry, responsible for about one seventh of the agricultural income of the state, is successfully weathering serious depression that followed the disastrous slump in prices last winter. Judging from observations made in connection with the 1929 milk tour of the state made by the dairy demonstration train of the Oregon State college and the S. P. & S. road. This does not mean that every dairyman is prospering or that all are not still feeling the pinch of low prices that have in many instances wiped out the margin of immediate profit. What is indicated is that the Oregon dairy industry in the main is securely enough established on sound economic factors that it has not been as severely shaken as in some sections where boom conditions grew out of price inflation. One of the factors favoring Oregon dairymen is that average production per cow is considerably higher than for the United States as a whole—in fact is fifth among the states in this respect. Oregon is fourth among the states in percentage of cows in cow testing associations and the 12,000 cows under the test average above the 300 pound mark in annual butterfat production—a record not equaled in any other state. Part of the reason for this better production record for Oregon's 216,000 dairy cows comes from the fact that this state stands fifth in the country for the production of purebred sires used in the herds. As high producing cows are so born and not made by environment, this is one of the most important factors contributing to the average increase of some 30 pounds per cow in the last 10 years. The state has been particularly favored in opportunity to build up quality dairy herds through the presence of many of the world's

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