

OVER THE VALLEY

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The Hug Reunion—
The annual Hug reunion was held at the City Park in Elgin, Sunday, June 30, with about 150 members of the clan present.

Large Hay Shed—
A large new hay shed has just been completed on the farm of E. M. Kerns who lives on lower Cove. The work was done by Jay Breathers and Hugh Lytle.

Berry Picking Over—
Prof. and Mrs. Cecil Simpson of Dry Creek are busy picking their berry crop this week, strawberries and early raspberries. They have a crew of five picking who average about 6 crates of strawberries and two of raspberries.

Return From California—
Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Waggoner and daughter, who formerly lived on a farm on the Pleasant Grove road in the lower district, have returned home again from California where they have been since last fall.

White Weed Found—
Over in our neighboring county, Wagon, "white top" a pestiferous weed has been found in certain localities. County agent N. C. Donaldson has recently issued a bulletin concerning this perennial weed which he likens to Canadian thistle but states that it is even harder to kill than is the thistle.

Entertains—
Mrs. I. E. Chenault of the Valeria district entertained at one of the tea being given by the ladies of the La Grande Baptist church, Thursday afternoon at her home. There were 24 adults present and a number of children. The afternoon was spent informally and at the close Mrs. Chenault had some very nice refreshments.

Sends Rose—
Very appropriately the rose in the Valley office during the dedication days of the new Observer building came from in the valley and were given by Mr. and Mrs. Barlow of the Elgin greenhouse. This greenhouse is perhaps most widely known on account of its lovely tomatoes which are on the market early, but their houses also have hardy plants, bedding plants, garden plants in season, as well as some cut flowers for the market.

Improves—
Joseph Feik, who has been a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital for the past six weeks suffering from lobar pneumonia is still making quite consistent improvement. If he keeps on gaining within the next few days as he has been doing, he will be able to return to his home in the Mt. Glen neighborhood within a very short time.

Back From Visit—
Miss Catherine McKinnis has returned from Haines where she had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jerry Thatcher and family.

Visit—
Mrs. Tom Plumber and daughter, Colleen spent last Wednesday visiting at the Spencer home in Dry Creek. Miss Colleen expects to leave this week for Leebone for a month's visit with her aunt, Mrs. Guy Rogers.

Finishes Hay—
Gene Becker on his ranch in the Valeria district, and bordering on the lower Cove market road is through

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FUTURE FARMERS MAKE BIG SHOWING AT LIVESTOCK SHOW

Future Farmers of America had their inking at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union, Oregon, when the six eastern Oregon chapters of the national organization of students of vocational agriculture met in the "stock show city" to hold their annual project exhibit, contests, and camp. State officers of the student farmers organization were present, more than 400 in awards were distributed, and the boys helped put up the best stock show recorded to the credit of the Union Livestock event in the 22 years of its existence.

Enterprise and Union chapters won a major share of the awards this year. Enterprise students scoring heavily in the project exhibits while Union won the silver cup awarded in the stock judging contest and many of the vocational contests. Imbler and Ontario also won several places, as did Wallowa and Hayward. Livestock exhibited by the Enterprise and Ontario departments travelled the greatest distance to come to Union of any shown at the stock show.

Project exhibits were listed under four major classes including a total of 12 lots. The classes, which featured the four principal groups of livestock, sheep, beef and dairy cattle, and hogs, were designed to give the boys an opportunity to display their livestock from their home projects without an unnecessary duplication. Don Kooch, Enterprise, was one of the outstanding livestock exhibitors in the vocational department, winning a total of four first places, two special awards, and second place in the "best project" competition. Young Kooch showed the best fat barrow of the stock show, a special award offered by F. A. Kipling, of the Grande Ronde Meat company, who later paid the Wallowa county boy a nice premium over market price for "Desert Gold," undefeated champion sheep delivered in La Grande. Kooch also won a special prize offered by the Union Flour Mills for the best kept project book.

Another Enterprise boy, Alvin Davis, had the best sheep project, winning a five registered yearling Hampshire ewe offered by Carl Whitmore, Joseph sheep breeder, who is keenly interested in young farmers who like the sheep business. The ewe was sired by "Desert Gold," undefeated champion Hampshire ram at three National stock shows, until recently heading the stud rams on Mr. Whitmore's farm at Joseph. Norvin Woodell, Imbler, was a strong contender in the sheep division, winning honors for "best project" of the show, besides two first places on sheep. Clifford Lines of Enterprise, was another consistent winner, exhibiting in the sheep project class.

Union High school won the stock judging cup with 2425 points out of a possible 5000. Other teams in order of their placement were: Ontario, 2407; Wallowa, 2244.5; Imbler, 2254; Hayward, 2187.5; and Hayward, 2012.5. Members of the Union team were Max DeVore, Fred Peterson, and Willard Edvalson. High point medal winner of the contest was a total of Smith of Imbler, scoring a total of 877.5 points.

Winners in the vocational contests featuring practical activities in the shops and on field trips, were as follows: leather work, Allen Zaugg, 1; Roy Zaugg, 2; and Willie Boor, 3. Ontario, 3; Rope work, Roy Zaugg, 1; Allen Zaugg, 2; and Sam Grimm, Ontario, 3. Rafter cutting, Donald Conner, Wallowa, 1; John Danyl, Enterprise, 2; Soldering, Floyd Cochrane, Ontario, 1; Austin Cain, Ontario, 2; Dwight Conklin, Imbler, 3. Blacksmithing, Roy Zaugg, 1; Allen Zaugg, 2; Austin Cain, Ontario, 3. Milk testing, Fred Peterson, Union, 1; Grover Hardy, Imbler, 2; LeVern Draper, Ontario, 3. Dairy ration contest, Melvin Gustrom, Wallowa, 1; Melvin Thorpe, Enterprise, 2. Weight judging, horses, Norman Van Order, Ontario; Sheep, Allen Zaugg, Union; Hogs, Arnold Matters, Imbler, and James Loundagin, Wallowa, (tie); Beef cattle, Arnold Matters, Imbler.

In the horsemanship contests, a unique feature of the Eastern Oregon livestock show for many years, the medals went to two Ontario boys and one Imbler boy. Willie Willie Boor of Ontario showed himself to be the best hand at driving a four horse team, his classmate, Norman VanOrder was riding a cow pony to the satisfaction of the veteran horseman, Homer Bidwell of North Powder, who acted as judge. Clifford Conrad of Imbler, won over the other contestants in the educational contest featuring unsound horses.

Presentation of awards, F. P. A. degree work, reports of local chapters, and a splendid talk by Kenneth Pettibone, Corvallis, state president, were features of meeting Eastern Oregon F. P. A. chapters held at the Union Hotel, the second evening. The Enterprise chapter, conducted the meeting, featuring the plow and explaining the "wise old owl," the plow, and other symbols of the F. P. A. emblem. Reports of local chapters were given, and reports being replete with allusions to their accounts, project tours, plays, oratorical contests, social functions, and other community activities sponsored by the local groups.

Prominent visitors during the week included: Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor of agricultural education, Salem; H. H. Gibson, professor of agricultural education, O. A. C., Corvallis; and O. I. Paulsen, assistant agriculturalist, Union Pacific System, Portland. Arthur Young, director of vocational agriculture at Dayton, accompanied by several students, also attended the stock show. Oliver K. Beals, director at Corvallis, gave eminent satisfaction as judge both in the vocational classes and in the open class dairy judging. B. W. Redwood and H. A. Lindgren, O. A. C. specialists who judged other open class exhibits were also guests of the "future farmers."

The camp maintained near the stock show grounds for the F. P. A. boys proved a popular feature, with more than 60 boys enrolled in the "tent city." Plans for the extension of this and other features are included in plans for next year, which should see another substantial increase in quality and numbers of exhibits.

Arrangements for the F. P. A. exhibit and other participation at the Union show were handled by a committee of agricultural instructors including: Don Stewart, Imbler, project exhibits; C. A. Thompson, Wallowa, horsemanship contests; Ira Forrey, Hayward, F. P. A. camp; W. H. Higgins, Ontario, vocational contests; and Arton Zundell, Enterprise, stock judging contest and F. P. A. meeting. Cecil L. Griggs, Union, was in general charge.

Project exhibit winners were as follows: "Best Project" competition, Norvin Woodell, Imbler, 1; Don Kooch, Enterprise, 2; Neil Hoffman, Ontario, 3; Clifford Lines, Enterprise, 4; Alvin Davis, Enterprise, 5; Willard Edvalson, Union, 6; Melvin Gillespie, Wallowa, 7; Willard Edvalson, Union, 8; Gerald Harmon, Enterprise, 9; John Johnson, Wallowa, 10; Billie Trwin, Imbler, 11; and Charles Jaensch, Enterprise, 12. Beef projects, breeding class: Myron Ricker, Union, 1; Dairy projects, mature cows: Clifford Lines, Enterprise, 1; Wendell Green, Union, 2; Melvin Gillespie, Wallowa, 3; Willard Edvalson, Union, 4; and Billie Graves, Enterprise, 5. Yearling heifers: Willard Gambill, Union, 1; Rodney Miller, Union, 2; Calves: Billie Trwin, Union, 1; Merlyn Langford, Union, 3. Swine projects, aged sows: Don Kooch, Enterprise, 1; Neil Hoffman, Ontario, 2; Chadwick Pratt, Imbler, 3. Litter: Don Kooch, Enterprise, 1; Charles Jaensch, Enterprise, 2; and Fred Peterson, Union, 3.

Sheep projects: Ewe and lamb: Norvin Woodell, Imbler, 1 and 3; Alvin Davis, Enterprise, 2 and 4; Leslie Phillips, Enterprise, 5. Two ewes: Alvin Davis, Enterprise, 1; Norvin Woodell, Imbler, 2; Bob Couch, Wallowa, 3; Leslie Phillips, Enterprise, 4; and Norman VanOrder, Ontario, 5. Two lambs: Norvin Woodell, Imbler, 1; Alvin Davis, Enterprise, 2; James Loundagin, Wallowa, 3; Bob Couch, Imbler, 4.

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Pomona Grange Has Important Meeting On Sat.

Nearly every grange in the county was represented when the Union county Pomona held its regular quarterly meeting Saturday with Medical Springs grange at Pondsosa. The meeting was conducted in the basement of the school house. The assembly room was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the grange colors, pink and green being used. Bouquets of the season's flowers placed at the stations completed the effective decorations.

With J. A. Niece, master in the chair, much of the regular routine of business was taken care of before dinner. Clarence Carter was appointed to fill the steward's chair, made vacant by the death of S. R. O'Brien. The decision was made to commence action on the preliminary work of securing the state grange meeting for La Grande in 1932. George H. Curry, president of the La Grande chamber of commerce, announced that La Grande would back the patrons in their efforts to secure the convention.

Following a discussion as to the place of meeting on "Church Sunday" Mr. Powers' invitation to meet at Medical Springs was accepted. At this meeting, which will be the third Sunday in July, memorial services will be held for members who have died within the last two years.

Mrs. W. R. Gekeler, Pomona lecturer, presented a splendid program in the afternoon. The Hon. Dunham Wright, who has passed his 88th milestone and has lived more than 60 of those years at Medical Springs, the health resort he loves with deep devotion, gave the address of welcome in which he made the grangers welcome indeed. M. L. Carter, the grange's own poet, responded by declaiming an original poem in which he paid high tribute to Mr. Wright. Following a splendid talk on cooperation by Arthur Swift of Baker county, member of Missouri Flat grange, and a few timely remarks by Mrs. Effie Whitten, master of Medical Springs grange, Mrs. Torval Hansen and Mrs. Dave Johansen of Pondsosa, sang a couple of songs.

A report of the work at the recent state convention at Redmond was given by Mr. Niece, Pomona delegate. Others who made similar reports were R. L. Eckley, master of Blue Mt. grange, who worked on the pure foods committee; L. F. Wright, also of Blue Mt., who acted on the executive board; Mrs. Wright, chairman of the county home ec committee, who took part in the home ec conferences; and Charles Wicklander of Boardman, deputy state master who did duty on the fire insurance committee. Mr. M. Pierce, newly elected member of the state executive committee had for his subject the hydroelectric and the lieutenant-governor bills and other important measures to be taken this fall; at the November election, Mr. Pierce urged that it be the duty of the 20,000 grangers of Oregon to go to the polls and vote and vote intelligently. Mrs. Pierce made a short speech in which she asked the grange to send a resolution of condolence to the family of George Joseph. The request was granted. Victor Eckley, democratic candidate for state representative gave a brief talk and he was followed by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lindsey who gave a piano and harmonica number. Emil Tipp, of Union, manager of the cooperative dairy department, gave a short talk on the dairy question.

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CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Bankin Edger, who are making their home at present at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fisher on the lower Cove road have recently celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Edger, now 86 years of age and his companion of the years, but a few years his junior, are not as active as they once were, but both are enjoying life, love the valley which Mrs. Edger has known since the days of the earliest pioneer, and enjoy chatting with visitors.

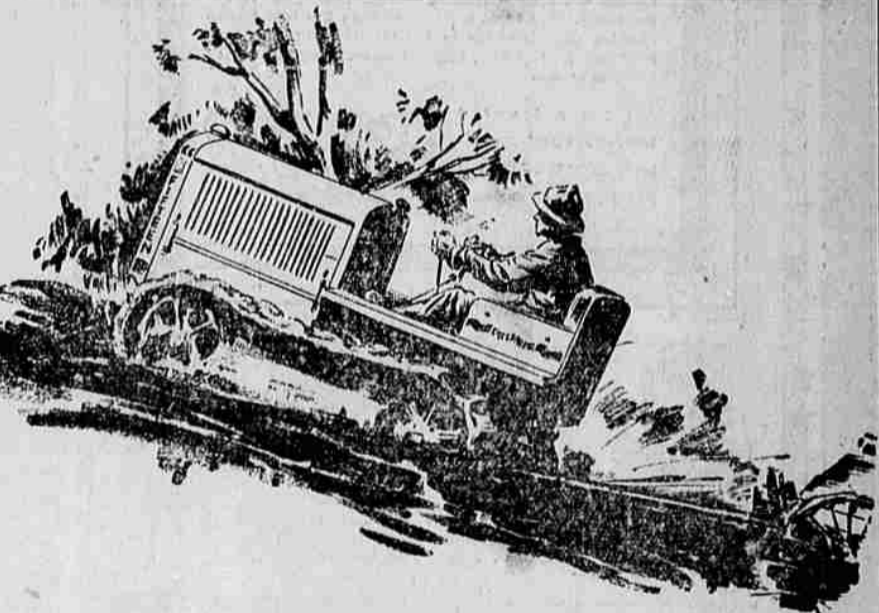
Mr. Edger came west from Indiana in 1846 when he was two years of age. Mrs. Edger came west with her father's family from Guthrie county, Iowa and spent the winter of 1864-5 at Cove, only there was no Cove then, but they lived where Cove is now located. The journey west had consumed six months from April 29, 1864 until November, for the head of the family had not followed the example of his fellow travellers. Instead of using the plodding oxen to draw his covered wagon, he had used his milk cows for that purpose. They had proved almost as satisfactory as the oxen, but there was that other and quite unique feature, that the family were kept in good fresh milk all during the wearisome line of travel.

That winter spent in the Cove corner of the valley, was one full of exciting experiences of which Mrs. Edger has very vivid recollections, for that was the time of the terrible Indian rampages in this locality. As stated before, there was no Cove and La Grande consisted of but two houses. Mrs. Edger's father, Baird Tracy introduced another custom which was very beneficial to his own family and to his neighbors as well. They brought with them a coffee mill, and with this, ground the wheat, giving them a very crude but a very good article at that time in the way of flour. The idea was used on a larger scale in a short time by a neighbor, who secured a larger mill and operated it with water power.

Mr. and Mrs. (Elizabeth Ann Tracy) Edger were married at Stayton near Salem in 1869. Members of their family have been taken to death until now they have but the two daughters, both of whom are at present in this valley. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. W. Williams of Salem, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Edger live in the winter months.

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