

OVER THE VALLEY

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To Raise Chickens—
Walt Gray, who lives on the ranch of his brother, Charles Gray and family on the lower Cove, has made a start in the poultry business and contemplates enlarging it gradually. He has started his plans on the hills above the Gray place and this year raised 500 White Leghorns of a very good strain, some Hollywood, some O. S. C. He expects to continue until he has around 1500 laying hens and will have equipment of the most modern sort to care for a flock of that size.

Visits In Country—
Mrs. Sue Laughlin who is having a two weeks vacation from her duties at the Park store was visiting the first of the week at the Hugh Huron farm on Brooks Lane.

Moved To Imbler—
Mr. and Mrs. Reed Hibberd have moved from their former home in Willowdale to a house in Imbler. Mr. Hibberd is farming on his own place in Willowdale.

Has Fine Herd—
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hermann on the Island City-Cove road have built up gradually a fine herd of Jerseys and Guernseys. They are milking ten cows at the present time and are selling their cream sweet.

Has Typhoid—
Kenneth Gekeler who lives on his ranch between Alice and Imbler is reported as being ill of typhoid fever. In addition to this being a heavy season for Mr. Gekeler on the farm, he is also chairman of the La Grande band and it was necessary to secure a substitute for him on the band trip to Portland today.

Visit Nephew—
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tucker of Enterprise visited last week at the home of their nephew, Loren Tucker, in the Iowa district.

In Country—
Miss Nina Kame, a teacher in the La Grande public schools is spending her vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Carter and family on the Island City-Cove highway.

Visits—
Miss Lavonia Veach of Rieth is making a visit of two weeks at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. March on the foothills north of La Grande.

Comes To Valley—
Mr. and Mrs. Alverie Beswick of Nampa, Idaho have been visiting with their friends and former neighbors in the Mt. Glen district. They were on their way into Washington on an auto trip.

Purchases Machinery—
Enoch Johnson who owns and operates what is known as the old George Pierce farm in the valley has recently purchased a new caterpillar and combine. Mr. Johnson has 500 acres in wheat this year and believes that by using his own machinery he can harvest his immense crop most economically.

Finishes Another Belt—
Levin Lantz of the Cove has just completed and installed another of his fruit grading belts, this one at the cooperative packing plant at Cove. This makes a total of eight of these belts which Mr. Lantz has made and installed and all are reported to be giving the most satisfactory service expected of them during the fruit grading and packing season. The eight belts are distributed as follows—two in the Karl Stackland plant, two at the Cove, two at Union, one at the Blue Mt. Fruit exchange in La Grande and one went to Stadlerman at The Dalles.

Has Interesting Project—
Jack Cole, who now lives with the rest of his family on the Clark farm near Imbler, is very active in F. F. A. as his project in this department. Jack has chosen something "different" that is, he has decided to try his hand at bee keeping. He has found a number of swarms already, which he has properly housed as a start on his project. Jack will appreciate it very much if anyone is sending a swarm would let him know. He will do the rest.

Visits Mother—
Mrs. Fred Weise of Baker came to the valley and spent yesterday with her mother, Mrs. Ira Howell in the Valeria district and visited among her friends here.

Hulse Reunion—
The big annual reunion held by the members of the Hulse family is scheduled Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 20, 21 and 22. That is a week from next Sunday and plans are already in operation for this year's gathering.

Have Picnic—
A recent picnic party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers and daughter, Lavanna of near Summerville, Dr. Belle Myers, Mrs. Sue Laughlin and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hicks of La Grande. They spent the day at the Pine Cone camp.

Has Tonsillectomy—
Young Edward Stonebraker of the 2000 Chapel neighborhood underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils the first of the week. The operation was quite successful and the lad is getting along splendidly.

Install Machine—
L. J. Diercks of near Hunter Lake has recently installed a new two bucket DeLaval milking machine on his place to reduce the amount of work necessary to care for his dairy herd. At present 20 cows are being milked, the product being sold as whole milk. Mr. Diercks has 5 acres of his place in alfalfa the first cutting which is being made now being of a very good quality. Other crops on the place are such as can be used for feed for the herd, barley, oats, wheat, etc., etc.

Made Visit—
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. March of the foothill road have returned from Rieth, Oregon where they made a

visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Veach.

Home From Trip—
Mrs. Tom Wallinger of the Valeria district is home from her recent auto trip to various Oregon and Washington places. Naturally she reports a wonderful trip and a fine time.

Memorial Sunday—
Members of all granges in the county are urged to remember and make plans to attend the annual church Sunday to be held at Medical Springs on a week from Sunday, July 20. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Powers have invited the grangers to be their guests on that occasion, with free use of the fine new pool at Medical. This is also Memorial Sunday for the organization and special tributes will be paid to those who have passed away during the last two years. Mrs. Roy Gekeler, Pomona sect, is making extensive plans for the program of the day.

To Return Home—
Mrs. A. J. Feik of Mt. Glen is expected home within a few days from Clarkston, Washington, where she has been the past month receiving medical care. She is reported to be much improved.

Coming From California—
Miss Ellen Maxwell, former teacher in this locality who has been visiting among friends the last two weeks is expecting her mother, Mrs.

E. J. Maxwell, her sister, Mrs. Clara and her nephew, Deford Bishop of Los Angeles about the middle of the month. They will make the trip in their car and Miss Maxwell will join them here for an auto trip to various places in Idaho.

Purchases Farm—
The purchase of the Tuck Conley farm near lower Cove, by J. W. Rush of the Pierce neighborhood is reported. The place consists of 800 acres and is all under cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Conley are moving from the place to the Wade home in Island City.

Have Their Picnic—
The residents of the Island City-Cove highway and adjacent districts were able to finally stage their long-planned picnic last Friday. They went up Catherine creek, had a very large crowd and report an exceptionally good time. On their return they went to the Reece McAllister home and had an evening of fire works.

Lovely Flowers—
Mrs. Lon Eyer, living near Cove has one of the finest beds of sweet peas to be seen anywhere in the valley. Right now they are blooming most profusely—great blossoms of many hues, and we judge of the Spencer variety. Wednesday although there was still a heavy picking to be made, Mrs. Eyer's home was filled with mammoth bouquets and still

more had been generously shared with others. The flower garden has the other choice blooms right now, but the sweet peas stand above them all.

Meet In La Grande—
Miss Leona Thornburg of near Joseph came to La Grande yesterday and met her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Thornburg of Kamela. The latter returned to Joseph with her and will make a short visit in that part of Wallawa county.

Builds Garage—
N. M. Feik, who lives in Mt. Glen and close to the turn down to the Iowa school, is building a fine building on his place which will serve as a garage and a workshop. It is of very generous proportions and stands on a cement foundation, with cement floor and part side walls.

Relative's Picnic—
The Ernest Zaugg, Paul Zaugg, Fred Zaugg and Parley Feik families

all of Mt. Glen recently had a delightful picnic at the Red Apple farm near La Grande.

Visits Cousin—
Gene McMillan of Union is spending the summer at the home of his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wells in the Valeria district.

Visit—
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, county Sunday school workers and their children of La Grande were guests over Tuesday night at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Childers of lower Cove.

Have Family Gathering—
For the first time in years, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright of the Valeria district had the majority of their children and their families with them on the Fourth of July. All were present excepting the one daughter, who lives in Klamath Falls. The family drove to Wallawa Lake where they enjoyed the celebration staged by the grange, an organization which has the heartiest support of this family. In the crowd were Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Helvey and children of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Grover and children of Fruitvale, Mr. and Mrs. Orville

Wright and Miss Deane Wright, and also Miss Myrtle Wilcock of La Grande.

Those Kittens Again—
Now comes Mrs. Ray Fuller of near Alice and says that she has recently been given the two little Persian kittens by Josephine Fisher of near Cove. The two which were given to her had been duly and previously christened "Mae" and "Mabel." Mrs. Fuller says she never could tell them apart, so the little fat one she calls Mae, since one of them was named for Mae Stearns, La Grande's jovial photographer. Long life to 'em and may Dickie be kind!

To Portland—
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz and daughter, Lilian of the Iowa district, started in their car yesterday for Portland where Paul appears as a member of the La Grande Municipal band. They drove first to Spokane for a short visit with Mr. Knautz's brother, Fred of Dakota who chances to be there and go to Portland from there.

A Splendid Meeting—
An aid society meeting with an unusual zest was that one of the Alibel women yesterday afternoon at

the home of Mrs. I. E. Chenault with Mrs. H. G. Chenault and Mrs. Ira Howell as assisting hostesses. There was a large attendance with some visitors from La Grande and also from the Cove. It was a patriotic meeting in honor of the month, included in the program being the flag salute and a pretty and appropriate vocal number by Mrs. Lena Fuller. The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Mina Standley president. It had been announced that a quilt display would be held. This is the neighborhood where the women have been having such wonderful times piecing and quilting during the past year, with some results that are very beautiful. The guests during the afternoon were asked to make their choice of the prettiest of the old and the new, some of the former being as much as 100 years old. The result was that Mrs. Everett Wallinger's "Grandmother's Flower Garden" was given the most votes for the new "Rose of Sharon" for the old quilts. The tray luncheon was served at the close of the afternoon. Let's see—since Mrs. Howell was one of the hostesses, by all rights, it should be mentioned that the color scheme consisted of the national colors, in

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COW TESTING IS VALUABLE TO COUNTY DAIRY HERD OWNERS

The main report of the Union county Dairy Herd Improvement association through its official tester, Hans Selmer, has just been made public following its return for correction from the state college extension department and is very illuminating on the progress of the dairy industry in this valley, insofar as the herds of the 39 members are concerned.

These 39 owners of herds of larger or smaller proportions, all carried through the entire year's work. In these herds were 670 cows, of which 350 were the property of the public year's test. One of the most important benefits derived from the work of the association was the locating of cows which were not profitable. Here the association rendered a good service in that 147 cows were found to be boarders and were disposed of, at a certain saving to the owner.

Average Profit \$86.19
These cows made for their owner's an average profit above the cost of feed, of \$86.19, and the average return per dollar expended for feed amounted to \$3.06. The average cost of the feed required to produce 100 pounds of milk was 89 cents, while it cost 19 cents for the feed sufficient to produce a pound of butterfat.

Ten High and Low Cows
The report included a very interesting comparison of the ten high and the ten low cows in the association. The average per cow of the ten high cows was 11,350 pounds of milk, 223.02 pounds of butterfat, a value of product of \$249.86, a cost of roughage of \$35.95, a cost of grain of \$26.89, leaving a profit of \$187.02 over and above the cost of feed.

High and Low Herds
Another interesting comparison made in Mr. Selmer's annual report was that of the two high and the two low producing herds, the herds chosen for the comparison consisting of five cows or more. The two high herds selected consisted of 12 2-3 cows, while the low herds selected consisted of 32 1-6 cows, and the figures given

are averages. The two herds produced an average per cow of 8180 pounds of milk, 403.56 pounds of fat, with a valuation of \$194.31. Feed for these cost \$72.51 leaving a profit per cow of \$121.79.

The low herds averaged 4731 pounds milk per cow and 199.94 pounds of fat. The total average value of the products amounted to \$97.38. After paying \$35.08 for feed a profit remained of \$62.30.

Herds of 300 Pound Cows
Twenty-one herds out of the 39, and these having five cows or more, averaged more than 300 pounds of fat. The names of the owners, the breed, the average production of milk and of fat are as follows:

- Charles DeHass, grade, Jerseys, 8880, 437.4.
S. T. Baile, grade and registered, Jerseys, 7631, 378.8.
C. F. Edvalson, grade Holsteins, 9715, 377.4.
A. L. Becker, grade Jerseys and registered Holsteins, 8809, 375.7.
Walter Vogel, grade Jerseys, 7600, 347.6.
Roy Baum, grade Jerseys and Holsteins, 7836, 347.3.
A. J. Stange ranch, mixed, 8210, 343.0.
Ernest Kohler, grade Holstein, 6607, 338.3.
Henry Fries, grade Jerseys, 6757, 332.8.
Ray German, grade Jersey, 6648, 330.7.
E. H. DeLong, grade Jerseys, 6841, 326.28.
Archie Conley, grade Jerseys, 6337, 326.7.
Julius Fisher, Durhams, 7637, 320.4.
B. H. VanDonge, grade Jerseys, 6563, 315.9.
T. B. Johnson, grade Guernseys and Jerseys, 6822, 315.6.
C. N. Ogilvie, registered Guernseys, 6205, 314.8.
R. S. Comstock, registered and grade Holsteins, 8611, 314.0.
Ben Groat, grade Jerseys, Holsteins and Durhams, 7794, 312.5.
Frank Wells, grade Jerseys and Holsteins, 6378, 308.8.
Victor Johnston, grade Jerseys, 6169, 307.0.
Wayne Frizzell, grade Jerseys, 5688, 300.2.

31 400-Pound Cows
In the association last year, 31 individual cows produced over 400 pounds of fat. The highest in this group was the fine cow of Charles DeHass which has 635.3 pounds of fat to her credit.
In the group of those cows producing over 350 pounds of fat and under 400, the names of 63 cows are given. Out of the 39 members of the cow testing association, it is reported that 23 have pure bred sires at the head of their herds.

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