

OVER THE VALLEY

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Successful Social

The pie social at the Island City Community church Friday evening was reported to be a success, both socially and financially. "The Matrimonial Advertisement," a two-act play put on by members of the Parkdale club was an enjoyable feature of the program and Mrs. Allen Shupp gave a semi-comic reading. "The Church Oregon," which was very appropriate. Mrs. W. B. Workman gave a comic reading which "brought down the house," the title being, "Grandma Learns to State." An abundance of pies of all kinds were sold and a neat sum realized.

Sale Completed

The sale of the P. W. Hawkins ranch, one mile west of Cove, to George Gloy, of Cove, was completed Thursday last, the consideration being reported at \$4,000. The sale was negotiated several days ago but was not completed until Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hawkins, who have been living on this ranch for two years, will move to a place nearer Union on the line of the old railroad and near the Waller Valley. The Hawkins are rather pleased with their new location as Mrs. Vogel is their daughter. Mrs. Martha Snedeker, Mrs. Hawkins' mother, makes her home with them and regrets leaving her many friends in Cove, where she has lived for the last 22 years. Mrs. Snedeker is at present spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Baker, in Cove.

Goos to Pendleton

Miss Isabel Goodnough, of Walla Walla, has accepted a position as librarian and teacher in the Pendleton high school to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of one of the instructors. Miss Goodnough will begin her duties March first.

Returns Home

Miss Eva Thornbrue, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at a La Grande hospital, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home at Hilgard.

Slater Visits

Mrs. C. H. Bidwell, of Island City, was very happily surprised Friday morning when her sister, Mrs. Lillian Foster, of Portland, arrived to make a short visit with her. Mrs. Foster has made many friends in the Island City community on her previous visits.

Teacher Re-elected

Miss Vera Case, the successful teacher of Froxy school, has been re-elected to her position for the term of 1931-32.

Loses Pet

We regret to learn that Miss Margaret Zurbrugg, of Island City, suffered the loss of her favorite pet, Nellie, the little Shetland pony which fell and broke her leg. The pony was killed to save her from suffering. Not only Margaret but many other children of the community enjoyed many happy hours with the little pony.

Entertain Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan, of Cove, entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Connors and family Sunday last at dinner. Other guests for the evening were G. O. Stackland, Mrs. Blanche Engalla and Jackie Engalla.

Sore Signs

Edna Lora Martin, teacher of the Hilgard school, reports that the children are bringing in buttercups from the hills, which convinces us that spring is surely just around the corner.

Returns to School

Miss Eva Ledbetter, who has spent the last week at home, has returned

to her duties as teacher in the Lewiston high school. Miss Edna Ledbetter, who teaches in the high school at Weston, was at home for the weekend and another sister, Mrs. Ruby Loeing, came down from Muddy Creek for a short visit.

Visits Parents

Miss Ava Woodell, a student at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, spent the weekend visiting at the parental home in the Dry Creek neighborhood.

Obscure Anniversary

The Island City Parent-Teacher association celebrated the Anniversary Day on Friday with a splendid program. Attorney Robert Eakin of La Grande was the guest speaker and gave a very interesting talk on the subject of "Citizenship." Several musical numbers were furnished by the pupils of the school and the mothers served a large birthday cake which was presented at a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony representing the periods of development of the organization.

Large Representation

Between 35 and 40 members of the Baptist church of Cove went to La Grande last Wednesday evening to hear the services given by Daniel and Abner, who were in the city for the subject of "Citizenship." Several musical numbers were furnished by the pupils of the school and the mothers served a large birthday cake which was presented at a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony representing the periods of development of the organization.

Pouring Concrete

A crew of men at Elgin, under the direction of W. E. Moore, are pouring concrete for the foundations of the new planer building. There are the men are residents of Elgin and Charles Larson, Elgin contractor, is in charge of the work.

Attend Meet

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Koger and Mrs. Minnie McDanel, all of Cove, attended the annual meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Creamery company at Haines last Thursday.

Visits Daughter

Mrs. Sarah Williamson, of Island City, accompanied by her son, Tom, went to Portland recently where she will spend a few days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leigh.

Visits Parents

Mrs. J. W. Watson, of Cove, left Thursday for Roseburg, the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Broughton. Mrs. Broughton has been ill for several months and word received recently indicates that her condition is growing worse. Mr. and Mrs. Broughton are well known in Cove, having lived there for many years before moving to Southern Oregon.

To Joseph

Lytle Kiddle, of La Grande, made a business trip to Joseph last week. He was accompanied as far as Walla Walla by Mrs. J. P. Morelock, who spent the day visiting at the C. A. Hunter home.

Birthday Party

About 35 guests were present at a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Lee Smith, of Island City, last Thursday evening at her home. This was to have been in the form of a surprise, but in order to assure the honored guest's presence, the news was leaked prematurely. Not the occasion was most enjoyable in spite of that fact. The evening was spent visiting and at cards. A birthday cake was made by Mrs. Henry Herndon and was a feature of the refreshments served late in the evening.

Plaster Arrives

A carload of land plaster, ordered by the Pleasant Grove Grange, was unloaded in that vicinity last Saturday and distributed for use on the alfalfa fields. The work was in charge of Claude Hale, of Imbler.

Meets Friday

The Countrywoman's club will be entertained next Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. Anson, with Mrs. Delbert Anson and Mrs. Arthur Golden as assistant hostesses.

Moves to Valley

Miss Lila Huron arrived in the valley Thursday from Danville, Ind., and will make her home here in the future. Miss Huron is a sister of Hugh Huron, of Imbler.

Dinner Guests

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKnight and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKnight, of Imbler, were guests at their home near Imbler. Mrs. and Mrs. Frank McKinnis, Mr.

and Mrs. Sam McKnight and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKnight.

To Olive Play

Miss Esther Blockland, of near Island City, who is teaching some of the grades at the Wolf Creek school, is coaching the play, "Happy Valley," which is to be given in the near future by cast from the membership of the Wolf Creek Grange. These are Dora Carr, Barbara Harrison, Jack Gosham, Celeste Nice, Percy Nantz, Jessie Smith and Mattie Nice.

Executive to Speak

Miss Doris Bishop, of Seattle, executive of Camp Fire girls' groups who is spending some time in Eastern Oregon, is to be the guest of the two groups at Cove this evening. Miss Bishop has been loaned to the Northwest territory, which includes several states, to do field work for a period of three months. Miss Bishop comes very well recommended, has met very favorably and the Cove girls are anxious to have her stay with her at this time.

Ships Oats

Hugh Huron, of Imbler, recently shipped a carload of his certified oats to Malta, Montana.

Returns Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson was able to return to her home at Cove Tuesday evening after another operation on her jaw bone. She reports she is recovering more rapidly than either of the previous times when this operation was necessary and hopes for permanent relief from the trouble.

Aid to Meet

The Island City Ladies aid will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church for a work meeting. There is also a program planned for the entertainment. All members who have not turned in their receipts are requested to bring them to this meeting.

Attend Party

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gassett and son and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Van, of Cove, attended a birthday dinner recently at the home of Mrs. Hazel Lindsay, of High Valley, in honor of her father, James Burford, who was celebrating his 72nd birthday anniversary. Mr. Burford is the father of six boys and six girls, all of whom are living. Those other visitors were Will and Orla Burford and families, Mrs. Ruth Cockerell, Mrs. Blanche Van, Mrs. Opal Gassett and Mrs. Hazel Lindsay and their families. There was a lovely birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Burford's granddaughter, Miss Pearl Lindsay.

P-T-A. Meets

The regular meeting of the Imbler P-T-A. is announced for this coming Thursday evening at the gymnasium.

Grant Lemons

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight, of near Imbler, are displaying with a great deal of enthusiasm, some fine lemons which they received from "Grandfather" Knight, of Riverside, California, last week. According to their measure, some of the largest of the fruit are 12 1/2 inches in circumference one way and 11 inches the other. We must admit that since these are from California that they are quite unusual.

Association Reports

The report for the Walla Walla County Dairy Herd Improvement association shows an average production of 588.6 pounds of milk and 25 pounds of butterfat for the 199 cows on test, of which 31 are dry. C. C. Burnside, with 33 cows averaging 32.1 pounds of butterfat, was high for herds of more than 20 cows and V. L. Reppinger, with 14 cows averaging 37.30 pounds, was high for the smaller herds.

Recuperates

Mabel E. Morton, valley news editor, has been recuperating satisfactorily from a septum and antrum operation, undergone the latter part of the week.

Sunday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Haase and daughter, Esther, who live in the upper Ladd Canyon neighborhood, were guests Sunday at the Hugh Huron home in Imbler.

Brothers Entertain

The outstanding event of the winter for the Bluff Mt. Grange took place Saturday when the men of the organization entertained the women folk at the I. O. O. F. hall in La Grande. A bounteous dinner was served at four long tables to 120 people, decorations being bouquets of red carnations. Among the special guests for the occasion were the office force of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, Mrs. Harry McClay, B. P. Tyler, Charles Moore, master of Rockwall Grange and Mrs. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchison, of Pleasant Grove Grange. The thanks of the members extended to Mr. Tyler and Mr. McClay for supplies furnished to the dinner committee. The main number of the program were two clever discourses given by Ed Eckley and Frank Wright. Mr. Eckley suggested many things a woman should not do and during his talk became quite critical and almost convinced the women of the human race. Mr. Wright enumerated six things the women should do and among them he advised that the Countrywoman's club make a graveyard for discarded safety razor blades. Other program numbers were a recitation, "The Next Door Car," by J. B. Lindsey; song and an exhibition of Prof. Silekum's electric hand tricks by A. L. Kennedy. In a spirit of fun Mrs. Tom Wallinger, in behalf of the women of the grange, presented a bill of song standing for pie, of which they were given a small amount for their husbands so that the dinner might be a success. But, of course, the next protest, Tom Maccomb was chairman of the dinner committee with George Hughes and Albert Hamann acting as assistants while Clarence Carter acted as lecturer. Before dinner a short business session was held during which time Jay Breshears was given the first and second degree work at the grange. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, members of the legislative committee of the grange, made reports on important legislative matters.

Forty Nine Cows Have Average Of 40 LBS. BUTTERFAT

Forty-nine cows averaged more than 40 pounds of butterfat for the month of January, according to the report of Ralph Robinson, tester for the Union County Herd Improvement association. There were 29 herds on test for the month with 494 cows enrolled of which 88 were dry. The total production of milk for the herds was 241,852 pounds and butterfat totaled 11,265. The average production was found to be 48.6 pounds of milk and 22.6 pounds of butterfat.

High Herds

Of these 29 herds on test, high herds were selected in two different groups. One in which the dry cows were included and one in which they were excluded and in each of these divisions there were three selections. Made from herds having over 20 heads enrolled, the rankings between 12 and 20 head and those under 12 head. In the first larger group, the 54 cows in the herd belonging to N. K. West (mixed breeds) produced an average of 60 pounds of milk and 28.7 pounds of butterfat. W. H. Johnson's 14 head of grade Jerseys had a record of 58.3 pounds of milk, average and 34.9 pounds of fat. The nine grade Jerseys of Charles DeHaas had an average of 41.2 pounds of fat from 950 pounds of milk.

In the second group which excluded the dry cows, only the West herd showed a higher figure, seven cows being dry. The average for 47 cows was 72.3 pounds of milk and 34.08 pounds of fat.

The record of the seven months of the testing year which have just been completed shows that the two high herds of over 20 cows were those of N. K. West and Walter Vogel. The West herds averaged 58.3 pounds of milk and 28.7 pounds of fat and the Vogel herd of 33 averaged 2007 pounds of milk and 176 pounds of fat. The other two divisions recorded, according to number in the herd is as follows:

12 to 20 Cows:
S. T. Bailey, grade and purebred Jerseys, 12 cows, 4220 pounds of milk and 205 pounds of butterfat.
J. W. Hoatson, grade Jerseys, 14 cows, 4145 pounds of milk and 192.5 pounds of butterfat.
Under 12 Cows:
E. H. Bell, purebred Jerseys, eight cows in herd, average 3083 pounds of milk and 223.7 pounds of fat.
C. C. Burnside, grade and purebred Jerseys, eight cows in herd, average 3008 pounds of milk and 196.9 pounds of fat.

High Cows

During January, the two high cows for the association belonged to Walter Vogel and Charles De Haas. Mr. Vogel's "Speck" had to her credit

1545 pounds of milk and 73.2 pounds of butterfat while Mr. DeHaas' "Pet" produced 1607 pounds of milk with butterfat totaling 67.8 pounds.

Roll of Honor Cows

Only one cow produced more than 70 pounds of butterfat in January, that of Walter Vogel's "Speck," which already stated produced 73.2 pounds of butterfat from 1460 pounds of milk. Other records are as follows:

Class A: Mature cows making over 40 pounds of fat:
Charles DeHaas, "Pet," grade Jersey, 1507 pounds of milk and 67.8 pounds of fat.
B. M. Van Donge, "Cream Puff," grade Jersey, 1184 pounds of milk and 65.7 pounds of fat.
N. K. West, "Roanle," grade Short-horn, 978 pounds of milk and 62.3 pounds of fat.
N. K. West, "Fanny," grade Jersey, 1042 pounds of milk, 58.3 pounds of fat.
N. K. West, "Ricket," grade Guernsey, 904 pounds of milk, 52.1 pounds of fat and 52.1 pounds of fat.
Class B: 3-year-olds making over 40 pounds of fat:
J. W. Hoatson, "Bridget," grade Jersey, 1163 pounds of milk and 58.3 pounds of fat.
B. M. Van Donge, "Bird," grade Jersey, 1091 pounds of milk and 61.1 pounds of fat.
Charles DeHaas, "Blanche," grade Jersey, 635 pounds of milk, 53.1 pounds of fat.
J. H. DeLong, "Bess," grade Jersey, 1022 pounds of milk, 47.6 pounds of fat.
N. K. West, "Lottie," purebred Jersey, 635 pounds of milk and 42.5 pounds of fat.
Charles DeHaas, "Tiny," grade Jersey, 1107 pounds of milk, 57.5 pounds of fat.
Charles DeHaas, "Bonnie," grade Jersey, 825 pounds of milk, 41.3 pounds of fat.
Charles DeHaas, "Delight," grade Jersey, 815 pounds of milk, 40.3 pounds of fat.
Walter Vogel, "Judy," grade Jersey, 973 pounds of milk and 49.0 pounds of fat.
N. K. West, "Murphy," grade Jersey, 815 pounds of milk and 37.7 pounds of fat.

Decrease In Marketing Is Price Cause

Though the moderate increase in beef cattle prices which began in the United States in 1928 has continued since, the recent low prices have been caused more by decreased demand than by increased marketings, according to the annual agricultural outlook report just issued by the extension economist, L. R. Brothaupt, of business conditions improve, the demand for beef cattle should improve with it, he says.

Commenting on this report, which was compiled from both national and state data, H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist of the extension service, says that continued dry weather in large sections of Oregon has brought about a decrease in beef cattle numbers, and that for the present at least the feed supply is the limiting factor in production in this state.

The increased number of sheep in the state is taking care of any range not used by beef cattle, therefore all feed is being utilized, said Mr. Lindgren. "The fact that there are more sheep and lambs in the country at this time to get away from the pasture for scarlet fever for the last nine weeks."

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Station Supt. Makes Report On Breeding

Beef cows producing their first calves as two-year-olds are more profitable in the long run than cows producing their first calves as three-year-olds. The difference in profit at the end of four years was \$30 per head.

This was the conclusion revealed in a continuous six year experiment. "Deferred Breeding of Beef Cows," that has just been completed by Supt. Robert Withycombe, of the Eastern Oregon Experiment station, located at Union.

One hundred head of grade Hereford heifer calves were purchased in the fall of 1924 and separated into lots of 10 head each for this breeding experiment. Five of the lots were bred to drop their first calves as two-year-olds, and five lots as three-year-olds. Rations fed to the different lots during the winter varied from a light feed of straw and alfalfa hay to a heavy feed of alfalfa hay with some grain. The cattle were grazed on local pastures and the summer forest, during the spring, summer and fall.

Calving at two years of age reduced the percentage of calves produced by the same cows at the ages of three and four but not at the ages of five and six. At the age of six and seven years, cows which have produced their first calves as two-year-olds had produced an average of 0.7 calf more for the entire time than the cows which produced their first calves as three-year-olds. The two-year-old heifers suckling their first calves weighed 300 pounds less than dry two-year-olds, but this difference in weight was reduced to less than 100 pounds by the time the heifers were four years old, and the dry heifers had dropped their second calf.

The experiment showed that a two-thirds ration of alfalfa hay for winter feeding was distinctly more profitable than a full ration. Straw or silage proved to be a satisfactory substitute for a portion of the alfalfa. The heifers wintered on straw and alfalfa and beginning to calve as three-year-olds showed a loss.

A complete report of this experiment compiled by Robert Withycombe superintendent of the Union station, Prof. E. L. Potter, of the state college animal husbandry department, and E. M. Edwards, is given in Station Bulletin No. 271.

ALICEL PERSONALS

By Mrs. Mary B. Kall (Observer Correspondent)
ALICEL, Ore. (Special)—Mol Stewart was a business visitor in La Grande last Thursday.

Mrs. F. E. Stewart has returned from Tuleburg where she spent several days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark and daughters were dinner guests at the Hapner home in town last Wednesday evening.

Mr. John Woodell and children visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tuck Conley, of Island City, last Thursday and Friday. It was a treat for the family to get away from home as they have been under quarantine for scarlet fever for the last nine weeks.

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