

OVER THE VALLEY

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From Weller— Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes, of Weller, Ida., have been in the valley visiting among the members of their families, the Harrison and Hughes connection. They came at this time especially for the pioneer picnic of Thursday.

3-1 Picnic— The annual Three-1 picnic— people who came from Indiana, Illinois and Iowa— has been announced for Sunday, August 14. This event held at Riverside Park in La Grande is always quite largely attended.

From Portland— Rev. and Mrs. George Pollard, of Portland, are visiting with valley friends. Rev. Pollard was formerly pastor of one of the churches at Elgin, and still has many friends there.

At Finley Ridge— Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom and two daughters, Della Jean and Donna Mae, of Moss Chapel, Mrs. E. P. Dahlstrom, of North Powder, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Zurbrick and Mrs. I. M. Shafer, of Moss Chapel spent Monday at Finley Ridge where they gathered huckleberries.

Guests— Rev. and Mrs. Hall K. Wallis, formerly of Island City, now of Enterprise, have at present as their guests at their cabin at Wallowa Lake, Mrs. Wallis' brother, Rev. E. A. Moore, a Methodist minister of Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. Moore and their daughter, Miss Mary Moore.

From Laramie— Miss Minnie Holman, of Grange Hill, was quite delighted Thursday to have a visit at the Pioneer picnic with President and Mrs. Crane, of Laramie, Wyoming, who were here to confer with Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, President Crane heads the University of Wyoming, and was president there at the time Miss Holman was a member of the university faculty.

Shafer Reunion— Members of the Shafer connection in this part of Eastern Oregon are busy with their plans for a family reunion which they plan to have a week from tomorrow. This invitation which has been extended reads as follows:

Hark! Hark! Hear the call! This is for Shafers, one and all. Scattered over this valley so fair, Living around here and there; At the Riverside Park let us meet With baskets filled with goodies to eat. On July 31st, now don't forget: To every Shafer the call is sent: For once in our lives we'd like to see How many Shafers there will be Gathered together in one big bunch. A good time we'll have, I have a hunch.

From Lakeview— Mrs. Jessie Tuttle Starbird, of Lakeview, Ore., visiting among her relatives and friends in the valley was a very much interested guest at the pioneer meeting at Riverside Park Thursday.

To Mt. Emily— A party of young people from the Island City and Moss Chapel districts—the Misses Margaret Zurbrick, Flamma Shafer, Margaret Bowman, of Umatilla, and Messrs. Wilbur Blokland and Harold Zurbrick, rode horseback to Mt. Emily Sunday. The day was spent there picnicking in honor of Miss Hansen's birthday. The party was accompanied by Mrs. Leo Hansen.

On Faculty— Miss Beulah Smith, of near Island City, has been made a member of the high school teaching staff at Enterprise again for another year. If we err not, Miss Smith has completed two years as English teacher in this school.

Picnic Postponed— The annual picnic of the Country-women's club which was to have been held yesterday was postponed on account of the critical illness of Miss Mattie Golden, a prominent member. As this is being written Mrs. Golden was still living but her death was momentarily expected. A prominent pioneer of this county, a prominent granger, club and church worker, Mrs. Golden has been in failing health for several months.

Have Vacation— Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reynolds and daughter, Dorothy Lee, have been spending the past week at Wallowa Lake where they have been vacationing, having occupied the W. H. Bohnenkamp cottage.

From Portland— Miss Lucile Hunter, of Portland, is in Eastern Oregon, making a visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Carbine of Pruitdale.

Heavy Yield— There have come to our attention reports of very heavy yields from the first cutting of alfalfa over the valley. Perhaps the heaviest of which we have heard, was out at the Clem McKinnis place in Dry Creek. Mr. McKinnis had a field of 20 acres that made nearly 50 tons of hay of a fine quality. We have already mentioned the immense crop at Hugh Huron's on Brooks Lane where they put up in all 350 tons of hay, a job requiring three weeks time.

Visits— Miss Bertha White, of the Cove, has been visiting at the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Long, of north of Summerville the past week.

From Washington— Mrs. Jeanette Tuttle, of near Rhinehart, has as her guest her granddaughter, Miss Jean Kelton, of Tacoma, Wash. The young woman will spend the summer among her relatives in this section.

Picking Cherries— Because of the absence of the owner, Sherwood Williams, who is on a trip in the south, Otis Monroe of the Monroe orchards in the Iowa district is picking the cherries in the Williams orchards. They are big and are of a super-excellent quality, we are told.

Camping— An interesting group of young women, the Misses Marion and Carmen Fulkerson and Lucile Adams, of Seaside are having a few weeks camping experience at the Fox hill school. Miss Marion Fulkerson taught this school for several years—it will be remembered that this is the school which runs all summer because of the extreme weather conditions of winter.

Elected— Miss Louise Hardman, of Unity, who is completing her work at the eastern Oregon Normal school, has been elected to teach one of the grade schools near Halfway for next year.

Return Home— Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, of Allice, returned to the valley Thursday from Savannah, Mo., where they spent the past month. They left Saturday for Spokane to visit Mrs. Buchanan's sister, Mrs. A. R. Megenly, who is quite ill.

To Sumpter— Mrs. Hugh Huron, of Brooks Lane, Mrs. Mike Royce, of Pleasant Grove and their aunt, Mrs. Rue Laughlin, of La Grande, drove to Sumpter and spent last weekend at the home of the sister of the two former, Mrs. W. R. Hawley.

Up In The Mts.— Miss Frances McKennon, of near Imbler who is a student at the E. O. N. was accompanied home today by a group of her school friends. After spending the night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon, the group will take a horseback trip up Mt. Harris and on up Indian creek, a beautiful and interesting piece of country. In addition to Miss McKennon the crowd will include Miss Mildred Hinchliffe, Charles Heard and Gordon Farris.

Club Entertainments— Wednesday evening, the members of the Happy Hour Circle, that splendid new club out in the Iowa district, held a special evening meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coulter. The men were special guests at this time—the cause for the change from afternoon to evening, and the evening was a most enjoyable one. This club is surely succeeding in its effort to get the neighbors better acquainted. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter proved themselves to be very gracious as host and hostess and Mrs. Coulter had provided an evening of splendid games and contests. The serving of ice cream and cake concluded this most delightful affair.

To Cascade Locks— Friends here of Miss Averil Stewart who taught for a number of years at Elgin, will be interested to know that she has been elected as teacher in the primary department of the grade school at Cascade Locks for next year.

Given Surprise— Mrs. Lawson Webster, of Lone Star, was given a surprise party last Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary. Pinocchio was played during the evening, Beta Hudson and Frank Gibson making the high scores and Mrs. John Morris making the consolation. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woodell, Narvon and Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson and Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Westenskow, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Buchanan and Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Redman, James, Lloyd, Dorothy and Junior, Miss Vivian McCall, Miss Beta Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Webster.

Home From Portland— Miss Helen Jean Speckhart has returned to her home in the Iowa district from Portland where she spent the first of the week accompanying her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gower and Miss Effie Spider.

For New Bridge— Timbers are being hauled for the new bridge which is to be built soon on the grade east of J. A. Gaskill's near Imbler. The high water of the past spring did great damage to the old bridge.

Visit Mother— Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Winegarder are among the visitors in the valley, at present. They reached Eastern Oregon last week and will spend the remainder of the summer at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elsie Collins, who lives above the Cove.

To Gordon Creek— Miss Florence Smith, who attends the Normal school, went to her home up on Gordon creek yesterday and will spend the weekend at the home of her parents. She reports that her father, who suffered such a com-

licated fracture of one leg several months ago is improving but very slowly and still walks only with the assistance of crutches.

In La Grande— Mrs. Charles Cleaver, of near Imbler, who is spending the summer at Wallowa lake wonderland came to La Grande the middle of the week to attend to some social affairs and visit among her friends.

Visits Aunt— Little Miss Florence Morgan has been making a visit of a few weeks at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Odie Schafer at Moss Chapel. "Aunt Phoebe" seems to be Florence's favorite, for she loves to go and make long visits with her.

Big Season— The North Powder icing plant of the Pacific Fruit company is doing the biggest business in handling carlot shipments, it has ever done during the many years the plant has been under the superintendency of Herman F. White, so the News reports this past week. Up to last week, 300 carloads of northwest fruit had been iced by the plant there, and that was at the beginning of the cherry season in this valley. Mr. White stated that 34 tons of ice were used during one 24-hour period on Thursday and Friday and that if business kept up at that rate there would be little ice left at the plant at the end of the season. That was also the case last fall.

Returns Home— After a visit of nearly two weeks with her daughters in Portland, Mrs. Mary Woodruff returned to her home at Union last Friday. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stopp, brought her and will spend their month's vacation on the ranch.

At Wright's— Mrs. Ike Benson and children, Bob and Glen, of Seattle, who have been visiting in the valley at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, in the Valeria district returned yesterday to their home on

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Harvest Full Blast In Wallowa Co.

WALLOWA, Ore. — Harvest operations are coming on with a rush for many of the farmers of this community. The drying weather of the past two weeks has caused a premature ripening of the grain on dry land and with the season near at hand when winter wheat crops usually begin ripening much of the grain will soon be ready for binding. A number of farmers in the hill sections are busy this week cutting back-swathes around their wheat fields and cutting other portions of the fields which they expect to use for hay. Reports from many of the farmers state that much of the wheat will be combined again this season and this of course will not be ready for cutting until around the tenth of next month. Some of those who expect to bind and thresh their wheat with stationary outfits will likely do a part of their binding by the first of next week. Present prospects are for the lightest yields of wheat in the dry farming areas of this county that has been received in many years. Many fields on which bumper crops have been seen in former years are extremely light. The seasonal damage to many of the large wheat fields in the hill sections, has been extremely heavy this season. At many times in former years the squirrel-eaten patches in the fields have grown up and made a fair crop after the cutting had stopped. However, this season growing conditions did not seem favorable for any growth to speak of where the grain was once eaten off and much of this will not be worth going over for hay even. Severe burning of much of the spring sown grain on dry-land during the past week or ten days has greatly reduced the prospects for anything like good yields from this. Some of the farmers state they expect to cut a large portion of their spring grain for hay as soon as it gets a little nearer matured. Pastures that cannot be irrigated are drying up rapidly at this time and some who are milking a number of cows on dry pastures are finding it quite difficult to hold anything like a good production of milk at this time. In some places farmers have been seeding some of their land to wheat or rye for pasture during the dry parts of the summer and have found it quite satisfactory in keeping their herds milking fairly well during the entire summer season. Reports from the later ranges state that feed is remaining in fairly good shape yet and cattle and other stock doing well. No trouble is yet being experienced from stock water shortage yet according to reports from stock owners.

THE HON. DUNHAM WRIGHT



The Honorable Dunham Wright, sage of Medical Springs, who was re-elected Thursday as president of the Union County Pioneers association. "Uncle Dunham" who is now 90 years of age, was reminded as he addressed those at the pioneer picnic that 70 years ago, exactly, he was on his way from his home in Henry County, Iowa, on a trek which was to bring him to this valley.

VALUABLE INFORMATION GIVEN COUNTY GRANGERS; ACCOUNT IS CONCLUDED

At the recent meeting of the members of the Union county Pomona grange held at the Eastern Oregon experiment station, much very valuable and practical information was given those attending, especially in connection with the four projects at the station conducted by Superintendent Dale E. Richards and assisted by George H. Hyslop, professor of farm crops at the Oregon State college. A correction should be made in the statement made Wednesday, inasmuch as the Carleton and Innate Canadian varieties referred to the field peas rather than alfalfa. In continuing the tour of the station, Prof. Hyslop stated that flax offers possibilities for a cash crop in this valley is particularly well adapted to the growth of flax. He stated that the yield is higher at this station than at any other in the state. Tests made over a period of seven years, show that May 15 is the best date to plant, because of frost and moisture conditions. Valuable For Re-Seeding Summerfallow and clean cultivation is the best method for getting rid of quack grass. There are 20 plots of grasses with a replication of the crop three times in order to find the average production from different soil conditions. The best grass to sow for dry land pastures and for re-seeding ranges, is the crested wheat grass. It comes the nearest to taking the place of the native bunch grass as it will

F. F. A. Work Increases In Oregon State

Despite "the times" agricultural education is increasing in Oregon. Although this has been generally a most difficult year, high school vocational education has forged ahead to obtain good results says Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor, in a report which has just been issued. And in this report, he is backed by every Smith-Hughes agricultural instructor in the state if reports from the conference held last week at Wallowa are accurate. "High school enrollment in vocational agriculture increased from 1,350 to 1,419," said Mr. Cooley. Numbers of farmers attending evening schools rose from 924 to 951. Membership in the Future Farmer Boys' clubs increased from 1084 to 1090. Number of boys completing projects was 14 per cent more than last year, the report showed. Profits Decrease "Net profit from boys' projects, however, has decreased from \$69,516.29 with an average net profit of \$72.95 in 1931 to \$52,379.03, with an average net profit of \$47.33 this year. The decrease was caused by the reduction in farm prices. "Part-time work for boys not enrolled in high school between the ages of 14 and 21 was, slightly less than the previous year." A survey during the year disclosed the fact that 73 per cent of vocational agricultural graduates of 1931 are now engaged in farming, Mr. Cooley said. "Out of 229 Smith-Hughes graduates, 167 are farming, 11 were studying at agricultural college and 51 were in other work. A similar survey two years ago showed less than 65 per cent of the former students to be farming. More, however, were in agricultural colleges." New Departments Federal aid as reimbursement for teaching of agriculture has been received during the current year by 35 school districts in the state, states Mr. Cooley. New departments were

Smith-Hughes Instructors

The meeting of Smith-Hughes instructors of the state held at Wallowa last week was a very successful as well as busy affair. Most of the meetings were held at the Wallowa High school and the meals served at the high school were prepared by two young ladies from the home economics department of O. S. C., Mrs. Robertson and Miss Wood. All but one of the 38 instructors over the state attended the meeting and several brought their families making the attendance about 75. A fine program was arranged with some very capable speakers. W. T. Stanton, regional agent for the federal board of vocational education, spoke on the project record keeping. James Pearson, another specialist, took an active part in the evening program. N. C. Donaldson, Wallowa county agent, who is decidedly active, spoke on the co-operative livestock marketing and the livestock industry in general in that section. Other speakers were Earl Cooley, state supervisor of vocational education; O. D. Adams, director of the state department of trades and industries; and O. I. Paulsen of Portland, agricultural supervisor for the U. P. Lines. The visitors were entertained with picnics, and parties by the Enterprise and Wallowa commercial clubs, club lions and other organizations. On Friday evening the local Walton league gave them a picnic and in the evening, a lecture was given by Fred Furst, on a series of pictures furnished by the forest reserve board.

INGALLS IS POLO STAR CLEVELAND (AP)—David S. Ingalls not only is the Republican candidate for governor of Ohio, but also a Jimmy Foxx of polo. He established himself more firmly in that position recently by scoring five goals in one game for his team, the Hunting Valley quartet.

WELL PAPERED WALLS STOCKHOLM (AP)—Thirty layers of paper were found by workmen on the walls of an old house near the Swedish royal palace. The initial layer was handpainted and dated back to the sixteenth century.

RUMANIA STUDIES MALARIA BUCHAREST (AP)—With \$7200 donated by the Rockefeller Foundation, a section of the insane asylum near Jassy is being converted into a malaria research laboratory.

TODAY WE HAVE

Table listing various wheat and barley varieties with their average yields and prices per acre. Varieties include WINTER WHEAT (Triplet, Kharkef, Turkey, Union 32-E, Hybrid 128), SPRING WHEAT (Oregon 10, Oregon 9, Oregon 12, Jenkin, Federation), and SPRING BARLEY (Trebli, Odessa, White Smyrna, Haanichen, Blue Barley, Improved Ligowa, Improved American, Minnesota 295, Markton, FLAX (Dumont, N. D. R. 52, Reserve, D. D. R. 114, Primrose).

Each of these varieties has been grown at the station about eight years.

started at Albany and Merrill last year. The Pendleton school, in a strictly agricultural section, has just been recently added to the list. The work at Medford will be discontinued. "More stress has been given this year to study of marketing and production costs in all classes for high school boys and adult farmers. Farm shop instruction is gradually being adjusted to meet economic conditions by making studies more applicable to practical needs of the farm."

This has been a banner year for Future Farmers in quality of work accomplished, the vocational head emphasized. "Development of rural leaders has been stressed in the organization. Analysis and interpretation of farm project records has taught importance of operation costs. "National recognition of the Oregon association was reflected in the election of Kenneth Pettibone, of Corvallis, as national president of the Future Farmers. A special honor was the selection of Richard Carter, of Newberg and Mr. Pettibone for American Farmer degrees.

SMITH BROTHERS DIVIDE PREP DIAMOND CAPTAINCY SAN DIEGO, Cal. (AP)—The captaincy of the San Diego high school baseball team, undefeated Southern California champion, is strictly a Smith family affair. Leslie "Chief" Smith, the team's undefeated hurler, yielded the leadership to his brother Henry "Suede" Smith, second baseman who batted .366 at the close of the season. The brothers are juniors so ex-Captain Chet will take orders next season from Captain Suede, whom he bossed this year.

DIXIE BASEBALL PILOT GIVES CUSTOMERS SHOW CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—Chattanooga claims title to the prize ballyhoop artist in the Southern Baseball league. He is Joe Engel, the "crown prince" manager. Engel has built up a big following in Chattanooga, which had been regarded as a dead baseball town, with a girl pitcher, three barbecues for the unemployed, canary birds in the ball park, a "symphony" orchestra and a negro dancing team that puts on acts with the gamtes.

We were much indebted to O. O. Howell, who, tho not a member of our church, gave us his services for only one dollar a day and he was a first class carpenter. He did this just to help us out. He was also a good musician and helped in our orchestra. We played for dances all over the valley for a number of years. Soon after the church was built at Imbler, one was built at La Grande where the present recreational hall now stands. The four of us—Jensen, Billings, brother Pete and I combined and bought 320 acres from Walter Pierce lying just north of Imbler on the west side of the county road. Walter had extensive land holdings around Imbler and he said "Boys, land is selling for \$40 an acre and I'll sell you all you want at your own terms." Walter was mighty good to us in many ways. I lived on this place four years and then got a chance to buy 720 acres from Mr. Harris which lies east of Imbler where I made my home for many years. I needed \$250 additional money to pay down on the place and I borrowed it from a stranger who never asked for security. He was Jimmy Riggs—father of Charley and Jack Riggs. Try that stunt today on even your best friend. The main crop we had in mind when we came here was sugar beets and we did raise them extensively until the sugar factory finally left La Grande. However, we soon regarded wheat as the easiest and most profitable crop. I sold the first wheat I raised here for 33c a bushel to Harvey Ripelhart who operated the flour mill at Summerville. I used to laugh

when I told of that sale and that price but the price sounds familiar now and there's nothing funny about it. While living on my farm east of Imbler, I tried one venture that proved interesting but not profitable—the raising of rainbow trout. I constructed a large fish pond which was fed by a large spring. I had complete spawning and hatching equipment. I spent \$5,000 in construction and equipment. Most of the trout I marketed to hotels in Portland. Pat Foley was a good customer. Pat always wanted to get a kick out of it. This spring water was very cold and working in it finally brought on rheumatism. I found it very difficult to get competent help so finally had to give it up. We had nine children, six of whom are living, and these are all living adjacent to and in Imbler. As I look backward to those early days in this valley, my most vivid recollections are of the many kind deeds of our newly found friends. Among these I want to especially mention Walter Pierce, Jimmy Riggs, F. L. Meyers of the La Grande National bank, the M. & M. company and many other individuals and business houses. They stood by us and helped us get a start by giving us credit and assisting in many ways and we will always remember them for it. I think this valley is a fine place in which to live—fertile soil, pure and invigorating air, fine water and best of all mighty fine people for your friends and neighbors.

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ON THE AIR

Station KOAC Extension Service of the Oregon State College 550kc Monday Evening, July 25 6:30, Fox Whitehead theatre organ. 7:00, International Education, Prof. Flaud C. Wooton, Stanford University. 7:15, Race Relations in Hawaii, Dr. Charles N. Reynolds, Stanford University. 7:30, Farm Hour. 7:31, In the day's news. 7:45, Market reports, crops and weather forecast. 8:00-8:30, The Oregon Loggers. Tuesday Evening, July 26 6:30, Fox Whitehead Theatre organ. 7:00, Training in Citizenship, Prof. W. G. Beattie, University of Oregon. 7:15, How Primitive We Are, Dr. Alexander Goldenweiser, University of Oregon. 7:30, Farm hour. 7:31, In the day's news. 7:45, Market reports, crops and weather forecast. 8:00 Music to the Masters 8:15-8:30, Know Your State: "La Grande," by Harold C. Boone.