

Over The Valley Personals

Happy Hour Circle—Members of the Happy Hour circle in the Iowa district report a splendid meeting Wednesday with Mrs. Hugh Hulbe in the Lone Star neighborhood. The day chance to be Mrs. Hulbe's birthday and she had previously secured a promise from the women that nothing more than lollypops would do as birthday reminders. True to their promise each of the women took the hostess a lollypop—but each lollypop was dressed in a pretty handkerchief which made a surprise show-er for her. The afternoon was happily spent, concluding with refreshments. The next meeting will be the middle of July at the home of Mrs. J. E. Hulbe.

To Troy—Mrs. O. C. Pleshman, of the Willamette district, went to Troy Sunday and visited with her daughter, Mrs. Bethel Pleshman Courtney and Mr. Courtney. She accompanied Curtis Lindsey, of La Grande, who brought back his sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Carper, who will spend some time at the Lindsey home.

Party Wednesday—The young people of the Pleasant Grove grange are sponsoring a party on Wednesday evening at the Fourth of July at their hall north of Island City. It promises to be an interesting affair with the public invited.

Is Circulation Manager—A copy of the Morning Report published by the 980th C. C. G. camp at Sunnyside is acknowledged, the paper at hand being Vol. 1, No. 6. Of most interest to us as we perused the sheet was the fact that Allen Mills, of Cove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mills, was circulation manager.

Enters Contest—Mrs. A. LaViers, of Summerville, has entered the old-time fiddlers contest to be featured on the pioneer program at the big Baker celebration at the Baker park July 4. Mrs. LaViers is the daughter of Orin Elliott, a pioneer of '92, and a sister of Tom Elliott. With her brother's "fiddle" she is said to excel in playing the old tunes. Hers is the fourth entry in the contest, for which prizes of \$5 and \$2.50 will be given to those two best players of "The Arkansas Traveler." The first number to be played by each contestant will be his own choosing.

Club History—Quentin Bowman, of the Wolf Creek Pig club sends us a history of that 4-H club organization, which has made quite a remarkable record. Quentin tells us that the club was organized in 1927 by state leader, Doc Avery, under the leadership of J. A. Nice and with ten members. Some members dropping out prevented the club from being 100 per cent the first year. The next year the membership dropped two points, with

eight enrolled, but they were good members and the club finished up 100 per cent. A scholarship at Corvallis was won and other prizes taken at the state fair. In 1929, a judging team from the club went to the state fair, and another scholarship to the summer school was won. In 1930, the Pacific International and a third scholarship won. The same award was the record for the next year. In 1933, the club first won in all classes in which they exhibited at the county grange fair. The local leader, J. A. Nice, received the highest possible award as a club leader for having his club rank 100 per cent for five years in succession. This present year finds the largest membership the club has ever had enrolled. All the members have their animals and are confident of a 100 per cent finish and a successful year. Pass it on to your club members, Quentin, that we think the Wolf Creek Pig club is a very much alive organization.

Convalescing—The Hon. Durham Wright, sage of Medical Springs, is recovering from a recent attack of the flu, and while he is much better, still has to take special care of his throat. Uncle Durham was introduced to the grange picnic at the experiment station Saturday and spoke very briefly as he was saving his voice for the two big celebrations, at Baker over the Fourth and the semi-centennial in La Grande where he will be among the honored guests.

In La Grande—Miss Marjorie Woodell, of Dry Creek, is visiting in La Grande with her cousins, the girls at the Baker home on Fourth street.

From Los Angeles—Mrs. Kenneth Pleshmann and young son arrived in the valley Monday morning from their home in Los Angeles and after a short visit with members of the Pleshman family here went on to Enterprise to visit at the home of her parents. She was accompanied here by her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Quick and son, of Portland.

Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Otis Monroe had as their guests recently at their home at Monroe Orchards in the Iowa district, Mrs. Anzell and her daughters, Mary Eliza and Lily Belle, of Baker.

LADD CANYON PERSONALS—During the school meeting last week, William McChaughey was elected as the new director and Mrs. Frank Connolly was elected clerk. C. Y. Beale and a party of friends spent a few days recently on the Minam fishing and camping. They returned with plenty of fish. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ewin and daughter, Lois Jean, spent two weeks recently in Portland with relatives and friends. Huckleberrying and haying are the order of the day here. However, haying is about over but the huckleberries are at their best. Amelia Barhart says women will fight in the next war. If they keep on shooting the men folks the dear creatures will do all the fighting.

Murder at Mocking House

BY WALTER C. BROWN

Chapter 17 TRACKS IN SNOW

SERGEANT HARPER spread out a blank piece of paper and drew a haasty, but recognizable, plan of the ground floor of the Dufresne mansion, with the adjacent grounds. All windows and doors were designated. "Now, before we look at those reports, let's get this matter of the footprints in the snow firmly in our heads. I've made a complete circuit of the house. I'll mark in the tracks as I tell you about them, then you can go out yourself and check over my work before the sun gets busy and destroys them.

"First, here is the back of the house. There are two doors, both giving onto a porch. There are two sets of heavily-marked tracks, leading from the side door of the garage building to the back door of this house. "They were made by Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore, coming over in response to Andrews' call. There are no other footprints at the back of the house and, naturally, there are none in the snow to either the right or the left side of the house.

"Secondly, there is a confusion of tracks from the pavement to the front door. There is one set, filled in and almost covered by the later snow. Mixed in with these are two sets of fresher tracks, partly filled in. The first set is the original trail left by Hamill, the second lot were made by Connally and Hillyear as they followed.

"Then there is a second group, fortunately to one side of the others. They were made by Cymmer, Smith, Joyce and myself, the second group to arrive on the scene. After that I had Connally shove a path and every one entering or leaving has had to use the path.

"Furthermore, it was Connally who actually traced Hamill's foot-prints from the callbox and he swears that when he and Hillyear arrived here there was one, and only one, set of prints leading up to the door.

"This gives us an accounting for every single person who entered this house before the path was cleared, except the unidentified man. He must have come in before the snow started, or before it was deep enough to retain the impression of a footprint.

"We know the snow started falling about half-past three yesterday afternoon, but it didn't really begin snowing heavily until an hour or so later. It is almost certain that this man was in this house before half-past five. Otherwise shapeless, but noticeable, ridges would have been left in the snow. Officer Hamill must have been killed as soon as he entered this room. Miller puts the hour of his death as between seven and nine.

"As you see, that leaves the most important questions unanswered. When and why did the murdered man break in? What drew Hamill's attention to this house? We have the record of all who entered this house last night between, say, half-past five and half-past ten, always excepting our mysterious dead man. As far as I can see it's an unanswerable record and it doesn't furnish much ground for the suspicion that all is not as it seems on the surface.

"Do you feel sure that these marks in the snow weren't tampered with?" asked Lafferty. "Can you rely on them entirely?" "I can see no room for doubt," Harper replied. "You cannot walk through snow of any depth without leaving tracks. Try it, and see for yourself. The snow can bow on for hours after a track has been made and it will still be visible. That original, unbroken surface of a fall of snow cannot be duplicated.

"HOLD on a minute," Lafferty interjected, "couldn't some one tread in previously made tracks and get out that way?" Harper shook his head. "One look at Hamill's marks will convince you that that wasn't done. I know that trick has been used, but I'll swear it didn't happen in this instance. I've looked at those marks very carefully and they are absolutely bona fide. Not even a cat walked across those grounds last night."

Lafferty thought it over. "Well, we went over every hole and corner of

Wallowa's Rain Breaks Record WALLOWA—W. F. Poole, Wallowa weatherman, states that the rain fall Monday night was the heaviest ever recorded here. After several days of threatening weather a deluge of rain hit Wallowa valley late Monday and continued steadily until Tuesday evening. 1.30 inches falling here and further up the valley 1.23 inches were reported. Farmers are in the midst of hay harvest and hundreds of tons of hay are on the ground. It is said the damage will not be great, however.

EX-BAKER MAN APPOINTED SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 3 (AP)—Alva S. Davis, laundry company executive, was appointed by the city council today to succeed Councilman Wayne

BAKER COUNTY TO HAVE 2ND FIELD DAY

The second annual Baker county field day program will be held at the Eastern Oregon experiment station in Union Sunday, July 8. County Agent Phil T. Porter announced today.

The program will last during the entire day and a basket dinner will be served at noon. Professor George R. Hyslop, agronomist of the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis, has been secured to conduct the visitors on the trip around the station and he with Superintendent Richards will discuss the various phases of crops and livestock experiments underway at the station.

Mr. Richards stated that there are a number of new and interesting trials of field crops now underway at the station and all Baker county farmers will be interested in the results recorded thus far. A carload of baby beef now being fattened for the land livestock show will be exhibited. Other phases of livestock work of the station will be features of the day.

Mr. Porter stated that the success of the first Baker county field day, which was held last July, "fully warrants the making of this affair an annual event at the experiment station. I am particularly anxious that all Baker county farmers and business men as well make use of this opportunity to visit the station and enjoy the day with their fellow citizens from all over the county. Many who attended last year's field day program have expressed themselves favorably toward attending such an event again this year, and indications are that others who failed to attend last year will be on hand for the program of events this year.

The complete program of activities for the day will be published next week, but in the meantime, everyone interested in farm progress should mark the date of July 8 on his calendar and be prepared for one of the outstanding days of the year."

JOSEPH PERSONALS

Miss Lucille Briskow and David Reimann, of Ionia, Ore., were united in marriage Sunday, June 24 at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. G. R. Archer performing the ceremony. Mrs. C. R. Patten was called to Eugene Saturday by the serious illness of her brother, Joe Darr, who passed away before she reached his bedside. The funeral was held Tuesday. Mr. Patten and son, Leo, and two daughters, Mrs. Bill Warnock and Miss Eva Patten, went out for the funeral. George Dawson Jr. is at Camp Murray, Wash. and his brother is at Clatsop. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eben and daughter, Mrs. Russell Vauhan, and Miss Mildred Marshall, of Los Angeles, and Russell Blewett, wife visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Leslie in Umatilla. Lloyd Gray, who was driving truck for Roy Daggett, injured his hand very painfully Wednesday, while unloading freight, by running a nail

into his hand. Mrs. David Dorrance, who at one time lived on Prairie Creek, but for several years has lived in Portland, was here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Church Dorrance and family, on Crow creek. Kenneth Wolfe, of Salem, left for his home after a week's visit at the home of Mrs. Nathan Tryon and daughter, Miss Hazel. Mrs. L. H. Gaulke entertained Monday in honor of her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Persing, of Tacoma, Wash., at a 1:00 o'clock luncheon. Those present were Mrs. Stephen Houck, Mrs. C. A. Collinsworth, Mrs. Alex Gillaspie, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. P. D. McCully, Mrs. Maida L. Stevenson, Mrs. F. H. Gaulke, and Mrs. Persing. Pinocle was played during the afternoon. Mrs. Stevenson receiving high and Mrs. Dawson low prizes. Mrs. F. D. McCully and Mrs. Stevenson entertained the same group Wednesday at a 1:00 o'clock luncheon. Cards were enjoyed during the afternoon. Mrs. Persing was given a guest prize. Mrs. Gaulke made high score and Mrs. Dawson low.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lederman, of Cocon, Wash., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beckman. Mr. and Mrs. Sergius Gaulke, of Grandview, Wash., came in Thursday to visit over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gaulke. Mr. Gaulke is with the Standard Oil Co. and is being transferred to La Grande July 1. They will leave Sunday accompanied by their son, Ray, who has been here the past two weeks. Mrs. Persing and small daughter, Nadine, will go as far as Grandview with the family on their way to Tacoma. Mrs. Julia Estes, who has been sick the past month, is not any better. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cora Scott.

HUFFMAN FAMILY GATHER AT UNION

UNION—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huffman and children, Adeline, Sidney and Donald, entertained 16 of their relatives and friends at a lawn party and out-door dinner Sunday, June 24, at their Union home—the former J. W. Kennedy place. General visiting and reminiscences of past times and music took up most of the afternoon, after which the guests departed to their various homes, long remembering the hospitality offered by the host and hostess.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kennedy and sons, Lawrence and Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy and daughter, Donna Marlene, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shanks, all of Medical Springs; Mrs. Hannah Huffman, and Gale and Glen Edwards, of Portland; Marshall and Eldridge Huffman, of La Grande; and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Arant, of Forest Grove. Mrs. Shanks will be remembered as Miss Edith Haller, and Mr. Arant as having been high school instructor, and later superintendent of the local schools.

George and Floyd Kennedy entertained the guests with several selections of old time and modern music on the banjo, guitar, and two harmoniums, with an occasional vocal chorus in two-part harmony.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

Mrs. Robin Bird and children returned to their home in Enterprise on Wednesday evening's stage after spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hamilton.

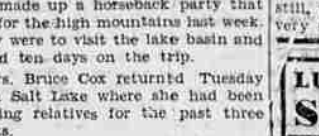
Mrs. Edwin Marvin is at home again after an outing at Wallowa Lake. There has been quite a large number of tourists who visited the resort already this season and people who have cottages are spending weekends there, so the outlook is good for a busy summer, she states.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mumford, Anna Del Hubler and Robert Peterson made up a horseback party that left for the high mountains last week. They were to visit the lake basin and spend ten days on the trip.

Mrs. Bruce Cox returned Tuesday from Salt Lake where she had been visiting relatives for the past three weeks. Thorsten Shell motored to Eugene last week for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Shell, who have been living in the Willamette valley since last October. They returned home Thursday and state that the change has greatly improved their health. Mrs. Warren Gilbert, of La Grande, was a Thursday visitor at the C. A. Hunter home. Mrs. Margaret McDonald, of Wallowa Lake, was transacting business here Thursday and Friday. While in town Mrs. McDonald was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hood. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Bull are planning to drive to Moro to spend the 4th of July with his parents and will visit a few days in Heppner before returning home. Mrs. Grover McCain was hostess to the Presbyterian Ladies Aid society on Wed., July 27 at her farm home in Middle Valley, twenty-four members and friends motored out to attend

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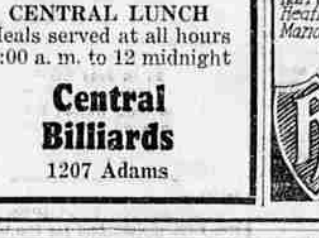


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