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"Over The Hill"

Mrs. Frank Snider and children motored to Dayton this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

A congenial company of friends who motored to Bingham Springs Saturday for a two-day period of feasting and recreation included Mr. and Mrs. Craig Driskell and son Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greer and son Myron, and Mr. and Mrs. Jessa Gordon.

Members of the Epworth League and their friends to the number of twenty journeyed to upper Pine creek Thursday afternoon to enjoy a sunset picnic upon the banks of the musical stream. "Weinies" and marshmallows were toasted around a cheery bonfire, to the accompaniment of many lively jests and snatches of song. The fragrant mountain air sharpened hearty appetites, and a satisfying lunch spread upon the grass created a direct route to comfort, contentment and good fellowship. The young people were chaperoned by Rev. John B. Coan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gould returned Sunday from a camping trip to Bingham Springs.

Prof. H. L. Robe is attending lectures in the advanced classes of the summer normal school now in session at Pendleton.

Mrs. Lillian Fredericks, Mrs. Mary C. McNeer and Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodwin motored to Pendleton Sunday evening to attend the lecture given in the Presbyterian church by Ezra Meeker, well known Oregon pioneer. Mr. Meeker made his first trip across the plains in 1852 with an ax team. Since that time he has witnessed the advent of the railroad, the remarkable development of the Pacific coast region, and enjoyed the exhilaration of an airplane journey across the state of Washington. Although 91

years of age, Mr. Meeker retains keen faculties and is very agile. His history of the old Oregon trail was received with rapt attention by the audience.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Coan and daughter Margaret were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Winn.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary society of the M. E. Church was held at the home of Mrs. E. M. Smith Thursday afternoon. During the business session important matters were discussed under the leadership of president, Mrs. Charles M. Price. A brief talk on pioneer workers in various mission fields was given by Mrs. H. L. Robe. During the social hour the hostess furnished a choice program of Victrola music. Light refreshments were served by Mesdames Hattie Wiley and Mary Lieuallen.

Miss Florence Fetter of Freewater celebrated her twelfth birthday anniversary at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. William Driskell, Monday afternoon. A few friends were asked to share the pleasures of lively games upon the lawn, and enjoy refreshments dear to the heart of childhood. Those who participated in the happy event were: Florence Fetter, Florence Ross, Zada Snider, Mildred Ross, Dean Driskell, Geraldina Ross and Dean Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helvey (Goldie Nesbit) of La Grande were honored recently with a miscellaneous shower sponsored by members of the Rehoboth lodge at La Grande. Many beautiful and appropriate gifts were received by the newlyweds. Music and a delicious lunch were concluding features of a delightful occasion.

Miss Frances Compton of Walla Walla is enjoying an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Winn.

A unique entertainment was given recently upon the lawn surrounding Mrs. Letha King's home, when an

original play entitled "The Happy Life" was presented by a cast which included Elizabeth Avery, Mildred King, Irene Anderson and Marjorie King. The three acts of the drama contained an interesting plot and embraced many humorous situations. Elizabeth Avery and Mildred King collaborated upon the production. It was witnessed with great appreciation by those hidden to view the performance.

A 7½-pound daughter was born Monday to Mrs. Inez Compton of Antelope, Oregon, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Will Payne. The new arrival has been named Dorothy. George Waddingham of Walla Walla spent Sunday in Weston, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Ralph Lane is seriously ill in a Portland hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Compton visited relatives in Walla Walla during the week.

Miss Anna Lavender, student at Willamette university, came up from Portland this week for a vacation visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Padberg were up from Heppner this week visiting Mrs. Mary Lieuallen, who has been quite seriously ill.

Quite a number of minor improvements are reported in Weston and vicinity, as follows: James Kirkpatrick, enlarging kitchen, building a porch, painting and papering; Jack Chapin, building brick cellar; A. M. Ross, repapering and varnishing woodwork; N. H. Jones, painting and papering; J. B. Dupuis, exterior painting; Charles Price, exterior painting; L. W. Lundell, renovating.

Deer have been frequently seen of late in the mountain settlements near Weston, and as they are not molested have grown bold enough to approach human habitations. Two were noticed by "Fat" Walden Saturday in a pasture near the E. E. Tucker place on Weston mountain. One day last week Lew Van Winkle

saw a couple of buck leers bounding through his strawberry patch on Reed and Hawley mountain.

Anson B. Woods was in town a few days ago on his return to Walla Walla from a motor trip into Sherman county, where he visited his aged parents. He reports crop conditions to be fairly good in that section, although it received only .16 of an inch of rainfall during the big rain wheat is the most successful down in Umatilla county. Turkey Red wheat is the most successful, and some of it will go fifteen sacks to the acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Geiss were here during the week, visiting relatives and friends. They lately motored up from their winter home, at Long Beach, California.

After a session of potato planting at the Marvin Adkins place on Reed and Hawley mountain, J. R. Adkins has gone to the Snake river for a visit with the J. H. McGibbons. He accompanied Mr. McGibbon and family upon their return from a motor trip to Weston.

An unusual incident in Masonic work occurred Saturday evening at a special meeting of the Weston "blue lodge," when the acting worshipful master "raised" his father and brother in the degree of Master Mason. Wallace Nelson of The Dalles held the chair at the W. M. station, and his father, N. H. Nelson, and brother, S. S. Nelson, received the degree. The work was exemplified by a team from The Dalles. Prior to the ceremony, a banquet was served to the local and visiting Masons by members of the Eastern Star.

The auto camp ground at Weston now has an ample supply of substantial tables, kindly donated by Matt Mosgrove. Some camp stoves are badly needed.

Mrs. J. W. Bowers was conveyed Wednesday to Pendleton, where she sustained an operation for acute appendicitis.

W. S. Price made the discouraging discovery the other day that his spud patch was infested with the real, genuine, blown-in-the-bottle Colorado potato bugs. He at once got busy with a spray and discouraged the bugs. The pests seem to be working in a small area down here, and haven't gone into the mountains.

Mrs. L. M. Funk of Walla Walla and Mrs. Ida Coffin left Tuesday for a week's outing at Bingham Springs.

Louis Schmuick, a pioneer and extensive landowner of eastern Washington, died Saturday at his home in Walla Walla. Mr. Schmuick was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Etta Gerking of Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wurzer returned Saturday from a motor trip into Adams county, Washington, and Mr. Wurzer leased his wheat ranch near Batum station. They found Odessa almost wholly deserted, with every business house closed, the population having moved over in a body to Crab creek to celebrate with the old settlers. Mr. Wurzer says there will be a fair yield of wheat in Adams county if the weather is favorable. A large part of the crop seems to be nearly a month later than usual.

The movable fixtures went out of the Weston Mercantile store this week, having been sold by Matt Mosgrove to merchants in different towns. The stock will all have been shipped out and the store room vacated by July 1st.

The farm house on the G. DeGraw place south of town, farmed by Sim Culley, has been freshened and beautified with two coats of white paint, applied by Walter Payne.

Ninety in the shade was the maximum temperature last Sunday at Weston, as reported by Merritt A. Baker. On the same day Walla Walla and Pendleton sweltered in a heat reported, respectively, at 100 and 101 degrees. This bears out the frequent mild boasters of its inhabitants that Weston in midsummer is ten degrees cooler than either of its large neighbors. The hot spell was followed by cooler weather, and wheat conditions are reported to be quite favorable in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Charles J. Hall and family left this week for their new home at Camas, Wash.

Weston Mountain Community club will stage a neighborhood Fourth of July celebration, to be held in Bryson's grove. There will be feasting and merriment, and a program of sports and exercises. The picnic dinner will be a neighborhood affair, hospitably served to all comers.

Capt. H. E. O'Hara and Carl Brandt returned Tuesday from a trip to Portland for the Rose Festival, which they extended to Astoria, Seaside and Cannon beach.

Mrs. Clara Eagleton came up from Pendleton Tuesday and left for Orofino, Idaho, where she expects to remain several months.

After a brief vacation pleasantly spent on Weston mountain, J. R. English is leaving today, accompanied by Mrs. English, for Klamath Falls, as he has some surveying to do for the United States government in the vicinity of Rhett lake. Mr. and Mrs. English are making the trip by automobile via Bend, Oregon. Otis Gould will again be a member of the English party.

24 Years Ago

Jinks Taylor and Hardy Mansfield have returned from the Taylor horse ranch on the John Day.

J. H. Hudson and Miss Emma L. Hildeth were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hildreth of Weston, Sunday, 9, by the Rev. Homer Gallaher.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Myrick, June 22, 1898, a girl.

Miss Linnie Coppock is confined to her home with illness.

Ed Koontz has returned from a trip to Walla Walla and Milton.

Marvel Watts returned home from Eugene, where he has been attending school.

"The Campbells Are Coming" to Athena June 30, to join in the Cal edonion picnic.

Al Johnson and family have returned from an outing on the head waters of the Grand Ronde river.

Max Lewin and Will Wells drove up to Fletcher's mill Sunday morning and returned in the evening.

Wallowa Lake is coming to the front as a summer resort. Many people will spend the summer there.

Mrs. A. R. Bradley and Mrs. Jas. Nelson are in Portland attending the Grand Lodge, Women of Woodcraft.

A large banner swings across Main street, announced that Athena will celebrate, and bidding all a cordial welcome.

Working men are beginning to flock into the towns in the wheat belt. Many are in Athena waiting for haying and harvest to commence.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Zerba, died Saturday, of hemorrhage of the lungs. The little one had been ill for some time.

RED CROSS MEETING

A meeting was called for the local Red Cross auxiliary for last Monday afternoon, and barely a quorum, including the executive committee responded with their presence. A communication was read from Chairman G. L. Clark, head of the Umatilla County Chapter, asking the Athena auxiliary to return the \$100 revolving fund, or what remained of it, to the head chapter, to replenish the depleted funds. Also, a request was made for Athena to raise \$100 additional by the 15th of July.

It was the sense of the meeting that this would be impossible, but the secretary was instructed to inform the head chapter that later in the season, perhaps September, the auxiliary would hold a public market, and endeavor to raise as much of the requested amount as practicable. Lose holding membership in the Red-Cross and the public generally will be solicited to assist in the enterprise.

The revolving fund, amounting to \$72 was ordered returned to the treasury of the head chapter, and should emergency demand, Athena will be permitted to draw from that source, so it was stated in the request.

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