

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mrs. Clair Adams was hostess to the bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon. Bridge was in play at three tables with Mrs. Herman Peters holding high score and Mrs. Max Brown low score for the afternoon. Other enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames Arzell Lemley, Alfred Kock, Earl Olds, Eben Kee, Ted Kelly, Donald Marsh from Hood River, Walter Davis, A. F. Balzer and Mrs. Mammie Gould. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Mrs. Harry Hooper entertained the bridge club at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap last Tuesday evening. Three tables were in play with Mrs. John Rust holding high, Mrs. Bruce Alley second and Mrs. Robert Schilling low. Others enjoying the evening were Mesdames Paul Syron, Earl Olds, Walter Davis, C. R. Andersen, Don Smith, Eben Kee, Frank Ketter and Mrs. Mammie Gould. Refreshments were served at the close of the party.

Mrs. Earl Olds and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were hostesses at a surprise party and handkerchief shower at the former's home Saturday afternoon honoring Mrs. J. W. Blagg on her birthday anniversary. The afternoon was spent playing pinochle with Mrs. C. R. Andersen holding high and Mrs. John Block low. Other invited guests were Mesdames Clair Balzer, Frank T. Bayer, Frank E. Bayer, Don Smith, E. R. Blaylock, Ivan Blagg, A. F. Balzer, Re-

freshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served later by the hostesses.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap celebrated her birthday anniversary Sunday with a dinner. Guests present included her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper and son, Floyd Arnold, her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins, her son and daughter in law Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap and children and Mrs. Dunlap's father, Jesse Cantrall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble went to Lone Pine Sunday to a pot luck dinner and square dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Rodney Rolfe came home from Linfield college and spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe. They took him back to McMinnville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer spent Sunday in Wasco visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann. Other guests were their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartmann from The Dalles.

Claud Bayer and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and children were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Carl and George von Borstel were dinner guests last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and son Robin went to Portland Sunday to spend a few days shopping and visiting Barbara Alley and Ina May Ziegler.

Mrs. Claud Bayer went to La Grande Wednesday on business returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and Mrs. W. D. Barnett went to The Dalles Sunday where Mrs. Stark entered The Dalles hospital for an operation on her knee Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum returned to Portland Wednesday for further treatments for Lester's injured eye. Their sons, Tommy and Dickie are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler went to The Dalles Thursday where Mrs. Ziegler received medical attention. She stayed down to spend several days at the home of her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bolen and family of The Dalles spent Sunday here visiting at the Alfred Payne home.

David Bayer of Pendleton is spending the week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and family were dinner guests Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger at Hotel Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Alfa Jean and Lois Payne spent Saturday and Sunday with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Benjie Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox of Salem stopped in town Sunday on their way to Phoenix, Arizona to spend several months in a warmer climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel were in The Dalles Thursday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel at the hospital. Mr. von Borstel attended a grain storage meeting conducted by officials from OSC on Friday.

Verne Mobley returned home Friday from The Dalles hospital recovering from a tonsilectomy. Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel

and son, Phil, and Mr. and Mrs. John Decker and family were Sunday evening guests at the Jay McKay home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barnes and family were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bash.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles went to Moro Monday to the home of her mother, Mrs. William Cauters where they visited Mr. Ruggles' sisters, Mrs. Eva Landry from Portland and Mrs. Will Olds from Yuba City, California.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. LeBlou and family of Wasco were dinner guests Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rust.

Gordon Lemley went to The Dalles Friday and brought Mrs. Lemley home from the hospital. Mrs. Harold Owens came home with them after being dismissed from the hospital. She had to leave her baby there for observation. The baby was born Monday January 25 and weighed nine pounds and twelve ounces and was named Douglas Alan.

Graveside services were held Thursday at the IOOF cemetery at Grass Valley for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley. Smith-Callaway chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fisher and family of The Dalles were dinner guests Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel had as dinner guests Saturday evening to honor her birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock, Bill Pausch and Carl and George von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe took his mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. John Engstrom to the Dalles Thursday where Mrs. Rolfe entered the Mid-Columbia hospital for medical attention. They took Mrs. Engstrom to see her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett went to The Dalles Friday where they met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, who arrived on the train from Portland where they spent several weeks for medical attention for Mr. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust spent Sunday at Wasco visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. LeBlou.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin went to Portland Tuesday on business returning home Wednesday.

Anyone having donations for the March of Dimes please send them to Mrs. Myrie Smith.

County Ramblings

By County Agent Thompson

An excellent publication for homemakers has just been received. The Home Economics bulletin covers Care of Metals, Hard-Surfaced Plastics, and Heat-Resistant Glassware. The publication is in a handy chart form the lady of the house can hang in her cleaning cupboard. The chart gives characteristics, general care and cleaning, polishing or special treatments for material or surface to be cleaned. Call or drop a line to the office for your copy.

Last week we asked any farmer who desired a reading on their bulls for dwarfism by use of the proflimeter to let us know. The readings will be done on individual farms for the operators own use. Dwarfism is a serious problem facing the livestock producer. Each needs to decide what action he is going to take. Readings by use of the proflimeter are available to any one upon request to assist in determining known dwarf carriers. An extension bulletin on Dwarfism is available which discusses this problem and suggests methods of attack.

The animal husbandry people have asked that any cases of white muscle disease be reported by farmers. Besides report of death of a calf a description of symptoms, age of calf, type of ranch and feed conditions for calf and cow are desired.

Considerable concern and publicity lately has centered around bloat of cattle on pastures. For Sherman county this refers only to our few irrigated pastures. Legumes have been left out of pastures because people have indicated bloat was a problem. Legumes are desirable and should be included. Nationally it is estimated that cattle grazing under possible bloat producing conditions and affected by bloat is less than one-half of one percent. Cause of bloat is coupled with excess legume; soft, palatable, wet forage; lack of fiber; and hunger. Management practices are thus important where bloat conditions may exist.

General recommendations are: If bloat is a problem, fertilize and manage to maintain at least 60% grass; over-grazing encourages clover; under grazing encourages grass; provide free access to dry hay; keep livestock from becoming hungry or thirsty; get rid of habitual bloaters.

Have you ever thought how many bites a cow on pasture takes a minute. In Scotland they time all their cows. A good cow will take 70 bites a minute. Any cow

that takes less than 50 bites a minute is headed for hamburger. A cow will put in about 7 1/2 hours every day eating. If grass is five inches tall, a cow can eat about 125 pounds in 7 1/2 hours. That is enough for 50 pounds of milk. On two-inch grass, she can get only 45 pounds of forage. The same rule works for steers or other beef cattle. They have to consume large quantities of roughage to make large economic gains.

Sherman county farmers are reminded of the farm record books available through the county extension agent's office. The Oregon farm record book is the yearly account book selling for 30 cents. The Oregon farm inventory book, 20 cents per copy, is a six year inventory book folks can use with the yearly record book. The farm record books are prepared by the Agriculture Economics and Farm Management department at OSC. They are prepared keeping in mind information farmers need for state and federal income tax reports and analyzing the farm business.

At the beginning of each year estimates of livestock numbers for Sherman county are made. Estimates this year are: horses 500; cattle, beef cows over 2 years 8600, milk cows over 2 years 500, and all other cattle 6000, for a to-

tal of 15,000 head; ewes, 1050, for a total of 1200 sheep; 250 brood sows, for a total of 1400 hogs; 10 goats; 11,000 chickens; 200 turkeys, 100 geese, and 100 ducks, raised previous year; 75 rabbits and 10 bee stands on farms. Comments on livestock numbers are always appreciated. Extension service estimates are correlated with Bureau of Agricultural Economics figures and adjusted with periodic census information.

COMING EVENTS
February 8, 1954 10:00 a. m. Land Use and Crop Committee, Sherman County Rural Advisory Council, Courthouse, Moro.
February 8, 1954 1:30 p. m. General meeting of all people interested to consider Sherman county Water Resources to pre-

pare statement for State Water Resources committee hearing.

February 13, 1954 1:00 p. m. State Water Resources committee hearing at Arlington.

February 15, 1954 6:30 p. m. 4-H Leaders' Recognition Banquet, Moro Hotel.

February 18, 1954 10:00 a. m. to 4 p. m. Sherman County Cattlemen's Association annual meeting, Odd fellows hall, Grass Valley

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