

Surprise Party Given Wehmeyers

Saturday evening, March 10, the guards and former guards of the U. S. Forest Service who had worked on the Heppner district gathered at the Fred Wehmeyer home in a surprise party honoring "Fred" and "Mom". Visiting, cards and refreshments were enjoyed. A leather wardrobe suit case was presented as a token of friendship and a farewell gift in memory of 16 years service to the government and the community in which the Wehmeyers live.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Shelba Jennings and daughter Marcelle of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox

and daughter Patricia, Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bleakman, Kennewick; Henry Fries, Summer-ville; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hinton and daughter, Lorelee, Ukiah, and the following Heppner people: Mr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Max Buschke and daughters Carol and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson and daughters Rita Dell and Caroline, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Swaggart and daughters Loraine, Geraldine and Christine.

HOME FROM PENDLETON

Joe Farley is at home again after undergoing an operation in St. Anthony's hospital last month.

RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. Madge Bryant was in Port-

land last week. While there she saw Mrs. Wallace Green who is quite ill. Her mother, Mrs. Alex Green is with her now.

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1930



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1940



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"Years ago, our farm helped to pioneer rural electrification"

says *W. E. Vannier, Orchardist, of Hood River, Oregon*

"Looking back at the time when we first had electricity—that was in 1907—I can't help making comparisons between then and now. Our farm was one of the first, and at the time one of the few, to have electricity. Now I understand there are more than 13,000 farms on PP&L lines alone. What a difference it's made to both farming and marketing, as profitable uses for electricity have been developed year after year!

Just this last year we put in an electrically operated stationary spray plant that will enable the two of us to spray the entire 35 acres of trees by ourselves if we have to. With this plant we don't have to haul the spray into the orchard—all we have to do is turn the switch, go into the orchard, and start spraying. It saves the work of two men.

"Right now we're figuring on an electric irrigation pump, to lift water out of the creek to add to the supply we get from the canal. The boys at the PP&L office helped us with plans for the spray plant, and right along they give us suggestions that help us get the most from the electricity we use to do our farm work."



The 35 acres of apple, pear and cherry orchard operated by W. E. Vannier and his brother, Frank Vannier, is located about 3½ miles south of Hood River, in the Pine Grove district, and is one of the longest-established orchards in the valley. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vannier, parents of the brothers, bought the first ten acres when they moved to the Hood River Valley from the Dakotas in 1904. In 1910 they bought an additional ten acres, and in 1918 the final 15 acres.

The Vanniers used coal oil lamps until 1907, when a line was built past their place by the Hood River Electric Light, Power & Water Company, which subsequently became part of the PP&L system. They installed the first electrically-operated domestic water system in the valley, had one of the first electric washing machines, and one of the first electric flatirons.

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