

Club Convention Will Be In Wasco October Third

Mary Wasco Students Leave For Higher Education

Executive officers of the Wasco Woman's Study Club and the Tuesday Afternoon Study Club conferred on business matters pertaining to the federated district convention which will be held in Wasco, Saturday, October 3. Invitations are being sent by the club hostesses to the district members and a large attendance is planned. The Garden Club members are giving the flowers for decorating and the Dorcas ladies will serve the dinner.

Those leaving for their annual deer hunt are: The Tracey Fields, Guy Andrews, Ormand Hilderbrand and George Wilde who went to Monument; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Gilder, Glen Karnes, Steve O'Meara, Art Barzee, Vernon Dutton, Louis Scholl, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Guy and John Reysse.

Students returning to college are Donald McDermid, U. of O.; Eugene Spencer, Delmar Smith to OSC; Paulen Kaseberg to U. of O. and Wm. McKenney to Willamette.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller left from The Dalles Thursday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Neece in Portland.

Miss Evelyn Scott entertained at cards Thursday evening honoring Miss Frances Gorsline on her birthday anniversary.

Henry Richelderfer made a business trip to Portland returning home Saturday evening.

Miss Katherine Johnson came from Portland by stage for a week's visit with her parents.

James Maddox and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDermid returned from a trip along the Oregon coast.

Harry Barzee has a brand new truck to be used for business purposes.

Guests at the Viggo Haufelt home over the week end were A. L. Duncan of Vancouver, a nephew of Mrs. Haufelt and Wynn Craft of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholl.

Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Haufelt and Mr. and Mrs. Steve McMillan attended the Hermiston Project Fair last Saturday evening.

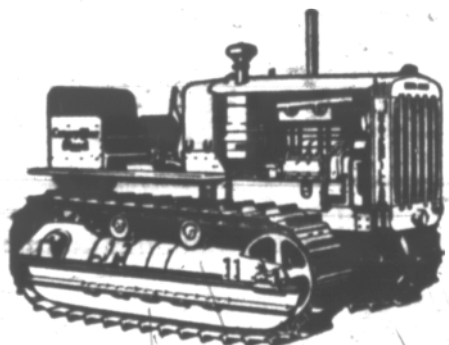
The new officers were installed at the Townsend meeting Wednesday evening and a goodly number of persons attended from The Dalles enjoying a watermelon feast.

Harry Sawin was in Spokane last week end on business.

Miss Winifred Fortner left for Forest Grove Friday to attend the football game between Portland and Pacific. She is a junior at Pacific.

H. H. White who is teaching in Wasco county spent the past week end with his family here.

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Mrs. William Kramer and children, Maxine and Allen, also Robert Kaseberg were in Shaniko and Maupin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McKee and the Frank Lamborns were dinner guests Sunday at the B. W. Guy home.

Mrs. Minnie McKinney left with Drville Ruggles of Grass Valley to visit her son, Earl and wife near Heppner.

Mrs. P. A. Sissel and son Charles left Wednesday for Vista, Cal., where they will visit the former's daughter, Mrs. T. E. Eaton for a month.

Mrs. Eliza Dingle has returned home from Camp Sherman and her friends are glad to have her back again.

Miss Frances Gorsline spent the week end at Willowdale.

Mrs. Minnie Hyland and daughter, Mrs. Frances Allen were from Southern California attending to their farming interests on the farm owned by Ross Guilford. They visited with Mrs. Robert McPherson and Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper.

Mrs. George Potter returned Sunday from a visit to Pendleton.

Frank Knox and children spent Sunday in Yakima visiting relatives. Mrs. Mary Knox returning home with her son and family after a brief visit with a daughter.

Mrs. Roy Atwood had as her house guest last week her cousin Charles Radeke of Minnesota and Mrs. Edward Miller of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Feldman were visitors at the Tygh Valley fair Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson were visitors in Klamath Falls last week.

Walter Blau and wife were in Portland from Tuesday until Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wallace were visitors in Portland last week.

The L. P. Havens were in Portland over the week end.



C. C. Colt, recently appointed chairman of Oregon committee for the American Red Cross.

A fellow who won his sheepskin several years ago and has been trying to get started ever since asserts that, as far as he was concerned, they might as well have permitted the sheep to live. Spokes.

T. Lester Johnson

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Father Stocking

By C. W. Barzee

Father Stocking, as he was familiarly called, was a Civil war veteran who had been struck with a ball in the frontal head. The wound necessitated a silver plate to replace the skull bone. He came to Sherman county from about Walla Walla and tenanted a school section that had, as usual, been bought up by capitalists with money to invest. The 16th and 36th sections in each Township was set apart by the government to establish a school fund for Oregon and until the State board graded the land in price it was sold for \$125 per acre. This school section was located just south of Wasco and there was a wet weather spring located on the section. The owner furnished supplied with money and furnished Mr. Stocking with stock for the farm.

Father Stocking was a successful farmer as long as good years for crops and good prices for wheat prevailed. When the years of adversity came, Father Stocking along with his neighbors, went behind at farming. At this particular season there had been an early fall rain that damaged sacking wheat both in the field and on the open platform at wheat stations. It was made necessary to repile it more than a single handling. Father Stocking had hauled his wheat from the field and ricked it near the road for future loading for station delivery. As I was returning from Wasco one day he was busy repiling this rick of wheat sacks. I stopped a few minutes to chat with him and made the remark that at the present price (28 cents per bushel) wheat was hardly worth raising.

His quick reply came that "it made no difference about the price if one only had enough of it, though it were but 1 cent per bushel."

Many people had expressed themselves about his being mentally unbalanced. This wheat price remark confirmed their belief, in my judgment. Careful calculations of the cost of wheat production had never set it below 30 cents per bushel with the then crude methods of farming.

Father Stocking seemed a very conscientious Christian. In his M. E. church testimonials he would say "every man was his brother and every woman was his sister." His meekness seemed to endear him to his friends, but they soon learned not to trust him in his purchases. He was always ready to buy anything of worth when he could get it on credit. One day two boys came along the road looking for work and he hired them. He had but a small cabin for his hired men and these boys were dumped in with the crew. Their girlish appearance caused the men

to suspicion them as not being boys. Along with this appearance was their efficiency at cooking and their ignorance of farm tools. One of them who afterwards worked for me for a few days at hoeing my timber culture told me that when they first hired to him they didn't know a clevis from a header-bird by name. Where these boys went I never learned except that one of them at one time worked for Nelson Long who lived in the John Day settlement east of Wasco.

Another freak action of Father Stocking appeared with considerable cunning. A brother church member with whom he was well acquainted was employed on a fruit and hay farm south of Columbia (now Mary Hill). Feed and money being scarce with Father Stocking, he visited this church brother taking his team with him. He was accommodated over the night at the expense of this hired man and when the morning arrived he slipped away with out saying anything, leaving his team to be cared for. Just how this was finally settled I never learned.

This denoted cunning which is said to follow an unbalanced mind. On another occasion when the season grew cold in the fall he being short of fuel and rations, visited a near neighbor of mine. It seemed this neighbor was well informed of his peculiarities. As the evening drew on this neighbor suggested to him that I had recently butchered a beef and he could likely buy a quarter from me and advised him to go at once and try it. This sent him to my place late in the evening. I told him I had previously disposed of all I could spare of the beef but he continued to stay. When we had grown tired of his evening story telling about the war, which was his hobby, we suggested we had no room to keep him over night but still he was not disposed to go home. There was a cot near the stove which was quite comfortable when the room was warm and he suggested this he be allowed to use for the night.

As the room cooled and the weather likewise he also got cold and getting up kept a fire the remainder of the night. My younger brother and his family who was employed on the farm had previously worked at a state hospital at Salem. He was quite sure Father Stocking was demented. What finally became of him I never learned.



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Rufus Young People Leave For School

The beginning of last week marked the turning of another page in the life history of some of last year's graduates. Of the seven who completed high school, Ida Coats and Margaret Macnab will attend Oregon State college, Howard Burnett is enrolled at the University of Oregon, Thelma is entering a business college in Spokane, and Marjorie Morris is contemplating a course at a school of beauty culture in Portland. Shirley Eakin returned to his home in Portland, and the other two, Thomas Macnab and Josephine Bryant, have as yet no plans for the immediate future.

Several members of the congregation from the Nazarine church attended an all day group meeting in Arlington last Saturday. Norma and Georgiana Blackburne, Jim Tate and Marie Mathieson, all of Rufus, entertained with an instrumental number, and Anna Coats and Marie Mathieson gave a vocal number.

Chester Coats and his sister Ida were driven to Oregon State college by their father last Sunday. Mary, their younger sister, accompanied them to Corvallis.

The county meeting of the Pomona Grange was held in Rufus last Saturday, with representatives from Harlandview, Kent, Klondike and Rufus granges. Part of the program consisted of a vocal number by a visitor from the Moro CCC camp, a vocal duet by Florence Thompson and George Jensen, and a few unusual feats performed by a CCC boy, such as waltzing on his hands and displacing his stomach. The principle speaker of the evening included Representative Pierce, Mr. Wright, county agent, and Mr. Johnson, an attorney from Wasco.

Deer hunting season is evidently here, at least so the absence of Joe Morris, Harold Dingle, Dick Wythe and Luther Steward would indicate. They are believed to be hunting near Hermiston.

It is quite probable he finally landed in the Soldier's home at Roseburg.

Rufus Primary Room Has Thirty Pupils

By Georgiana Blackburne

The primary room has a larger attendance this year than usual. Thirty pupils make up these first three grades. One of the pupils unfortunately has an infection in his foot and is now in The Dalles hospital. At present the students are enjoying themselves making a large doll house. All seem to take an unusual interest in this project.

The primary and intermediate grades have exchanged rooms for the purpose of eliminating the noise of the primary youngsters while the intermediate students are studying. The heat facilities, too, are better for the primary children this way.

The intermediate grades have a rather small number this year. Only seventeen faces appear for school in this room. However, they boast a new pupil, Mylon Racy, who plans to attend school here this year.

The high school has a very large attendance of forty pupils this fall. Among those are several new pupils. Charlotte Gardner and George Jensen have added their number to the sophomore class.

The juniors, the smallest class in high school, have increased their number by one. Margaret White, who formerly attended school at Zillah, Washington, has started in the junior class. The seniors over-

came the handicap of the unlucky number, thirteen, when Bill Myers started here as a senior.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Simpson, has again organized for the coming school year. Joe Morris was elected president of the class and Marie Mathieson retained her position as secretary-treasurer for the coming school term. The first rehearsal was held Tuesday with a full attendance and the possibility of several new members.

The Arrowhead staff has already started working on the first edition of the school paper. The paper promises to be much more interesting with a larger number of pupils contributing.

Mr. Jenkins reports the boys are all turning out for boys' volleyball this year and are learning to play it the way it should be played. The girls want a demonstration.

The freshmen are beginning to look rather haunted and hollow-eyed as the much dreaded initiation approaches. From every side they come up against the threats of their experienced elders. Many of them report that even in sleep they are haunted by upper classmen. Watch out, freshmen, this is just the beginning!

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