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Rufus Students Attend Play-Day In The Dalles

The Rufus volleyball wolvernes motored to The Dalles Saturday morning to participate in the playday given at The Dalles HI. The morning started with a mixer for all the schools by each receiving a colored ticket as she went in. Rufus played and won three full games in all. The first game was with Moro whom they beat 40-18. The second was with Hood River whom they beat 51-10. The final championship game was played between Rufus and The Dalles, with Rufus coming out the victors with a score of 32-16. The line-up for the Rufus team in order of serve was as follows: Dolores Fox, Jessie Rice, Lorraine Millard, Donna Smith, Dorothy Blackburne, and Darlene Smith.

The Condon Independents played the Wasco Independents at the Rufus gym on Thursday evening. The game ended with a score of 39-20 in favor of Wasco.

Arnold Lampert, brother of Mrs. James Fox, and Miss Louise Wind, a niece, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Fox.

Frank Medler was an overnight visitor in The Dalles Friday night. The Rufus grade school enjoyed a sleigh-riding party back of the McDonald home on Thursday evening after school. A pot luck supper, contributed by each member of the class, was served later in the evening.

The people of the Rufus community have certainly had their share of frozen water pipes this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family of The Dalles were overnight guests at the Robert Bird home Sunday evening.

Despite the snow and icy roads, there was a large attendance at the Rufus Grange Thursday evening.

Frank Le Master and Marjorie Snell of Portland, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tate of The Dalles visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Tate, Monday.

K. L. SMITH BUYS

KENT GENERAL STORE

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith have taken over the management of the General store in Kent. The store has been owned and operated by J. E. Norton for the past twenty some odd years.

Mrs. Wm. Mitchell of Gazelle, California is spending a few days visiting with her daughters, Mrs. John Decker and Mrs. Allen Bekkedahl and their families.

The Kent Grade School played basketball with the Grass Valley basketball team at Grass Valley Thursday evening January 18. Grass Valley won the game with a score of 26 to 15 in their favor. Quite a large number of Kent people attended the game.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Norton are the parents of a new daughter, Nancy, born at The Dalles Hospital January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson returned from a few days visit in Portland Wednesday.

John Decker, George Wilson and Luther Davis flew to Portland Tuesday returning with the new Davis T-craft to The Dalles airport.

George Wilson and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Sr. flew to Pullman, Washington Friday. Mrs. Wilson remained there to visit with her mother. Mrs. Betty Kelly at the home of I. E. Wilson. George returned to Kent the same day.

John Decker and Allen Bekkedahl left by plane Saturday January 18 for Gazelle, California where they plan to spend a few days visiting with their father-in-law, Mr. Wm. Mitchell.

Priscilla Melzer of Moro was an overnight guest of Connie Wilson Friday, January 17. Mrs. Wilson and the girls then attended the Play Day activities in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer and children were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer of The Dalles Friday, January 17.

The Kent grade school played basketball on the Kent floor with the Moro grade school team Monday evening. Moro won the game with a score of 17 to 10.

The George Bell Post of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary met jointly Thursday evening. After the meeting a social evening was spent with cards and refreshments.

County Has Best Record On Delinquent Taxes

Property tax delinquents in Sherman county rank tops among the 36 counties listed in reports compiled by the state tax commission as of August 15, 1946. Reports taken from 1931 to 1946 show the tax delinquency percentage to be 0.22. The total amount charged during this period was \$2,364,408.64 with the total delinquency being \$5,240.67.

Tax delinquencies from and prior to 1930 was \$2,008.49; from 1931-35 it was 2,009.69, dropping from 1936-39 to 150.34. In 1940 to 1943 it was 118.86; 1943-44, 644.21 0.58 percent; 1944-45, 564.81 or 0.41 percent, 1945-46, 1,752.76 or 1. per cent.

Following Sherman county was Clackamas with 0.47. Tillamook county lead the field with the largest percentage of delinquencies, 16.78 per cent. Morrow county was third with 0.50 percent; Multnomah, 0.54 percent and Wasco county 0.59 percent.

A. D. Richelderfer Dies Suddenly

Asa David Richelderfer of Wasco, 71, died Sunday morning after a short illness. Funeral services were held at the Wasco Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, January 22, at 2 o'clock with Rev. F. L. Cannell officiating; interment was in the Sunrise cemetery.

Mr. Richelderfer was born at Phillipsburg, New Jersey January 10, 1876, he moved to Oregon with his parents when a small child living in Portland for a short time, then at the mouth of the Deschutes river. In 1880 he moved with his parents to Sherman county where he has resided up to this time. He married Dr. Sarah Leah Ricker on June 6, 1917 and to this union four children were born, one of which preceded him in death.

Surviving are his widow; a daughter Mrs. Catherine Bish; two sons, David R. and Henry N.; a brother Earl H. Richelderfer of Wasco; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Dutton of Wasco, and Mr. Fordyce of White Salmon, Wn.; a grandson Douglas Robert Bish.

Ruggles Family To Meet Sunday

The Ruggles family will gather Sunday at the Women's club house for a pot-luck dinner. Mrs. Charles Ruggles reports that most of the immediate family will be present. Anyone wanting to come in during the afternoon and visitors will be welcome.

Nicky Wright has been in the hospital the last week with an infected knee resulting from a fall while ice-skating out at Barnum's canyon. He has been taking penicillin treatments and is expected to return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peetz returned home Wednesday with Earl Rehr. Lou is reported as fine and is glad to get back home.

L. V. Moore is driving around in a new black Oldsmobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young from Kent were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon.

Mrs. Charlie Anderson went to The Dalles Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hal Carter, who is ill in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles motored to Moro Sunday and had dinner with her mother, Mrs. William Caughers.

Mrs. John Engstrom had as dinner guests Monday Mrs. Lucy Ruggles of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Will Olds from Yuba City, California.

DRIVERS LICENSE

EXAMINER TO BE HERE

A Drivers License Examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Moro Thursday, January 30, at the Courthouse between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Review of Last Half Year Shows Much Progress

Wheat Crop Good But Not Bumper; Rattlesnake Open, New Road To River

The following is a summary of the last six months news items of last year.

July 5. Field day at the experiment station. Weed control program starts, buy equipment. Sherman-Riders Reorganize as Sheriff's Posse.

July 12. Wheat crop of 3,000,000 bushels now possible. Vernon Shipley heads Legion Post. Reed Ellis Rudin awaits trial.

July 19. REA contractors working on construction. Cool weather after late rains insure winter wheat, aids spring.

July 26. County valuation totals \$9,683,966 for 1946-47 year. Harvest starts. Hot weather cut water reserve.

August 2. No 1946-47 tax on property for the state. Crop good but not a bumper crop. Fred Peetz funeral held here.

August 9. Rattlesnake road still open. Sheriff, police capture car thieves in field. Dr. C. L. Peetz dies. Crop insurance urged by PMA officials. Wheat loan upped by CCC.

Aug. 16. New Ordinance to give city tax on power. School figures show variation in pupil costs. South end crop one of the best ever. Sherman county picnic set in Portland.

Aug. 23. School to open Sept. 9. Cecil Fields killed in truck accident. Purebred cattle sale plans move along, also Fair plans. Elevators filling as crop crowds 3 million mark.

August 30. No school until Sept. 16. County crop nearly harvested, 92 persons attend County picnic in Portland.

Sept. 6. Sherman county boys take prizes at State Fair. Rattlesnake road petition deferred, vote on memorial plans. Breakfast club to entertain Kiwanians. Haldane Duff talks at church.

Sept. 13. Fair will have carnival, other plans completed. Breakfast club to have Buckaroo breakfast. Millard Eakin wins Short-horn prizes at State Fair.

Sept. 20. Midco sale has potentialities for district aid. Reed E. Rudin fails to plead. Sen. Guy Gordon stops in Moro. Sherman county has 373 grade school pupils, 89 high school.

Sept. 27. Emigrant trail marker site chosen at the crossing of the John Day river. Spring wheat near 40 bushel mark on station. Contracts let on Sherar-Tygh grade.

Oct. 4. Club calves get wide attention at fair. 4-H calves go to the P. I. Midco sale shows many cattle sold to distant buyers, brings \$22,945 to stockmen.

Oct. 11. Jacob Ferguson and Miss Norma Westby added to school faculty. Moro football team ties in game with Goldendale. Taxes go up as shown by Assessor's sheet.

Oct. 18. Moro defeats Madras. Bob Roberson plays on EOCE squad. 3,000,000 crop beats modern production marks, 4-H boys bring cash and honors home from P. I.

Oct. 25. Wheat League to meet. Moro beats Papoose. Rain nearly normal, still inadequate.

Nov. 1. Election rouses little interest among voters, 1160 voters eligible. Taxes higher all over, Sherman county included. Moro defeated by Condon team.

Nov. 8. The Journal is 58 years old. County votes for political change. Stockman, Snell, Farrell win in Sherman county. Moro wins from Arlington.

Nov. 15. New wheats in development here at the station. Moro wins from Maupin. Vernon Miller new Rufus Grange Master.

Nov. 22. E. D. McKee to end public work after 80 years. Wheat League committees to meet Nov. 25. Moro loses final game to Heppner, dinner to be given in their honor.

Nov. 29. Moro has lower millage than average city. Garrett, Foster chosen as best players of year. Communities choose men for community offices under the soil conservation program.

Dec. 6. Tax payments boost cash in school, city tile. County officials attend conventions in Portland.

Aden Axtell Seriously Injured In Accident

Aden Axtell, city marshal, was seriously injured Sunday night about 6 o'clock when a car driven by Guy Miller of Umatilla, Oregon struck him accidentally. Aden was crossing the street to the firehouse with a linoleum rug on one shoulder, blocking his view of the car traveling north. He was watching a car passing from the south and stepped out in front of the other. Mr. Miller turned his car trying to miss him but couldn't clear him.

Mr. Axtell was taken to The Mid-Columbia Hospital in The Dalles in an ambulance. He suffered a broken hip and one of his legs was broken in three places. His face and hands were cut and bruised. They operated on his hip Monday morning and Ronald Powell, Norman Fields, J. K. McKee and Bob Marvin went down to donate blood.

Sheriff Fields was located and investigated the case. Mr. Miller was released.

The city council met Monday night and appointed Bill Edwards as temporary marshal to fill the vacancy of Mr. Axtell until he can resume his duties.

March of Dimes Campaign Sets Goal

A. A. Dunlap, chairman in the county for the March of Dimes campaign, has set the goal for \$4,000 this year. The drive continues on through January 30. Others on the committee are J. M. Wilson, Kent; Merle Becker, Moro; and E. D. McKee, Wasco.

Reports are that the drive is moving slowly and unless there is a dance the total amount will have to be raised by donations in milk bottles which can be found in most of the businesses here.

One half of the money raised locally stays in the county for the treatment of individual polio patients. The other half goes to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and is used to wage the constant scientific battles against polio.

Women's Club Hear Talk On Scotland

The Moro Women's Club held its regular meeting the 17th in the clubroom. After a brief business meeting, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, director for the afternoon, gave a very interesting talk on Scotland. She spoke of its history, customs, people and the country in general.

The First and Second grade pupils sang several songs followed by two Scotch songs, "Annie Laurie," and "Robin Adair," sung by Mrs. Collins Moore and Mrs. James MacFarlane. There were 23 members and one guest present.

Last Wednesday evening the 15th, the annual Husband's Night was held in the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Lewis McKee, president of the club, presented Mrs. T. H. Fraser, the director for the evening. "Welcome" to the husbands was given by Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder to which Dewey Thompson responded in behalf of the husbands. Several songs were sung by the group with some specialized numbers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing Chinese Checkers, Bingo, Five Hundred and pinocchio. Refreshments were served from tables made attractive in yellow and green decorations, with lighted candles in crystal holders.

Dec. 13. Wheat League program ready. Tax Study group reports to state on new revenue. D. E. Stephens dies of heart attack at Colfax.

Dec. 20. Lester Barnum elected president of Midco group. Past surplus wheat removal plans held poor. Sales tax faith reaffirmed by Wheat League.

Dec. 27. Sherman riders reorganize for more activity. Progress made in county for 1946. Weather still dry.

Claud Bayer, Herman and Carl Ziegler, Charles Perrigo, Harry Stark, Olan Stark, Dorothy Barnett and Mrs. Frank Bayer went to Dufur Monday night to attend the basketball game between Arlington and Kent with Arlington winning by a score of 47-33, which has been working on the

Legislator Tells Of New Bills Introduced

School Bill First, Proposals To Tax Gambling Devices

The first few weeks of any legislative session is the time when the proposals are made. Every one is full of pep and ideas. The ideas are talked about privately, then publicly, then written into bills.

There is never enough bill writers early in the session and the men sent over from the attorney general's office work day and night to put into proper form the ideas of legislators. Bill writing is a specialized job that is used but a few weeks each biennium and therefore has but few followers.

Most of the legislators also make a play for the publicity by harrying the hardworking newspaper men, who, after a short time as legislative reporters are able to detect the difference between a bonafide idea that might emerge as a law from one cooked up in some hot brain for publicity purposes only.

There is much written early in the sessions, because the public is interested in a fresh subject. Newspapers are full of legislative problems whereas later in the session when the actual work is done there is less said about it. It is nobody's fault; the people are just tired of it all and the editors give them what they want and delete what they don't want.

The two subjects that were hallmarked as the big problems of the session are already in. They are the bills for distributing the new school money and the tax study committee bills to change the state's tax system in some respects.

The so-called "official" school bill was first. It is a complicated thing, that divides the \$15,000,000 up in small pieces by formulas that have so far stumped all legislators intent on finding out how their own districts would fare if the bill was passed. One might have the audit of each district to compute its returns. Certainly this will not be done very soon.

A simpler proposal is being written, one that will attempt to divide the fund on a basis of educational excellence instead of financial inability or incompetence. Under the "official" bill the district with the least money would reap most. The second proposal would give the greatest aid to the district with the best schools.

There are two proposals to tax gambling devices. One is the oft tried constitutional amendment to eliminate the lottery section and the other is to levy an excise on the money obtained from such devices. Neither will have much chance, the people of Oregon not being inclined to realism in such matters. We kid ourselves by thinking that if we do not admit that there are such iniquitous things as slot machines there won't be any. Sheriffs and police officers and district attorneys and others charged with law enforcement never see the bright lights of the doped up one armed bandits. They exist by public suffering, yet the public won't tax them because it would have to admit that they exist.

It is too early to tell what kind of a session this one will turn out to be. The last one contained good material but failed to analyze its bills very carefully. Perhaps the war caused that, perhaps it was the feeling such apparently responsible men would do no wrong. Analysing bills is hard work and many do not like to do it, yet without a few questioning souls on a committee it may put out measures that do not do what they should and that must be changed again the next time.

There seems to be general agreement that the law that made all children attend school under 18 or through high school did not work. A bill to repeal it is now being written and truant officers who have had the job trying to keep some uncooperative and uninterested young men in school after they didn't want to stay will be relieved of an onerous duty. There appears to be enough sentiment around to pass it.

Amendments to HB80, the rural school district bill, have been pretty well agreed upon by the original sponsor and a committee working on the

County Court Proceedings For December; Appointments Made

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR DECEMBER 1946 AND APPROVED JANUARY 1947 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

GENERAL FUND: Naomi Van Gilder, County Treasurer, General Assistance, \$10.75; Naomi Van Gilder, County Treasurer, Old Age Assistance, \$131.60; C. Mersinger, janitor, \$99.97; James W. Jones, expense of Government Trapper, \$50.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner, \$14.00; Joe Peters, County Commissioner, \$5.70; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expenses, \$7.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., merchandise, \$1.74; T. Lester Johnson, premium on officer's bonds, \$100.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephones, \$32.10; May & Son, County Jail, \$0.70; Wasco Bakery, board of prisoners, \$3.00; Norman E. Fields, sheriff's expense, \$17.50; City of Moro, water courthouse, \$1.90; Norman E. Fields, traveling expenses outside of county, \$27.00; Robinson-Morris Engraving Co., Sheriff's office expense, \$5.76; Department of Agriculture, seals, weights and measures, \$2.56; Frank Sheppard Co., 1 yrs subscription to Sheppard's Oregon Citations, \$12.00; Chas. R. Logan, Audit of County Books, \$134.00; W. T. Balsiger, insurance on courthouse, \$282.59; Giles L. French, premium on officer's bonds, \$125.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office, \$20.95; Sheriff's office, \$8.55; Sup't. office, \$7.30; \$36.80; Public Employees Retirement System, Retirement fund, \$160.62; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$76.44; State Industrial Accident Commission, Peace Officers' protection, \$4.25; J. C. Freeman, P.M., Stamps Clerk's office, \$10.00; Sherman County Journal, County Printing, \$9.90; John M. DeMoss, labor DeMoss Springs Park, \$37.50; Sherman County Journal, Sup't. office expense, \$9.00; Science Service, Sup't. office expense, \$7.50; Wily W. Knighton, 4-H Club funds balance; Katie Geiser, Sup't. office help, \$20.25; Anaejan Knighton, Sup't. office help, \$6.00; C. A. Ruggles, office expense, \$5.15; Helen S. Ruggles, Assessor's office help, less tax \$35.86; J. C. Freeman, P.M., box rent due for quarter ending 3-31-47, \$3.15.

ROAD FUND: ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL—L. L. Peetz, \$35.75; C. Bargenholt, \$88.43; E. McPherson, \$94.67; Frank Bazzel, \$87.54; Earl Rehr, \$66.31; Pete Macnab, \$75.10; Bon Christianson, \$85.38; C. Bargenholt, \$89.62; E. McPherson, \$93.25; Frank Bazzel, \$52.32; Earl Rehr, \$83.60; Pete Macnab, \$87.02; Bon Christianson, \$83.85.

ROAD FUND ACCOUNT: Secretary of State, Miscellaneous, \$10.00; First National Bank, withholding tax, \$127.20; Public Employees Retirement, retirement fund, \$146.71; State Industrial Accident Commission, miscellaneous, \$29.31; J. K. McKee Co., tires and tubes account, \$11.15; repairs, \$97.85; \$109.00; Wasco Motor Co., repairs, \$270.09; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs, \$238.90; The Dalles Iron Works, repairs, \$5.95; Mid-Columbia Supply & Equipment Co., repairs, \$16.55; Clyde Equipment Co., repairs, \$62.20; Sunset Motor Co., repairs, \$162.55; International Harvester Co., general

supplies, \$400.43; Troutdale Lumbar & Hardware Co., general supplies, \$8.50; May & Son, miscellaneous, \$1.40; Shell Oil Co., gas & oil, \$107.25; Standard Oil Co., gas & oil, \$66.01; Union Oil Co., gas & oil, \$307.20; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous, \$0.85; Foss & Co., miscellaneous, \$0.25; Donald Martin, miscellaneous, \$242.00; National Hospital Ass'n, miscellaneous, \$3.00; City of Moro, miscellaneous, \$1.75; W. E. Kelly, miscellaneous, \$15.50.

CONDENSED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT DURING JANUARY TERM. Sheriff elect Norman E. Fields, Commissioners Vernon I. Miller and Joe Peters and Naomi Van Gilder, County Treasurer quality and are inducted into office.

Claims against County General Roads funds allowed as presented. Monthly statement of County Treasurer approved and filed.

Bid of E. F. Sharp accepted, for purchase of Tax Foreclosed property: Deed executed and delivered to purchaser.

Bid of Union Oil Company accepted, for 1947 purchases of gasoline: Standard Oil Company Bid rejected.

Favorable action taken on application of Archie M. Brand for 1947 renewal of Beer License.

Treasurer directed to retire \$5,000.00 obligation with Rogers Construction Company for purchase of Gravel Loader and to draw on Post War Sinking Fund for same.

APPOINTMENTS MADE: Sheriff Norman E. Fields appointed as County Truant Officer. T. M. Rolfe appointed as member of County Fair Board for three year term: Appointment effective January 2.

DeMoss Park Board: County Court.

County Road Viewers: L. L. Peetz, Donald Martin, Harry Pinkerton.

County Dog Damage Indemnity Board: W. E. Bruckert, Tom Douma and Kenneth Sather.

County official Newspaper: Sherman County Journal, 200 Name Jury list for 1947 drawn.

No further matters being at issue Court adjourned.

Eastern Star Install Officers In Wasco

The Annie Fulton chapter No. 124, Order of Eastern Star held their installation Tuesday evening January 14, and installed the following officers: Inez Sargent, Worthy Matron; Ernest Shull, Worthy Patron; Margilee Kaseberg, Associate Matron; LeRoy Belshae, Associate Patron; Gladys Zell, Secretary; Rosalee White, Treasurer; Evelyn Smith, conductress; Dorothy Dutton, associate; Amelia Root, chaplain; Helen Watkins, marshal; Charles Allen Tom, organist; Lorraine Tom, Adah; Betty Thomas, Ester; Marjorie Shull, Martha; Gladys Belshae, Electa; Ethel Van Gilder, warder; Gordon Harper, sentinel; Mrs. Augusta Huckle, soloist; and Rev. F. L. Cannell, song leader.

The Womens Society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. F. L. Cannell and installed Mrs. F. S. Lamborn as president; Mrs. Hilderbrand, vice-president, and other officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fulton left Wednesday for a six week vacation which they will spend in California and Arizona.

Mrs. R. H. McKee left Sunday for Spokane, Wn. to visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKee and new grandson for a couple of weeks.

At the carnival held at the High school Friday evening, Miss Patricia Hilderbrand was crowned as Queen Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKee of Spokane, Wn. are the parents of a son William Hamilton, January 16th. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McKee.

Mrs. Andrew Shearer and grandson Billy Williams spent the weekend in The Dalles where they visited Mr. Shearer.

Mrs. Hal R. White and Mrs. George Drinkard were taken to a Dalles hospital last week.

The Tuesday Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Ed Dutton after the business meeting refreshments were served.

Mrs. Norman Fields of Moro returned from The Dalles hospital and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fields.