

Shaniko Has Good Weather

The temperature the last few days has dropped to eight and ten degrees below zero and some frozen pipes were the result, but we are having beautiful sunny days to compensate.

Miss Margaret Olsen returned to Fairview, Jan. 2 to her work after spending the holidays here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rees.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carrigan were New Year's dinner guests of Mrs. Carigan's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks.

Mrs. Maude Garrett and sons were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Phifer and family.

Rev. Dixon of Prineville held services at the school house Sunday, Jan. 9.

Mr. James Phibin was business visitor in The Dalles last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Knox of Seattle were here visiting Mrs. Myrtle McLennan last Monday and she returned to Seattle to make a visit.

Wednesday, January 5, the Home extension group met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Rees for an all day meeting. Miss Harvey Leader was here in spite of bad roads and a few visitors were up from Antelope.

A birthday dinner for little Marjorie Phifers' fifth birthday at the home of her parents was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perigo and daughters, Linda and Leslie of Grass Valley and Mrs. Maud Garrett and sons and little Judy Long.

Mrs. James Phifer and daughters and Bob Garrett motored to Grass Valley on business January 7.

A worker, George Jones, from the Hinton and Ward ranch was taken to Madras by S. L. Wilson. The doctor ordered him to the hospital at Redmond. He has pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hinkle were Thursday business visitors in The Dalles.

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Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carrigan and Mrs. Garrett and sons dropped into the Phifer home to help James Phifer eat his birthday cake Wednesday evening. Bill Paterson of Maupin was also a visitor who dropped in to wish the honor guest a happy birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reckman of Kent were business visitors at Shaniko Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pajins were visitors in the valley this last week.

Bill Bardenhagen of Grass Valley visited the Andy Patjins ranch this week.

Bob Garrett motored to Redmond to take Mike Koönan to the doctor for attention to his ankle, which he has in a cast. Al is doing well with theinjuredleg.

Lester Holt returned from Grants Pass Monday where he had been visiting his son, Frank, who was injured when his truck was wrecked. He is doing fairly well but Mr. Holt says he will be a hospital patient for a long while.

The sheriff's sale of horses held at the Melville ranch for pastureage was well attended by local as well as out of town visitors. Those from outside were R. J. Kinney of Madras.

Soil Conservation District Planned

The Sherman County Land Use Committee met at the Sherman county courthouse Tuesday afternoon and discussed the possibility of establishing a Soil Conservation district covering Sherman county completely.

Soil Conservation districts are formed in Oregon under the Oregon State Conservation law. The farmers in the districts propose a petition to the Oregon Soil Conservation Committee to establish the district. If the district is supported by his committee a referendum vote is held in the county and if voting is favorable the district is formed. Districts are operated by a board of supervisors elected from among the farmers within the district. The board of supervisors by consent of operators establish various conservation practices for the individual farms within the district. These practices are organized for the purpose of controlling erosion. Many of these practices are used in the conservation program of P. M. A.

The formation of a district is a method of concentration brought about through action of the supervisors and cooperation from the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. This activity is encouraged through farm plans supplied through studies by technicians with the individual operator cooperation.

Through action of the land use committee an application has been made to the Soils department of Oregon State college for a county soil survey. This survey will include classification of all soils in Sherman county. Many counties in Oregon now have these surveys completed and are helpful in establishing land capabilities. This survey, in effect, tends to concentrate attention on the project.

SHERMAN COUNTY HISTORY (Continued from Page One)

2269, Kent 2709. Maupin, west of Kent on the Deschutes has an elevation of 1041, indicating the depth of the river canyons that surround Sherman county.

The eroding winds and rains come from the southwest and slopes that meet the weather have thinner soil than do the east and north slopes, but most of the county has a north and east slope, north to the Columbia and east to the John Day for a very small part of the county drains into the Deschutes, a few short canyons near that river and Finnegan are the only ones.

Hay Canyon, Grass Valley Cayon, Pine Hollow, Ferry, all run into the John Day river. Draw a line on a map to indicate the division of drainage areas and it will be seen how little Sherman county rainwater goes into the Deschutes river. North of Gordon ridge the drainage is to the Columbia except for a small section in the northeast corner which goes John Dayward.

As the volcanic rock broke up from the frosts of time and the volcanic dust fell over the land from erupting mountains soil was formed that stayed in the low places and provided a spot for plants to grow.

The country was covered with grass in some untold thousands of years and erosion was almost entirely stopped. The bottom land was well watered and there were many springs. Deer and antelope ranged over the hills, coyotes pursued the plentiful rabbits. Indians, with the whole northwest as a ranging ground had game aplenty. There are some places where they made camp and chipped arrow heads.

There is some evidence that the canyons of the Deschutes were once a battle ground for two tribes, one tribe of small, settled Indians and an invading tribe of larger cannibalistic Indians. But Indians apparently did not live in Sherman county to a great extent.

They came through from the south to spear fish in the spring and fall and went back with their horses laden with smoked salmon. The trails they made were narrow ones.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR TO BE IN MORO AND WASCO

A deputy collector of the Federal government will be in Moro for two days, February 8 to 10 inclusive and in Wasco February 11.

In Moro the taxpayer consecrate advice in preparing their Federal Income Tax returns for the year of 1948 at the courthouse and in Wasco at the city hall, according to information released by Hugh H. Earle, collector of internal revenue.

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"SOME STRETCH"

Englishman: "I'm living in Scotland, but my seat is still in the House of Commons."

Friend: "That must be a terrible strain on your suspenders!"

Asa Eslinger Honor Guest Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger were hosts at the Moro hotel Tuesday for an anniversary dinner celebrating the 89th birthday of Ernest's father, Asa Eslinger, of Forest Grove, who is spending the winter here.

Asa Eslinger, with his family moved to Sherman county from Missouri in 1905. He farmed in the until the fall of 1917 when he and Mrs. Eslinger moved to Forest Grove.

Those attending for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg, Gerald and Marie Blagg and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and daughters, all of Grass Valley.

Crossing between intersections is the shortest way to get where you're going—if the hospital cemetery is your destination. Otherwise, it's better to walk to the corner.

Be alert for cars on rainy days. Remember, those streets are slippery.

RUFUS ITEMS (Continued from Page 1)

meetings were decided upon. The ladies resolved to improve the grange kitchen during the year. There was also a discussion about getting curtains for the stage at the hall.

Mrs. S. A. Wilson and Mrs. Joe Morris are on a committee to see what the grange needs in the line of silver, and are authorized to purchase enough to bring the service to 75 places.

The secretary reported on the Sherman county club dinner, which was held in December, and \$11.98 was the net receipts for the club.

Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mrs. Joe Morris and Mrs. George Fox are on the committee to type the year books.

Mrs. Andy Engberg was an invited guest of the club, and twelve members were present.

The Arlington grade school basketball team motored to Rufus Friday afternoon for a game with the Rufus grade team. Arlington proved too much for the Rufus boys and came out victorious with the final score of 36 points to Rufus 24 points. Frank Adams, who was a former teacher in the Rufus school, was the coach of the Arlington boys.

The first Rufus grange card party was held January 14 at the hall. Flev tables of pinochle were in play. Winning high scores were Herbert Church and Elizabeth Kuypers, and the booby prize winners were Robert Davis and He-e-l Warner. Hostesses for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dingle and Mrs. Grace Medler.

The community sewing club will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Herman Brackett.

Mrs. Harland McDonald was a visitor in Portland last Thursday. E. C. Eaton resigned from doing the janitor work at the grange hall. Benton Barnett has accepted the job until spring work begins.

Mrs. Jim Butler of Hermiston who has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson since the birth of her daughter, Kay Francis attended the grange card party Friday night.

Mrs. Bertha Applegate of Portland who is the mother of Mrs. Wilson spent the holidays and the time since at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson. Due to a cold Mrs. Applegate was not very well when she first came, but is feeling pretty good again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck have been putting insulation in their home in Rufus. Bill sprained his back last week which has been bothering him lately.

Mrs. Pearl Jones has remained in bed at the home of her sister, Mrs. Walt Morris for the last several weeks. She overdid during the holidays, and has not been well since.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and daughter, Jeanie expect to leave Wednesday for Portland where they will transact business.

Mrs. Fay Brackett who has been ill at her folks place in The Dalles came home last Sunday. Shirley Yocum stayed with the Bracketts last week to help out as Mrs. Brackett is not supposed to do any work.

Frank Le Master who was living in Bend, and is a former Rufus school pupil, has returned to live in the community.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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The session is getting along very well and there is enough of the "easy" stuff in to give the committees something to do. Departments have done a better job than usual with amendatory bills which are usually of minor concern. Some of the "hard" stuff is

coming but the first of such bills introduced are often on the fanciful side. Much of it is in for political purposes and—or to satisfy the newspaper men who must write stories every day. Interest in the legislature is such that they want to write more than they want to at first of the session when the legislature is new and much less than they should to cover the news when the legislature is older and when it is really doing something. There's no help for it, either. Readers who peruse every line of legislative comment will be tired of it wishing it was over in a month.

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