

RUFUS NEWS

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 solution prizes went to Robert Davis and Mrs. Grace Medler. A delicious supper consisting of sandwiches, cake with whipped cream and coffee were served by the hostesses Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock and Mrs. Adeline McDonald. The next card party will be April 9.

Arriving home Wednesday was Miss Donna Smith from EOCE at La Grande. Donna came to spend her spring vacation with her mother, Mrs. Alta Smith. Sunday, Mrs. Smith took Donna as far as Pendleton where Donna caught the bus to La Grande on her way back to school for the next quarter.

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Leaving Sunday was Miss Eleanor Fox for Oregon State college. Eleanor had spent her spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Fox.

The Rufus school are planning a school Prom to be held some time in April.

Making a business trip to Goldendale Monday was Mrs. Alta Smith and her brother, Clifford Trumbo.

Mrs. Catherine Boise returned Sunday to school at Monmouth.

Mrs. Jim Butler and their three children joined Mr. Butler, and are living in Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Butler and children spent the winter here in Rufus at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson.

Judge C. A. Tom is interested in scrapbooks. He has one of the most interesting ones in this community.

On March 24, Mrs. James Moble of Eugene was an overnight guest of her mother, Mrs. R. T. Dingle. From here she went to The Dalles to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harold Engberg before returning to her home in Eugene.

Going to Troutdale to watch the smelt run Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dingle.

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Saturday evening Alex Macnab of The Dalles, but a resident of Rufus until a few years ago passed quietly away.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Rice are the proud parents of a new daughter born Friday morning at a hospital in The Dalles. The Rices have two other children, Jessie and Vincena.

Miss Eleanor Fox, who is a student in Education at Oregon State arrived home Saturday for a ten day spring vacation. She was accompanied home by Wallace E. High, an U of O medical student in Portland, who was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. Wallace left Sunday evening for Seaside to spend the remainder of his spring vacation with his parents.

Miss Donna Smith, daughter of Mrs. Alta Smith is expected to arrive home Wednesday evening from EOCE in La Grande for a short spring vacation.

Elton Medler, son of Mrs. Grace Medler was to arrive home the first of the week from OSC where he has been attending school. Elton intends to help with the spring plowing so will not return for the spring quarter.

Grass Valley News

Continued from Last Week
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alley left Friday for Portland on business and to visit relatives returning home Sunday.

Donald Clodfelter came home Monday from Portland where he spent several weeks for medical attention. Miss Carol Clodfelter, a student at OSC came home with her father to spend the spring vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain and family of Tygh Valley spent Saturday here visiting at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark.

Dell Olds took his daughter, Mrs. Marion Crews to her home in Stevenson, Wash., Wednesday, after spending a few days here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Roberts and children arrived Thursday from Corvallis to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Louie Davis on Friday. They spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox. Mr. Roberts and the oldest son returned to their home Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Cox took Mrs. Roberts and two children to their home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baumgartner and family were visitors in Redmond Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Wilt of Portland and Mrs. E. H. Moore of Moro were callers Monday at the home of Mrs. Fred Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith of The Dalles were business visitors here Tuesday.

The City of Grass Valley is having the drainage ditch through the city dug out by a ditching machine, which will help take care of the flood waters.

Miss Dolores Rice returned to her home in Holley Monday after spending over three months working for Mrs. Eaklin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe had as their guests over the week end her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. John Larson from Portland.

Mrs. Herman Peters went to The Dalles Monday where she entered the hospital for medical attention.

John Rolfe, Everett Dunlap and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe were in Goldendale Friday transacting business.

Mrs. Grover Young went to The Dalles Friday where she entered the Mid-Columbia hospital for medical attention. Mr. Young went to The Dalles Tuesday to bring Mrs. Young home.

NEW MEAT WRAPS SHOWN AT OSC LOCKER SCHOOL

Two improved methods of meat wrapping were demonstrated at a two-day school for frozen food locker operators at Oregon State college recently. One consists of a bag made to cling to a chicken or other meat by creating a partial vacuum, thus excluding air from around the meat. The other is a wax dip method.

About 175 operators attended the school which proved so popular a request was made that it be repeated next year. Orvel Berry, Prineville, was elected president of the Oregon Frozen Food Locker association in a business meeting during the school.

Wasco O.E.S. Gives Honors

Members and visitors of Annie Fulton Chapter No. 124, Order of the Eastern Star of Wasco gathered at the Masonic hall on the evening of March 22 for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Frances Hazen Davis, worthy matron from Aurojia Grande, Calif., who had previously resided in Sherman county was among visitors present. Mrs. Davis was escorted and welcomed in the East, receiving a corsage from Mrs. Leon Smith, worthy matron.

During the session initiation ceremonies were held. Mrs. Tracy Fields received the degrees and was presented with a white Bible from the chapter.

In honor of Charter members and Past Matrons and Patrons of the chapter, a most impressive degree was given by the worthy matron and other officers.

In this, assisting with the musical background were Mrs. LeRoy Belshee, Mrs. Leonard Fields Mrs. Norman Gochner and Mrs. Allen Tom. Mr. Allen Tom was at the piano.

A spray of lavender sweet peas and maiden hair fern was laid upon the altar in memory of charter members and past matrons and patrons who have gone before.

Names of all surviving charter members were read. Present were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Root, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper, Mrs. H. A. van Gilder and Mrs. G. A. Sargent. Being escorted to the East, these members were presented with candle mementos and were seated within the garden.

Past matrons present were: Mrs. Lydia Darby, Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Charles Everett, Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, Mrs. Estelle Haller, Mrs. Hugh Huch, Mrs. Mal McDermid, Mrs. G. H. Root, Mrs. G. A. Sargent, Mrs. H. A. van Gilder and Mrs. Paulen Kaseberg. Past Patrons, were Hildred Zell, Gordon Harper, Roy Belshee, G. H. Root, E. E. Shull and LeRoy Belshee.

Members of the hostess committee were Mrs. Leon Smith and Mrs. LeRoy Belshee. Mrs. Carl Tuggle assisted with the decorations.

Field Training Can Be Fun, Too!



These U. S. Army recruits find that field problems can be fun as well as interesting work. They learn the techniques of weapon firing and the importance of coordination and cooperation with others. The Army today offers many opportunities for education, advancement, and an excellent career.

Sherman County History

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Feed for the stage horses at Price's station was hauled from the Gould ranch southeast of Moro, that being the nearest place to get hay. Later Price did plant a few acres to hay but had little luck with it. Land that now produces remarkable crops of wheat and other grains apparently took up its agricultural duties with reluctance for early day crops were poor in indications of eventual value.

Stockmen were getting thicker and some men were coming in with intentions of turning the big bunchgrass under and establishing themselves as farmers. As 1880 approached the day of unrestricted stock raising became limited.

The country was assuming some of the aspects of civilization. Eaton had his postoffice established in 1878 and there was also an Eaton precinct with officers elected. Henry Barnum was justice of peace and John Fulton was constable. Dr. Rollins had settled in Grass Valley where the town is located and had built him a stopping place. He also kept some drugs and practiced medicine, going great distances by horseback to minister to the ill and broken of the pioneer territory.

The site of Grass Valley has a peculiar reputation for early day travelers reported that the rye grass that grew there was as high as a man's head, even when the man was on horseback. Those who can remember the huge grass will be the last to deny the possibility of that story.

Men were beginning to thresh some of the grain grown. Rollins raised and threshed some wheat in 1879 although Jesse Eaton had threshed rye in 1874. Neither had a machine and had done the work by hand, or had tramped out the grain with horses and winnowed it by the wind. Sam Price had also done a little threshing.

The first threshing machine was brought across the Deschutes from Wasco county in 1881

by John Fulton and William Walker. It was moved by way of Sherar's bridge, in existence since 1872, and about 200 sacks of wheat threshed for Price and three or four hundred for the Fultons.

The year 1880 brought an end to an era for Sherman county. The first period for its history was that of discovery and early day events and continues up to 1840 when the first families came across the county. Indiana

women probably, but families nevertheless. The exact date was 1842.

The next period continued to 1860 and this was the time when emigrants moved across the county going to other places. They obtained some information about the county, saw its luxuriant bunchgrass, fed their weakened oxen on it, felt the restless wind and moved on, their eyes set on another land.

About 1860 some settlement began. William Graham probably settled on the Deschutes in 1858 and Tom Scott located on the John Day at the crossing a short time later.

Until 1880 the county did not settle very fast. It was a time of stockmen and small stockmen at that. Let's try to picture what the county looked like in 1880.

The census for the Eaton Precinct of Wasco county for 1880 taken from June 10 to 19 showed 146 persons of whom two were Chinamen. The original is in the National archives in Washington but a film is in the state library at Salem. No description of the precinct is given and it may have included more than Sherman county, probably went farther south at least.

Of these 146 there were 11 Eatons from Jesse, 53, to James just born. There were 13 Gordons, although all might not have been of the same family. There was John, Brittanica, Frank and David Fulton, John Van Patten, a minister and five other Van Pattens; Joseph McCoy, Ann, Owen and Ellihue Scott, William and Samantha Girking and their brood of five children, Henry T. Jory, Charley and Emery Barzee, Mary Miller, 33, the head of a family and Stella 16, Charles 13, James 10, Joseph 8 and Lella 5. There were four Prices including Martin, who was Martin Masiker and, the first white child born in the county.

These are about all the names recognizable in the list. Barnum was living in The Dalles at the time. No mention is made of Mackin, Finnegan, Ingleman, or Rollins. Some mentioned were probably laborers and some are called "borders" in the original spelling of the days. Many were unemployed and no doubt some were workers on the railroad which was then building through Sherman county. In fact, one Carl Warner, 42, of Vermont was listed as a railroad engineer. Continued in a Later Issue

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. F. Claude Stephens were in Klamath Falls for a few days visiting their children. The returned to Wasco in time for Sunday services.

William Edwards underwent an operation at a hospital in The Dalles last week. He is getting along nicely and will be home before too long. His sisters, Mrs. Jake Douma of Wheeler and Mrs. Rose Dickenson of Springfield were here over the weekend.

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