

### Shower Given At Rufus For Nell Coats, Bride To Be

By Mrs. George L. Fox

Gay small paper umbrellas were strung across the room, at a bridal shower given for Nell Coats Friday afternoon at the Rufus grange hall. Bouquets of red peonies and snowballs also decorated the hall as the women of the Rufus church were sponsors. The gifts were placed on a table covered with a gay cloth. After each one present made a special wish to the guest of honor, Mrs. James Tate imitated commercials on the radio. Mrs. Bill Myers guessed the most right and received the prize. Mrs. Fay Brackett then read an imaginary journey taken by Nell and her fiancé, and the guests were to name the parts of the car that went bad, during the trip. Mrs. Harland McDonald named the most parts for which she received a gift.

Miss Coats was assisted by Miss Darlene Smith when she opened her gifts for the pleasure of all. She received many lovely and useful things to use in her new home. The hostesses served refreshments of cake and punch.

Out of town guests included Mrs. L. E. Langford of The Dalles, Mrs. Elton Eakin of Grass Valley, a sister of Miss Coats; Mrs. Borland and her daughter, Mrs. Bushe of Dufur. Mrs. Borland is a great aunt of Miss Coats.

The women in charge were Mrs. Fay Brackett, Mrs. Adrian Roberts, Mrs. John Mathieson, Mrs. W. E. Rice and Mrs. James Tate.

Miss Coats' wedding to Har-

old Melzer will be an event of June 25 held at the church in Moro.

Sunday evening as the George Foxes were driving down Gerking canyon to Rufus, they were surprised to see a turtle crossing the road about a half mile south of Rufus. Very few turtles have ever been seen around this part of the county. This one was approximately eight inches in diameter across the back, and seemed in a traveling mood.

A coyote was seen by Mrs. Alta Smith in the vicinity of the old cemetery at Emigrant Springs. It was the first one seen for sometime in the wheat fields.

While haying on the Fox ranch a rattle snake with ten rattles was found and killed. Several small rattle snakes have been killed this year along the John Day river.

Friday and Saturday it was quite sultry here, but with all the threatening of rain, there was only a sprinkle. The ground still holds a lot of the moisture which the weatherman let down last Monday.

The Columbia river is high again, but not as high as it was in 1948 when it got in the Rufus orchards and basements. The John Day river is backed up as far as the old Lester place, and the river is very muddy.

Cherry picking started on the Joe Morris place Saturday, but they report a light crop.

Going down Biggs canyon, it's literally a flower garden with the mock orange blossoms blooming profusely. Usually these blooms are out and ready for Decoration day, but they were late this year.

The Rufus Missionary society met last Thursday with Mrs. Adrian Roberts for their month-

ly meeting. They studied about the church in Japan and some of the Christian leaders there which was quite interesting. The ladies also drew names for a secret pal.

Last Thursday the Rufus boys motored to The Dalles to return the soft ball game which they have been playing with the church members there. They played on the ball diamond in Thompson's Addition and won from The Dalles team again.

The Rufus church is holding daily Vacation Bible school starting Monday, June 19, and ending June 30. Mrs. Helen Dawson from Kansas is here to supervise and the classes are taught by Mrs. Luther Steward, Miss Lois Coats, and Mrs. Fay Brackett. The teachers are assisted by Miss Dottie Steward, Miss Evelyn Van Tassel and Buzz Brand.

The Boys' Model Airplane club met last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rice.

Marvin Langford of Seattle, Wn., has been visiting with his cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett.

The grange dance at Rufus tended, and the grange expects Saturday night was well at to hold a dance every two weeks at the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson returned late Saturday night from Ontario where they went to attend state grange. The Wilson's were gone all week, as the sessions began last Monday. It was their first state grange convention, so they enjoyed it. S. A. Wilson is the Rufus grange master and Mrs. Wilson is the secretary of the grange.

Due to the absence of the grange master, Bill Huck, the overseer, presided at the regular meeting Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Benton Barnett sent in their resignation from the grange. Curtis Neal was elected to serve as gatekeeper and Mrs. Curtis Neal as Flora, offices held by the Barnetts.

Frank Smith was elected director for three years on the Rufus school board at the annual meeting held Monday afternoon in Rufus. Joe Morris was the outgoing chairman. Mrs. Harland McDonald will again serve as clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland John-

son were business visitors in Portland over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab left Saturday for Lebanon where on Sunday they attended the wedding of Mrs. Macnab's nephew, Billy Brady. Sunday night they came as far as Dufur to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Ad-dington who kept the two girls while their parents were away. The family got home Monday.

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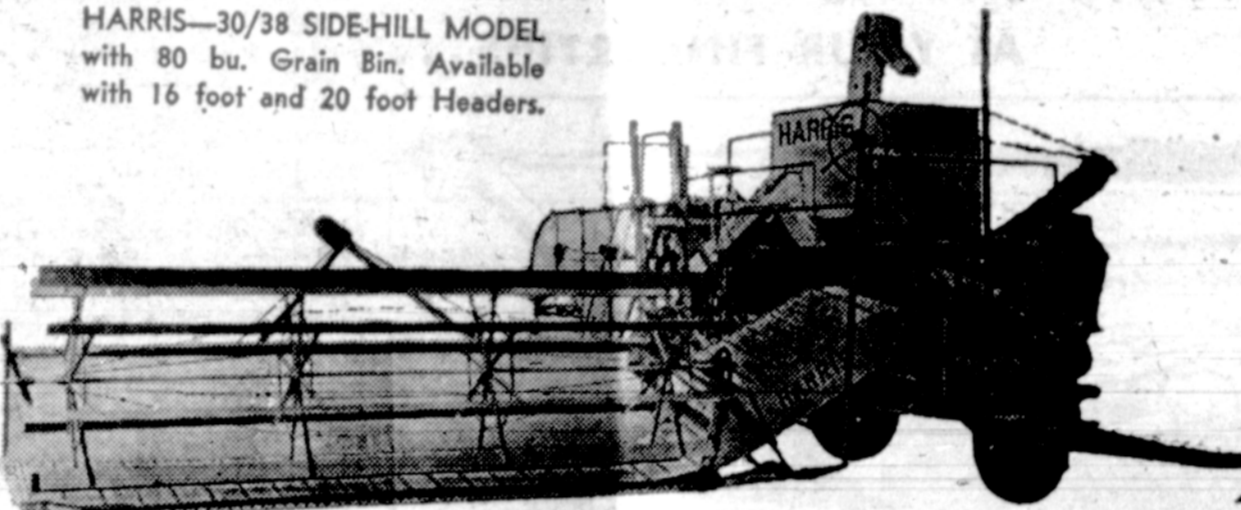
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