Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox

Here is a summary of the history of the Rufus grange. Thanks to Mrs. Atlee Wilson, secretary of the grange for furnishing the material.

On February 19, 1935, a small group of people met in one room of the present grange hall for the purpose of organizing a Grange. District Deputy Charles Wicklander called the meeting to order, and after a thorough explanation of grange work a charter list of 23 members was signed. Those on the charter roll were Mrs. Margarett Leff, Charles Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kuypers, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Addington, Catherine Tom (now Mrs. Mel LeMay), Hugh S. Mathieson, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brackett, Vernon McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. William Huck, Mary Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ross N. Guilford, Pearl Addington (now Mrs. Jewel Herin) and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brady.

At this meeting two officers were elected: Ross Guilford, master and Mary Brackett, lacturer. It was voted to hold next meeting on March 5. This second meeting was called to order by Arthur Futter of Harlandview grange. The following officers were elected and installed. Will Huck overseer; Arnold Brady, steward; Hugh Mathieson, assistnat steward; Mrs. John Addington, chaplain; Mrs. Ross Guilford, treas.; John Addington, gatekeeper; Mrs. Arnold Brady, lady assistant steward; Mrs. Will Huck, Ceries; Mrs. Atlee Wilson, Pomona; Mrs. Glen Thompson, Flora; Mrs. H. H. Brackett, Charles Kuypers and Glen Thompson as executive committee. The county deputy, Luther Davis was the installing officer.

With all officers elected and installed, there was now an organized grange in Rufus. March 16 the grange voted to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8:00 p. m. That is the day and hour the grange still meets.

The grange continued to meet in the one small room rented from Mrs. Helen Deyo and what was formerly the old Rufus school house, until the present Rufus school was built in 1927. The grange was growing fast and was in need of more room. In May, 1936 the grange was able to get all the main hall for the meetings, and continued to prosper and grow. Then when they again felt crowded for room, they purchased from Mrs. Deyo on Dec. 21, 1939 the entire hall and grounds which they now own.

The grange members have improved the hall immensely since buying it. However, there are still plans to make it more attractive. Some of the improvements are electric lights instead of gasoline lamps, oil heaters in place of coal heaters, a new floor, new roof, installing rest room, remodeling kitchen and many smaller projects. A partition was taken out, merging two rooms for the main hall. The main hall was redecorated and drapes hung.

The grange at Rufus feel it has accomplished a great deal over the years, and are proud of the grange. They have 92 members on the roll of which 10 of them are charter members. At the first birthday party of Rufus grange Roy Bozarth now deceased made and decorated the birthday cake.

The grange is located in the center of Rufs town, and is the scene of many community gatherings, meetings, showers and social events, an asset to the community.

87 Years Separate Sherman, U.P. Turbine

COMPARISON	Turbine	Sherman
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7,200 gals.	Fuel Capacity	2 cords

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The Women's town team gave the Rufus high school girls a trimming Friday night when they fought a volleyball game. It was with the help of recent graduates that the town team made out so well. The recent graduates were Donna Smith, Mrs. Dick Peck, Mrs. Don Robison, Mrs. Keith Thompson, and Miss Lorraine Millard. At the half the score was 21 for the girls, and 10 for the town team. The town team was ahead at the end of the game 32 to 29.

The St. Mary's high school played a good game with the Rufus Wolves Friday night. But Rufus proved the superior team. At the quarter the score tied at 6 to 6. At the half, Rufus had 24 and St. Mary's 10. The third quarter saw Rufus forge ahead to 37 points and St. Mary's had 15. Rufus didn't quite double the score at the end. They had 44 to St. Mary's 24 points.

Jack Steward was high point man for Rufus with 18 points. Paul Blackburne and Al Blake tied with 7 points. George Fox Jr. had 6, Buzz Brand 5 and Ronald Douglas 1.

Rufus grangers outnumbered Harlandview in membership when the Sherman county Pomona grange met at Harlandview Saturday. A bountiful dinner was served at noon.

Pomona master Charles Burnet opened the meeting. He was assisted by Roland Johnson, overseer, Mrs. Louis Sather, chaplain; Mrs. George Fox, lecturer; Dewey Thompson, steward; Mrs. Charles Burnet, secretary; Mrs. Sam Brock, treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson, assistant stewards, Sam Brock, gatekeeper; Mrs. Clarence Higley, Pomona, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Ceres; Mrs. Earl Gentry, Flora; Will Huck and Walt Bruckert on the executive committee. Mrs. Mollie McLachlan was at the piano playing marches and accompanying songs.

Walter Bruckert former Pomona master gave the obligation to Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti and Earl Gentry. Mrs. Roland Johnson, county deputy, was escorted to the master's station. Walt Bruckert on the agriculture committee said there's going to be a meeting called in the near future to discuss ways and means for installing road signs.

Louis Sather on the legislative committee gave a talk on water rights. It was reported Charles Burnet and Louis Sather audited the grange books, and found them inorder. Both granges of the county gave their report. Rufus invited Pomona for the next meeting May 31.

The grange decided to buy three new sashes for the executive committee. It was announced Howard Belshee, a former member of Sherman county grange had suffered a heart attack and was in a hospital in The Dalles.

Judge Curt Tom was reported in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland after an operation. The new Pomona pass word was given to the members by master.

The lecturer's program began by all singing „It's a Good Thing To Be a Granger„; a reading on George Washington by Mrs. Roland Johnson; Bill Huck gave a talk on grange insurance; Tommy Higley played a clarinet solo entitled, "Pals Polka Waltz"; George Fox gave a recitation on taxes; Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald put on a skit entitled, "Selling the Farm"; and the program ended with all singing, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robison and small daughter of Portland were Friday night guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne. Audrey Blackburne of The Dalles was also home that night to see her sisters compete with each other in volleyball at Rufus school.

Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti was a week end guest of the George Fox family.

Leonard Jordan is home convalescing from a recent operation.

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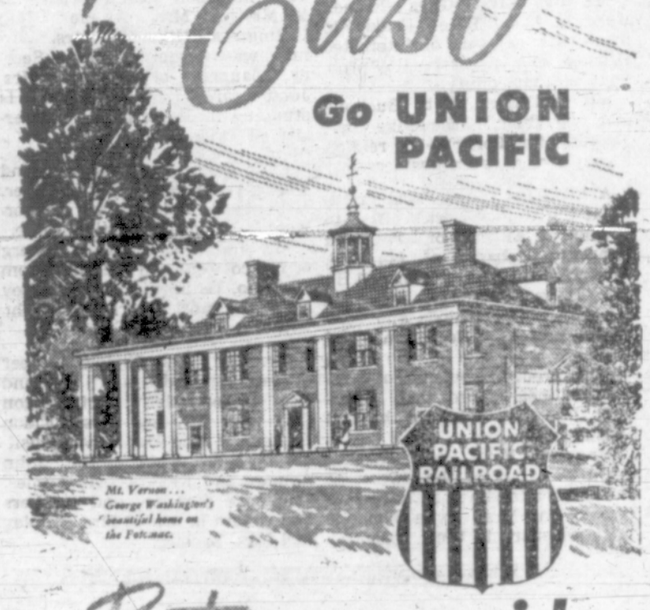

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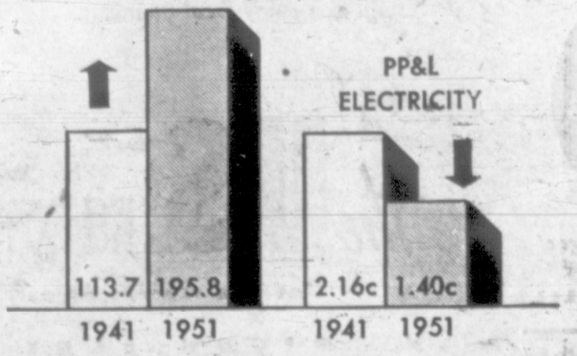

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