

Rufus News

(By Mrs. George L. Fox)

The Rufus school annual Christmas program was presented at the school gym Thursday evening.

The primary room gave its play, "The Dolls That Wait". After Santa had started on his trip with a load of toys, Mrs. Santa sets about to devise some plan to make the dolls happy who were left behind in the toy shop.

She uses her wishing cap to call the Queen of the Fairies, who in turn makes the toys come to life. They join in a program of speaking and singing.

Among the primary songs are "Toyland", "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer", "Here comes Santa Claus", "Daddy's Little Cowboy", "Away in a Manager" and "Silent Night". They join the upper grades in singing, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful".

A medley of Christmas carols sung by the upper grades was followed by their one act play, "Christmas House", by Helen Waite and Elbert Hoppensted. The main characters in this play were Mary Jo Power as Margery and Norman Austin as Clifford. Other students played parts.

The high school students sang, "Winter Wonderland" and "Silver Bells". After that Santa Claus appeared to hand out bags of candy and nuts to the children present.

Cries of delight even tears of fright, greeted Santa Claus when he visited Rufus school Wednesday morning bringing his annual present of candy

the custom of a yearbook and the class used the name Arrowhead. Inasmuch as schools usually have different names for its papers and annuals so that they can easily be distinguished from each other, the students decided to revive the former name, The Quiver for the yearbook and continue Arrowhead for the paper.

Rufus high students spent Thursday decorating for the Christmas program. They put up the trees in the gym and hall. The students drew names for exchange gifts. The upper grades also decorated the hall by putting a fireplace with Santa Claus coming down. Each room had a gift exchange Friday.

Thursday the Letterman's club held its initiation in the lunch room and gym. Boys initiated were Howard Harness, Jim Hardisty and Russell Blake. Russell Blake, twisting a hole in his house managed to stutter a number of reasons why he didn't like his big brother, Al. Howard Harness and Jim Hardisty gave reasons pro and con as to the merits of taking typing.

A race in which the Girls Athletic association girls and the Letterman boys pushed a basketball across the gym floor and back with their heads, resulted in a general paddling for mistakes made.

Carrying trays and doing dishes completed the days events.

Elaine Eaton and Lola Johnson were initiated into the Girls Athletic association, Thursday in the gym and lunch room also. At a general assembly, Lola Johnson gave an alphabet



HERO WEDS . . . Nearly two years ago, just before he went overseas, a soldier and a sweetheart attended services in a San Bernardino, Calif., church and swore to wed after he returned from service. He, Joseph Rodriguez, came back with a Congressional Medal of honor, and here he is after marriage with Rose Aranda. They are honeymooning in Mexico City.

America.

The lecturer, Mrs. William O'Brien, put on the Christmas program at the Rufus grange Saturday night. The tree in all its splendor stood at one side of the stage. Other appropriate decorations were used about the room.

Opening the program was a prayer by Chaplain Mrs. Roland Johnson. The crowd then sang "Joy To The World" with Mrs. O'Brien at the piano.

James Tate and W. T. Little gave a violin duet, "Oh Holy Night" accompanied by Mrs. Little. "Winter Wonderland" & "Silver Bells" were sung by the Rufus high school chorus with Elaine Eaton at the piano. Mrs. Joe Morris gave a Christmas reading.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tate sang "Watchman Tell Us of the Night" accompanied by Mrs. Little at the piano and Mr. Little on the violin.

Charles Wilson, sang "White Christmas" accompanied on the piano by his mother, Mrs. Charles Wilson. James Tate then gave a reading followed by the group singing several Christmas carols.

Santa Claus appeared to hand out gifts and Christmas treats to the people present, about a hundred.

Fifteen Rufus grangers motored to Chenoweth grange Thursday night to see Ramsey Park put on the work there. The Rufus and Wasco Christmas programs on that night prevented those with children from attending the Visitation. Going were Sam Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Harland McDonald Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Ardy Engberg, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams, Mr. and Mrs. William Huck, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris.

Fossil came to Rufus Friday night to have games here. The Fossil girls' volleyball team cleaned the Rufus girls fair and square, beating them all the way.

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The boys basketball team did not fare as well. Rufus got quite a lead in the first quarter then Fossil slipped up to within one point of Rufus. For a while the game was real close which made it exciting for the spectators. Then Al Blake hit his stride and Rufus drew ahead by 14 points. The final score was 56 to 42. Al Blake was high point man with 31 to his credit and George Fox was next with 10.

The Rufus girls lost their ball game to Mosier Tuesday night when they went there to play.

However, the Rufus boys came out victorious in their game. So far out of five games they have lost only one when St. Mary's beat them on an overtime play.

Mrs. Earl Weatherford and infant son, Grant Earl, were dismissed from the hospital Sunday. They will be guests of Mrs. Weatherford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fox for awhile.

Last week snow fell here several nights towards the end of the week. However, the ground wasn't frozen so the old snow was melted by the next night. The ground puddles that stood in the roads were frozen Sunday morning. West wind and sunshine smiled on the community Monday bringing with it a look of spring in the air!

Intended For Last Week

After the Rufus grange meeting which Rolland Johnson, master, presided over there was a more comical than useful shower for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams. Harland McDonald was host, and had the honored couple encircled by the men to which the gifts were passed around. Afterwards Harland assisted by his wife Mrs. McDonald served chili beans, crackers, dixie cups and coffee to the fifty guests.

The roll call was on Christmas recipes when the Home Ec. club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Grace Medler with her daughter Mrs. Harry Adams as co-hostess. The rooms were de-

corated with Christmas settings. Mrs. Rolland Johnson, chairman, opened the business meeting after the dessert lunch of plum pudding, punch and coffee was served by the hostesses. Mrs. Johnson presided at the punch bowl while Mrs. Harland McDonald served the coffee.

The main topic for the afternoon was the turkey dinner and bazaar the club was having.

Mrs. Johnson said at the grange dance January 10, the women who brought cakes for the supper, bring sandwiches and vice-versa for those who brought sandwiches. The proceeds of the dance and lunch January 24 the grange is having are to go to the Polio Fund.

As there is no hostess for the next meeting, the club will meet at the grange hall January 8 at 2 p. m. There will be pot luck dinner at night. The grange meeting will take place afterwards, as grange didn't want to meet on New Year's day, the regular date.

Slips of paper were passed out for members to help with ideas for the Year book.

The secretary-treasurer instructed to make out a financial report of the year's work at the next meeting. Mrs. Will Huck won the drawing.

Mrs. Leonard Jordan, the postmistress at Rufus issued the following word of warning to the community: Do not wait till the last minute to mail your Christmas mail. The mails are congested at this time and it takes a week for a parcel to cross the United States in ordinary times. Keep all seals off the face of parcels and letters on the address side. Two cents will take the Christmas cards



TRADES G.I. SOCKS FOR ARGYLES . . . At Fort Monmouth, N.J., Ed "Whitey" Ford, young southpaw pitching star plots a pair of flashing argyle socks to symbolize his transition from soldier to civilian. The New York Yankee hurler was discharged from the army recently. He aided the Yankees in their stretch drive in 1950.

anywhere in the United States, but will not forward or return them to you. If in doubt send them first class, also three cents will give them faster service. The new mail hours for Rufus are incoming parcel post 8 p. m. Incoming letter and paper mail 11 a. m. All outgoing mail 4 p. m. Pack-wrap and tie parcels well. You are the one responsible for the condition in which they arrive.

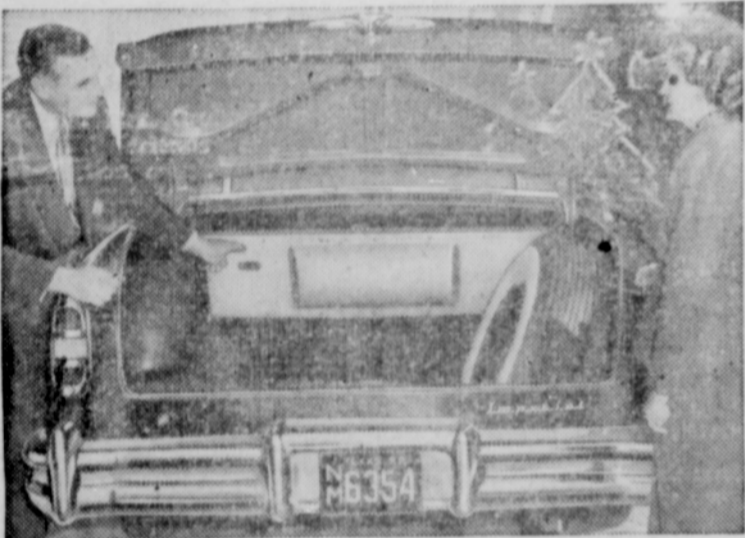
A son was born Monday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford of Arlington. The boy weighed in at nine pounds ten ounces. This is the first child of

the Weatherfords and the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox of Rufus, and of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weatherford of Arlington.

The Rufus grange is laying out its Christmas program, according to Mrs. William O'Brien lecturer. The date is December 20 at 8 p. m. and according to custom there will be a gift exchange. The gifts to be a nominal sum.

Coming from The Dalles to attend the bazaar at Rufus Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard . . . and Mrs. Mary Wilson.

FIRST AIR CONDITIONED CHRYSLER DELIVERED



The first Chrysler equipped with Chrysler Corporation's newly developed automobile air conditioning unit has been delivered to a Houston, Texas, buyer. The new unit—the highest capacity air conditioning system yet developed for use in passenger automobiles and the first in the industry to be quantity produced—is a result of 13 years of research. Drawing 25 percent of its air supply from outside the car, this fresh air system gives the fastest cool-down time of any unit yet developed. The picture shows J. H. Horn, sales manager of Judd-Munroe Motors of Houston, Texas, explaining the unit's operation to Mrs. Arden B. Judd, the first buyer of a car so equipped.

from Sunset Motors in The Dalles to the school children.

The Quiver, the former name of the Rufus high school yearbook found immediate favor among the students of Rufus high thus ending the contest and necessity for changing the name of the school paper.

After publication of the last issue of the school paper "The Arrowhead" announcing the contest for changing its name so as to avoid conflict with two publications of the same in the school, several alumni reported to various students that The Quiver had originally been the name of the yearbook. After a lapse of a few years, Mrs. Brady, a former principal, revived

summary of reasons why she liked herself. Elaine Eaton gave various reasons why she didn't like English. In spite of their best efforts they failed to comply and were paddled according to the number of errors.

At noon the initiates were required to carry trays and assist the cook by doing the dishes.

The upper grade room drew names at Thanksgiving time and opened their gifts Friday, December 19.

The upper grade room is going to enter the Sherman county historical contest. The prizes are first \$3.00 and second, \$2.00.

The sixth graders are giving reports on Canada. The fifth graders are giving reports on

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A milk carton makes handy mailing container for cookies. Cut top of milk carton on three sides. Pack cookies together with a few marshmallows which act as humidors to retain moisture, keep cookies fresh longer. When filled, seal top of milk carton with tape.

Wet cord before wrapping packages for mailing. As it dries, cord shrinks, making tighter, safer package. Names and addresses on packages will

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remain legible if you give them a coat of clear nail polish, before sending. Thanks very much for your patronage of our local business during this past year. And Happy 1953!

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