

### Rufus Personals

(By Mrs. George L. Fox)

Rufus grange had a nice dance at its hall Saturday night despite so many people at the tournament in The Dalles.

Mrs. Robert Byrd will entertain the Home Ec club at her home on March 12.

Word has been received in Rufus that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Willard of Portland have a new daughter. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson of Rufus and Herb Willard of Biggs.

The Rufus orchards have been beautiful with their white apricot blooms on for several weeks now.

Miss Joan Brackett the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett was taken to The Dalles hospital Saturday with an appendicitis attack. But it was reported Joan was resting comfortably.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab went to Portland last week to get their daughter Jeannie's artificial leg repaired after she broke it while at school.

George Fox was a visitor in Hermonston the first of the week.

Over the last weekend, the Rufus community was still talking about the spectacular shot Paul Blackburne made with the basketball at the district tournament in The Dalles Kurtz gym Saturday night. Rufus, the next to the smallest high school in the state, scored with a victory over Moro Wednesday. Then came back to do it again Thursday by a victory over Culver. Rufus went down to defeat Friday when Heppner came out with a win over them. For the Saturday game Rufus was pitted against Arlington. Rufus led the first half then the score was tied on several occasions. Rufus was ahead up until the last minute of play during the last quarter, but when someone fouled Rich Sherrill who made both foul shots to give Arlington a one point lead over Rufus, the crowd thought had the game in the bag. Then the ball was tossed to Paul Blackburne who dribbled down the floor as close as he thought the time allowed, then shot out the ball with everything he had to cover the distance. It couldn't have been closer than one third of the gym floor. The whistle blew just as the ball neatly went through the basket without touching the sides of the hoop giving Rufus a one point lead.

Paul's team mates went wild with joy as they grabbed him up and carried him about the gym to the cheers of their followers. This made Rufus third place in the tournament for which they received a lovely white trophy. Rufus thinks the trophy looks pretty nice in its glass show case in the main hall at the school. Al Blake, Rufus center was chosen as an All Star on the first basketball string.

This wasn't the first time Rufus basketball team made showings at the tournament. Back in 1934 the team came through winning all their games until the last day game. Then Rufus lost by one point, making second place, for which they were awarded a trophy.

Donald Douglas of Rufus school was chosen as an All-Star on the Wheat Timber league football team of last fall. Al Blake received honorable mention.

The bird bill and yellow bell wild flowers are seen on the pasture lands.

Spring plowing is getting under way at a good many of the ranches at this time in the surrounding area.

Rufus grange entertained the tri-granges (Hood River, Wasco and Sherman) at its hall last Thursday night. Parkdale grange opened and closed the meeting.

All the Rufus officers were found present when Rolland Johnson, master, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Home Ec chairman, showed a doll which will have a complete ward robe and -chest to keep her clothes in to go with her when the drawing is held at a later date. Chances were sold on the doll. Those buying chances need not be present to win.

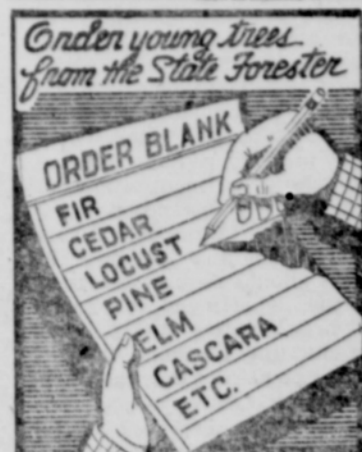
George Fox, legislative chairman spoke of Joe Stallins death which happened that day. Mr. Fox said there weren't too many bills passed at the legislature so far.

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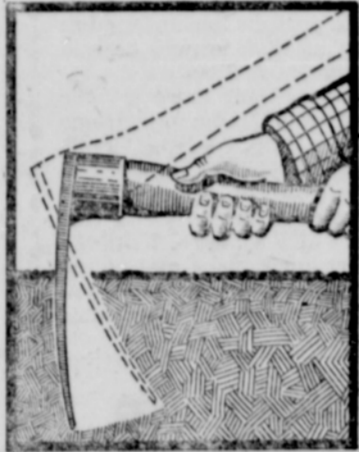
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Curtis Neal, agricultural chairman spoke on chemicals for spraying. Bill Huck, insurance agent, said the agents must be careful to investigate their risks before selling insurance.

Mrs. Atlee Wilson, secretary, read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. William Macnab thanking the grange members for what they did for their daughter Kay. Mrs. Wilson also read a note from the Harlandview grange saying they will have their visitation March 21 at the Moro school house. The master said the application cards for new members should be in right away. The executive committee worked its way into the hall.

For the lecturers program Mrs.

George Fox had all stand and shake hands and sing, "How Do You Do". This was followed by Mrs. Rolland Johnson reading a story Mrs. Fox wrote on the families experience raising a wild raven. Mrs. Leo Watkins sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Out Where The West Begins." Sam Brock gave a talk on conditions in Sherman county when he came here in 1888. To the amusement of the crowd he told the methods of wheat farming at that time. The program ended with Mr. and Mrs. Will Huck putting on a good skit which all enjoyed.

After the meeting supper was served to the 219 grangers and one visitor present, Mrs. Mary Wilson's sister from Portland. The

grangers were from Harlandview, 13, Rufus 48, Barlow Gate 2, Pine Grove, Cherry Park 32, Rockfort 9, Ramsey Park 5, Chenoweth 51, Parkdale 23, Mosier 14 and Mill Creek 14.

#### COUNTY RAMBLIN'S

By County Agent  
March 7 to 15 has been set apart for the observance of National 4-H Club Week with the theme "Working Together for World Understanding". We want to congratulate the over 120 Sherman county 4-H club boys and girls and their leaders during this time.

Through 4-H work, they're learning responsibility—cooperation—thrift—and hard work. The program helps them develop leadership and good citizenship, to serve America as loyal and useful citizens. They learn by doing, in their project work, better practices in agriculture and home economics.

"Make the Best Better" is the slogan for 4-H club boys and girls. Through the 4-H's they pledge their "Head to clearer thinking, Heart to greater loyalty, Hands to larger service, and Health to better living for their club, community, and country."

Four-H club goals are: "finish what I begin, do my very best, then, make my best better, play fairly, be honest, help others, practice good health habits, be clean, neat, and on time, be courteous at all times, be my own best exhibit, be responsible, and live the 4-H club pledge." Sherman county 4-H club members welcome your help as a parent, leader, or friend in achieving these goals.

Soil samples taken over a week ago in cooperation with George Mitchell, give some interesting results. Samples were taken in the north part of the county on Ritzville sandy loam soil on the Tracy Fields, Macnab Bros. Leland Medler, and Frank Reid farms.

Available moisture for the crop varied from 6.5 to 9.5 inches on these four fields. Six percent of the moisture is not available for crop use. Generally speaking yield expectancy is based on 2.6 to 3 bushels for each inch of moisture available.

The particular point of interest was in regard to the placement of nitrates in the soil. Nitrates are generally assumed as the only form of nitrogen leached by the downward movement of water. (Preliminary results at Pendleton indicated anhydrous ammonia is subject to leaching.) Therefore, due to late seeding and excessive January rainfall, availability of these nitrates for the young plant was questioned.

Where ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulfate was applied in the fall sufficient nitrogen is available in the first foot to allow proper spring growth according to tests taken on the Ritzville type soil. Fertilizer was not applied on the Reid farm last fall resulting in low nitrate contents in the first four feet and concentration in the fourth and fifth foot. Nearly half the nitrates were in the fifth foot on the Reid farm.

All fields sampled were subjected to leaching resulting in most fields having the greatest concentration in the fourth foot and below soil depth. George Mitchell indicates yield increases under proper moisture conditions occur with good nitrate contents in the first, second, and third feet. Nitrates in the lower depths are used to increase quality of wheat and not yield.

Farmers in this area not applying fertilizer last fall should find the application of 20 to 30 pounds of actual nitrogen quite profitable. Moisture conditions are good and if you feel at least a half-inch of moisture is expected you should get a nice response. Ammonium nitrate is felt to be the best ma-

terial for spring application since it is readily soluble in water and quickly available to the plant upon entering the soil solution.

The Art Watkins, Wasco, have had difficulty with a mushroom fairy ring and other fungus diseases in their lawn. H. J. O'Reilly, our extension plant Pathology specialist, has suggested a mixture of one ounce mercuric chloride and one ounce mercurous chloride in 10 gallons of water to treat a 500 square foot lawn area. Application can be made by garden or sprinkler can. The chemicals are available through drug stores. Both are poisonous and should be kept away from children or pets. Spray solution should be stirred frequently and treated-

ment repeated at intervals of two weeks.

Trailing berries such as loganberries or boysenberries need attention now so as not to damage long runners. An extension bulletin "Culture of Trailing Berries" is available through this office for those who need suggestions. A discussion of starting plants from seed and cuttings is found in a bulletin titled "Propagation and Improvement of Horticultural Plants" also available for Sherman county folks. Cuttings may be taken from stem, roots, and occasionally leaves, to increase plants or secure new varieties. This bulletin is instructive and should be helpful to all having home gardens.

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