

GRASS VALLEY NEWS

Among those going to The Dalles Wednesday night to the dance recital were Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer, Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughters, Linda and Leslie, Julia Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rolfe and family, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family, Bill Pausch, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and family, Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Mrs. Myrle Smith and son Lowell and Mrs. Jack Adams. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds went to Portland Friday and brought their granddaughters Sandra and Susan Elliott home with them for a visit. Their father, Warren Elliott, came up Tuesday for them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer and son, Clair, drove to Portland Saturday and spent the weekend visiting their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Balzer and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams had as dinner guests Sunday her brother Donald Allegrè and his fiancée Miss Arlene Buckley of Hood River and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wible of San Jose, California.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown of Portland and Mrs. Frieda Bates of Mill City arrived Monday to spend a few days visiting at the Fred Cox home.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and children of Portland spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel and spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel and Mrs. Hilda Doern were dinner guests Sunday at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup at Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and daughter, Nancy, drove to Newberg Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alberty returning home Sunday.

Mrs. John Jenkins and Mrs. A. L. Robbins of Portland came as far as The Dalles Wednesday evening and brought Carsten to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel after spending several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wible of San Jose, Calif., came Thursday to spend several days with her niece and family Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eccles and son of Dee and Mrs. Donald Marsh and son of Hood River came Saturday for the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter.

Don Keiper, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams and Harold Eakin took the seventh and eighth graders to Warm Springs Saturday for a day of swimming and a picnic dinner. The students presented their teacher, Don Keiper, with a farewell gift. They had a good time even though it rained.

John Alley came home from La Grande Friday and spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds. Mr. and Mrs. Olds met their daughter Barbara Alley and Neuta Martin in The Dalles Sunday and they visited a few hours before returning to La Grande with John Alley.

Larry Middleton, a son of Mrs. Bob Rolfe, broke his arm Sunday while playing with his brother. Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe took him to The Dalles where his arm was put in splints.

THE COST OF EROSION

By John Paul

The public as well as the farmer is affected in some way or another by soil erosion.

Soil erosion results in the loss of soil fertility and of water, which can be very valuable at times.

Silt carried by streams fills up lakes and reservoirs, cutting the storage capacity of them. We can see much of this all around us with dams filled up until they will not hold a hat full of water. In the larger bodies, of course, it is a very slow process that the glancing eye will not detect. Where lakes once were, only mud beds remain. Mud lake, Idaho and Silver lake, Utah, and many others are evidence of these.

The soil and silt also silt up stream channels forcing the streams to seek new channels and silting the harbors which are used for navigation making drainage and dredging necessary. This has been the subject of an extensive study by the corps of engineers of the U. S. department of army that has cost millions of dollars to conduct so that in the most recent and future dams they can try to eliminate this action.

The loss of this top soil will result in decreased land values, reduced farm incomes, abandoned farms, unattractive landscapes and destroyed wild life.

The loss of water on the other hand can cause the much unwanted flood and drought which usually occur in cycles if not handled properly. Drought, which is the lack of moisture, results in a lack of vegetation. Vegetation is important in the control of water, the absence of which will result in much overland flow and when enough of the water is concentrated the result is a flood with the water gone down the hill. The further absence of water causes more drought. The lack of water also results in crop failures, need for flood control and inadequate water supply.

The aftermath of the damage caused by erosion maybe a lower purchasing power, foreclosed mortgages, delinquent taxes and the necessity of relief.

WASCO NEWS

Mrs. Joe Drinkard

A-1c Robert H. Howell has returned to Randolph Field, Texas, after a 26 day furlough. He was accompanied by his father, Marvin I. Howell. They motored down and Mr. Howell is expected to arrive from Texas by train on the 29th of May.

Mrs. Robert Howell and son, Marvin, will remain here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin I. Howell of Wasco. Mrs. Howell wishes to finish her last two remaining years of high school at Wasco.

ADDING MACHINE PAPER AT JOURNAL OFFICE

COLUMBIA BRIDGE

AT THE DALLES

OLD ENTERPRISE

On December 5, 1865 there was formed a corporation at The Dalles called The Dalles Bridge & Road company with the avowed purpose of building a bridge across the Columbia river. That was 88 years ago. This year, or next, that dream may be realized although at a different place, with different conditions and, needless to say, different men.

The 1865 bridge included a clay and dirt road to run from where the county road crossed Three mile up the Columbia river to Five mile "above the crossing of the Oregon Steam Navigation Co. railroad and on up the river above the water in the middle of the narrow channel" and across the river.

J. S. McFarland, Harvey A. Hogue and C. S. Miller were incorporators.

Records show no further action on the project, indicating a failure of plans—a habit that was followed many years later.

But in August 4, 1870 Victor Trevitt, Al Zeiber and James K. Kelley incorporated the Dalles Bridge Co. for the purpose of bridging the Columbia. There are no further records of the corporation, nor any of the bridges.

Plans for Columbia river bridges rested as far as official action was concerned until 1872 when the Dalles & Columbia Road & Bridge company came into being with Al Zeiber, A. S. Savage and C. W. Knowles as incorporators. It was financed by \$100,000 in stock in denominations of \$100 per share.

No bridges, other than a railroad bridge at Wisham, have been built across the Columbia at The Dalles, although others have been dreamed of by promoters and citizens, but early residents of The Dalles did not lack for imagination and enterprise. They had projects and schemes galore.

OWGL SHOW ATTRACTS

Advance registrations indicate that 125 4-H club members and 75 FFA chapter members from 19 Oregon counties will converge on The Dalles with their wheat-fed steers, lambs, and hogs for the seventh annual 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale held under the auspices of the Oregon Wheat Growers league June 8-10.

Extensive preparations for the show this year, include a recognition banquet for the exhibitors, at which time awards and trophies will be given, with entertainment to be provided by the Corvallis chapter of the FFA. A cruise on the Columbia river will be provided by the Inland Navigation Co. abroad the M. V. Frances.

The show will conclude with the annual auction sale held at The Dalles Auction Yard, with lambs being sold between 4:00 and 5:30 p. m., and hogs and beef starting at 7:00 p. m. until sold.

A general meeting of the show operations board will be held at The Dalles May 27, with a banquet at 7:00 p. m. at which time officers of the Oregon Wheat Growers league and members of the Youth Activities committee will review the plans for the show and sale. Lester King, president from Helix, and Richard Baum, secretary-treasurer from Pendleton, and members of the Youth Activities committee, headed by Leonard Fields, chairman, will be in attendance.

RUFUS ITEMS

By Mrs. George L. Fox

Rain was what the farmers wanted here, and that's what the community got Saturday night with a little interest added. Roads were muddy and slippery that evening. The new moisture went down as far as the old moisture, giving all the growing crops a boost.

Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti plans to leave Saturday night for North Dakota where she enters a summer school class Monday.

The upper and lower grades of Rufus school plan a picnic in The Dalles park Thursday. The children will swim at the natatorium in the afternoon.

Baccalaureate services were held at Rufus school Sunday night to honor the graduating class. Rev. Adrian Roberts gave the invocation; a musical number "Go Down Moses" by the high school chorus. The speaker was Rev. J. D. Langenes of the First Congregational church of The Dalles who spoke on the changes of time. Girls glee club sang "God Bless You and Keep You". Benediction was by Rev. Roberts. Mrs. W. T. Little played the processional and recessional marches.

Rufus Missionary society met at the church for its devotional period Thursday afternoon. Since May is the month set aside to honor our Missionary paper, "The Other Sheep". Roll call was answered by everyone having a subscription for the magazine. After devotions the afternoon was spent sewing on clothes for a Missionary box.

Miss Vivian Trounce will present her Rufus school piano students in recital Tuesday night at the school gym.

A number of Grass Valley people went to Moro Sunday evening to attend the Baccalaureate services at the Moro Community church.

SOIL CONSERVATORS

ARRANGE MEETING

AT BEND

Bend, Oregon, will be headquarters for livestock ranchers, technicians and others interested in grazing land improvement attending the annual Range society tour June 12 and 13, according to Bill Anderson, soil conservation service range specialist at Pendleton. The Pilot Butte Inn at Bend will be tour headquarters.

This year's tour will be centered in a livestock area of Oregon around Madras, Redmond, Prineville and Bend. Interesting range improvements and management on the Land Utilization Project of the soil conservation service at Madras, bureau of land management near Prineville, forest service land in the Ochoco forest near Prineville, and the Leo Hahn ranch near Prineville will be covered by the two day tour.

June 12 a banquet in Bend for those attending will include lively entertainment and fun. Early Saturday morning the Rim Rock Riders of Bend will serve a cowboy breakfast on the Dean Hollingshead ranch. A special program for ladies attendng will be provided in the scenic outdoor wonderland for which Bend is famous. Friday noon lunches will be served by the Redmond Saddle club at the L. U. Project camp headquarters on highway between Madras and Prineville. Saturday noon lunches will be served by the wives of forest service members of Prineville.