

Moro Personals

Charles Belshee spent several days here getting a load of cattle together for the Portland market, which he shipped over the weekend.

Going to Corvallis last week end for the Dad's day celebration and to see the basketball games between Washington and OSC were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling, who went to see their two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoskinson whose son is there, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder who visited in Albany also and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross whose daughter is an OSC student.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson went back to Flint, Michigan to get a new car and will spend a few days looking at the middle west while gone. Their children are here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger went to Portland last Friday to spend a few days in the city on business.

Mrs. Caroline Sells, sister of Mrs. W. B. Johnston, Salem, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen Brighthall at New Troy, Michigan, on February 13. Mrs. Sells frequently visited here with her sister when the Johnstons lived on the farm now occupied by their son, Theodore.

Young people of this community, having moved the Bill Hall family from the hotel to their present home, will duplicate that event Friday by moving the Halls to the experiment station house where they will live while he is superintendent of the station.

Odd-Fellows invited Rebekahs and husbands to an oyster feed at the lodge hall Tuesday night and after supper played cards and visited.

Born: Saturday, February 13, The Dalles, a son, Michael Mark, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Disch.

The Junior Ladies of the Community church will hold a food sale February 26 at the Ranch & Home store.

Mrs. Anna Moore and grandson David, left Tuesday morning for Portland from where they will go on to Sweet Home to visit Mrs. Vic Barr, who is seriously ill there.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlov Martin went to Portland Tuesday with their son, Dean, to have an examination to determine the cause of his fainting spells.

Mrs. George Benson spent a few days in Corvallis as a delegate from Harlandview grange to the lecturer's school.

Charley Smith, extension leader from Corvallis, was in town Tuesday and held a meeting of the Soil Conservation board of directors to discuss their problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conlee flew to Hawaii Sunday for a vacation of three weeks on that fabulous island.

MRS. BILL ALSUP HONORED
Mrs. Ralph Busse entertained with a stork shower for Mrs. Bill Alsip Saturday evening.

Among the guests were Mrs. Clair Balzer, Mrs. Rudy Olson, Mrs. Lee Belshee, Mrs. Bob Brishine, Mrs. Gerald Blagg, Mrs. Willy Knighten, Mrs. Loy Cochran, Mrs. Curlye DeMoss, Mrs. Mac Alsip of Tygh Valley, Mrs. Marvin Howell and Mrs. Lee Dehler of Wasco, Mrs. O. C. Dugger and Mrs. John Rust of Grass Valley. Sending gifts but unable to attend were Mrs. George Geiser, Mrs. Lawrence Kirby, Mollie McLachlan and Mrs. Jim Blagg.

Mrs. Lee Dehler won the prize for the game.

The guest of honor opened her many lovely gifts and refreshments of cake and ice cream were served.

By Sherrie Fraser

The Handy Girls Sewing club met at the school house February 15 for its combined meeting and Valentine party. We had drawn names so every member received a Valentine and a gift. During our business meeting we planned for our future trip to The Dalles.

The Teen-Age Miss division are finishing their blouses. The girls in the Charmingly Yours group are finishing their garment protectors and beginning their aprons. Refreshments were served by the leaders.

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Tex Irzyk's car was burned near Biggs Junction the first of the week when he and wife were on their way to The Dalles. No one was burned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Peters and son Lawrence have returned to their Sherman county home after several weeks in California and Arizona vacationing.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Harland McDonald, master of Rufus grange, called an officers' meeting at the grange hall Wednesday night. Only one officer was unable to come.

The grange plans on giving a play in the late spring. The books were given out for the ones having parts to learn. Repairs to the grange hall were discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald served salad, sandwiches, apple pie with ice cream and coffee to the 15 present when the meeting was over.

The Sherman county Pomona grange met Saturday afternoon at Harlandview grange to practice for the fifth degree and the drill. Rolland Johnson, master called the meeting. When the work was over, Mrs. Louis Sather served ginger cake with whipped cream and coffee.

There just isn't any bottom to the roads the past week. The snow has gradually been melting as much as it could with the nights getting down to freezing.

Thursday afternoon enough hail fell to make the roads slippery. Also the Columbia river highway was icy and wet. It began warming up Friday and by Saturday the roads were a quagmire for this area. By Monday they had dried up a lot but wouldn't be safe traveling unless the cars wore knobby tires.

The robins have come in droves to Rufus and the area and they are seen at every house. They all seem to be in a good healthy condition with lots of pep.

The grade school went to Grass Valley Friday afternoon where they played Moro teams. The Rufus grade girls lost their volleyball game by three points. The Rufus grade boys also lost their basketball game by ten points. David Reid and Bobby Byrd tied for top honors for Rufus with 12 points each.

The Rufus high school basketball team went to Arlington Tuesday for a make up game. Rufus called off the scheduled date on account of bad weather. The Rufus boys played a good game but Arlington came out victorious with a 46 to 34 win. George Fox Jr. was high with 15 points.

The Rufus boys went to Heppner Friday night where they again suffered a defeat of about 20 points behind Heppner. Paul Blackburne was high point man with 16 points.

There were 22 at the Rufus grange card party Saturday night.

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Rufus school paper: The 1954 "Quiver" though progressing slowly is underway.

Editor Wally Morris and the students have chosen the Eaton Cunningham Co. to do the publishing. The cover will be padded with a bird design. The color chosen is red with silver printing which is as close to the school colors as we can get. The school is getting some good action pictures with their cameras.

It is play time at Rufus high again. There is a new play coming, "Everybody's Crazy Now". Mrs. Morin, the director, has ordered the play books and try-outs will be held soon. It should be ready for production in early April. It is a farce comedy and sparkles with clever lines.

The story is about a widowed woman who decided to take in boarders to help her girl through a finishing school. But then there is going to be a new highway put through their town of Sunnyfield. This is going to cut their house off from everyone else. So come see how everything turns out.

The Community of Rufus has for some time recognized that there is not very much in the way of available housing for teachers. Last June 15 a tax levy set aside between \$20,000 to \$22,000 for three new houses for the teachers. Since that time the school board has been looking over plans, consulting architects, contractors, all in an effort to choose the house they wanted. Finally a house was agreed upon, then the job of getting blueprints and writing up specifications took considerable time. Bids were called for and opened February 1. Western Construction Co. of The Dalles was low bidder at \$16,900.

Soon the materials will be stacked up behind the bus garage and men at work building the houses. A guess is that at least one of the houses will be completed by June 1. Possibly all of them will be done before then.

The Community card party met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thomas. Mrs. Frank Reid won high prize in pinocle while consolation went to Mrs. Pat Macnab. Guests present were Mrs. Afton McIntyre, and Mrs. Ira Fridley. Others present were Mrs. Tom Macnab, Mrs. Chet Coats, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley, Mrs. Bill Macnab, Mrs. Leland Medler, Mrs. Don Macnab, and Mrs. George Fox. For refreshments the hostess served cream puffs and coffee.

Mrs. Gordon Johnson gave a surprise birthday party Monday evening honoring her daughter, Lola, on her sixteenth anniversary. The high school students at Rufus were invited. Refreshments were served.

The upper grade room at Rufus school had a Valentine party at the school house Monday afternoon. After the children opened their Valentines the party was gay with plenty of refreshments.

Kent Items

Nadine Griggs, Mary Jane Griggs, Larry Helyer, Judy MacInnes, Betty Jean Reckman and Bonnie Tatum have completely memorized ten verses from the Bible study class held each Thursday at Kent in the time in which children are released from school for that purpose.

The Billy Graham show, "Oil Town", will be shown at Kent February 24 at 7:30 p. m.

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May we suggest that prospective cat skimmers come in here now and then to get fed up for the hard season coming?

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County Ramblin's ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN SHERMAN COUNTY

We have received word from the Forestry Nursery at WSC that they will supply Austrian Pine to us this year for windbreak plantings. This tree at the present time is the outstanding tree of the plantings of trees at the Sherman branch station. Trees are three to four years old and sell for 5 to 10 cents a piece, according to the number ordered. Folks desiring to obtain a supply of these trees should contact this office by February 19.

Have you given thought to planning and planting a windbreak for your farmstead. Tree ordering time is at hand and folks should look ahead for advantages of a windbreak planting on the farm. Trees may be ordered thru the county agent's office that are adaptable to our conditions. Folks desiring individual help in laying out a windbreak planting for their farm should contact the county agent's office. A good windbreak started now in the future will be a monument to your foresight.

The cereal nursery on the Kenneth Sather ranch which has been maintained for four years shows Federation wheat still the best spring wheat variety. The nursery is planted in cooperation with the Sherman branch station as is several nurseries throughout the Columbia basin area. Comet, a soft red spring wheat variety has been comparable to soft Federation. This variety, however, is not desired by millers and has no particular place in varieties used for the Columbia basin area. Some acreage of Comet is grown in the Bakeoven country of Wasco county. Other spring wheat varieties grown in the Sather nursery have been a variety of Comet, Times Sunset, Idaed, Orfed, White Federation, and Hy-mar-Orfed.

The Sherman County Cattle-men's association annual meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows hall, Grass Valley, February 18. An interesting program is being planned and it is hoped for a good attendance of Sherman county cattlemen. Mark your calendar and plan on attending this annual get-together.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benson who were married at the bride's home February 7. She was formerly Dorothy Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown of Kent and Moro. The young couple is living on the Lawrence Kenny ranch east of Moro.

Additional copies of the Brucellosis or Bang's irradiation and control act regarding the operation of a Bang's control district are available from this office. Folks desiring to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the law should contact this office for a copy.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports the daily storage bill for different farm produce owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation amounts to around \$465,000. Using these daily figures estimates of storage costs the yearly bill runs close to \$170,000,000.

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