

## "Chub" Johnsons Visit At Rufus

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson from Aloha were grange visitors for the evening. A representative from The Dalles roofing company was present and quoted prices and material needed to have the grange roof redone. A new roof will be put on before the rainy season.

Harland McDonald, Rolland Johnson, George Fox and John Mathieson, fire chief of Rufus burned the grass from around the grange hall Saturday.

At the annual school meeting held at Rufus, June 21, Joe Morris was re-elected for a three year term to serve as director. Mrs. Ray Brown was appointed by the board for clerk.

At the Biglow annual school meeting Donald Macnab was re-elected to serve as director for three years. George Fox will be clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Macnab are the parents of a son born July 2 in The Dalles. The boy weighed 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces and is named Michael Steven. The Macnabs have a son Billy and a daughter, Diane. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Macnab and Mr. and Mrs. Zedrow of The Dalles.

Kay Macnab was operated on last week at a Portland hospital to straighten her ankle. Her father Bill Macnab became ill while in Portland and spent several days in the hospital. He and his wife are houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster.

Mrs. George Fox and sons, George Jr. and Jimmy, spent a week visiting relatives and at the beach at Seaside. Sunday they attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebration of Mrs. Fox's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al Jenkins of Vancouver, Wash. Afterwards they were overnight guests of a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Williams of Oregon City. The weather was nice at the beach excepting Wednesday when it rained quite hard. The residents at the beach said they had a cold spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydorn and children visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson over the Fourth.

Judge C. A. Tom spent last week at the Red Cross swimming school at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The orchard men at Rufus say their cherry crop has been harvested.

Mr. and Mrs. William Huck are drilling a new well on their place. Mr. Leonard from Bickleton, Wn., is doing the drilling. The Hucks plan to have the extra water for irrigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrison have their daughter and son in law from Louisiana as their house guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan spent the holiday weekend of the Fourth fishing on the lakes near Bend.

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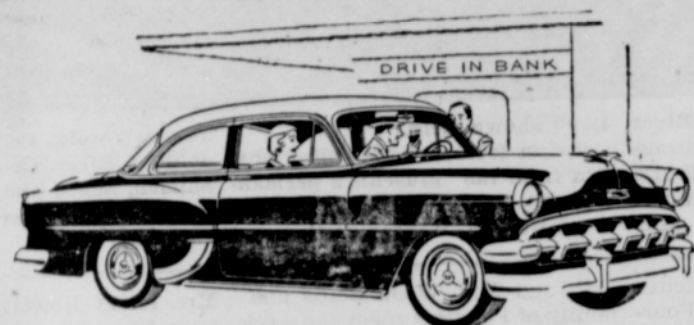
There will be an education and information meeting Monday

night at the court house to inform farmers about the quotas and the reductions that will be made according to information available at that time. Quotas must be out by the 14th. Here will be Glen Hutchinson, field man for the ASC, Kenneth Smouse, for the wheat league, Rex Warren, extension service. All farmers may come and hear the latest.

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# Sherman County Fair Sept 9-12



There will be no horseback queens at the Sherman County Fair this September 9-10-11-12.

There will be kitchen queens. And that is the reason for running this early advertisement which is going to be something of a surprise to the members of the fair board. That is, in order to have kitchen queens there must be some kitchen work done, and it seemed that with the gardens finally giving up some of their produce and fruit season starting, a notice about the fair would not be amiss.

Some woman, a lot of women, in fact, might very probably want to put aside a few jars of superlative jam, the jars that look a little better than the general run, and get them ready for the fair.

And because we ourselves, and the fair board more particularly want to have as many exhibits as possible, a few words on the subject is hereby considered appropriate.

It is exhibits that make a fair. Sure, it is perfect OK to have some bucking broncos and running horses along in the afternoon. But the main reason for a fair is to give householders, producers, farmers, knitters, photographers, school girls, gardeners, wheat growers, boys, cake bakers and a lot of other individuals a chance to exhibit what they grew, made, fed or otherwise produced.

The man who trains a horse to clip a tenth second off the record has achieved something although not more remarkable than the women who blends fruits into a more delicious preserve.

We hope we are correct in our assumption that cooks and dress-makers will appreciate this sort

of warning that the fair will be upon us here within a few short weeks. Our assumption is on the presumption that the fine foods at the fair are not something prepared while the men were washing up after a day of working summerfallow, but are the result of a lot of planning and practice. Anyway they look like exhibits that have taken care and thought.

It is sometimes hard to tell about that, though. Remember the time when ten year old Sally Fields won the open class cake award from some of the best cake bakers in this county or any other? She wasn't excited about it either but a little unhappy that she had to get off her horse to accept the silver cake platter that was her award. So maybe, prize winning cakes are sometimes prepared without emotional turmoil of genius and the long practice of dedicated labor.

The late peas are about gone, the beans growing rapidly, the beets and carrots almost ready for the table and the jar, and, weather permitting, there will be tomatoes to display and can by fair time.

So here we are, talking about the county fair again, saying that soon the gates will open and neighbors and friends bring in their canning and cooking to try for the prizes; saying that it is time to begin thinking about it; saying that time flies (tempus fugit as the Romans used to say) and that the time to preserve a raspberry is when it is ripe.

All one can do about preserving raspberries in September is wish you had done it in July. That is like the old saying back in the days of roving harvest labor, about saving your harvest wages or be hungry in winter. But we

are forehanded people here in Sherman county. Time was when we had to, to remain Sherman countians. Even yet there's potatoes in the cellar, straw in the stack and clothes on the hanger against the time when the production period is at an end. That's the reason folks save for old age; to lay up things for the time when the production period is at an end.

But the fair isn't all cooking, not even for the womenfolk. There's clothes making, too, and knitting and fancy work to make the homes cosy and comfortable and convenient. Grandpa, you know, married grandma because he was tired of living in a bare homestead shack and wanted a tablecloth under his plate, a



work. In recent years the girls have been beating the boys at the fattening of steers. Some girls do both. Spend the afternoon feeding the stock and currying a calf for the fair and then go into the kitchen and put up some stuff for the fair. Young men should learn about these girls.

With all this rambling we hope we have made the point clear. Time's a wasting. Come September 9 the preserves must be put up, the jelly jelled, the fancy work done, the garden produce picked and made ready for the showing. In order to reap ye must sow; in order to win a prize, ye must prepare.

So here we go, warning the citizenry like Paul Revere, shouting, not "The British are coming", but "The fair is coming". Not "Load your muskets" but "Pickles your cucumbers."



spread on his bed, curtains on his windows and a cloth on the bench where he shaved his whiskers. Grandson, too, likes the nice things the women make. And visitors at the fair like to see them.

It is quite a country we live in where women can get prizes for their cooking in addition to the fond looks from appreciative husbands.

Not all of the young ladies of the county stay in the kitchen with the pots and pans, experimenting with the cinnamon and herbs. A goodly number of them raise calves and sheep and chickens as women did in the olden days when the care of barnyard animals was a part of women's

