

Moro Personals

A Burleigh Cash, who taught school at Grass Valley 40 years ago and more, died at his home in Portland at the age of 67.

Mr. and Mrs. Collis Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger spent the holiday weekend at Tolovana Park as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huntley. David Moore went to Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Drew drove to Suttle lake Saturday and spent the three day holiday in that cool retreat.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Douma went to Long Beach, Wn., for the week end which they stretched a couple of days, returning Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marvin and Harry Kunsman took their vacation at the beach near Seaside.

Dean Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hayes, died at Eugene last week after a long illness. His father was one of the early county clerks in Sherman county.

John Searcy, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Lena Searcy and Mrs. Lydia Ragsdale, came up from Hillsboro Labor day to see about their business in Sherman county.

Wes Fuller has been here for several days while putting up a new steel siding building on the ranch to replace the barn that burned recently.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro, Tuesday, September 13, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Attending the dinner in honor of the baseball team that won the Legion regional at Billings in The Dalles Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knighten, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle, Mr. and Mrs. Giles French, Judge and Mrs. Vernon I. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Deanna Martin.

Miss Eloise Snow and William Edwards were married in Goldendale, Wn., Tuesday afternoon, September 6, and went on to Seattle to spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. George DeMoss and family.

Tom Monroe returned Tuesday from Astoria where he had done some fishing in the annual salmon derby without satisfactory results.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hart of Seattle and Bud Belshe of Mulino were here this week on wheat business regarding their farms.

Mrs. Tommy Thompson and her sister, Mary Lou McRae left Thursday by plane for Washington D. C. to attend the tri-annual meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star during which their father, Lloyd C. McRae of Pendleton will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron of the order.

Don Miller and Norman Fridley left Sunday for McMinnville to start football practices at Linfield college where they will attend classes when school work begins.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Virtue and Vicki served birthday cake, ice cream and punch to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Van Gilder and family, all of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and Johnny of Moro. The occasion was the first birthday anniversary of Karen, Vicki's little sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Johnston of Salem attended the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical societies in a conference and show at Yakima, Wn., Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Luke Johnston came home with the Theodore Johnstons for a few days visit leaving Wednesday for Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard and grandson are vacationing at Seaside this week for an after harvest rest.

Guests at the Willy Knighten home over the long Labor day week end were Mrs. Knighten's brother, John M. MacGregor of New York City where he is a well known attorney and a law instructor at New York university. He is also president of the St. Andrews society of New York and a graduate of the University of Oregon, her sister Ruth of Portland and the Knighten's son, Willy from Seattle.

First Fair Has Trouble Starting

The first event that resembled a county fair in Sherman county was held in Wasco the Fourth of July, 1905. The county was then getting on its financial feet and feeling prosperous. The railroad had been in for five or six years, warehouses had been built and the long, dusty haul to the Columbia river obviated.

Some of the early settlers had already sold out to their neighbors and farms were much larger than they had been. Wheat was up a little in price, some men were using combines, horses had been bred to bigger size, the Lewis & Clark fair was on in Portland and Wasco was celebrating the grand and glorious Fourth of July.

How it happened that a display of horseflesh would be added to the baseball game, the bicycle race, the foot race and the big dance as items of the celebration is not told in old prints of 50 years ago. But farmers did bring their heavy draft horse stallions and fanciest driving horses in a sort of competition.

It was the next February before a regular fair was organized at a meeting held at the court house with an estimated 100 men attending. Charley Moore was elected president; George Meloy, vice president; A. B. Craft, secretary; I. D. Pike, treasurer; A. H. Barnum, Fred Krusow, J. W. Booth, I. N. Lemon, Elwood Thompson, directors. A fair was held on the flat at Moro on July 3-4-5 of that year.

It was on the ball field where the city park is now and old pictures show a string of heavy horses and colts held proudly by their owners.

Livestock was all that was exhibited. The women were spectators only. And the prizes were small.

The fair board regularly incorporated itself in 1907 but no fair

was held. At that time Oregon had district fairs and the one at The Dalles had attracted some Sherman county exhibits. Neither was there a fair held in 1908 although some stock went to Gilliam county which was then trying to get established as a fair center.

The first regularly constituted fair was held October 1 and 2, 1909 with the board set up according to a rather new law. A. H. Barnum was president of the board, a job he retained for most of his life, L. L. Peetz, C. A. Buckley, Chris Anderson, I. D. Pike were vice presidents, W. D. Wallan was treasurer and George Mowery, secretary.

That fair had \$500 from the state and \$200 worth of printing from the state printing office. Its list of exhibits was almost as inclusive as it is today with lots of stock, vegetables, home and cooking displays. The list of prize winners was shorter as exhibitors were fewer. J. H. Landry displayed a weed destroyer made in his blacksmith shop and George DeMoss showed a tourist bed, as a result of his continual travel. And there were innumerable displays of pyrography. Remember that? It was wood burned with a hot needle and much in style at the time.

By June 1910 the fair board wanted to know if the people of the county really wanted to have a fair so at a meeting held at Moro they asked those present and were well rewarded. C. A. Buckley gave \$100, L. Barnum and Chris Anderson did likewise and others gave smaller amounts to show that a fair was in demand. John Fulton, C. A. Buckley, Chris Anderson, A. H. Barnum and L. L. Peetz were elected directors and they proceeded to grade the present track which was built at its location because the law stated that a fair ground must be built within a half mile of the county seat. They sent their teams with men there in the fall and until winter stopped the work, raised money and built the buildings and started the permanent construction that has made a fair an annual event except for a year or two during the depression when no one had anything worthwhile to display and no money to attend and a short time during the war.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

The Rufus grange met Thursday evening with master, Harland McDonald, in the chair. Mrs. Harland McDonald reported there would be no September meeting of the Home Ec club on account of the Sherman County Fair going on at that time. Also the canning contest date was postponed.

Mrs. Atlee Wilson says the entry in community service has been sent in to state grange headquarters. Mrs. Rolland Johnson says a lot of help is needed to run the food stand at the fair.

The grange put on the 3rd and 4th degrees. The candidates were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines. Mrs. Leo Watkins played the piano for the marches and the songs.

The teachers at Rufus began arriving in town over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gagle arrived Friday night. Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti who spent the summer in South Dakota with relatives came to Rufus Labor day.

Mrs. Eugene Eaton was called to Portland Saturday morning due to the illness of her father Mr. Wright, who is in Good Samaritan hospital. D. L. Baker flew her to Portland in his airplane.

Vincent Belloni and his brother, Steven, enrolled in school at St. Mary's Academy in The Dalles. Their school began Tuesday morning, and registration was last week. The boys are living with their sister, Cecilia Belloni in an apartment in The Dalles. Cecilia is a nurse at The Dalles Clinic.

George Jr. and Jimmy Fox left Thursday to spend the weekend at Seaside. The boys called home Saturday night saying due to the high tides they weren't allowed to go in the ocean.

Mrs. D. L. Baker is working at the Roy Grant Cafe to relieve the Grant family of some of the long hours they have been putting in since they opened their cafe two weeks ago.

Wayne Eaton, stationed at Spo-

kane, has a ten day furlough. He expects to be sent to Guam for three months the last of this month for further training in radar work.

Russell Blake knows how to keep his shoes from hurting his toes. Russell left last weekend for the John Day country to get in on the couple day deer hunt which had open season there. Russell forgot his heavy shoes and left wearing a new pair of oxfords.

When they got home Labor day the oxfords were well broken in after tramping in the woods, and Russell's toes were sticking out in front. They were his new oxfords to begin school, too. Others

in the hunting party were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blake of The Dalles and Roy Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson began Monday to get the grills and stove in at the food booth on the fair grounds. This is a grange project, and they hope to have good weather, as this is one of the grange's way to raise some money.

The people in Rufus have been sweltering in heat hovering around the hundred degree mark since last Friday. Monday and Tuesday there were clouds in the sky, but no relief at this writing on Tuesday afternoon.

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at the Capitol City



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