

### Moro Personals

The soil management class at Oregon State made its third pilgrimage to Sherman county Saturday last and spent the night as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg and Larry, an OSC senior who accompanied them.

Sunday they visited the experimental station under direction of Bill Hall. Leo Mayers, of the Soil Conservation service, explained soil survey work being done here and the boys studied the work on the station. Murray Dawson, instructor, was in charge of the class.

Here for the Sherman High graduation were many relatives of class members from outside the county and friends who came to see the program. V. B. Eakin and wife of The Dalles, Clarence Sparling and wife of Portland, Ralph Eakin and family of Condon, Roy Barnett and wife of The Dalles, W. C. Patterson and wife of Eugene, Mrs. Homer Belshee of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heggard and two children of Portland former seventh grade teacher of Wasco, were seen at the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halley have bought the E. R. Barzee house and are moving the short block from their former residence.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Etta Moore this week have been her brother Ellsworth Woods, her sister, Mrs. Julia Hansen and another sister, Mrs. Nellie Cushman, who came up from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss returned from their trip to Washington to visit their son George and family and are now set for the summer.

The Child Welfare department of the American Legion auxiliary would like to have baby clothes and has a use for them. Those having some to donate may give them to Mollie McLachlan. Judge Ed Howell of John Day was here Tuesday to hold court and dispose of the cases of three young men charged with burglary. One was sentenced and two paroled from the bench.

Mrs. Ivan Kirkelle and Mrs. Bob Axtell were hostesses for a layette shower for Mrs. Robert Cockburn, nee Gloria Douma, at the home of Mrs. Axtell Thursday afternoon, May 23. Gifts were brought unwrapped in preparation for sending to France where Mrs. Cockburn is living at present while her husband is stationed there in army service.

Mrs. Clara Mather came down from Spokane to be with her mother, Mrs. Mary Mersinger, over Memorial day.

Harry Dutton, feature editor of the Oregon Journal, spent last week end visiting Moro friends.

Jerry Wilson had an accident with his car a mile or two south of Moro Wednesday night sending him to the hospital with facial cuts and wrecking the car seriously.

### AMOUNT OF FERTILIZER BEING STUDIED

How much nitrogen are Columbia Basin wheat farmers using to boost yields on summerfallow land, and what do farmers think of their fertilizer programs. Henry Stippier, USDA agricultural economist at Oregon State college, recently completed a survey of more than 300 summerfallow wheat farmers in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, and western Umatilla county to find answers for these and related questions.

The survey showed applications averaged 30 pounds of "actual" nitrogen per acre normally applied in the fallow year. More than three-fourths of the farmers surveyed reported satisfactory results with nitrogen, estimating yield increases ranging from 6 to 15 bushels an acre. Twelve per cent were still "experimenting," about five per cent questioned benefits and six per cent reported unsatisfactory results and were discontinuing fertilizer use.

When lack of money restricted amount spent for fertilizer, farmers cut the rate applied per acre rather than the total acreage. In some areas, farmers reported that even under most favorable moisture conditions, nitrogen will not always insure enough increased yield to cover costs. Benefits from storing moisture and from preventing soil erosion were considered by some to be equal in value to yield increases.

Fertilizer use in the area is a recent development. Ninety per cent of the Basin's summerfallow wheat farmers who are now using fertilizer applied it for the first time after 1950. About half of them began using it between 1950 and 1953.

Small-acreage farmers, those with 720 acres and under, began using fertilizer earliest. Now, a higher proportion of farmers on medium and large farms are using nitrogen.

### Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

More than a hundred persons attended the Rufus grade school graduation banquet held in the Rufus grange hall May 21. Red and white place cards were used at each place. Spring flowers arranged into attractive centerpieces decorated the white covered tables. A full course bountiful dinner was served by the Rufus Parent-Teachers organization.

Jack Lloyd, principal, the graduates and Joe Morris, chairman of the school board were at the head table. Lloyd acted as master of ceremonies. Each one of the graduates read their class will. They were Patsy Roberts, valedictorian who received a year's subscription to the Readers Digest, Steven Belloni, salutatorian, Joe Neal who received the citizenship award, Joan Brackett, Geraldine Wilson and Robert Godier.

Perfect attendance pins were won by Monya Neal, Lauren Byrd, Robert Godier and Martina Peterson.

After the dinner Gus Weigelt of The Dalles entertained with his magician acts. The children, adults also, are still puzzling over some.

The Boyless Drilling crew completed their work here last week and workers went on to the head office at Salt Lake, Utah.

Mrs. Harold Baker and girls, Marilyn, Margaret and Mary, left Friday to join Mr. Baker in Vancouver, Washington.

Mrs. Durward Cummings and children Chris and Timmy left Friday for Missoula, Montana to join Mr. Cummings. The women stayed here until their children were out of school. Seems this is a slack season as workers have moved away to other jobs. Rufus is a pretty quiet place now.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan returned home Sunday after a two day fishing trip to Bend. They report catching their limit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Coote of Dallas visited the John Mathiesons for several days last week. Coote is a brother of Mrs. Mathieson.

Sunday guests coming to see John Mathieson who has been convalescing from a stroke were his sister, Mrs. Earl Saling of The Dalles, his daughter and family

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydorn and Judy of Hermiston and their friends Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durfee and Joyce who were dinner guests.

Mrs. W. M. Franklin left Sunday for Spokane, Wn., to be a delegate to the Missionary convention and Church Assembly held there. Next Sunday Mrs. Franklin holds her last services at the Rufus church of the Nazarenes. She hopes all of her friends can be present to bid her goodbye.

The Tuesday Study club held its annual picnic potluck at the home of Mrs. Floyd Haines last Tuesday, with six members and two guests present. A short business meeting was held and the afternoon spent visiting. Guests were Mrs. Sam Brock and Mrs. Faye Boice and members were Mrs. Bert Watkins, Mrs. Ernest Shull, Mrs. Tom Jacobson, Mrs. Tom Striker, Mrs. Donna Lane, and the hostess.

Mrs. Floyd Haines and Mrs. Joe Yocum and children were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mrs. Sadie Rich attended Grand lodge in Bend last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wallace of Pendleton spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wallace.

Mrs. Keith McDonald spent several days in the hospital last week.

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which they stayed in Portland with the R. E. Hicks and went to the Camilla chapter for Friendship night.

Floyd Haines and Harry Van Gilder made a trip to the Hogue ranch at Blalock last Sunday.

At the regular meeting of the Rebekah lodge last week the group celebrated the birthdays occurring during the last six months. There were 12 members and one visitor present. Miss Cherrill Fields read two poems, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Virgil Brock, Mrs. Ruth Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Portland visited the Arthur Sargents Friday. Old timers will remember her as the former Helen Graham, who lived here with her mother many years ago.

Carl Tuggle recently went to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to meet Mrs. Tuggle on her return from Detroit, Michigan, where she had attended the Supreme White Shrine.

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### Basic Dress Plan Recruits Women

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