

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

The Rufus Grange met Thursday evening with all having a pot luck dinner preceding the meeting.

Roland Johnson acted as master in the absence of George Fox. Mrs. Bill Huck reported the next meeting of the Home Ec. club will be March 13 at the home of Mrs. Alta Smith. Roland Johnson said on agriculture that we should all prepare to combat insects, as they will probably be plentiful on account of the mild winter. He told of a new variety of cherry available. He said natural fertilizer is better for gardens than commercial varieties. Will Huck said plans are being made for the control of mosquitoes.

Mrs. Bert Swigart says there should be an added increase in the sales slips turned in as the advertisers have been enlarged. The grange voted to stop the pot luck dinners for the summer months and have lunch after meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert were present for the evening. Walt says the grange insurance has gone up but not as much as other insurance companies. The grange voted to pay the lecturer's expenses to the school she attended at La Grande.

For the literary program Mrs. Huck gave a report on the lecturer school attended at La Grande with State Lecturer Mrs. Earl Weatherford home at Olex. They stopped in Arlington on the way home to see Sherman high school lose the basketball game to Cascade Locks. This was the first day of a three day tournament held at Arlington.

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to have the road signs up and in use.

Plans were made for a visitation meeting March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Applegate and children Steven, Brian and Cheryl of Portland were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson. Also Wednesday evening inner guests of the Wilsons were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mrs. Mary Wilson all of The Dalles.

The Leonard Jordans took advantage of the nice weather last Sunday to take a drive up into the Washington state country. Everything is so pretty this time of year.

Mrs. Dewey Thomas was hostess to the Community card club at her home Monday night. Daffodils were used as decoration for the rooms. Winning high prize was Mrs. Maryanne Demarest while Mrs. Leland Meffer received low. Mrs. Chet Coats won the traveling prize. Later in the evening Mrs. Thomas served fruit salad with crackers and coffee.

Another card party was held at Rufus Grange Saturday night. High prize winners at pinocle were Atlee Wilson and Mrs. Sam Brock. Consolation prize went to James Maddox and Zella Dyer. The grange women served refreshments after the game.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and grandson, Bob Weatherford, spent Thursday visiting at the Earl Weatherford home at Olex. They stopped in Arlington on the way home to see Sherman high school lose the basketball game to Cascade Locks. This was the first day of a three day tournament held at Arlington.

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Honors Bright Should Be Kept In Sight



One of the proudest moments in a 4-er's life is the winning of an award, and these winning ribbons should be kept in sight to be enjoyed daily by the family.

4-H ribbons and plaques can be made into interesting wall accessories by mounting them on cork, pegboard, or plywood. Pictured above is one way in which three members of a family display their honors in an interesting arrangement above the family musical instrument, the chord organ.

Ribbons might also be pinned to a horizontal strip of felt on the wall, or arranged in a sunburst effect around a plaque or other 4-H symbol.

Plan a wall arrangement using your honors as an attractive conversation piece.

was due to sharply higher prices on fresh market vegetables, a result of winter freeze damage in the south.

Meat animals also moved up in price, but more moderately. And these higher price tags more than offset lower prices received by farmers last month for eggs, dairy products, cotton and corn.

While prices were rising, the parity index—the government's yardstick for measuring farm costs—also kept moving uphill. Mrs. Horrell found that this index edged up again last month to reach the highest level on record and 3 percent above a year ago.

As a result, the parity ratio—the ratio between prices received and prices paid by farmers, including taxes, interest, and wages—stood at 82 in mid-January. This was one point above mid-December. Mrs. Horrell said, but the same as mid-January of '37.

It has been more than five years since this parity ratio has topped 100—the point set by congress at a "fair" relationship between prices paid and prices received by farmers.

Hamburger Must Be Just Beef

Copies of Oregon's standard of identity for hamburger have been mailed to more than 2500 licensed retail meat dealers throughout the state. The state department of agriculture will begin analyzing hamburger samples for composition immediately.

The administrative order, signed by O. K. Beals, chief of the department's division of foods and dairies, weights and measures, gives labeling requirements for ground beef or hamburger, as well as the permitted composition of the product.

Beals says that contacts with label manufacturers indicate that retail meat dealers are ordering new labels to fill the requirement described in the order. He said, "The regulations are now in effect and we are expecting compliance."

In answer to questions received by the department concerning the order Beals states that:

1. Hamburger purchased by restaurants and other eating places must meet the composition standard and the labeling requirements.
2. Any ground beef product must contain only the standard ingredients and should be labeled as either "hamburger" or "ground beef". This includes ground beef molded into a particular shape and given a trade name.
3. Labels on hamburger packages should not be torn off at the point of sale; they are for the consumer's information.
4. Only when the product is made entirely from a certain part of the beef carcass is it permissible to have additional information on the label. For example, "ground beef made from ground round" is legal; "lean ground beef" is not.

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YEAR START GOOD FOR OREGON FARMERS

Oregon farmers started the new year with prices at the highest level since last April, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Prices received by farmers in the state rose nearly 2 percent from mid-December to mid-January. Mrs. Horrell found in studying reports from the US department of agriculture. As a result, prices now stand at the same level as a year ago.

Nationally, farm prices also gained 2 percent during the last month to reach an average nearly 1 percent higher than January, 1937. Most of this national uptrend

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A HAPPY THREESOME

A customer related to me about calling their daughter who is attending the University of Oregon. "You know, talking by long distance telephone is the next best to having her at home. We get quite lonesome and to talk to her really gives Ma and Pa a boost. The good part of it is we carry on a conference—yes, a threesome. Recently we had an extension telephone installed in our bedroom. So with my wife on the extension and me on the other telephone in the kitchen, we have happy visits with Colleen over 200 miles away!" I just mentioned this circumstance because you may want an extension telephone too. Call me today. I'll take your order!

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