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COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS TWO MEETINGS

Representatives Snell And Yates To Speak Next Friday

WILL TELL OF LEGISLATURE

Members Of State Tax Commission To Address Club Later

The next meeting of the Moro Commercial Club will be held next Friday night, April 3rd, at the Moro Hotel and State Representative Earl W. Snell, of Arlington and J. P. Yates, of Wasco, will be the speakers of the evening. In order to make this a county wide meeting the Chambers of Commerce of Grass Valley and Wasco have been invited to attend and hear of the doings of the recent legislative session.

These two speakers have recently returned from Salem where they were members of the very widely discussed legislature that made over four hundred changes in the state law. As both of them were on some very important committees they will be able to give many interesting facts concerning the new legislation as well as some of the sidelights of the session just past.

Mr. Yates was a member of the committee on Ways and Means, one of the most active bodies in Salem during the legislature, and Mr. Snell, who has served several terms as representative from this district, was mentioned freely as speaker for the next representative body at the close of the last assembly.

Sometime in the week beginning April 12th another meeting will be held with Charles V. Galloway, of the State Tax Commission, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Galloway, with the other members of this commission is recognized as one of the best informed men of the country on tax matters and he has some very well founded ideas on that subject. He will have a talk full of information for those interested in taxation, which includes nearly everyone.

These meetings will be in the hotel dining room and are scheduled to begin at seven o'clock. Further information will be given later about the second meeting.

A. M. Wright And Wife Honored By Friends

Last Sunday morning a little surprise was perpetrated upon Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wright.

During the week they had passed their forty eighth wedding anniversary and Thursday, the 26th inst was Mr. Wright's 71st birthday anniversary. Some of their friends wished to give some recognition to these eventful occasions. Accordingly at the close of church service Mr. R. J. Ginn and Mrs. F. B. Belshie escorted Mr. and Mrs. Wright to the rostrum, Mrs. W. C. Bryant playing Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Rev. Ginn said that we had met to do honor to these persons who had traveled the road of life together with absolute fidelity to their marriage vows for forty eight years. Several persons spoke pronouncing encomiums upon our brother and sister, praising their fidelity to each other, their Christian home, their exemplary lives, neighborliness and brotherly and sisterly kindness to all in need or affliction. The words of love bespoke that Mr. and Mrs. Wright hold a warm place in the hearts of the people of the community and that they believed in giving them the flowers now.

Rev. Ginn said the evidence was sufficient to warrant the continuation of the union, and in behalf of the congregation and friends presented to them a beautiful bouquet of carnations.

Mr. Wright very eloquently and earnestly responded after which the congregation extended congratulations while the choir sang Blest Be the Tie that Binds and the first and last verses of God Be With You Till We Meet Again. (F. A. Ginn.)

Ross Garage At Shaniko Completely Destroyed

The garage and machine shop owned by Alex Ross at Shaniko was burned to the ground early Tuesday morning. It was reported that a gasoline stove exploded setting the fire to the structure which was built of wood. It is understood that the building was fully covered by insurance.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 1

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
March 28	44	32	.00
" 27	41	24	.05
" 26	48	25	.03
" 25	48	33	.02
" 24	56	38	.23
" 23	58	40	.49
April 1	48	35	.32

Total 1.14

The total precipitation for March was 1.81 inch or 1.04 more than normal. The highest precipitation for March in any year since 1910 was 2.06 in 1916. This year's record was the second highest.

The weather report at the station is made at five o'clock in the afternoon and the heaviest part of Tuesday's rain came after that time. April 1st is credited with .32 inch of rain that actually fell in March. This makes the 1931 precipitation for March greater than any on record and three times the normal. Since the first of March we have had 2.23 inches of rainfall.

The south end of the county received as much or more rain than Moro and the north end fared as well.

Ancient And Honored Game Has Many Sherman County Adherents

Golf is attracting more attention all the time in this county among the younger generation and the elder men and women as well. In Moro there is a club large enough to permit a contest and give plenty of competition to every one. A drawing has been made which places the names of club members in the form of a ladder. Each man is allowed to challenge any one in the first three above him, and if the challenger wins the match he is elevated to his opponents position. In a few weeks of this sort of competition the best players will be at the top of the ladder and the poorer ones at the bottom.

The drawing resulted in the following numbers being allotted to the players: 1. W. T. Balsineer; 2. John Seary; 3. W. A. Ruggles; 4. Roy Powell; 5. Chester Seary; 6. Fred Pickett; 7. Clarence Spaulding; 8. Marion McKee; 9. L. W. Rakes; 10. W. H. Regalado; 11. Elmer Barzee; 12. Art Osborne; 13. Homer Beale; 14. Paul May; 15. Collis Moore; 16. Walter May; 17. Elmer Hansen; 18. R. H. Coppock; 19. R. B. Webb; 20. Homer DeMoss.

After the best players have worked their way up the Moro club expects to invite the other clubs of the county to a tournament and determine just who is the champion Sherman County Golfer.

Quite a bit of hard work has been done on the course at the fair grounds, the greens have been oiled and it gives the followers of the Scotch game an opportunity to work off their Sunday ambition.

Grass Valley School Has New Paper

The Peppy News and the Crimson Rambler have combined into one paper, under the name of Peppy News. This paper will be published every Thursday. The staff is as follows: Editor, Vernon Eakin; Assistant Editor, Barbara Walpole; News Reporters, Bob Poley, Marietta Perry, Pearl Bell; Society, Evelyn Olds; Feature, Willard Barnett; Book Corner, Cindy Bell; Interview, Zela Ruggles; Cartoonist, Erasmus Baker; Sports, Harold Blagg. The price of the paper is one cent a copy and the money is to be used to buy a photograph record for the school.

Mr. Harold Hughes, former high school teacher, gave a very interesting talk last Friday afternoon, on his graduate study work at Eugene. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in a Geography contest between the classes.

Mr. Lillard, who represents the Curtis Publishing Company, visited school last Wednesday. He organized two teams, the Blue, with Vernon Eakin as leader and the Red with Barbara Walpole as leader. These teams are participating in a furiously contest to see which can sell the most subscriptions before Wednesday and win the reward. If every student sells a subscription it means a ten cent bonus to the student body.

Dale Baker entertained the Basket Ball team at dinner last Thursday evening. A number of the girls came in after dinner and cards were played. The high prizes went to Dorothy Olds and Clayton Vinton and the consolations went to Marietta Perry and Orville Ruggles.

The Healthful Living class is working on essays on Tuberculosis. This contest is being sponsored by Tuberculosis associations and Public Health associations. About \$400 will be distributed in prizes.

GRASS VALLEY WINS FIRST BALL GAME

Practice Game Ends 12 To 11 In Home Team's Favor

PLENTY OF ERRORS MADE

Blow-up In Ninth Inning Lets Seven Men Score

A snappy game of baseball opened the season at Grass Valley last Sunday when the Moro team and the Grass Valley boys crossed bats in a practice session. By the aid of enough errors to make a general blow-up in the last of the ninth innings the Grass Valley team won the honors by the score of 12 to 11. Seven scores were made while the Moro boys were up in the air.

Lyle Olds served the slants for Grass Valley until the eighth inning when he retired in favor of Jonnie Rolfe who finished the encounter. Tucker went the entire distance for Moro but was not in good enough condition to pitch nine innings which resulted in the loss of the game.

Both teams found much of their material among the high school boys as five played on the Grass Valley team and four on the Moro side. Many of the old timers have the urge to play like they did ten or twenty years ago but it takes the youngsters to fill a nine inning engagement.

Another game will be played in Moro next Sunday and the Moro team expect to get even for their defeat as they expect Guinan and Osborne to be on hand to strengthen the infield. With one win under their belt however, the Grass Valley boys will not be easy to turn back, for what they lacked most at the beginning was confidence. Now that they have developed that factor by one game they may be hard to stop.

Sunday's teams lined up as follows: Grass Valley 12. L. Olds, p; H. Blagg, 2; Fritts, c; J. Rolfe, ss; Eaton, 1b; Tetz, rf; Yinton, 3b; Perry, cf; Smith, 1b; Coon, cf.

Moro 11. Moore, ss; McKinney, cf; Hastings, 2; Pertz, c; Rice, rf; Pluemke, 3; Barzee, rf; Balsinger, 1b; Tucker, p; McDonald, cf.

Score by innings:
Grass Valley 0 1 0 3 0 1 0 7 12
Moro 3 1 0 1 0 1 3 1 2 11

Legionnaires Invited To Maupin Saturday

Members of the American Legion and the American Auxiliary are invited to attend the Tri-County Council in Maupin next Saturday night, April 4th. This will be the first convocation of this group of ex-service men and their wives this spring.

That the mosquitoes along the Columbia river gorge must go is the edict of Chairman Leroy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River county experiment station, who is chairman of a committee that has for its object the destruction of the mosquito tribe.

NEW SPEED REGULATIONS AFFECT STATE MOTORISTS

Forty-five Miles Per Hour Permitted On The Straightaways

Forty five miles an hour on the open highway, and even if you drive a little faster, you won't need to have that guilty feeling of violating the law.

Oregon's new highway speed code virtually takes the limit in miles per hour off the motorist and puts the responsibility for the safe operation of his vehicle strictly up to him. The basic rule of the regulation calls for the prudent operation of a motor vehicle in these words:

"Sec. 20.—No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and the hazard at intersections and any other conditions then existing."

"The law further provides," says Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss, "that no person shall drive at a speed which is greater than will permit the driver to exercise proper control of the vehicle, and to decrease speed or stop to avoid collision."

"Certain indicated speeds are established in the new law, not as limits in any sense, but as measuring sticks upon which to establish responsibility. The only difference between the responsibility of a driver involved in an accident at a speed less than those indicated and one who is going faster, are that the penalties are much more severe in the latter case. In other words, when you go faster than the indicated speeds you are not breaking the law, but you are building up a case against yourself in event any thing should happen. The answer to the question is, that in driving at the higher speeds, one should be extraordinarily careful, and at all times and at all speeds, to be certain of conformity to the basic rule of 'reasonable and prudent' operation of your vehicle."

The indicated speeds are as follows: Open highways, 45 miles per hour; residence districts, public parks and at grade crossings where view is clear, 25 miles; in business districts and when approaching highway intersections, 20 miles; passing schools during recess or when children are going to or from school, and approaching grade crossings with obstructed view, 15 miles per hour.

Drivers of slow moving vehicles are required by the new law to let vehicles behind them pass at normal speeds, by drawing over to one side of the road.

Highway Maintenance Foremen Change Posts

There has been a change in the maintenance of highway crews in the past week. After April 1st the crew having residence in Moro and in charge of Clyde Gilmor will maintain the road from the Columbia River Highway forty miles south which is very close to the town of Kent. Charles McCutcheon will have charge of the section from Kent to the Critteron school house and has moved to Shaniko with his helper, Paul Stout.

COUNTY COURT MEETS FOR APRIL TERM

Very Few Things Of Importance Before The Court

MARKET ROAD NEARS FINISH

Damage Suit Filed With Clerk For May Term Of Circuit Court

The April term of county court held April 1st transacted a smaller amount of county business than any term for several months past. Bonds for some county officers were accepted among them being the bond of George H. Wilcox who is the county coroner, and the bond of A. M. Young as county treasurer.

The clerk was instructed to file a claim on the estate of James Hedrick for money advanced the deceased while he was a county charge. For several years Mr. Hedrick and wife were supported by the county before they were sent to the state hospital at Pendleton. The estate is now in process of final settlement.

Homer Wall reported that the work on the Kent-West market road is progressing as fast as expected and that the grading of dirt will be finished in about ten days. It will take two or three weeks longer to finish the rock work and then the grade will be allowed to settle before rocking.

It is very probable that a damage suit will be tried in this county at the next session of the circuit court for D. D. Davis has filed a complaint against the John Day Freight Company. He is suing the company for \$10,000.00 damages for a collision between one of their trucks and his car on the Columbia River Highway in Sherman county. J. M. Hickson, a son of the former deputy sheriff of Sherman county, is the attorney for the plaintiff. Circuit court will meet May 18th.

Anniversary Planned

At the regular meeting of the Moro lodge Monday night a complete outline of the Anniversary Exercises were planned for the 12th Anniversary of the I. O. O. F. for April 26th 1931.

A suitable program of 12 numbers consisting of songs, readings and other appropriate exercises. Brother F. H. Shanks, of Hood River, will be the principal speaker.

After church the people are requested to gather at the I. O. O. F. hall where dinner will be served. The program will start at 2 o'clock.

A committee of three brothers and three sisters will look after the visitor and the Moro lodge room will remain open during the day. Visitors will be welcome. Please remember that any persons who desire to take part in this gathering are at liberty to do so. Just bring a basket of food and make your selves at home. Moro lodge will furnish the coffee, sugar and cream. This is a pot-luck dinner. You are all welcome.

Moro Lodge, No. 113
Lupine Bebekah Lodge, No. 116
A. M. Young, Sec.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The Dayton hotel, an Oregon landmark since 1872, was destroyed by fire starting from an oil cook stove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Standley, pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley, celebrated their 62d wedding anniversary March 18 at their home near Alice.

Uniforms for the police force have been received by Chief Stanley Jones of Klamath Falls and all patrolmen and traffic officers appeared in regulation dress on April 1.

Approximately \$135,000 will be spent by the Pacific Power & Light company during the present year on improvements and extensions to properties in the Astoria district.

Rogue valley orchardists are preparing for the first heavy frost of the spring season, and with buds bursting in many districts, amndge pots are almost certain to be lighted.

The law enacted at the recent legislative session, creating a new state police department, will become effective August 1, according to an opinion handed down by the attorney-general.

The new \$10,000 Odd Fellows building in Glendale was dedicated recently. Nearly 200 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Roseburg, Grants Pass, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle attended.

Astoria's city dads are landlords on a big scale. During the month of February \$353.45 was collected in rentals from 26 dwellings that have been taken over by the city due to unpaid street assessments.

The Salem city council has decided to offer \$1,100,000 to the Oregon-Washington Water Service company for its property there. If accepted the proposal will go to citizens at a special or general election.

Water charges for lands in the Harper and Little Valley divisions of the Vale project will be \$1 per irrigable acre with a minimum charge of \$40 unless the tract to be irrigated includes less than 40 acres.

The Seaside chamber of commerce will make an effort to learn whether there is a possibility of stocking the Necanicum with smelt. Experts believe there may be a chance of propagating smelt in the stream.

Drilling at the Fat Elk oil well west of Coquille has been discontinued for the time being on account of lack of funds and the further fact that an effort will be made to determine whether there is not now sufficient gas escaping to warrant its utilization.

Estimate of the pea crop of The Dalles district place the record plantings of the season at 500 acres. The weather conditions have been ideal and the vines are making good growth. Indications are that the harvest will be much earlier this year than usual.

Agricultural committees of 14 of the granges in Marion county held a conference at Liberty recently preparatory to launching a drive against the use of oleomargarine. The recent legislation levied an excise tax of 10 cents per pound on all oleomargarine sold in the state.

The emergency employment program, which was launched by the state highway commission late in December, will be continued through April. Announcement of the plan was made at the executive department in Salem.

To Oregon has been allocated 14 per cent of forest highway funds for the fiscal year 1932, according to announcement of the forest service. Oregon will receive \$1,344,741 out of a total of \$9,500,000 apportioned among 33 states.

Local Teachers Give Institute Program

The Institute of Sherman County School teachers held at the school house last Saturday was not very well attended by them for some unexplained reason, but an interesting program was enjoyed by those present.

Mr. Stephens, representing the school board of Moro, welcomed the visiting school ma'ams after a short singing period and compared the teacher of today with the stern master of the village school described in Goldsmith's "Deserted Village."

School children provided a program of singing and dancing and some of the smaller children gave a wand drill. The principal speaker was Chester F. Bennett, former superintendent of schools in Klickitat county, Washington. He stated that the world was still seeking men who fulfilled the qualifications set by the prophet Jeremiah who sent his men into the streets seeking one who executed his best judgment constantly and who was a seeker after truth. It was his expressed belief that a teacher should endeavor to train her or his pupils to be that sort of men and women.

Wasco will hold a local institute at some date in April and Rufus will give one before the school year ends according to present plans.

MILDRED GINN WRITES TO PARENTS HERE

Missionary To India Sees Strange Sights In Foreign Land

WEATHER IS HOT IN INDIA NOW

Jungle Lies Close To Missionaries' Headquarters

Sunday, February 15, 1931.

Dearest Mother and Daddy: Tea is just over and I'm sitting out on the front verandah writing. The hottest part of the day is past but still I'm perspiring so that my hands stick to the paper. I've been as warm, however, many times at home and don't really feel so uncomfortable. Its not your comfort as much as your strength that India's sun affects, it saps the latter. I'm always ready for my cold bath and an hour or two of sleep or rest before tea time, and with it keep going nicely. It has been warming up the last few days and I'm thinking we shall be glad to escape to the hills in a few weeks. The home here is situated in a most ideal place for their locality. Out on a point with water on three sides and every breeze visits us. We have been having some rather strong breezes which Hazel and Winnie have not appreciated but I really enjoy them, suppose because it carried me in thought back to Sherman county breezes.

I shall try to get some snaps of the views we see every day. It is ever so pretty here though very different from Yercaud. Canoes, wallums and passenger boats are passing by each hour of the day, and night! The fisherman at night are quite trying if one is having trouble sleeping. Not only singing and talking but such pounding on the side of the boats to attract the fish into the nets. There are plenty of fish in the waters. We can see them jump out of the water in the evening.

The Maharajahs Palace is very near by—she has a palace in every city. They have been expecting her to pay a visit here before long. The Maharajah is the queen of Travancore State. I was some what surprised to learn that an Indian state was ruled by a woman. I believe she is well liked and has helped the people and country in establishing schools etc. She will soon have to give up her position to the young rajah who in a year or two will be old enough to rule. The previous rajah had no children so adopted two daughters. The older one is now ruling but it is the son of the younger daughter who take her place as he is older than her son. The right to the throne comes through the female line rather than the male, another surprise to me.

No lessons yesterday so we took a little trip to the jungle. While there are supposed to be any number of elephants and other wild animals there, none came down to the road side to prove the fact to me. I don't doubt their power, however. We had our tea at P. W. D. (Public Works Department) Bungalow. India's kolots consist of the above bungalows or Travelers Bungalows (T. B.) which are practically the same. They are furnished with table, beds and chairs. You take your bedding, if you are staying over night, and food. There is a butler in charge who cooks your food if you desire and other coolies about willing to give assistance for some "bucksbills," tips they are called at home. Some of the bungalows are very nice. You pay a fee for the use of the bungalow and reward the butler according to his services and the generosity of your heart balanced with common sense.

We had a short rest after tea but were not able to stay as long as we had expected to because of having a flat tire on the way there. How thankful we were that the puncture occurred when we were in the shelter of the jungle shade rather than out in the direct noonday heat of the sun. It was a nice trip though at this time of the year the river is sluggish and the vegetation in spots quite dry and burnt. After the rains it would be much nicer. We took the trip now because Hazel is leaving for home so soon. I improved my moments on the way home by studying Malayalam.

The best thing about air mail letters is the nice surprise they give you. They usually save only two or three days in time but to receive a letter from home when you are not expecting it, most repays for the extra postage. But you folks must use stronger envelopes. The last two letters sent in store envelopes and by air mail sent have to be repaired by the postal department. One reason, I imagine, was because they were

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