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PLAN FOR A TOWN

Moro has no planning commission. Nearly every citizen is interested in the welfare of the town and in themselves are a pretty fair planning group.

These suggestions are made to provoke argument about what might be done to make Moro a better town in which to live. It is the belief of this newspaper that if a town is a good place to live, a good place to spend an hour or a day or a life its business existence will be well assured.

The city now owns the Legion hall. For years it has been used as a meeting place for larger groups and for occasional dances, almost invariably given for profit.

Some gymnasium equipment could be added, volleyball, boxing, table tennis, for example. The same regulations that govern other gymnasiums would have to apply, of course, to protect the property and equipment.

If parts of the building were made cozier, it could be used for card parties and other small gatherings. It might become so popular that someone would want to operate it as a community or country club.

The city owns quite a bit of the property along the main street. Plans are being made to beautify it with flowers and shrubs by spring time and suggestions as to how this could be done better are always acceptable.

If there was enough interest in a reading room arrangements might be made to obtain magazines for the library and keep it open for more hours per week. It might be moved to the hall.

Some towns have added interest by sponsoring a public auction each week. The community brings such machinery, animals, furniture or other equipment as its members desire to sell.

Over in Condon the commercial club has sent out a questionnaire asking what city and country residents thought about the town and the individual business in it. It promises to be very illuminating.

The local Breakfast club might pursue somewhat the same method to find out what people are thinking about Moro and, incidentally, their own businesses.

The job of planning a town that would meet the needs of the community should not be so difficult. Finding out what people want would be first, of course, then would be the effort of moving toward that goal as fast as finances and the energy of the town permitted. It could be very interesting.

CENSORSHIP

It is probably due to the fact that censorship is new in the United States. Restrictions may be relaxed later. Yet, it is certainly true that news of what is happening in this war is so little that it is of almost no value to civilians.

It leads to the belief that the truth is bad and that it is being withheld because of fear that the people will react unfavorably to the truth. This is a wrong conception of American psychology.

No one wants news that is helpful to the enemy given out. The disagreement is about what news might be valuable to the enemy and whether or not it isn't better to keep citizens of this country informed in any even.

navy is doing something in this war but have heard nothing of its activities since Pearl Harbor. Suppression of this news is likely in the public interest. Certainly, however, the Japanese admirals know a great deal of the location of our ships. Otherwise they would not be able to capture Wake island and land troops on Luzon.

SMALL FARMER

The government has guaranteed that the price of the chosen foods will be maintained at 85 percent of parity until June of 1943. These foods are milk, butter, cheese, beef, pork and allied products the names of which are well known to all farmers.

With the exception of beef all of these products are produced on small sized farms and are most economically grown without the mass methods of the modern wheat grower.

Some men probably have hundreds of milk cows but the organization job of such an enterprise is beyond the capacity of the majority. Butter and cheese are almost universally produced by co-operative groups in the United States.

No doubt there are some very large hog producers but it is difficult to imagine any man marketing more than a carload a month if he grows his own pigs. The risk would be very great and the investment, too large for economy.

Chickens and eggs are normally the product of small sized farms. It is almost unbelievable that any one would utilize a section of land for a chicken farm.

Well, what about it? Doesn't it look like the small farmer of the United States was going to be the one that will get the breaks from the government in this food production campaign of the secretary of agriculture?

It begins to look as if the man who was "tired" will be lucky, especially if the Japanese capture all the rubber plantations.

In Other Days

From the Observer Dec. 26, 1902
J. T. Belshee of the Moro Blue Barn took the city sleigh riding Wednesday behind his prize greys. The day was mild and pleasant. It seemed to change Mr. Belshee's luck for he won the prize at the mask ball by representing George Washington and for the best waiter.

We are now at liberty to divulge the reason why Mr. Hoover built the brick building on First street. It is for the Moro Implement company who will occupy it for five years to come. Watch Moro grow.

DeMoss brothers have donated an acre for cemetery purposes. The grounds will be fenced and beautified. Rev. C. B. Davis who died November 28, 1902, was the first interment, December 1.

Henry Frook has bought the Rufus Moore quarter from Geo. P. Higginbotham for \$2500.

From the Observer, Dec. 26, 1912
Invitations are out for a bachelor dinner New Years day at the farm of Kenny and Belshe. Those interested in the entertainment are Wilford Belshe, Clarence Mersinger, James and Charles Kenny.

A. H. Barnum and L. L. Peetz each have 12 horses working at the fair grounds and R. T. Morgan, Fred Hennagin and I. N. Lemon have four each. L. L. Peetz has had a horse injured and A. H. Barnum has had to take a team home because of illness.

Roy Powell and wife of Prineville are visiting relatives here over the holidays.

About a foot of snow fell in this city Sunday night and Monday and it is still at it. It is proposed to refund the city's bonds in order to make them serial so \$1000 can be paid off each year. Thus in ten years the city will be entirely out of debt.

Kelly's Column

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ceeding and some meetings have been held. Presumably these refugees will be removed to somewhere in the Cascade mountains, or east of that range of dead volcanoes.

The attack on Pearl Harbor has convinced the high command that the Japanese may try anything; hence the attention now being given to the Pacific northwest. The Japanese strategy for invasion depended on being able to get thru the Pacific fleet materially, there is a possibility of the enemy attempting an invasion before replacements and repairs can be made. In short, the Japanese are not being trusted and it is recognized by everyone from the president down that this is to be a long, hard fought war and a costly one.

Census reports there are 4,071 Japanese in Oregon and 14,565 in Washington. In Oregon all are native born Americans except 1,617 and in Washington all native born Americans except 5,683. Most of the native born are children of school age or less.

Statehouse Gossip

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of personal convenience. Eccles is now at work on a plan for pooling all state owned automobiles as a further step in his program of conservation which has been forced on the state by the curtailment in the manufacture of cars and the shortage in the nation's supply of rubber for tires and tubes.

Secretary of State Snell has just completed the allocation of \$1,200,000 in highway funds to the several counties. The allocation, based on motor vehicle population, ranged from a low of \$2,341 to Jefferson county, with an automobile registration of 782, to a high of \$371,453.87 to Tillamook county with a total of 124,082 cars in 1941. A previous allocation of \$800,000 was made last June and a final allocation will be made in January.

Ben Titus, acting director of the state highway department's travel bureau estimates that visiting tourists spent \$51,000,000 in Oregon this year. Titus said that surveys conducted by the bureau indicated that tourist business in Oregon this year was 15 per cent above that of 1940. Peak of tourist travel in Oregon this year came during August when surveys conducted by the highway department showed 55,000 out of state cars visited this state. Titus, however, was not at all optimistic over tourist travel prospects for 1942 with the prospect of tire and gasoline rationing threatening to cut heavily into automobile travel for the duration of the emergency.

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Tuesday's trading:
CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.50 to 13.00. Good grain fed heifers \$10.50 to 10.75. Good beef cows \$8.00 to 8.50. Heifer fresh cows to \$9.00, medium \$7.25 to 7.75, common \$6.00 to 7.00, canners \$4.25 to 5.00. Bulls, medium to good \$8.25 to 9.25, common \$7.25 to 8.00. Vealers, good to choice \$12.00 to 13.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb truckins \$11.75 to 11.90; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$10.50 to 11.00; light weight butchers \$10.50 to 11.00; packing sows \$8.50 to 9.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$10.75 to 11.15; medium to good \$9.75 to 10.50; common \$8.25 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$5.00 to 5.50.

Students Asked To Remain In School Now

Oregon State College.—O. S. C. students were told at a special convocation just prior to the Christmas holidays to view the present war crisis calmly but grimly, to be ready for any self-denial, service, or sacrifice, but to trust the government to tell them when and where they are most needed.

President Emeritus G. W. Pavv, who was here at the time of the outbreak of the first world war, reviewed the events of those days and showed what a vital part Oregon State students played in that conflict, both on the fighting fronts and in technical service at home.

He said the selective service act means just what it says, and that until it selects students here for military service, they are serving their country best by continuing their education so as to be of greater value to a nation which must, more than ever, become the arsenal and the bread-basket for democracy.

Engineering students particularly were urged to continue their work because the government had estimated a need for 30,000 engineering graduates by June, 1942, even before actual war broke out. In the continuation of college work however, it is the patriotic duty of each student to take his courses seriously and give his best efforts to his country in this way, the students were advised.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the estate of Clara Cannon Doyle, deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned, at Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is December-26, 1941.

Josephine Hogue Executrix
Dick & Diek Attorneys

Moro Students Home For Holiday Season

Carl Peetz and Wyman French drove up from Eugene Saturday to be with home folks over the holidays.

Bob Gillmor is here from Corvallis for the holidays. Claudine Thompson came up with her sister, Faye, a teacher at Grants Pass. John Austin Foss arrived in Moro for the holidays also.

J. C. Heckman came home from the hospital Wednesday and is at the home of his son, Orville. While he cannot get up town right now he did send word that he wished a Merry Christmas to all.

Miss May Hurst, welfare worker for this county, left Wednesday for Portland where she will spend Christmas. She will attend meetings at the state office Monday.

Miss Joelle Peters is here for the Christmas holidays coming from Monmouth where she is taking a teachers course.

Miss Reatha Sayrs arrived Saturday morning from San Jose, Cal. where she is a student at San Jose State. Vernon Melzer, also a student there, came Sunday for the holidays.

Dr. W. H. Rockwell, naturopathic physician, has been in the county for ten days looking for a location. He expected to rent Dr. Poley's office in Moro although he is reported to have leased an office in Grass Valley. He will return from Salem in a few days.

Ross Ornduff and wife spent the holiday in The Dalles as guests of Mrs. Ornduff's daughters.

Frank Sayrs is here from Longview to visit with his parents over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beardsley went to The Dalles Wednesday. Jay Freeman was brought back from the hospital Wednesday evening and is reported as feeling much better. Neal and wife are still here with him.

Miss Lucile Vale left Wednesday morning for her home at Medford to spend Christmas with her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles French drove to LaGrande Saturday to bring their daughter, Jane home from Eastern Oregon College of Education from which she had just graduated.

Marion McKee arrived Wednesday afternoon from Portland to spend the holiday here with his family. His son, Gordon has been with him for a few days.

Miss Marion McLeod is up from Portland to spend Christmas day with her brothers, Willard and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hart and family are up from Beaverton to spend Christmas and the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Sayrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser returned from their trip to Chicago and the eastern states last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William McKinney were here Christmas day from Pendleton to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller and his mother, Mrs. Fred Cole before returning to school duties at the Round-Up city.

Harry Kunsman left Wednesday noon for Heppner to spend Christmas day with his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marvin.

Si and Betty Thompson came down from Milton Wednesday to spend Christmas with the Powell family. All the Roy Powell children were home for Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conlee accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Williams went to Portland Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Conlee and Donald Williams.

Marion McKee and family spent Christmas day in Glenwood, Wn., with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Eaton.

Evelyn Christianson came up from Portland to observe Christmas with her brother, Art and other relatives around Moro.

Mrs. Maud Driscoll of Goldendale and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Thogerson of Prineville were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seral Searcy.

George Updegraff left Wednesday for Portland to spend Christmas with his mother. He will go to California for New Years day.

The defense council meeting scheduled for Wednesday was postponed and will be called later by the chairman Judge Potter or the co-ordinator, Wily Knighten.

The Goldendale basketball team defeated the Moro town team here Tuesday night.

HEALTH HELD GOOD

It is safe to say that never before has medical knowledge and skill been at a higher level than at present; that public health work is more efficient and better organized than ever before; our standard of living has attained a relatively high level; our steadily declining mortality is a favorably expression on national health.

In spite of these attainments, now that we are in a state of national emergency, we are faced with the fact that about 40 per cent of the young men of our country at ages 21 to 35 are either considered physically unfit to enter training for military service or are fit for limited service only.

This fact may be considered as an important index of our national health at ages which are economically the most productive years of life. The physical status of the civilian population, because of its industrial and social value, is of grave concern to us, and it is this problem of health in national defense that was the subject of our round table conference.

A review of present scientific opinion concerning prevention or correction of the defects and conditions which are the most frequent causes of rejection of young men called for training by the Selective Service System, was our chief concern. As a background for our discussion, preliminary data, giving the detailed causes of rejection by Selective Service boards and induction centers, were presented by Mr. G. St. J. Perrott.

Twenty-eight per cent were classed as unfit for any military service, and an additional 15 per cent were considered as fit for limited service only. The leading causes of rejection were: Defective or deficient teeth, eye diseases, orthopedic impairments, diseases of the cardiovascular system, nervous and mental diseases, hernia, tuberculosis, and venereal disease.

The most striking difference between the results of 1917-1918 and today is the present high percentage of rejections because of defective teeth, which are over four times as high as in the world war draft. These results may point to an increase in the prevalence of dental disease since 1918, although other factors are undoubtedly involved.

Rejection for respiratory disease (largely tuberculosis) are only a little lower than in the world war (1.7 per cent as compared with 2.0 per cent). This probably means better case finding at the present time. Rejections for venereal disease constitute 1.6 per cent of men in the present examinations as compared with 0.5 per cent in the last draft. This higher percentage need not indicate an increase in the prevalence of venereal disease since 1918, but is probably due to more rigid standards today which exclude men with venereal disease and to the use of better diagnostic methods.

In suite of the higher percentage of rejections reported today than in 1917-1918, it cannot be said that the physical status of young men has deteriorated since the world war. Neither can it be said that the health of young men has improved. Differences in physical examination standards, in technique of examining physicians, and other factors make comparison difficult until the data can be analyzed in more detail. Rejections for defective teeth are obviously higher in 1941 than in 1918; otherwise, the important causes of rejection today are the same as those in the world war draft.

Next time good friends drop in... serve Fruit Cake and WINE

Delicious refreshment wines such as glowing, full-bodied California Port or golden Muscatel are especially nice for between-meal servings. Try for serving wine, and notice how guests appreciate this way to serve wine, and notice how moderate. Wine Council of Oregon, Pearson 4th Avenue Building, Portland, Ore.

Joe Ritner N.G.
Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O.E.S.
Meets Every second and fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.

Patricia Woods Sec.
Dorothy Moore, W.M.
Lorenska Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

Wendell Balsiger, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secretary
Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Helen Martin N. G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

THIS WILL BE OUR BUSIEST CHRISTMAS--

We deeply appreciate your most helpful cooperation. You are helping us to help you.

We want you to know that we are meeting this emergency with everything we've got, but in these critical times delays are bound to occur.

Our lines are carrying a tremendous volume of traffic—in the last few days have been the busiest in Pacific Coast history. It is necessary, of course, that in all instances, our lines be readily available for telephone calls important to Defense.

Your considerate thoughtfulness in not making other than the most urgent calls is an inspiration to all of us who are earnestly endeavoring to uphold the finest traditions of telephone service.

May we also ask you to lend us a hand over the Holiday Season by not sending greetings by Long Distance.

Thank you.

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