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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

This newspaper would be pleased to know how many people in this community would be interested in some sort of public programs for the winter.

It seems entirely possible that programs for both entertainment and enlightenment could be provided locally. True, they might be less of both than those found in larger places, but they could serve to while away the fall and winter evenings with something that would add something to the enjoyment of living.

What is immediately in mind is one or more public discussions about local, state, national or international affairs. They could be in the form of a debate, a panel discussion, an open forum or any other way that might be suggested.

The topics could be any that might have general appeal. The county school situation could be a lively local subject. There is also the future of Sherman county agriculture, post-war plans for road building or other improvement of the construction of which may be necessary as a relief measure.

There are state problems aplenty, taxes, liquor control, highway development, use of scenic resources, etc.

The national problems are so many as to make it impossible to even list the major ones. There has been talk about what the American people want written into the peace, but like the weather, no one has done anything about it except express their own ideas. What do the people think? We could find out what we think.

International questions revolve around the relative positions of the nations. What are we going to do with the Japs? How about Russia and communism? Are we for England, or agin' 'er?

If there is any sizeable group of people who would like to have such a program, or programs, arranged, it will be done. And done in such a manner that he who wishes to be heard can talk, and he who wishes to listen may do that undisturbed. What say?

NO TAX?

We hope for the reputation of the congress for mental stability that no one is taking the ramblings of the tax committee seriously. It is consistent in only one thing: it makes the headlines twice a week with a new tax proposal.

The action of the republicans and a large number of democrats pledging that there would be no new taxes or increased taxes, was entirely wrong. When a nation is crowded with people with more money than they can spend at the same time that nation is burdened with growing debt, it is high time taxes were higher. To decide otherwise is the act of politicians who would rather be wrong than be defeated.

Such things are the reason why American people get to pay their debts, public and private, when dollars are hard to get. They make their debts the easy way—when money will buy little—and pay them when a dollar looks as big as a politicians' promise.

It looks as if we were waiting until the 10,000,000 men at arms return to help pay the debt.

The success of a labor policy should be determined by the percentage of men who work at capacity each day. By that rule we have a poor labor policy unless one considers 75% passing.

MORE BOOKS

The issuance of a new set of ration books cannot help but bring to mind a dilemma that is now possible, even if imaginary at the present time: suppose a citizen lost his wallet containing all his cards and books and papers.

Just think of the things he couldn't do. If of draft age he might be picked up by every predatory cop, and even oldsters must carry cards designating their position in selective service. He could buy no gasoline, could not in fact, drive a car. He couldn't even eat.

These new ration books are an evidence of subservience on the part of a once independent people. The row on row of simple emblems on tiny little pieces of paper on which life hangs so precariously are but another indication of public admission of incompetency. They have given up, temporarily at least, to the loud voice that speaks authoritatively.

Memory recalls the picture of a huge Italian who as a KP, was setting a table when a man came into the dining room waving a newspaper and bawling the news of the armistice. With a whoop that contained more joy than can be expressed, he threw the pile of tin plates all over the room. He was through, done finished.

When and if we hear the words that end this war there is going to be something done about the largely useless red tape that has been wrapped around us. We must win the war, if only to get rid of the alphabet.

In almost any newspaper one can read dispatches saying that Germany is weakening fast and cannot fight much longer. We have been reading them about two years now. In almost any newspaper, also, can be found statements that Germany can fight indefinitely. All this must mean that there are no clear, definite indices by which we can determine how badly Germany is injured as to manpower, resources, manufacturing or morale.

People who stop in town are again saying, "What a nice sun".

In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct. 30, 1914

A mass meeting for Moro citizens, met to consider means of getting more water, asked the council to levy a special ten mill tax. Considered were: digging a trench across the flat at bed rock to catch water; bring water from Grass Valley canyon; drill a well.

John Johnson and daughter Mary, are again at home at Moro after a summer spent at their home near Collins.

Elmer Barzee Jr. left Wednesday for Salem where he will attend business college.

From the Observer, Oct. 28, 1904

That beautiful black stallion Pasture, one of the best that ever left France, is now the property of the Moro Percheron Horse Co., consideration \$4,000. The company consists of: Frank Sayre, Henry Hennagin, John Christian, C. G. Huls, Elwood Thompson, J. G. and Robert Belshee, and T. B. Searcy.

The Grass Valley city council its last meeting completed arrangements concerning the purchase and enlarging of the Grass Valley electric light and water plant, purchasing several hundred feet of steel water pipe from a firm in Portland, and a 30,000 gallon, red wood tank from the Citizens Commercial company, at Grass Valley. There is no article to be named which the enterprising firms of Sherman county cannot now furnish.

From the Observer, Oct. 31, 1924

Roy Kunsman and Harry Kunsman were deer hunting last Sunday in the vicinity of the Cottonwood bridge crossing on the John Day river. They saw two deer and shot one.

Jas. Hanna arrived home to Sherman county on Thursday afternoon train from a visit of several weeks with his son in the western part of Montana.

Carston vonBorstel, recently a visitor from Portland at the home of his son at Kent, spent his 78th birthday seeding wheat on the old farm.

Melvin Schadewitz and L. R. Conlee returned on Thursday from a duck hunting expedition to the Klamath Lake district.

Kelly's Column Teachers Hear About Profession At Institute

(Continued from page one)

Washington's Senator Homer T. Bone will not be a candidate for re-election because of illness. The senator has been ailing for some time and his friends believe he will retire from public life, come January, 1945. If such is the case, it will throw a different light on the political situation in Washington. It is known that several Democrats are aspirants for Bone's seat, should he retire, and they have been trying to get the senator to say something definite on the subject. However, at least one, and maybe two, friends go after his scalp, regardless. In the meantime Mr. Bone has nothing to say on the subject, and in all probability won't until next spring.

MORO HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Moro school students enjoyed a well earned vacation Monday and Tuesday of this week due to the fact that the teachers of Sherman, Hood River, Wheeler, Gilliam and Wasco counties were attending teachers institutes in The Dalles.

Friday, Oct. 22, the Moro Huskie football team motored to The Dalles to play a game with The Dalles Papooses. At the half the score was 7 to 0 in favor of the Papooses, but at the start of the second half our Moro boys really got in and fought, and made the score 27 to 7 at the end of the game.

November 9th, the V-12 and A-12 test will be given at the school. This qualifying test for civilians, given each spring and fall, makes it possible for men to become earmarked for the ASTP in advance. Civilian men who will be 17 but not yet 22 on March 11, 1944 are eligible to take this test. Those who receive satisfactory scores are instructed to present their qualifying notices to Army authorities after induction. These candidates are then sent to special army training stations for their thirteen weeks of basic military training after which, if qualified, they are assigned to ASTP.

Frank Payne, alumni of 1943, was a visitor at our school one day last week, also Gordon Lemley, both of whom are from Grass Valley.

Moro Huskies suffered one injury in their victory over the Papooses, that was when Bob Robertson hurt his leg in the last few minutes of the first half. His leg injury though not serious made it necessary for him to remain on the bench for the remainder of the game.

Since the students have gone to school six weeks they are now taking their six weeks exams.

During football practice last week Keith Bayer had the cartilage torn away from his ribs on one side, the injury, not serious, has made it necessary for him to be taken off the field for a few days to recover.

There will be a football game at the fairgrounds Friday, Oct. 29th, with The Dalles Papooses.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 115 Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month.
Visiting members welcome.
Coila Belshee, N.G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka 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.
W. F. McLeod, W.M.
G. V. Belknap, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S.
Moro, Oregon
Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in Each Month. Visiting Members Invited.
Norma Balsiger, W. M.
Marie Hoskinson, Sec.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.
Charles C. Wilson, N.G.
Percy Thompson, Sec.

Teachers of Moro joined those from other parts of Sherman county, Wasco, Hood River, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, the first two days of this week at a teachers institute in The Dalles. Besides the talks and discussions about teaching practices a meeting of the state OSTA was held and the annual banquet at which Dean Dubach of OSC spoke.

Judge George Updegraff was over in Wheeler county Monday and Tuesday on judicial business. One of the men he went over to try escaped from the county jail Sunday night.

Mr and Mrs Phil Ruggles are here from their home at St. Helens for a visit of a few days with relatives and friends.

Darwin VanGilder was down from camp at Prineville over the weekend.

Mr and Mrs E.H. Moore left Sunday for Portland with Mr and Mrs Charles Powell. They expect to return this week end.

Mrs W.C. Fuller was up from Portland a few days the first of the week.

J.B. Adams is finishing the job of harvesting his fine garden on the site of the old Rust homestead and has a house full of garden truck.

Charley Bullard has sold out his summerfallow and rented his ranch to Bill Schilling. Charley and family are going to move to town for keeps this time, he says.

Mrs Frances King was up from The Dalles Monday to visit at her ranch here.

Lloyd Hennagin was a visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs Roy Belshee, east of town for a couple days the last of the week. He had taken a few days off from his work at the bank in Portland to do some hunting and fishing and the rain prevented both of them.

It is reliably reported that Gene Lockett had been discharged from the army as of October 5. He had been in a hospital at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Trouble with his knee was the cause of his medical discharge.

Mrs Richard Campbell, nee Vera Jean Henrichs, is home with her mother now, her husband having gone overseas.

John Shipley has been called into service for which he has been waiting for several months. He is in naval aviation.

Aviation student Kenneth McKean of Moro has just found out that he won't be leaving Tulsa quite as soon as he had expected. He said Saturday night at the USO in Tulsa. His present course of training at the Spartan School of Aeronautics closes November 7th but he will immediately start another phase of the study which will qualify him as Primary Flight Instructor, and will be here at least another two months. McKean has been at Spartan School since August 1st. Previous to that he was stationed at Kerns, Utah.

Operating licenses for operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to be in Moro, November 4, at the Court House from 9 to 11 a.m. to examine applicants for drivers' and chauffeurs licenses.

George DeMors came home last week from California to await his call to the Seabees which he joined while away.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Johnson came up last week from their home in Salem to spend a week visiting friends and relatives in Sherman county.

Mr and Mrs Don DeMors went to Portland last week accompanied by Mrs. John DeMors who stopped at Camas to visit her mother. They returned Thursday.

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Want Ads

FOR SALE: 2 brood sows with pigs. Kenneth Martin, Kent 51-2

FOR SALE: Good, purebred, yearling Hereford Bull Calf. Call Art Bucholtz; Moro 49-51p

FOR SALE: 200 bu. Turkey Red seed wheat, treated in fall 1942. Will sell at bargain. Call Ella Thompson, 318, Moro

FOR SALE: Marblehead squashes 4 miles below Cecil, Ralph Butler, Arlington. 50p

FOR SALE: Purebred roan Durham bull calf. Gordon Helyer Grass Valley 51-1 p ber 12, 1943.



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

"Keeping store," Sam Abernethy says, "can teach a person plenty about human nature. 'Now coffee rationing's lifted, folks ain't a-breakin' their necks 'ya' to buy all they can. Knowin' they can have it if they want it, they ain't so all-fired anxious to get it.'"
Sam's right, as usual. I don't crave that second cup half as much as when I couldn't get it. But that's human nature... Like allowing moderate beer in the Army's post exchanges. Instead of leading to more drinking, the OWI report says, it

works out just the opposite—often as not the men choose soda-pop or milk, with beer right there and no restrictions on it. But if it wasn't there, like in the last War, the story might be altogether different. From where I sit, that's how it is with Americans. Tell 'em they can't have a thing and by golly, they'll find ways to get it. But admit their right to have it, and their own good sense will lead to moderation.

Joe Marsh

C. A. Ruggles INSURANCE

Moro Oregon

First National Bank of Portland, Oregon

Condensed Statement of Head Office and 40 Branches

RESOURCES	December 31, 1942	October 18, 1943
Cash on Hand & due from Banks	\$72,555,015.02	\$78,307,798.52
United States Bonds, incl. U.S. Government Agencies	134,843,935.54	226,619,351.94
All Other Bonds	5,437,683.49	9,343,664.41
Loans and Discounts	54,030,792.70	59,665,586.29
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	300,000.00	300,000.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	2,710,360.87	2,729,516.61
Other Real Estate	1.00	1.00
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	16,214.24	
Interest Earned	666,921.99	687,913.38
Other Resources	156,362.03	213,554.04
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$270,717,286.48	\$377,867,386.19
LIABILITIES		
Capital	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$4,500,000.00
Surplus	5,500,000.00	5,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,604,730.28	2,671,546.30
Reserves for Contingencies	1,223,102.94	1,456,075.54
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, etc.	12,827,833.22	14,127,621.84
Acceptances	487,947.76	1,026,786.00
Interest Collected in Advance	16,214.24	
Other Liabilities	166,802.09	150,736.06
Deposits (exclusive of reciprocal bank deposits)	119,437.94	196,740.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$270,717,286.48	\$377,867,386.19

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