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ORDINANCE NO. 121 AN ORDINANCE relating to and providing for license upon certain public utilities, pursuits and privileges, defining offenses and providing penalties for its violation.

THE CITY OF MORO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed an exercise of the power of the City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, to license for revenue.

Section 2. In construing the provisions of this ordinance, save when otherwise plainly declared or clearly apparent from the context, the following definitions shall be applied:

The word "person" whenever used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean "company", "corporation", "co-partnership" or "individual".

The term "electric light and power business" means the business of operating a plant or system for the sale of electric energy.

The term "gross operating revenue" means the revenue accruing from the performance of said public service business transacted within the corporate limits of the City of Moro, and shall more specifically be construed to mean the gross operating revenue required to be credited by the taxpayer to the taxpayer's operations within the City of Moro under the uniform system of accounts prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Oregon. Unless otherwise provided in this ordinance, there shall be no deduction on account of the cost of the commodity furnished or sold, the cost of materials used, labor costs, interest, discount, delivery costs, taxes or other expense.

Section 3. From and after the beginning of the first calendar month of the year 1946 following the taking effect of this ordinance, there is hereby levied and there shall be collected from every person a tax for the act or privilege of engaging, within the said City of Moro, in the electric light and power business.

Such tax shall be levied and payable for calendar monthly periods, the tax for each such monthly period to be equal to one-twelfth of the basic amount found by multiplying the gross operating revenue of said business during the calendar year next preceding less the deductions from gross operating revenue specified in Section 11 of this ordinance, by the rate of two (2) per cent.

Section 4. The tax imposed hereunder shall be payable on or before the last day of each monthly period to the treasurer of the City of Moro. The taxpayer, on or before the last day of the first monthly period of 1946, during which this ordinance applies, and thereafter on or before the last day of February of each year, shall make out a return setting forth the gross operating revenue of the business for the next preceding whole calendar year, sign and transmit the same to the treasurer of the City of Moro, together with a payment of the tax as computed in Section 3 for the monthly period then being completed.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of each taxpayer taxed upon taxpayer's gross operating revenue to keep and enter in a proper book or set of books or records, an account which shall always be open to the inspection of the city treasurer or his authorized agent, and members of the city council and from which said officer or his agent may verify the return made by the taxpayer.

Section 6. If any taxpayer fails to make said return, or if the city treasurer is dissatisfied as to the correctness of the return of any taxpayer, said officer or his agent may enter the premises or said taxpayer at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting taxpayer's books or records or account to ascertain the amount of the tax or to determine the correctness of such statement as the case may be and may examine any person under oath, administered by said officer or his agent, touching the matters inquired into, may fix a time and place for an investigation of the correctness of the return, and may issue a subpoena to the taxpayer or any other person, to attend upon such investigation, and there testify under oath administered by said officer or his agent, in regard to the matters inquired into and by subpoena require taxpayer or any person to produce for inspection such books, records and papers as may be necessary.

Section 7. If the city treasurer, upon investigation, or upon check-

ing returns, finds that the tax paid on any of them is more than the amount required of the taxpayer, he shall refund the amount overpaid by a warrant upon the general fund. If the city treasurer finds that the tax paid is less than required, he shall send a statement to the taxpayer showing the balance due, and taxpayer shall within ten (10) days pay the amount shown thereon.

Section 8. If any taxpayer fails to make said return or pay the tax herefor within ten (10) days after the same shall become due, the city treasurer shall ascertain the amount of the tax due and shall notify such taxpayer thereof, and such taxpayer shall be liable therefor in any suit or action by the city for collection thereof. The city treasurer shall also notify the city attorney, in writing, of the name of such delinquent taxpayer and the amount due from such taxpayer, and said officer shall, with the assistance of the city treasurer, collect the same by any appropriate means or by suit or action in the name of said city.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation liable to tax hereunder to fail or refuse to make return or pay the tax when due, or for any person to make any false or fraudulent return or false statement or representation in, or in connection with, any such return or to allow or to abet another in any attempt to evade payment of the tax or fail to appear and testify in response to subpoena issued in pursuance hereto, or to testify falsely upon any investigation of the correctness of a return, or in any manner to hinder or delay the city or any of its officers in carrying out the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 10. If any provisions or sections of this ordinance shall be held void or unconstitutional, all other parts, provisions and sections of this ordinance, not expressly so held to be void or unconstitutional, shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 11. There shall be accepted and deducted from the total gross operating revenue upon which the tax is computed so much thereof as is derived from transactions in interstate or foreign commerce, or from business done for the government of the United States, its officers or agents, and any amounts paid by the taxpayer to the United States, State of Oregon, or the City of Moro as excise, occupational or business taxes levied or imposed upon the sale or distribution of property or services in said City of Moro.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as requiring a license or the payment of a license fee or tax, or the doing of any act which would constitute an unlawful burden or interference in violation of the constitution or the laws of the United States, or which would not be consistent with the constitution or laws of the State of Oregon.

Section 12. Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or any lawful rule or regulation adopted by the city treasurer pursuant thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 13. This ordinance following the date of its approval, shall be published once in the "Sherman County Journal", a weekly newspaper printed and published and of general circulation in the City of Moro.

Passed by the Council this 10th day of September, 1946.

Approved this 10th day of September, 1946.

Giles L. French, Mayor
Attest: C. A. Ruggles
City Recorder

ORDINANCE NO. 122

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the execution and delivery in the name and on behalf of the City of Moro, Oregon, of a contract with Pacific Power & Light Company, a corporation, providing for the furnishing by said Pacific Power & Light Company to said City of electric lighting service upon the streets, highways and public places within the corporate limits of said City for a period of ten years from and after the effective date of this ordinance, a copy of the contract so authorized being set forth in this ordinance, and declaring such service essential to the security and welfare of said City and its inhabitants.

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Wasco Eastern Star Holds First Meeting of Fall Fraternal Season

Annie Fulton Chapter O.E.S. opened its fall season with the Tuesday evening meeting. Helen Watkins, WM, reported on her visit to grand chapter in May. During the evening members who had birthdays in the summer months received special recognition. An honor degree was given for Past Esthers and corsages of white asters and booklets were presented them. Mrs. Carl Tuggle was presented a white Bible, a gift which is given each summer member of Annie Fulton chapter.

At the close of the meeting a lovely table of refreshments centered with birthday cakes and surrounded by huge wedges of watermelon was enjoyed.

Mr and Mrs G. G. Wolcott, son in law and daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Everett, who have been visiting here left for a visit with friends on the coast before returning to their home in Ashland.

Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid made a business trip to Portland on Monday. They returned the same day.

Mr and Mrs Dewey Thomas spent the week end at Glenwood, Washington where they visited relatives.

Mr and Mrs L. E. Kaseberg and family returned from a vacation trip at Seaside the end of last week. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Kaseberg's parents, Mr and Mrs John Foss of Moro.

Mr and Mrs Clair have moved into the Ida King house. Mr Clair is employed by the R.E.A.

Mr and Mrs Carl Tuggle were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Jenny Hearing on Saturday afternoon were her son in law, and daughter, Mr and Mrs Gene Thomas and baby of Portland.

Mr and Mrs Otis Royce and family of Portland were week end visitors at the home of Mr. Royce's parents, Mr and Mrs John Royce.

Mr and Mrs Eldon Neasham and son, Eddie, formerly of Wasco, are now residing at Fort Bragg, Calif. Mrs. Hearing, mother of Mrs. Neasham, reports that they miss their friends in Wasco very much. Also, that Eddie has started his first year of school. Mr Neasham is doing commercial fishing.

Mr and Mrs Lloyd Royce and family, accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Sonnenberg, were business visitors in Yakima over the week end.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs F. S. Lamborn on Sunday were Mr and Mrs Bernice Guy and Mr and Mrs J. Olsen of Portland. Also, Mr and Mrs Albert Dormaler and their infant daughter, Maxine Frances. Betty Dormaler, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Dormaler, was also a guest.

Miss Ruby C. Ball, who will teach in the Wasco high school this season, arrived Sunday afternoon and is making her home with Mrs. Augusta Huckin.

Mr and Mrs Robert C. Ratliff and three daughters moved here recently from Vancouver, Wash., and are making their home in Mrs. Helen Dingle's house. Mr. Ratliff is the new coach and instructor in the Wasco high school.

Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson traveled to Eugene last week to attend the meeting of the State Bar association. They returned Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Moore and daughter, Beverly, were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Carl Tuggle Monday evening.

Mr and Mrs William Hultz were week end visitors at the home of Mrs. Hultz's parents, Mr and Mrs Ed Feldman.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Sargent are spending a few days in Portland.

Mr and Mrs A. H. McIntyre drove to Weston Tuesday on business. They returned the same day.

Mr and Mrs Max Williams left Tuesday afternoon to spend several days at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Mr and Mrs M. Anderson and daughter of Chico, California, were overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Andy Shearer Monday.

Miss Patricia Hilderbrand visited with friends and relatives in Sunnyside Washington the first week in September. On her return home, her cousin, Miss Helen Matthias, accompanied her for a week's visit in Wasco.

Visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson over the Labor day week end were Mr and Mrs

Victor Larson and son, John, John T. Johnson Jr. and Mrs. Vern Pierce, all residing at Medford.

Mr and Mrs J. O. Hilderbrand and daughter, Patricia, and niece, Helen Matthias, drove to Salem Sunday to attend the State Fair.

Mr and Mrs M. G. Walker of Olympia, Wash., were week end guests at the home of Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Augusta Huckin. Mr Walker returned home Sunday but Mrs. Walker plans to spend about a week visiting in Wasco.

Mr and Mrs Ed Feldman left Wednesday to visit their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Walter Maffei at Hermiston and while away, they plan to attend the Pendleton Round-Up.

Mr and Mrs George Hansen and family of Portland visited over the week end at the home of Mrs. Saddle Rich. Their daughter, Marsha Ann, who has been visiting her cousins, Mr and Mrs Arthur Van Glider, returned home with them.

Mr and Mrs H. M. Zell left for Portland Monday and plan to continue their trip on to Canada for a ten day vacation.

Mrs. Owen Barnett left Wednesday for Hermiston to visit friends. John and Olive Robinson are spending a few days in Portland and plan to go on to Stevenson, Washington to visit relatives.

Mr and Mrs Jane McKinley and daughter of Eugene visited at the home of Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson over Labor day.

Several loads of lumber and material arrived Sunday evening for the Garrett & Pike garage and practically everything is on the ground for active construction.

The annual Sherman county teachers institute was held at Moro Monday and Tuesday this week under direction of Lawrence Rakes, superintendent.

J. N. Landry is expecting to exhibit his 6-horse team at the county fairs at Redmond and at Prineville.

Miss Naomi Young and Darwin VanGilder were married Monday September 12 at the home of C. C. Young, brother of the bride in Portland. The young people left shortly after the ceremony for a visit with friends in Seattle. They will make their future home on the old family farm west of Wasco.

Alec McLeod and son, David, left Tuesday for Eugene where David will enter the university. Mr and Mrs Ernest Woods and children drove to Portland Saturday to show the new daughter to relatives in the city.

Rotating Plan Projected For Wasco School

The Wasco Schools will open with a complete staff of teachers according to a report by Superintendent P. W. Lane. Including Mr Lane, new high school teachers will be Robert C. Ratliff, coach, mathematics and general science and Miss Ruby C. Ball, commerce biology, and home relations. In the grades, Miss Catherine Sonnenberg will return to teach grades 1 and 2 and Miss Dolores Lang will again handle grades 3 and 4. New additions are Miss Olive Hogan, grades 3 and 4, and Mrs. Irene Callaway grades 7 and 8.

The board of education will reveal to pupils on September 16, a school building completely redecorated in every respect. Class rooms shine in attractive ivory and buff colors while floors are finished in a deep red. All locker and rest rooms have also been refinished as well as the gymnasium. One new feature, which will please custodian, Joseph Brooks, and pupils as well, is the installation of a new oil burning furnace. The old furnace has been completely removed and the new addition will be finished soon.

In the high school, Mr Lane is introducing the rotating schedule which has proved so popular in many schools. Briefly, the plan arranges the schedule in such a way that no two days of the week are alike. Thus low spots are removed, every subject has the same advantages. Under the old system that "last period" came every day, now it comes but once a week. Best of all, monotony is removed. The system lends spice to the program.

The high school program of studies follows closely state suggestions. This year home relations will be offered in order to make up somewhat for the lack of a home making department. Every effort will be made also to remove conflicts and direct pupils to complete subjects in proper sequence. Physical education and health will be offered daily.

One factor which will please everyone is that County Superintendent Wily W. Knighten is fairly sure that he will secure a band instructor. This man will be available in Wasco at schedule hours.

Millard Eakin Wins Shorthorn Prizes

Millard Eakin's herd of Shorthorns took all top prizes in that class at the state fair, his herd bull, Diamond Royal Victor, being grand champion and his other bull, Diamond Souvenir, being reserve champion bull.

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Buckaroo Fare For Visitors Club Intention

A buckaroo breakfast will be ready for the Kiwanians of The Dalles when they reach Moro next Wednesday morning at 6:30 to pay a return visit to Sherman countians who were their guests last May.

The executive committee of the Breakfast club decided Tuesday afternoon to entertain in the park with steak and potatoes and the usual matutinal coffee to say nothing of whatever trimming chief cook, Lou Peetz, figures out by next Wednesday morning. Dewey Thompson will make the coffee, LeRoy Wright the program which will be about the fair, about the Midco stock sale and about the most recent winning of Sherman county's 4-H club boys, who will be invited to attend.

Men were appointed to care for the numerous details of the breakfast and a crowd of around 75 is expected.

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