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Moro Women Preparing Party For Christmas

The Moro Women's club will hold its annual Christmas party sharp. Mrs. W. D. Wallan, Mrs. Robert May and Mrs. Edith Burnett are program directors. It is to be a white elephant party and each one is asked to bring something that is useless to them although perhaps valuable to another. These will be exchanged. In addition a silver shower will be given for the Children's Farm home and gifts for Doernbecher hospital.

All are invited, not just club members. At the last meeting, held December 6, Mrs. A. H. Barnum presented the program during which Mrs. Collis Moore gave a book review and Florence Gentry played two piano numbers.

Old Leet House Being Razed

William C. Schilling is tearing down the house on the W. J. Martin place southwest of town. This passes from the scene one of the historical buildings of the community as at least a part of the building was the homestead cabin of one O. E. Leet, who was a first settler along Barnum canyon.

Mr. Leet was a brother in law of J. B. Mowry, and came here in the early 80s about the same time as the Mowrys. Leet took a homestead just up the canyon. He became justice of the peace and responsible citizen of the early settlement that included the Barnums, Ragdales, Peetz, Cushmans, Badgers, DeMoss, Scotts, Moores, Lanphears, Rusts and a few others.

Oregon Autos Burn Much Gasoline

Gasoline has been burned at a record pace in Oregon so far this year, it has been announced by Robert S. Farrell Jr., secretary in the first ten months of the year over 316,000,000 gallons of motor fuels were sold, a 25 percent jump over the previous all time high set in 1941. The portion of this fuel actually used on the highway is estimated to have powered Oregon cars more than 3,784,000,000 miles.

The state netted \$14,000,000 in tax revenue from the sale of this fuel.

"Never before in the history of the state have so many cars been going so far so fast," said Farrell. "While the statistics are almost incomprehensibly big, they help give some idea of the size of the traffic problem."

Sherman Counties Gather In Portland

An enjoyable luncheon was given December 5 at "The House of Hicks", the guests being former residents of Sherman county or now residing here. Arranging hostesses were Mrs. May Belshe, Mrs. W. F. McLeod and Mrs. W. Ray Blake. The luncheon was followed by bridge and visiting, the draw prize going to Mrs. Mary Barbour and the bridge prizes to Mrs. Ernie Moore and Mrs. Georgia Cochran.

Those present were Mesdames Fred Hennigan, Gordon Brown, Joe Grimes, Claud Thompson, Lucile Curry, Adeline Hockman, Lottie Cowles, Lena Searcy, Albert, brewers may use as much grain as they did in the corresponding 1945-46 period, except for wheat and rice, these restrictions have been unchanged. Distillers may use unlimited amounts of corn below grade 3, but limits on their use of wheat and rye are not altered. It is expected that before next spring, the Department of Agriculture will lift the ban, or at least greatly ease the situation on the grains still under restriction and control.

Passing trucks on the basis of a blinking light signal has been cited by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., as an extremely dangerous practice, sometimes resulting in fatal crashes. In at least one fatal wreck the signal was given to indicate the way was not clear.



THREE PRESIDENTS IN ONE FAMILY... James H. Case Sr., center, president of the Federal Reserve bank of New York, offers congratulations to his two sons who also hold "president titles." James H. Case Jr., left, recently was inducted as president of Washington and Jefferson college, and Everett H. Case, right, is president of Colgate university. President Everett was one of the main speakers at the installation ceremony of his brother.

D. E. Stephens Dies Of Heart Attack At Colfax

Word of the death of David E. Stephens Tuesday evening in a hospital in Colfax, Washington was received by Mrs. Ernie Moore. Mr. Stephens had his lower teeth removed recently and had suffered several attacks of illness that he thought were indigestion. Thanksgiving he became ill again and a doctor diagnosed the illness as heart ailment and put him in the hospital, where he was doing well, being able to write to Merrill Oveson and Bob Hoskinson here last Sunday.

Mr. Stephens, who has been ill with a heart attack since 1938, was brought to the hospital Tuesday in a serious condition, and Mr. Stephens was taken in to see her. As he was being wheeled back to his room he collapsed and died, according to information from friends at Pullman.

David Edmund Stephens was born at Malad, Idaho, May 15, 1879 and obtained his education at Utah Agricultural college and University of California, finishing the latter school in 1907. He married Katherine Isatt of Logan, Utah, June 10, 1906.

He taught at Utah Agricultural college until 1909 when he went to the cereal office in Washington D.C. where he remained until 1912 when he came to Sherman county to take over the experimental station here.

He remained here until August 1938 when he went to Washington as co-ordinator between soil conservation and the department of field crops. He returned to the northwest at Pullman in the spring of 1942 and has been a resident of that town since.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Edmund with the USDA in Washington D.C., Tom in Montevideo, California, two daughters, Jean (Peterson) of Corvallis and Janet (DeGraff) of Portland.

While in Moro Mr. Stephens took an interest in community affairs being a member of the school board for years, active in civic clubs and often speaker at public functions. He was author of many bulletins and had much to do with development of new wheats and new tillage methods now in use in the mid-Columbia wheat counties.

2-4D Held Good Weedkiller

Widespread use of the weed killer 2, 4-D for many purposes on Oregon farms is justified by results of controlled experiments and field use, reports W. G. Nibler, assistant farm crops specialist at Oregon State college.

Wild morning glory can be killed if two or three applications of the 2, 4-D are made at the proper time. In Columbia basin grain fields spraying with this weed killer has eliminated peppergrass and mustard when these were very small, increasing yields materially.

Spraying is now the most common method of applying 2, 4-D but improved dusts are being developed which show promise of providing a quicker and cheaper method of use.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck returned home from San Francisco, Calif., on Thursday where they have been visiting Mr. Huck's sister, who is ill in the hospital.

Rufus Folks In Portland To Visit Relatives

Jim Tate and his father, W. A. Tate of The Dalles are in Portland on business. Mrs. W. A. Tate is visiting with her daughter-in-law Mrs. Jim Tate while they are away.

Saturday shoppers in The Dalles were Mr. and Mrs. Mack McClain, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kuypers, Mrs. Alta Smith and daughters Donna and Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Herin, and Clifford Trumbo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Williams and Miss Velda Gullford made a business trip to The Dalles and Goldendale, Washington Monday.

Mrs. Jim Butler and daughter, Jerry Lou, left Friday morning for Iowa where they will join Mr. Butler. They will make their home there.

The Rufus high school girls' volleyball team were victorious over the Moro girls in a game and the Rufus floor Friday night on the same night a game took place between the Rufus girls and Rufus ladie's town team.

The high school girls were also visitors in this game. The Rufus girls plan to journey to Mosier this coming Friday night for the last scheduled game of this season.

Mrs. C. A. Tom is staying in The Dalles with her brother, Mr. Dick White, who is ill.

Willard Leff is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thompson returned home last week after spending a month visiting in Portland and other parts of the valley.

Council Considers Civic Complexities

Moro's city council met Wednesday night in a postponed meeting and voted card room licenses to Percy Thompson and Ed Eaves and also a beer license and pool room license to Mr. Eaves.

Reports on the city collections of water and sidewalk accounts showed arrears of \$25.20 in water accounts, none over two months old and a remainder of \$364.43 on sidewalk accounts, nearly all of which are being paid on monthly basis.

Investigation of new methods of killing rats is being continued and a campaign for their complete eradication may be tried before spring.

WALTER STONE WANTED

Walter J. Stone, 26, erstwhile restaurant operator at Wasco, is being sought by police who have a warrant for child desertion, obtaining money under false pretenses and violation of parole against him. He has been manager of the Wilson Cafe at Wasco for several weeks until he left town about the time his wife, nee La Velle Gosson, returned from the hospital with a new baby. He is said to be possibly driving a Ford car of 1939 model.

Tax Study Group Reports To State On New Revenue

After a year and a half of work the interim committee charged with studying Oregon's tax system and recommending changes has made its report. Four general conclusions serve to start: 1) "in general, Oregon has a sound tax system, 2) an equitable and sound tax system should be flexible enough to provide required revenue under differing economic conditions and provide for fair distribution, 3) state revenue should be obtained from sources other than property taxes, 4) state and local tax systems should be co-ordinated."

Many comparisons were made to reach the conclusions that Oregon's tax system was sound, as one of the principal reasons for the committee was that many thought Oregon behind other states in taxation methods.

Three major precepts of the now long established Model Tax Plan are endorsed: 1) "every person having taxable ability should pay some sort of direct personal tax, 2) tangible property should be taxed by the jurisdiction in which it is located, 3) business carried on for profit in any locality should be taxed for the benefits it receives."

There are 26 specific recommendations, of which the report says, "although representing the opinion of the majority of the commission, did not all receive unanimous approval." There was lengthy debate on many of them and some commission members do not agree with more than half the recommendations.

Under the heading of State Revenue: 1) the property tax should be abandoned as a source of state revenue, 2) income tax should be amended so that every one with tax paying ability would pay something, 3) a business excise tax of 1/2 of 1 percent, 4) eliminate the personal property offset in the corporate excise tax and provide a flat 6 percent levy, 5) personal property tax should be repealed, 6) miscellaneous taxes, such as cigarettes, amusements license fees on cars, should be imposed, 7) increase the tax on pari-mutual betting from 3 to 5 1/2 percent, 8) tax slot machines and "bookies", 9) put an additional 10 percent tax on liquor.

Educational Equality Urged

Under State School Aid recommendations: that "State School aid should be used primarily for the equalization of educational opportunities and costs" and asks legislation to specify foundation standards on which to base educational training.

Under Local Government Revenue recommendations: 1) clarify the six percent limitation, 2) increase allotment of highway funds to counties and cities, 3) cities should obtain additional funds from other sources than property tax, 4) increase license fees on beer and wine, 5) state aid to relieve counties from \$10 county school tax, 6) put gift and inheritance tax collections under state tax commission.

Under Tax Administration: provide for taxation of those who buy government property on contract, 2) tax commission to assess forest lands, 3) establish research department in State Tax Commission, 4) cost of State Tax Commission be obtained from revenue, 5) consolidate office of assessor and tax collector, 6) put all liquor revenue in general fund, 7) establish a license department.

Under Federal, State, Local problems: 1) memorialize congress asking governmental co-operation on fiscal problems, 2) memorialize congress to consider payments in lieu of taxes, 3) memorialize congress to equalize taxes in community property and common law states.

The report is not long for reports of such nature, the argument on each of the recommendations having been kept to a minimum, and separated from the main body of the specific part of the report.

Information from which the above was obtained is contained in several pamphlets of informal material that were compiled throughout the time the commission was employed in its task.

Membership of the commission was Carl Chambers, Umatilla nee La Velle Gosson, returned from the hospital with a new baby. He is said to be possibly driving a Ford car of 1939 model.

Local Basketeers Arrange Heavy Season Schedule Wheat League Program Ready For Monday

The local basketball team will go to Hood River Saturday night to play the first and second teams of the high school there. Milwaukie has cancelled its game giving Moro the opportunity.

The schedule for basketball games this winter has been worked out by Coach Ferguson. It gives 22 games to the local team and insures that the boys will be busy until late in February.

Friday they go to Fossil, Saturday to Hood River, next Tuesday the Paposes come here and the 20th Arlington comes to Moro. January 3 Goldendale comes to Moro, January 7, the team goes to Wasco, January 10, White Salmon there, January 18, Hood River here, January 21 Maupin here; January 24 Arlington there; January 25 Klickitat there; January 31 Fossil here; February 4 Paposes here; February 5 Klickitat here; February 7 Madras there; February 8 Goldendale there; February 12 Maupin there; February 14 Madras here; February 18 Wasco here; February 22 The Dalles there.

Power Line To Goldendale Planned

Early construction of a 115,000 volt transmission line from The Dalles, Oregon to Goldendale, Washington to serve the Klickitat County Public Utility district was assured today as a result of final approval of the project by Bonneville Power Administrator Paul J. Raver.

H. R. Richmond, Mid-Columbia district manager for the administration, said he had received word from the administrator that Bonneville engineers would begin construction of the new line not later than May 1, 1947, with completion scheduled for September 1, 1947.

Mr. Richmond said that surveys were complete and that all necessary materials were on hand for the first stage of the \$430,000 transmission line, which will assure a large supply of Columbia river power in the area.

Klickitat PUD plans to take over all Pacific Power & Light company lines in the county for \$670,070, the purchase price set November 21 by a federal jury in a condemnation proceeding.

Shaniko News

Several Shaniko residents attended the junior play at Maupin last Friday night, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Slim Corrigan, Mrs. W. A. Rees, Mrs. Maude Garrett, Bill Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schmid and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks. In the cast from Shaniko were Margaret Olson, Pat McCulloch, Bob Garrett and Don Schmid.

Meter posts are being set in back yards in Shaniko indicating that the community wish for electricity may soon be fulfilled.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cantrall of Grass Valley were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Maude Garrett, accompanied by their children Sharon and Gene.

Kelsey Springs has been the scene of several accidents recently. LeRoy Adams was killed there last week, Roy Kessinger turned over there with the Antelope-Moro stage Monday evening and the Hudson-Duncan truck broke down near there the same night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schooley of Idaho arrived here last Saturday to take over the job of cooking at the Ward & Hinton ranch.

A milk bottle stationed at the Ivan Olson store is for the purpose of collecting funds to pay for the community Christmas tree program which will be given in the church at Antelope the Sunday afternoon before Christmas.

Portland, representing business; William G. Howes, Eagle Point, representing agriculture; George C. Huggins, Coos Bay, representing education. The above five members were appointed by the governor.

Budget Director George Aiken and State Tax Commissioners Charles V. Galloway, Earl L. Fisher and Coe McKenna were members and two were named from each legislative body, there being President of the Senate, Howard Belton and Earl Newby; the Speaker of the House, Eugene Marsh and Giles French.

The program for the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, which meets at LaGrande next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will differ little from that of previous years, although the time of week has been changed.

Committees are to meet at ten o'clock Monday morning and will have all that day and evening to prepare the resolutions that set the policy of the league, after approval by the assembly.

The speaking program will take up the meeting time of Tuesday and Wednesday with the annual banquet being an event of Wednesday night. Phil Parrish, editor of the editorial page of the Oregonian, will speak at the banquet relating some of his experiences and observations during his recent trip to Europe.

Other speakers on the two day program will be Fred Entermile of USDA in Washington D. C. who will speak on "International Wheat Agreements and Situation" Judge Ivan Merriek of Pasco, who will discuss "Wheat Freight Rate Situation."

Willard Crawford, executive secretary of the Northwest Crop Improvement Ass'n will talk in "What Millers Want"; Herbert West, former secretary of the Inland Empire Waterways Ass'n will talk on development of the area encompassed in the Columbia basin.

Gus Geisler, head of the Crop Insurance program at Washington D. C. will come to speak on that topic; E. R. Jackman, OSC, will have for his topic, "Columbia Basin Problems" D. D. Hill, OSC, will speak on "Research Outline for Wheat."

Jens Tergesen, chairman of the special committee appointed in 1945 to study disposal of the northwest crop will make his report Wednesday.

The regular committees are chairmanned by H. R. Weatherford, Arlington of Federal Programs and Land Use; Henry Peterson, Ione, Production, Marketing and Transportation and Ben Evick, Madras, Taxation and Legislation.

Some of those who will attend from Sherman and Wasco counties will leave The Dalles at 8:45 Sunday night by train. Arrangements have been made for them to remain on the pullmans during the meeting, returning Wednesday night.

Traffic Accidents Increasing Here

Traffic accidents are increasingly more numerous in rural areas than in urban, according to a compilation made by the secretary of state and released here by Sheriff Norman Fields.

In Sherman county two were injured in 1945 and six in 1946, says the sheriff and two were killed in 1946 whereas none were killed in this county in 1945.

Rural accidents are up 126 percent and urban only 41 percent; fatalities are up 98 percent in rural areas and only 10 percent in cities. Safety measures taken in congested areas are preventing accidents that still are on the increase in the county, where greater care is now needed, said Sheriff Fields.

Veteran Insurance Need Not Lapse

Approximately 10,000,000 veterans have until February 1, 1947, to reinstate their NSLI without a physical examination. They may reinstate their insurance by paying two months premiums and by signing a statement that they are in as good health as at the time the policy lapsed.

Between 56 and 60 percent of veterans in the Pacific North-Central states have allowed their war-time NSLI to lapse, a survey has found.

Veterans who have held their insurance averaged slightly under the limit of \$10,000 while in service but have reduced their policies so that they now average almost \$8000. The survey also revealed that 15 to 18 percent of veterans still carrying their insurance have converted to permanent forms.