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These Things We Note

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It hasn't made much difference in recent years whether it rained or not. There was usually enough moisture. That condition may not continue longer and a gentle rain, such as the one that has been threatening for days, may again be as welcome as it was in the throbbing thirties when no one could raise much wheat.

You remember how, in the dry years, the sound of rain on the roof sent families out of doors to feel the cooling moisture on their faces, how the horses ran and cavorted throwing mud high in the air, how the more sedate cattle lowed and stood happily in the rain. It may be that again farmers will welcome rain with uplifted arms and a silent prayer on their lips.

We are not so prosperous, so secure, that we may not once more be humble and thankful for the bounties of nature.

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Heard on the street: "It's about time they mixed some education with their athletics."

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Which is an arguable point, but not much.

A professor has just written a book about education in which he says that it is a failure because it has lost contact with the vast amount of knowledge accumulated by our ancestors. Meaning that students do not read, are emotionally immature.

There is much truth in what he says. Few high school students think of Solomon except as the husband of many wives when if they would but read the Proverbs daily they would find much wisdom. There's some fine advice to be found in the writings of the ancients and reading it is a more painless way to obtain experience than getting it first hand. What hot-head is not calmed by reading: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty: and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a cty." which is from the Proverbs.

"One made the observation of the people of Asia that they were all slaves to one man, merely because they could not pronounce that syllable, "No" which is from Plutarch.

"He would be the finer gentleman that should leave the world without having tasted of lying or pretence of any sort, or of wantonness or conceit." which is from Marcus Aurelius.

Perhaps teachers are too young, perhaps not well educated themselves perhaps the age is not conducive to thought. Anyway the greatest achievement of this generation so far is the atomic bomb and only by a great stretch of imagination can that be called good.

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Two California flyers have broken an endurance record on a diet of lean meat, milk and fruit juices. What? no beans?

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A correspondent writes about the bird bills (the name is often different in adjoining communities) and remaks about their coloring on the hillsides where they flourish. That is all true and they are very pretty as are all wild flowers in this semi-arid section.

They come on so quickly and bloom but a day or two before going to seed. Some years there is barely time for this brief process of life so soon does the moisture leave and the dry earth stops growth. The live precariously, these annual wild flowers that brighten the range land in the spring. Not for them is the security of the garden; they would scorn it. They take their chances on drouth, frost, hoof prints and thrive beautifully.

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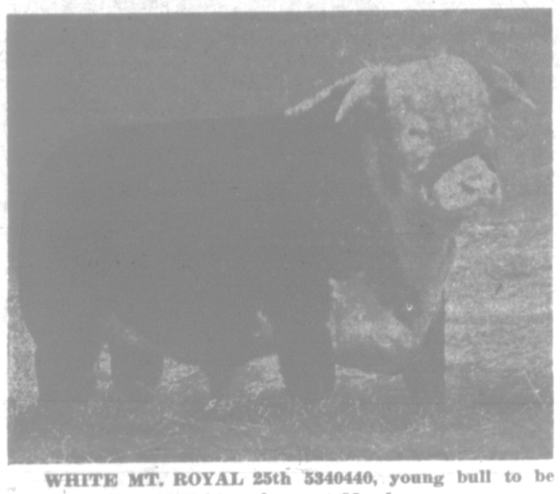
A woman writer who has recently published a book has gone back to Washintgon and, according to reports, has talked the government out of their new Indian village project. There's something awfully silly about it all somehow.

There must have been a startling lack of conviction on the part of the federal Indian agent, or a lot of ignorance, or a will weaker than usual even for a government employee. "Thus conscience does make cowards of us all; And thus the native hue of resolution is sickled o'er with the pale cast of thought, And enterprises of great pith and moment With this regard their currents turn awry, And lose the name of action."

Bah! Such people. With no more guts than that they couldn't digest milk.



WHITE MT. ROYAL 25th 5340440, young bull to be sold at the Harold Eakin sale next Monday.

The first private sale of pure-bred cattle in Sherman county will be held at the Golden Hills ranch next Monday, May 2, when Harold and Cecile Eakin send 43 head of their Herefords to the auction block.

Offered to the Hereford buyers of this area are several descendants of White Mt. Royal S. 12th well known herd bull of Golden Hills. Others are of Donald and Domino breeding.

The sale will include ten bulls with Hartland Donald 6th leading the group, 16 heifers and 17 cows. Miller & Teale are sales managers and H. B. Sager will cry the sale.

The Eakin ranch has been cleaned and shined for the occasion and seats have been built in the pavilion for nearly 400 visitors. A place to serve lunch is also provided. The sale begins at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eakin have been developing their Herefords for many years and have now reached the point when some reduction in numbers seems necessary which accounts for the sale of so many good young cattle.

Grass Valley Wins First Game By 12-1 Score

Grass Valley won its first baseball game Sunday afternoon by a score of 12 to 1, the loser being Trout Lake. Both teams are members of the American division of the Mid-Columbia league. Grass Valley will be the opposing team at the Wasco opening next Sunday.

Bayer pitched the first six innings for Grass Valley and fanned 11 of the visitors before turning over the job to Hart who fanned four more. Trout Lake made but three hits but did fill the bases on Grass Valley errors in two innings and their one run was the result of an error when Fields and Bayer both covered home plate.

Trout Lake tried three pitchers, one of them twice, but none cohld throw strikes and in the fifth two local men walked in. Grass Valley made 11 hits. Alley and Brown were umpires.

Trout Lake	Grass Valley
Murphy, r, p	Phifer, I
Bergo, 2	Fields, c
Woodhugg, m, 3	Adams, s
Brown, s,	Ketter, 2
Wilson, 3,	Kunke, r
Davies, p,m,I	Perry, I
Knoll, I, p	Mathia,3
Spencer, c	Stark, d
Ryan,I	Hart, p
Pope, r	Bayer, p

Seniors Show Ability As Thespians Before Capacity Crowd

There was laughter and merriment at the school house Friday night when the senior class presented its class play for the benefit of Sherman counians from all parts of the county.

It wasn't a very involved play but it provided lots of laughs. "Brother Goose" it was by name and that was the seldom used nickname for Joe Harvey (Jeff) who, as elder brother was head of the orphaned Adams family consisting of Carol (Connie Wilson), Wes (Keith Thompson) and Hyacinth (Priscilla Melzer) who were in various stages of development, mainly adolescence.

There was trouble over housekeepers including (Wilma Edwards) Helen who quit and ifatuatation over Peggy (Neil Coats) who was a most understanding soul.

Wes was attracted by Eva (Marie Biagg) who was a new girl in the town and who was often followed by Sarah (Jackie Rust) a well sun-burned maid. Jeff's two customers of his architectural shop were Lenore (Virginia Smith) who planned to marry him and Mrs. Trimmer (Jean McJIntyre) who really wanted to build an inn and who was refreshingly outspoken. Keith Nelson as an irate truckdriver kept his usual smile well hidden.

Of course it all turned out well at the final curtain with Hy winning her ball game, Peggy winning her a husband, Mrs. Trimmer getting her plans completed, which, together with the able performance of the seniors, sent the audience home in a friendly mood.

Mothers-Daughters Hear Program at Annual Banquet

The mother-daughter banquet, sponsored by the Grass Valley Women's club, was held at the I. O. O. F. hall Thursday evening. The dinner was served at tables beautifully decorated with crepe flowers in nosegays and white candles in crystal holders, and at each place was a pink corsage for the mothers and a yellow corsage for the daughters. Daffodills and narcisus were placed about the room. Mrs. Frank Bayer, vice-president of the club, presented corsages to the oldest mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and to the youngest mother, Mrs. Bill Johnson. Mrs. Rolfe welcomed the daughters and the response was given by Barabara Blaylock. Mrs. Orville Ruggles played a piano solo, Barbara Blaylock and Margaret Baumgartner sang, "Cruising Down the River", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ruggles, Mrs. Theodore Johnson of Moro gave a very interesting talk on their trip through California to Texas and on to Chicago on down through the southern states and home, Barabra Blaylock and Maragaret Baumgartner sang and whistled "Beautiful Dreamer", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ruggles.

Annual Play Day Scheduled Monday

Next Monday the annual play day and music festival of Sherman county schools will be held at the school house in Moro with 257 children taking part. There will be both band and vocal music and children not singing will be supervised at play. Everyone is is welcome to come.

Rev. E. Taylor will officiate at a meeting of the St. Phillips Episcopal mission at the Grass Valley Methodist church at 4:30, May 8.

The state highway garage is being remodeled by having the door made considerably higher. The air hammer keeps the town on edge with its noise but the job will be done soon.

Plans are being made for the remodeling of the Community church and Hollis Johnston and Robert Koch attended a meeting of the church board last week to prepare plans which will be decided upon later.

Wasco To Battle Grass Valley Sunday

The Wasco American Legion baseball club will open Sunday against the once victorious Grass Valley team and most of the players that have played in Wasco in recent years will again be in uniform.

The usual battery will come from Jensen and Fridley with Riskosky relieving either when needed and perhaps playing shortstop at other times. VanGilder, Hank Richelderfer and Ken Young will make up the infield although some younger players will be in the lineup often. They are John and Gordon Buck and Floyd Gore. The outfield will be the old reliable crew of Steve and Jim O'Meara and David Richelderfer.

The game will start at 2:30 sharp.

About the County

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjens left Tuesday to take a trip to Germany by air and expect to be with old friends and relatives there for Sunday.

News from Germany is that Henry vonBorstel, once a resident of Grass Valley, had died recently at his home.

Leland Schwendel, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schwendel, Wasco, was among those initiated into the Theta Chi cast of Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatics honorary, on April 9 at a dinner party held in the home of Alvin R. Kaiser, director of dramatics. Among other requirements he has appeared in the productions of "Joan of Lorraine," and "John Loves Mary."

A Boy Scout camporee, which is expected to bring all troops in The Dalles district together for a week-end of camping and competitive scouting events, will be held in Sorosis Park in The Dalles on Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8. A parent's picnic and Mother's day celebration on Sunday at 1:00 p. m. is planned to climax the week-end activities.

The Dalles National Farm Loan association will hold its annual stock holders meeting Wednesday, May 4, at the Chenowith Grange hall near The Dalles, Thomas P. Bays, secretary-treasurer announced Wednesday. Registration at 11:30 a. m. will be followed by a lunch starting promptly a noon. Wm. D. Ketchum, president of the association, will preside and will introduce the speakers, including Arnold Anderson, regional manager of the Federal Land bank. Entertainment featuring a movie, "Banking on the Land," will be provided.

Sunday, May 1 the Salvation Army lieutenant will have charge at the 11 o'clock services in the Rufus church. Everyone is welcome to come.

The Rufus Missionary society met last Thursday with Mrs. John Mathieson. Six ladies were present and the study of China was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. H. H. Brackett received word last week that Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McDowell are the parents of a baby girl born April 15 and was named Teressa Ann. Vernon lived with the Brackets while attending the Rufus high school.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tate and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and family enioved a picnic dinner together out from Goldendale Sunday. Later in the afternoon, they attended the Baptist Youth rally in Goldendale where Miss Jordon and Miss Spies had charge.

The rain which had been threatening all week, hasn't arrived yet, but it will be welcome when it comes. Everything is so dry around these parts. The wind got in some husky puffs this week, stirring up a lot of road dirt. A few farmers have finished plowing and a lot of others expect to be through by the end of the week.

Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman for the Democratic party, was in Moro Sunday and called on Mrs. Tommie Jones, acting postmaster who will soon be taking a civil service examination for the position.

A crew of men under Joe Haynes are here this week to dosome back filling of trestles for the Union Pacific near Hay Canyon. They are working for Morrison-Knutson on this job. Many of the crew are camping in the city park in trailer houses.

The Sherman County Club will meet next Wednesday, probably at night, at the Moro hotel. Subject matter of the meeting or the probable speaker have not been determined to date.

The Boy Scout executive committe met Tuesday afternoon to talk about finances and about sending some of the boys to the summer camp which, this year, will remain open until September.

Rufus grange met Thursday night in regular session with Master E. C. Eaton presiding. S. A. Wilson who has been holding the station of gatekeeper resigned and was then elected assistant steward. Benton Barnett was elected gatekeeper. At the close of the meeting, the ladies served a pot luck supper.

The Community sewing club which was scheduled to meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thomas was postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. Thomas' baby.

The Rufus school exrect to give a play at the school house May 13.

S. A. Wilson won the high prize for men and Mrs Sarah Giannonatti for women at the grange card party Saturday night. Five tables of pinochle were in play. Receiving consolation prizes were Raymond Curtis and Mrs. Catherine Boise. Hostesses for the supper which was served at the end of the card game were Mr. and Mrs. Curt Tom and Mrs. Elizabeth Kuyners. The next party will be May 7.

Mrs. Benton Barnett who was in Portland taking care of her son, Fred Curtis, who was ill, has returned home to Rufus. Fred is much improved says his mother.

Miss Audrey Blackbourne who has been employed at Biggs Service station was taken to The Dalles hospital Friday for observation when she became ill. Audrey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne of Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller were hosts Sunday at dinner celebrating the birthdays of their sons, Don and George Jr. Fox. Also present besides the family were Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and son Jimmy.

Miss Judy Smith of The Dalles spent the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Alice Smith.

Women Nominate Club Candidates

The Women's club held its regular meeting Friday, April 22, at the club room.

The nominating committee presented the following names for next year's officers:

President, Mrs. Earl Gentry,
Vice-president, Mrs. Paul May.
Treasurer, Mrs. Orlo Martin.
Director, Mrs. Darwin Van-Glider.

Mrs. Jack Parker was nominated from the floor as next year's secretary.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Harry Walther of The Dalles who demostrated various ways of making flower arrangements and corsages. She was assisted by Mrs. Benson, also of The Dalles.

The Missionary Society will its regular annual missionary day at the E. Amidon home next Wednesday, May 4, with Mrs. Florence Johnston as leader. It is the Mother's day meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and two sons, Robert and Richard, were here Saturday afternoon and Sunday from Portland, coming to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale were out to their ranch this week planting some trees around the new house constructed during the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Todd are lessees.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and sons, George Jr. and James were in Condon Wednesday where they attended the wedding of Mr. Fox's neice, Mary Greiner. The groom, George Eaton has lived near Condon for many years; this marriage uniting two Gilliam county pioneer families. A reception for more than a hundred guests was held at the farm home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greiner, who live near Mayville.

There will be a Rufus high school Senior prom Saturday April 30 at the Rufus school gymnasium. The dance which is formal or informal will have a five piece band to play for it.

Bud Brinkert and Fred Crowley Jr. left Friday for Airlie to spend the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowley.

Who remembers Dr. John Elwood? An inquiry has been received about him, who was an early day doctor, dead these long years ago and once a Sherman countian.

County Court Conclusions

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR MARCH, 1949 and APPROVED APRIL 6, 1949 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND—

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mahone Office Equipment, $29.95; Norman E. Fields, $16.00; Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., $2.87; Norman E. Fields, $50.00.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Craig Office Supply, $1.07; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., $11.70; Elsie Jones, Post Master, $6.00.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Mid-Columbia Typewriter Company, $18.89.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Simmons Carbon Co., $19.75.

COURT HOUSE

Pacific Power & Light Co., $25.97; City of Moro, Water Dept., $3.50; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., $35.45; Ranch & Home Store, $7.75; C. Mersinger, $128.99.

COUNTY COURT

Vernon I. Miller, $14.00; Lester Wilson, $15.00.

EMERGENCY FUND

Ken Zachery, $2.10.

JUSTICE COURT

West Coast Printing & Binding Co., $34.40.

Government Trapper: $50.00.

COUNTY JAIL

W. R. Reid & Son, $9.00; Hotel Moro Coffe Shop, $16.95.

COUNTY PRINTING: $15.30.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: $2.56.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: $7.50.

RETIREMENT FUND: $58.68.

1949 ANNOATIONS AND LAW BOOKS: $13.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

State Industrial Accident Commission $7.82; First National Bank, $91.30; State Tax Commission, $13.73; Public Employes Retirement System, $147.59; National Hospital association, $10.50.

WAGES

J. T. Brown, $266.35; E. McPherson, $223.61; Frank Bazzel $188.03; Frank Bayer, $229.28; Charles H. ePrrigo, $235.49; George H. DeMoss, $152.56; Kenneth Morehouse, $241.71; Claude P. Bayer, $227.98; Public Employes Retirement System, $84.35; First National Bank, $89.50; State Tax Commission, $19.67.

REPAIRS a-c

Columbia Motor Service Co., $4.50; The Dalles Equipment Co., $1.95; Willis Motor Co., $11.05; Central Machine & Welding Co., $17.60; Smith Auto Parts Co., $38.63; Sunset Motor Co., $23.05; Service Garage, $59.04; J. K. McKean & Co., $55.10; Wasco Motor Co., $55.45; Contractors Equipment Corp., $58.03; C. H. Urness Motors, $86.77; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co., $224.39; Arstill-Monroe Pontiac, $264.56; C. H. Urness Motors, $231.80; Pike's Garage, $2.00; Will Huck, $179.91.

GAS AND OIL a-c

C. H. Urness Motors, $4.90; Ross Fields Service Station, $5.32; Pike's Garage, $2.80; Union Oil Co., $182.97; Standard Oil Co., $29.25; Shell Oil Co., $3.99.

TIRES AND TUBES a-c

O. K. Rubber Welders, $17.50; R. H. McKean & Son, $4.55; Walther-Williams Co., $80.90; Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers, $1.25.

GENERAL SUPPLIES a-c

Union Pacific Railroad Co., $36.57; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., $54.80; Contractors Equipment Corp., $79.53; Stadelman-Bonn Hardware Co., $7.18; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., $40.57; Ranch & Home Store, $6.81.

NEW ROAD MACHINERY

J. S. Burres, $150.00

CRUSHED ROCK AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Don Macnab, $270.00.

BUILDING FUND FOR ROAD EQUIPMENT

Moro Grain Growers Association, $37.20.

RETIREMENT FUND

Public Employes Retirement System, $55.67.

MISCELLANEOUS

Secretary of State, $2.00; State Industrial Accident Commission, $80.50; Union Pacific Railroad Co., $2.82; City of Moro, $3.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., $7.50; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., $11.30; G. A. Goodwin, $90.00.

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF APRIL 6, 1949, TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Monthly Statement of Coutny Treasurer showing all fund balances as of April 1, presented and filed.

Monthly Statement of County Clerk showing budgeted fund balances in General Road fund as of April 1, presented and filed.

Visitation of Court made by 7th and 8th grade students of Moro Public School, accompanied by Mrs. Wily W. Knighten, instructor.

Paul W. Alley appears before Court regarding recent road work performed in vicinity of Paul W. Alley farm. Matter referred to County Road foreman.

Communication from David Reid, ex-County Commissioner, regarding desired Rufus-Scott Canyon road presented and filed.

Petitions signed by World War No. II Veterans, individual farmers and Rufus Grange No. 826 asking that any Federal-State Aid allocated funds, if received by County, be expended on improvement of Rufus-Scott Canyon road, presented and filed.

Personal appearance made before Court by Robert H. Davis, et al requesting that any Federal-State Aid allocated funds, if received by County, be applied on improvement of Rufus-Scott Canyon road.

Bid of Harry P. Howell for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Kent rejected.

Bid of W. R. Reid for purchase of tax foreclosed property in Wasco held in suspense.

Court makes Order directing Clerk to call a Special Election to be held on May 27, 1949, to vote on a proposed Special Road Tax levy of 5 mills on the dollar of all taxable property for a duration of four years, commencing with the tax year 1949-1950.

Clarence O. Highley appointed Clerk to serve unexpired term of Irving G. Hart on Monkland No. 4 Precinct Election Board.

No further matters being at issue, adjournment ensued.

County Fair Gets Barber's Rodeo, The Dalles Band

The job of producing the 1949 Sherman County Fair has gone on during the spring months until it is possible to gather a pretty well defined idea of what the show will be like.

The dates will be September 15-16-17-18.

Mac Barber will be here for the final days, Saturday and Sunday, with a bigger rodeo outfit than for several years before. There will be 15 saddle rides, a like number of bareback rides and a dozen or more Brahma bull rides in the afternoon show besides some bull dogging and other events. These will all be in the arena.

As another attraction for the two final days The Dalles High School band will come under the direction of Sam Kerbs, instructor. This is a fifty piece band.

Dances will be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at each of the three principal towns of the county, Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco with Jimmy Whitmore and his orchestra making the music.

There will be a race program to be put on between acts of the rodeo but the number of races and the horse owners will not be known until later in the summer.

New superintendents have been appointed for the divisions both in the pavilion and with the stock and a full list of these will be released later says Bonnie Peters Sharp, who is acting as secretary for the fair board. Miss Winifred Gillian of OSC, will judge the home economic events.

The board is not sparing the cost to provide a good and exciting show for the patrons this year and with full cooperation of all the county it is expected that the effort will be well received and profitable.

Fishermen Re-elect Officers; Talk About Roads To River

B. H. Roberson will again lead the Sherman County Rod & Gun club toward better fishing roads, more fish and wider hunting, he having been reelected as president of the club Monday night in theannual meeting.

Just to prolong the friendy atmosphere of the meeting all the board of directors were re-elected in the same motion. They are Collis Moore, Steve O'Meara, Vivian Rust, Joe Bibby, Dell Olds, Harold Eakin, Harold Ginn and William Jefferies. T. Lester Johnson was renamed secretary.

There was much talk about road to the Deschutes, especially a new onethat takes off from the "Lickskillet" community and meets the river a mile or twobelow the twin tunnels. It is said to be dirt and except for some loose dirt and short turns (sometimes I nthe same place) it is passable for tractors, pick-ups and men on horseback, but work this weekend is expected to make a better road of it.

Baptist Choir Will Sing Wednesday

On Wednesday evening, May 4th(at 8:15 the choir of The Dalles Calvary Baptist church will present a program at the Moro Community church. This program was prepared for Easter presentation in their church but is timely at any season. The choir consists of ten women and twelve men, many of them soloists in their own right, with Dorothy Foster Roth as organist-director.

The program will be as follows:

"Jesus, Our Lord, We Adore Thee"—James.

"Fierce was the Wild Billow," —Noble.

"Our Lord Jesus Knelt in the Garden", a Swiss carol, arr. by Dickinson.

—Noble.

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

"O Sacred Head"—Bach-Christiansen.

"They Crucified My Lord—arr. by Riegger.

"Bethlehem's Own" —Edmundson.

Russian Easter Carol of the Tree—arr. by Gaul.

"Three Men Trudging" —arr. by Gaul.

Hallelujah from "Mount of Olives" — Beethoven.

No admission will be charged but an offering will be taken to defray expenses. The public is invited. Following the program an informal reception at which the Moro choir will be hosts, will give the audience an opportunity to meet the visitors.