

Moro Community Presbyterian Church Getting Ready For 75th Anniversary

(Editor's Note: Much of the information for this article is from a longer history written for the church's anniversary by Harry B. Pinkerton, a life long member.)

The Moro Community Presbyterian Church a lineal descendant of the First Presbyterian Church of Grass Valley located at Moro, Wasco county, Oregon, that was established July 13, 1887 is going to be 75 years old next month.

The man responsible for the original church was James M. Morrison, born in Pennsylvania in 1832, graduated from Delaware college, with a master's degree from Indiana university who came to this area in 1885 from Weston. He had nine children. Morrison settled on a piece of land in a little draw east of Hay canyon that he eventually bought after his son, Joe, had grown a good crop after several efforts.

The Reverend Morrison was interested in preaching and teaching and soon started visiting around to find interest in establishment of a Presbyterian church. The Baptists had built the Friendship Baptist church and had much of the membership among the homesteaders. But soon Morrison had enough names to a petition to the Oregon Presbytery and Rev. W. C. Forbes and Rev. E. N. Condit together with Elder G. W. Weatherford came to the Morrison home by stage and held a meeting in the Baptist church (which was also the school located on what is now the Mrs. Havie Brisbine place).

The 19 charter members included Mr. Morrison, his wife and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. John Dalrymple, Mr. and Mrs. James Woods, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLean, Mrs. P. A. Scott, Mrs. C. T. Donnell, Joseph M. Black, Mrs. M. J. Leet, Mrs. Laura Moore, Mrs. America Moore, Mrs. Jane Moore, Mrs. Nancy Bailey Morrison, Miss Ella Morrison, Miss Nancy Bailey Morrison and Miss

Mary Cushman. Black, McLean and Axtell were elected elders. Within a year a church had been built on the lot now occupied by the Dewey Thompson home where Rev. Morrison conducted a school as well as church services on Sunday. He also started a church in Hay canyon that was abandoned after some years of service. It was the custom of Mr. Morrison to walk from his home to Moro each Sunday morning preparing his sermon on the way.

Morrison had lived at Clarinda, Iowa and knew the Woods, Daugherty (Coleman, Bennett and Pinkerton families all of which later settled in Sherman county). Pay of ministers was small in the nineties and Mr. Morrison got along on a meager \$400 per year which, while not magnificent was more than many ministers received who ministered to the spiritual wants of early day Sherman wants.

Before 1899 when Rev. Morrison left Sherman county, churches had multiplied until every town had one or more. The Baptists had an academy at Grass Valley and the Methodists had built a church in Moro. Schools from being held in churches or in the same building as churches were established in all parts of the county, usually near enough to each homesteader that children could ride or walk to school. Riding a cayuse was the most common method of reaching schools which were held three months at a time.

Rufus News

by Mrs. George Fox

A wedding of interest to this community is that of Miss Yvonne Eilene Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Marshall of Hermiston, to Mr. David Allen Curtis. Their wedding date was June 9 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic church in La Grande. Eilene is well known in Rufus as she was employed for two summers at Dinty's Cafe.

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She is a 1962 graduate at EOC and will teach school this fall in Portland.

Friends of Michael Thomas O'Brien have learned of his wedding to Frances Ann, daughter of Peter Grochmal on Saturday, June 23 at Our Lady of Angels Church at Hermiston. The O'Briens were well know here when the father, Bill O'Brien worked as a signal maintainer and lived at Biggs. Also Mrs. O'Brien was a high school teacher at Rufus several years, and her family of five attended school here. Mike was an 8th grade graduate and attended high school in Rufus before moving to Echo. It was reported that Mike met his wife when he was in the service in Alaska and while she was teaching there. The young couple went to Florida for their honeymoon to visit her father, who lives there, then back to Oregon where she will teach and Mike expects to go to college.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shafer were hostesses for refreshments for Gange and served sherbet and cookies and coffee.

A grass fire started Sunday about 1:00 p.m. on the Washington side of the Columbia river below Biggs and burned nearly a

mile up the river between the highway and railroad tracks. Due to the stiff breeze it burned quite rapidly before it was put out.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bonneville, who were in Rufus the past couple months, moved their trailer house Tuesday to below Tillamook where he expects to work the rest of the summer. Mrs. Bonneville helped out the the Rufus Cafe as a waitress part time while she was here.

Rufus Grange met Thursday night with the overseer, Roy Shafer acting as master because the Rolland Johnsons were away attending State Grange at Grants Pass. There wasn't too much business. Mrs. Otto Peterson had charge of the lecturer's program which was a quiz program and a spelling bee, spelling the words backwards.

Bill Huck of Parkdale was in town Thursday to see about the Grange insurance and also to attend the Grange meeting.

The Rufus community is proud to have one of its own as a honor student at EOC, Patricia Blackburne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne, made a 3.8 average last term. Patricia is a 1962 graduate of the college and

Wasco News

The last meeting of the year for the WSCS of the Wasco Methodist church was held Wednesday, June 20 at the church with Mrs. Dewey Thomas, outgoing president in charge. She presented the new president, Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand with a corsage and thanked the membership for its help during her incumbency. Mrs. Hilderbrand finished the meeting and members adjourned to the church basement where a program was given under direction of Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg. Guest speaker was Mrs. Josephine Hunkapiller of Portland. Several Wasco girls played piano solos and an award was given Miss Mary Ann Haven on her choosing to work in the Christian field. Refreshments were served to members and guests from Moro and Wasco.

The Rev. John McMurtrey and family consisting of wife, two sons in high school and a daughter, recently graduated have arrived from Cave Junction to take over the pastorate of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand drove to Hood River Sunday to attend the ceremonies attendant to the opening of the boat basin there and met Lt. Commander M. D. Tuel, aboard the Weiss. Tuel grew up in Wasco where his parents operated a bakery. Later the Hilderbrands visited the Parrott family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lyons of Baker with their three children stopped to visit his sister, Mrs. Bill Broughton one night last week. The Lyons were on their way to the Seattle fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper drove to Olympia, Wash., last week to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Walker, before going on to Seattle to spend a day or two at the fair.

expects to teach in Alabama this fall. She has set August 12 as her marriage date in La Grande. Patricia started school in Rufus in 1946 graduating 8th grade in 1954, Sherman High in 1958. Her folks raised fruit just west of Rufus until the highway 30 bought them out in 1955, and at that time they re-located their home in Rufus.

After being warm all last week, it started out being warm Monday, but before evening the wind came with such force as to break twigs off trees and doing other damage. Anyway Tuesday is was a lot cooler than last week.



Not a money tree—but a Savings Bonds tree! This is the idea Mrs. U. S. Savings Bonds—Emily Terrall of St. Helens, Oregon—is pointing out to Americans. A tree of Savings Bonds to help individuals save for the big things in their lives as they help make America stronger through their purchases of Savings Bonds.

Spray Starch Needs

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Many homemakers are finding spray starch a help in keeping summer clothes crisp and fresh. Others who've tried these new products, available under a myriad of trade names, have complained about "spotting" and starch sticking to the iron.

There are a few tricks to the trade which convert problems in to perfection, says Bernice Strawn of OSU.

Items to be starched should be sprayed and ironed a portion at a time, using a gently sweeping motion to apply the starch lightly and evenly. Spray starching is not recommended for large scale ironing. For instance, curtains and slip-covers should not be spray starched.

One of the most important directions in spray starching is to shake the can thoroughly before using. Hold the can at a 30 to 45 degree angle when spraying. If held horizontally, it won't be possible to get all the starch from the bottom of the can when the supply runs low and starch will be wasted.

If spotting occurs, it's usually caused by the hot iron coming in contact with droplets of starch not absorbed by the fabric. To avoid spotting, roll garment loosely, then unroll it after a few seconds. This allows the starch to equalize uniformly throughout the sprayed area. Linen and some blends of man-made fibers are less absorbent than cotton and may need to be rolled in this manner, advises the specialist.

Iron "coating" is usually caused by spraying too heavily. If the fabric is saturated, the starch may ball up or flake off. If the iron becomes coated, cool it and wipe clean with a damp cloth.

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- 3 Limit your Daily Driving**—ten hours of driving per day is the limit. After that you are asking for trouble.
- 4 Car maintenance**—it's a must to keep your car in top mechanical condition.
- 5 Drive a tidy Car**: Loose articles, litter, packages, etc., can be dangerous. Keep the inside of your car neat and tidy, everything packed in convenient places where loose items can't slide around. Packages piled on the rear window ledge become missiles in case of a collision, and they also block the view of the driver behind you.
- 6 Follow road conditions**: If the sign says 40 m.p.h., believe it. If it says, "Slow, dangerous curve," take the highway department's word for it. The signs are placed along the roadway for your help, and they have a good reason for being there. Dusk and dawn are poor visibility driving times. Use extra care then.

"These are the rules we follow," points out McManama, "and everyone of them can be adapted by the motorist. Strict adherence to them is the best insurance we know against accidents."

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