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Eureka Lodge No. 121 A. F. & A. M. Moro, Oregon

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month.

Members cordially invited to meet with us

By order of W. M. R. Urquhart, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S. Moro, Oregon

Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month.

Lois Barbee, Worthy Matron Nana Barbee, Secretary.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon

Meets every Monday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

W. B. Rice, N. G. A. M. Young, Secretary

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

Visiting members welcome.

Marie Peters, N. G. Hazel Woods, Secy

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 American Legion

Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.

R. P. Bribaine, Commander. Roy F. Dean, Adjutant

Zell's Funeral Home Now Open at Moro, A. H. Young, manager.

JAMES J. CROSSLEY OF

Portland, Oregon,

Hereby announces that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator at the May, 1926, primaries.

Will work zealously for development of Oregon and support of measures for real benefit of farmers as suggested by their organizations.

Favor World Court and Reform Senate Rules.

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Notice of the Sale of the City of Moro Auditorium Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of December, 1925, the City Council of the City of Moro will offer for sale the entire issue of \$31,500 "City of Moro Auditorium Bonds," being twenty year serial bonds authorized by a vote of the people of said City, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

All bids to be accompanied by a certified check of 5 per cent of the bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Dated 16th December, 1925.

J. L. SEARCY City Recorder of the City of Moro

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT In the County court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, in the matter of the estate of Elizabeth A. Dunn, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Elizabeth A. Dunn, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, his final report and account as such administrator of said estate and that Monday, the 18th day of January, 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and settlement thereof.

A. H. Barnum, Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth A. Dunn. W. C. Bryant, Attorney for Administrator.

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Items of General News Concerning Wasco

Mrs. Geo. Kaseberg is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Morse were in Wasco Friday on professional and business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Florer are in Portland where Mr. Florer is detained for eye treatment.

The ladies aid of the Methodist church held a sale of baked goods and fancy work at the Wasco cafe last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson recently of Ollington arrived last Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Borgenholt here.

Mrs. Lon Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyers has arrived from New York for an indefinite stay with her parents.

Miss Winifred Fortner is confined to bed with a combination of tonsillitis and German measles. Her condition was reported Tuesday as improved.

Meyers and Burres returned from O. A. C. last Friday for the Christmas vacation. The two Barnett brothers, sons of Leigh Barnett, have returned home also.

Miss Elliott, teaching at the Fairview school, stopped at Wasco for small pox vaccination before going to her home where small pox has been prevalent.

Mr. Warren, son of Mrs. H. Blackwood arrived from Everett, Washington, last Friday to be with his mother. He expects to remain over the holidays here and at Rufus.

Mrs. Clyde Hearing was helping Tuesday in the preparations at the Sink home for a Christmas family reunion. Accommodations for twenty three guests are reported underway.

Mrs. H. Blackwood who has been ailing for some time was taken to the Morse hospital Saturday where she underwent a serious abdominal operation by Drs. Morse and Wunderlich. Her condition is reported as very satisfactory.

Students of the high school will give a program at the school auditorium on December 23. The comedy skit "Not to the Swift" and "Obstinance" will be staged and sponsored by the synecopating of "The Saucy Synecopators."

The snow fall was welcomed at Wasco by every one but the local baker when a day's baking was turning sour Monday while waiting for the power of oven heat. The jeopardized dough represented a value of some \$80 it was stated.

Teachers employed in Moro schools will leave this week to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

Miss Dorothy Perkins and Miss Lucile Baker will be at Portland; Miss Helen Idleman at Salem; Miss Heritage at Portland, and Miss Chapman and Miss Pherrson at and near Corvallis.

Mrs. G. A. Williams received word last week of the death of her brother Dan Smith, at Hoople, North Dakota, December 15th. A son, Dr. George Smith, residing at Pilot Rock, Oregon, was present when the summons came.

The old fashioned dance at Moro opera house last Friday evening was attended by a crowd estimated at more than 300. Lunch was served pot luck style at midnight. Harvey Martin and his brother Elvin were in attendance from The Dalles and assisted A. H. Barnum and other old time local callers in the calling of the old-time square dances. A second old time dance will be given at Moro opera house on January 15th.

Members of the local Masonic and Eastern Star lodges will meet at the lodge rooms at 7 p. m. on Sunday evening and march in a body to the Presbyterian church where a special service has been arranged in honor of St. John's day. Rev. Mr. Tabor of Wasco, member of the Masonic lodge, will preach the sermon. All members and their wives and all star members and their husbands are especially invited to participate in the service.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

Delivery service from May & Son are made each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

W. A. Martin and wife were visitors this week from their home near Walla Walla.

Robert Hoskinson and mother, Mrs. M. L. Hoskinson, were visiting in The Dalles last Sunday.

John M. DeMoss was a business visitor last Saturday in Moro from his farm home north of Wasco.

A basket ball game was staged on Monday evening between the high school team and a alumni-town team.

Prof. W. C. Buell and family left Thursday morning by auto for Fall City where they will spend the holidays.

Miss Beale Anderson left Wednesday evening for Portland where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Mary Johnson has traded her Cadillac Coupe as part payment for a late model Cadillac four passenger brogram.

All the young folks who are attending the state educational centers have arrived home for the Christmas holidays.

Edmund Stephens left Wednesday by stage for Baker, Oregon, where he will visit with relatives over the holiday period.

Harry Beesley, manager of the local opera house, has posters out announcing a jazzy snappy dance for New Years eve.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Kenney, at the George Hennagin home in this city December 18th, a daughter, Dr. Pooley attending.

Conlee's grocery store is being given a Christmas present this week in the shape of a new floor. The work is being done by Al Sweigle.

Gus Smith, of Grass Valley, was taken to The Dalles last Saturday by Dr. Pooley where an emergency operation for appendicitis was performed.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bayles, of this city, are the parents of a son, Robert Arthur, born at 1:30 a. m. Sunday morning, December 20th, at The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray and small daughter Ada Virginia were dinner guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Yates at Wasco.

L. L. Peetz and family will entertain at dinner on Christmas day A. H. Barnum and family of this city and L. Barnum and E. E. Barnum and their families from The Dalles.

F. E. Fortner returned Tuesday evening from an auto trip to Portland. He reported that the highway was in exceptionally fine condition and that no wet pavement was seen until near Wasco.

Roy F. Dean, manager of the Sherman Electric Co., and Ralph Bribaine, foreman of the company, were busy at Wasco the first of the week equalizing the load on transformers in that city.

Frank L. Hulery of Rufus hit upon just the right gift for Christmas when he subscribed for the Sherman County Observer to be sent during the next year to his two sons. During the new year he will make 104 Christmas gifts, one each week, to T. E. Hulery at Eugene and to W. F. Hulery at Corvallis.

Hugh Beall, employed with the Crosefield businesses at Wasco, was a man in need last Sunday when he was found at DeMoss attempting to navigate his auto to Wasco from Moro without gas. He was pulled to the top of the hill overlooking Wasco and from there was able to coast to a gas filling station.

News Items From Kent And Near Vicinity

John Haynes is home from Corvallis this week.

We had quite a snow here Sunday which makes the farmers smile.

Paul Stout and wife were shopping in The Dalles the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger were Portland visitors this last week-end.

Miss Minnie Hogue who is teaching at Dufur is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Pratt was down to consult Dr. C. L. Pooley of Grass Valley on Monday.

Clinton Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pope of Corvallis are visiting at the home of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson gave a party for the high school Saturday evening which was enjoyed by all.

Miss Golda Hartley, Miss Martha Wilson and Joseph Wilson who are attending school at Eugene are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson of Airle are spending the holidays with their daughters Mrs. L. M. Schadewitz and Mrs. J. E. Norton and families.

A number of the ladies gathered at the hotel Thursday afternoon and surprised Mrs. Emma Pismenke with a handkerchief shower in honor of her birthday. Mrs. Pismenke says she will have another birthday next year.

S. F. Bribaine left by stage Wednesday morning to attend a family reunion at North Yamhill staged for Christmas day. He expects to return shortly after the New Year.

Roscoe Moore, Edmund Stephens and Edgar Alley were moving spirits in a social dance given at Moro opera house Tuesday evening in honor of the local collegians, high school pupils and local teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Belshe and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Belshe returned Sunday evening from an auto trip to the southern border of Texas, a distance of about 7000 miles, where their auto and the ladies of the party remained, at McAllen, Texas, while the men folks continued their trip by train a further distance of about 500 miles to where they have extensive land holdings in old Mexico.

Power line trouble on the Pacific Power & Light company lines partly paralyzed all business activities in Sherman county last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The trouble was mainly confined to wet snow breaking down the transmission lines over parts of all their system in Wasco county.

W. B. Craig and wife were visitors the first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Woods in this city from Clarinda, Iowa, where Mr. Craig is engaged in the contracting and building trades. Mrs. Craig is a niece of Mr. Woods. The visitors left their home December 14th, stopping at Omaha and Pendleton before reaching Moro. They left here for Vancouver, Washington, where they will spend Christmas with their four sons who are residents of that place and later will visit at Los Angeles where they have four daughters who are employed as teachers in that city.

Francis H. Sisson

Chairman, Public Relations Commission American Bankers Association

There has been some disposition to criticize the administration of the country's banking system for the sudden collapse of prices and curtailment of credits in 1920 and 1921, and the subsequent financial difficulties of the farmers. As a matter of fact, what ever blame may attach to bankers must be for the too generous financing in many cases, of speculative investment in farm property during the period of inflation. If any just criticism could be directed at the manner in which the Federal Reserve System functioned in this situation in the opinion of many it would be that the Reserve banks delayed too long in raising the rediscount rates. An earlier effort might have stayed the process of inflation.

The collapse of 1926 was by no means confined to agriculture, and was the inevitable sequel to the inflation period. All branches of business suffered in this period of reaction and perhaps none more than banking. The financial situation of the farmers was greatly aggravated by the fact that the high land values and high prices of agricultural products had led many farmers to incur obligations based on the inflated values. If the farmer was victimized at all, indeed, he was the victim of too much rather than too little consideration. The real progress which has been achieved in agricultural finance in recent years lies more in the intelligent distribution of farm credit than in volume.

With agencies of ample credits for the American farmer, his enduring success depends upon the wisdom and foresight with which he meets the problems of production and marketing. More than ever before, his activities must be regulated with reference to world conditions, and his profits. The those of the manufacturer or merchant, will reflect the measure of his success in adjusting his activities to these conditions.

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MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

The sermon Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church will be a consideration of the theme, "Retrospect and Prospect," a meditation for the New Year. The Sunday school meets as usual at 10:00.

About 130 people listened to the presentation of the Christmas story in recitations, songs and pantomimes at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning. The program was particularly varied and interesting and at the close an offering for work in South America was taken up amounting to \$14.22.

Next Sunday evening the local Masonic lodge will attend in a body the union service at 7:30 in the Presbyterian church. This is an annual event among Masons in which they consider some lesson from St. John the Evangelist. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Tabor of the Wasco Methodist church.

The woman's missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 30th, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale. Syria and Persia are the subjects under consideration.

The meeting at the Gorman school scheduled for Sunday, January 3rd cancelled and the next meeting will be announced later.

The revival at the Methodist church closed last Sunday night with a goodly number in attendance. The clearest messages of the evangelist and the spirit in which they were given are much appreciated by church and community. Several responded throughout the meetings to accept Christ as a personal savior, and all professing Christians who entered helpfully into the meeting were strengthened. The splendid attendance and cooperation of the community is much appreciated as were the special gospel songs by Tom Fraser and I. M. Woods.

Sunday morning at the Methodist church Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will give a New Years message at 11:00 a. m. Opportunity will be given for reception of new members. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. W. C. Bryant superintendent.

UNEARNED CRITICISM

By FRANCIS H. SISSON

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Merry Christmas and For a Happier New Year. Determine to get ahead by the close of 1926 through an account with the Bank of Moro. Resolve as hard as you can to make an initial deposit then follow it methodically by small amounts each and every pay day. Bank of Moro

MORO THEATRE MORO, OREGON. "The Merry Widow" Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th. "The Midshipman" Saturday, December 26th. "Nazimova in 'My Son'" Sunday, December 27th. "Betty Bronson in 'Peter Pan'" Tuesday, December 29th. "Little Annie Rooney" New Years Day—Friday, January 1st—3 p. m.

Happiest Greetings. We take this means of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. We thank you for your patronage during 1925 and solicit a portion of it in 1926. MORO CONFECTIONERY W. A. Ruggles, Prop. MORO, OREGON

The Season's Greetings. Season's Greetings and Best Wishes For a Prosperous New Year. Ginn, Coleman & Co Moro, Oregon

The reader of advertisements knows that he has the most reliable guide to markets that exists in the world today.

New Year 1926. With the waning of the old year and the welcome of the new we desire to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have favored us with their patronage. These manifestations of their confidence are, indeed, gratifying and an inspiration toward greater effort to be of wholesome service during 1926. Again we extend to you our best wishes for a prosperous year. At Your Service Always. Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. MORO, OREGON D. E. CLARK, Manager. Phone Main 91

Father Time - Artist Extraordinary. AND NOW FOLKS - AS MY CLOSING NUMBER OF THIS ACT I'LL PRESENT TO YOU A JOLLY OLD FELLOW WITH WHOM MOST OF YOU ARE ALREADY ACQUAINTED - REMEMBER FOLKS - WE WILL HAVE AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAM NEXT WEEK. ACT HP 1925