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Enrich Lodge No. 121 A. F. & A. M.

Moro, Oregon
Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
By order of W. M.
Robt. Urquhart, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S.

Moro, Oregon
Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month.
Lois Barzee, Worthy Matron
Nana Barzee, 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. H. Williams, N. G.
A. M. Young, Secretary.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116

Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month. Visiting members welcome.
Essie McKean, N. G.
Jessie Henrichs, Sec.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71

American Legion
Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.
W. H. Williams, Commander
A. M. Zevely, Adjutant

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Moro Women's club met at the Presbyterian church. Hostess, Mrs. Ragdale and Mrs. Martin; Mrs. Ireland, director.

Roll call "Tribute to Mothers." Many beautiful tributes were given by the members. Ten minutes was devoted to art, John G. Sargent, the great American portrait painter being the subject.

A short talk on the "Soul of the Home" was given. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra gave a very instructive talk on the religion in the home, demonstrating religion in the home by having four little children — Carol Peetz, Howard Conlee, Marguerite Clark and Helen Strong partake of a luncheon prepared by Mrs. Ireland, the director, Mrs. Ireland acting as "Mother" for the occasion. Helen and Marguerite helped mother set the table, while Carol and Howard put the chairs in their places, then, by the direction of Mrs. Feenstra, the children gave thanks to God before they partook of the lunch.

Mrs. C. V. Belknap, club reporter

NOTICE TO PHONE USERS

Beginning on January 1st the phone call for central will be changed at the Moro office to one long ring in place of two short rings as at present. The change is made to conform with phone usage at other stations and to avoid confusion of strangers using the local service.

Opal Powell is home from Corvallis where she is attending Oregon Agricultural college.

Remember the motion picture at 4 p. m. on the 25th, under the auspices of the Moro Women's club.

Miss Ruth McClelland left Thursday morning for Portland where she will spend the holidays with her aunt.

Avery Martin, Cecil Gregg and Ardeth Cochran, students attending Albany college, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Moro schools observed the Christmas holiday spirit on Thursday afternoon when a program was given in the school auditorium to which all classes contributed a part. After the exercises each adjourned to their room where each had a tree loaded only with class gifts interchanged between pupils of each class.

SPARROW HUNT CONTEST

Hunters on Losing Side Pledge Banquet Feed to Winners

For several years the so-called English sparrow has been increasing in numbers in Sherman county with very little effort made to lessen the number of these birds that seem to have an unusual ability to take care of themselves in all sorts of weather conditions.

In the spring of the year practically every chicken raiser feeds a large flock of these feathered thieves; they fly through the smallest mesh fences; they pick the feed from under the chickens' feet in the feeding pens; they fit through the open doors and windows of the chicken houses and coops housing grown flocks or chicks.

Wheat warehouses are a favorite hangout for these birds and each year considerable damage is done sacked grain on storage. Farmers' barns and fields furnish a living for them when driven from town, and back to town they go when the farmer is driven to protect his flocks and barns.

Now comes a local contest of hunters for these birds. A meeting has been called for next Wednesday evening, December 29th, at the Legion Community Hall at which time sides will be chosen and captains elected to conduct the contest hunt.

The call states that no weapons are barred — anything goes — just so long as the birds are gathered in for the final count. Air guns to a cannon, pop guns to poison gas, are allowable under the terms of the contest.

Birds will be counted the evening of January 15, 1927, at the Legion Community Hall. Each bird will count one point, no other sort of game will be counted. Stipulations are that the losing side will provide a banquet for the winners.

Time will inform the public of the community who is the Wm. Tell of Moro vicinity who shot the apple that held the sparrow; or the little George Washington with his hatchet who hacked at the tree where the sparrow hid. Let's all join in the great hunt, the grand banquet and each have a story to tell that will outtell the one from the other side.

LOCAL LODGES ELECT

Officers for the ensuing terms have been elected by the local lodges of Moro as follows:

Masonic lodge: Dayton Henrichs, worshipful master; W. A. Ruggles, warden; H. B. Pinkerton, junior warden; Robt. Urquhart, secretary; Wm. Henrichs, treasurer.

Eastern Star lodge: Mrs. N. W. Thompson, worthy matron; W. A. Ruggles, worthy patron; Mrs. D. E. Stephens, associate matron; Mrs. L. R. Conlee, conductress; Mrs. D. E. Clark, associate conductress; Mrs. Nana Barzee, secretary; Mrs. E. H. Moore, treasurer.

Odd Fellow lodge: Roy L. Kessing, noble grand; George McDonald, vice grand; C. V. Belknap, treasurer; A. M. Young, secretary.

The Masonic and Eastern Star lodges will hold a joint installation of officers the evening of January 6th.

Forrest Peetz was in charge of Moro Confectionery Wednesday while Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruggles were in the Dalles on business.

Miss Georgia McKean is substituting at the local phone office for Miss Ruth McClelland while the latter is enjoying a vacation with relatives at Portland.

LaGrande was selected Monday as the location for the new eastern Oregon normal school by unanimous vote of the board of normal school regents following the elimination of all other contenders for the place.

"The Fool," presented at the Legion Community Hall at 4 p. m. on Christmas day under the auspices of the Moro Women's club will serve two very useful purposes, provide entertainment for the community and provide needed funds for the club. The prices will be 50c and 25c. Everybody come.

Women smokers have revolutionized the English rules whereby no smoking used to be permitted in cars unless labeled "smoking." Now that women habitually smoke on their way to and from business, the demand for seats in smoking cars has grown so much that the percentage of the latter has had to be increased to 70 per cent.

Linfield college at McMinnville will have a summer school of religious education for six weeks this coming summer. The school will be sponsored by Linfield college and the council of religious education for the state of Oregon. Professor W. J. Sly, head of the department of religious education at Linfield, will be dean of the school. He will be assisted by Professors Shumaker and Jensen. The work done will be given along religious education courses in college.

Paul Krause, a Wasco county farmer living at Nathan near South Junction, was arrested this week on a charge of cruelty to animals and pollution of the Deschutes river. Krause is said to make a business of buying Indian ponies and selling them for fertilizer. During the storm period he is said to have allowed a number to starve to death and to have disposed of them by means of the river. A representative of the state humane society and a deputy fish warden are interested in the complaints.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

Dr. B. F. Franklin spent last weekend with friends at Portland.

Harold Bryant has returned from O. A. C. to spend the holidays at home.

Vernon Miller student at the University of Oregon, is home for the holidays.

Dr. Jos. Sanders has been under medical care at a hospital in The Dalles this week.

Mrs. Millie Venable is reported to be quite ill and to be under hospital care in Portland.

Leo Moore, student in the medical department at U. of O., is home for the holiday season.

"The Fool" will be at the Community Hall on Christmas day. "Wise men" will be there too.

Darold Belashe and sister Miss Linnie are home from Eugene where they are students at the U. of O.

Mrs. Margaret Foss Kaseberg was reported to be quite sick last week with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Edgar Alley is home from the state normal school at Monmouth to spend the holidays with his parents at Moro.

Laughter is a good antidote for indigestion. Don't stay at home and ache, come to the show and forget it.

Miss Laura Urquhart spent last weekend in Portland attending sessions of the annual county clerks convention.

Edmund Stephens has taken advantage of the Christmas holidays at O. A. C. to be at home with his parents at Moro.

Lenore Amidon, student in journalism at Pacific university at Forest Grove, is enjoying the vacation season at home this week.

Mrs. A. T. Maas was expecting to leave Moro late this week for Portland, where she will spend the holiday season with friends and relatives.

Jake Douma and family are visiting with his four brothers and mother in Moro this week from Tillamook, Oregon, where he is employed in a meat market.

The four o'clock hour set for the show on Christmas day will permit hosts and guests alike to enjoy their dinner and have ample time to get to the show.

Helen Bryant, Ione Miller and Edna Grimes, three young ladies of Moro who are attending the state normal at Monmouth, are home for the Christmas holidays.

C. F. Anderson, paying teller at the Butler Banking company bank at Hood River, is expected in Moro this Friday to spend the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. C. L. Ireland.

V. S. Barr and family have as guests during the holidays Mr. Barr's parents and sister. They made the trip by train from their home at Lebanon, Oregon, arriving at Moro Thursday morning.

J. E. Coleman left Moro last Wednesday for Woodland, California, where he expected to spend the holiday season with his three married daughters, one of whom will make the trip from Seattle to that place.

George Belknap is expected to be in Moro this week in time to spend Christmas with his parents. He is employed at the office of the University of Oregon, which makes his vacation period shorter than usual.

A 60-year old fisherman is in a hospital at Avalon, Catalina Island, after a 10-day harrowing experience at sea. A storm sent their fishing boat adrift at sea and, after five days when his companion died, the man lived off the flesh of his dead companion.

The flour mill at Enterprise, Oregon, a pioneer institution built in 1888, was destroyed by fire December 18 with an estimated loss of \$40,000, including a large tonnage of stored grain. The mill had a capacity of 100 barrels of flour per day.

Chas. Bullard returned last week from The Dalles where he has been gaining first hand information as to the results of hospital care and medical attention. Saturday was the first time he had been able to be in town since his discharge from the hospital.

Mrs. George A. Mitchell and daughter have returned from Corvallis where they have been the past several weeks with Mr. Mitchell, who has been busy extending notes of the work done last season at Moro experiment station. Mr. Mitchell expects to return late this week.

Funeral services for David B. Hearing, uncle of Clyde Hearing of Wasco, who died at The Dalles on December 14, was held last Friday at the graveside in I. O. O. F. cemetery at The Dalles. Mr. Hearing was at one time chief of police at LaGrande. He was also a former resident of Shaniko, where he operated a blacksmith shop.

Dr. Wonderlick, when in town last Saturday from Wasco, reported that he had hit a rock slide alongside of the road when driving in the snowstorm that week. The car took the impact head on with the result that his car was turned completely around and headed back the way he had come. The engine continued to function until the spark lever was thrown.

HARLANDVIEW-GRANGE MEETS

An instructive meeting of Harlandview grange was held last Friday evening, December 17, at Harmony school house. Several new members were added to the list and an excellent program of musical numbers preceded an address by D. E. Stephens of Moro Experiment station.

Committees as follows were announced by Worthy Master Melzer: J. J. Wiley, H. B. Belashe and Geo. McDonald on legislation; D. E. Stephens, T. S. Reese and Homer Belashe on agriculture; Mrs. A. T. Maas, Mrs. Homer Belashe and Mrs. Wolfar, Belashe on bylaws; Mrs. Clay Belashe as chairman of the home economic committee with authority to select her committee members.

Invitations were read inviting Harlandview grange to send their lecturer to the lecturer's school to be held at the Agriculture College on January 10-11. Arrangements were made to have a delegate present if the lecturer could not attend.

At the close of the business session a plate dinner was served, which was bountifully ample to fortify all present for the return trip to their homes in the near zero weather.

The next meeting will be held January 13, which will be an open meeting and after which date the charter will be closed and all subsequently joining will be initiated. Election of officers for the new term will be part of the business to come up at the next meeting.

All necessary supplies have been received by Harlandview grange and beginning with the next meeting work will commence in earnest. Part of the social program to be featured as opportunity presents will be basket socials, skating parties at the school house, and other similar activities. At present meetings will be held at the Harmony school house. As soon as opportunity presents itself it is the intention to build a grange hall close to the school building.

Membership district of Harlandview grange comprises five school districts, extending from Gorman on the north to Rutledge on the south. Every farmer in this territory is eligible to join.

SHEARERS GRANGE INSTALLS

The newly elected officers of Shearers grange were installed last Saturday afternoon, December 18. State Deputy W. R. Gekeler conducted the official installation, which was made public, and which was attended by a number of visitors. Roy Tiller is the new master, Mr. Shipley, overseer; Mrs. Carl Eaton, lecturer; Mr. Wilcox, steward; Mr. Eaton, secretary; Mrs. Wilcox, chaplain; and Mr. Hughes, gatekeeper. A complete list of committees will be announced at the next meeting to be held on January 1st. This will be an all-day meeting with a New Year's dinner and a good program. Shearers grange is cooperating with the schools in the holding of a Christmas tree and entertainment.

MORO ORCHESTRA BENEFIT

The entertainment at the school auditorium Monday evening was a pleasant surprise to all who attended the benefit sponsored for the Moro orchestra that evening by the Moro Women's club. Eighteen members of the orchestra played popular, religious and intricate numbers capably and efficiently under the direction of Mrs. G. C. Akers, leader of the orchestra. Several of the numbers were songs, the audience joining in the singing with Mrs. R. A. Feenstra acting as song leader.

As now constituted the orchestra comprises nine violins, two cellos, two cornets, saxophone, alto horn, tuba, drums and piano. These will be augmented as opportunity presents itself. A beginners orchestra is also being organized by Mrs. Akers and some of this talent will later be added to the older orchestra.

At the conclusion of the program a collection was taken which netted the orchestra slightly more than \$26. A plate lunch consisting of sandwiches and coffee was served by the ladies of the club just before the meeting disbanded.

P. J. Dillinger, when in Moro Tuesday afternoon, informed us that a marriage had been consummated last Thursday, December 16, in The Dalles with himself and Mrs. Ollie Zevely as the contracting parties.

The Moro Women's club is trying to carry on several worthy projects at home and abroad. We expect to use proceeds of the show at home. Come and be entertained while you help your neighbors. Prices 25c and 50c.

Norman Davis returned last Saturday to Moro by train from Silverton, Oregon. He left here about three weeks ago in charge of two carloads of horses, about forty in all, which had been purchased by two professional horse buyers. The shipment first went to Portland, thence to Oregon City, Hillsboro, Hubbard, Salem and Silverton. At each place horses were sold and traded. Davis said that his job was to condition the horses, drive them and ride them, as patrons demanded. Anyone knowing Norman knows that he took care of his end of the work. Eight horses were yet on hand when he left, although the original forty had been handled during the trip.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Presbyterian Church Notices.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday, December 26, the spirit of Christmas will hold sway all day. At ten o'clock the Sunday school children will present a program in charge of Mrs. John L. Searcy and Miss Naomi Young. The offering will go toward helping Syrian children get the gospel of Jesus. Every body is invited to this service and is urged to come on time.

At the eleven o'clock service there will be special Christmas music. Mr. Tom Fraser will sing a solo, and the choir will render one or more selections. The pastor will preach on the theme, "The Evangel of Jesus."

At seven thirty the union evening service will be held in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Hanson will preach the message using the theme, "The Message of the Angels." The Presbyterian choir will again sing appropriate anthems for the occasion.

The only service at which Christmas will not be directly considered is the Christian Endeavor society. At six forty-five the young people will meet and consider the topic "The Past Year — Its Lessons; the New — Its Possibilities." Deut. 8:1-6; Phil. 3:13, 14.

Moro Methodist Church

A New Year's message will be given at the Methodist church next Sunday morning by Mrs. Feenstra. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Miss Clara Christensen, gospel singer of Moorehead, Minnesota, an old time friend of Rev. and Mrs. Feenstra and at present visiting with them, will sing at the morning service.

Grass Valley Methodist Church

Sunday school regularly at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. You are welcome.

R. A. Feenstra, pastor.

Christian Science Announcements

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, and on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Wednesday evening services include testimonials of healing.

Sunday school is held in the Sunday school room every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Pupils up to the age of twenty years are received into these classes.

This society maintains, at the rear entrance to the church building, a free Christian Science reading room, which is open daily, where the Bible and the Christian Science text book Science and Health, with key to the scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, together with all other authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed, or purchased.

Kent Church Notices.

Sunday school at First Christian church, 10:00 o'clock every Lord's day. Preaching in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, by Rev. Cofer of Grass Valley.

HAPPIEST PERSON IN MORO

Without a doubt the happiest person in Moro this Christmas holiday is Mrs. Wiley McDonald who received word in the mail Thursday morning that Mr. McDonald was coming home that day from Portland and to meet him at Biggs at noon.

Mr. McDonald has been under medical observation at Portland for several weeks. At one time the doctors thought he had serious stomach trouble which would require a recovery over a period of years and from which he might never fully recover his former strength.

Now comes word that the final results show him to be "O. K." in regard to these matters with the exception of slightly too great an acid supply in his system.

This can be corrected without an operation and with a large degree of assurance that he will completely regain his health.

Who could wish for a greater Christmas gift than this? Friends of the family will be nearly as well pleased as was Mrs. McDonald to hear the news that came to the McDonald family two days before Christmas.

C. P. Moore and wife left by auto Thursday for Beaverton, Oregon, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Moore's parents.

An exceptionally fine Christmas program and entertainment was given Tuesday evening by the pupils and community at Harmony school under direction of Mrs. Persie Hedges, teacher at the school.

Don't fail to be at the Grass Valley auditorium December 30th and hear the Dixie Jubilee quartet, presented under the auspices of the recently organized Women's Community club of Grass Valley. The Dixie entertainers are highly recommended; have recently played two nights at Hood River, and are engaged by G. E. Mathews to play two nights at his theatre in The Dalles. An evening with these musical entertainers will be well spent.

A Bank Account



When trying to solve the problem "what to give the children" on any occasion, consider the appropriateness of a Bank Account here at the Bank of Moro.

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We thank you and wish all a Most Prosperous year during 1927 and will appreciate all future business extended to us.



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We appreciate the business extended in the past and will endeavor to merit your confidence in the future.

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Moro, Oregon

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The table's set, the holly's hung,
The candle's lit, the carol's sung,
The stockings filled, the bells are rung
And in the hearts of old and young
Are greetings glad for Christmas.

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