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

Meets the 1st and 3rd
Thursday evenings of
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.

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

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

Regular communica-
tions 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 Tues-
days of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.

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 Wednes-
day evenings of each
month.

W. H. Williams, Commander
A. M. Jewell, Adjutant

COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY

County School Superintendent A. M. Zevely advises the Sherman County Observer that there are now 750 volumes in the newly organized Sherman county circulating school library and that this will be increased shortly after New Year by an additional 500 volumes. While this is a school library it is open to any resident of the county. The books are being cataloged and indexed as fast as received and this data will soon be available to the public.

B. B. Bayles and family expect to leave Moro for Montana shortly after the New Year.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan left by auto Thursday morning for a visit with relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Akers returned Tuesday evening, where they visited with relatives at Christmas time.

The Odd Fellow and Rebecca lodges of this city will hold a joint installation of elected officers for the ensuing term on Tuesday, January 11th.

After three years of solitary confinement in a German haymow, during which time he did not have a hair cut, shave or bath, Hugo Presser was discovered by the police and released. Presser's wife imprisoned him because he was lazy, she says, and the courts neither forced him to work nor allowed her a divorce.

The evening air at Moro was filled with the music of sweetly sung Christmas carols the evening of December 24th when members of the Tewos camp, local Campfire Girls, serenaded the homes of a number of residents of this city. It is an old English custom for groups of singers to stroll about singing carols the evening before Christmas and there is nothing that so strongly exemplifies the spirit of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert A. Williams and daughter Muriel and sons Donald and Richard; Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Mitchell and son Alva and daughter Silvia; Mr. Alex Hunter and son John and daughter Olivia, all of Portland, were visitors with Geo. A. Williams and Walter H. Williams during the Christmas season. All of the visitors including Geo. A. Williams and family were with Walter H. Williams for dinner Christmas eve and all met for dinner Christmas day at the home of Geo. A. Williams.

New Year

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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PARK BOARD REPORTS

Several Permanent Features Added to DeMoss Park Last Year

The report of the DeMoss park board, made to the county court and the county budget committee this month, was of such favorable nature that funds were increased from the amount first allotted to permit the work now in hand to be carried forward as proposed by the board.

The amount allotted to the park board for the ensuing year was \$700 that was unofficially set as a minimum when the county took over the park from its donors.

The work proposed for the new year includes an electric motor to pump water for irrigating the park. This will reduce maintenance costs by permitting less attention being given to the water system when water is pumped. Another improvement will be the repainting of the buildings to preserve them from deterioration from weather conditions. A third improvement will be the building of a 7-foot high fence, painted to conform with existing buildings and with posts treated and set in concrete. This fence will also be used to better protect the buildings and loose property at the park. The fence will be built inside the park boundary and enclose the place used generally by such affairs as the home talent chautauqua.

During the dry season last November a new 7-foot well was dug in a favorable spot, three of the seven feet being through rock. The new well is 8-foot square. The sides have been concreted and a plank deck placed over the top. A foot and half of water was in the well when work stopped. Since the rains the well stands nearly full. It will be used for irrigating and other purposes that the old well could not supply.

When the Rutledge church was sold the seats in the building were purchased by the park board and are available for use by the public. The home talent chautauqua, held at the park last May, increased the funds of the park board to the extent of \$91.50. A caretaker was employed part of last season to do the necessary irrigating, keeping the premises clean and to supervise the park when used by the general public.

The total expenditures this last year amounted to \$619.45. Part of this was for permanent property such as the new well, the church seats, canvass top for the auditorium, electric line extension, and building material. These items cost the board \$400 and shows but a trifling cost to the county for actual operation of the park as a neatly kept and attractive recreation grounds where the people of Sherman county may congregate on Sunday afternoons as well as other days in the week, have a picnic dinner and enjoy neighborly visits with friends and neighbors.

WORDS OF CAUTION

We notice that the Arlington Bulletin is publishing an advertisement which offers the readers of that paper 300 large size fresh sweet oranges for \$3. A similar order for the same adv came to the Sherman County Observer from the state of Georgia. We failed to see how a concern in Georgia could sell oranges so cheaply from Texas.

The Hood River News printed an apology to its readers some time ago and warned them not to respond to the advertisement, claiming that the persons responsible for the order of the adv. were being sought by officials of the postal department for advertising such schemes in papers of the southern and middle western states.

A large part of the duty of the publisher of a newspaper is to protect its subscribers from swindling schemes advertised in its columns. Even when money accompanies such apparent schemes as the orange offer, this newspaper has refused the use of its columns.

We are reminded of a subscriber who fancied he had a grievance against the editor of the Sherman County Observer a few years since. He answered an advertisement printed in a paper in Sherman county offering to send by mail a barrel of sugar for \$1. He bit; he sent his dollar; he got a barrel of sugar. The barrel was about the size of a spool of thread.

Stock steers so fed as to make large gains in winter make smaller gains the following summer on Oregon range grass, says the animal husbandry department of the O. A. C. experiment station. For every extra pound a steer gains in winter he makes at least one-half pound less gain the following summer on grass.

The use of trucks and buses by the steam railroads is gradually increasing and bringing about effective coordination between rail and highway transportation. Fifty-one railroads in the United States and Canada now use trucks in freight service and 17 others are preparing to inaugurate such service. Thirty-one carriers operate motor buses and 21 others are preparing to do so. This move on the part of the steam roads is being vigorously opposed in some sections by the electric lines, which contend that this is a belated attempt to seize the traffic established by others. Disputes over franchises now are being waged in many sections.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

A. J. Marlin of Grass Valley and Miss Alda Z. Foster of Condon were married at The Dalles Tuesday, December 28th.

Mildred Nickerson of Milton, Oregon, was a house guest of Josephine Johnson during the Christmas holidays.

M. R. Schadewitz is arranging to install a 280 gallon tank from which to supply motorists with the new Ethyl gasoline.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cothran and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson and family on Christmas day.

Mrs. Ira Axtell of Moro underwent a minor operation at the Mid-Columbia hospital at The Dalles this last Monday.

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

C. L. Powell drove up from Portland late Christmas day to spend part of the holiday with his mother, resident of this city.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Thayer, pastor of the church of Nazarene at The Dalles, spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Feenstra.

Mrs. J. R. Cothran and daughters Cecil, Mable and Grace drove to The Dalles last Sunday afternoon where they visited with J. Thomsen and family.

Miss Myrtle Chenoweth, residing near Seattle and a former resident of Arlington, was visiting in Moro during Christmas at the home of G. A. Sargent.

Richard Ginn, principal of the public school at Deer Park near Spokane, and Marjorie Ginn, student at Ashland state normal, were home for the holiday season.

Jessie Conlee, student at Washington high school in Portland, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Conlee, at their farm home east of Moro.

George Hennagin and wife and son George left by auto Tuesday for Portland where they will visit at the home of Mrs. V. G. Hennagin, returning to Moro late this week.

Mary Reese, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Reese, arrived home last week from Corvallis, where she is attending high school, to spend the holidays at home.

American Legion Chris Schultz post 71 will install officers elected for the ensuing year the evening of January 5th. A. M. Zevely has been elected commander of the post and S. W. Searcy adjutant.

O. G. Luttrell expected to leave Moro Thursday for Portland where he will remain until spring. The family will remain here until spring and may then move to Portland to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Phillips of Portland and E. L. Ward and family of Boyd were guests of Hans Thompson and family during the holidays. Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Ward are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Walter H. Williams and family; John Forbes and family; Al Fuller and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Andersen and son Hal of Wasco were all present for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hennagin on Christmas day.

L. Barnum and wife entertained at dinner at their home in The Dalles on Christmas afternoon, having as guests the Peetz families. At the same time, also in The Dalles, E. E. Barnum and wife entertained at dinner the Barnum families.

The largest number of letters ever put through a cancelling machine in one day at the Portland, Oregon, post-office was last Friday, December 24, when 808,840 were handled. This is 2000 more than was handled the same day last year.

What a turnip! will do in Oregon with a little encouragement has been demonstrated by one raised by H. C. Denham near Cottage Grove. It is of the Pompeian variety and weighs 17 1/2 pounds. It is solid despite its mammoth size.

The fields of Sherman county are now beginning to show from under the mantle of snow that has covered them the past two weeks. Snow has covered most of the fields of the county since Sunday morning, December 12, with a chance that rain will wash the fields clean for a fresh start before New Years day.

A watch night service will be held at the Methodist church on New Year's eve. Miss Clara Christensen will relate her experiences and give several selections of gospel songs. Prayer and praise will be the dominating features of the evening. Everybody is invited to spend the evening with us and begin the New Year right.

Mrs. Geo. A. Williams and daughter Flora and son Donald left by auto for Biggs Tuesday morning where they boarded the train for Pilot Rock where they will visit with her sister Mrs. Annie Smith and daughter Catherine of Hoople, North Dakota, who are spending the winter season with Mrs. Smith's son, Dr. Geo. Smith of Pilot Rock.

BANK FUNDS STOLEN

Elfin Ross of Wasco Under Arrest Charged With Embezzlement

Sheriff Hugh Chrisman returned from Boardman late Wednesday night having in custody Elfin Ross of Wasco, cashier of the Bank of Wasco, who is charged with embezzlement of the funds of the bank amounting to, rum or says, between \$8000 and \$12000.

Upon arrival of Sheriff Chrisman and his prisoner at Wasco late Wednesday night a preliminary hearing was held before the justice of the peace and Ross was bound over to appear before the grand jury next May under bonds of \$5000. Ross was then brought to Moro and lodged in the county jail until bonds can be secured.

Very little is known at Moro concerning the crime with which Ross has been charged by the officers of the bank. One rumor said that he had managed the details of the embezzlement by means of holding out checks written against accounts by depositors of the bank, while a second rumor said that the crime was managed by means of notes placed against fictitious loans and that some of these notes purported to be executed by customers of the bank and that other notes were made to appeal to be executed by persons unknown.

At the time of his arrest Ross was at Boardman where he was on a hunt trip with his brother-in-law, both of whom were intending to return to Wasco the day Sheriff Chrisman arrived at Boardman with the warrant for arrest of Ross.

PERKINS-PEETZ WEDDING

Miss Dorothy Gail Perkins and Forrest Barnum Peetz were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Don W. Yantis, in The Dalles at 3 o'clock on Christmas day. The ring ceremony, performed by Rev. Charles A. Edwards, pastor of The Dalles Methodist Episcopal church, was a quiet one, witnessed by thirty relatives of the bride and groom only.

The residence was attractively decorated in ferns, holly, red carnations and red roses and lighted by red candles, in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

The bride, gowned in white silk crepe with veil and wreath of lilies-of-the-valley, carried a bouquet of white rosebuds. "Alone in Love's Garden," and "At Dawning," were sung by Miss Helen Idleman of Salem, with accompaniment played by Mrs. Sydney Bloom. Miss Idleman was dressed in lavender georgette and wore a corsage bouquet of violets for the occasion. Miss Elizabeth Yantis, the small niece of the bride, played Lohengrin's Wedding March for the bridal party, which left immediately following the ceremony for a short trip to Portland.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Perkins of Portland, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peetz of Moro and a nephew of L. Barnum and E. E. Barnum of The Dalles and A. H. Barnum of Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Peetz plan on being at home to friends at Moro after January 1 in the Brisbane residence on Court street.

Numbered among the guests present were nine who were also present at the wedding of the parents of the groom on New Years day in Moro 25 years ago.

LEAF HOPPER INDICTED

The Blight of Tomato Plants Yields to Science

The cause of western yellow tomato blight, a major plant disease of western United States that has baffled the ablest plant scientists for 28 years, has at last been discovered by M. B. McKay, plant pathologist at the Oregon experiment station, and his assistant, T. P. Dykstra.

Probably no more interesting announcement to the truck growers and general farmers of the western states could be made than this, as endless speculation on its cause, together with widespread individual as well as organized experimentation have marked the unimpeded progress of the disease from year to year.

That western yellow tomato blight and curly-top disease of sugar beets are one and the same thing, and that both are transmitted only by means of a small leaf hopper is the substance of the new information.

70,000,000 "CALLERS" DAILY

The American telephone system, in its traffic department, is handling daily 70,000,000 calls with 167,000 employees located in 6,000 different offices. Such an organization, to operate successfully, cannot be a "soulless" corporation. It must be intensely human, for all its business centers around the desire of one individual to speak with another individual — a personal transaction. As the telephone business grows, its complications increase. The traffic problems involved in handling a few thousand subscribers a few years ago, are vastly increased in handling communication needs of nearly 17,000,000 subscribers today. Despite increased complications, telephone service today in the United States is the best the world has ever known.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Presbyterian Church Notices.

The Christmas exercises and both services of worship last Sunday at the Presbyterian church were largely attended. The Presbyterian choir rendered several anthems at both services while at the union evening service there was an additional treat in listening to Miss Clara Christensen of Moorhead, Minnesota. Miss Christensen gives her life to singing the gospel, and a splendid sample was given last Sunday evening.

The Christmas exercises in the Presbyterian church took the form of a splendid program put on by the children of the school, under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Searcy and Miss Naomi Young. Oranges and candy bars were distributed as a Christmas treat for the children. A surprise was sprung on the superintendent in the presentation of a one volume Bible commentary as a token of esteem and expression of appreciation for his efficient and faithful service. Mr. Melzer was too surprised to make any lengthy speech in response. A liberal offering for missionary work in Syria and Persia was given by the school.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of the New Year, Mr. Hanson will give a post-Christmas thought on "World Good Will" and show how it may be expressed during the coming year. The choir as usual will sing an anthem at the morning service.

Of special interest to Presbyterian, but of general interest to all will be the coming to Moro on Friday, January 14, of Dr. Locke, for more than 30 years a missionary in China. He will speak in the Presbyterian church in the evening at 7:30. Possibly other meetings will be arranged. If so, they will be announced later. Dr. Locke comes as a splendid speaker, and one who can speak with authority on the real situation in China at the present time.

Moro Methodist Church

Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. The evening service will be at the Methodist church; Rev. R. A. Feenstra will preach; Miss Clara Christensen will sing.

A week of prayer will be observed at the Methodist church next week. There will be meetings every night with evangelistic messages. We are especially favored in having with us during this week Miss Clara Christensen, gifted gospel singer of Moorhead, Minnesota. More detailed announcements will be made at the Sunday services.

On Thursday evening Rev. and Mrs. John M. Springer, missionaries under our foreign board to central Africa, will be with us and give us an insight in the transforming power of the gospel of Christ.

R. A. Feenstra, pastor

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.

Fourteen stowaways were discovered buried but still conscious beneath several tons of coal in the bunkers of a Munson liner when the vessel docked at New York recently. The men were found by customs officials searching the vessel for possible contraband. A layer of coal, in some places three feet deep, covered and concealed their bodies.

Only in recent years has gas been commonly used in the control of squirrels in Oregon, reports the Agriculture state college extension service. With use of calcium cyanide, readily effective in rodent work, the efficiency of gassing has been greatly increased until it has become a valuable control means. It is particularly effective in districts where difficulty is encountered in getting squirrels to take poison or in clearing up an area after poisoning, at which time there are frequently a few animals that refuse to take poison.

A Bank Account



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You can always cut the gravy.

To you whose welfare we strive to serve
we send our warm appreciation and
cordially wish you all
A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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Douma Bros., Proprietors



—OUR MOTTO—

Reasonable Rates and Good Workmanship

Was the basis of our business during 1926 and will continue to be our motto during the coming New Year.

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

The Moro Garage

M. R. Schadewitz, Proprietor



C. V. Belknap, Proprietor
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Moro, Oregon

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and Shingle Bobbing

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