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Eureka 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.

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 Tuesdays 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

HEDGES - BENSON WEDDING

Two Popular People Married Quietly at St. Helens Last Sunday

On Sunday morning, January the sixteenth, at ten-thirty o'clock, Roy M. Benson of Moro, Oregon, and Pearl Hedges of St. Helens, Oregon, were united in marriage by Rev. W. A. Mulder, pastor of the Congregational church at the home of Mrs. Hedges' mother, Mrs. N. N. Ellis at St. Helens.

It was a quiet wedding, only the very near relatives being present to witness the ceremony.

The people of the Harmony district where Mrs. Hedges has been teaching for the past two years, will be sorry to lose her as a teacher, but pleased to have her remain a resident of Sherman county.

Roy is one of our well-known and prosperous wheat farmers. He is farming the Chas. L. Powell ranch at Erakine, where they will make their future home.

Their many friends join in wishing them success in their matrimonial career.

ELECTRIC COMPANY RENAMED

The Sherman Electric company is the new name of the Condon branch of the Pacific Power & Light company. The name change became effective last week following a visit of James A. Russell, field auditor of the company.

Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman county power plants now owned by the Pacific Power & Light company have all been given this subsidiary designation. — Condon Times.

A real old style chicken dinner will be served at Hotel Moro Sunday under the direction of Mrs. Holland of Wasco, who has been chief cook at Hotel Moro for some time.

At the wind-up of the sparrow hunt last Saturday, the side captained by Truman Strong was able to count only 1441 birds against 2890 birds counted by the side captained by Floyd Platt. As a result of the contest a chicken supper was served at Hotel Moro this Friday night by those on the Strong side to those on the Platt side.

Following the supper a movie show was put on at the American Legion hall by the losing side which was free to all who wished to attend.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

We aint had a fire in this here town since Rutledge's Hotel burned down. But last week the fire bell rang, and its quick and noisy clang brought the people to their feet, and out they piled into the street.

Then for a moment stood spell-bound.

The Farmers Elevator all around was circled by flames that shot into the air — flames red — flames hot.

Then you should have seen 'em tear and try to beat their neighbors there. The fire wagons and the hose were hustled out, but none o' those contraptions did a mite o' good.

On this tall building made o' wood. The fire, it started at the top, and they was scart she'd take a flop upon her side and hit the depot.

Situated right below. Or perhaps might set afire. Some houses on the hill up higher. They didn't need to worry at all.

About the building goin' to fall. Instead she sort of melted down, and didn't topple to the ground. But building, machiner — and grain all went up that night in flames.

You've heard you can't keep a good man down. Well, the same applies to this here town.

And, by Heck, you'll see this fall another building just as tall — Sagebrush Sal

THE WEATHER LAST YEAR

Conditions of Crop Growth for 1926 Reviewed by Federal Bureau

In summarizing weather conditions for the United States for the year 1926, the weather bureau of the United States department of agriculture says that for the country as a whole, no marked abnormal features affecting agricultural interests were experienced. Conditions were rather unfavorable for development of some of the major crops, but were unusually favorable for others, with the general result as to yield satisfactory.

Wheat came through the mild winter with no material harm, which, together with subsequent favorable weather, resulted in an unusually good crop of the winter type; likewise the general absence of damaging frosts was responsible for one of the largest fruit yields in the history of the country, and the widespread favorable weather in the south gave an unprecedentedly large crop of cotton.

Conditions were somewhat less favorable for corn, while oat and drought materially reduced the yield of spring wheat.

The temperature for the year was below normal in most parts of the country from the Mississippi river eastward, with an unusually warm year in the northwest where in some districts the temperature averaged nearly three degrees a day above normal.

Approximately two-thirds of the country had a year warmer than normal. Unfavorable conditions of drought prevailed during part of the year in some northwestern states and locally in the southeast, but otherwise no widespread harmful drought occurred.

Floods caused some local damage in the interior and southwest, and too much rain occurred from time to time in more or less restricted areas, but, in general, moisture conditions were satisfactory.

A little more than half the country received less than the normal rainfall for the year.

There was very little frost damage, except some harm to the corn crop just before maturity in the northwestern portion of the belt. The growing season, or period between the last killing frost in spring and first fall, was somewhat shorter than usual in most of the south and in some north-central states, but otherwise it was generally longer than normal.

In about 60 per cent of the country, crops in 1926 had a longer growing season than usual.

In general, the weather fluctuations of 1926 differed in no important particular from normals established by more than 50 years of record, with the tendency to slightly warmer conditions than usual. In most of the country the growing season was also slightly longer than the customary season.

Such variations from the established normals are expected by meteorologists, and many years, since the weather bureau records began, could be selected showing greater variations than were observed in 1926.

R. W. Montgomery was visiting in Moro this week from King Hill, Idaho, at the home of L. L. Peetz and family.

Mr. Montgomery was a former resident of Sherman county, at one time being in the general merchandise business at Kent and later interested in a pharmacy business at Moro.

He left here about 18 years ago, since which time he has lived in Idaho. Mr. Montgomery made the trip here by automobile, driving from Ontario to Burns and from there to Bend. He said at one place on the trip to Burns he killed his engine when fording the Malheur river and had to crank it out of the water and across the river by hand, taking two hours to do the trick.

Work was begun this week on the preliminary effort to rebuild the burned Farmers Elevator building by harvest time next July. A crew of men have been at work cleaning out the bottom of the wheat bins, loading the burned grain into trucks and hauling it to various places.

A large part of the grain was given to people who would pay for the hauling. Some of this was taken out of town, part to the slaughter yard of the Moro Meat market and some to different farms, where it will be used for chicken and hog feed.

A large quantity that had no feed value was hauled to the county fair grounds and used to fill in the high side of the race track.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

A. S. Johnson returned Thursday from a visit to the Granville Phillips home at Hood River.

Fred Winberger and Carl Pierson were visitors in Moro last Friday from Trout Lake, Washington.

J. C. McKean and wife and W. H. Ragsdale and wife were visiting in The Dalles last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lily Thompson left this week for Portland where she will resume interrupted studies at business college.

W. S. Powell was a business visitor in Portland this week, leaving Tuesday and expecting to return by Friday.

Mrs. Hans Thompson left for Portland Tuesday morning, where she will visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Phillips.

Mrs. Tom Fraser returned Wednesday from a visit of several weeks spent with relatives in the middle western states.

C. L. Powell, who has been visiting in Moro the past week from his home at Portland, returned to the Rose City last Tuesday.

Congratulations have been made Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Platt this week upon the arrival of Robert Vernon Platt, an eight pound son and heir at their home on Friday, January 14th.

Vernon Platt, rural mail carrier out of Moro, has been having unusual hard luck in making deliveries on his route this week. He reports nearly all the north and south roads drifted with snow until practically impassible.

Both mail routes were effectively covered by doubling back and using lateral routes.

Special Masonic service at the Methodist church Sunday evening January 23rd, 1927. All Master Masons and Eastern Stars are requested to meet at the Masonic hall at 7 o'clock. — Rev. Leach, a Master Mason of Salem, will deliver the message. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Preceding the sermon at the union service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening, Mrs. R. A. Feenstra gave a short talk on prohibition as it is at present in the United States using as her theme the slogan "Let the Drys tell their Whys, so that the Wets will lose their Bets." Reference was made in her talk to the growth of dry sentiment since the 18th amendment was enacted eight years ago.

Attention is called to the program of the Older Girls' Conference to be held at Wasco next Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30. The session Saturday afternoon and also Sunday afternoon is only for girls between the age of 14 and 25 and assistant sides. The program Sunday evening is for the girls and the general public. Elected officers of the Older Girls' Conference will preside at all meetings.

Mrs. Dora Florer of Portland was arrested last Saturday on a charge of larceny preferred by Tom Fraser who said to her possession when the lady was preparing to leave the Fraser farm where she has been cooking during the absence of Mrs. Fraser in the east. The lady pleaded guilty at a hearing before Justice R. J. Ginn who assessed a fine of \$25, which was paid.

B. F. Payne was a visitor in Moro last Saturday from his farm home in the Rutledge district. While here he said that moisture conditions on his farm has never been better since in April, 1918. That year he had a team mire down in the field near his house, which act has never been repeated until the week previous when he had a saddle horse he was riding mire down in the same place when crossing the field.

Elfin Ross was arrested for the second time at Wasco this week, charged with embezzlement of funds. The first charge was embezzling of funds from the Bank of Wasco and on which charge he is at liberty on bonds of \$5000. The second charge is embezzlement of funds from the Wasco school district. A preliminary hearing was held Wednesday at Wasco and bonds set at \$1500, which have not yet been secured.

Fred Cole was about the luckiest individual who had financial interests in the Farmers Elevator company fire last week. Two days before the fire he had insured 1000 bushels of wheat at the market price and as a result of the fire and insurance adjustment he received the market price he had insured the wheat for, there being no change in the wheat price between the day of the fire and time of insurance. Fred also lost some wheat that was not insured.

After a settling with the owners last week, the insurance companies sold the burned wheat at the Farmers Elevator fire to Messrs. Scott of Portland and Lehman of Pendleton. These men put a force of men at work on the salvage with the result that 1800 sacks were shipped to Portland in three cars. Reports say the cars were smoking with steam when they left Moro. The men paid the insurance company 50 cents for each sack of wheat salvaged.

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Harland View Grange Starts Active Work By Electing Officers

At a social and business meeting held last Monday evening by Harland View Grange it was voted to stage a membership contest with teams captained and made up of men on the one side and of women as the opposing team.

Mrs. T. S. Reese is captain of the woman's team and J. J. Wiley captain of the men's team. One member from each school district in the Harland View Grange territory was chosen as assistant to the captain.

Those named by Mrs. Reese are Mrs. Wiley from Rutledge, Mrs. Walker from Webfoot, Mrs. Melzer from Monkland, Mrs. Conlee from Fairview, Mrs. Thompson from Boardman, Mrs. Knapp from Gorman, Mrs. W. Belje from Harmony, Mrs. Stephans from Moro, Roy M. Benson from Erakine, Mrs. Blaylock from Rosebush.

Those named by Mr. Wiley are Messrs. Walker from Webfoot, Melzer from Monkland, H. H. Nichols from Fairview, J. Kenny from Boardman, O. R. Knapp from Gorman, W. Belje from Harmony, C. L. Ireland from Moro, Mrs. Blaylock from Rosebush, Mrs. Roy M. Benson from Erakine.

Roy Tiller, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, officers of Shearer Grange, attended the meeting and helped put on the work of the grange for the first time with Harland View.

The first part of the evening was given over to a social good time and presentation of a program prepared by the lecturer. This was followed by serving a delicious and bountiful plate lunch and an informal social hour, after which the Grange was opened by the visiting officers of Shearer Grange, assisted by W. S. Powell acting as overseer.

The bylaws were adopted as read with the exception that the meeting dates were changed to read the first and third Fridays of each month. Officers elected were M. G. Melzer master; H. B. Belshie, overseer; Mrs. Roy Benson, lecturer; Homer Belshie steward; S. A. Hall, chaplain; C. E. Crites, treasurer; W. Belshie, secretary; A. T. Mass, gatekeeper; Florence McDonald, Ceres; Roberta Elliot Pomona; Mrs. Melzer, Flora; Mrs. Wiley, lady assistant steward.

Committees named were D. Thompson, T. S. Reese, D. Kansier on finance; Mrs. Reese and Mrs. Mass on relief; J. J. Wiley, Jess Martin, D. E. Stephens, executive committee. W. S. Powell was added to the legislative committee previously named.

A referendum vote was taken on endorsement of the pending income tax bill before the state legislature resulted in nearly unanimous approval, there being one negative vote and four blanks. A similar vote on the state assuming responsibility for irrigation district bonds resulted in an entire negative vote with five blank ballots.

Harland View Grange now has 79 paid members with 15 additional names signed to come before the Grange at its next meeting. Part of the business scheduled for the next meeting will be cooperative bulk buying of wood and sacks by the members. The secretary is now engaged in securing prices to present at that time.

CARSNER AFTER LOWER TAXES

With the object in view to endeavor to take more of the burden of taxation off the land owner, and place it on other shoulders, Senator R. J. Carsner has introduced senate bill No. 30.

Under the provisions of this bill section 6330 Oregon laws will be amended so that all insurance companies will pay a tax of 2 6-10 per cent instead of 2 per cent. Formerly this tax only applied to foreign and alien companies. The annual license fee for one class of insurance companies will be raised from \$100 to \$150. Section 6453 will be amended to raise the annual tax from 2 1/2 to 2 6-10 per cent. Section 6415 will be changed making the fee for a certificate of authority \$150 instead of \$50 when a foreign company. Section 6437 relating to surety companies will be amended raising the license fee to transact business from \$100 to \$150.

Senator Carsner has spent considerable time and effort on this bill, and has statistics to show that the revenue from the reform will be approximately \$156,000.00 per year.

Owners of uninsured grain in the Farmers Elevator at the time of the fire last week have each salvaged a portion of their loss by sacking partly damaged grain. W. C. Miller is said to have gotten out 379 sacks of nearly best grade grain; Fred Cole received 180 sacks from salvage operators working under a sale agreement of the insurance company; F. L. Burnett and Truman Strong are said to have gotten a large part of their damaged grain from the ruins.

Winter cleaning of the farm, home garden, and orchard materially reduces the insect pests of the following season, says the department of entomology of the Oregon experiment station. Cutworms, grasshoppers, and root maggots are destroyed by winter plowing and burning of the fence rows. San Jose scale, tent caterpillars, tree crickets, aphids, leaf hoppers, and cicadas are destroyed by burning the prunings from the orchard, bush and cane fruits.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Presbyterian Church Notices.

The usual Sunday morning service will be held at the Presbyterian church at 10:00 next Sunday, January 23. Special music is in process of preparation. Sunday school at ten o'clock sharp.

Last Tuesday evening the Square Deal Sunday school class of the Presbyterian church sat down at 6:00 to a bounteous supper prepared by the members. Twenty-six persons did ample justice to the varieties of food gathered for the occasion. As special guests of the evening the class invited their high school teachers Miss Idleman, Miss Mitchell, and Mr. Wheelwright. Mrs. Hanson is the teacher of this class.

Rev. Henry G. Hanson returned Tuesday night from a two days trip to Portland where on Monday he met with the program and field committee of Synod of which he was a member. This committee had for its business the allocating of the benevolence apportionments of the church to the various Presbyteries. For the year 1927-28 the national Presbyterian benevolence budget is \$12,000,000. Of this amount Oregon is to raise \$86,000. Pendleton Presbytery's share is \$3350. Dr. Lewis Mudge of Philadelphia, stated clerk of general assembly, and Dr. C. Franklin Ward of Los Angeles, coast representative of the general council and Dr. James A. Speer of New York, general secretary of the council, were present in the conferences and also spoke at a dinner at the Y. W. C. A. on Monday evening.

Tuesday, Mr. Hanson as moderator of Pendleton Presbytery, sat with the moderators of the other Presbyteries and the officers of Synod in an all-day session and helped prepare a tentative program for the Synod of Oregon. An unusually strong seven-day program full of inspiration as well as information and fellowship is planned for the Synod which is to meet this year in Eugene July 20-27, 1927. As far as known at present the outstanding inspirational speaker will be Dr. Wishart, president of Wooster University, Ohio.

Moro Methodist Church. At the Methodist church next Sunday morning Rev. D. H. Leach, D. D., of Salem, Oregon, will preach at the 11 o'clock service. Miss Christensen will sing.

Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. At 7:30 p. m., by special request of the Masonic lodge of Moro, Rev. D. H. Leach will deliver the annual sermon to that body at the Methodist church. Special music is planned for this service. Delegations of the Grass Valley and Wasco lodges are expected, and the general public is invited to these services.

Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. 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 4:00 o'clock, by Rev. Cofer of Grass Valley.

BASKET SOCIAL A SUCCESS

Members of Shearer Grange realized \$63.50 from their efforts to have a social evening at the Grange hall last Friday evening, January 14, that would increase the building fund of the organization and provide an evening of entertainment. The social affair started with dancing, music being provided by a mixed orchestra consisting of banjo, saxophone, violin and drum, followed by auctioning of the baskets, lunch and more dancing until a late hour.

That jolly group of good fellows, Matt Simon, did the honors as auctioneer and he proved so adept and versatile that a second social is scheduled to be held at some indefinite future date. It is said that Matt Simon can sell anything from farm implements to air ships and he proved it that evening by taking Ed Alley at his word and delivered to Mr. Alley a most artistic and useful ship of the air that literally swept Edward from off his feet.

Prices paid for the baskets ranged from \$2 for the lowest to above \$4 for the higher price set by the bidders, who assisted the auctioneer by some spirited competition at times.

Just Look Back Five Years YESTERDAY — TODAY TOMORROW Suppose you had saved one-quarter of what you made, what a nice sum you would have. If you will but make up your mind to live on three-quarters of your earnings and put the other fourth in the bank the dollars will pile up surprisingly. THINK IT OVER Bank of Moro

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