



MUSICAL ARTS DUO
Two very charming young Ohio artists comprise the Musical Arts Duo, and offer a most fascinating program quite out of the ordinary in the line of platform entertainment. The two young ladies are Miss Adalia Wright and her talented assistant, Shirley Harrison.

FOURTH LYCEUM NUMBER
Coming to Moro February 16th

Moronian Nights Entertainment IN FOUR PARTS

American Legion Community Hall
Moro, Oregon

Friday, February 18th, 1927
Entertainment Begins at Eight o'clock

PART ONE
Moro High School Glee Club

- (a) "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise."
- (b) "Waitin' in the Shadows."

PART TWO
Sophomore Class Play "Who Kissed Barbara."

PART THREE
Musical Comedy "Cynthia's Strategy."

PART FOUR
Interpretative Dance
(a) "Praise to the Great Spirit."
(b) Quartet — "Pale Moon."

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THE ENGLISH SPARROW

Best Bird Thief and Largest Farm Nuisance in Sherman County

C. H. Larson, when calling at this office this week, referred to the letter published last week from a lady in Portland in defense of the English sparrow. He stated that in his opinion the lady in question was not familiar with the habits of the English sparrow. At least she was not familiar with the habits of this bird as it is known in eastern Oregon.

Mr. Larson said that the English sparrows ruin several thousand tons of feed each year for farmers who stack their feed in the open by making tunnels in the straw and hay stacks through which water finds its way when it rains, rotting the feed and ruining it for farm use.

Mr. Larson also stated that better than half of their fruit crop was destroyed each year by the sparrows. This included cherries, apricots, peaches, and early apples. The birds pick at and eat the fruit as it ripens, leaving the half eaten fruit for new as the crop ripens on the trees.

These birds are also hard on gardeners. They pull at the early pea vines, bringing them up by the roots. Lettuce is a favorite food for them, in some places destroying entire home gardens. One farmer near Moro, who has quite a large strawberry field, has not been able to provide a meal during the last two years, because sparrows found the fruit first.

Every farm in Sherman county has its trouble trying to protect the feed given to their chickens from attacks by the English sparrow. It makes no difference whether the feed is put in barns, chicken houses or fenced enclosures. These birds fly through a woven wire fence just as easily as if the fence were not there.

The English sparrow, as it is known in eastern Oregon, is the largest eater of any bird, except the owl, for weight. It will eat its weight in wheat every 24 hours. In conclusion we publish the following letter, stating other facts concerning the habits of the English sparrow as the bird is known in this section:

The English sparrow is often classed as the bully among the birds. In spite of his diminutive size, he can easily outclass any ordinary bird in the struggle for existence both because of his aggressive manners and his habits of living.

The ordinary bird does not pick a quarrel but nothing delights the English sparrow more than a chance to show his prowess over the friendly finch, bluebird, robin, song sparrow, etc. A few years ago a pair of blue birds took possession of a bird house in one of our trees. The English sparrows did little to disturb them until their nest was completed and then their attacks were organized and furious. While some were engaging the blue birds in battle, others were taking possession of the nest and soon the blue birds gave up in discouragement. A robin pair also nested in the trees and managed to keep control until the young birds were hatched. Then, while the old birds were forced to spend more time away from the nest in search of food, the sparrows took all of the young robins out of the nest and let them fall to the walk below. Another time we discovered that sparrows had a nest in one of our bird houses where we thought a California finch was nesting. We took the birdhouse down and removed the contents, namely, two or three finch eggs with a larger number of English sparrow eggs.

In addition to the English sparrows love of conquest, his family habits are very clever. His choice of nesting locations seems to be anywhere about a building where a crack or a loose shingle offers room for him to squeeze through, preferably a space between the wall and the roof. With this protection chicken feathers completes the home. However, many nests are found among the higher branches of the trees. At one time we managed to tear down one of the later type. The outside was quite loosely constructed of grasses and weeds that had just been cut in the vicinity. But the inner part was very compact and formed a cozy home of chicken feathers for the young we found in the nest. The entrance was small and formed somewhat like a tunnel, which would not possibly admit a bird of any larger size. We did not kill the old birds at the time and decided to see how long it would take them to rebuild for they started the new nest the same day the old one was destroyed. In exactly one week we tore down the new nest and found that it contained at least three egg pairs of English sparrows during one season makes it rather difficult to do much to diminish their numbers in any one particular locality.

Mrs. A. M. Zevely, Moro, Oregon.

It will cost \$65,000 to stage the Portland Rose Festival next June 13 is, according to a tentative budget submitted to the Festival board of directors by O. W. Mielke, chairman of the budget committee.

Rainier, Knappa and Warrenton high schools are tied for district honors in the Lower Columbia Debating League. The championship will be decided on February 11 in a debate between the three schools.

Under the leadership of Julius Roesch, La Grande capitalist, a company has been temporarily organized to construct a seven-story hotel building in La Grande this spring. A 100 room building is planned.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: John L. Johnson, Portland, \$20; Lee G. Day, Portland, \$40; Margaret A. Michaelson, Portland, \$30; Vease E. Hawkins, Portland, \$35; James B. Shea, Portland, \$35; Dell Morgan, Portland, \$30; Phil J. Schaumburg, Portland, \$30; Donald Gay McPherson, Portland, \$20; John W. Moffatt, Oregon City, \$20; Lawson Conwell, Charleston, \$25; Jan Day, Salem, \$30; Charles F. Kennedy, The Dalles, \$30.

NEXT LYCEUM NUMBER

Musical and Dramatic Treat Comes to Moro Wednesday

Two extremely talented young artists, Miss Adalia Wright of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Rea Tucker of Hastings, Nebraska, comprise the personnel of the Musical Arts Duo which will appear here next Wednesday evening, February 16, as the fourth lyceum attraction.

Not only are the young ladies extremely gifted in their particular lines but they also offer something that is just a little bit different from the ordinary lyceum number. Miss Wright features song programs in costume, with dramatic action and pantomime dancing, a series of living song pictures. Her repertoire is chosen from Spanish, French, Hindoo, Japanese and Colonial songs. Her costumes are extremely elaborate.

In addition to an exceptional soprano voice of unusually pure quality and advanced technique in her renditions, Miss Wright possesses histrionic abilities of marked degree. This gift enables her to act out her songs as she sings them. She has a most beautiful voice, persuasive charm, clarity of diction and best of all, musical intelligence. The dramatic side of the program lends additional charm that inevitably wins the approval of her audiences, whether they are musically cultured or just plain musical lovers.

The program of the Musical Arts Duo is by no means a program of straight music. Assisting Miss Wright, Miss Tucker will feature miscellaneous readings and character impersonations. Her portrayals are vivid at all times. Her repertoire and her dramatic work is extremely large and embraces serious dramatic groups as well as humorous characterizations. She also will feature some clever musical readings. She plays her own accompaniments. Miss Tucker not only displays real musicianship as an accompanist but also appears on the program in several groups of dramatic numbers. Miss Tucker is a graduate of the Horner School of Fine Arts at Kansas City and has had wide experience in the professional field.

A program of real delight is promised when these extremely talented young ladies appear in our city.

FARM RELIEF AT LAST

The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill now seems destined to become a law, despite determined opposition from New England and eastern states, where manufacturing dominates legislative policies.

The bill, if passed, probably will be signed by President Coolidge, according to reports from the national capital. Then will come the crucial test — the workability of the law, designed to bring the farmers' dollar to a parity with that of other classes.

The fight for farm relief has been a strenuous one, in which Oregon's outstanding solons, McNary and Sinnott, have been indefatigable. It was not until cotton joined the ranks of farm products selling in a depressed market that a chance was afforded to put the relief measure through.

Critics of the farm relief plan have declared that the law, if passed, will create an artificial agricultural prosperity. To this agricultural districts can only reply that they don't care what kind of prosperity it is, as long as it rehabilitates the farm dollar. The present situation is close to intolerable, with all other classes enjoying high wages and big profits and the farmer each year edging closer to bankruptcy.

The alternative to artificial farm prosperity would be deflation for all other classes, the return of "tight money" and hard times, and a general business depression over the United States. This would bring down wages, decrease the cost of what the farmer buys to a point approximating what he now sells for, and make all classes equal again.

Of course no one wants this to happen. The United States has reached the point where it is the greatest industrial nation in the world, or in the world's history, for that matter. Everyone desires that this economic supremacy be maintained.

Give the farmers prosperity and the only weak link in the chain will have been welded, as an arm once broken becomes even stronger than before. Even if this prosperity is artificial and perhaps is paid in part by persons now enjoying the benefits of "good times," who should say no? A few cents more for a sack of flour, a slight added cost for that new suit or dress, and it is done.

And will not the added buying power of prosperous agriculture make up this trifling increase in the cost of living, many times over? — The Dalles Chronicle.

La Grande's second municipal artesian well "came in" last week and was flowing approximately 300 gallons of water a minute from a depth of 1260 feet. Drillers were still at work hoping to increase the flow.

Because she refused to follow him in his imagined incarnation of Jesus Christ, Alexander Hill, religious fanatic, strangled to death Minnie Washington, 17-year-old Indian girl, on the Siletz reservation, last week.

Baker county will ship four cars and Grant county will ship one car of cattle to the Portland market this week. Coles & Dodd are sending two cars from Haines and N. K. Green is shipping two cars from Robnett.

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Shaniko.....	1.35	2.05
Wasco.....	.35	.55
Pendleton.....	4.55	6.85
Portland.....	4.35	6.55

STAGES LEAVE

	Northbound	Southbound
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