

SHERMAN COUNTY OBSERVER

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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. Ella Thompson 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. A. R. Kessinger, N. G. A. M. Young, Secretary

Lepine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month. Visiting members welcome. Ora Peetz, 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

Picnic Dinner

On Mothers Day a picnic dinner, under the management of Mrs. Geo. Hennagin and daughter Mrs. Pearl Williams, was given in the city park. Mrs. C. A. Anderson of Wasco and Mrs. J. W. Forbes, Mrs. Al Fuller and Mrs. Geo. A. Williams of Moro with their families were invited guests. Considering the coolness of the weather, all had a very pleasant time.

At a special meeting of the Rebecca-lodge on Wednesday evening Alex Jackson was received as a member. As he was seen the next morning it is a fair assumption to assume that he survived the ordeal.

Two marriage licenses were issued last week by County Clerk Akers. The four people who were made two are Chester F. Peterson and Retia A. Duckworth, both of Grass Valley, and Arthur E. Florer of Rufus and Mrs. Anna E. Newman of The Dalles.

About seventy ladies attended the Dorcas society social given at the Belknap home Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Belknap and Mrs. Bull entertaining. Entertainment features was a review of the screen drama "Miracle" by Mrs. Jackson with vocal interpretative songs by Mrs. Akers and Laura Urquhart accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Hockman. Other entertainment features were instrumental selections by Laura Urquhart and Mrs. Hockman. A pianolog by Dorothy Foss, and a writing game. Refreshments consisted of cake and brick ice cream.

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Wasco House Fire

McKean Residence Partly Destroyed by Wednesday Night Blaze

Fire of unknown origin, said to have started on the sleeping porch at the rear of the upper story, partly destroyed the 2-story residence owned at Wasco by H. R. McKean, manager of the Independent Warehouse company.

When the fire was first discovered, Billie, son of Mr. and Mrs. McKean was alone asleep in the house. He was roused by the noise from the fire. When he opened his bedroom door, he is said to have remarked that the smoke "almost knocked him down." He heard his pet dog whining at the bathroom door, which he opened to release the dog, and saw a rain of sparks falling into the room from the ceiling above.

The roof of the house was just about completely burned off the building. Part of the upper story will have to be rebuilt, but the lower floor escaped injury aside from smoke and water. Contents of the house were in part ruined by smoke, water and the chemicals used to put out the fire.

Upon notice to the insurance company, Mr. McKean was instructed to secure carpenters and restore the property as soon as possible. Carpenters were borrowed from the work on the Farmers Elevator company building in this city who will restore the burned part of the building within a short time.

Spelling Contest Winners

The following list of students attending the district schools of Sherman county were successful contestants in the county championship spelling contest held at Moro last Saturday. The final contest was determined by a written test in place of "spelling down" as is customary in all preliminary contests.

- Forrest Russell, Grass Valley; Phyllis Haynes, Kent; Gordon Thompson, Harmony; Georgianna Blackburne, Rufus; Myrtle Helyer, Wilcox; Ivon Blagg, Grass Valley; Arden Simmons, Rufus; Norma Blackburne, Rufus; Robert Helyer, Wilcox; Marjory Blake, Grass Valley; Emma Ellen Fortner, Wasco; Dorothy Lamborn, Wasco; Anna Coats, Rufus; Velna Davis, Wasco; Alberta Alley, Gorman; Dessie Hearing, Wasco; Kenneth Tupper, Wasco; Marie Mathieson, Rufus; Greta Russel, Grass Valley; Vere Pike, Grass Valley; Glenn Van Gilder, Wasco; Maurice Feely, Grass Valley; Melvin Baker, Moro; Dora Milliard, Rufus; Melvin Barnett, Wasco; Eugene Spenter, Wasco; Mary Janet Pinkerton, Moro; Margaret Johnson, Wasco; Ida Coats, Rufus; Mildred Lester, Grass Valley; Isabelle Fortner, Wasco; Norma Metzler, Monkland; Robert Ferrell, Wasco; Winifred Hentges, Wasco; Howard Nunn, Wasco; Faye Luttrell, Moro; Anna Sather, Kent; Charles Wilson, Kent; Norma Garrett, Grass Valley; Maxine Henrichs, Moro; Alta Norton, Kent; Clarice Wilson, Kent; Georgia Harper, Wasco; Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco; Delmer Smith, Wasco; Lyle Henderson, Wasco; Georgia McPherson, Wasco; Harvey Thompson, Fairview; Lois Bryant, Moro; Elda Ferrell, Wasco; Harold Blagg, Grass Valley

Fruit Loss to be Heavy

Estimates made by horticultural experts in the Walla Walla section indicate that as the result of the freeze the prune crop will be 200 ars in comparison to a normal 1200; hat apples will suffer a 50 per cent loss, while apricots and cherries will be a total loss. Weather conditions are excellent for bringing back vitality where there is any life whatever.

Ships Will Patrol Forests

National forests in Oregon, Washington and California will be patrolled by airplanes again this year for fire protection, Col. William B. Greeley, chief forester, announces. This is a contradiction to previous announcements that the war department had neither planes nor funds for this purpose.

For five years the war department has furnished four planes for use in the Pacific northwest. Two have been stationed at Eugene, Oregon, and one each at Spokane and Seattle, Washington. Congress has appropriated \$50,000 annually for the hiring of pilots and observers by the forest service.

Pullets need freedom from crowding at all times, but especially after they are feathered out. Temporary roosts are provided for the chicks at 8 weeks and all are roosting when 9 weeks old. Care that no crowding in the corners of the brooder house is needed as it not only produces runts but retards development of the flock.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson were visiting in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore returned last Saturday from a visit of several days in The Dalles.

The past noble grand club of Moro entertained at cards last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peetz.

A marriage license was issued in The Dalles on Thursday, May 6, to Perle E. Wright of Moro and Daisy Haynes of The Dalles.

R. J. Ginn, who has been under medical care at a hospital in The Dalles, was expecting to return to Moro the last of this week.

County school superintendent A. M. Zevely was visiting here from Monmouth last weekend in the interests of the state normal school at Monmouth.

Mrs. Harry R. Horner of Hood River, formerly a resident of Sherman county, was admitted as a patient at Mid-Columbia hospital at The Dalles last Friday.

Dorothy Foss, Emmajean Stephens and Henrietta Akers entertained the high school teachers Thursday evening at dinner at the home of Mrs. G. C. Akers.

The banquet for the Moro high school graduating class, their parents, the faculty, and the school board will be held in the main dining room at Hotel Moro this Friday evening.

Mrs. E. E. Larimore, wife of manager Larimore of Hotel Moro, together with some Portland friends, are expected to spend the present weekend at Moro, with Mr. Larimore.

Editor and Mrs. C. L. Ireland returned late Wednesday afternoon from a motor trip to Portland that included a business visit to other points in central western Oregon for Mr. Ireland.

F. L. Morrow was in town Thursday from Wasco. While here he reported that Harry Richelderfer, manager of the Wasco Meat Market, accepted delivery that day of a new Chevrolet auto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hamilton and daughter Gladys, of Portland, motored to Sherman county last Tuesday on a surprise visit to C. H. Larson and family of Moro, returning Wednesday afternoon.

F. H. Coolidge, "the Hood River jeweler" will be at Moro at Moro Confectionery three days next week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 17, 18, 19 - with a nifty stock of jewelry gifts and watches. Repairing promptly attended to during his visit.

Mrs. A. Rose returned last Friday from a visit with friends at Portland. The lunch counter, installed at Hotel Moro last September, has been taken out of the main dining room and put into indefinite cold storage, increasing the hotel dining room capacity to serve larger patronage.

The regular term of circuit court for the month of May will convene at Moro next Monday. Preliminary to the opening of circuit court, the grand jury was called in session at Moro this Friday so that legal matters coming before the grand jury could be disposed of before actual sessions of court got under way on Monday morning.

Members of Moro boy scout troop entertained the Grass Valley scouts at a weiner roast held on Tuesday evening at Lone Rock. A treasure hunt was plotted for the Grass Valley boys and, after lunch, the Moro boys put on a real thrilling drama to climax a happy evening together. Mr. W. H. Ragsdale and Professor W. E. Buell attended as special guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale and son Harry in company with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Searcy expect to leave Moro late this month on an auto tour visit of California, traveling as far south as Los Angeles, where the Ragsdales will remain for an indefinite visit and the Searcys return by train. Mr. Searcy is planning to return by airship to Portland but has not yet broken the news to Mrs. Searcy who he plans to have use the slower means of travel for her return.

Mrs. Jessie McDonald Fraser, known to a large number of the old-time residents of Sherman county through friendships and acquaintances formed when she owned and operated the European House at The Dalles, died at her home in Portland this week. At her bedside at the time of her death was her nephew, Mr. Tom Fraser of this city. Funeral arrangements are under direction of Crandall's. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Futter left by auto Monday upon receiving word that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Constant, parents of Mrs. Futter, had been severely injured in an auto accident near Pilot Rock, Oregon. Details of the accident are lacking, but it is known that Mrs. Constant received three broken ribs and a puncture of one lung. Mr. Constant is reported to have escaped with minor injuries. The home of the injured people is at Ukiah, Oregon, but it is said it will be an indefinite time before Mrs. Constant can be moved from Pilot Rock.

Grain Firm Locates Here

Kerr, Gifford & Co. Will Open Office at Moro for the Purchase of Wheat for Export

The well known wheat and grain buying firm of Kerr, Gifford & Co. have transferred R. V. McEwen from Colfax, Washington, to Moro, for the purpose of opening an office at this place for active competitive buying of wheat in Sherman county. Definite location of the office has not yet been made, but it has been said that in all likelihood it will be in the Hotel Moro building where formerly the Eastern Oregon Land company had their office.

Mr. McEwen is an experienced wheat man who for several years has been connected with the state wheat grading department. The office that will be opened by the wheat firm will be equipped with all necessary implements to give a quick and accurate test of all wheat offered for sale, including an accurate smut tester. The establishment of the new office will make available to farmers a daily market price service that should result in closer competition when selling their wheat and grain.

Banquet Voted Success

Affair at Hotel Moro Last Saturday Brings Pleasure to Many

The Mothers and Daughters banquet, under the auspices of the Moro Woman's club, which was held at Hotel Moro last Saturday evening, has been declared to be a pronounced success from every standpoint of both cuisine and service.

There were 101 ladies present. The dining room was beautifully decorated, flowers in profusion on the tables making withal a harmonious setting for the best banquet that has been served in Moro.

Mr. Larimore, manager of the hotel, is certainly deserving of every credit for the success of the banquet, and the ladies club bespeaks for him the hearty endorsement of not only the club, but of the entire community in his efforts to give Moro an hotel where functions of a similar nature can and will be held.

During the course of the banquet, Mrs. D. E. Stephens, president of the club, introduced Mrs. W. C. Bryant who gave the toast "To Our Daughters" and also Miss Mary Pinkerton who replied with the toast "To our Mothers." Both toasts were well received embodying as they did that finer tender feeling and sentiment suggested by their title.

A most pleasing and entertaining program of music and readings and comical stunts, was held in the club rooms of the hotel after the banquet, and all left at a late hour immensely pleased with the entire evening's function.

- Following is the menu served: MENU Fruit Cocktail with Whipped Cream - Marshino Cherry Breaded Pork Tenderloin Petit Pois French Fried Potatoes Chicken Salad a la Hotel Moro Ice Cream and Cake Coffee

Oil Prospects Get Better

Deep Well Drill at Fossil Continue to Show Bright Chance for Oil Discovery

Rumors of the discovery of oil within the corporate limits of the town of Fossil are verified. Samples sent away for analysis have been returned with the report that the dark oily substance of the sample was unmistakably petroleum.

The oily substance continues to appear in the dumpings from the well being drilled for Dan Flory in Fossil. Although Mr. Flory is boring for water he seems to have found oil. The color of the oily substance has changed from dark to white as the well goes down, but nevertheless still appears to be petroleum.

The well is now 225 feet deep. The drill has passed through the red shale and is now progressing through a dark-colored sandstone. The oil was first seen in the red shale but also appears in the sandstone. At first the sandstone was very hard, but is now softer.

Of course, no oil in paying quantity has been found, and it is not likely that it will be found until a deeper well is drilled.

"The prospects for oil are getting better every day," is the way Fossil people are describing the oil situation within their limits. Outside capital is being invested in property around the town, several thousand acres of land having been leased for oil drilling purposes. Several Condon people have been visiting the well this week and all report the outlook favorable. The petroleum is of such a quality that it forms bubbles on top of water bailed out of the hole.

Correspondence has been coming to the newspapers and other places in Condon and Fossil asking for information on the Fossil oil. A Mrs. W. E. Carrico of Burns says she heard much about the Fossil find, and is interested in receiving facts. She corresponds for an oil journal. Other communications have been received.

An interesting waffle variation is made by substituting 1 cup of hot boiled rice for 1 cup of flour in the standard recipe.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Presbyterian Church Notices.

The union service next Sunday evening will be at the Methodist church, Rev. R. A. Feenstra will preach the sermon.

Sunday school will meet at the usual hour, 10 a. m.

Moro Methodist Church Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. At the 11 o'clock hour Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach.

We appreciate being hosts to the graduating class of our high school at the evening service at 8 p. m. Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of The Dalles Methodist church, will deliver the baccalaureate address to the graduating class. There will be special musical numbers by Miss Mitchell, Tom Frazer and the men's chorus. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will be in charge of the service.

The Mother's Day program given at the Methodist church last Sunday evening under auspices of the W. F. M. S. drew a splendid crowd. Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, president of the society, opened the service and introduced the program after which Mrs. Rita Moore read the Scriptures and Mrs. Frank Belshee offered prayer. Mrs. W. C. Bryant gave the reading in her usual most acceptable manner, and the musical features of the program were much appreciated by those attending.

The church was beautifully decorated with "Mother's" bouquets and the tree will offering taken at the close of the service amounted to a little more than twenty-five dollars.

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 7:00 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.

Scholarship Awards Made

Student at Rufus High Given First Honor with Alternate Honor to Kent

Johnnie Thompson of Rufus has been awarded the Union Pacific scholarship for Sherman county according to a report by H. C. Seymour, state club leader. Thompson, 15, and a sophomore in the Rufus high school has been in club work six years. He won first at the county fair on poultry and gardening.

Johnnie Decker of Kent was chosen alternate and will receive the scholarship if Thompson is unable to accept it. Decker has been a club member for three years and won first in Sherman county on club work. He is 15 and a freshman in the Kent high school.

The Union Pacific system offers \$100 scholarship in a full term agricultural or home economics course in O. A. C. to the boys and girls between 14 and 21 ranking highest in 4-H club work, in the counties through which this railroad runs.

The award is determined on a basis of 75 per cent in club work and 25 per cent on character, integrity, and qualities of leadership. The winner in each county is chosen from the 18 boys and girls ranking highest in the county club projects as outlined by the extension service of O. A. C. and is selected by a committee of three persons, consisting of the county superintendent, one person appointed by the president or the state club leader of O. A. C. and a third person chosen by these two. An alternate club member is chosen for each county by this committee and is awarded the scholarship if the other person is unable to accept it.

Others awarded scholarships and the county are Archie Parker, Malheur; James Fisher, Baker; Stanley Neururer, Clatsop; Ina Roberts, Crook; Howard Hanson, Deschutes; Loren Reef, Hood River; Roderick Thompson, Morrow; Clifford Eckstrom, Multnomah; Carmen Daniels, Union; Loren Jackson, Umatilla; and Ada Knighten, Wasco.

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