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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.

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Ella Thompson  
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Nana Barzee, Secretary.

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Moro, Oregon  
Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.  
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Meets at L. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.  
W. H. Williams, Commander  
A. M. Zevely, Adjutant

### Clubs Complete Years Work

Three boys' and girls' clubs of Sherman county recently completed their work one hundred per cent according to reports received by H. C. Seymour, state club leader.

The Grass Valley sewing club with Donald Knight as leaders has 10 members. They are Lois Russell, Mildred Lester, Reitha Tier, Pauline Pierce, Cora Bayer, Janet Wilcox, Genevieve Nahouse, Ellen Cox, Margaret Ragdale and Katherine Burton. Maggie A. Triplitt is leader of the Wasco sewing club. The members are Georgia McPherson, Abbie James, Irene Jones, Mildred Butler, Janet McQuillen, Evelyn Spencer, Elida Ferrell and Laurella Hearing.

The sewing club of Moro is lead by Ada Grimes. The girls composing it are Pearl Bell, Cynthia Bell, Patricia Powell, Jean Powell and Lavon Sayre.

### Anniversary Party

A lawn party was given at the home of Mrs. W. E. Buell Tuesday afternoon for the first and second grades in honor of her niece Katharine Ferguson whose birthday was celebrated that day. Games were enjoyed on the lawn, later in the house, after which refreshments were served. Katharine received many useful gifts and will long remember the pleasant year spent in Moro. Those present were: Helen Strong, Gertrude Gilmore, Scott Fortner, Howard Conlee, Walter Barnes, Harold Belshe, Katharine Ferguson, Louise Barzee, Lorinda Buell, Beth Mersinger, Donald Williams, Donald Barnes, Robert Gilmore, Carl Peetz, Lloyd Noonan, Charles Cunningham.

Brooding chicks on clean ground every year reduces the danger of disease and makes the raising of better stock possible, explains H. W. Crosby, extension specialist of Oregon Agricultural college. Portable brooder-houses that can be moved to clean soil, concrete yards, old soil removed and new brought in or new gravel or sand yards, are means by which this can be done.

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## Bank-Employee Sentenced

Plan of Galt's Receipts is Two Terms — Two Years in Each Case

Elfin Ross, ex-assistant cashier of the state bank of Wasco, Monday pleaded guilty to two charges of embezzlement, one each involving school district funds and bank funds, and was sentenced to a concurrent term of two years in the penitentiary on each charge, a total of four years, and ordered to pay an \$800 fine.

The amount of money taken from school district funds was approximately \$400 and from the bank about \$1,500 according to Attorney Sam E. Van Vactor of The Dalles, called in as assistant prosecutor in the case. The state statute provides that in the case of embezzlement from public funds, a fine amounting to twice the amount of the shortage must be levied.

The bank shortage actually traced to Ross' defalcations was \$14,997, and covered a period of more than three years, besides hundreds of small transactions in which money could not be accounted for. The cashier worked out an elaborate system of check-kiting which even fooled state bank examiners, it was said.

The shortage in the school funds is said to have been more than \$514 covering a period of more than three years.

By continually increasing drafts on correspondent banks and failing to make proper entries, the assistant cashier escaped detection for many months, the prosecution showed. He is believed to have spent most of the money taken, as investigators checked up on his expenditures prior to the trial and learned where Ross had made purchases far beyond his income.

The bank employee was indicted on two charges growing out of the school fund shortage and five on the bank embezzlement, pleading guilty to one charge in each case. The shortages became known early in the spring.

## Moro Womens Study Club

The Moro Womens Study Club held their annual breakfast at DeMoss Springs park last Friday morning, this being the last meeting of a most successful club year. The day was ideal and it was made complete when all were served delicious bacon, eggs, bread and butter sandwiches, jelly, doughnuts and coffee by some of the club's excellent cooks.

After the breakfast, a short business session was held, presided over by the president, Mrs. D. E. Stephens. The officers for the coming year were installed at this time — Mrs. Howard Conlee, president, and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, secretary. The incoming vice president, Mrs. Lois Barzee and treasurer, Mrs. Etta Moore were not present for installation.

Much of the success of the past year is due to the faithfulness and efficiency of the retiring officers. They are Mrs. D. E. Stephens, president, who has handled her many duties in a most pleasing and capable manner; Mrs. Howard Conlee, vice president, and Mrs. Clarence Sparling, secretary.

Mrs. Frank Fortner, art director, has given a very instructive study of a number of artists and many of their famous pictures.

The club has grown rapidly during the past year and at present has a membership of seventy ladies. All are looking forward to another very successful year when meetings are resumed this fall.

A prize of \$5.00 was won by the club Friday afternoon for an attendance of over 25 members at the Frigidaire demonstration given by W. H. Williams in the Odd Fellows hall. A delicious lunch, a product of the Frigidaire was served to all attending. All were much impressed by the results of the demonstration.

The convention of the Federated Clubs of Oregon will meet at Bend the 23rd-25th of May. Moro delegates are Mrs. D. E. Stephens, Mrs. Howard Conlee and Mrs. W. C. Bryant.

— Mrs. E. T. Strong

## DeMoss School Boy Wins

Each month of the school year the Oregon Tuberculosis Association in Portland conducts a contest for the grammar schools of Oregon. Each month the children can send their ideas of health to the association and the best is used for the next month's calendar.

DeMoss school sent one idea to the association for the May calendar and that idea was used. Victor Beard, an eighth grade boy, was the winner. The milk bottle is used as the Maypole of Health and the food values we get from milk are the "dancers." One dollar is the prize. The calendar is sent to the schools of Oregon.

Let us hope that some more neighborhood schools will receive the prizes next year.

The baccalaureate sermon and address by Rev. Edwards of The Dalles at the Methodist church in this city, last Sunday night was of unusual interest to all who attended. The topic of the discourse was the difference between "living" and a "life." The church was prettily decorated for the occasion with potted plants and cut flowers.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

Mrs. T. W. Alley entertained on Tuesday the 18th in honor of Miss Lois Luttrell, the occasion being a shower preceding her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragdale and son Harry, in company with J. L. Searcy and wife, left Moro last Sunday on an auto tour of California.

W. S. Holmes of Grass Valley, who was here as a juror during circuit court, was an overnight guest at the Roy Powell home near Erskine Tuesday.

Sheriff Hugh Chrisman left Thursday morning with Elfin Ross for Salem in company with L. L. Peetz as guard. Accompanying them were Mrs. Peetz and Mrs. Chrisman.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McClure, near Wasco, was brightened last week by the arrival of John Robert McClure, born to the happy parents at St. Vincent's hospital at Portland on Friday, May 13.

Robt. Hoakinson left Moro last Sunday by auto for Spokane where he will be met by Richard Ginn and the two will tour British Columbia provinces before their return to Moro in about three weeks time.

H. L. Walther, manager of the Oregon Public Utility information bureau of Portland, in company with R. M. Townsend, connected with the Portland Electric company at Portland, were business visitors in Moro last Monday.

Tuesday was a cold night all over Sherman county. Frost was reported from Kent, thin ice at Grass Valley, and a thermometer reading of 32 above zero at Moro. The wheat was not far enough advanced to be hurt by the cold wave.

E. C. Pease of The Dalles, director of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, and R. B. West, manager of the Federal Reserve bank at Portland, were in Sherman county this week looking over the business and farming conditions.

The usual month end social of the woman's missionary society of the Presbyterian church has been postponed one week. The new date is Wednesday, June 1, at the home of Mrs. C. H. Larson at the Kenneth Springs Fox Farm.

Harvey Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Thompson of Fairview school district passed the current term eighth grade examination with the highest honor of any other pupil in the county schools, receiving a passing grade of 94 as an average in all of his studies. Miss Ruth Bryant was teacher at Fairview this past school year.

Poster cards and an advertisement in the Sherman County Observer announce this week that a genuine old fashioned Roundup will be staged at the Southern Wasco County fair grounds at Tygh Valley on June 11 and 12 by Everett Wilson. A number of local people have already made known plans of their intention to attend the "doins."

Friends will be pleased to know that Miss Helen Bryant, attending the state normal school at Monmouth, was elected editor-in-chief of the "Norm," the official paper of the school published by the student body. The election has been one of chief interest at the school for a number of days, ending Wednesday with high recognition to a student from Moro.

A family dinner party was held at the Jas. Woods home in this city last Sunday in honor of the 85th birthday of Mrs. Woods on Saturday and the 78th birthday anniversary of her sister, visiting at their home from California, on Monday. Attending were Virgil Cushman and family from Condon, W. A. Woods from Dufur, L. V. Moore and wife and E. A. Cushman and wife of Moro.

The closing days of the school year are always enlivened by a class picnic which has grown in interest to the pupils with the passing years. This term the high school classes picnicked on Wednesday at "twin bridge" on the Columbia highway near the John Day river; the 7th and 8th grades visited the same place Thursday; the 5th and 6th grades spent Thursday at Hay Canyon, and the 3rd and 4th spent the same day at DeMoss park.

A good gentle soaking rain visited Sherman county at Moro Tuesday and Wednesday nights, resulting in .18 of an inch being added to the total of 13.14 inches of rainfall that has been recorded at the Experiment station since the beginning of the crop year September 1. The average normal for the past twenty years for the crop year to date has been 10.12 inches. A third rain storm on Thursday afternoon has increased the total for this crop year over the figure given above.

About forty descendants of the Barnum, Massiker and Price families spent last Sunday in an enjoyable reunion and picnic at the Fleck Orchard camp ground on the Columbia river highway near Rufus. Attending the reunion from Moro were L. L. Peetz and family, F. B. Peetz and wife, M. A. Bull and wife, A. H. Barnum and family. Mr. Massiker, uncle to Mrs. L. L. Peetz and the Barnum brothers, attended from Maryhill, Washington, and his son attended from Hood River.

## Oregon Schools Will Help

An Appeal to Sherman County School Boys and Girls to Help Flood Sufferers

The following letter received by the school superintendent for Sherman county from the state superintendent's office at Salem is an evidence of how one section of our country helps another portion of the United States when the occasion requires outside assistance:

To the Boys and Girls of Oregon: Hundreds of school buildings are under water in the flooded sections of the Mississippi valley, and thousands of boys and girls will be hampered in their educational opportunities as a result of this disaster. Oregon boys and girls are asked to help finance the rehabilitation of these schools, in order that furniture may be repaired, and that equipment may be in place for the opening of school next September.

At my request, one school has been assigned to us so that we may have a definite object in mind. It is a six-teacher school with a one-story building. The whole of Humphreys county is under water and this little schoolhouse has been flooded for several days. Much of the furniture is ruined and the library is afloat. It is easy to imagine the work and expense that will be involved in putting this building in condition for school use next fall.

There is no ordinary circumstance that would justify the asking of contributions from school children, but this is a situation that involves the immediate welfare of other school children in our own land. In such a situation, the boys and girls of many Oregon schools will undoubtedly welcome an opportunity to aid.

The method of raising money for this purpose is left to the local schools. If personal contributions are to be asked, the consent of the school board should be secured. Many high school student body and class organizations will be in position to make an appropriation for this purpose from funds now in the treasury. Any sum, however small, will help make up the amount necessary to put the Louise Consolidated School in good shape for school next fall. Checks or money orders should be sent to Louise Consolidated School Fund, First National Bank, Salem, Oregon, or directly to this office.

When I wired State Superintendent Bond of Mississippi that we would aid in the school rehabilitation work of his state, he wired back: "God bless the boys and girls of Oregon!" I sincerely trust the feeling of gratitude which this message implies may be confirmed by our financial response.

C. A. Howard

Supt. Public Instruction

## Main Highway Oiling Starts

California and Sherman Highways Soon Will Have Permanent Heavy Oil Surface

The first extensive application of a new-type heavy road oil was started Monday on the Old Oregon Trail highway at Arlington. The crew will work toward The Dalles and the entire highway will be treated with the new surfacing material.

An experimental stretch was laid last year, consisting of about two miles of road near Arlington. The strip passed through an unusually hard winter of excessive moisture and extreme cold weather, and came thru in better condition than any portion of road treated with the light oil, according to the maintenance engineer.

The fluid now being used by the state highway department is even heavier than that used in the experiment last season. The highway department hopes by its use to make a nearly permanent roadbed, free from bumps and ripples and furnishing a dustless and skidproof driving surface.

The heavy oil will not inconvenience motorists to any appreciable extent. The method employed is to lay 500 to 1000 feet of the oil and cover it up immediately with a heavy coat of screenings, or "squeeze," which immediately absorbs the oil. Traffic is not held up longer than half an hour, according to estimates made on laying the material.

This method is considerably slower than with the light oil because it is impossible for the trucks hauling the "squeeze" to keep up with the oil. From 125 to 150 cubic yards of screenings are required for each mile of oil.

Stock piles of screenings have been laid out along the Old Oregon Trail highway, the Sherman highway and the Dalles-California highway. Work is expected to start on the latter road within a week or 10 days. Cars will be detoured around the oiling operations by the old Dufur road through Thompson's addition and by the Wrentham road through Boyd. Warning will be given before oiling is started here.

After the heavy oil surfacing has been given to the Dufur stretch on the California highway out of The Dalles, it is the intention of the highway engineers to treat the oiled section of the Sherman highway in a similar manner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foss were visiting in The Dalles on Thursday of this week.

## 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

Rev. R. A. Feenstra will preach at the Methodist Church next Sunday both morning and evening. The splendid attendance has been a real inspiration to us and we trust to have other good services this coming Sunday.

Special music is planned for both services.

Rev. W. E. Cox, evangelist of the Pudget Sound conference, who held a special meeting here last year will begin a series of revival meetings next Sunday morning at the Grass Valley Methodist church. We would like to see the people of this community avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Rev. Cox and encourage others so to do.

Rev. W. E. Cox is a remarkable and powerful preacher. During this past winter he has been engaged in meetings in California and conducted a most remarkable revival before Easter near Salem, Oregon.

Methodist district conference convenes next week at Hood River Assembly church. There will be several speakers of note. Several of our people have expressed themselves of expecting to attend.

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.

## May Term Circuit Court

The case of Blake Shaw vs. Ed Moon and Fred Fortner, alleging damages for false arrest in a case originating with Moon the complaining witness in a trial before Fortner acting as city recorder of Wasco about seven years ago, was dismissed because of failure of Shaw to appear in court.

The case of C. E. Bennett vs. C. F. Guyton et al., alleging damages for false arrest in a case arising out of sale of school equipment to the Willcox school south of Kent, was continued until next term of court.

The case of State vs. Peter Dohm, an indictment charging illegal operation of a still. Plea of guilty entered. Sentenced to pay fine of \$1000 or serve 500 days in the county jail. Dohm is now just about completing a jail sentence for illegal possession of liquor and also has a fine of \$250 yet to pay, sentenced in the justice court for this district.

News of a volcanic eruption in the Caspian sea near Cape Kourinsk May 5 state that the disturbance lasted 15 minutes and resulted in the formation of an island of considerable size from which a jet of flame shot to a great height.

May & Son store has been most effectively decorated the past week with an excellent display of merchandise carried by them. The pillars of the store shelving has been hid by columns of canned goods with the side walls displaying various different samples of merchandise. The front of the counter has an outstanding display of matches in their various colored boxes, while short circular displays of grocery goods occupy floor space that are quite enticing to the appetite.

An auto truck loaded with an automobile on its platform deck, was arked on the streets of Moro last Sunday. The outfit was moving from Chico, California, to Toppanish, Washington, with the intention of reversing the business of the owner of the truck and auto. He was engaged in California in selling potatoes and fruit from the Yakima valley. He intended to engage in the same business in Washington. The change was made because of the recent severe freeze which has been credited with destroying the growing crops in the Yakima valley.

## Just Look Back Five Years

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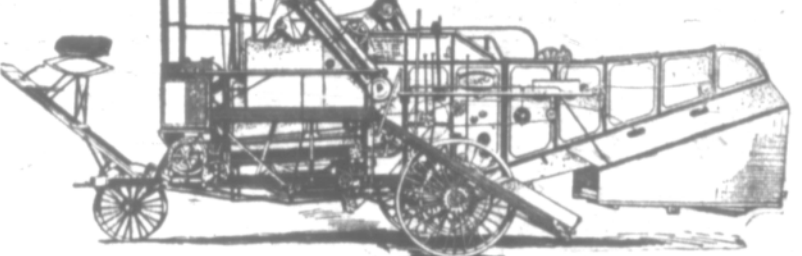
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