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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.
Geo. McDonald, N. G.
A. M. Young, Secretary.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month. Visiting members welcome.
Belle Conlee, 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

Great Rodeo Movie Stunts

A rodeo in which hero, villain and other cowpunchers execute some mighty exciting stunts, is the highlight of "Painted Ponies," Universal's newest production starring the popular Hoot Gibson, coming to Moro theatre for Christmas Eve and Monday, December 26th.

Everything centers around this rodeo, with Hoot as an all-around champion disputing the claims of the villain who is the local champion. There is just enough of a story to hold the picture together and round out the dramatic and emotional angles. It grows out of the fact that the rival champion who is also Hoot's rival for the girl frames Hoot when her father is shot.

There is a touch of novelty to some of the earlier scenes in which Hoot after becoming interested in the girl, gets the cowpunchers aboard a merry-go-round that she is operating and



Scene from "PAINTED PONIES" Starring HOOT GIBSON. A UNIVERSAL-JEWEL PRODUCTION.

runs it so fast that they are all thrown off. This has its comedy twist when the sheriff wants to arrest the reeling boys for intoxication.

With its chase after the villain, the kidnapping of the girl, her rescue by the hero, etc., there are many of the old stand-bys of the usual western in this picture, and it is the rodeo that is the main attraction. Not only is there more of it, but it is better handled than usual and the bull-dogging, bronc-riding, steer catching, etc., are sure to give the action lovers some real thrills. In the bronc race and other events Hoot again demonstrates that he is no mere drugstore cowboy. The stunt stuff, coupled with the star's genial personality, should make this a satisfactory attraction where westerns are liked.

Ethylene Clair, formerly of the Newbywed two-reel comedies, and O. K. as the girl and Slim Summerville contributes considerable comedy.

Greenland Ranch, California, has observed the maximum recorded temperature, 134 degrees Fahrenheit.



CHRISTMAS EVE
and Monday, December 26th

— at —

MORO THEATRE

Railroad Questions Taxes

Agents for the tax department of the O-W-R-R & N. Co. have been at work in Sherman county for some time past delving into the tax levying records of various divisions of the county where the tax levies affect their property.

This work has been inaugurated by the company as a state wide proposition to ascertain why the tax is levied and for what purposes the money when paid in will be spent. In some counties it has been found by the railroad tax checkers that no records have been kept for years and in some cases not even the county officers, such as clerk and treasurer have definite records. As an example of what has been done to get tax money from the railroads, it is claimed by the railroad men that property in Tillamook county has been switched from one school district to another for the past six years, until six palatial school houses have been built by as many districts in that county with money raised by taxes against the railroad company, all levied against the same property.

A petition for a hearing has been filed by the railroad company with the school boundary board for Sherman county, comprising the county court and the county school superintendent acting as secretary of the board, which will be passed upon by the board at a meeting to be held Friday, January 6th.

The tax levied by ten school districts in Sherman county will be reviewed at that time, upon petition of the railroad company. The company is not claiming that any illegal acts have been done by any school board in Sherman county, but it is credited with an acute impulse to question the various school district heads.

The school districts affected by the petition are No. 3, Rufus; No. 5, Locust Grove; No. 7, Wasco; No. 9, Kent; No. 13, Demoss; No. 16, Ersine; No. 17, Moro; No. 26, Michigan; No. 32, Rosebush; No. 37, Millers.

O. S. T. A. Convention

Five noted speakers will address the convention of the Oregon State Teachers' Association at its annual session to be held in Portland, December 28, 29 and 30. They are David Snedden of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City; Miss Myra Snow, classroom teacher of Seattle; Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the Journal of the National Education Association; Miss Florence Hale, state supervisor of rural schools of Maine, and C. M. Dennis, dean of music of Stockton, California.

On Wednesday, December 28, the business of the association will be transacted at the meeting of the representative council. Thursday, December 29, the first general meeting of the association will be held. Section meetings will convene Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Friday from 1:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. there will be a closing general assembly.

Twenty five different departments will hold section programs. Each chairman has prepared an especially interesting program, and the attendance will probably exceed that of any previous year. Among the outstanding lecturers and educators appearing on the departmental programs are: Dr. W. W. Youngson, Dr. Richard Dillehunt, Frank L. Shull, Miss Vida Hammond, Charles H. Carey, Miss Julia Spooner, O. M. Plummer, Miss Grace Bridges, Supt. E. H. Whitney, William von Hoogstratten, Director of the Portland Symphony, Portland; Dr. Earl R. Douglas, Dr. C. V. Boyer, Dr. H. D. Sheldon, Eugene; Prof. H. D. Scudler, Dr. J. L. Jewell, Dean Ava B. Milan, H. C. Seymour, Corvallis; Prof. W. B. Kirk, Prof. James F. Matthews, State Supt. C. A. Howard, Salem; Pres. Norman T. Coleman, Reed College; Pres. J. A. Churchill, Ashland; J. S. Landers, Monmouth; Prof. Kenneth Ray, McMinnville.

Sherman county will be represented by the county superintendent and Homer Sibley of Moro and J. B. Dodson of Wasco, delegates elected by the O. S. T. A. of the county.

John McCune left here the first of the week for Portland, where he will spend Christmas with his mother.

A Moor considers it a sin to cut bread with a knife, declaring that hands were given for that purpose.

Clifton Benson left this week for Portland where he will spend the school vacation visiting his mother and sister.

W. J. Codie, manager of the Moro branch creamery station for the Mutual Creamery Co., will leave here Saturday for Portland where he will spend the Christmas season with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holloway of Levensworth, Wash., visited in Moro on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Akers, while en route to Klamath, to spend Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holloway.

The women's missionary society will meet at the Presbyterian church Wednesday, December 28, for an all day meeting to do overseas sewing. There will be lunch at noon followed by a program in the afternoon. All members are urged to be present as early in the morning as possible.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

Guy Hulce was a visitor here from Portland last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruggles and son Phillip were visiting at The Dalles last Saturday.

Mrs. O. B. Messinger is visiting here from Columbia City, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Noonan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dingle left Wasco this week for Pomona, Cal., where they expect to spend the winter months.

Bart Burrell and Leota Ellsworth were married in The Dalles, Saturday, December 16th, Rev. Edwards officiating.

The banquet room at Hotel Moro was crowded on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the annual fathers' and sons' banquet.

Miss Virginia Keen, an old time friend of the Whalley family, is visiting here from Portland, as the guest of Mrs. M. W. Peets.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nish of The Dalles in company with their son Charles and his daughter Marjorie, of Mikalo, were visiting with friends in Moro last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Anderson of Portland will be house guests on Saturday at the C. H. Larson home, en route to Bend to spend Christmas with relatives.

Congratulations are being extended Mr. and Mrs. A. Douma upon the arrival of a baby daughter to their home life, born Monday at a hospital in The Dalles.

Orders left at Ruggles Confectionery for jewelry gifts or watch and jewelry repairing will receive my prompt attention. F. H. Coolidge, jeweler, Hood River.

R. V. McEwan, Sherman county agent for Kerr, Gifford grain company, will leave Moro next Saturday for Milton, where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. Ellis, and brother Jesse Ellis of St. Helens and Ralph Burns and family of Portland are visiting here during the holidays. Mrs. Ellis is the mother of Mrs. R. M. Benson and Mrs. Burns is her sister.

Christmas Eve, after the movie show at Moro theatre, all employees of Hotel Moro will assemble in the main dining room as guests of Manager Larimore where luncheon will be served and Christmas tree festivities will prevail.

Cecil Gragg was shot in the face with bird shot Tuesday night when out sparrow hunting to help decide the annual local hunt contest. Four shot were taken out of Gragg's face near his eyes, but serious injury is not anticipated.

Norville E. May has returned to Moro from Corvallis, where he is attending the O. A. C., to spend Christmas with his mother and grandmother, Mrs. Anna Ellsworth. Last holiday season he was away from home, studying at the University of Illinois at Champaigne.

Edw. Sargeant says that near as he can figure it up, the side captained by George McDonald in the annual sparrow hunt has an edge of 16,000 points over their opponents. One thing sure McDonald's side at one time had all the ammunition in Moro bought up and in use.

Manager Larimore and his force of helpers at Hotel Moro were busy people all Tuesday afternoon, decorating the main dining rooms for the fathers' and sons' banquet to be held Wednesday evening in appropriate decorations for that occasion and the following holiday season.

Within a few hours on Monday night, Chester Searcy, Horace McKee and his brother Louis captured 150 sparrows from off barn rafters where the birds were roosting. Three hundred were gotten from E. W. Alley's barn, one hundred from a second barn and the rest from about four other places that were visited. The sparrows will count in the test for points on the local annual hunt.

Sunday evening Sadie Williams was taken to Grass Valley by her parents where Dr. C. L. Poley was consulted for an infection under the thumb of her left hand resulting in blood poisoning from an injury received the Sunday previous when opening some canned goods. An operation was performed the same evening, after which the party returned to Moro, where Miss Williams is recovering from the injury at the home of her parents.

First prize in the school pupil's contest for the best essay on the service and accommodations to be found at Hotel Moro was won by Viola Hanson with Ethelyn Kessinger second in the high school division and Leora Peets first with Arnold Landry second in the grade division. The judges made their decision on Saturday evening. The prizes were awarded by Manager Larimore on Monday morning in the presence of the school board and teachers of the winning scholars.

Rev. Hicks Called As Pastor

At a special meeting of the congregation held at the close of the morning service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday action was taken to fill the pulpit vacancy which has existed in the church since last February.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. D. A. Thompson of Portland, synodical executive for the state of Oregon, and who also presided over the meeting. J. L. Searcy acted as clerk of the meeting.

Rev. Thompson stated the purpose of the meeting and read the church law which governed in such cases. But one nomination to fill the vacancy was made, that of Rev. Arthur Hicks who has supplied since moving here last summer. A ballot vote was taken, resulting in every vote that was cast being in favor of calling Rev. Hicks as pastor.

R. C. Byers was elected to present the action of the church at a meeting of Presbytery at Redmond on March 17th. M. G. Melser was elected alternate to act in the event that Mr. Byers cannot attend.

Lodges Elect Officers

Local lodges have been busy the past few weeks with the duty of electing officers for the new terms of office that will begin with the advent of the new year.

Lupine Rebekah lodge No. 116 reports action as follows: Essie McKean, noble grand; Lenora Schade-witz, vice grand; Jessie Henrichs, secretary; Bessie Axtell, treasurer.

Moro lodge No. 115 I. O. O. F. reports: Alexander Jackson, noble grand; C. L. Montgomery, vice grand; A. M. Young, secretary; C. V. Belknap, treasurer.

Eureka lodge No. 121 A. F. & A. M. reports: C. V. Belknap, worthy master; S. W. Searcy, senior warden; James Kenney, junior warden; Robt. Urquhart, secretary; Wm. Henrichs, treasurer; E. E. Barzee, trustee.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S. reports: Mrs. L. R. Conlee, worthy matron; W. A. Ruggles, worthy patron; Mrs. D. E. Stephens, associate matron; Mrs. E. T. Strong, conductress; Mrs. C. V. Belknap, associate conductress; Mrs. E. E. Barzee, secretary; Mrs. E. H. Moore, treasurer.

American Legion Christ Schultz Post No. 71 reports: Fred Pickett, commander; R. J. Bruckert, vice commander; R. V. McEwan, adjutant; W. C. Ross, chaplain.

Woodman of the World lodge continues in office Robt. Urquhart as council commander and R. J. Ginn as secretary.

Choir Presents Cantata

The Presbyterian church choir last Sunday evening presented the Christmas cantata "King All Glorious" to an appreciative congregation that taxed the main church auditorium and annex to its capacity.

Eighteen voices made a musical ensemble that was well high perfect in rendition of this popular cantata. In addition members of the choir had solo parts, others had trios and a number quartets. The program showed the results of the constant training of the past several weeks by their leader, Mrs. G. C. Akers, in very favorable results.

Frank Foster and son Cleve, residents of Maidstone, Sask., Canada, were visitors at Moro last weekend at the George A. Williams home. They were traveling from Boise, where they own property, to Vancouver, B. C., by way of Portland and Seattle. Mr. Foster is an extensive farmer in Canada, harvesting 17,000 bushels of wheat last harvest.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

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. The topic for the lesson-sermon at the morning service next Sunday will be "Christian Science."

Presbyterian Church

Christmas services will be held at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to Christmas Day. Bring the children with you to Sunday School at 10 a. m. and remain for the morning service. The choir has special music prepared for the occasion. In the evening we shall join with the Methodist church in union service.

Arthur Hicks, Minister.

Moro Methodist Church

Sunday School at the usual hour. Christmas message by the pastor at 11 a. m. Mrs. Martha Cope will sing. Our Sunday School will have its Christmas program on Sunday night. Everybody most welcome. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. We would extend our heartiest Christmas greetings to all and pray for God's richest blessing upon our community for the New Year. R. A. and Mrs. Feenstra, pastors.

Christmas Pageant

The Presbyterian Christmas program will be given on Saturday at 7:30 p. m. in the church. A pageant on the Coming of Christ will be presented. About twenty men and women and young people of the church will take part. Bring the children and enjoy the evening with us.

Oil Drilling Progresses

Good progress is being made in the drilling of the oil well being sunk by the Clarno Basin Oil company south-east of Shaniko, Oregon, officers of the company report. The drill is down approximately 100 feet. The first 80 feet went through almost solid rock but a sandy shale which carries oil colors is now being drilled. Operations started on November 14, but were delayed when rearrangement of equipment was found necessary.

Old Dog Yet Reliable

When out in the Henkle wheat field this last Tuesday, Tom Douma shot a coyote which he left for dead and continued on his way. But the coyote was only wounded and after Douma left he struggled to his feet and got into a heavy field of stubble where he hid successfully.

Douma returned to Moro where he interested Judge Wm. Henrichs in the episode and who returned with Douma to the field, taking his old dog with them.

Arrived at the place where the coyote had been shot, the dog took the track and followed it for three quarters of a mile before the hunters again sighted the animal, which this time was shot quite dead by Douma. Pretty good work for an old dog.



LOWELL PATTON AND HIS ARTISTS
ONE of the outstanding hits of the season will be the appearance of Lowell Patton and his Artists here in the near future. The company is headed by Lowell Patton, pianist, composer and dramatic artist. Their program is something entirely new and takes the form of a series of costumed impressions and dramatic episodes with musical settings. They offer a program of brilliancy and snap in the form of real worthwhile musical and dramatic entertainment.

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