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Eureka Lodge No. 321 A. F. & A. M. Moro, Oregon Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S. Moro, Oregon Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon Meets every Monday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Lepine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 American Legion Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.

Social Structure Weeds

The terrible crime which was recently committed in Los Angeles in the murdering of a 12-year old girl, has forcibly focused the mind of the public on the crime problem.

There has been a tendency of late to let the bars down for the criminal. Punishment is long delayed, even in the worst of crimes.

But not satisfied with that, the ultra-sentimentalist has gone so far as to advocate laws prohibiting the ownership of revolvers and pistols by law abiding citizens.

The Los Angeles murder has brought the nation up with a jerk. Why should the law abiding citizens be entirely disarmed and left to the mercy of the criminal element?

Criminals in our social structure are like weeds in a garden—they must be controlled or ruin results.

Northland Beasts Are Pets

Northern animals of every description were used in the production of "Back to God's Country," the Universal-Jewel starring Renee Adoree, which will open at Wasco Saturday, January 7th; Grass Valley Sunday, January 8th; Moro Tuesday, January 10th.

Miss Adoree appears as a girl of the vast wind swept regions of the



Scene from BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY, Starring RENEE ADOREE, A UNIVERSAL-JEWEL PRODUCTION

North who has mothered many animals which she adopted as babies. Among the animals which appear in this screen version of James Oliver Curwood's tale are a bear, an owl, a wolf, a porcupine, 15 Alaskan husky dogs, and a baby reindeer.

Miss Adoree became so attached to the baby reindeer that she insisted on purchasing it after the completion of the picture. When it grows up she plans to release it in the California mountains where it will be sure to join a herd of its fellows in protected territory.

Beside being colorful atmosphere the animals play important parts in the plot of the story, especially the wolf, Wapi, and the bear, Dinah. Irvin Willat directed this hot-blooded, snow-country epic. Robert Fraser plays opposite Miss Adoree with a supporting cast including Walter Long, Mitchell Lewis, Adolph Milar and James Mason.

Health Resort is Planned

A hotel, golf course and health resort will be constructed by a company composed of 63 prominent physicians and surgeons of Portland, according to a recent announcement.

The site is at Collins Springs on the North Bank highway, it is understood, and when the entire plant is completed it will necessitate an expenditure of approximately \$100,000, say those who are sponsoring the movement.

Three hundred acres will comprise the health resort property, while an additional 80 acres will be acquired this week to provide for a power plant and water system. The hotel will be erected on the Columbia river at the edge of Windmountain and adjacent to the line of the North Bank railroad and on the North Bank highway.

The first unit will comprise 75 rooms, with doctors' examination rooms and laboratories. Plans call for the physicians in the city to make the two hour run to the resort over the weekend to see their patients. Part of the grounds will be laid out with small cabins where fever patients can be treated, as the land is cut off from any possibility that pollen may be blown in that direction.

Fillings have been made on Collins creek for water rights so a power plant may be erected there to supply lights and domestic water to the hotel and cabins. The spring itself, physicians said, contains calcium, which is necessary in the treatment of stomach troubles, rheumatism, goiters and rickets.

Plans call for the starting of work as soon as possible to get the hotel ready for spring business. Development of the property will be carried on in units. There is a drop from the power plant site to the hotel of 525 feet, which will furnish a gravity system of water supply as well as ample power for the lighting of the grounds.

Crew Has Long Day

The snow storm that hit Sherman county last Saturday was responsible for the state highway maintenance crew in charge of the Sherman highway between Moro and the Columbia river and between here and Grass Valley, to work an unbroken 27 hour period with truck and snowplow to clear the road for auto travel.

Now Comes The Feed

George McDonald captained the winning side in the annual sparrow hunt contest which closed last week. McDonald won with 360,000 points as against 299,600 points earned by his side captained by Henry Barnum.

Caught With The Goods

Kenneth Lewis, resident of Grass Valley, was arrested Monday night at Grass Valley by deputy sheriff Tom Jarret as he was carrying a suit case loaded with 14 bottles of intoxicating liquor.

Garret brought his prisoner to the county jail at Moro the same night. The next day at a trial before Justice R. J. Ginn, Lewis entered a plea of guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve 90 days in the county jail.

New Years Party

On Monday at the Presbyterian church, a pot-luck dinner was held in the recently completed dining room. Reports from M. G. Melser indicated that the improvements on the manse, and church approximated \$1200, of which labor contributed by the members and supporters of the church amounted to about half this expense in addition to cash donations amounting to \$445.

The new basement dining room will seat about 120 at one time, but considerably more than that number were present.

W. H. Ragsdale presided after dinner in the church auditorium when an interesting program of songs, recitations and addresses was rendered.

TOO LATE

Madge—It's terrible, Dear! It's awful, and I'm so sorry for you. Go ahead and cry, dearie. You'll feel better after a good cry.

Ethel—I can't. I—I've been at the movies all afternoon.

Fire prevention is not a science, it is simply the exercise of sound common sense.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noonan just after midnight on Christmas night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mitchell, Carol Jane Mitchell on Friday, December 30th.

W. A. Buggies has had his Moro residence remodeled during the cold weather of this past week.

Mrs. Esta Powell and daughter Lucile were visiting here from Portland at the home of relatives last week.

W. H. Williams and family moved this week from The Dalles to Eugene, where they will make their future home.

One of the Columbia Gorge auto stages caught fire at Grass Valley Wednesday. Damage and cause was not learned.

The usual Dorcas Society social for the month of January will be at the home of Mrs. Wm. Henrichs on Wednesday, January 11th.

Mrs. J. T. Whalley of Portland is visiting here with her daughter Mrs. M. W. Peetz, during the absence of Mrs. Fleck from the household.

Dewey Thompson tried driving home from Portland on Monday, but was forced to turn back after bucking snow for twenty miles out of Portland.

A report current in Moro on Monday was to the effect that Dr. Poley was forced off the Sherman highway north of Wasco that day when passing an auto. The Poley car went off at a culvert, but with no damage to car or its occupants.

Mrs. E. J. Powell received telegraphic word Wednesday that her young sister, Mrs. Rebecca Carey, had passed away at her home in Caldwell, Idaho, that day from bronchial pneumonia. Interment will be at the old Carey home at Burns, Oregon.

The highway road crew, when clearing the highway of snow on Nigger ridge last Sunday afternoon, came upon a disabled Columbia Gorge auto stage just north of the top of the ridge. The stage was towed into Moro where broken breaker points were adjusted.

One of the reports that reached Moro from the storm bound highway area west of Cascade Locks was to the effect that the same slide that caused the wreck of the O-W. R. R. & N. train also stalled an auto which was driving the highway at that place. The slide divided and swept around the car, leaving it stranded with a 15-foot high blockade on each side.

As a result of the snow storm, almost continuous since last Saturday until Thursday of this week, has resulted in more than a foot of snow on the level to cover the growing wheat in Sherman county from the cold winter weather. Nearly all the county roads report drifts of varying size, which for some days had stopped auto travel until teams could break roads.

A selective series of birthday anniversaries seem to run in the C. V. Belknap family. Wednesday the 28th of December was the birthday of Mr. Belknap and is also the anniversary date of Woodrow Wilson; October 27th is the anniversary date of Theodore Roosevelt; the anniversary date claimed by Mrs. Belknap is the fourth of March, the date each four years a new president of the United States is installed in office.

A letter received by Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Feenstra from Thermopolis, Wyoming, tells of the wedding of Miss Marabell Willis to a prominent young man by the name of Peterson. The wedding took place December 24, at the Methodist parsonage. Miss Willis will be remembered by her friends here as being substitute teacher for one month at Rutledge and later the last three months of the DeMoss school term the spring of 1926. She made great friends with her pupils and won many friends in the community.

Since the wreck of the Oregon Trail Express, when the O-W. R. R. & N. train hit a snow and rock slide at Onesta gorge Sunday morning, train schedules and mail service has been disrupted. The train was a double header; both engines went off the tracks as well as five of the cars in the train; the fireman of the first engine was killed and the engineer seriously but not fatally wounded. The scene of the wreck was only 31 miles from Portland, but no relief train could reach there from Portland until late Tuesday.



Wasco, Saturday, January 7th  
Grass Valley, Sunday January 8th  
Moro, Tuesday, January 10th

Who Can Answer?

At a meeting of the Moro Woman's Club to be held this Friday afternoon a series of questions, of which the following are a part, will be asked the members, concerning the early history of Moro and Sherman county.

- 1. Where did Moro get its name?
2. Who built the first house in what is now Moro? In what year? Locate it.
3. In what year was the Observer office built? For what business built?
4. Locate Moro's first school house; its first church house.
5. Name earliest ministers of Methodist and Presbyterian churches.
6. In what year was the Presbyterian church in Moro founded.
7. In what year was the Methodist church founded?
8. In what year was the Sherman County Observer first printed?
9. Describe the boundary lines of Sherman county.
10. Give date when county was first created? when changed?
11. Name some of the first county officers.
12. Name five of the earliest settlers.
13. Who was the first man to swim across First street in Moro?
14. What two historical events are connected with the iron doorstep at Conlee's store?
15. Where was the first skating rink in Moro located?
16. Where was the first ice plant located in Moro? By whom owned?
17. Where was the first flouring mill in Moro? Give date. By whom owned?
18. Who owned the first piano in Moro?
19. Where was the first brickyard located in Moro? Who owned the yard.
20. Locate Moro's first millinery store, and give history of bundling.
21. Who was the first man in Moro to run a private bank?
22. Who started the first Bank in Moro and why?
23. Who built the first theatre building in Moro? Give location. Mention two subsequent theatres built, and give locations.
24. Who owned the first phonograph in Moro? What was the price of admission? What tour did owners make?
25. Who owned the first automobile in Moro? What man used to drive up to the curb in Moro and shout whoa to his auto?
26. How many saloons were there in Moro in the early years of 1900? Locate them.
27. Where was the first distillery located in Sherman county?
28. What is the oldest town in Sherman county? What was its fate? When?
29. Mention the various newspapers that have been published in Moro.
30. Who was the first woman to use a sunshade or parasol in Moro?
31. Who built the first bowling alley in Moro? Where located? What happened to it?
32. Who operated the first bowling alley in Moro? Where is he now and what is his profession?
33. Were there other subsequent bowling alleys in Moro? If so where located?
34. Who opened the first restaurant in Moro? Where located?

Two Weddings at Moro

Rev. R. A. Feenstra tied the knots for two happy couples on the last and stormiest day of the old year at the Methodist parsonage, Moro, Saturday, December 31st. The young people who started this matrimonial voyage were Hubert Hutchcroft and Marguerite Hodgkins of Grass Valley and Orma M. Walton of Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchcroft are especially well known in our local community having made many friends. After a short wedding trip they will be at home in Grass Valley where Mr. Hutchcroft is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will make their home on Mr. Nelson's farm about half way between Dufur and The Dalles. Both parties were accompanied by their most immediate relatives. We would wish them a hearty bon voyage.

"Little Red Schoolhouse"

It is most appropriate for men of means to make a gift to an obscure community which is their birthplace, of a model "little red schoolhouse." Sometimes a successful man makes a donation extending the magnitude of the gift into many thousands of dollars. That was the case with Owen D. Young, who gave such a school to his native village, Van Hornesville, New York, where he began life at the bottom of the ladder.

He wanted this school to represent a step upward from the little one room single teacher school of his boyhood, and to be the kind of a school he did not have as a boy. He set a splendid example to men of means who owe their success in life to the simplicity and soundness of rural life as a builder of character.

To Encourage Trade

That the United States is taking an increasing interest in its trade with South America, is evidenced by the action of the McCormick steamship line in sending two well known authors completely around that continent on one of its freighters. The writers will stop at the principal ports and gain material for articles of a practical character on the needs of South American countries which North American industries can supply. The trip will take five months.

The men selected to do the writing are Albert Richard Wetjen, well known short story writer, novelist and author of "Captains All," winner of O. Henry Prize for Best Story of 1926; and James Stevens, author of four books: "Brawnman," "Paul Bunyan," "Mattock," and "Saloon Days." Both authors write extensively for the Saturday Evening Post, Collier's, American Mercury, etc. Steamship companies can do a great deal to encourage trade between our own nation and foreign lands by getting practical facts before the people of both countries.

It is believed the man contemplated robbery and would have shoved a gun in any passerby's face who would have been curious enough to stop and investigate. —Arlington Bulletin.

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For the first seven months of 1927 the sale of electric and gas appliances has increased almost 17% over the same period in 1926, proving that Americans are aware of the value of labor saving appliances.

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MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Presbyterian Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. he pastor will preach. The Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. Come and join us in our Bible study.

At the morning service the communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed. All the members are urged to be present, and all Christian people will be welcome.

The Endeavor Society will meet at 3:45 in the Methodist church. Arthur Hicks, Minister.

Moro Methodist Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. At 11 a. m. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach. Evening service at 7:30, message by the pastor.

Midweek prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Everybody most heartily 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. The topic for the lesson-sermon at the morning service next Sunday will be "Sacrament."

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