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**Schools Vote to Unite**

The three school districts, Rufus, Biggs and Brock, at a special election held at Rufus last Tuesday voted to consolidate the three into one school district. The vote was unanimous.

The assessed valuation of the consolidated district is nearly \$2,000,000. It is the announced plan that the enlarged district will build a modern school building at Rufus and transport the pupils by means of school motor buses.

Brock district has been transporting the pupils of that district to Rufus for the past few years. The Brock school building was sold last year. The Biggs school building will either be sold or torn down and lumber used to build a teacherage at Rufus.

The consolidation of the three districts has been advocated by residents of the three school districts for several years, but this is the first time the question had come before the voters of the three districts.

**Given High Place**

George N. Belknap, graduate major in philosophy, who is to take his master's degree in June has just been appointed Sage Fellow in philosophy at Cornell University for next year. The Sage Fellowships are very much coveted appointments among philosophy graduate students all over the United States. Mr. Belknap's election is the more complimentary since it is the almost invariable practice to make such a valuable appointment only after one year of residence study at the university granting it, according to Dr. George Rebec, dean of the graduate school.

Mr. Belknap, who was a journalism major during the first part of his university career, has won high distinction in scholarship. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic society, and Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.

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Mrs. George Hennagin entertained at dinner last Sunday. Guests present were Mrs. Clarence Anderson and son Hal of The Dalles, Mrs. J. C. Hockman, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Belshie.

A revision of a former extension bulletin, "Controlling Rodent and Other Small Animal Pests in Oregon," has just been printed and is ready for free distribution from the state college at Corvallis. The bulletin is by Ira N. Gabrielson, assistant biologist of the federal bureau of biological survey. Squirrels, gophers, moles, mice, rats and porcupines are included.

Oiling operations have been started by the state highway department on the rebuilt section of the Old Oregon Trail highway between Seuferts and the Deschutes river. Operations on the two other oiling projects is also under way. These include 17 miles on the John Day highway between Olex and Condon and 13 miles on the Sherman highway from Grass Valley through Kent.

Whoopie let's go to the Hard Time Dance at Grass Valley Saturday, April 14th. It's the opening Spring frolic. Slip on your overalls or gingham gown, crank up lizzy and come on down. Music by "Ben's Gang". We guarantee your \$1.00 worth of fun or your money back, fair enough eh. Big movie show before the dance at Cozy Theatre, "The Irresistible Lover".

The screen version of Victor Hugo's famous story "Les Miserables" presented as Universal's successor to "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with an entire cast of foreign stars and screened in France at locations made world wide familiar by the story, will be shown at Grass Valley next Wednesday, April 18th, and at Wasco the following Friday and Saturday, April 20-21.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clelland of Kalama, Wash., Mrs. M. Clelland of Portland, and Mrs. M. Gonzalez of Los Angeles, arrived at the L. H. Martin farm home last Saturday for a weekend visit. They were accompanied from Portland by Mrs. Martin, who will remain here for the summer. Mrs. G. C. Clelland is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin. C. C. Clelland and Mrs. Gonzalez is son and daughter of Mrs. M. Clelland.

Organization of a baseball league to be known as the "Brush" league was effected at a meeting of fans at Maupin Sunday. Four teams representing Grass Valley, Maupin, Tygh Valley and Dufur will be entered in the league and will play 12 games, three against each team. The season will close the Sunday preceding the Fourth of July. The nines will be composed of Wasco and Sherman county men, with no "imported" twirlers or receivers.

Next Wednesday evening, April 18, the Presbytery of Pendleton, including the churches from Pendleton to Bend, will meet in Moro church. Between 30 and 40 visitors will be present. On Wednesday evening the retiring moderator will preach and his successor will be chosen. On Thursday evening Rev. Arthur Hicks will be formerly installed pastor of the Moro church, Rev. Percy Arckle, Dr. Thompson of Portland, and Dr. Lewis of Bend having prominent parts in the service.

**Town Talk**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fulton were visiting in Moro last Saturday.

The father of S. A. Hall is visiting at the Hall farm home east of Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Peetz were visiting in Moro last Sunday afternoon from Goldendale.

The Tuesday afternoon club of Wasco are entertaining the Moro Womens Club of Moro this Friday afternoon at Wasco.

Karl Schade spent the last weekend visiting in Portland. During his absence Mogo Pharmacy was in charge of Miss Laura Urquhart.

A pair of eye glasses and case, left some time ago in the Moro post office, is waiting an owner at the Sherman County Observer printing office.

L. J. Pape and family left this week for a short stay at Portland. They have finished their spring farm and plow work and will not return until near harvest time.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Dorcas Society have brightened the church dining room by putting up very neat window curtains and painting the concrete walls.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Silvers, motored to Goldendale on the 8th to attend the annual Easter Sunday exercises held by the Knights Templars.

Members of the Sherman County Fair board met at Moro last Saturday to revise the premium book and to make up a racing program for the annual fair to be held at Moro next September.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Martin have moved from Portland to their farm for the summer. Mrs. Martin arriving the first of the week with two motor car loads of weekend visitors and personal family belongings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nish drove to Moro last Sunday from The Dalles to attend morning service at the Presbyterian church. Previous to that they had attended the annual Easter Day sunrise service at Pulpit Rock in The Dalles.

Fire destroyed the farm home of W. A. Woods, near Dufur, last Saturday. When first discovered by a neighbor, who phoned the family, the roof was entirely ablaze. A good part of the furniture was saved, but nearly all the buildings were burned.

Three horses are now in training at the county fair grounds for harness racing this spring and next fall. Lady Lovelace, owned by L. V. Moore, Hal Brown, owned by Wiley McDonald, and Prince Zolock, owned by Roy Belshie. All three are pacers.

The missionary society of the Moro Presbyterian church was represented at Pendleton last week at a district meeting of the church societies by Mrs. Arthur Hicks, Mrs. W. F. Jackson, Mrs. R. W. Pinkerton, Mrs. L. V. Moore, Mrs. Wm. Frail and Mrs. J. C. McKean.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday evening the program conducted by the Junior Endeavor Society will have as its chief feature 75 stereopticon slides of the missionary work of our church in Africa, where 6,000 or more gather in the Sabbath services of one church. Come and hear what is being accomplished among the black people.

Carpenters are busy remodeling the old Citizens Bank quarters in the Bank hotel building, which will be occupied by the main office of the Columbia Gorge Motor Stage depot. Comfortable rest rooms will be installed and a smoking lobby provided. President W. T. Crawford decided on this location last Sunday when he was in The Dalles.

The Dorcas Society met in social capacity at the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon, 45 being present. The program consisted of songs, a story of a farmer, and a story by Mrs. Hicks of a missionary who worked among the people of the southern states. Refreshments consisting of brick ice cream and wafers were served. Cotton favors of ducks, chickens and rabbits were given out as souvenirs. Mrs. W. F. Jackson, Mrs. L. V. Moore and Mrs. C. V. Belknap were the hostesses.

**Made Good Investment**

When Claude J. Thompson of Moro bought a coming yearling filly this spring he used good horse sense according to 1928 statistics. A drop of twenty per cent in horse population and an equine birthrate so lowered that the present supply cannot be replaced in the situation developed since 1919.

Farmers are already feeling a shortage and demanding high-class young horses for work and breeding purposes. The young mare was purchased from T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley. The horse is a purebred and is registered with the Percheron Society of America as Pocahontas 196493.

**Pioneers Meet May 3rd**

The old Wasco County Pioneer Association will hold their seventh annual reunion in the Civic Auditorium at The Dalles, Oregon, on Thursday May 3rd, 1928.

Doors will open at 10 a. m. First order of the day will be registering of pioneers, followed by a banquet at noon. Business session and program will follow the banquet. The pioneers will again assemble at 7.30 in the evening and be entertained with a good program. Closing at 9 p. m. with an old fashioned dance.

**County School Notes**

By L. W. Rakes  
During the school term now in effect, pupils of all the schools in the county have shown a great deal of interest in reading circle work and study. Partly because of the announced intention, made at the beginning of the school year, that if pupils reported upon five approved books they would be given certificates that would exempt them from taking examinations at the close of the term provided other school work was kept up to a certain standard. At the present time, there has been 175 certificates issued to Sherman county students with Wasco school in the lead with 60 certificates issued to pupils of that school.

Much interest in the newly organized plan of reading for the children in the school outgrew what was expected. It was promised by L. W. Rakes, county superintendent, last fall that if a student made a report of each of five different books approved for his grade by the state department of education that the student would not only be exempt from examination in his grade for reading, provided he carried on the regular lessons assigned by his teacher, but would receive 100% toward his eighth grade diploma, if he is in that grade. Nearly all the eighth grade students in the county have finished the course and have been issued certificates. Eighth graders are offered 100% on their final examinations in spelling if they earn a spelling certificate at the contest in Moro Friday 13. A large group of boys and girls are listed to come.

Out of the 175 reading circle certificates issued to date Moro noses in with 26. Following are the names of those who have been issued certificates:

Grace Cochran	Flora Williams
Dona Burnett	Maxine Hendrichs
Iva Belshie	Alice Kessinger
Janet Fortner	Dollie Belshie
Janet Stephens	Mildred Hansen
Leora Peetz	Mildred Adams
Marjorie Kunsman	Grace Phillips
Ralph Henkle	Arnold Landry
Doris Amidon	Philip Ruggles
Charles Boardman	Melvin Hansen
Lorena Noonan	Harry Ragsdale
Mildred Alley	Evelyn Hastings
Gale Amidon	Fay Luttrell

The local fairs which begin at Rufus Monday, April 16, are drawing interest. Prizes are to be given each school exhibiting.

The annual typing contest will be held in the Legion Hall at Moro April 20th, at 8:00 p. m. Some entertainment will be given while the papers are being graded.

**Insurance Rates Lowered**

Important downward deviations in fire insurance rates for buildings other than dwellings, effective on or after April 26, are being announced this week by insurance companies operating in Oregon. The reductions are being made by the board companies to meet non-board mutual competition.

In such building classifications as apartment houses, flats, hospitals and similar structures, deviations range from 10 to 30 cents per \$100 in insurance. In mercantile buildings, reductions are noted from 5 to 30 cents per \$100 and in the contents of such buildings from 15 to 30 cents depending on the classification.

In a number of classifications such as bakeries, laundries, machine shops and printing establishments where insurance heretofore has been written on an annual basis only, policies may now be written for three years at twice the annual premium, effecting a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent.

Companies stress the fact that there have been no reductions in dwelling house rates and that the rates do not become effective until after April 26. No policies may be cancelled, to be rewritten after that date, it was indicated.

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The services of the church are at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The evening service will be largely under direction of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. Interesting features will be the presentation of some of the special objects of the society.

The Senior Endeavor will meet at 6:45 p. m. in the Presbyterian church. The Junior Society meets as usual at 6:30 p. m.  
Arthur Hicks, Minister.

**Moro Methodist Church**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach at 11 a. m. Evening service, with message by the pastor, at 7:30 p. m.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.  
You are most welcome to all these services.

R. A. Feenstra, pastor.

**Christian Science**  
Service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning, pupils up to the age of 20 years are received into these classes.  
The lesson-sermon topic for the service next Sunday morning will be "Doctrine of Atonement".

**Easter At Local Churches**

At the Easter services in the Presbyterian church there was the usual excellent attendance, the capacity of the church being taxed at both the Sunday School hour and 11 o'clock service.

The Sunday School program was made up of hymns, recitations and anthems by all the classes of the school, bringing into the service the youngest and the oldest scholars.

Baptisms and receptions of members and unusually good music by the choir marked the church services both morning and evening.

The church was made beautiful for Easter Day by the potted lilies provided by the ladies of the congregation.

Easter Day was beautifully celebrated at the Methodist church. A special feature of the morning service was the baptismal service for Jack, Arthur and Shirla Lavonne Evans; Robert Platt, and Clifton Carol Noonan.

In the evening a beautiful program was rendered by the different classes of the Sunday School. Recitations, drills and songs by the little folks were most winsome. The intermediate and senior girls by pantomime, pageant and song very effectively told the beautiful Easter Story of light and victory.

A very appreciative crowd nicely filled the auditorium which was appropriately lighted and decorated for the occasion.

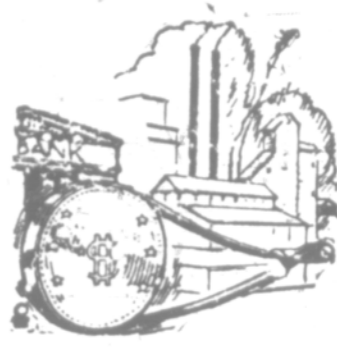
The freewill offerings taken at both morning and evening service were dedicated to the general missionary work of the church.

In all we would say that the program was the best ever.

Dr. Clarke, of the Clarke Optical Co., 360A Alder St., Portland Ore., Eye Sight Specialist, will be in Moro, all day and evening, Thursday, April 19th, at the Hotel Moro. See him about your eyes.

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