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Kurama 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.

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. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Lepine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 American Legion

Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.

New Wheat Disease

A group of farmers and business men of The Dalles and Wasco county attended the annual field day at Moro Experiment Station on Monday, June 25, to inspect the station and also secure all data available with which to combat a new wheat disease that has invaded eastern Oregon.

While the disease has been present for several years, it was not emphasized until this summer when reports reached the chamber that Adolph Agidius, farmer living on Seven Mile hill, had lost 275 acres of wheat for the third successive year.

According to the description of the disease, it attacks healthy wheat when the stalks have nearly reached their maximum growth. A black ring appears around the stalk an inch or so above the ground, and the stalk goes down. The wheat apparently has been in thrifty condition up to the appearance of the black ring.

It is said to be prevalent in the Orley district, has made its appearance on Tygh ridge, and is known at Goldendale and in other sections. It is making greater inroads each year, according to wheat men, who are coming to the conclusion that a determined fight must be made to check the disease.

The disease is believed to be a fungus growth. Samples were taken and sent to Oregon State college recently, but the results of tests have not been made known. The federal biologists are said to have inspected the affected fields two years ago, but no report was made.

Numbered among the party here Monday from Wasco county were Messrs. Agidius, Obar, Hazen, Nelson, L. Barnum, F. L. Simms and H. L. Kuck.

Reading advertisements is worthwhile

Annual Mt. Hood Climb

The Annual Mount Hood Climb continues to grow in popularity. It is conducted annually under the auspices of Hood River Post, No. 22 American Legion for the sole purpose of giving the general public opportunity to climb the Most Beautiful Mountain in America at the lowest possible cost.

The American Legion will conduct their 8th Annual Mount Hood Climb on July 8th. The party will leave Legion Camp at day light, and taking it slowly, wind their way to the highest point in Oregon, reaching the summit around one o'clock, taking 8 or 9 hours to climb the four miles. The pace set as the party leaves camp will not seem fast enough for some but when they reach the top all will be thankful.

An effort will be made to equal last years record of getting every climber to the summit. Those intending to climb should reach camp Saturday night. There will be an interesting camp fire program Saturday night.

Realizing that a number are not so strenuously inclined as to want to climb a mountain, plans are made to take them, if they so desire, on a trip over Eliot Glacier, the largest on Mt. Hood and one of the most interesting. These side trips will leave Legion Camp at ten o'clock both Saturday and Sunday. This is not a hard trip and no one with any walking ability need fear it and this trip will please all who take it.

The Crag Rats, Hood River's Mountaineering Organization will act as guides. They will scout the trail prior to the climb and will anchor life lines wherever it is thought necessary. The Crag Rats receive no compensation for their services. Their's is a labor of love and they will endeavor to please.

There will be many who will not be inclined to even take the glacier trip and will prefer to spend the day lounging around camp, taking short walks or nap in the cool mountain air. They will watch the strings of climbers as they slowly wind their way up the mountain side and again when they slide, miles per hour, down the steep slopes. The crowd will be in camp to watch the tired but happy parties as they return and will be ready to give them a real Lindbergh reception.

With the help of the Legion Auxiliary who do the cooking, meals and lunches will be furnished at prices that returns no profit.

There is no fee for the glacier trip Saturday or for camping. The guide fee for the trip to the top is \$2. You pay for the meals you eat. Visitors are urged to visit camp at any time.

Different churches will hold their service during the day and speeches and music will be provided to entertain those who remain around camp.

Clackamas county court will be asked to appropriate funds for building cribbing in the Sandy river at Brightwood, it is said, as the river is cutting the banks away from three to four feet a month and is endangering summer homes. During the winter freshets the river washed out nearly all the cribbing put in by property owners.

There are a few heading crews at work in the North Lons county. The recent hot weather has ripened the grain rapidly and it is expected that harvest will be in full swing by July 5. The yield will be below normal, owing to the late and dry spring.

A feeling of superiority is about all the satisfaction some people get out of being good.

Town Talk

Mr. Adams was a business visitor in Shaniko last week.

R. C. Byers was a business visitor in The Dalles on Tuesday.

Dr. C. L. Foley from Grass Valley visited in The Dalles last Sunday.

Mr. W. S. Deaton was a business visitor in Moro last Friday from Klondike.

A new sign has been painted in front of the Moro Hotel Barber Shop this week.

Douma Bros. shipped a carload lambs to the Portland markets last Saturday.

Mr. Carlton L. Pepper was a business visitor in Moro last Monday from The Dalles.

Next Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. Feenstra will preach at the Michigan schoolhouse.

The entire interior of Ross Confectionery has been painted and calcimined last week.

Several showers of rain have been reported this week from different places in Sherman county.

Marriage license was issued July 2nd to Arnold N. Brady of Wasco and Opal Addington of Rufus.

We can fit all kinds of people. Any size or weight. Crippled or deformed feet. Wernmark's Shoe Store, The Dalles.

A report from Condon says that diamond drilling has begun to determine extent of coal beds in John Day Valley.

The Ladies Aid will hold their monthly tea at the home of Mrs. C. R. Belashe Thursday afternoon, July 12.

G. E. Moore and Effie B. Richardson of The Dalles took out a marriage license from the county clerk's office in The Dalles this week.

\$1200 will buy a good "Holt" Junior Gas Harvester, 18 foot cut. Has been sheded. Practically good as new. B. A. Amy, The Dalles, Ore.

On Friday, July 13, Dr. A. S. Hisey, superintendent, will conduct the last quarterly conference for the local Methodist churches at Grass Valley and Moro.

The citizens of Moro got excited last Saturday afternoon when the fire bell rang. A weed fire had been started on Frank Fortner's place, but no damage was done.

Mrs. George R. Shoup of the Western Washington experiment station has been obtained as one of the speakers at the annual Oregon poultrymen's convention at Corvallis July 18 and 19.

Flora and Donald Williams, who have been visiting with their brother Walter and family at Eugene for two weeks, returned by electric railway to Portland and from there home to Moro with their brother Travers.

Four used combines for sale on easy terms; 14-foot Harris, 18-foot Holt Hawley, 14-foot Holt Hawley, 12-foot Deering; all in good shape. See or phone C. H. Larson, Moro, Oregon, agent for Advance-Rumely combine harvesters.

Mr. Arthur Glazebrook, expert paper hanger and decorator, is working for Jack Noonan. Mr. Glazebrook expects to stay here all month of July. He and his family are camping in Moro auto park at the present time. Their home is Hayward, Calif.

Last Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents Miss Laura Dillinger was united in marriage to Mr. Benjamin Smith of The Dalles. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra performed the ceremony. The young couple will make their home at The Dalles.

C. E. Akers of Portland, son of G. C. Akers, stopped over last Friday night with his parents on his way to the Blue Mountains, where he and family will spend a couple of weeks vacation. His family has been visiting at Hermiston where they will join him on the trip.

Stock Disease Mystery

About 70 people from around Grass Valley and Kent and a few from Moro gathered at the Shearers grange hall Thursday, June 28th, to hear the lecture given by Professor William Evans Lawrence B. S., head of the division of plant ecology of O. A. C. who lectured on poison weeds.

Prof. Lawrence arrived in the afternoon and together with a party of local people made a thorough search of the Clodfelter pastures where the cattle were pastured which have died from poison weeds according to the report of State Veterinary Green and Lytle.

Prof. Lawrence gave a very comprehensive talk on poison weeds, illustrated by pressed specimens. The most common are the Lupine (or Devils Shoe String), Larkspur, death Camos, Water Hemlock, Loco weeds, Milkweed and Fern. There are a great many varieties of most of these and only some varieties are poison and these only at certain seasons of the year.

Prof. Lawrence reported, however, that in the survey of the pasture he did not find any poison weed in sufficient quantity to kill that many cattle. (Mr. Clodfelter reported between 35 and 40 dead).

Lupine (in pod) was the only weed that is considered at all dangerous and this apparently had not been eaten.

At the close of the meeting it was decided that in view of the fact that several were losing stock with the same trouble the case was serious enough to warrant asking further aid from the state and Mr. Stephens was asked to wire for Professor Bennett Thomas Simms D. V. M., head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine of O. A. C.

The Salvation Army

Salvation Army workers, according to Brigadier Albert E. Baynton, in charge of Salvation Army work in Oregon and Southern Idaho, have been much harassed in recent months on account of imposters, who, representing themselves as officials of the Army, have been going about collecting funds in the name of the organization. Having secured somewhere the Army's uniform, they were able to mislead the public.

In order to protect the public from further imposters of this kind the Salvation Army has supplied its accredited workers with a printed solicitors card, wherein is written the name of the worker. This card also definitely defines the territory in which said worker is authorized to solicit for funds and is signed by Albert E. Baynton, the Divisional Commander for Oregon and Southern Idaho.

Brigadier Baynton respectfully requests the public to call for solicitor's card whenever and wherever approached by a Salvation Army worker. Should someone ask for money in the name of the Army who is not supplied with a card, the fact should be reported at once.

Many new alfalfa seedlings through Oregon are rather weedy at this season, reports G. R. Hyslop, agronomist of the experiment station at O. A. C., following an extensive trip. It is desirable now to clip such fields to prevent shading the alfalfa. Where plantings are not weedy it is best let go to the bloom stage when it can be cut for hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Travers, H. Williams and daughter and Mr. Alex Hunter and wife, all of Portland, paid a brief visit last Saturday evening at the home of Geo. A. Williams, returning home the next day. Mr. Hunter who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Williams was well known in Moro as he was engaged in the real estate business here for some time.

Prof. William Lawrence, plant expert, returned to Moro last Friday from a careful inspection of the pastures where the poisoned cattle have been feeding. He reported that he was unable to discover anything that would be likely to cause the trouble. Experiments are now being made by cattle owners to discover if possible if the disease is contagious.

CHURCHES

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 "Sacrament."

Reading room open daily where all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. The public is cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

Moro Methodist Church Sunday School meets at the usual hour.

At 11 a. m. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach. At 8 p. m. message by the pastor.

Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m. Everybody most cordially invited.

R. A. Feenstra, pastor.

Presbyterian Church The Sunday School at 10 a. m. has classes for all ages. Come and study the Bible with us.

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The choir will continue to provide the usual excellent music.

Arthur Hicks, pastor.

Full Gospel Assembly Services every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Subject of evening message "God's Dwelling Place." All are welcome.

Freak Varieties Tried New crops or "phenomenal" varieties of present crops bought by growers at fancy prices are ordinarily of little value as compared to standard varieties now in use, warns D. D. Hill, instructor in farm crops at the state college, who adds that testing such new introductions is one of the functions of the experiment station where the work can be done thoroughly and at less cost than by individuals.

"Interest among farmers in the untried and freak varieties is a perfectly natural one, as every progressive farmer is interested in increasing the yields of his crop," said Mr. Hill. "The trouble is that in most cases of these spectacular crops, the grower pays a fancy price and then must be content with a reduced instead of an increased return."

"Some of the outstanding freaks sold in Oregon in past years are the Alaska or Titanic wheat, also called Miracle and Seven-Headed; Polish wheat, Speltz and various black barley wheats or oats. The notorious Alaska wheat did not produce big yields and the quality was poor. The Polish wheat or Jerusalem rye is grown only in a few places in the world and on poor arid soil. Millers will not take it at all.

"Then there was the notorious Burbank Sup wheat which sold a few years ago for as high as \$1 a pound for seed. It was supposed to resist all diseases and have all the advantages with no short comings. Later it proved to be merely Jones' Winter Fife, a common variety of no real importance.

"Except as a pastime on the farm, comparing varieties of farm crops as to yield and economic value presents technical aspects best determined at the experiment station. The station is greatly interested in production and dissemination of the best varieties and is always glad to try out new varieties and compare them with the old. Hundreds are being tried out all the time."

This season is the best time to decide from what part of a grain field seed will be saved for next year, remind the farm crop specialists. A good method is to go through this part of the field and pull out mixed varieties, vetch, wild radish, cockle and other inseparable weeds. Wild radish in particular is increasing as a serious pest of grain fields.

Four new business institutes similar to the ones conducted at Baker and Marshfield by the school of commerce of the state college, have been scheduled for late in August at Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg. Each institute will last two days excepting for a one day session at Grants Pass. The same staff as formerly will be in charge, consisting of H. T. Vance, head of the department of advertising and selling, and E. E. Bosworth, associate professor of accounting.

Frequent inquiries regarding cause of paralysis are being received from Oregon poultrymen at the experiment station at O. A. C. While the cause is not definitely known, opinion is that the disease results from some form of infection where rigid sanitation is not carried out, says Dr. W. T. Johnson. The chief point to bear in mind in sanitation are rearing fowls in small units of not to exceed 500 chicks, using new ground for brooding and distributing the fowls out on range as soon as possible.

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