

SHERMAN COUNTY OBSERVER

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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 in-
vited to meet with us.
By order of W. M.
Robt. Urquhart, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon
Regular communica-
tions each 2nd and 4th
Thursday evenings of
each month.
Alice Conlee
Worthy Matron
Nana Barzes, 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 Tues-
days of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.
Lenora Schadevitz, N. G.
Jessie Heinrichs, Sec.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71
American Legion
Meets at I. O. O. F. hall
on 2nd and 4th Wednes-
day evenings of each
month.
Fred Pickett, Commander
R. V. McEwan, Adjutant

Fire Bug at Wasco

About 3:30 o'clock Saturday morn-
ing guests in the Sherman Hotel at
Wasco were awakened from sleep by
an alarm of fire that sent many scam-
pering down the fire escapes scantly
clad.

The fire was said to have been first
discovered by Frank Lamborn, who
was awakened from a sound sleep by
the noise of falling glass in a bath
room joining the room he occupied.
When he opened the door of his room
he found the hallway full of smoke
and could see flames shooting up
through a hole in the roof where the
fire had burned the ceiling of a
clothes closet nearby and where ap-
parently the fire had started.

Damage was confined to the roof
of the hotel property and water dam-
age to the ceiling of the first floor of
the hotel and incidental damage to
the top sleeping floor.

After the fire was gotten under con-
trol it was found that the water pipes
connected with the fire hose inside
the hotel building had been tampered
with and the flow of water cut to a
minimum. Water from hydrants in
the street could be thrown over the
hotel building, it was said, but water
from out of the pipes inside the build-
ing were of less force than an ordi-
nary garden hose.

The fire was started in a clothes
closet on the top sleeping floor by
means of oil soaked rags and two
cans partly full of coal oil. Evidently
it was planned to have the fire cause
an explosion of the two cans of oil,
but the blaze only blackened the cans.
Those who were fighting the fire at
close quarters had little chance to es-
cape serious injury if the cans had
exploded as seems to have been the
desire of the person responsible for
the attempted destruction of the building.

Four state fire marshals have been
in Wasco during the past week for
the purpose of trying to fix responsi-
bility for the fire, but we are not
informed as to conclusions that they
may have arrived at. Persons who
were at the scene of the fire during
the attempt to save the property are
quite well convinced that a deliberate
attempt to destroy the building was
made.

Unsatisfactory Investment

"Skeptics are cussid poor property
any how; if you circulate them you
lose them and if you keep them you
lose the interest on the investment—
Josh Billings.

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Hood River, Oregon
F. E. Fortner, agent, Moro
F. R. Fortner, agent, Wasco
Geo. Wilcox, agent, Grass Valley

Young Mountain Climbers

It will be interesting news to local
people to know that the two youngest
mountain climbers to reach the top
of Mt. Hood this year are, in a sense,
from Moro. One of the boys is Cur-
tis, 10-year old son of C. E. Johnson,
now resident of Gresham. The second
is Billie, the 9-year old son of Walter
Parry, also former resident of Moro
and now living at Portland.

The two boys were guided up the
mountain side last Wednesday by
Walter Parry, reaching the summit at
noon tired but O. K. Mr. Parry has
just recently completed a climb of
Mount St. Helens in company with his
daughter Louisa. This was the third
mountain climb for the daughter, hav-
ing previously reached the summits
of Hood and Adams. Both are Maz-
ma members and the third mountain
peak reached by the daughter entitles
her to be eligible as guide in further
Mazama mountain climbs.

Harvester Lost by Fire

The 18-foot Harris combine har-
vester owned by H. D. Proudfoot,
farming west of Wasco, was destroyed
by fire Thursday together with
about ten acres of standing grain and
about 200 sacks of threshed wheat in
the field.

The fire is thought to have started
when the machine picked up a rock
which went into the machine where
contact with revolving steel caused a
spark that resulted in complete loss
of the harvester. The machine was
pulled with tractor power, but quick
work on the part of the crew saved
the tractor from damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Proudfoot, through
the columns of the Sherman County
Observer, wish to sincerely thank
their neighbors and friends and many
strangers from Moro, Wasco and
other places, who so quickly came to
their assistance and helped them to
confine the damage to such a small
comparative loss. They join in say-
ing that this help, coming from all
sides, was the one big factor that
helped make a bad situation no worse
and wish to take this method of ex-
pressing their hearty appreciation of
the help given them.

It was learned recently that the
Johnson mill would open in Coquille
this fall, after it has been closed for
the past year.

The city of Amity has purchased a
1-ton Chevrolet chassis upon which
will be mounted the fire fighting ap-
paratus of the city.

The per capita cost of operating the
high schools of Tillamook county has
ranged from \$75.11 at Cliftondale to
\$142.22 at Wheeler.

The Justrum Fish company of Coos
Bay shipped the first full carload of
salmon to leave Oregon this year. The
car is going to Chicago.

The Dalles office of the U. S. de-
partment of agriculture's farm labor
bureau placed 344 workmen on jobs
during the month of July.

Jacob Demaris, pioneer of Moro,
and a veteran of the civil war, died
following a ten-day illness. Mr. De-
maris was 85 years of age.

Ashland is making plans for the
36th annual grand reunion of soldiers
of southern Oregon, to be held in Lith-
ia park, August 29, 30 and 31.

Erixon & Engstrom, Salem contrac-
tors, have received the contract for
constructing the North High street
bridge. Their bid was \$27,075.

Work of laying a two-inch surface
of bituminous macadam on the state
highway between Coquille and Myrtle
Point was started early this week.

The plant of the Lakeview Exam-
iner at Lakeview was swept by fire last
week. Guy Cronemiller, the editor
and publisher, was on a vacation trip.

A yield of 1180 bushels of fall-sown
wheat of the Holland variety was pro-
duced this year on a 20-acre field on
the Winnie McDougal farm near Day-
ton.

Tillamook county's warrant indebt-
edness on August 1, according to the
monthly report of Miss Kathleen Mills,
county treasurer, amounted to \$121-
405.53.

The picking of the largest crop of
huckleberries ever known in the dis-
trict is in progress at Swim, on the
Mt. Hood loop highway, according to
report.

Al Fausette, daredevil, who made
the 134-foot drop over Silver Creek
falls several weeks ago, announced
that he intends to repeat the stunt on
August 19.

Alvin Wilson, 57, was killed last
week 10 miles north of Pendleton on
the Holdman road when the truck he
was driving plunged from the grade
and overturned.

Burns caused by an explosion of gas-
oline poured into a stove were fatal
to Mrs. Clara Baumgartner. She died
at her home on the Kitchin river
near Tillamook.

The Oak Grove apple packing house
of Charles Savé burned Sunday, the
fire destroying made-up apple boxes,
which Savé had just completed for the
coming harvest.

Activity at the plant of the Black
Marble & Lime company at Enterprise
has been resumed and the manage-
ment hopes that at least one kiln will
run continuously.

To take care for whatever overflow
there is from the crowded junior high
school building the Medford school
board has rented the old First Metho-
dist church building.

Town Talk

Miss Ruth Dunford was a visitor
last week from Portland at the L. H.
Martin farm home.

N. W. Thompson, genial mayor of
Moro, was in Portland this week hav-
ing special dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale re-
turned last weekend from a summer
outing spent at Camp Sherman.

Dr. Clarke, Eye Sight Specialist,
in Moro, Thursday, August 23rd, at
Hotel Moro. Examination Free.

Editor C. L. Ireland in company
with C. H. Larson, drove to Portland
last Sunday, both returning Tuesday.

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size or weight. Crippled or deformed
feet. Wernmark's Shoe Store, The
Dalles.

Eyes bothering you? See Dr.
Clarke, Eye Sight Specialist, in Moro,
Thursday, August 23rd, at Hotel
Moro.

Bert Thompson has been spending
the past ten days at Shepherd mineral
springs, near Stevenson, returning to
Moro Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson in com-
pany with Mrs. C. E. Sheets of Spo-
kane, are spending a short vacation
at Camp Sherman.

J. F. Posa and family left by motor
Sunday for Spokane where they ex-
pected to visit with relatives, return-
ing this weekend to Moro.

Anson Woods drove down from
Walla Walla last Friday to spend the
weekend with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Jas. Woods, in Moro.

George Thompson came up from
Portland last Saturday by motor stage
to visit during the weekend with his
daughter, Mrs. O. G. Sayra.

M. E. Martin and family drove over
from their home at Lexington last
Saturday for a weekend visit with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Martin.

J. C. Hockman has had their farm
residence improved this week by in-
stallation of a complete set of bath-
room fixtures connected with a septic
tank.

E. W. Alley and wife of Grass Val-
ley in company with W. P. Luttrell
of Newberg left Moro on Wednesday
on a brief business trip and motor
tour of the Yakima valley.

Mrs. Harry Wootan and three little
daughters from Walla Walla were
visiting with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. W. J. Martin, last weekend, re-
turning to their home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bartholomew
and daughter Madge were visitors
last weekend, from Sherwood, at the
Wiley McDonald home. Mr. Bartho-
lomew is a brother of Mrs. McDonald.

A. H. Barnum is the owner of the
first new model Ford sedan to be sold
in Sherman county. Delivery was
made this week on an order given
the Fred Pickett Motor Co. last Janu-
ary.

Dr. Clarke, of the Clarke Optical
Co., 360A, Alder St., Portland Ore.,
Eye Sight Specialists, will be in Moro,
all day and evening, Thursday,
August 23rd, at the Hotel Moro. See
him about your eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Larson expect
to leave Moro this weekend for Port-
land, where Mrs. Larson will visit
while Mr. Larson attends the annual
meeting of the State Fox Breeders'
Association at Salem.

At a Court of Honor, held at the
boy scout camp at Limberlost on Lost
lake last Sunday, Tommy Fraser and
Harold Thogerson, both members of
the camp from Moro, were advanced
in grades to second class.

H. H. Pomeroy, chief state fire
marshal, and S. A. Malehorn and C. A.
Warren, assistant state fire marshals,
were in Wasco this week investigating
the cause of the fire in the Hotel
Sherman last Saturday morning about
3:30.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Feenstra re-
turned to Moro Thursday. They both
say that after deducting a few minor
troubles, we find we have had a very
delightful vacation and will be happy
in our work again and to be among
our friends.

Rev. Edwards drove up from The
Dalles last Sunday to visit at Moro
and attend the meeting in Moro that
afternoon in Legion Hall, addressed
by Dr. Clarence True Wilson on the
subject "The National Crisis and
what to do about it."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hulett and fam-
ily of Beaverton, accompanied by Mr.
and Mrs. Fred Braun and son of For-
est Grove, were weekend guests at
the Orval Thompson home. Mrs.
Thompson is a sister of Mrs. Braun
and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Hulett.

R. C. Byers and family left Thurs-
day for White Salmon where they will
visit with Wm. Rudolf and family at
a lake resort nearby until Monday
next when they expect to motor to the
huckleberry fields near Government
Camp for their annual supply of wild
berries.

All bids made for the construction
of the new Harmony school building
were rejected at the meeting held last
week to consider bids for the work.
The committee appointed by the board
to have plans prepared reported at
the meeting that the plans upon which
bids were based did not have their
approval and recommended that no
action be taken. Acting upon this
report, the board rejected all bids and
gave the committee further time.

Truck Starts Field Fire

A Chevrolet truck owned by Arthur
Sargent and used to haul his wheat
to the warehouse was destroyed by
fire Wednesday afternoon when it
was caught in a field fire on the Sar-
gent farm west of Moro. Report says
that about forty acres of stubble and
the sacked wheat on the field were
burned before the fire was gotten un-
der control. The fire was started by
the truck.

Motor Cycle Rider Killed

Alfred Marx, 21, of Salem was in-
stantly killed when a motorcycle he
was riding collided with an automo-
bile driven by Millard Martin of
Grass Valley at a curve on the Sher-
man highway, near Kent, last Satur-
day night. A coroner's jury, empane-
led the next day by Dr. C. L. Polley,
decided that careless driving on the
part of both persons caused the wreck.
The body of the victim of the crash
was sent to Salem where funeral
services were held Tuesday afternoon.
Following the funeral service, it was
said that the father of the young man
would come to Sherman county from
Salem and seek to have the coroner's
jury again empaneled for the purpose
of securing details of the accident
and fixing responsibility for the crash.

Old Gas Tank Explodes

An old gasoline tank on a Cole au-
tomobile that had stood with the filler
cap off it for two years in the barn
yard at the C. R. Morrison farm ex-
ploded with disastrous results Tues-
day afternoon when Helen, the small
daughter of Mr. Morrison stuck a
lighted match inside the tank.

Helen was playing in the yard with
Preston Leonard, son of Orville Leo-
nard who was working during harvest
with the Morrison outfit. She wanted
Preston to see the inside of the tank
when the match went inside, but the
explosion that immediately followed
prevented either from securing their
desire.

Helen was severely burned on the
back of right hand and between the
fingers. She was taken to the Mid-
Columbia hospital for treatment.
Preston was burned on the right side
of his face and was taken to Dr. Polley
for treatment. Both will recover
from their experience without receiv-
ing permanent disfigurement.

The state barber law, passed by the
1927 legislature, which among other
things imposes on barbers certain ed-
ucational requirements, has been up-
held by a recent court decision.

Fire originating from a defective
flue recently destroyed the Circle Bar
ranch residence, seven miles southeast
of Crane. The building was one of the
old landmarks of Harney county.

Roscoe Cole, engineer in charge of
government works in the southwest-
ern part of Oregon, has announced the
two jeties of Coos bay had been ex-
tended as far as they would go this
year.

Work is now under way on the build-
ing of a two-story stone addition to
the Hotel Levens in Burns. The plans
call for a modern hotel building with
33 guest rooms that will cost about
\$100,000.

Sports of pioneer days, combined
with the thrills of a modern air circus,
will feature the 19th annual Malheur
county fair which will be staged in
Ontario August 30 to September 1,
inclusive.

George Gerloff, for 25 years keeper
of the seabound light on a rocky islet
off Tillamook head, left Astoria for
his last trip to his station. Within a
year Gerloff will be 70 years old and
must retire.

Lyle Baird of Walla Walla recently
proved himself the best swimmer who
has yet attempted to swim the entire
length of Walla Walla lake, swimming the
four and a half miles in 2 hours and
10 minutes.

Organization of a state-wide associa-
tion of insurance agents was voted
at a meeting of insurance men from
all parts of Oregon in Salem last week.
Between 250 and 300 insurance opera-
tives were in attendance.

The Clatsop county court has in-
spected the bridge across the north
fork of the Nehalem river at Hamlet
and has found it in such poor condi-
tion that it will have to be torn down
and a new span constructed.

Three hundred thousand Montana
graylings, a new fish to the waters of
Walla Walla county, were planted in
Walla Walla lake recently by George Rogers,
county game warden, and R. H. Bon-
ney of the state hatchery at Union.

Mrs. Sam Brown of Gervais suffered
cuts on the face when a Chinese
pheasant crashed against the wind-
shield of an automobile in which she
was riding. The glass was broken.
The incident occurred near Canby.

The Port of Alsea commissioners
have lumber and material on the
ground to build an addition to the
port docks, in anticipation of increased
shipping to Waldport. This port has
never received any aid from state or
federal government, and is paying its
own way.

The threshing season has opened at
Sweet Home, Greenville, Foster, and
in fact all over the valley. The crops
are better in some places than first
estimated, while on other strips of the
country the yield is light. White oats
seem to be a very heavy yield around
Sweet Home.

CHURCHES

Moro Methodist Church
Sunday School at the usual hour.
The pastor and his good wife are
back again. At the morning service
next Sunday Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will
preach. Come and bring the inspira-
tion of your presence. Mrs. Feenstra
always has a message worth hearing.
The pastor will preach at the evening
service at 8 p. m.
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
"Mind."
Reading room open daily where all
authorized Christian Science litera-
ture may be read, borrowed or pur-
chased. The public is cordially in-
vited to attend the church services
and visit the reading room.

Presbyterian Church
Sunday School at the usual 10
o'clock hour.

Full Gospel Assembly
Services Sunday at 10 a. m. and
8 p. m. Miss Mildred Ginn will
give the message in the evening. All
are welcome.

Killed by Passing Car

John P. Brackett of Rufus, aged
65 years, died late Monday night from
injuries he received about 5 o'clock
the same afternoon when struck by
a car driven by E. G. Cornwell of
Portland.

Brackett was employed by the state
highway maintenance department and
had just finished his day's work on a
repair job about a mile east of Rufus.
According to the report of the acci-
dent, made to traffic officers by Corn-
well, Brackett was standing with his
back to traffic and stepped in front
of the Cornwell machine just as it was
passing. The impact of the accident
threw Mr. Brackett, who is a heavy
man, about 15 feet and forced the
radiator of the car backward off its
frame support.

Mr. Brackett was taken to Rufus
and an ambulance summoned from
The Dalles to take him to the hospital.
He exhibited unusual stamina in being
able to walk to and from the ambu-
lance. The injuries proved fatal
about eight hours after the accident.
Funeral services were held at Eagle
Creek in Clackamas county Thursday
afternoon under direction of Calla-
way's of The Dalles.

Mr. Brackett was born in Missouri
August 5, 1863. He had lived at
Rufus for 30 years, owning part of
a section of land near that city. For
the last five years he had worked for
the state highway department at in-
tervals, between farming seasons.

He is survived by his widow, Alice;
a daughter, Rose June, and his father,
H. H. Brackett; brothers Allen and
Joe of The Dalles and Herman of
Rufus, and sisters, Mrs. W. M. Oeh-
man of Newport, Ore., Mrs. Frances
Camp of Portland and Mrs. Dora
Clester of Eagle Creek.

The Salem city council has asked
for bids for the construction of a new
bridge on South Liberty street at a
cost of approximately \$85,000. The
bids will be opened September 4.

The salmon movement has arrived
off Coos bay and heavy catches are
being marketed at North Bend, the
major portion being silverlides, but
some chinooks are being taken.

H. R. Kunsman and family expect
to leave Moro this coming weekend
on a motor trip vacation that will
include a stop at Belknap Springs, a
trip down the McKenzie highway into
the Willamette valley where they will
visit with relatives before returning
to Moro.

Francis W. Hawley, farming the
Harvey Smith place west of Grass
Valley, was arrested last week by
Sheriff Hugh Chisman on a warrant
charging illegal possession of a still.
Hawley was released on a cash bail
of \$300 pending trial later during
the month.

Elmer F. Hansen of Moro and
Glenna B. Dellinger of Kent were
married in Portland Sunday, August
12th, according to announcements re-
ceived by friends of the young couple.
They will be at home in Moro after
August 28th, following a motor tour
of western Washington and British
Columbia.

Harold Gillmor, brother of C. C.
Gillmor of Moro, and Miss Thelma
Ireland, daughter of Mrs. Alta Ire-
land of DeMoss, were married at
Goldendale last Sunday afternoon.
Mr. Gillmor, the last few years has
been a resident of California, former-
ly living with his parents at Kent and
Wasco in this county.

C. R. Morison finished harvesting
his 1928 wheat crop on Tuesday, put
the machine in the shed and drove to
The Dalles the same day. He returned
on Wednesday driving a new Victo-
ry six Dodge sedan. Mr. Morison
and family expect to leave Moro next
Sunday for Seaside, where they will
visit with his sister Margaret employ-
ed as teacher in the Seaside schools.

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