

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.

Bathsham 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.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 118 Moro, Oregon. Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

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

HARLAND VIEW GRANGE No. 682 Meets in their hall in Harmony District the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month.

Big Christmas DANCE GRASS VALLEY Tuesday, December 25 TILL 2 A. M. \$1.00 Midnite Supper 50c

Automobile Insurance Plan

Among the various laws seeking to make reckless and irresponsible automobile drivers responsible for damages which they may cause, the one in force in Connecticut has many advantages.

That law empowers the Motor Vehicle Commissioner to require security, up to certain limits—in the form of an insurance policy, bond, deposit, etc.—from any person convicted of violation of certain provisions of the motor traffic laws.

The primary purpose of this law is to require security for payment of damages from those persons most likely to cause injury to others, without burdening the great body of careful motorists who seldom do harm.

Reading advertisements is worthwhile

BILL the BARBER SAYS IF ONLY THESE RECKLESS FORD DRIVERS WILL REMEMBER TO FLV AND LET FLV

Annual Community Hunt

All Local Huntsmen Invited to Join in This Contest

A meeting call has been issued to all our local huntsmen to meet at Joe Truitt's barber shop the evening of January 2nd to arrange for the hunt which is an annual affair for about this time of the year.

The night of the meeting sides will be chosen and credit points decided. The winning side as is the usual custom to be given a feed by their opponents.

Last year the amount of game captured by both sides was as follows: Sparrows, 5200; hawks, 73; ravens, 16; rats, 15; porcupines, 6; weasels, 1; badgers, 2; coyotes, 17; magpies, 15; bobcats, 1; skunks, 1.

Bank Merger Denied

Rumors were actively current in Moro this week to the effect that the Bank of Moro had sold its business to the Farmers State Bank and that the sale would be effective on January 1.

F. E. Fortner, manager of the Bank of Moro, and J. C. McKean, manager of the Farmers State Bank, both unite in denying this rumor.

Mr. Fortner further said, when talking about the merger, that when it did occur—if this should be done—that the two banks would sell their business outright to another new concern to be organized with stockholders of both banks having an interest in the new institution and that the new organization would have a capital stock of approximately twice what either bank has at the present time.

Grange Elects Officers

At the annual meeting for election of officers held by the Harland View Grange at its last meeting, the following were elected to conduct the affairs of the grange for the coming year:

C. P. Adams, master; Clifford May, overseer; Miss Florence McDonald, lecturer; Walter Cole, steward; Frank May, assistant steward; Mrs. Wilford Belshoe, lady assistant steward; M. G. Melzer, chaplain; S. A. Hall, treasurer; Mrs. B. E. Davis, secretary; B. E. Bloomer, gate keeper; Miss Dorothy Belshoe, Ceres; Mrs. Howard Belshoe, Pomona; Mrs. Andy May, Flora; Miss Helen Fleck, organist; Howard Belshoe, song leader.

A joint installation of the officers of the three granges, Harland View, Kent and Shearer, will be held at the auditorium in Grass Valley the evening of Saturday, January 12.

Cigarettes vs Bon Bons

The tobacco and candy industries are having quite a dispute. It was invited by the American Tobacco Co. advertising that for health reasons it was better to smoke "Lucky Strikes" than to eat candy.

The National Confectioners Association has passed resolutions assailing the tobacco company for "unethical and unfair" practice in "a deliberate effort to develop the cigarette habit by propaganda of the most insidious kind, which is contrary to public welfare."

This is the season of the year when calendars are plentiful. Nearly all local business firms are issuing these daily reminders for next year's use of their patrons.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit what is left of the earth after everybody else gets through.

Town Talk

Let Rust be taken to the hospital in The Dalles on Tuesday for medical treatment.

A. S. Noyse was in town Thursday with a load of turkeys to be shipped to the Portland market.

Miss Fay Thompson and Cecil Gragg, students at Albany college, are home for the holidays.

C. P. Moore has been confined to his home the past week, suffering from an abscess in his ear.

The "freedom" most people yearn for is merely the privilege of bossing people who now boss them.

Miss Lenore Amidon, graduate of Monmouth state normal school last week, is home for the holidays.

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

Clarence Huls, student at U. of O., has returned to Moro to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. G. Huls.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKean at the hospital in The Dalles last Saturday, December 15.

Mrs. J. R. Morgan received word last week of the death of her sister-in-law at the family home in North Carolina.

Mrs. Margaret Reetz left by stage Wednesday for Portland to attend a committee meeting of the state assessor's association.

Funeral services were held at Grass Valley on Tuesday in memory of the six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ryssel.

Reward for information—Stray cow, color light blue, small horns, branded circle on right hip. Gone about ten days. Phone Douma Bros., Moro.

The latest word from The Dalles regarding Miss Cecil Cothran was that she was yet unconscious but her general condition was steadily improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Amidon left by auto Thursday for Seattle and Monroe, Wash., where they intended visiting with relatives for the next two weeks.

The Christmas dance is to be held at Grass Valley Tuesday, December 25th. This will be a Big Special Dance with supper at midnight and merry times until 2 a. m.

Work wanted by a man familiar with farm work, willing to work for room and board during the winter months or until spring, work starts. Call or write the Observer office.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan visitors here the past few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Woods, parents of Mrs. Jordan, left by train Tuesday for their home at Moscow, Idaho.

C. H. Larson, agent for this district for the Advance-Rumely harvester, has concluded arrangements with the company to hold a school in Moro on January 14th. All interested are invited to attend.

Clare Axtell and D. J. McLachlan made an auto trip last week into the Sunnyside district as far as Yakima. They report farmers in that section selling potatoes from roadstands as cheaply as 50 cents a sack.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet at 2:30 p. m. on Wednesday, December 26, at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moore. Mrs. Larson will be the director of the meeting. The topics are Syria and Persia.

NOTICE

American Legion skating at the hall every Tuesday night from 8 to 10 and Sundays from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

Yosemite in Autumn



Miss Viola McEwen, with her Silver Anniversary Buick coupe, pauses at Yosemite Falls to enjoy the varied coloring effects that are so prevalent in the California park this time of the year.

Legion Sponsors Scouts

Scouts Will Give Home Talent Play January 25, 1929

Interest in Boy Scout work has taken a steady rise recently. Tuesday night the Scout Committee met with the scouts and found that there were 16 enthusiastic boys in session working earnestly.

Rises has worked with the boys since early last spring. Meetings are held each Wednesday night. The American Legion decided at their last meeting that it would sponsor the scout movement.

The Legion hall will be the meeting place for the boys while they are practicing their play, which they will give on the 25th of January. Mr. and Mrs. Rakes are coaching the scouts for the play which is entitled "The Scout's Honor."

At a meeting here the boys decided to have a town patrol and a rural patrol. The town patrol voted to call their section the Flaming Arrow—siren call. The rurals decided to call themselves the Hoot Owls—call of an owl.

The boys have had a record attendance since last May and have done a great deal of good-work. Their ambitions now are to go to scout camp next spring.

Married Sixty Five Years

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Woods held open house last Saturday afternoon for the friends of the family, honoring the 65th wedding anniversary of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods are true representatives of the early pioneer farmers that first settled in Sherman county and by whose efforts this section of Oregon has been brought to its present high standard of business and social life.

In addition to the large number of local folks who called to pay their respects, there were present three of the family from out-of-the-county, Anson Woods from Walla Walla; J. G. Woods from Lapwai, Idaho, and Mrs. N. P. Hanson from Portland.

The true anniversary of their wedding day happened to come on Sunday, December 16th, this year and for this reason the affair was arranged for last Saturday afternoon.

Home Pointers

(From School of Home Economics)

To aid in ironing pleats in wash dresses vertical stitches may be made through the machine stitching in the hem with a needle and thread where the pleats are to be folded. These stitches may be used as a guide to avoid unevenness of line when folding the pleats.

If when wringing towels they are folded lengthwise and put through the wringer flat, they will dry almost as smooth as when ironed.

Shears have many uses in the kitchen such as shredding lettuce and trimming off bacon rinds.

A square of ticking, the corners brought together and fastened to a large hook, makes a good clothespin bag. The hook may be slipped over the line and slid along.

In choosing colors for dyeing, one need not be restricted to those found in dye packages, as a blend may be worked out to suit one's taste from combinations of red, blue and yellow.

A tar paper wrapping is excellent protection for use in putting away clothes, providing it does not get torn and there are no openings in the wrapping where moths can enter.

CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church

Christmas services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, December 23, will continue all day, beginning with the Sunday School when the usual class exercises will be set aside for a program. Special music and declamations will be rendered. Let everybody come and enjoy this young peoples service. A Christmas tree will be used to enhance the young folks service.

At eleven o'clock the church service opens. Special Christmas music has been prepared by the choir. Dr. Benson will have a Christmas sermon on "The good that has come to the world through Jesus Christ."

A congregational meeting, to consider calling a permanent pastor, will be held Sunday immediately after morning service.

In the evening more special music and another sermon, "Where is Christ? Where is he that is born king of the Jews?"

Come join in these services and help us make this greatest Christian festival a great spiritual uplift. Rev. E. Benson.

Moro Methodist Church

Sunday: May this Christmas bring a full measure of true joy to everyone. 10:00 a. m. Sunday School.

Morning Worship at 11:15. This will be a Christmas Service that is different: "Broadcasting from Three Stations." Come!

A Christmas program will be given by the Sunday School in the evening at 7:30. Let's all be there. Wednesday: 7:30 p. m. Prayer service at the Parsonage. John Seethoff, pastor. Phone 363.

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 "Is the Universe, including Man, evolved by Atomic Force?"

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.

Fall Gospel Assembly

Bible study Sunday 10:00 a. m. Preaching service 11:00 a. m. Evening service 7:45. Subject of evening message: "Alleged Contradictions in the Bible." All are welcome. J. D. Miller, pastor.

The Two Manufacturers

Two men have gone into the manufacture of the same kind of a product. One has given a lifetime to the industry and knows it from A to Z. The other has never been trained for the business and takes it up as a sideline in connection with his regular trade.

The first man selects his employees strictly on the basis of their fitness for the job, considering their ability, training and experience. The second man has an extensive circle of close friends and relatives, and selects his employees from these as a matter of favoritism, with little if any thought of their special fitness for the work.

Considering efficiency and economy, together with the price and quality of the article, which of these concerns would you prefer to patronize?

Isn't that about the situation with reference to private enterprise and government ownership and operation? You say it is more the case of the local divisions of government than federal. Possibly, but it touches the federal, too. In a two-party government, such as ours, it may be impossible to avoid entirely the spoils system of politics and that may be said, too, without imputing anything vicious to the party in power.

Mr. Bryan once said the only way a government could reward a faithful patriot was by giving him an office. That is the doctrine in its last stages, but Mr. Bryan was an honest man and perhaps a bit blunter than some others.

Take the average city where, James Bryce said, American government is weakest and worst, imposing upon it the ownership and operation of industry is simply, in effect, complicating conditions, extending the area of possible weakness and inferiority.

Do you think the average municipal government is so exemplary in the performance of its own natural functions as to warrant the citizen in turning over his business to it?

Government is political. Business is economic. Do you think politics can administer economics better than can business? If we find politics more efficient and economic than private enterprise, by all means let us turn over our private enterprise to politics without delay.

It is no reflection on government to say it is unfitted to attend to private industry. It could not be so fitted, for it was not so designed.

Read the Observer for county news.

Your Check is a Legal Receipt! There isn't a chance for an argument over the payment of a bill when you can present the cancelled check. It is legal evidence that payment has been made. Furthermore, you know at a moment's notice just how your books stand. A Checking Account in this Bank is a modern method of personal finance. BANK OF MORO

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