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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 invited to meet with us. By order of W. M. Robt. Urquhart, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon

Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month. Kate Stephens, Worthy Matron; Nana Barzee, 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. P. C. Axtell, N. G. A. M. Young, Secretary.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Bessie Axtell, N. G. Jessie Henrichs, Sec.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71
American Legion

Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month. F. D. Platt, Commander; L. W. Rakes, Adjutant

HARLAND VIEW GRANGE No. 682
Moro, Oregon

Meets in their hall in Harmony District the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month. Visiting Grangers welcome. C. P. Adams, Master; Mrs. B. E. Davis, Secretary.

WANT ADS

Folks needing shoe repairing leave work with L. R. Conlee, agent, to be sent to M. L. Fritts at Grass Valley.

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

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Grass Valley Has Fire

A serious property loss by fire was narrowly averted Tuesday about 5:30 p. m. when a heavy smoke was discovered coming from the back of the Masonic building in Grass Valley. Firemen cut through the floor of the building and located the blaze at the front, with a natural draft under the floor to the back. It was quickly put out with an estimated loss of about \$200. An old board side walk, with wide cracks where a lighted cigarette butt had fallen, is said to have started the blaze.

Road Oiling Indefinite

No date has been set for the start of oiling operations on the Old Oregon Trail highway between Seufert's and the John Day river. The road between these points will be given a complete new surface approximately three inches thick. The work will not take place until enough rock is on hand to insure keeping ahead of the crusher. The contractor supplying the rock for the job declared last week that the plant was going at full capacity, turning out 200 yards of rock in one 24-hour period.

Believe

The man who does not believe anything rarely accomplishes much of anything. The cynical, depressed and unbelieving man has shut the door in the face of the best that life holds and no man on the outside can open it — he will have to open it himself from the inside or he is doomed. — Dean Charles R. Brown, Yale University.

Moro Theater

Saturday June 1

Featuring "CHINA BOUND" and the Gang Comedy "Fast Freight"

THE MORO THEATRE

15c 35c

"Pauper" Auto Driver Is Hit

California Rules Reckless Must Settle Damages Or Lose License

It is now generally agreed, both by insurance experts and many legislators who have studied the accident problem, that unconditional compulsory automobile liability insurance fails of its purpose and becomes a financial and legal burden.

However, it is likewise agreed that as traffic congestion grows and the accident toll mounts, some means must be taken to curb the reckless and safeguard the public.

In California, the Joint Legislative Committee submitted a report at the beginning of the year recommending study of the accident question, revision of motor laws to fit the facts found, unremitting and uniform enforcement of driving rules, and measures to revoke licenses of any persons failing to satisfy judgments.

The new law, passed upon recommendation of the committee, provides that California motorists will lose their driving privileges and the registration of their vehicles hereafter if they fail to pay judgments returned against them for accident damages.

Summarized, the provisions of the motorist's liability and traffic safety bills provide that should drivers fail to pay within 15 days, a judgment in excess of \$100 for negligent operation of a motor vehicle suspension of the driver's license and car registration will result.

Reinstatement of the license and registration will be made when the judgment is paid off up to amounts of \$5000 for injury or death of one person and \$10,000 for more than one person in one given accident or \$1000 property damage.

The car owner must then give legal evidence of ability to satisfy future judgments of insurance, bond or cash deposit up to the specified amounts of \$5000, \$10,000 and \$1,000, as specified above.

State, counties and cities also are made liable for negligence of officers or employees when driving publicly-owned vehicles.

Parents are made liable for cars driven by minors up to the same specified amounts, as are motor vehicle owners who sanction the operation of their cars by other persons.

The law becomes effective within 90 days. This is in line with the Connecticut plan which makes any driver provide security after an accident, either in the form of a bond or insurance. It is logical that more can be done by punishment of reckless drivers and enforcement of traffic laws by compulsion which substitutes indemnity in place of cure.

Snake Has Auto Ride

A large bull snake as big round as a dollar and by measurement nearly four feet long was discovered last Friday about 6 p. m. in the front yard of the L. V. Moore property.

Later in the early evening it was seen in the intersection at First and Main streets where by quick work it dodged several automobiles without being injured. It was taken from off the street in front of the Moro Confectionery where a crowd of men and boys watched its efforts to escape from off the street into the confectionery cellar.

The snake finally coiled itself around the front spokes of F. L. Burnett's car and from there worked its way to the engine frame, crossing under the fan, along the left side of the engine where it finally found a secure hiding place in the angle iron hollow of the frame.

Efforts to dislodge the snake from its perch in the recess of the frame were unsuccessful and it was thought that it would drop and disappear when left alone. Burnett drove the car home several hours later, hoping that the snake was gone, but the next day it was discovered on the floor of his barn and killed.

Oregon Potato Growers Organizing

Potato growers of Clackamas county are organizing for the systematic handling of their crop as growth, grading and marketing. An important proposition is now offered in this industry. One of the big chain-store corporations (and very likely others will make similar offers) proposes to provide certified seed and agree to purchase all the first class potatoes in the fall. County agent J. J. Inakep of Oregon City has been appointed to handle the matter.

There is no doubt but potato growing can be made profitable if growers will be careful in the selection of seed and then at harvest time put up for market only best grades, keeping inferiors for the pigs.

Mrs. W. C. Bryant and daughters Helen, Ruth and Lois, left Moro on Thursday for a 10-day visit with friends and relatives in the Willamette valley and to attend the commencement exercises at Oregon State College where Harold Bryant will graduate June 6.

Town Talk

Reward for information, black and white spotted heifer calf stray from the Douma field. W. J. Martin, phone 24-F-4, Moro.

Anyone wanting clock, watch or jewelry repair work done call on F. H. Coolidge, Hood River jeweler at Ruggles Confectionery June 3-4-5.

Tom Douma shipped a car of sheep to the Portland market last Sunday by train, going down by auto the next day to sell them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Martin, returned Wednesday from Lexington, Ore., where they were visiting with their son, Miles E. Martin and family since Sunday.

W. C. Bryant will leave here next week for LaGrande where he will participate in the ceremonial dedication exercises of the state summer school, which opens its first term this summer.

W. C. Bryant was confined to his home for a five day enforced rest, terminating on the 29th, caused by a tightly laced shoe producing an inflamed condition of the ankle which in turned received a too liberal application of liniment.

Mrs. W. D. Wallan has been visiting in Moro the past week, putting the Coleman residence in order for occupancy by Mr. Wallan and family. Mr. and Mrs. Wallan left by auto for Lewiston, Idaho, Thursday to vacate their house there and pack their furniture for moving to Moro. F. D. Platt will move the Wallan effects here by truck, leaving here Thursday for that purpose.

Lloyd Hennagin and Miss Henrietta Akers, both residents of Moro and students at University of Oregon, returned to Moro last week with the surprising announcement to their parents and friends that they were married on April 12, at the time of their last previous visit home. The young people are staying at Moro for a few days until definite future plans are made by them.

Moro Woman's Club

Nina Pinkerton, Press Correspondent

The members of the Moro Woman's Club together with their families, enjoyed a picnic dinner at the Moro park on May 17. Shortly after lunch was finished, the club met in business session, this being the last meeting of the year. The president, Mrs. E. R. Barzee, took charge, later surrendering the gavel to the new president, Mrs. W. C. Bryant.

The names of four ladies were voted upon and they will become members of the club. They are: Mrs. Merrill Ovesen, Mrs. Esther Meloy, Mrs. Mildred Davis and Mrs. Wilma Hanson.

A donation of \$25 was voted to be given the Moro City Library.

Mrs. Theodore Johnston was appointed to act as press correspondent for next year.

Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Belknap were appointed a committee to collect 50 cents from each club member, to go as a donation to the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis.

Mrs. Fortner, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Melzer were appointed to have charge of arrangements for a reception to be given to the teachers, when school opens early in the fall.

Mrs. F. E. Fortner was given an ovation as honor club member, being the only one who had attended every meeting during the last year.

The member of the boys and girls club to receive the \$15 scholarship from the Woman's Club, is Vesta Rebmam of Fairview school, the money will be used to defray her expenses at summer school, where the boys and girls who are studying 4-H club work meet at O. S. C.

The Woman's Club feels that Vesta is an especially deserving girl, and is glad to help in this way. Her grades in club work, principally sewing, have been high. She has never attended summer school and she is above the required age necessary to enter, namely 12 years.

Important State Highway

The Oregon state highway commission has taken bids on about five miles of international highway that constitutes the Pacific highway between Canemah and New Era on the east side of the Willamette river. It will carry all the traffic south of Portland crossing the river from the west side at Oregon City, and all the Pacific highway traffic originating on the east side of the river north and south.

In 1919 this highway was graded and paved with two inches of asphaltic concrete on crushed rock foundation. This has carried the load for nine years. Heavier traffic required a widening of the road and it will now receive a seven-inch concrete pavement, to 20 feet with six-foot gravel shoulders.

Being an international highway 60 per cent of the cost will be paid by the federal government, the Southern Pacific railroad company also contributing its share of the grading and rock work. It will be one of the most expensive pieces of state highway ever built in Oregon, and the contract calls for completion by September 30.

Electric Price Drop Constant

Household Electricity 25 Per Cent Under The Pre-War Rate

Although the cost of living today is two and a half times what it was in 1890, the price of household electricity is now but one third of what it was at that time, according to a statement issued by the National Light Association, in a review of the cost of electric service.

The average price of electricity for home use in the United States today is 25 per cent under pre-war prices, while the general cost of living remains at 70 per cent above pre-war costs. Each year since 1890 has seen a decrease in the average price of electric service in the home, with the exception of the years 1918 and 1925. In 1918, due to the shortened use forced by war-time lighting restrictions, the average price increased 10 per cent, which increase was wiped out in the two succeeding years. In 1925, there occurred a general rise in the cost of living, which was accompanied by a slight temporary increase of 1 per cent in the price of electricity.

In 1918, the average price for domestic electric current paid by the 19,000,000 householders of the nation was 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour, according to the latest compilation of the Association. In 1913, the average cost was 8.7 cents per kilowatt-hour. The decrease of 2.1 cents per unit means a saving of at least \$175,000,000 to the country's residence customers in 1928 under what their total charges would have been at the 1913 average rate.

Compared with 1919, frequently taken as exemplifying the first post-war year, the average price of electricity for home use now shows a decrease of 15 per cent. On the other hand, the average cost of living figure for 1928 showed a decrease of only 10 per cent below the average for 1919.

Roughly, electricity in the home is 1 per cent of the total family budget, the Association states.

Woman's Missionary Society Holds Meetings

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. G. C. Akers on Wednesday, May 22. Fifteen members were present and a very interesting meeting was held studying the missionary work among the Mexicans in Mexico and the United States. It was also voted to hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Bessie Axtell on Wednesday June 5th, for the purpose of doing the overseas sewing for the year. All members are urged to come. A pot lunch will be served.

A Tangled Problem

The American Petroleum Institute has been working in conjunction with the Federal Oil Conservation Board to secure practical conservation in the oil industry.

Editorially, the Kansas City Journal-Post says: "Apparently President Hoover is not in favor of an administrative repeal of the Sherman Act, nor does he indicate that he would favor a private monopoly is still indefensible and the president argues that if a formal agreement as to the limitation of production is considered valid, the next step will be for the government to fix the price. This becomes state socialism, which President Hoover abhors."

The Federal Oil Conservation Board, as a way out of the dilemma, has suggested that the problem of curbing oil production should be worked out in cooperation with states affected and this proposition is now under consideration. Commenting on this latter phase of the situation the Milwaukee Journal says: "The government should lend every legitimate assistance by way of views and expert counsel. It should give all the cooperation possible for the sake of conservation of oil that would be promoted. But the actual workings of the plan should rest on state laws, enacted by those states immediately concerned. Any attempt to found this conservation on federal legal sanction might make the government sponsor for whatever price was maintained. That is a pitfall to be avoided."

In the meantime, instead of becoming discouraged at the difficulties encountered, the American Petroleum Institute has announced that it is "the unanimous opinion of the institute directors that the institute should cooperate with the Federal Oil Conservation Board in the study of its program and in any further efforts toward the conservation of petroleum and that it should lend its aid in the continued study of any undertaking which promises best to bring about results."

That is the spirit that will bring success from the most tangled problem.

F. H. Coolidge, Hood River Jeweler, will be at the Ruggles Confectionery three days, June 3-4-5, for the repairing of clocks, watches and jewelry.

CHURCHES

Moro Methodist Church

"Wisdom consists in knowing what to do next, not in debates about perfection." — Herbert Hoover. Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship, 11:15 a. m. Topic: "Keeping June." Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m. Topic: "Meteor of God."

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. Prayer Service. On Thursday afternoon, June 6th, the Ladies Aid Social will be held at the parsonage. A good time is in store for you. John Seethoff, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Work without worship means worry; For a mental and spiritual tonic try going to church. Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m. Sermon theme — "Love." Evening service, 8 p. m. Chas. D. Parrott, Pastor.

Christian Science

Service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 10:00 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 "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced."

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.

Carcass Tags Received

In compliance with the new state law the state veterinarians office has sent out to Oregon sheriffs a quantity of producers' sales tags, for use in connection with the sale of farm-slaughtered cattle, calves, sheep, goats and hogs. The tags, properly filled out, must accompany the carcass of the slaughtered animal until the carcass is received by a class A meat dealer, who must put his official stamp on the slaughtered animal. The hide of the animal must accompany the carcass, until similarly stamped. Ranchers desiring to home-slaughter stock may obtain the necessary tags from the local sheriff's office on application. Official information indicates that while the tags are now required, those violating the law will not be fined the full amount provided, until the law has been in force six or eight weeks, to give stockmen an opportunity to become familiar with the provisions of the statute.

Being popular doesn't leave much time for making real friends.

BUSTER'S THEATER

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Sunday, June 2

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