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Eureka Lodge No. 121 A. F. & A. M. Moro, Oregon. Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month.

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.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon. Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 American Legion. Meets at I. 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.

National Movement For Lowering Living Costs

Sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture

With meats selling at lower levels today than they have for a number of years and exhaustive experimental work now under way at the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis and other state universities and colleges to improve the quality of meat, the consumer is placed in an especially advantageous position, in the opinion of Mr. E. W. Sheets of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, secretary of the annual conference of cooperators in a national study of meat quality and palatability held at Chicago from August 11 to 14.

The study, which was launched in 1924 upon the suggestion of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, is looked upon as one of the greatest pieces of cooperative research work of its kind ever undertaken, according to Mr. Sheets. "It is covering the subject thoroughly from all angles," he said.

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Federal stations located in the states of Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, and Vermont are also participating.

Commenting further on the decline in meat prices Mr. Sheets called attention to the fact that all meats—beef, veal, pork, and lamb—are affected. The wholesale price of beef, he said, is from one-fifth to one-third lower than it was a year ago. Veal is from one-fourth to one-third lower, lamb is more than one-third lower, with pork, especially the heavier cuts of fresh pork, wholesaling at relatively lower prices. These declines should be reflected in the retail prices, he said.

Noah was 600 years old when he built the ark. Don't lose your grip.

Fire at L. L. Peetz Home Causes Much Damage

Monday morning about ten o'clock fire came close to destroying the large residence property owned by L. L. Peetz at the west side highway entrance into Moro. The fire was first discovered by Mr. Peetz about three quarters of an hour before an alarm was given, thru smoke coming into the basement from the laundry chute where the family were "doing" the weeks usual washing.

After carefully going over the house twice from cellar to garret, the source of the smoke was located in a storage closet at the head of the stairs on the top floor. It was put out by water carried to the place. Within the next half hour Mr. Peetz made three or four visits to the closet on an uneasy tour of inspection, but never saw suspicious of more fire. He and Mrs. Peetz were sitting in the down stairs part of the house some time later when they heard a roar as the fire again burst out, this time into flames from a long smouldering start.

When the closet door was opened this time, a sheet of fire darted out that quickly burned the curtains at the window nearby and it looked to Mr. Peetz that the property was doomed. An alarm was given and an effort made to take out furniture from near where the fire was burning so that efforts to control the blaze would not be hampered.

With the arrival of outside help, the city fire hose, and private owned chemical fire extinguishers, the fire was quickly gotten under control for the last time.

A careful check seems to indicate that the fire started from a hot cinder, thrown from the chimney on the opposite side of the house when the laundry stove "blew up" about an hour before smoke was first noticed, caused by a slow fire and the use of a small excess of fine coal that apparently smothered the fire in the stove for a short time. A hole in the roof, about the size of a silver dollar, close to the butt ends of the roof shingles the glowing edges of which, inside under the roof, Mr. Peetz had soaked with water when he first located the fire seemingly bears out this theory.

The loss to Mr. Peetz was fully covered by insurance. An insurance adjuster who was in Moro to adjust the Krusow farm loss of last Saturday, took charge of the adjustment feature and made arrangements with Mr. Peetz and O. A. Ramsey to put the property back into the same condition it was before the fire occurred and send the bill to the insurance company for payment.

Actual property damage was comparatively small, but damage from smoke, water and chemicals will probably make a total fire damage of close to \$1000.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We wish to take this method to personally thank every person who helped handle the fire situation at our home last Monday morning. Particularly the Shell Oil Company plant at Moro for their use of their large chemical fire extinguisher kept on hand at the Moro oil station.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peetz.

On Oregon Farms

From College News Service, O.S.A.C.

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Town Talk

Chris Andersen is a visitor in Moro this week from Portland.

Tom Douma has recovered from his recent illness and was permitted to return home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Barr were visitors in Moro the first of the week from their new home at Mikkalo.

G. Douma drove to Shaniko last Sunday, where he spent the day visiting with his sister, Mrs. Alida Brown, near Maupin.

Delpha Jean Lewis, niece of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, is spending these pleasant fall days in Moro as a visitor from Portland.

Richard Ginn is a visitor in Moro this week from Seattle, where he is employed with the federal prohibition enforcement bureau.

J. P. Yates, state representative in the Oregon legislature from this district, was a visitor in Moro Wednesday from his home at Wasco.

Dr. L. D. Idleman and his father C. Z. Idleman, spent Thursday evening in Moro on their trip to Pendleton from Salem and Portland.

Little Miss Marial Stamey and her brother Dean are visitors from Silvertown this week in Moro at the home of their aunt, Mrs. A. S. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ullom, of Las Vegas, Nevada, accompanied by their son and family, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Rose this week. Mrs. Ullom and Mrs. Rose are cousins.

Arthur Smith, in Moro on Saturday from his home in the Rutledge district, reported an electrical storm with plenty of thunder and lightning at his place last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettit, from Omaha, Wash., in company with their son and his wife, from Kinzau, Ore., were visitors in Moro last Sunday at the O. A. Ramsey home. Mrs. Pettit is a niece of Mrs. Ramsey.

Clyde Gilmore and family drove last Sunday to Curtis creek, in the Mt. Adams district, where they spent the day picking huckleberries, returning with a moderately large supply for the winter canning use.

Reward for return or information of a black spaniel dog, answering to the name of Toby or Nicholas. Lost from an auto last week in the Kent district. Last heard from near Kent. Notify Jas. B. Adams, phone 161, Moro.

Word was received in Moro last week by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Akers of the safe arrival of a 5 1/2 lb son, Colin Glen Holloway, born to their daughter Mrs. Ruth Holloway, at the family home in Los Angeles on Tuesday, August 15.

Al Swegle returned Wednesday from a four weeks auto vacation trip to Aberdeen and Westport, Wash. He has much to say about the deep sea fishing, crab fishing and clamming done on the Pacific coast of western Washington where he spent his vacation.

E. F. Paulsan of Spokane and Paul Paulsan of Portland, brothers of Mrs. C. V. Belknap; H. W. White, an uncle, of Battle Ground, Wash., and Mrs. J. J. Kimm, a cousin, of Vancouver, Wash., were called to Moro and The Dalles on Monday of this week by the serious illness of Mrs. Belknap at the hospital in The Dalles.

The railroad depot at Rufus was broken into and robbed last Friday night, August 19. The greatest loss was the theft of a number of blank express money orders. An expert can fill these out and pass them at points hundreds of miles from the scene of the robbery.

A "get together" session of the members of Moro lodge I. O. O. F. has been arranged for this Friday evening, August 25. An invitation has been extended to all lodges of the county. The program includes degree work, followed by a banquet. The committee in charge has been working hard to make the meeting well worth the attendance of every Odd Fellow in the country.

R. C. Byers and family drove last Saturday afternoon to Northwestern Lake, about seven miles from White Salmon, Wash., where they visited over night with Wm. Rudolf and family. Leaving there the next day they drove to Viento Park, on the Columbia highway, where a family reunion party spent the day visiting with each other. Included in the party at Viento were Mr. Byers and family, John Thogerson and family, the Misses Grace and Mabel Byers, and Mr. Thogerson's mother, sister and brother-in-law from Portland.

Saturday night about midnight fire of undoubted incendiary origin destroyed a 60x30 foot machine shed, a combine harvester, and a number of small farm implements on the place known as the Fredberg farm, now owned by Judge Fred Krusow, north-east from Moro. The fire was first discovered about 2:30 Sunday morning. Investigation next morning showed tracks in the field close to the shed where some one had driven up in a car and then walked to the shed and back to the car. The building and contents was a total loss, covered by insurance to the amount of \$1400.

Truck's Gas Tank Explodes Starts Fire On Highway

C. L. Powell, driving to Moro over the Columbia highway Sunday evening, was forced to stop for two hours about 7:30 p. m. by a fire which destroyed a truck of the Consolidated Truck Lines, a half mile west of Cascade Locks and spread to brush above the highway but was quickly controlled by forest rangers. Mr. Powell counted 125 cars passing towards Portland, before they allowed his car to start. A total of 400 cars was in the blockade.

The truck, driven by Kenneth Layman, was bound east from Portland when the blaze started. Flames spread from the gasoline tank which exploded, starting the small forest fire. According to reports from the Herman Creek ranger station, most of the truck's load of groceries, furniture, cotton and other articles was destroyed. Layman was unhurt. A trailer, attached to the truck, was rolled to a safe place and its contents were not injured.

Has Splendid Corn Patch Grown Without Water

A private demonstration farm in Moro that is well worth the time to visit is the one on the highlands in the Mowry addition maintained by O. A. Ramsey on ten city lots, about three acres of land in all. On this place this year Mr. Ramsey grew to maturity, without water, a large amount of corn, onions, peas, beans, pumpkins, potatoes, and had a tree full of apricots in addition. A visit to the place made by the editor on Tuesday in company with Mr. Ramsey, showed shoulder high corn stalks of field corn, three varieties of table corn, pop corn, pea vines now being allowed to go to seed for use next year, string beans, and bushes full of pods of Mexican red beans, and a large patch of dry onions. In our walk over the place, not a weed was to be seen.

When such a garden as this can be raised in Sherman county in a year such as the present one, without water or rainfall in the growing season, it is evidence that it could be done on a larger scale if proper effort was applied to the purpose.

Barges On Columbia River

A letter received by the Sherman County Observer written under date of August 19 by R. H. Kipp, executive secretary of the Columbia Valley Association, states that negotiations covering the past several months have been about concluded that will bring about freight barge operation on the Columbia river as far east as The Dalles within the next few months.

The letter stated that the association was not at this time in a position to state definitely the actual date of starting the freight barge service, but that all factors but one had been satisfactorily met and that this would very probably be taken care of within a short period of time.

The letter also stated what may be news to some of the residents in Sherman county. We quote the letter as follows: "You no doubt observed in the recent grain rate decision that while all territory east of The Dalles received some reduction in rates, the rate from The Dalles was increased one half cent per hundred pounds."

The opening of the Columbia river to a barge freight service is undoubtedly necessary to the continued prosperity of all sections of eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Walter May returned Monday from a brief visit with relatives at Portland.

Want one to 50 ton of hay. Call Moro Meat Market, phone 332. Douma Bros.

An electrical storm occurred at the Tom Fraser farm last Friday afternoon that had unusual features. Following a day of fairly good thrashing weather, the sky suddenly became black overhead; lightning flashed, and heavy rolls of thunder were heard. One crash of thunder suddenly pealed overhead, the horses became frightened, one man was knocked down, and the lightning bolt hit the fence within 300 yards of the machine. Two strands of the wire was cut by the bolt which set fire to the stubble and weeds under the fence. Heavy rain fell close upon the start of the fire, for about five minutes, which put out the fire with no damage to the field or machine.

R. C. Byers returned the first of the week from a visit paid to Northwestern Lake, seven miles distant from White Salmon. He is much impressed with the summer home possibilities of the place. The lake is the result of a power dam across the White Salmon river, made by the Northwestern Electric Power Co. The company approves of full use of the lake by summer campers, fishermen and vacationists, but will not permit any kind of charges for the privileges used. Boats on the lake are private owned and can be used by visitors but no one is allowed to make a charge for their use. The lake is 2 1/2 miles long, of varying width and is 50 or more feet deep. It is well stocked with the most popular species of trout.

CHURCHES

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 "Mind." 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.

The Full Gospel Assembly

"When thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."—Isa. 26:9.

Poor Russia that suffered so terribly from famine and pestilence after the World War, and is still suffering greater tribulation from the government in the hands of apostate Jews, has experienced one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church! Estimate as to the number converted during the past ten years since the grasp of the Greek Catholic church has been broken, run all the way from ten million, (which is the Soviet figure in official statements) to 34 million from Evangelical sources. Will the United States require some such terrible judgments to bring forth a seeking after God and His Christ? Usual services on Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Bible Study at the home of R. J. Ginn on Wednesday evening at 7:45. J. D. and Mrs. Miller, pastors.

Methodist Church Notes.

Church School every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00.

The Ladies Aid meets Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The subject of the Sunday morning service is "Mountains of the Bible."

A series of meetings will begin at Grass Valley Aug. 31. Rev. A. L. Aldrich of New York will be in charge. The meeting will be held in the pavilion, and Mr. Aldrich comes well recommended. Every one is invited to attend.

The church with a cordial welcome. F. A. Ginn, pastor.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. EDITH BELKNAP.

Following an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Edith Belknap died at The Dalles hospital at 10:15 o'clock Wednesday night. Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church in Moro at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Henry G. Hansen, former pastor of Moro Presbyterian church and now pastor in charge at Independence, Ore. Interment will be in the Moro cemetery, where graveside services were conducted by the Order of Eastern Star, of which the deceased was a member.

Mrs. Belknap was a member of several local organizations and active in church and lodge circles. Surviving her death are her husband, C. V. Belknap of Moro; a son, George Belknap of Portland; two brothers, E. F. Paulsan of Spokane and Paul Paulsan of Portland; an uncle, H. W. White of Battle Ground, Wash., and a cousin, Mrs. J. J. Kimm of Vancouver, Wash.

JOSIAH D. BELL

J. D. Bell, resident of Sherman county in the Kent district for several years, died at a hospital in The Dalles Thursday morning, aged 74 years. Surviving relatives include two daughters, Mrs. Rachel I. Sandman of Encinitas, Calif., and Mrs. Ada Guyton of Kent; six sons, Alfred of Kansas, John and Ray of Colorado, Leslie of Moro, and Roy and Paul, whereabouts unknown; eleven grand children and two nephews, Ashford and Miles Ferguson, both of The Dalles.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County. In the Matter of the Estate of Henry Schadewitz, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court his final report and account of his administration of said estate and that Monday, the 22 day of September, 1930 at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the court room in the court house at Moro, Oregon as the place for the hearing of said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of said estate. Dated and first published at Moro, Oregon this 22d day of August, 1930. Melvin R. Schadewitz, Executor of the Estate of Henry Schadewitz, deceased. Last publication September 19, 1930. W. C. Bryant, attorney.

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