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Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
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Moro, Oregon

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Three-Moro Girls Sign

Movie Actress Contract

A special trip to Sherman county was made Wednesday of this week by a Pathe news reel photographer to take pictures for the news reels of three Moro girls handling heavy duty farm machinery at actual work.

Last summer pictures were made of Althea, Patricia and Jean Powell, daughters of Roy Powell, and Lavon Sayrs, daughter of Omer Sayrs, driving and operating a caterpillar tractor and harvester.

These series of pictures were seen by the Pathe news man and he came to the Sayrs farm to secure companion pictures, if the girls were willing to pose for the camera. Final arrangements for the pictures included views showing Jean Powell, Lavon Sayrs and Josephine Johnson operating a tractor at the Sayrs farm Wednesday. Included in the pictures taken were some showing the girls driving a cat hitched to a wagon load of feed for a large drove of pigs, feeding the pigs and similar pictures.

The news reel operator before leaving made an engagement for a return trip to take pictures when snow would be on the ground. Each one of the girls, before the pictures were taken, had to sign a contract as a motion picture actress and be paid for the work they had done when the picture taking was completed.

On Oregon Farms

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

Grants Pass—Josephine county is starting its twelfth year of home demonstration extension work at the request of a hundred rural women representing 700 tax payers and rural home owners of the county.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county farmers will have no need to worry about lack of livestock feed, regardless of winter conditions this winter. County Agent C. A. Henderson reports that there is more feed available in Klamath Basin than ever before. Approximately 30,000 tons of fine quality rye hay was put up in the Tule Lake district, in addition to the regular alfalfa crop of the county.

Canyon City—A 100-foot ditch was blasted out to a depth of about seven feet at the deepest places at a cost of 8 cents a lineal foot on the Felix Johnson place at Galena recently, under the direction of R. C. Johnson, county agent. This will enable high water to keep washing out the channel and eliminate a big bend in the river which has been continually eating into Mr. Johnson's meadow.

Hillsboro—Three Washington county farmers are this year trying out Hood wheat a new variety developed from a selection of Jenkins Club at the Oregon Experiment station. Farmers making trials of this new variety in cooperation with the county agent are Ritchey Bros. of Forest Grove, and W. J. Enschede and J. L. Batchelder of Hillsboro.

Klamath Falls—Approximately 5500 pounds of creeping bent grass seed was harvested in Klamath county this year, the first time an attempt has been made to grow the crop in this county. The seed has passed field inspection by the crops specialists of the Oregon Extension service. The grass shows wonderful possibilities for both seed and pasture production, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson, and an additional acreage will be planted next year.

Cortallis—Oregon's dairy industry now ranks third in total income among her agricultural enterprises, being surpassed only by cereal production and livestock, according to the biennial report of the Oregon Extension service, recently released. Increases have taken place most rapidly in the irrigated districts of eastern Oregon, and dairying has assumed an important place in these former livestock regions as well as in the coast sections.

Boardman—The application of 200 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre on the farm of R. E. Bates near here has increased the carrying capacity of five acres of Blue grass pasture from 600 to 900 pasture days this year, according to records kept by Mr. Bates and the county agent, who were cooperating on the trial. The nitrate of soda was put on in two applications, the first one June 15 and the other August 15. The pasture was irrigated.

Cortallis—The seven counties of Oregon employing club agents have, during the past seven years, enrolled practically as many 4-H club members as the remaining 29 counties combined, according to the biennial report of the Oregon Extension service, just completed. The club boys and girls in the counties with club agents have actually completed more work than all the members in the other counties. Those counties provided with club agents at present are Clackamas, Douglas, Klamath, Lane, Multnomah and Tillamook, and the city of Portland.

Well, a new crop of business-improvement prophecies are coming along.

Correct this sentence: "I know you owe, but keep the money; I don't need it right now."

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller are visit-

ing with friends in the upper Hood River valley near Parkdale.

Mrs. Eddy was taken to a hospital at The Dalles on Wednesday by Dr. Poley for special medical treatment.

Since his return last weekend from Hood River, A. S. Johnson has been confined to his home by an attack of flu.

Mr. Melton, manager of the Shell Oil Company in this district, was a business visitor in Moro on Thursday from The Dalles.

The usual Dorcas Society social for December will be held at the home of Mrs. C. H. Larson on Wednesday afternoon, December 17.

During the last fiscal year 48 states and Hawaii completed improvements on 9,349 miles of federal-aid highways, reports the Oregon State Motor Association.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson returned from Hood River last Saturday, called there by sickness of Mrs. Granville Phillips. When they returned the invalid was well along the road to recovery of her usual good health.

Editor and Mrs. C. L. Ireland and Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan were dinner guests last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Johnston, enjoying their visit so nicely that it was early evening before departure time arrived.

Married Monday evening, December 8th, at the Methodist parsonage Miss Thelma Reams of The Dalles to Mr. Ernest M. Sexton of Portland, Rev. F. A. Ginn officiating. Mr. Sexton, formerly of The Dalles, is a traveling salesman for Hirsch-Weiss & Co. of Portland.

Saturday, December 20, the Home Economics committee of Harland View Grange will hold a food sale at the J. C. Freeman store. The co-operation and patronage of the general public is invited to help make the sale the success it has in the past years been favored.

A double layette shower was held at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thompson on Tuesday afternoon honoring Mrs. Wesley Fuller and Mrs. Thompson. The shower was planned by Mrs. Thompson for Mrs. Fuller, but she herself was given a surprise when it was made a double shower by those attending.

Many public improvements, including highways, were authorized over the country by voters at the last general election, it is indicated in reports reaching the Oregon State Motor Association. Approximately four hundred million dollars will be put into improvements as a result of favorable action at the polls.

The Sherman County Observer is in receipt of a program of three 1-act plays presented by the University of Oregon drama division at the Guild theatre in Eugene this week by the students studying dramatic art at the U. of O. In one of the three plays to be presented the leading feminine character has been assigned to Miss Gwendolyn Foss of Moro.

Christ. Schultz post American Legion is having a membership contest among its personnel. The members have been divided into two sides, one captained by Art Osborne and the other by Arthur Christiansen. As new members are secured they become active participants in the contest on the side securing their membership. The losing side is pledged to "feed" the winning team.

A number of residents of Moro and vicinity left by auto early Thursday morning for Heppner to attend the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League. Some were planning to remain at Heppner during all the sessions and others for part of the period. The feature on the program that seemed to arouse most interest of those going from Moro was the talk scheduled to be given by Dr. Wilson of Montana State College on wheat conditions of Russia. Dr. Wilson is said to have spent a year in Russia studying this subject.

COUNTY BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the final meeting of the County Budget Committee has been changed from Saturday, December 13, to Monday, December 15, because of conflict of date with the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Heppner, which many Sherman county people want to attend.

G. C. Akers, County Clerk.



She—I could never marry a man who smoked horrid cigarettes.
He—I'll give them up.
She—Do! Smoke some brand that's advertised.

Broken Insulator Causes

Short to Boil Rocks

A broken insulator on the twenty three thousand volt high power line of the Pacific Power & Light Co. about half a mile north of Grass Valley put the line out of commission for a short time last Saturday afternoon.

The insulator was on the center line on top of the pole, resting on a steel pin screwed into its flange skirt base. When taken off the pole the top of the insulator was cracked and broken on one side and, evidently, the crack extended through the protecting skirt to the steel pin, but if this is correct the cracked part was not visible.

The high power current, released through the crack in the insulator passed to the cross arm, then down a metal stay rod to where the rod touched a heavy guy wire, then down the guy wire into the ground about eight feet. The high tension current, passing into the ground by way of the guy wire, made the rocks and ground boil until all were burned bright brick red. The cross arm supporting the broken insulator was burned by the electric current and had to be replaced. When the repair to the line was made, part of the main power cable had to be cut away past any danger of fused wires in the main cable.

Another Record Broken

Thirty-one attended the Keystone study class last Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christensen. The meeting was conducted by Robt. Webb, who also led in the Sunday morning class when sixteen persons were present.

Next and last meeting on this study, course, "Trailing the Conquistadores," will be held Sunday night, December 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Johnston. Harry Pinkerton will be the leader.

Altho this is the last meeting of this study course, the committee in charge have received many good suggestions, and a full winter's work is promised, whether it be in the form of another study course, lectures, debates or otherwise planned meetings.

Committee Meets to Talk

Proposed Cut in Taxes

Committee delegations from each of the five organized groups of the Sherman county tax reduction league met last Saturday at the school auditorium in Moro in all day session to discuss their many difficult problems.

The meeting was divided into three groups, each group given a certain problem to discuss and arrive at definite conclusions. One group was to arrive at conclusions concerning future county road activities; the second was to consider school problems, salaries and expenses; the third was to consider all other tax matters.

We understand that a definite sum was later agreed upon when the three groups acted as a committee of the whole. The amount is quite large, but we have been asked not to state the amount of tax reduction that members of the organization will ask the county budget committee, meeting next Monday, to eliminate from the proposed county tax rolls for next year.

Examination for Navy

Congressman R. R. Butler announces that he will arrange for a competitive examination open to all qualified young men in his district on January 10, 1931, to fill two vacancies that will occur in 1931 in the naval academy at Annapolis. The mental tests for designation to the naval academy will be conducted by the U. S. Civil Service Commission on Saturday, January 10, 1931 at 9 a. m., in the second congressional district of Oregon, at the post offices in Baker, Bend, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Pendleton, The Dalles.

Candidates for designation to Annapolis must be citizens of the United States and bona fide residents of the second congressional district of Oregon, and must have reached their 16th birthday on April 1, 1931, but must not have reached their 20th birthday on March 31, 1931. Any qualified candidate may take the examination. Those wishing to enter this competition should immediately write Congressman Butler at Washington, D. C., so that they may be listed with the civil service commission to take the examination and a set of question papers for each competitor sent to the local civil service board at the post office in the city where the examination will be held. Candidates should inform the congressman immediately in which city they desire to take the examination. Those requesting it will be sent a circular of information regarding the scope of the examination in the different branches.

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CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath School at 10 a. m.

At 11 a. m. church services conducted by lay members. A sermon by D. L. Moody will be read. Subject, "What Salvation Is."

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Sunday School as usual at 10 a. m. on December 21. At 11 a. m. the Sunday School will give their Christmas program at this hour. Everyone is cordially invited.

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Methodist Church Notes

Church School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Preaching next Sunday evening at 7:30.

Rev. T. D. Yarnes district superintendent will preach Sunday evening. We hope there will be a good attendance.

The Ladies Aid Society meets every Thursday afternoon. The attendance has been very gratifying.

The W. F. M. S. held its annual meeting at the church on Wednesday. Dinner was served at 1:30. The meeting was a very helpful and pleasant occasion.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to all services.

The church with a cordial welcome.

F. A. Ginn, pastor.

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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 "God The Preserver of Man."

Golden Text: Psalms 40:11. Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Responsive-Reading: Psalms 32: 2, 6-8; 34: 7, 9, 17-19, 22.

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 Woman's Club

(Special Correspondence)

The last meeting of the club before Christmas will be held December 19. It is to be directed by Mrs. O. A. Ramsey and spent with the children and will prove well worth while.

The club would like to make up a box to be sent to the Dorenbecker hospital at Christmas time. The toys do not necessarily need to be new but may be old ones refinished or cleaned. Books or pictures to color or anything amusing for a child in bed. Will all those club members who can donate bring the toys to the next club meeting?

Due to the foggy weather the club attendance was very small but those who were there enjoyed an excellent program.

Mrs. D. E. Stephens, director for the day opened the meeting with a poem from The Good House Keeping entitled "Tinsel and Twilight." Mrs. Nina Pinkerton gave the first paper, on "Ferdinand and Isabella." It was interesting to know that Isabella directed her wars and various battles in person and seemingly raised a family of four children at the same time. She was very devoted to her family and it is said that she never allowed anyone to make or purchase her husband's shirts but made them herself. She it was who caused the Inquisition and at the same time opened a new world to Europe by sending Columbus on his voyage to America.

Mrs. Reese told a number of interesting incidents about Fray Tomas de Larquemada, who, as we know, was a general of the Spanish Inquisition. It is said that during this period he sentenced over 10,000 people to death.

Miss Helen Searcy rendered a piano solo, "Castilla" after which Mrs. Coppock gave a paper on "The Basques" a northern mountain tribe of Spain. They are a nation by themselves and have very peculiar as well as interesting habits. It seems to be not unusual for one family and its descendants to live in the same house for a thousand years and more.

A story of the life of The Cid, meaning God, was read by Mrs. Poley. He was a very important as well as brave and kind man of Spain. Tho his life had very tragic periods in it, he came out on top each time. His domestic life would have been happy had circumstances permitted.

Flora Williams and Marjorie Byers rendered a piano duet after which Mrs. Tucker, in costume, gave a "Spanish dance." Both were enjoyed.

MAIL PACKAGES EARLY

Postmaster Bourhill asks that all mail during the time from now till Christmas be in the office before 5 p. m. and as much as possible be mailed in forenoon. Mail now must be ready to go to depot at 6 p. m. sharp.

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