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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.

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Moro, Oregon
Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month.
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Nana Barzee, Secretary.

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Moro, Oregon
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Accident Prevention Outstanding Problem

In an address before the American Bar Association, Austin J. Lilly, general counsel of the Maryland Casualty Company, said that compulsory automobile liability insurance is impractical and that its constitutionality is doubtful.

It is generally known that in Massachusetts—the only state yet to adopt unconditional insurance of this kind—the result had been chaotic. Courts have been crowded, claims faked and it is said that thousands of cars operate without insurance paid up.

If compulsory insurance really reduced accidents, the public might overlook its other disadvantages. A reckless or incompetent driver is certainly not going to become less dangerous because he has an insurance company behind him to pay for the results of his recklessness or incompetence. The opposite must be expected.

In a number of states, financial responsibility laws by which the licenses of drivers are suspended if they fail to satisfy judgment against them, have been passed. These seemed workable but in California it was recently held that a law of this kind was unconstitutional in that it discriminated against persons of small means. We have yet to find a satisfactory way to compensate the victims of automobile accidents, make the highways safer and, at the same time, protect the interests of the great majority of drivers who are careful and responsible.

The first practical step toward accident prevention should be the passage of uniform state laws requiring rigid examination before granting drivers' licenses.

Air Mail

Gas holding tanks are getting so large that lights are installed in circles from top downward, following the hoops of steel, to warn aviators against bumping into them. At Washington the national capitol building is "lit up" in the same way, not to protect the gas generated in congress, but because one flyer grazed the dome. The Washington monument is illuminated by high power lights on the Powhatan hotel half a mile away. The Blue Island gas tanks near Chicago are provided with aviation marking in lights reflected outward from the dark surface of the holders. Increase of gas volume has not been affected by extension of electric energy supply. Both require constant new equipment and construction.

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Morse drove from The Dalles on Christmas Day to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore, parents of Mrs. Morse.

Leo Moore is home for the holiday season, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore of this city. Mr. Moore has one year yet before he will be able to complete his medical training studies and open an office for himself.

December is the month when the utmost care is needed on the part of pedestrians and motorists alike if the holiday season is to be kept a happy one, it is pointed out by the safety department of the Oregon State Motor Association. Pedestrians and motorists who are in a hurry will fill the streets during the next few weeks and many accidents are bound to occur unless courtesy and careful regard for traffic regulations are observed.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Thompson were given a very pleasant holiday surprise party at their home Christmas Eve by relatives who had gathered at their home in the early evening hours. A pilot car was stationed at the Thompson store to drive to the home and give warning when the Thompsons' left for their home. Arriving, they found everything in darkness and quiet as usual. It is said that Mrs. Thompson jumped a foot high when she turned on the lights and found a room full of company waiting for them.

Names of cities, outlined in electric lights forming huge letters, are being laid out at airports across the continent. Flood lights on the landing fields make night flying safer. Along the Columbia river gorge area seven new beacons flash their warning and guide the mail pilots through the gash in the Cascade mountains. Their beams almost overlap from Troutdale to The Dalles, but fogs settling low over the water require care and experience in the flyer's pit. Electric aids have done much towards making night flying a safer occupation for men, and more certain for delivery of the mails.

A pleasing social event of the week was a completely successful surprise party given at the Chas. R. Belshee home on Tuesday evening in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. L. J. Cope. Mrs. Cope had been inveigled to the Belshee home early in the evening by a plausible excuse, while the guests of the evening gathered at the J. B. Adams residence later to appear at the Belshee home. The evening passed quickly with games and social intercourse. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served near the close of the evening. Mrs. Cope, honor guest of the evening, was the recipient of many varied gifts with which to remember the occasion.

Town Talk

Mrs. Yarnell, mother of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, is visiting in Moro during these winter months.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan were dinner guests on Christmas Day at the C. L. Ireland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Johnston were Christmas dinner guests Thursday at the W. H. Ragsdale home.

Mrs. Lilly Morgan of Spokane, was visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin.

Harold Bryant, now employed at Hood River by the Pacific Power and Light company, was home for the holidays.

Mrs. D. E. Stephens was called to her former home in Utah last Friday by news of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Fleck left here on Tuesday for Redmond to spend the Christmas holidays with her son, B. L. Fleck and family.

Mrs. J. C. McKean was called to Portland on Monday by news of the serious illness of her sister, Miss Ruth McClelland.

Reward for return or information of lost white barrow hog; has tail cut off; weight about 135 pounds. F. D. Platt, Moro. 2td26

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Young and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. VanGilder were dinner guests on Christmas Day at the G. A. Sargent home west of Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hansen entertained at dinner on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dellinger of Kent, parents of Mrs. Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cunningham and family arrived in Moro on Tuesday from Mt. Vernon, Ore., to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hennagin and family were dinner guests on Christmas Day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jas. Kenny and family.

Charles Ruggles has returned from Eugene for an indefinite visit at home. He has been working in a soft drink establishment in the university city.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alley left early Monday morning by auto for Springfield, Ore., where they will spend the holiday season with Mrs. Alley's parents.

Patricia Marguerite Kaseberg is the name of a little stranger that arrived safely at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg on Friday, December 19.

Frank Bartholomew drove up from Rufus on Monday in company with the railroad foreman at that place who was interested in perfecting his citizenship papers.

Cecil Gragg, student at Albany college, is numbered among the local young people who are attending college that are home at this time for Christmas holidays.

Mrs. George Hennagin received a birthday surprise visit last week when her niece, Mrs. Vergil Droubay, and family drove up to the Hennagin farm home from Vernonia, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Anderson of Hood River spent the last weekend visiting in Moro at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ireland. Mr. Anderson is a nephew of Mrs. Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ginn, their son Harold Ginn, and J. E. Coleman drove to The Dalles on Christmas Day to spend the day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ginn and family.

A small chimney fire at the W. S. Powell home last Saturday did but very little damage to the building with the exception of smoke damage to the living room walls and ceiling.

An auto stage bus and seven automobiles were piled up in a short stretch of highway near Crown Point on Tuesday because of ice on the pavement covered with a thin layer of snow.

It may be advisable for Moro householders to keep their doors locked at night and a loaded shotgun handy with which to greet a night prowler who is reported to be active in the community.

Herman Burmeister who some years past had a tailor shop in Moro was here on Monday from Rufus where he is visiting with his sister, Mrs. C. C. Deyo, this winter. He said when here that he may reopen his tailor shop in Moro next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byers and family entertained at dinner on Christmas Day relatives on both sides of the family. Included among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling, John Thogerson and family, and Arthur Christianson and family.

Ernest Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woods of Dufur, student in engineering at Oregon State College, left by train on Christmas Eve for Detroit, Mich., where he will represent the college student body at a national convention of the college faculty and student body delegates.

Christmas presents this month have come into Moro from practically every state in the union and from some outside countries as well. Probably that from the farthest distance was received by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ginn from their daughter Miss Mildred, who is missionary to India with residence at Yercaud, south India. The presents received were both unique and odd to those who viewed them.

Useless Laws Cause Disrespect For The Law

A recent statement brings out the fact that it will cost twice as much to maintain California prisons for the next two years as it did for the past two years.

All over the nation state governments—as well as the federal—are perplexed by the growing cost of prisons, which is, of course, the obvious result of the increasing number of prisoners. Many penitentiaries are crowded to the point where officials are desperately seeking to find a place to put the steady flow of new inmates. The upshot of the matter will be that the public will be taxed to build more institutions, as has already been done in various localities.

Many causes have been blamed for increasing crime but authorities have stated that the American crime problem will never be solved until our legal system is revised, unnecessary, restrictive laws weeded out and we return to more strict enforcement of basic laws.

There are thousands of persons in prison today because of acts which in themselves are not crimes but which a "new" law makes a crime. The mania for law-making in this country has been the greatest wholesale manufacturer of criminals and the principal cause for disrespect for law. More laws to restrict individual rights and liberties will mean more law breaking.

The city of New York has purchased \$297,000 worth of radium for hospital use.

A number of Sherman county people will be pleased to know that a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Richey, former residents of this county now living in Gilliam county, is a popular vocal entertainer over radio station KPJR at Portland each Friday afternoon.

Agreeing with the report made by the postal department as to a larger postal business this Christmas season than previous years extending over the entire United States, Postmaster Geo. B. Bourhill has stated that the postal business at Moro this month has materially exceeded that of last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert W. Holloway, living in Los Angeles, were called to the home of his parents at Levenworth, Wash., this week by news of the serious illness of his mother. They expect to visit at Moro when they return south, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Akers, parents of Mrs. Holloway.

A. G. Futter, C. S. Gargett and J. R. Cotheran, local people working on new building construction at Walla Walla, drove to Moro on Wednesday to spend Christmas with their families. They reported that they drove through a heavy snow storm between Walla Walla and Weston on their start to Moro.

Members of Moro lodge I. O. O. F. are requested to be at the lodge hall promptly at 7:30 Monday night at which time the first degree will be conferred. Officers of the local lodge report that considerable active interest in Odd Fellowship is now in evidence and a number of prospective candidates will soon be riding the lodge goat.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Huls drove up from Klamath Falls the first of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with Wm. Morrison, father of Mrs. Huls. Mr. Huls is a large scale contractor in the southern Oregon metropolis and has finished up his contracts on hand and is now shut down while waiting until spring to have building work resume activity.

Tuesday was a bright day in Moro with the sun shining brightly nearly all the daylight hours. The heavy frost that had accumulated on trees, fences and wires fell under the warm influence until a depth of more than an inch of frost was on the sidewalks in places. That night at dark it again turned cold and the next morning fog was again hanging in the low overcast sky above Moro.

L. B. Smith, secretary of the Greater Oregon Taxpayers association, spoke to a large audience of Sherman county taxpayers at the court house in Moro last Saturday afternoon. During the course of his remarks, Mr. Smith stated that he was addressing the largest body of representative taxpayers of the state than had previously attended any meeting similar to the one held in Moro.

Three cars and a truck were wrecked on the Columbia highway between here and The Dalles Tuesday because of high speed and ice on the pavement. Two cars went over the west side of the high fill at the Dillon overhead crossing, one on each side of the highway. The truck went off near the railroad tie treating plant east of The Dalles. Seven people were taken to hospitals at The Dalles on Tuesday because of highway accidents.

E. R. Barzee has lost twelve head of sheep within the past six weeks by means of the killing depredations of some unknown animal. Men versed in the characteristics of such animals claim that it is very likely a wild cat, because the ears of the dead sheep are chewed and the throat cut. Dogs eat their fill from other parts of the animal. Whatever kind of animal it is that does the killing seems not to be prevented from coming into the corral where it leaves the dead animal to be found in the morning.

CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church
December 28.
10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. The Keystone Study Class will have charge of this service. They will briefly review the book they have been studying, "Trailing the Conquistadores."

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 "Christian Science."
Golden Text: Psalms 46:4. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high.

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 35:3-10.
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.

Methodist Church Notes
Church School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Preaching next Sunday evening at 7:30.

The Ladies Aid Society meets Thursday afternoon at 2:00.

The Christmas exercises last Sunday morning were very pleasant. The children did their parts nicely and a fine congregation attended the services. A fitting close to the Christmas service was the reception of two in church membership.

The year of 1930 will very soon be a matter of history. The closing of the Old Year and the beginning of the New Year is a good time to take inventory of how much real manhood or womanhood we have on hand, and how much of our life has been sham and shoddy. Sometime the last inventory will be taken and we shall stand before the great Moral Ruler of the Universe for inspection. It might be soon. How will our accounts stand before the All Seeing Eye of Him with whom we have to do? Real manhood and womanhood is worth more than all the riches of earth. The church with a cordial welcome.
F. A. Ginn, pastor.

The Full Gospel Assembly
For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. 8:9.
Usual services on Sunday.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m.
Evening service 7:30.
J. D. and Mrs. Miller, pastors.

Resolutions of Condolence

Mr. W. M. Walker and family
Klondike, Oregon.

We, the members of Sherman County Pomona Grange, are bereaved by the loss by death of Sister Mrs. Lottie V. Walker. She was one who was a faithful worker both in Subordinate and Pomona Grange.

We realize that, whatever our work, there comes a time when we are called to give an account of our labors here on earth, and we can honestly say of this good Sister: "Well done, good and faithful servant." We will miss her from our midst as she was ever a faithful leader and, whatever work assigned to her, she strove to do well.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the husband and family. And may you so direct your lives that, on that final day, you may be again a united family.

Fraternally submitted, Mrs. C. P. Adams, Mrs. Howard Belshee, Mrs. C. B. Andrews, Mrs. Karl Eaton.
—Condolence Committee.

The person who doesn't exaggerate just a little is seldom an interesting talker.

Wheat prices show little or no change for the better. This week at Portland the only noticeable movement, coming in or going out, during the past two weeks, has been several shipments to California points by coaster vessels; otherwise markets are very sluggish.

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