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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 in-
vited to meet with us.
By order of W. M.
Robt. Urquhart, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon
Regular communica-
tions each 2nd and 4th
Thursday evenings of
each month.
Mrs. Ruth Sparling,
Worthy Matron
Nana Barzee, Secretary.

More 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.
Harvey C. Thompson, N. G.
A. M. Young, Secretary.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th Tues-
days of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.
Elizabeth Thompson
Noble Grand
Jessie Henrichs, Secretary

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

R. J. Bruckert, Commander
Vernon Platt, Adjutant

HARLAND VIEW GRANGE No. 682
Meets in their hall in Harmony Dis-
trict the second and fourth Friday
nights of each month. Visiting
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C. E. Crites, Secretary.

W. C. BRYANT

Attorney - at - Law

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Moro, Oregon

DR C. L. POLEY

Physician and Surgeon
Grass Valley, Oregon

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Dr J. R. Morgan

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United States Dental Ex-
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and Embalmers
Union and Third St.
The Dalles, Ore.

Banks in Mid-Columbia
District Organize Assn.Clearing House Association Formed
by Banks in Six Counties

The Mid-Columbia Clearing House
association has been formed by the
banks of Hood River, Wasco, Sher-
man, Gilliam and Wheeler counties
in Oregon and Klickitat and Skama-
nia counties in Washington.

The new organization is headed by
G. A. Read, president of the Columbia
State bank of White Salmon, Wash.,
as president and Harold Hersher,
cashier of the Butler Banking com-
pany of Hood River, as secretary.

The association, which began opera-
tions February 1, has adopted uni-
form rules and a schedule of charges
that are almost identical with those
recommended by the banking practice
committee of the Oregon Bankers' as-
sociation. They include a service
charge on checking accounts on a
per item basis instead of the old
method of a flat charge.

In place of the former flat charge
of 50 cents per month for all check-
ing accounts under a certain specified
amount the following schedule of
charges has been adopted as a more
fair and just compensation for serv-
ices rendered by the banks in the
association:

On accounts with an average bal-
ance of \$50 or less, no charge ex-
cept three cents for each check over
five; for accounts between \$50 and
\$100 balances, ten cents and then
three cents each; for each additional
\$50 or less balance, five additional
cents and then the three cents per
check charge to apply.

Charges for handling of other
financial transactions usual in bank-
ing practices were discussed and a
rate of charges were adopted for each
different requirement.

Keystone Class Notes

Under the leadership of Mrs. L. W.
Rakes, the Keystone study class met
last Sunday night, February 1st, at
the D. E. Stephens home. Thirty-six
persons were present to take part in,
and enjoy the study, which dealt with
the early history of nationalities and
races.

A short devotional meeting was led
by Mrs. M. G. Melzer and announce-
ments were made concerning the next
study session, the Sunday morning
lessons and church service.

Those who took the lead in the
past meeting were: Nina Pinkerton,
Evelyn Searey, Julia Brauninger, Ed-
na Melzer, Rose Amidon and Hazel
Thomas. Refreshments consisting of
brick ice cream, cake, and coffee was
served at the close of the meeting.

Miss Hazel Thomas is the leader for
the next chapter and the class will
journey to the farm home of Mr. and
Mrs. Claude Thompson. Those plan-
ning to go are to meet at the Moro
hotel by 7:15 o'clock.

Arrangements for the meeting to
be held February 8th have been given
to Mrs. D. E. Stephens, W. H. Rags-
dale, Harry Pinkerton, Dewey Thomp-
son, Lyle Wallan, and Martin Melzer.

Robert Webb will lead the Key-
stone class Sunday morning and
Claude Thompson will have charge of
church service.

Gun, Substitute for Drill
Drives Pin Through Metal

Explosives are being used in var-
ious ways for peace time purposes,
and one of the most interesting is the
adaptation for a special gun to fire
steel pins and other parts through
metal plates as a substitute for drill-
ing. In a recent test, a spiral-fluted
pin was fired through a plate about
three fourths of an inch thick. When
the pin was backed out, the hole was
found perfectly grooved, and the en-
gineers declared that a straight or
tapered pin could have been shot thru
with equal success. The surface of
the metal in the hole was smooth, as
if burnished, and should withstand
long wear.

Lost Motion

Many years ago, a man was ob-
served driving an ox team. Irritated
by the slow pace of those animals,
he would stride ahead at a rapid rate.
Then after he got five or ten feet
in advance, he would discover that
his beasts were way behind, and he
would turn around, walk back and
prod them up to more speed. The
neighbors said he always did it that
way, and in driving that team a mile,
he probably walked a mile and a
quarter.

That man illustrated how many
folks lose efficiency through ineffi-
cient methods. To be successful in
life a man must plan his work. He
must be capable of thinking out
situations, and eliminating losses due
to wasted effort.

American Wheat on Hand

The amount of commercial wheat
in storage in the principal grain mar-
kets of the United States a week ago
was 198,944,000 bushels, compared to
188,254,000 bushels at the same time
in 1929. At the Atlantic and Gulf
ports there were 21,114,000 bushels;
at interior and lake ports there were
4,001,000 bushels. There were 32,
522,000 bushels of Canadian wheat in
store in bond in this country, and 4,
699,000 bushels of U. S. wheat in
store in Canadian markets.

Town Talk

Mrs. J. B. Adams was confined to
her home this week, a sufferer from
a bad cold.

Roscoe Moore was a business visitor
in Portland last weekend, leaving
here Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Martin is reported to
have been confined to her home this
last week by illness.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Wesley Fuller at the hospital in
The Dalles on Wednesday, January
28.

Everett Hastings is temporarily
absent from Moro in The Dalles,
where he is clerking in the City
Market.

A number of interested parties at-
tended the meeting of the February
term of county court held this week
in Moro.

Mrs. Frances Ekstrom was a visitor
in Moro this week at the home of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George
Hennagin.

Orval Thompson was a visitor in
Moro last weekend from Beaverton,
where he and his family are visiting
this winter.

Erskine school district is the second
school in Sherman county to meet all
requirements needed to grant them a
rating as a superior school.

Eight girl friends of Miss Georgia
McKean tendered her a surprise
party at her home on Thursday
evening, honoring her birthday.

A large wharf rat about twelve
inches long was killed last Saturday
by F. D. Platt when cleaning up the
alley back of the May & Son store.

The usual Dorcas Society social
for the month of February will be
held next Wednesday afternoon at
the home of Mrs. Arthur Christianson.

A milk rate war in San Francisco
last week brought the price of milk
down to five cents a quart, but only
for a few days. The price is now
higher.

Barnet & Mitchell of Kent, high-
way contractors, were the successful
bidders before the county court this
week for the contract for grading the
new market road to be constructed
this year from Kent west.

A news dispatch from Goldendale
states that thousands of geese have
been winging their way north this
week. This would seem a sure indi-
cation of spring. Robins did not
leave that vicinity all winter.

Emmajean Stephens, sophomore in
home economics, of Moro, has been
appointed chairman of the textile
exhibit for the school of home eco-
nomics during the Educational Ex-
position at Oregon State college,
February 13 and 14.

Representative of the several wheat
cooperative organizations of this
county met at Wasco this week with
representatives from joining counties
to attend a meeting held to greet
representatives of the federal farm
board touring the western states in
the interest of better agricultural
business conditions.

Contractors are reported to be
moving equipment into Kent which
will be used on a contract to widen
grade and gravel the Sherman high-
way from that point to a junction
with the California highway at
Criterian. When finished the road
will be completed as is the Sherman
highway through Moro.

The initiatory degree of Odd Fel-
lowship will be conferred on a large
candidates class at the Moro lodge
rooms on Monday evening, February
9, by members of Sherman lodge No.
157 of Wasco. Grass Valley lodge is
supplying the membership of the
class. Members of the order are re-
quested not to miss this ceremony.

At the February term of county
court, held on Wednesday, the Grass
Valley Journal was appointed the
official paper for Sherman county.
The only other applicant was the
Wasco News. The appointment, un-
der the law, goes to the paper making
the application which has the largest
numbers of readers in the county.

Oleomargarine and other butter sub-
stitutes will not be for sale in Sher-
man after the close of business Jan-
uary 31, according to a unanimous
agreement reached by merchants. The
agitation for the banishment of butter
substitutes from the stores of Yam-
hill county has been widespread,
based upon the slogan of "helping
the farmer to help himself."

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore enter-
tained at a family dinner party last
Sunday, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ros-
coe Moore who are here on a visit
from St. Helena. Seated at the table
were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mr.
and Mrs. Collis Moore, Mrs. Mae
Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore.
Roscoe Moore had to leave that day
for Portland and was not able to be
present.

R. J. Ginn left Sunday for Walla
Walla by stage to attend the funeral
of Wm. Elliott, his brother-in-law,
who died in that city last Friday
following an illness of two months.
Mr. Elliott was 78 years old, a native
of Peterborough, Ontario. He moved
to central Oregon in 1879, locating in
Sherman county in 1882 where he
engaged in farming in the Monkland
district, at the time owning the farm
now owned by Robt. Belshee. Mrs.
Elliott died five years ago. Five
children, three sons and two daugh-
ters survive Mr. Elliott.

Farmers Unite to Ignore
Real Estate Tax Levy

Walla Walla County Growers Rebel
Against What They Call
Unfair Burden

Acclaiming their determination to
refuse to pay further taxes unless the
Washington legislature provides a
definite program of relief, Walla
Walla county farm owners last week
continued their "tax rebellion" with
a bombardment of 13 resolutions.

Meeting at the chamber of com-
merce, the "standing room only" ses-
sion was out long before the time for the
gathering to start its considerations.
Addresses on the intolerableness of
the tax load on the farms were made
by numerous speakers. Among the
demands made by the farmers were:

An income tax; corresponding re-
duction in real and personal property
taxes; levies on cigars, cigarettes,
shows, boxing matches, wrestling
matches, and other luxuries; taxes on
publicly-owned utilities; commission
forms of government for counties and
state, taxes on intangibles, limitation
of county road and bridge funds with
a portion of the gasoline taxes re-
turned to the counties to relieve
these funds, consolidation of city and
county governments wherever pos-
sible, calling for a constitutional con-
vention to revamp state government,

refusal to pay or payment under pro-
test of taxes unless relief is afforded,
with court action to test validity of
the present real property tax law and
to attack its constitutionality as class
legislation.

While the poets write their lovely
verses about the "footprints on the
sands of time" the housewives are
worried about those on the newly
wiped up kitchen floor.

Pumping of gasoline underground
1440 miles, Ponca City to Chicago
and the twin cities, Minneapolis and
St. Paul, involves twelve million dol-
lars for construction, with capacity
for 30,000 barrels daily. Another
line nearly completed from Borger,
Texas, to St. Louis, via Wichita and
Kansas City, will run 700 miles and
carry daily 25,000 barrels.

A double birthday surprise party
was held by members of the Women
of Woodcraft at the conclusion of
their business meeting last Tuesday
evening. It proved to be a complete
surprise both to Mrs. Lena Hastings
and Mrs. Hazel Woods, who were
tendered a handkerchief shower in
memory of the occasion. At the con-
clusion of the evening refreshments
consisting of fruit jello, Angel cake,
and coffee were served.

The two fraternal insurance com-
panies, the Ridgely Protective asso-
ciation and the Loyal Protective In-
surance company, have consolidated,
effective January 1st. All business
will be conducted by the Loyal Pro-
tective company, with no change in
the Ridgely policies. Policy holders
will continue to remit their premiums
through A. M. Young, who has been
retained as collector for the new
company.

The total tax on motor vehicle fuel
oils during the period January 1-
December 31, 1930, was \$1,898,409-
27, according to a report prepared by
Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. Sales
included 6,803,374 gallons of gasoline
and 307,243 gallons of distillate. The
legislature is now proposing to in-
crease this tax on motor cars, pay off
the state deficiency of more than
\$3,000,000; build market roads, and
take care of various other state ac-
tivities.

Jack Biggs, state commander of
the American Legion, was a visitor
of the Moro Legion post at a meeting
held in the Legion hall on Thursday,
January 29. Mr. Biggs spoke on the
ideals of the Legion and of proposed
state legislation in the interests of
legion members. At the close of his
talk the local post by vote went on
record as opposed to the proposed
\$1000 property tax exemption now
under consideration by the state
legislature as well as also being op-
posed to granting free fishing and
hunting licenses to world war vet-
erans.

A telegram received at this office
on February 2 from United States
Senator Frederick Steiwer states that
ten counties of Oregon have been
designated for drought relief loans by
the official relief committee of the de-
partment of agriculture. They are
Wasco, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam,
Wheeler, Morrow, Umatilla, Walla-
Union and Baker. This action of the
department has been based upon
presentations made by Senator Stei-
wer to the secretary of agriculture
requesting that certain areas in Ore-
gon be considered as drought areas and
thus have access to the \$45,000,000
fund appropriation by congress for
loans to farmers.

Two school boundary cases were to
come before the county boundary
board at its meeting in Moro this
week. One was the application of the
Gordon Ridge district being merged
into the Locust Grove district and
the children being transported to
Wasco by bus, the petition was not
presented. The second was a change
in boundary from the Kent district to
the Liberty district, involving forty
acres of ground on which Frank Von-
Borstel has his home and which would
permit his children attending Liberty
in place of Kent. The balance of the
VonBorstel lands remain in Kent dis-
trict. His petition will come up for
a formal hearing next week at the
court house in Moro.

CHURCHES

The Full Gospel Assembly
"The Lord will be a refuge for the
oppressed, a refuge in time of trou-
ble."—Psalms 9:9.

Andrew Murray, the great devo-
tional writer, says, concerning trouble
to which all mankind is heir:
"First: He brought me here. It is
by His will I am in this straight place;
in that will, I rest."

Second: He will keep me in His
love, and give grace to in this trial to
behave as His child.

Third: He will make this trial a
blessing, teaching me the lessons He
wants me to learn, and working in
me the grace He intends for me.

Fourth: On His good time He can
bring me out again, how and when
He knows."

Usual services on Sunday.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Bible Study Thursday evening at
7:45 at the home of R. J. Ginn.

A cordial invitation is extended
to all.

J. D. and Mrs. Miller, pastors.

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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
"Spirit."

Golden Text: Galatians 5:18. If
ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not
under the law.

Responsive Reading: Galatians 5:
1, 5, 7, 13-17, 22-25.

Reading room open daily where all
authorized Christian Science litera-
ture may be read, borrowed or pur-
chased. The public is cordially invited
to attend the church services and
visit the reading room.

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Presbyterian Church

Calvin Coolidge says, "The Sun-
day schools furnish a great agency
by which spiritual ideas are made a
part of the life of the younger gen-
eration of the people of the United
States and the growth of such schools
is of inestimable benefit in providing
a higher type of citizenship."

February 8, 1931.

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Church services, 11 a. m. C. J.
Thompson will speak on "Flying
Doubles." Miss Marjorie Byers will
sing a solo at this meeting.

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Methodist Church Notes

Church School Sunday morning at
10 o'clock.

Preaching one week from Sunday,
February 15 at 11:00 a. m.

There will be no church service
next Sunday evening as was an-
nounced last Sunday.

The Church School was well attend-
ed last Sunday. The cars are getting
a fine start on their Boston trip. We
do not know who is in the lead, but
the Ford truck looks as if it might be
the winner. The Cadillac, however,
is showing good speed and may win
the race. The interest being shown
by all the classes is very fine. That
excellent spirit of unity and christian
fellowship is the thing that makes a
school a success.

Why support a church in the
community? Is it of any permanent
value? Would not the town and
vicinity be better off if we had only
the grange, and lodges, picture shows,
legion meetings etc? Why have a
church? In Missouri a town was
founded by an atheist. He put it in
the article of incorporation that a
church should never be built in the
town and that no religious services
should ever be held there. He then
gathered his infidel friends about him,
rejoicing that they were rid of the
botheration of a church, preacher and
church people. Three years later the
atheist went to a minister and
asked him to come to his town and
build a church promising the ground
and \$300. The minister said what do
you want of a church? I understand
your article of incorporation forbid
it. The atheist replied we want it
for a police regulation. Life and
property are unsafe already in our
town.

The church with a cordial welcome.

F. A. Ginn, pastor.

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Forty six members and friends at-
tended the Ladies Aid social held on
Thursday afternoon at the home of
Mrs. Schadewitz with Mrs. Ramsey
assisting. Three guessing games oc-
cupied a large part of the program
time. One game was to make as many
words as possible from the word
"valentine." The largest list was by
Mrs. Ramsey who had 28. The sec-
ond was a memory test, a plate with
17 articles first being passed for a
"look" and then each one was to
write the names of the several arti-
cles. This was awarded to Mrs.
Howard Conlee. The third was to
put in shape a heart shaped valentine
that had been cut into many pieces.
Refreshments were served in the late
afternoon consisting of fruit salad
with whipped cream, heart shaped
cheese sandwiches and coffee. On
each refreshment plate was a valen-
tine favor as a souvenir of the oc-
casion.

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