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Proposes County School Units for Local Districts

Representative MacPherson's bill to create a county board of school directors and defining its powers and duties, is a veritable "hornets nest" to those who cherish the present degree of local government in educational matters. The measure provides that all counties not now organized under the county unit for school administration shall be under the jurisdiction of a county board of school directors; that there shall be held at the county seat the annual school meeting, the program for which shall be arranged by the state and county superintendents of schools; the members of the county school board shall consist of five members elected for a period of five years each, one from each district into which the county is divided. The powers and duties of the county board shall be: (1) To employ or discharge the county superintendent, fix his salary, employ all his assistants and fix their compensation; and to prepare an annual budget for the office of the superintendent. The superintendent of schools may be selected from within or outside of the county. Contract with him is limited to one year with renewal from year to year at the discretion of the county school board. This bill, if passed, will obviously result in the abolition of local district boards.

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Short stories. Good short stories! What a delight it is to read a short story that quickens the pulse, or that wells the eye with its telling appeal to your sympathetic heart! Many there are in these days, who wonder whether they have lost that vital element to happiness—the milk of human kindness. We are fortunate in having secured a number of stories by the outstanding short story writer of the nation, Fannie Hurst. That Fannie Hurst is the acknowledged leader is proved by the fact that she is the highest paid writer of short fiction in the world. Our readers may therefore turn to the Fannie Hurst short story which will appear in these pages from week



FANNIE HURST

to week with full confidence of not only delight in the reading, but with an after sense of recognizing your own feelings in the stories—as described by an artist with a tingling sense of humor, and a power of description which unerringly reaches your heartstrings. The first of the series will appear in our issue of the Sherman County Observer this week and will continue indefinitely. Fannie Hurst knows human nature. She knows people because she has made special studies of the stage and of the shop girl and her environs while she was working as a saleswoman, waitress, etc. She once made a trip across the Atlantic as a steerage passenger for the sole purpose of gaining experience which would furnish her with material for a novel. In private Miss Hurst is Mrs. Jacques S. Danielson of New York City.

Rays of the sun, concentrated by passing through a fish bowl, set fire to the home of Dr. Morris Zimmerman of Newark, N. J. Mrs. Arthur Christianson entertained the Dorcas Society on Wednesday afternoon, 41 attending. Refreshments served consisted of jello with whipped cream, angel cake and coffee. Mrs. Walter A. May furnished the napkins, each folded with a valentine favor tied with red ribbon. Harold Thogerson, member of the Moro boy scout troop, will be advanced to Eagle rank at a court of honor to be held next Sunday, February 15. This is the highest possible rank that can be given to any boy scout. Tommy Fraser was advanced to this rating last January. National officers of the boy scouts claim that Eagle rank is only won by one scout out of one thousand members. A birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. J. J. Schaeffer last Sunday was enjoyed by the honored guests, friends and relatives. Those whose birthdays were being celebrated were Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mr. Wm. Snodderly, Mrs. Schaeffer's brother, and Mr. Robt. Urquhart. Assisting in the celebrating were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore and Mrs. J. C. Huntley. The bountiful turkey dinner made the participants think of other famous holidays and the spirit at least of Christmas prevailed.

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byers were visiting with relatives in Portland last week.

Miss Doris Fortner spent last weekend with relatives and friends in Wasco.

Mrs. D. H. Leech of Albany, sister of A. M. Wright, is visiting in Moro this week.

Miss Helen Kutch, teacher in Moro high school, spent the last weekend visiting with friends in Corvallis.

E. A. Cushman is nursing several broken ribs on his left side, caused by a kick from a horse Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale and daughter, Mrs. J. L. Searcy, entertained the local bridge club at the Ragsdale home on Tuesday afternoon.

Two steam shovels are now at work on the widening contract for the Sherman highway between Kent and Shaniko.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gosson of Klondike at the hospital in The Dalles on Monday, February 9th.

Moro younger people were well represented at the dance given by Harland View grange at their hall in Hay Canyon last Friday evening.

Mrs. J. C. Huntley, visiting here over the last weekend at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Collis Moore, left on Tuesday for her home at Seattle.

Mrs. Collis Moore entertained the younger set at bridge last Saturday afternoon at her home south of Moro. Mrs. Clarence Sparling was awarded high honors and Mrs. J. C. Huntley the guest prize.

Earl Barzee, brother of Art Barzee, and nephew of E. E. Barzee, was visiting in Moro last Sunday from Wenatchee, Wash. He left Sherman county about ten years ago for the Wenatchee apple country.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pickett with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Akers as guests drove to Portland on Monday, returning the same day. Mr. Pickett made the trip to attend a conference of Ford automobile dealers held in that city.

Miss Vivian Trounce, teacher of piano at Moro and Wasco, will present her Wasco pupils in a recital at the Methodist church at Wasco on Monday evening, February 16, at 7:45 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Moro high school basket ball teams won and lost when they met the teams from Grass Valley on the Moro floor last Friday evening. Moro girls team won by a 25-6 score. The boys lost to Grass Valley by a 30-16 score.

A car driven by Donald Burnett and a second driven by Mrs. Harvey Thompson were in collision on the Hay Canyon road late Friday night. Damage to both cars was reported to be slight, crumpled fenders being the total.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff O'Leary have been visiting in Moro the past ten days, on their way home to Spokane from a visit of several weeks in California. While here they were guests at the A. M. Wright home, uncle of Mr. O'Leary.

The two Moro high school basket ball teams motored to Rufus Wednesday night where they played the two Rufus school teams. The game between the girls teams resulted in an 8-8 tie score. Moro boys team won by quite a margin.

Sixty members from Moro, Wasco and Grass Valley attended the meeting of Moro lodge I. O. O. F. held on Monday evening. Grass Valley provided the candidates class and Wasco the team for initiatory work. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served at the close of the evening. Twenty one tables attended the Moro Woman's Club benefit 500 card party given Wednesday evening in the Masonic hall. At the close of the play high score for the ladies was awarded Mrs. T. E. Searcy, for the men to Giles French of Grass Valley. Consolation prize for the ladies was awarded to Mrs. J. F. Peters, for the men to Forrest Peetz. Refreshments served were pineapple jello with marshmallow and whipped cream, angel cake and coffee. Receipts were \$29.40.

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Group Named to Handle Drouth Fund For Farms

Distribution of federal drouth relief funds in seven eastern Oregon counties will be under the supervision of a county committee of one banker and two prominent farmers.

Although Oregon has not been considered as being hard hit with last summer's drouth, some of the dry-land counties had crops below 50 per cent of their normal production and need additional funds to finance the new crop.

Counties to receive federal aid through loans are Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Jefferson, and Wallawa. The committee in charge of Gilliam county will accept applications from Wheeler, Union and Baker counties, which have been reported to be in some need, will be taken care of by local banks. County agents in these counties as well as members of the committee will have application blanks for loans and farmers may get them from either source.

Applications after being properly filled out and accompanied by an affidavit in which the farmer signifies local funds are not available and that he will not use the money to increase acreage over last year, will be sent to a branch office established at Grand Forks, N. D. It is expected that checks will be on their way back to farmers within a day or two after proper applications have been received. The loan is secured by a mortgage on the growing crop.

Sherman county is one of the seven counties in Oregon to receive the benefit of federal drouth relief funds, according to an announcement made this week by E. R. Jackson, extension specialist in farm crops, who was placed in charge of organization work in this state. A committee consisting of two farmers and one banker has been appointed by Jackson in each of the seven counties. The Sherman county committee is J. J. Davis, Kent; W. S. Powell, Moro; Earl Jones, Wasco.

Application blanks have been forwarded to these committees. Farmers wishing to make applications may obtain the blanks at once.

"While Oregon was never considered a strictly drouth state, there are areas in the dry-land counties where crops last year were as low as 30 to 40 per cent of normal because of an abnormally dry fall and winter," explained Jackson. "This fact coupled with the low price of grain have made financing the new crop difficult in some places."

In Oregon the money obtained will be used largely for buying fuel for tractors and other farm machinery, as the law provides these loans are for seed, stock feed or fuel for machinery. It is not known how much money will be allotted to Oregon but county agents are now estimating needs at the request of C. N. Warburton, head of the United States extension service, who is administering the federal fund.

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Boy Scout Organization Want Former Scout's Name

February 8 to 14 marks the coming of age, of the Boy Scouts of America, their twenty first birthday. Just twenty one years ago this week, the United States congress granted a charter to the boy scouts, the second organization to be given that distinction. With the influence of the four and a half million boy scouts that have been enrolled in scouting coming to be felt in our national life, people realize that the character building and citizenship training part of scouting is more than an idea, it is a reality. Scouts throughout the Mid-Columbia area, of which this community is a part, are celebrating this week in many different ways.

Window displays, birthday parties, emergency mobilizations, first aid displays and many other ways are being taken to show the citizens that the scouts believe in their motto, "be prepared." Parents and friends are invited to attend the scout meetings at any time, but this week in particular the local scout master urges you to attend and thereby encourage the scouts and scouters, in their "coming of age" observance.

An attempt to secure the names of the former scouts and scout men who have been identified with scouting in the past twenty one years, is being made. All men who in past years have been scouts are urged to forward their names to the boy scout headquarters, court house, The Dalles, Oregon, where they will be furnished with a button of the tenderfoot badge which was recently adopted by the national council as the insignia of the men who had been identified with past years of scouting.

A steam shovel to be used by contractors on the Columbia river highway improvement between The Dalles and Biggs was unloaded at Dillon last Friday. The shovel was started on the work of widening the highway on Wednesday of this week. The contract includes widening and surfacing between The Dalles and Biggs, and also the road between Seuferts and The Dalles. The overhead crossing at Dillon will also be changed to one with less curve on the two approaches.

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Presbyterian Church. Arthur Capper, United States senator from Kansas, says "For generations the Sunday School has been a cornerstone in the foundation of American character building. There is no substitute for it that I can see. On the other hand there is a greater need for it than ever before. We have developed so much more power for achievement, for accomplishment, for doing the world's work and enjoying the pleasures that have come with the marvels of this industrial and mechanical age, that as a nation we face the danger of living by and through our sensations. We need more than ever before the background of character, of measurement of the really worthwhile values of life. That the Sunday School has given us. It should be continued, developed, and strengthened in every possible way."

February 15, 1931 Sunday School, 10 a. m. Eighty four attended last Sunday. Did you? Watch for notices in the Observer next week. We hope to have Rev. Wilbur of Hood River with us on February 22.

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 "Saul." Golden Text: Psalms 119:114, 175 I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. Responsive Reading: Lamentations 3:22-26, 37, 40, 41, 55-58. 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 "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Ps. 50:15. Perhaps today is a "day of trouble" to someone who reads this. It may be very sore trouble, out of which there seems no way. Then there is cause for rejoicing, for this special promise God has given you. But what if one does not deserve to be delivered? What if wrong doing, one's own, or others, has brought the trouble? God's promise to deliver in trouble is not conditioned upon deserving it, or upon sinlessness. It is conditioned on the sacrifice of His sinless Son, and He is ready and able, because of Christ's sacrifice, to deliver sinners who cry unto Him in confession and faith. God is speaking His loving and gracious invitation to every burdened heart. From "The Sunday School Times." Usual services on Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Bible Study in 1st Corinthians on Thursday at 7:45 p. m. at the home of R. J. Ginn. J. D. and Mrs. Miller, Pastors.

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