

MUSICAL TALENT OF ROSEBURG-UNLIMITED

(By Mrs. Chas. Heinline.)

There are many features that enter into the growth and progress of a community and if only the material or commercial side were developed, then it would not be an altogether satisfactory place to call "home" in the true sense of the word. So it is of interest to note how the cultural side of Roseburg and Douglas county is advancing in accord with its physical development. Simultaneously with the paving of streets, building business blocks, establishing new industries, has come the beautifying of homes and marked attention given to the best educational facilities of which music forms a conspicuous part; so that now Roseburg is an acknowledged music center.

Several years ago the Boy's band was organized and functioned for a couple of seasons. Little attention was paid to it and yet out of that small aggregation of untrained little fellows have come some very successful and high-spirited musicians filling their places in larger cities. There is also our Douglas County Concert Band,

which with its perfect instrumentation has attained recognition throughout the state as a concert band of a very high order. The summer concerts rendered weekly by the band are conceded to be one of Roseburg's greatest attractions and are enjoyed by hundreds of citizens and tourists. This does much to advertise the community. At the present time there is another Boy's band, which is rapidly training musicians who will gradually fill the vacancies in the larger band, and it is very probable that ten years from now several successful musicians can look back with pride to their early training in the Roseburg Boys' band.

There are numerous well-organized orchestras furnishing music for all occasions when called upon by lodges, churches, public entertainments and all civic activities. Some of these are juvenile orchestras, whose music is artistic and well rendered.

Our public schools stress music to a greater extent than ever before, recognizing that music is a necessary factor in the education of every child. The superintendent of schools, together with the

school board, have been careful to employ the best equipped and trained supervisor of music available for the position and in addition have employed another instructor who meets with the high school orchestra and band twice a week. Not only is the teaching force of a high order but the talent displayed by our young pupils in the grades as well as in the high school is truly remarkable. It is always possible to present delightful operettas, plays or ensembles, relying wholly upon the talent at hand.

Sacred music is rendered by the various church choirs on a par with the best afforded in larger cities. This is easily so since Roseburg boasts of many beautifully trained voices and each festival season, whether it be Thanksgiving, Easter or Christmas, is the occasion of some beautiful oratorical or sacred concert.

There is also the Junior Music Club, which has been recently formed for the children of the ages from eight to fifteen. This club meets Saturday afternoons and is presided over by its own officers who prepare an interesting program and always conclude with musical games. In this way they are building up the foundation for an Adult Music Club in the years to come.

The studios of Roseburg represent the highest possible standards of teaching and it is possible for students to receive a complete con-

servatory course, embracing harmony and theory, without having to go to the expense of leaving home and attending a much more expensive school. Many Roseburg teachers are accredited by the state and their pupils receive high school credits for study with them.

One of the very active organizations meeting at monthly luncheons and dinners is the Douglas County Chapter of the Oregon State Music Teachers' Association. The members of this association greatly enjoy the fellowship existing among them and are planning to do some big things for the community.

First of all will come National Music Week, May 2nd, when for an entire week every musician will be busy helping to put on programs throughout the city, in stores, in clubs, hotels, churches, lodges, etc. The past two years were marked by excellent programs and even more will be attempted this year.

This busy week will be followed by a still greater event in the coming of the state association for its annual convention. Fully one hundred delegates, representing the finest talent in the state, will be our guests for two or three days and Roseburg hospitality will be dispensed in return for the excellent programs that will be given by the visitors. Hundreds of children are music

students in our fair city, and of course it is true that music study is not only a brain stimulus but has great spiritual force, regulating the child's emotions and cultivating his or her soul. It is safe to predict that year by year there will be fewer cases of juvenile delinquency and Roseburg will be a real home center.

Melrose is Heart of Farming Area

(By R. A. Bugenbark.)

The Melrose section lies northwest of Roseburg and comprises one of the best farming sections in Douglas county.

The river bottom lands produce seventy-five per cent of the alfalfa hay grown in the county. Other hay crops, corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, broccoli and garden vegetables are grown successfully.

Of the fruit crops, prunes lead, with strawberries, pears, loganberries, cherries and wauwats following in the order named. One of the oldest English walnut orchards in the county is to be found in Melrose.

The wild evergreen blackberry grows prolifically and brings good returns to those who will expend an effort to gather them.

Sheep are the leaders in the livestock industry, and a source of much of the income is derived from the sale of wool and lambs. There are several small flocks of goats in the community; they are kept mostly for clearing brush land. Returns from the sale of mohair is no small item.

Dairying is a side-line on a number of the farms; also a few hogs are produced.

Poultry raising is a sideline on most of the farms, but there are a few commercial flocks to which the owners' entire attention is given to the production of eggs.

The community is too thickly settled to make successful the handling of large flocks of turkeys, but the numerous small flocks handled bring the number marketed to an appreciable amount.

Much of the bench and hill land is being cleared and the wood that is cut (mostly oak and laurel) finds a ready sale in Roseburg; in fact more oak and laurel wood is delivered in Roseburg from the Melrose section than from any other section.

There is a coal mine on what is known as the Callahan place, from which much coal has been marketed in Roseburg.

The educational facilities of Melrose are up to date. The community has three new and well equipped grade schools. The one known as "The Melrose school," or district No. 11, has one of the best rural school buildings in the state. It is a two room school and two teachers are employed.

The upper Melrose school or district No. 25, is a one room school and one teacher is employed. The Elgarose school is another one room school for which two teachers are employed.

There are twenty students from Melrose attending the Roseburg high school.

There are two church buildings in Melrose. The Melrose church is open to all denominations who make proper use of it. The Elgarose church is Swedish Lutheran.

Melrose grange is the largest and most progressive grange in the county at the present time. They have the best grange hall in the county and one of the best in the state.

The Melrose Country Club has a fine club house and dance hall near the popular summer resort of the forks of the Umpqua river, where dances are held on Saturday nights.

The Melrose store, operated by Carl Lindsay, Sr., is well equipped to take care of the general trade of the community. He also has an up-to-date filling station.

Thomas Scott, the genial postmaster, is a jeweler and does creditable watch and clock repairing.

The forks of the Umpqua river at the lower end of Melrose is one of the popular summer and fishing resorts in the county. The fishing season is best in the spring of the year when the Chinook begin to run, but more or less fish are taken the year round.

The lumber needs of the community are supplied by the Charles Kaiser mill, located about one mile west of the store, and the Woodruff Bros' mill, located on the D. C. Churchill place.

The roads in the community are

VALUE OF OREGON OWNED PROPERTY OVER 15 MILLIONS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1.—A survey of state property completed yesterday by authority of a resolution of the 1925 legislative assembly, the value of all state property, exclusive of land, at \$15,000,000.

The state activity having the largest investment in Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis where the property valuation about \$5,000,000. Next comes the University of Oregon, with \$4,100,000. Several activities represent investments of over \$1,000,000, among them being the state hospital at Salem, \$1,000,000, and the eastern Oregon hospital for the insane at Pendleton, \$1,000,000. State penitentiary property is given a valuation of \$600,000 and capitol and supreme court buildings \$442,578.

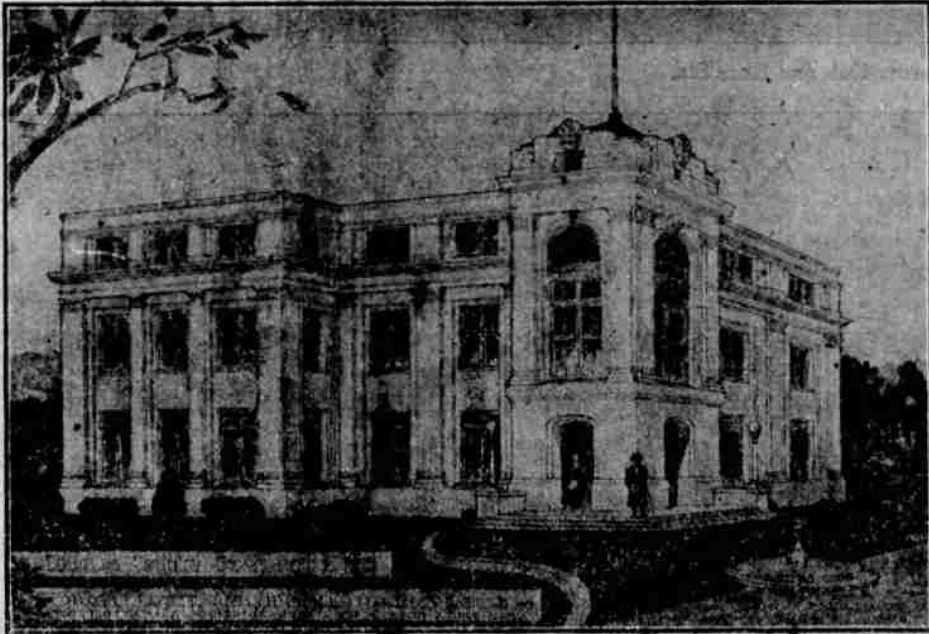
The total value of state buildings in Salem is placed at \$5,100,000.

GRAPES PRODUCTION (U. S. Census)

Year	Vines Non-Bearing	Bearing Vines	Production (Tons)
1899		34,380	139,800
1908		22,662	214,561
1919	2,525	25,350	179,471

Figures for Bearing Vines for 1899 and 1909, probably include non-bearing vines.

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