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COMMUNITY HOUSE IS ADVOCATED

Committee Appointed to Investigate Matter—Substantial Structure is Planned to House Civic Bodies—Would be Self-Supporting.

Plans for the building of a community house in St. Helens are being taken definite shape. The committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of the proposition are unanimous in their opinion that the city needs such a building and that the necessary financial support can be obtained to build and equip it. The committee is composed of Sherman Miles, H. F. McCormick and Mayor Edmon I. Ball.

It is understood that the lot at the corner of St. Helens and Cassian streets which is the property of Mrs. E. H. Flagg, can be secured at a very reasonable price, and there are many who think this would be the proper location for the building. They point out that the location of the building being near the schoolhouse, it would be of great benefit and convenience to those who use the public library, it being proposed to have the library in the community building.

It is also proposed to have quarters for the American Legion, the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club and several other civic organizations. The committee points out that two of these organizations are now paying rent for quarters occupied, and if the same rental was paid for quarters in the community house, it would be self-sustaining.

While no definite plans have been made for financing of the proposition it is learned that a small bond issue is contemplated and that the local banks would take up the bonds without charge as to printing and other little items of expense which come with a bond issue. The bonds could run for twenty years, optional at 10 years and bear interest at 6 per cent year.

Architect Harold Beaver is now drawing plans for the proposed building and in within a few days will have them ready to submit to the committee and if they are approved, a public meeting of the citizens of the community will be called to ascertain the sentiment as to the building of the community hall, which, judging from the general sentiment expressed, seems to be a necessity.

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DIPHTHERIA CASES ARE REPORTED

That diphtheria has not been stamped out in St. Helens is indicated by the fact that two new cases were reported this week. Miss Nadine Mace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mace, has a well defined case of the disease as has the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William White. The condition of neither one is serious, but the authorities have taken the precaution to have the respective residences quarantined.

In order to avoid the spread of the disease, the doctors in St. Helens urge parents to immediately report any suspicious cases and they believe that the disease will soon be stamped out if they can have the co-operation of the parents. "There is no reason for undue alarm," Dr. L. G. Ross stated, "but it is certainly a case where precaution should be used and common sense prevail and I hope the parents will co-operate with the doctors in this way and aid us to check the spread of the disease."

On the steamer Cordova which is scheduled to sail from Astoria on Sunday for Honolulu, will be two boxes of choice Columbia county apples and a pretty Christmas tree cut from the forests near Astoria. The articles are being sent by Mrs. S. C. Morton and Miss Olga Hebbert to their sister, Mrs. O. A. Bierbach who lives in the Hawaiian capital. Mrs. Bierbach, prior to her marriage, resided in Astoria and her sisters thought that no better Christmas gift could be sent than fruit from near her old home and an Oregon Christmas tree from the vicinity in which she formerly resided.

COLUMBIA COUNTY STUDENTS AT U. OF O.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oregon—(Special)—Columbia county has sixteen students at the University of Oregon. Five of these are from St. Helens, three from Clatskanie, two from Rainier, two from Mist, and one each from Birkfeld, Scappoose, Vernonia and Warren. Eleven of these are freshmen, two are sophomores, one is a junior, and two are seniors.

Those from St. Helens are Stuart Bothwell and Wm. P. Dood, both freshmen in law; Thomas J. Kiblan, freshman in business administration; Dorothy E. Akin, freshman in mathematics and J. Mason Dillard, junior in law.

Registered from Clatskanie are Alfred Erickson, sophomore in journalism; Herbert L. Geary, senior in business administration; and Gilbert T. Geary, freshman in journalism.

Ruth T. Forhan, freshman in English literature, and Elizabeth M. Ais, senior in drama and the speech arts, are registered from Mist.

Joanna M. James, freshman in music, and Joseph T. Ellis, freshman in business administration, are enrolled from Rainier.

Thomas R. Paige, freshman in zoology, is registered from Birkfeld. Vera L. Price, sophomore in music, from Scappoose, Gale A. Stanton, freshman in pre-engineering, from Vernonia and Lawrence A. H. Anderson, freshman in journalism, from Warren.

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Several carloads of Christmas trees have been shipped from this point during the week to California cities. It is estimated that no less than 25,000 young fir trees have been fallen to fill the orders of the Christmas tree dealers.

Bakery Goods. Every day we make snails, Parkerhouse rolls, Tea Stricks and buns, all 25c per dozen. Rye bread, whole wheat bread and French bread, 1 1/2 lb loaf 12c; 1 lb loaf 8c; twin loaves, not wrapped 14c. Fruit cake 60c the pound. At your grocers, or our bakery, West St. Helens Bakery.

Our enterprising baker, S. Heuman, proprietor of the West St. Helens bakery now has one of the best equipped bakeries in the country. He recently installed a "Dutch" oven at a cost of about \$2,000 and has remodeled the bakery building. Mr. Heuman employs two bakers and turns out about 1000 loaves of bread per day in addition to 100 dozen cookies, numerous pies, rolls and cakes. His bakery is sanitary and neat and he invites the public to inspect it.

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AUTO AND HORSE IN COLLISION

G. R. Metsker's touring car is slightly damaged and a big black horse, weight about 1400 pounds, is dead because of a collision between the horse and the auto which occurred near McNulty Station Wednesday evening about 7:30 o'clock. Metsker, who was bound for Hillsboro, was with his family who have been visiting relatives there for the past several weeks, noticed a car approaching bound for St. Helens. Metsker dimmed the lights on his car as did the approaching motorist. Hardly had he dimmed the lights, he stated, when two black horses ran across the highway and in front of his car. One of the horses was struck and the left hind leg broken. Metsker secured a rifle from a nearby farm house and ended the suffering of the animal by shooting it. Metsker's car was slightly damaged, the radiator was twisted, the bumper torn off and fenders bent. He drove the car back to St. Helens and phoned Mrs. Metsker who engaged a car in Hillsboro and arrived in St. Helens about ten o'clock. Metsker, so he stated, has not been able to ascertain the party who owned the horses.

At their regular meeting Tuesday night, Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias elected the following officers:

Chas. Wikstrom, C. C.; T. S. White, V. C.; J. L. Foote, Prelate; M. L. Wilson, M. of A.; John L. Stork, E. R. of S.; J. B. Godfrey, M. of E.; G. A. Dixon, I. G.; Fred Clendinning, F. G.; Orin Shepard, Trustee three years.

CATTLE IN COUNTY TO BE TESTED

Better Cattle is Aim of Farm Bureau under Whose Direction Work Will be Done—Work Supervised by County Agent Hollibaugh.

Dr. Overhulse, federal veterinarian, started work in the county testing cattle for tuberculosis, Tuesday, December 6th. This work is being carried on through the Dairy Project of the Farm Bureau.

This represents one of the most important pieces of work we have under way for the coming year and is something that the dairymen of the county have been very anxious to get started. Dr. Overhulse recently completed testing work in Tillamook county where over 1400 head were tested and only one and one-half per cent were found to be infected with tuberculosis.

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In order that the work may proceed as rapidly as possible it is necessary that cattle owners keep in touch with project leaders in their communities. When they know the tester will be at their place on a certain day, they should save their cattle in barns or corrals where they can be handled.

Our goal in Columbia county is 100 per cent clean-up, everything will be tested, young stock and all. The government places their men here without any cost to the cattle owners, the only charge being made will be a small fee to cover cost of transportation. It has been only by organized effort and request for this work that made it possible to get the Bureau of Animal Husbandry to start this work in the county and in doing this we have assumed the responsibility for making the work successful and in order to do this it will require thorough co-operation on the part of everyone. All cows in towns are included in the test, but will be tested after the rural districts. Owners in towns will be duly notified as to when we will be testing in their community.

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COUNCIL TRANSACTS ROUTINE BUSINESS

Bill of S. P. & S. for Filling Depot Grounds Held Up—Usual Monthly Grist of Bills are Passed—Payments Made on Street Work.

The session of the city council on Monday evening was occupied chiefly with routine matters and a checking of the November bills. The total of the claims allowed was \$2,582.43, approximately two-thirds of this amount being payments to L. J. VanOrshoven for work on Winter, Wyeth and Church streets.

Marshal Potter who had been instructed to repair the catch basin near the Kaleva hotel on Columbia street, reported that the basin and sewer pipe was broken, probably by the rollers when the pavement was laid. Recorder Godfrey was instructed to notify the Warren Construction company and ask for payment of the damage.

Marshal Potter also reported on the condition of the city park and stated that the fallen limbs and the brush should be cleaned up. According to the recorder's reports "no action was taken."

The bill of the S. P. & S. R. R. Co. for filling in the grounds west of the depot, was held up for further investigation, the council, evidently being under the impression that the bill was more than the original estimate for the work.

A petition was received from Mrs. H. F. McCormick to operate a dance hall in the new McCormick building. Several members of the council thought that such permit was unnecessary if the dance hall license was paid and the recorder's minutes note, "no action taken."

Several routine matters were brought before the city's legislative body and disposed of before the council adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson returned to St. Helens Tuesday after a several days stay in Portland and brought with them their infant son who underwent a necessary operation at a Portland hospital. The friends of the parents and the young son will be glad to learn that the operation was successful and that the young man is getting along fine.

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LEGION TO SHOW PICTURES OF WAR

Much interest is shown in the pictures which will be shown at the Liberty theatre on Thursday and Friday, December 15 and 16. The films vividly depict war scenes in which many Columbia county soldiers took part. These war scenes are for the exclusive use of American Legion Posts and the government refuses to sell them to any motion picture concern.

The pictures will be brought here by American Legion Post 42 of St. Helens and judging from the number of tickets already sold there will be a packed house on each night. On Friday afternoon there will be a "school children's matinee" and the school authorities realizing the educational worth of the pictures, have made arrangements with Commander Wellington which insures the attendance of all school children who wish to see these films of an epoch in history.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS MUCH BETTER

Charles L. Wheeler, former manager of the St. Helens Dock and Terminal Company, but now manager of the McCormick Steamship Co. with headquarters in San Francisco, was in St. Helens Monday and Tuesday enroute to San Francisco from Seattle. Mr. Wheeler is optimistic as to the business outlook and said that business men in several sections of California, Oregon and Washington were sanguine that general business conditions for the coming year would show a marked improvement over the past several months. Reports from large eastern concerns also indicated a general revival of many lines of industry which heretofore had been stagnant.

Deputy Game Warden Brown wishes to call attention of the fishermen that the fishing season provide that the fishing season closes from December to April 20th inclusive and that it is against the law to catch trout over 10 inches in length in any stream affected by tide water, Clatskanie river, Tide Creek and Milton Creek are affected by tidewater. Mr. Brown said, and he is anxious that fishermen be informed of this fact so as to avoid any unknowing violation of the law.

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The entertainment given at the Bachelor Flat school house Saturday evening, December 3rd, was a great success and those who attended had an enjoyable time. The following program was rendered:

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Reading—Edna Boiling.

Play—"The Sleeping Beauty," by the children of the primary department.

Selections—By the Older Boys' Chorus.

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Hum Kautzman who formerly published the Herald at Houlton and the Tualatin News at Sherwood, is now publisher of the Pacific Herald at Waldport, Lincoln county.

Mrs. W. J. Paulman, son Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maloy and four children left Monday morning by auto for San Diego, California, where they will spend several months visiting relatives.

Miss Doris Bothwell who has been in San Francisco for the past two weeks, was expected to arrive home last night. In January she expects to enter the U. of O. for a course of special study.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. VanOrshoven are making plans to leave St. Helens on or about December 20th, for San Diego, California and will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. VanOrshoven's parents.

Mrs. Mary Burns, who formerly lived in Deer Island and a well-known resident of the county, was in St. Helens Wednesday. Her daughter is teaching school in Kerry and when the school term is finished they expect to locate in St. Helens.

Fred Lengacher who handles the Auburn car in Columbia county, was in St. Helens Wednesday. Recently he has disposed of several of the popular cars and says that he has prospective buyers to whom he will soon deliver the 1922 model of this car.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Farnell had a very enjoyable surprise last Saturday evening when a party of their friends motored from Portland to give them a little surprise party. An enjoyable evening was spent in singing and dancing. Included in the party were C. E. Butts and wife, Kenneth Watson and wife H. Baisoy and wife and Mr. Milligan.

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Miss Doris Bothwell who has been in San Francisco for the past two weeks, was expected to arrive home last night. In January she expects to enter the U. of O. for a course of special study.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. VanOrshoven are making plans to leave St. Helens on or about December 20th, for San Diego, California and will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. VanOrshoven's parents.

Mrs. Mary Burns, who formerly lived in Deer Island and a well-known resident of the county, was in St. Helens Wednesday. Her daughter is teaching school in Kerry and when the school term is finished they expect to locate in St. Helens.

Fred Lengacher who handles the Auburn car in Columbia county, was in St. Helens Wednesday. Recently he has disposed of several of the popular cars and says that he has prospective buyers to whom he will soon deliver the 1922 model of this car.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Farnell had a very enjoyable surprise last Saturday evening when a party of their friends motored from Portland to give them a little surprise party. An enjoyable evening was spent in singing and dancing. Included in the party were C. E. Butts and wife, Kenneth Watson and wife H. Baisoy and wife and Mr. Milligan.

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