

NEW PLAN OF MERIT AWARDS

Y. M. C. A. is Making Pre-eminence in Athletics and Other Work Interesting to Boys.

An entirely new system is being tried out by the Y. M. C. A. officials here with the view of furthering meritorious attendance, competition and with giving members something concrete to strive for. The five sections, seniors, intermediates, scouts, grade school boys and the preps, all have the same method of grading and system of awards. It is merely a case of progressing from grade to grade as the member gets older. The system covers practically every phase of Y. M. C. A. activities and great things are expected of it.

Generally speaking an explanation of the system is as follows, each division having the same rules except in general:

Individual recognition and medals given in the following fashion: In the prep division a triangular red insignia to be used on uniform or sweater is given. The intermediates receive a similar triangle with the exception that it is within a red circle and the seniors receive a beautiful interwoven Y. M. C. A. for a sweater front. These are earned by six weeks regular attendance, service and general application to the athletic end. Then furthering the above system of giving awards bronze, silver and gold medals are given upon completing the following seven requirements. First, the aspirant must have a percentage of 75 points out of a possible hundred for attendance for one year; second, he must give service to either the city, churches, school or the Y for one year. This provision is to further altruistic service. Third he must enlist five new members and act as sponsor to them. Fourth, participation in at least two league association basketball games or some other organized sport. Fifth, attain a grade of 75 percent in general gym work. Sixth, achieve 90 percent out of a possible hundred in athletics and seventh, he must survive the regular aquatic tests, such as diving, swimming, any stroke and on the back and be able to rescue drowning people. After these requirements have been surmounted the owner of the medal has something to be proud of. As an extra stimulant to individual work the records of each member and of the different squads are kept posted on all phases of the above mentioned work.

The division of the five major classes is into four squads each, designated by numerals. Each squad has a captain and an assistant picked from its own ranks. Every member must have the Y. M. C. A. official uniform which consists of white running pants, white tennis shoes and a white jersey.

The system of marking on the above tests is quite simple. The member is started with a hundred credits and for each failure to live up to the conditions credits are deducted and whenever a new member is brought in or some other achievement is recorded he is presented with additional credits. A similar average is used in placing the squads.

Already, quite a bit has been done in La Grande along this line. In November an aquatic meet was held and the following records were made: plunge, forty feet, by Bonnie Jesse; swimming on the back for forty feet, won by Art Larson in 9 4-5 seconds; eighty feet on back by Walter Dutley, in nineteen flat; any stroke for 40 feet, James Coker and Reid Geddes, tied at 6 2-5 seconds; any stroke for 80 feet won by Art Larson in 16 2-5 seconds; any stroke for 40 yards, tie between Tom Roach and Reid Geddes, superiority, clean competition and honest application to the subject at hand. The La Grande people are solidly behind this new system and in reality, it is doing wonders.

Gold Supply Has Diminished Greatly

(By Associated Press)
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17.—Notwithstanding the legal prohibition against the exportation of gold from Argentina, the visible supply has diminished since the first of the year by approximately \$8,000,000, the conclusion among bankers is that it has been smuggled out of the country and that the destination of most of it was the United States.

Reports concerning this clandestine exportation have been made to Finance Minister Salaberry, who is understood to have ordered an investigation although nothing has been made public as to the result.

WEEKLY INCORPORATED.
(By Associated Press)
SALE, Dec. 14.—H. H. Stallard, organizer of the Non-Partisan League in Oregon, is associated with M. J. Brown in the Producers Publishing company of Oregon City, which filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here Wednesday. The corporation is capitalized at \$5000.

Party from Union—
Ten people drove over from Union today for Christmas preparations. They were Clifford Wolf, Roland Wolf and wife, Owen Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolf and several of their relatives.

Brooks from Imbler—
S. L. Brooks, of Imbler, spent the day in La Grande.

Read—Then Look Again



Look at Loreta's comely eyes and inviting smile. She's a bold vamp who has all the boys in Michigan University talking. It's this way—Loreta is a character in the forthcoming Michigan Union opera, "Make It For Two," and Albert Schurmer, of Saginaw, a senior engineer, plays the role.

TIMBER CRUISE IS COMPLETED

(Special to The Observer)

HILGARD, Dec. 17.—Bert Pullen was in Hilgard Thursday of last week on horseback for the purpose of getting a Jersey cow of J. W. Scott for delivery to W. A. Burns of La Grande. Mrs. Tom Belding, Mrs. T. E. Kelly, Miss Edith Tappin and Jerry Davies drove to La Grande by Ford last Friday. The same day John Dixon, Dewey Whitehead, Arthur Cantrell, and Mrs. Margaret McFadden were passengers on No. 24 for the same place.

Walter Young was a week-end visitor at the Young ranch, some miles up the river.

Miss Ivy Saling of La Grande was a week-end visitor at the Ed Saling home here. Mrs. Saling returned Sunday with her to La Grande for the day.

Last Saturday Mrs. Theres Gettle returned to her home near here, after spending several weeks visiting with her sons in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cantrell of La Grande spent two days of this week at the Wm. Cantrell place near here. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Haruder spent part of Sunday and Monday at the J. W. Scott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanford spent Thursday Christmas shopping in La Grande.

A. E. Douglas, engineer, and six cruisers, who have been working in this vicinity for some time past and in Hilgard proper for the past week, left Thursday evening for Seattle, their headquarters. They have completed a partial re-cruise of the Mt. Emily Timber company holdings in this section.

BUYING TURKEYS IN SEASON

By MRS. GEO. H. STONEKER
Eagle, Idaho.

Early fall is the season of the year when we begin to admire our neighbor's fine flock of turkeys and wish we, too, had a few to market. We decide to try raising some next year, but neglect investing in breeding stock until after Thanksgiving and then scous the country far and wide only to find that the best birds have been marketed and only scrubs remain to be finished for the holiday demand, excepting, of course, the choicest of all which the farmer has been wise enough to mate up for his own



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UNCALLED FOR LETTERS

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending December 16th, 1921:

Gentlemen,
G. M. Amsherry, J. B. Bell, Jess Danes, W. G. Ellsworth, James L. Gerard, William J. Hanson, Jas. Hanson, Monroe Honeywell (2), L. L. Jones, Francis Morin, E. E. Martin, Seth Stine, Nick Nelson, Clifford Osburn, John Pehrman, J. B. Pierce, E. W. Steele, Sidney Snyder, Henry Webber.

Ladies,
Helen Bergin, Miss Inez Clark, Miss Amy Belle Farmer, Miss M. Maule, Miss Mary Master, Mrs. N. E. Stephenson, rs. S. T. Smith, Mrs. Jack Wright, E. M. Willis.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on December 30, 1921, if not delivered.

Do not use new Telephone Directories until Sunday morning. 12-14-4

ATTENTION MOOSE

La Grande, Ore., Dec. 14th, 1921.
By The Officers and Members Of La Grande Lodge
Loyal Order of Moose.

Whereas:
The great and supreme ruler of the universe has in his infinite wisdom, Removed from among us, One of our

Worthy and Esteemed Brothers, Little Daughter, Portia Knowles. And Whereas, the long and intimate relations held with her father in the faithful discharge of his duty as a member of this Order, makes it eminently befitting, in this hour of his sorrow that we record our appreciation of him. Therefore Resolve: That the sudden removal of such a young life from our midst, leaves a vacancy and casts a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members of this Lodge, and will prove a serious loss to all her little friends and playmates. Resolve: That with deepest sympathy for the bereaved Father and Mother and other relatives, We express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled from good by Him, who does all things well.

Resolved:
That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the records of this Order, and a copy be sent to our bereaved Brother and his family, and also a copy be printed in the local paper.

By Order of the La Grande Lodge
Loyal Order of Moose 359
M. A. STILLWELL,
Secretary.

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Hall of Chosen Friends Lodge 190 I. O. O. F.

Island City, Oregon
Whereas, the Messenger of Death has invaded our Lodge and taken in to eternal rest our brother, I. L. Stringham, be it
Resolved, That we, the members of Chosen Friend Lodge No. 190 I. O. O. F., hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved widow and family and commend them to the One who doeth all things well. Be it further
Resolved, That the charter be draped for the period of thirty days and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be spread upon the records of our lodge, and a copy be printed in the La Grande Evening Observer.
S. A. ROBERTSON,
JOE HARRISON,
C. H. BIDWELL,
Committee.
12-17-11

S. H. E. R. R. Y.'S

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Dorothy Dalton

—IN—

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