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CIVIC CLUB PLANS FRUITFUL YEAR

The executive board of the Civic Club met at the home of Mrs. J. S. Cooper last Wednesday afternoon to discuss plans for the New Year's work. There will be a meeting the second Tuesday in January. This will touch upon matters vitally important and apropos to the present day conditions. The delayed reception will also be given that month to the mothers and wives who have sons or husbands represented on the Community Service Flag and also for the paid up members of the Club. As soon as the casualty list is all received a memorial service will be held under the auspices of the club and gold stars placed for those who have made the supreme sacrifice. It is hoped that the one already reported will be the only one. Considerable interest is being manifested in the study of France and a list of subjects will be compiled for the new year.

A civic feature and one that every citizen of the town and community will be keenly interested in is a memorial to our gallant boys who helped so bravely in the world's great struggle. The club members want something of local interest, something that will be of good to the town and the ladies believe that a Club House dedicated to the boys would afford much scope for adornment and would enter into the real life of the community and serve a good cause for years to come.

Another board meeting will be held this month when plans for the year's calendar will be completed. A membership committee, including Mrs. G. W. Conkey, Mrs. B. F. Swope and Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Sr., was appointed.

INDEPENDENCE BOY DIES AT ARMY HOSPITAL IN EAST

News has reached here of the death of Walter Mauch, who died in the East. The young man was formerly a resident of this city and is a nephew of the Hanna brothers. The Post has not learned the particulars.

CORN SHOW OFF

The Polk County Corn Show, which was to take place in Independence next week, has been postponed indefinitely.

METHODIST AID LADIES SERVE EXCELLENT SUPPER

The ladies of the Methodist church gave their annual cafeteria dinner Thursday evening. The event is always looked forward to with keen pleasure for the good ladies serve such good meals and at such reasonable prices, in fact all their eatables were dished out to the public at pre-war prices. The ice cream and coffee were donated by K. C. Eldridge and J. G. McIntosh.

The dining rooms were decked with Christmas bells and red lights glowing from artistic yule-tide shades making a merry assemblage of the gathering.

BERRY RAISING TO BOOM IS LACHMUND'S PREDICTION

"Because of the demand by the government for all kinds of canned goods, jellies, jams and preserves for exportation to Europe the stock throughout the country has been practically depleted and it is estimated that fully six years will elapse before conditions become normal again," said State Senator Louis Lachmund, manager of the Pheasant Northwest Products company, today in predicting that in the next few years the raising of berries would become one of the state's greatest industries.

"Our soil and climate are ideally adapted to berry culture, and since with proper attention all kinds of berries, such as loganberries, raspberries, gooseberries, blackberries, strawberries and currants, can be made to yield a net profit of from \$100 to \$200 an acre, owners of berry lands should put them into berries," he continued.

"Already the industry is making rapid strides in the Willamette valley, and with the view of encouraging and developing it generally in the state the company with which I (Continued on Page 4.)

Peace Brings Us New Mouths to Feed



THE P-T ASSOCIATION HOLDS FRUITFUL MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Association held a meeting at the public school building last Tuesday. A very interesting discussion on Supervised Study was led by Miss Granger of the High School. She is thoroughly conversant with all educational subjects and her membership in the organization is much appreciated.

To the delight of the students, the soup kitchen has opened and they find the lunches as pleasing as last year.

ALL LIGHTS BURNING CITY PAYING FOR HALF

According to the manager of the company which supplies the city of Independence with light, it is impossible for the company to cut out fifty percent of the street lights, as ordered by the city council, until new equipment can be installed, so as yet the order of the council has not been complied with. However, the city is only obliged to pay for the half.

NEXT WEEK'S HANDICAP Friday, the 13th.

THESE ARE CALLED TO THE OTHER SHORE

Henry Stumberg, who came to Independence in 1869, died at his home in Vancouver, Wash., last Sunday.

Alexander M. Holmes, a pioneer of Polk county, died Wednesday at the age of 78. He was the father of Mark and Monroe Holmes.

Mrs. M. Sacre died in a Salem hospital Monday and the funeral was held from the home in Monmouth Wednesday. She is survived by a husband and three sons, two of which are in the service.

Guy, one of the sons unexpectedly arrived home Wednesday from an officers' training camp in Kentucky, not knowing that his mother was dead until he stepped off the train.

ODD FELLOWS SURPRISED BY REBEKAH SISTERS

The Odd Fellows were in time for a genuine treat last night. When they had finished their routine work they found the Rebekahs in the banquet room spreading a feast. They fully recovered from the surprise and did justice to the supper. After the refreshments the jolly crowd enjoyed cards until a late hour.

ADVICE TO "FLU" CONVALESCENTS

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- * Beware tuberculosis after influenza. No need to worry if you take precautions in time.
- * Don't diagnose your own condition. Have your doctor examine your lungs several times at monthly intervals. Build up your strength with right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.
- * Don't waste money on patent medicines advertised to cure tuberculosis.
- * Become a fresh-air crank and enjoy life.
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many years, over 35,000 cases of tuberculosis are registered with the Department of Health. Those familiar with the situation believe that the addition of unrecognized and unreported cases would make the number nearer 50,000. The very careful health survey conducted during the past two years in Framingham, Mass., revealed 200 cases of tuberculosis in a population of approximately 15,000. If these proportions hold true for the United States as a whole they would indicate that about one in every hundred persons is tuberculous. Each of these constitutes a source of danger to be guarded against.

What to Do.
In his statement to the public Surgeon General Blue points out how those who have had influenza should protect themselves against tuberculosis. "All who have recovered from influenza," says the Surgeon General, "should have their lungs carefully examined by a competent physician. In fact, it is desirable to have several examinations made a month apart. Such examinations cannot be made through the clothing nor can they be carried out in two or three minutes. If the lungs are found to be free from tuberculosis every effort should be made to keep them so. This can be done by right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

Danger Signs.
The Surgeon General warned especially against certain danger signs, such as "decline" and "colds which hang on."

These, he explained, were often the beginning of tuberculosis. "If you do not get well promptly, if your cold seems to hang on or your health and strength decline, remember that these are often the early signs of tuberculosis. Place yourself at once under the care of a competent physician. Tuberculosis is curable in the early stages. Patent Medicines Dangerous in Tuberculosis.

"Above all do not trust in the misleading statements of unscrupulous patent medicine fakers. There is no specific medicine for the cure of tuberculosis. The money spent on such medicines is thrown away; it should be spent instead for good food and decent living."

As long as humans are starving we must save food.

Christmas Morning



O lookit, Tommy, Santa come for you and me
But I never heard a single sound when he left that Christmas tree.

RALF FLOYD SAFE

Lieutenant Ralf A. Floyd, formerly a prisoner of war at Karlsruhe, Germany, is now in Switzerland. He was with a large number of Allied prisoners released by the Germans. The War Department notified Mr. and Mrs. O. Floyd by telegram of their son's safety.

J. G. McINTOSH BUYS OUT JOHNSON & COLLINS

This week J. G. McIntosh purchased the grocery business of Johnson & Collins and is now in possession. Mr. McIntosh has conducted the Bungalow grocery on the North side for over a year and built up a good business. Increased patronage made it necessary for him to enlarge, and having the opportunity to buy out Johnson & Collins he wisely concluded to do so and will combine the two stores and at the same time secure a better location, more convenient for a majority of his customers. There is no doubt Mr. McIntosh will do well and his patronage increase. It is greatly regretted that Messrs. Johnson and Collins will retire from business in Independence. They have been good men for the town. Mr. Johnson has been in active business here for over five years and has always taken a great interest and a prominent part in the affairs of the community.

R. M. WALKER PROMOTED; IS NOW A CAPTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Walker have received a cablegram from their son, Ray, since the signing of the armistice, saying that he was safe and also had been promoted. He is now Captain Walker.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

LUCKY INDEPENDENCE 'NOT MUCH FLU HERE

There's flu to the right of us and there's flu to the left of us, but nary little flu do we have.

The second wave of the epidemic is hitting several places hard and is resulting in another period of "closing." Dallas has a worse dose than at the first invasion of the malady. With but few cases, if any, in our midst, Independence is indeed fortunate. If we take due care and precaution, we can escape the disadvantages of another period of depression that putting on the lid brings about. If those who contract the disease in any form will voluntarily isolate themselves, quarantine themselves so to speak, we can keep a coming wide open to the world.

We must remember that should the plague again hit us it possibly may result in more drastic methods being used to stamp it out. Other than the closing of schools, churches and public gatherings of all kinds, it might be deemed necessary to close all business houses as the disease will be stamped out regardless of personal inconveniences and financial considerations. There's no way of getting away from it or around it. So lucky Independence must not get careless or indifferent.

Whether we will continue to be well and wide open depends upon those of our citizens who get the disease in the future. They will either keep the town open or close it up.

JOSEPH WILLS APPOINTED RURAL SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

Joseph Wills has been appointed rural school supervisor for Polk county to succeed Floyd Moore.



An Christmas Tragedy



She sat beneath the mistletoe
Without the slightest fear;
She felt no wild, glad tremor, though
She knew he lingered near;
She sat there calm and unafraid,
And sleepily he yawned, for they'd
Been married for a year.

ISIS THEATRE

MONROE SALISBURY
In the Great Character Portrayal,
"THAT DEVIL BATEESE."
(Also a comedy.)

SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14