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THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

A good word should be said
About the past week's weather,
So nice and warm and ladlike,
It wouldn't raise a feather;
But Fall days seem so awful sad
When all the green is dying,
Excuse the same
We didn't aim
To start a soul to crying.
October is so full of sounds,
Weird and ghostlike moaning,
And the wind in passing thru the trees
Sounds like some one groaning;
Darkness comes an hour too soon
And parlor fires are burning,
It's really sad
And much too bad
When the once green leaves are turning.
A rooster crows in our back lot,
Just by chance or habit,
And foreman, printer and office boy
Each one yearns to grab it;
But all hear the still small voice
And that voice is sighing,
"Touch not the bird
Have you not heard
Your fill of wordly dying?"
Sadie passed a graveyard the other night
That gave her cold sweat shivers,
The crickets sang their funeral dirge
By shaking up their livers;
Thoughts of a decaying season now impress
And she hums a dismal sonnet,
Death time stares
So she wears
Crepe upon her bonnet.

TO THE PUBLIC OF POLK COUNTY

Under the direction of Herbert Hoover, national administrator of food, and W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator for Oregon, a house to house campaign will be made in Polk county during the week of October 21-27 to enlist the earnest co-operation of every family in Polk county in the careful and systematic conservation of food thruout the duration of the war.

America has proved itself great in its enthusiasm in enlistments, in responding heartily to the national military draft, in supporting the liberty bonds, in aiding the Red Cross campaign, in providing libraries and personal comforts for our soldiers; but it is necessary for us to bear in mind that the war must be fought and won ultimately with food, and that to have this food, a strict and most systematic conservation must be observed by every American.

The great food demands are three—wheat, meat and sugar. Economy of these articles should be especially strict in every home. Points which we must bear in mind are:

1. That forty million men in the prime of life have been withdrawn from productive industry in the allied nations.
2. That winter wheat generally was a failure.
3. That it is impossible to transport available wheat from Australia to the allies.

It is doubtful if any more American troops will be sent across the pond until April.

4. That the burden of the supply of food stuffs falls upon the United States.

5. That to decrease the wheat consumption in every family one pound per person per week will supply the allied demand.

6. That to do this will mean the economy of two billion dollars in one year.

7. That this two billion dollars should be invested in liberty loans.

8. That this economy does not mean elimination; it means wise substitution.

9. That the morale of the army is to men as three to one, and that morale depends chiefly upon proper provision.

10. That this is a war in defense of democracy, and if we love democracy we must prove it by a democratic, universal, persistent support.

11. That this national service is worth billions now and hereafter, and doesn't cost a cent.

Will ministers, teachers, bankers, barbers, postmasters, lodge and club officers and public servants of whatsoever sort of place themselves back of this campaign; speak out on every occasion and help make this national effort one hundred per cent strong in Polk county.

Your committee,

Mrs. Conrad Staffrin,
Supt. Fred Crowley,
M. S. Pittman.

CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit court convened at Dallas with Judge Belt on the bench. The following comprise the grand jury: S. H. McElmurry, foreman, R. A. Alderson, A. H. Bunn, Mark Blodgett, F. W. Bell, V. A. Fishback and G. A. Peterson.

The damage case of Hatch vs. Black resulted in a verdict for the defendant. This was the second trial, the defendant having also won the first one.

Kemp vs. Burroughs for damages, non-suited.

The Hewitt case is now being tried. The prosecution presented its testimony yesterday and this morning the defense is being given. It will probably go to the jury before night.

RED CROSS MEETS

The local Red Cross met in business session last Wednesday evening. As a surprise Mrs. Hattie Henkle presented the Auxiliary with \$4.60 from the Rebekah lodge. An entertainment committee was appointed to manage a series of benefits during the winter. The funds for supplies are low and must be raised thru benefits. Thru the kindness and generosity of the management of the Isis theatre arrangements have been made to install a permanent candy booth in the theatre for the benefit of the Red Cross. The booth will be open Saturday evenings and members of the Red Cross will have charge of selling the sweets. The next business meeting will be held the first Wednesday evening in November at 7:30.

STATE FAIR WINNERS

Pig Feeding—Kenneth Bursell, first; Frank Schrank, third; Gilbert Loy, fourth.

Home Canning and Preserving—Hazel Bursell, first.

Sewing—Beth Ostrom, fourth.

Watermelon—Homer Bursell, third.

Hubbard Squash—Lyle Hadley, first; Cyril Reynolds, fourth.

Pie Pumpkin—Homer Bursell, first.

Jelly—Hazel Bursell, second.

Hand Made Apron—Fern Simpson, first; Letha Womer, third; Dorothy Johnson, fifth.

White Plymouth Rocks—Harold Reynolds, first.

L. L. COMMITTEE

The following committees have been appointed to have charge of the second liberty loan campaign in the Independence district:

Men—H. Hirschberg, Ch., K. C. Eldridge, A. C. Moore, C. W. Irvine.

Women—Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Ch., Mesdames O. D. Butler, K. C. Eldridge, Clyde Ecker, Verd Hill, P. M. Kirkland, C. W. Irvine, G. W. Conkey and Miss Florence Burton.

BUYS HOP RANCH

J. S. Bohannon this week sold his hop ranch, consisting of 45 acres, situated across the river from Independence, to Asa B. Robinson. This hop acreage is among the best in this section and is considered a very good buy.

MARRIED

Last Saturday at Dallas, Lafe Edwards and Velma R. Bevins and Elmer M. Campbell and Iva Bevins, all well known Airlie young people, were married by Justice Holman.

"SHUCKING" BEANS

We—that is all those who planted them—have been busy this week "shucking" our beans. The yield is rather light but what there is of them will bring a good price.

TRAINING SCHOOL

The Training School work at Independence and Monmouth, under the direction of Mr. Gentle, the principal, is now fully started and everything seems to be working very, very well. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Hirschberg, president of the I. & M. R. R., for transporting the pupils from Monmouth to Independence and from Independence to Monmouth. That is now being adjusted so that everything will be in running order by next Monday.—Monmouth Herald.

CLUB NOTES

The Kill Kare Klub last Monday night "surprised" Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Swope and gave them a rousing farewell reception. Refreshments were served and a very pretty piece of cut glass was presented to the soon departing members. Mrs. Swope organized this club about two years ago.

Mrs. H. Mattison entertained the Needlecrafters last Thursday. A large membership was present and enjoyed the hostess' hospitality while they busied themselves over dainty articles for their coming bazaars.

Mrs. E. N. Johnson was a charming hostess to the S. S. Club last Wednesday afternoon. Some of the guests busied themselves with Red Cross work while others passed the hours with merry conversation. Mrs. Johnson closed the meeting with a splendid repast.

MAY BE A RUNAWAY

Concerning the strange disappearance of E. R. Viers and Mrs. Graham of Dallas, who went to Garibaldi, chartered a boat and the boat returned without them, the Tillamook Headlight says: "Were E. R. Viers and Mrs. Graham drowned? To our way of thinking there is a possibility that it was a well planned runaway, for it looks a little remarkable that all trace of them was lost immediately after they left Garibaldi and the finding of the boat and letter at Manzanita."

Since the above was written Mr. Graham has heard from Chicago, where he located the runaway parties and he is suing for a divorce.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

"NO RENT; TAKE IT"

Henry Ford delivered a message the other day that is one of the fine big things of this era.

He owns in Boston a tremendous assembling plant which bears an important relation to the Ford business in New England.

A war department official reported this plant was ideal for certain government needs. The secretary of war expressed a desire to have it at a proper rental. Ford didn't take time to answer by letter. He wired just four words, about the biggest words he could have used:

"No rent; take it."

—Portland News.

The harvesting of beets will be begun next week. Reports indicate that the yield will be spotted.

INDEPENDENCE ON ROLL OF HONOR

Independence and Monmouth were two of the first ten towns and cities in the United States to contribute their quota to the Library War Fund. Such was the announcement made in the Portland Telegram of last Saturday. The amount was \$125.

Civic Improvement League of Independence

1917-1918

Board of Directors

President.....Mrs. K. C. Eldridge
First Vice President.....Mrs. O. D. Butler
Second Vice President.....Mrs. A. L. Thomas
Secretary.....Mrs. Clyde Ecker
Financial Secretary.....Mrs. J. S. Cooper
Treasurer.....Mrs. D. D. Davis
Mrs. Sherman Hays, Mrs. E. E. Paddock,
Mrs. George W. Conkey

Committees

Auditing—Chairman.....Mrs. P. M. Kirkland
Street—Chairman.....Mrs. S. E. Owen
Health—Chairman.....Mrs. Crosby Davis
Charity—Chairman.....Mrs. J. E. Hubbard

PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 9, 1917.
Business Meeting.
Tuesday, October 23, 1917.
"How I Hooverize"—Round Table Talk
Led by.....Mrs. J. E. Hubbard
Tuesday, November 13, 1917.
Business Session.
Tuesday, November 27, 1917.
"Early History of Russia".....Mrs. J. S. Cooper
Tuesday, December 11, 1917.
Business Session.
Tuesday, December 25, 1917.
Holiday: Municipal Christmas Tree.
Tuesday, January 8, 1918.
"Modern History of Russia".....Mrs. O. D. Butler
Tuesday, January 22, 1918.
Business Meeting.
Tuesday, February 12, 1918.
"Russian Dancing", Story Telling and
and the Drama.....Mrs. Clyde Ecker
Russian Card Party.
Tuesday, February 26, 1918.
Business Meeting.
Tuesday, March 12, 1918.
Brief Business Session.
"Russian Art and Literature".....
.....Mrs. Sara C. Young
Tuesday, March 26, 1918.
Annual Pioneer Day.
Tuesday, April 9, 1918.
Business Session.
Tuesday, April 23, 1918.
"Russian Music".....Mrs. E. E. Paddock
Tuesday, May 14, 1918.
Business Meeting.
Tuesday, May 28, 1918.
"Russia Since the Revolution".....
.....Mrs. George W. Conkey
Tuesday, June 11, 1918.
Election of Officers.

THE THRILLS OF YOUTH

After all, the joys of youth are fairly well distributed between the sexes, and, while a girl does not know the thrill that comes when one gets into one's first pair of long pants, though that may fall to her lot before long now, on the other hand, a boy doesn't know what it is to be a girl and walk around town with a soldier in uniform where the other girls can see.—Ohio State Journal.

Lots of men would be willing to stand a tax on war profits if a prohibitive tax could be put on war prophets.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.