

**POLK CO. BANKERS CLUB BOOSTERS**

Polk county is the first county in Oregon to have all the bankers behind club work. This work among the children is proving a national benefit inasmuch as the club members are food producers and is highly commended by President Wilson. Our ex-county school superintendent, Harry Seymour, is the state leader of this work and County Supervisor Moore is the county leader recently appointed to do the work during the summer months.

The banks have all promised to loan the boys and girls money on their own notes at six per cent if they are members of the pig club or want to join. They will get assistance through the O. A. C. Extension Dept. in the proper care and management of the pigs.

The Falls City Bank financed twenty-six last year and they report that every child met the obligations on time and in a business like manner.

Supervisor Floyd D. Moore has been working this week among the bankers and is happy over the ready response to the work.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Fortner of O. A. C. have assisted with the work and are prepared to give these club boys and girls assistance at any time they request.

Polk county is again putting itself on the map as a progressive county.

**COMMUNITY ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mensor and daughter, Betty, left on Thursday for Oakland, California, where Mr. Mensor plays ball this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lichty were Sunday guests at the Hale home on S. W. Leonard's old place.

Mr. and Mrs. Eston Bevins and daughter, Ethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner and two daughters were Sunday guests at the home of Ralph Porterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Gains and daughter, Marguerette, were Sunday guests at the F. L. Chown home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rooney on January 17, a son. Mother and son are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McComas.

The Sunday school party held the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wells on Saturday night was well attended and a good time enjoyed by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bevins expect to leave soon for Portland where the former will enter an automobile school.

Mrs. Eston Bevins and daughter, Ethel, and Mrs. B. A. Snyder and daughter, Leona, and son, Gilbert, were Salem visitors on Saturday.

**WOMAN "WAACS" LEARN RAPIDLY**

Master Telegraph Codes and Prove Efficient Operators.

**WORK NEAR BATTLE FRONT**

Handle Messages for the Ordnance Department and Acquire New Vocabulary in Order to Do It—Make Few Mistakes in Handling Stores Which Comprise Something Like 23,000 Separate Items.

The following, on the work of British women at the front, appeared in a recent issue of the London Daily Telegraph from a correspondent "at the base in France:"

Now every signaller was a very fine Waac, And a very fine Waac was she—

Happy, happy shall we be, There's none so fair as can compare With the W. A. A. C.

There is a considerable amount of musical talent and an abounding sense of fun among the girls who are cheerfully fulfilling the tasks they have taken up. This you judge whenever you attend one of their parties. The lines quoted are from some patter verses, on the plan of "Old King Cole," in which unit administrators, area controllers and captains of army signallers of a particular corps came in for good-humored banter by name. The whole corps always speaks of its members as "Waacs," and unless a standard dictionary of the future gravely admits the word and its origin to its columns there will be trouble for the students yet to be of the war. Signallers, it may be said, are an important section of this new arm, and they are especially proud that they are allowed to wear the blue and white armband that, under the king's regulations, is distinctive of the telegraphic service.

At one base, through which messages of supreme importance are constantly passing, the women are pronounced to be doing excellent work. All have had the full training of the post office and are experts with the Wheatstone automatic system. But some specialized training has been necessary, for certain codes have been adopted and absolute accuracy is essential when single letters or figures are invested with weighty significance and the smallest error might have the gravest results. Very efficient, too, is the telephone service, employing as at home, a number of highly trained young women. Scotland, it may be said, has furnished a large proportion of the girls carrying out these responsibilities.

**A New Vocabulary.**

This question of codes and letters and figures constitutes a bigger difficulty than the outsider would imagine. When a staff officer escorted our party through a great depot of the ordnance department it was quickly realized that these women have to acquire what is literally a new vocabulary to them. Now, no shop in the world contains the variety of items and parts and sections that this arm of the service brings together and issues. Its very magnitude in the earlier days, even of the war led to the adoption of a code of letters and figures to denote its division, at least, where thousands of requisitions pour in daily. Thanks to this method it became possible to utilize the help of French women long before the possibility of securing feminine assistance from home loomed into view. The intelligent French girl might not possess a rudimentary acquaintance with our language, but she could understand that all requisitions bearing a certain letter and figure were to be brought together in the rack provided, and thus a first stage of sorting could be effected.

By special favor a glimpse was accorded of the stupendous labor by which the guns are kept at their tireless work. If there is a subject on which the average girl clerk is less likely to be informed than upon another it is surely that which touches the technicalities and working parts of modern artillery. Yet here are women who, in a very few weeks, have learned enough to know in which direction to send forward requisitions concerning 9.2 guns, or trench mortars, or the lightest howitzers. It was not always thus, and mistakes even now are made that recall the favorite story here of the young lady who, when a demand came down for armored hose, gayly referred it to the authorities charged with the issue of clothing. But even in a department which stores something like 23,000 separate items the mistakes have now come to be few and far between.

**Varieties of Work.**

Less exacting at the outset is the work upon which they are entering at the clothing stores, where it is estimated that four women will take the place of every three men formerly engaged there. It is a department of fabulous figures; indeed, the bare mention in tons of the first supplies of winter equipment brought over is almost staggering. Greatcoats, waterproofs, waders, overcoats, hosiery and accessories of goods that would seem inexhaustible. Even buttons and ribbons that belong to the more generally known goods, make up a sufficiently impressive total, while there are specialties in quantities of specialized work—the white, green and red of the

offensive gas service is one of them—that call for a whole series of wide shelves to contain them. Kitchen equipment, every sort of brush that enters into domestic use, enamel ware and hardware, electrical plant, lamps, stoves, baskets, heavy crockery, are but a few of the things here ranged which it is intended to place in women's charge. It will not be, perhaps, as easy a matter to issue them, for there is a regulation system of catalogue entry, and the exact meanings of vouchers referring to, say, "sponge—bath," or "bath—sponge," are not always obvious until the peculiarities of definition have been mastered.

Again, the women were to be seen in an enormous depot concerned with the repair of all sorts of motor vehicles. Its floor space suggests acres as the unit of measurement, and in happier times it was a vast trolly factory. Every known pattern of motor engine is used by the army, and it follows, therefore, that the spare parts and the details employed involve a classifying and a sorting out of extraordinary complexity. But the system has been well devised and the mechanic engaged on a London General Omnibus company's chassis will not find his work hindered by being given the various items as used in the Wolseley make.

Even some public signs come direct to the point. They do not waste any time in wondering how the reader will feel about it.

In a garage is posted: "Don't smoke around the tank. If our life isn't worth anything, gasoline is."

"Est Clams," Says Teacher. "Est clams" is the advice of Dr. C. H. Edmondson, assistant professor of zoology at the University of Oregon, to all patriots who are trying to conserve the nation's mussel supply. He declares the clam is as palatable as the oyster and has a similar food value.

**PROSPERITY NUMBER**

**OUT EARLY IN FEBRUARY**  
**Of INDEPENDENCE, its Resources, Opportunities**

**A Booster for Home Patronage. Not an Advertising Sheet for Salem Merchants.**

**Every Family in South Polk County Will Get a Copy Free. Extras 10c.**

**Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured**

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO. Toledo O.

**BOYS ENTERTAIN**

The "Pompador Club" composed of five gallant young high school gents entertained their friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge last Friday evening. The fair maids and their beaux spent the hours dancing, a handsome Edison furnishing the music. During the evening delicious punch was served to the revelers. Mrs. E. E. Paddock and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge chaperoned the party and served the delicious repast which closed the merry evening.

Master Delos Eldridge was host to a gay gathering of young friends on Saturday evening of last week. A variety of entertaining games were indulged in in the spacious billiard room of the Eldridge home until a late hour, when a dainty luncheon was served.

**INSTANT ACTION SURPRISES MANY HERE**

This grocer's story surprises local people: "I had bad stomach trouble. All food seemed to sour and form gas. Was always constipated. Nothing helped until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. ONE SPOONFUL astonished me with its INSTANT action." Because Adler-i-ka flushes the ENTIRE alimentary tract it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. WILLIAMS DRUG CO.

**PRESBYTERIAN NOTES**

The Sunday evening services at Calvary Presbyterian Church are increasing in interest and attendance. Last Sunday evening, Mrs. J. W. Richardson and W. H. Walker sang a solo that was greatly appreciated. Next Sunday morning, Dr. Dunsmore will speak on the subject, "How We Got Our English Bible." In the evening, the topic will be, "Lessons From the Book of Jonah." Special music will be a feature of the evening service. The public cordially invited.

**A good pair of reading glasses for \$1.00 at O. A. Kreamer's.**

**War Can't Stop Us**  
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It makes no difference in our appetites for good eats. But the question of the hour is, "where to get good, satisfying eats at medium prices."  
**WE HAVE THE ANSWER**  
It is plainly in evidence in every part of our store. It consists of **Fresh, Pure, Clean Groceries**  
And the smiles of many satisfied customers is the best of proof that we make good on every claim.  
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**Calbreath & Jones**

**SUMMONS.**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, J. H. D. Chambers, - Plaintiff vs. H. A. Davis, and Jane Doe Davis, his wife, and Tacoma Association of Credit Men, a Washington corporation, - Defendants.

To H. A. Davis, and Jane Doe Davis, his wife, and Tacoma Association of Credit Men, a Washington corporation, Defendants in the above entitled suit.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby required to appear, and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before Saturday, the 20th day of January, 1918, that being the day fixed by the order of Court for you to appear and answer, and more than six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to so appear and answer, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to-wit:

(1) For a judgment against you, the said Defendant, H. A. Davis, for the sum of \$200.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 23rd day of January, 1917; the sum of \$20.00 as an attorney fee, and the costs and disbursements of this suit.

(2) For a decree foreclosing that certain mortgage given by you, the said Defendant, H. A. Davis, to the Plaintiff, on the 23rd day of April, 1915, upon all of Lot numbered Nineteen (19), in Block numbered Two (2), in Sheridan View Acres, in Polk County, State of Oregon, in the manner prescribed by law, which said mortgage was recorded in the Record of Mortgages of Polk County, Oregon, in Book No. 34, on Page No. 496, thereof, on the 5th day of August, 1915; and that the said above described property, and in said mortgage set forth, be sold by the Sheriff of said Polk County, State of Oregon, and the proceeds thereof be applied to the payment of said sums of money hereinabove mentioned due to the Plaintiff.

(3) That you, and each of you, be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title, lien, claim, or interest in, to, or upon the said real property, and every part thereof, save and except the statutory right of redemption.

(4) That the Plaintiff have execution against you, the said Defendant, H. A. Davis, for any deficiency in his judgment against you, after the application of the proceeds of the said real property.

(5) For a Judgment and Decree that the before mentioned mortgage executed by you, the said Defendant, H. A. Davis, be reformed and corrected, according to the real intent of the parties, so the description therein shall read as follows: "All of Lot numbered Nineteen (19), in Block numbered Two (2), in Sheridan View Acres, in Polk County, State of Oregon, as shown by the map and plat thereof, on file and of record in the Office of the County Clerk of Polk County, State of Oregon, containing ten (10) acres of land", and, so reformed, said mortgage shall convey said last described premises as fully as if the same had originally been described therein; that the title to said premises above described pass by the said Judgment and Decree from you, the said Defendant, H. A. Davis, to, and vest in, the Plaintiff, in fee simple, by virtue of the aforesaid mortgage, held by him on the said premises (subject only to the statutory right of redemption), as fully as if properly conveyed in said mortgage, and

(6) For such other and different relief as to the Court may seem proper.

This summons is published in the "Independence Monitor," once each week, for six successive weeks, by order of the Hon. H. H. Belt, Judge of the above entitled Court, made on the 13th day of December, 1917.

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