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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT QUESTIONNAIRES

Full and Complete Information Demanded; Penalty for Evasion Heavy.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20. Every draft registrant must answer his Questionnaire truthfully and without evasion. Untrue answers or concealment of information required by the government will result in prosecution.

On the other hand draft registrants may rest assured that the personal questions they are obliged to answer in regard to their domestic and business conditions will be seen only by the proper authorities. Members of local and direct boards are forbidden under severe penalty from divulging such information.

The government requires the most personal and detailed answers in the Questionnaire because on the information thus given, supported where necessary by affidavits of other persons, will be based the classification of each registrant.

As a deferred classification is equivalent to a temporary exemption or discharge, it must be plain to every registrant why false answers designed to place the registrant in one of the deferred classes, will be so strictly dealt with.

Even though a registrant is perfectly sure he understands all that is required in the Questionnaire, for his own protection he should consult one of the members of the various legal advisory boards for advice. This legal advice is free.

Questionnaires are now being sent out by Local Boards at the rate of five per cent each day, except Sundays and legal holidays, until all are sent out.

ARLETA PARENT-TEACHERS.

The Arleta Parent-Teachers' Circle have plans in hand for an entertainment to be given soon in the interest of the Library Fund.

The Red Cross unit of the Arleta Parent-Teachers' Association met last Tuesday at the school. They sewed all day and enjoyed a delicious luncheon at noon. Twenty-eight members were present. They have a Red Cross Fund of \$10.00, all of which they have raised in less than a month.

LENTS LODGE NO. 106 A. F. AND A. M. MEETS

Holds Election of Officers Dec. 13

Lents Lodge No. 106 A. F. and A. M. held an enthusiastic meeting at the Oddfellows Hall on the evening of Dec. 13. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, M. K. Hedge; Senior Warden, Clyde Hildreth; Junior Warden, F. O. McGrew; Secretary, O. A. Hess; Treasurer, A. D. Kenworthy; Trustee, C. S. Ogsbury.

ARLETA SCHOOL CLASS PROGRAMS

The 7 A class of the Arleta School has decorated its room, and prepared a program for Friday afternoon. "The Night Before Christmas" will be recited by Otha Duncan, and "The Strike at Santa Claus' Shop" by Esther Hollingworth. Five girls will sing "Silent Night," and the class will unite in singing "The Marseillaise" and "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear." Each pupil will bring a gift for the grab box. Miss Edith Forbes is the teacher of this room.

Miss Percival's 4 B and 5 A will have a grab box and a Christmas tree, and the 5 B, and 6 B and 6 A rooms will have a union tree and entertainment.

A REQUEST.

There has been such a demand for our issue No. 49 (Dec. 6) that we shall appreciate it if some of our readers would be kind enough to save this issue for us rather than destroy it when read. Thank you.

Room at the Top.

Little Jennie had been eating very heartily, but she asked for another piece of cake.

"Jennie," said her mother, "I don't believe I ought to give it to you. You are about as full as a little girl can possibly be. Another mouthful and you'll surely burst."

"But, mamma, my neck's left yet!" said the little girl persuasively.—Exchange.

COUNTY AGRICULTURALIST'S RE-ELECT THE 1917 OFFICERS

County Agent Hall Shows Year's Work.

At the annual meeting of the County Agricultural Council, the officers of 1917 were re-elected to their positions for 1918: H. A. Lewis, president; J. G. Kelley, vice president; C. H. Stone, secretary-treasurer.

Paul V. Maris, from the Oregon Agricultural College, told about the important part which county agents are playing in the organization of the agricultural resources of the country.

County Agent S. E. Hall reported upon the progress of the work in Multnomah county for the past year. He presented the following comparison of the activities of the County Agent's office covering the two years of the work which the office has been in existence.

	1916	1917
Calls at office.....	319	1543
Meetings held.....	39	139
Attendance at meetings.....	2044	10204
Articles published.....	43	208
Letters mailed.....	350	1245
Circulars mailed.....	305	2393

Probably the most important single item of the year's work was the completing of the organization of Multnomah Drainage District No. 1, which was organized for the purpose of diking and draining of about 6500 acres of overflow land along the Columbia river joining the city limits of Portland. The reclamation of this land will put under cultivation a large area of the best vegetable land in the State. Some of the larger vegetable canneries are already figuring on the out-put of this area.

After considering the work on the different projects, the council decided upon the following projects to be emphasized for the coming year—crop improvement, drainage, farm records, lime and fertilizer, club work and organization. A great deal of emergency work for the United States Department of Agriculture will no doubt enter into the work this year, as the past year the agent was called upon for a complete farm survey of the county, a survey of the supply of nitrate of soda, the amount used last year and the estimated amounts for the coming year as well as the increased production campaign on wheat and rye. Work will be carried on along many other lines the same as usual, but the six mentioned projects were considered the most important and will be conducted in a more definite manner.

FRANKLIN HIGH.

The first of a series of oratorical contests was held last Friday morning among the Freshmen. The contest will be of several months' duration, ending in May. For purposes of convenience the contestants will be divided into the regular class sections—freshman, sophomore, and so on. The final contest will be among the three "firsts" of each contest. The prizes were awarded last Friday as follows—first, Elaine Brown, "Good bye, Jim, take keer o' yourself;" second, Mildred Boone, "Paul Revere's Ride;" third, Eleanor Wright, "Beethoven's Dream."

Patriotic students have been selling Red Cross stamps during the past week in the school halls.

Tuesday was a ten cent tag day. The money is to be used for the basket ball work. Among the most enthusiastic sellers was Miss Mildred Boon.

Last Tuesday during the sixth period a most delightful diversion was created by a mixed double quartette which passed through the halls singing "Holy Night." Classroom doors were thrown open and work temporarily suspended while the sweet singing went on.

Final examinations began Wednesday for the graduates of this term as well as other students.

Post was issued Tuesday. It is celebrating the football championship.

"DISEASES AND CARE OF THE TEETH," THEME.

PARENT-TEACHER SPONSORS

"Diseases and Care of the Teeth," is the topic of a speech to be delivered at the Lents School Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 21, at 2:45 p. m. The speaker will be Dr. Maud Tanner, who has just returned from New York, and whose talk will be based upon her knowledge of the subject. One number of the program will be furnished by the children. The entertainment is to be under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association, and is certain to be an interesting one.



A CHRISTMAS SURVEY

Just a Brief Appraisal of the Business Houses of our Community as a Sort of Annual Stock Taking-- Only a Few Assets Mentioned.

LENTS IS IMPORTANT TRADING CENTER

Magnitude and Variety of Businesses Located in Lents. Best Foundation for Belief in Prosperity and Permanence. One Pay Roll Alone One Hundred Dollars Per Day.

VISION AND CO-OPERATION ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO INSURE PROSPERITY

The present is surely an opportune season to diverge from the beaten path for a few moments and take advantage of the extra space made possible by an enlarged edition and take stock, of ourselves and of our community.

Lents, as a country town, is among the oldest centers of population in the state, and the reason for its existence then—its position as the centre of a large tributary territory holds good equally well to-day. Lents, as a suburb of Portland is a comparatively new thing, and although several years old it is a fact that a good many of the old time residents have not even yet become used to the change. Like the small boy with his first pair of trousers, or his first stiff collar, we are mighty proud of our new honors, but can't say that we feel very comfortable in them as yet. Lents as a residential and trading centre is just as assured of permanence and steady growth as it ever was. As a power in Portland, and as its most influential suburb, we believe we have only to peep a little into the future, and taking courage by the vision there discovered put our shoulders to the wheel and bring things to pass. There is quite a difference between a dream and a vision. A dream is often fleeting, changeable, weird, bizarre, sometimes just a pleasing idle fancy the product of an idle or impractical brain, a recreation, entertaining but essentially useless. A vision is often strenuous, often tense, almost startling in its challenge to credulity, yet always practical. Let us open our eyes and get a vision. Let us see ourselves as we may be, as we ought to be, and let us determine to make the vision come true. Lents ought to be at once self-supporting. No business should be compelled through lack of sufficient patronage here to seek for customers elsewhere. Let the customers come from the outside, that is as it should be and will be, but let no business men have the chance to say "I would have to close up my doors if I

had to depend upon the trade I get in Lents."

Lents ought to have no empty homes; good houses should command a better rent than they do to-day. Sidewalks on the streets, a paid Fire Department, lower Insurance Rates, better transportation facilities, better roads. Install such improvements and this problem is solved.

Lents should have no empty store buildings. There should be no poor stores. It should not be possible for a store to exist that did not use modern up-to-date methods in the handling of their business. A closer, more brotherly feeling among the merchants would largely solve some of these problems, and the increased population mentioned in the last paragraph would automatically solve the rest.

Lents should have good schools. She has them, no one will challenge that for a moment. Good churches? That also is true. Neat pleasant homes? There are many such, and their number is increasing. A healthful location? There is none better in Portland, no pleasanter suburb for climatic conditions. Good drainage? There are very few spots so well favored by nature in this respect than is Lents. The gentle slope, the gravelly sub-soil, the unrestricted sunshine all combine to quickly and naturally carry away all excess moisture.

Good stores and substantial business houses? Well now you've started something, and if you'll be as patient with us for the next few minutes as you have been in the past we will soon show some of the solid foundations upon which our vision rests. Perhaps the better plan will be to briefly sketch a few of the business institutions that are giving, and have given this community such a standing and permanence as no other part of Portland can surpass.

RICE-KINDER LUMBER COMPANY. Just a new institution, or rather an old one under a new name, for about

NEWSY ITEMS FROM DOWN THE LINE

Chronicle of Weekly Events in Arleta and Kern Park Varied and Full of Interesting Doings

Mrs. Mary Carr and Miss Edith Carr of Canby, came Thursday the 13th to Portland to visit Mesdames Etta Hill and Adelia Walker, daughters of the former. Mrs. Hill, 7105 57th Ave., S. E., entertained her mother and sister at dinner last Saturday, and again on Sunday.

Carl and Floyd Carlson, formerly of Kern Park, called on their sister, Miss Sadie, 5627 72nd St., S. E., last Thursday. Carl Carlson has been in Utah for the past eighteen months and is making an indefinite stay in this state. The Carlson family had a reunion last Sunday at their farm on Gale Creek road about five miles northwest of Forest Grove, the boys having left for home Saturday and Miss Sadie the following morning, accompanied by John Shaver of the Sunnymont Apartments, Sunnyside addition.

Little Miss Marian Usher of Woodmere, is again able to be out after a siege of La Grippe.

Miss Myrtle Brock was detained from school Wednesday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. Brock, 7112 54th Ave., S. E. Mrs. Brock is now able to be about her usual duties.

Grandma Jones, mother of Mrs. Fletcher, 7101 56th Ave., S. E., who has had a short but acute attack of heart trouble, is up and about again.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, was the anniversary of Harry Usher's birthday. In the evening Mrs. Usher entertained in honor of the occasion at their home at 7628 62nd Ave., S. E. Those composing the merry party were the Misses Sarah Buell and Sadie B. Carlson; Messrs. Vancil G. Klock and Clarence B. Freeman; also Mr. and Mrs. Usher.

Last Monday Mrs. Madge Watson Swanson of the West Side, assisted her mother with the season's sales at the latter's place of business in the Crum & Raebuck Bldg., corner Millard Avenue and 72nd St.

Mrs. Estelle O'Rivers returned last Friday from a short business trip to Bertha.

The case of Miss Olive Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, 5282 68th St., S. E., who has been ailing for several months, has been rendered infinitely more serious by an attack of La Grippe. She was, however, reported better Tuesday evening.

Mrs. G. C. Keebler of Lebanon, who has been a houseguest of Mrs. Hettie Mailley, 69 St., and 54th Ave., S. E., returned to her home last Tuesday. She took with her a three-day-old baby, adopted from the Louise Home. Before leaving she brought the baby out to Dr. E. G. Margason, of Tremont, for his professional inspection and advice.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas, from near Albany, are guests of Mrs. S. W. Hickling, 7829 59th Ave., S. E. Their little daughters, Helen, Alice and Elva are with them. They will continue their visit through the holiday season. Mrs. Thomas has most unfortunately been the victim of influenza while here.

W. J. Jefferies is in Eastern Oregon on a business trip.

The Mount Scott Mental Culture College met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Woodham, Kern Park, Friday of last week, for Red Cross work.

The regular club meeting for Thursday of this week, will be with Mrs. W. D. Lockwood, 4504 85th St.

Coming so near the holiday season this will be a "Just For Fun" meeting without the usual study program. The entertainment is in the hands of the Social Committee.

The Correct Word.

"Old Brown won't live long. He has one foot in the grate already."
"You mean one foot in the grave."
"No; he's going to be creamated."
—Boston Transcript.

Six months ago Messrs Rice and Kinder of St. Johns leased the old Miller-Mowrey Mill that had been silent for six years and set the wheels turning and the saws buzzing. Just a solid chunk of Lents; payroll in the neighborhood of \$100 a day. Both Mr. Rice and Mr. Kinder stand solidly back of this community and are determined to see it grow. They manufacture, of course all kinds of lumber and shingles, and sell slabwood in large quantities. What the fuel situation would have been in Lents this winter without their advent is difficult to surmise.

ARMY CANTONMENT AT GRIBBLE'S RESTAURANT

Novel and Patriotic Window Display

A broad white expanse of snow, with a background of evergreen forest, a winding road, a long white building displaying a great red cross, a group of army tents—what is it? An army cantonment? Only in miniature, but so faithfully reproduced that it is well worth going to the window of Gribble's Cafe on 92nd St., to see. Mr. Gribble has fashioned the large "Army Hut" of—no, not sugar, for he is Hooverizing—but of a substance resembling it, as only an artist could do. The patriotic posters in the window show that Mr. Gribble is keeping a real Red Cross Christmas, and is doing his bit to influence the homefolk to help care for our boys "over there."

JOHNSON CREEK GOES ON RAMPAGE

Heavy Rains Swell Stream to Flood Proportions the Past Week.

The heavy rains of the past week have swollen Johnson Creek, southeast of the city, to such proportions that grave damage to surrounding property seemed imminent when the temperature dropped and the rain began falling less heavily on Wednesday. The flood had already caused much inconvenience, if nothing more, for several acres of land were inundated, and many houses threatened. James Reed, living some distance up the creek, awoke on Wednesday morning to find his house completely surrounded by flood water. Paddling to shore on a log, Reed secured assistance from Sheriff Horibart, and his family was moved to safety. A large flock of chickens was endangered.

92nd street was, on Wednesday, covered with a flood of swirling, angry water to the depth of over a foot for several blocks, rendering it impassable to pedestrians. Other roads in the vicinity were also flooded, and the suburban street car service was seriously hampered. Relief came with the cessation of rain on Wednesday.

WOODMERE PARENT-TEACHERS

Hold Meeting Tuesday--Speaker Urges Use of Home Products.

The Woodmere Parent-Teachers' Association held its monthly business meeting last Tuesday in Room 9. A goodly number of teachers and parents were present and enjoyed a fine program. Mr. Strong came out from the city and gave a brief talk about the housewives' using home products, so as to help solve the car shortage problem. Several manufacturers sent an invitation to all present to make them a personal visit at their factories.

A clever song was rendered by some of the primary classes, and selections from older pupils were enjoyed. The Hooverized Mother Goose Rhymes were especially appreciated.

The Social Service Committee took care of some important business, their work seeming much brighter and easier than last year.

Refreshments were served in the rest room by the teachers, and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Harry Usher was elected Assistant Press Reporter for the Association.

EHRlich--EGGIMAN

Frederick F. Ehrlich and Miss Emma Eggiman, two of Lents' most popular young people, slipped over to the parsonage of the Methodist Church, and were quietly married by Rev. Jasper on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. The groom was more fortunate than most of us, being a tailor himself, he didn't have to worry about where his new suit was to come from. Felicitations.

WOODMERE SCHOOL.

After a very exciting debate in the eighth grade last Friday afternoon on the subject, "Resolved That Women's Suffrage Would Mean Progress to the United States," a decision was made in favor of the affirmative.

Those on the affirmative were: Myrtle Brock and Carroll Olsen; those on the negative, Avon Dean and Virginia Able.

Mrs. M. B. Hogue was the teacher in charge, while Principal Dickson was an interested visitor.