

Lents to Receive New Trade Artery

A delegation of Lents' Business Men's club members, composed of J. F. Wing, M. K. Hedge, J. D. Lee and Axel Kildahl met with the Clackamas county commissioners at Oregon City Wednesday for the purpose of having the cut-off road from Foster Road to Boring declared a market road. The commissioners appeared very favorable to the proposed change and assured the delegation that they would go over the ground immediately and that surveys will start at once to work out the details.

The Lents delegation feel that the proposed new road will soon be a reality and much credit is due Marvin Hedge and the others of the delegation who have given much of their time to this work.

Perhaps a great many Lents people

do not realize the importance of the new road. They have not studied the possibilities it will open for Lents. The majority of the farmers living on this side of Boring are doing their trading at Gresham and Damascus, while the new road will give them a shorter and more level road to Lents, than they have to either of the other places.

At a joint meeting of the farmers of the affected district and the Lents' Business Men's club delegation, held this week, the farmers were unanimous in expressing their desire for the change. It will mean much to them in affording a more accessible market, and they feel very friendly towards Lents business men for the assistance they have rendered in the proposed change.

NO NEW BRIDGES IN TEN YEARS

Yet Portland Has Grown Amazingly in That Time

One of the practical helps for more rapid development of the entire Mount Scott district, and one in which Lents is directly interested, would be the construction of the Ross Island bridge across the Willamette river. This would give the entire district and the territory of Gresham and eastern Multnomah county, a direct route to and from the business district of Portland, and would afford rapid transit, because of being able to carry four lines of vehicular traffic, and the absence of street cars and railroad crossings at the approaches.

The two bridge proposals—the new Burnside-street bridge and the Ross Island bridge—will appear on a separate ballot at the general election November 7. The joint bridge committee is supporting both measures, on the ground that they are seriously needed for general traffic relief. Portland is confronted by a situation where in its vehicular traffic across the five river bridges has increased more than 100 per cent within the past four years, and the congestion is becoming intolerable. Portland has built no new bridges for ten years, yet its automobile traffic is growing at a rate that is amazing. The number of new car owners is constantly increasing and at the same time there is a vast volume of automobile traffic coming in from outside points. At the auto camp alone the past season there were approximately 10,000 cars. Portland must make provision for more bridges if she is to continue her splendid growth.

Motion pictures showing traffic congestion at the bridge approaches are being shown in the downtown theaters and suburban show houses, and present striking arguments in favor of the proposed Ross Island bridge and the rebuilding of the Burnside-street bridge.

A favorable vote for the Ross Island bridge will be "14 X For the bridge"; a favorable vote for the Burnside-street bridge will be "12 X For the bridge."

WILL FIRE INSURANCE RATES GO UP?

An increase in fire insurance rates in Portland from 25 to 30 per cent will result in the event that the fire bureau is decreased either in man power or through elimination of equipment, because of failure of the voters to re-authorize the 3-mill tax levy Tuesday.

This is the statement of James N. McCune, manager of the Oregon insurance rating bureau, the organization that fixes all insurance rates in the state of Oregon.

Mr. McCune has written to City Commissioner Bigelow explaining that in the opinion of his bureau, the fire bureau is now underequipped and not properly equipped and therefore any further reduction would necessarily mean an increase in the fire insurance rates.

The 3-mill tax which is being re-submitted to the voters by the city council to clear up a legal point raised by the tax commission, is not a new tax, but, as a matter of fact, has twice before been authorized by the voters of the city. The tax commission has issued a formal statement in which the voters are urged to re-authorize this levy.

Failure of the voters to do so, however, would mean a 28 per cent cut in every city department, not excluding the fire bureau.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

R. J. Swan, accountant, was a Lents visitor Wednesday.

W. H. Walker of Deer Lodge, Mont., has purchased the Train home, 9022 Seventy-first avenue, and has taken possession.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. K. M. Bateman returned Sunday from Fallbridge, Wash., and are at home at 8604 Sixty-fifth street.

It is a pleasure to note the different "atmosphere" in Yeager theater now that the new ventilating system is working.

Miss Maurine Haugner of the Marysville district gave a solo dance at the Health Exposition, municipal auditorium, Monday evening.

Eleanor Alice is the name of the daughter which came recently to rejoice the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, 4815 Ninety-second street.

The women's gymnasium class will meet at the schoolhouse Monday evening, November 6, at 8 o'clock. All women of the community are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baldwin are being congratulated upon the advent of a 9-pound daughter at the Baldwin home, Forty-eighth and Ninety-second street, October 21.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Smith and children, Margaret and Donald, of box 302, route 3, left Tuesday on a two-months' tour of California. They may settle in California.

W. F. Marshall, son of Mrs. Ella Marshall, Fifty-fifth avenue and 102d street, was released from Sellwood hospital Tuesday. Mr. Marshall was shot in the legs recently while hunting.

"Pat" McArthur, congressman, told The Herald Wednesday that come what may November 7 he will take in the "homecoming" festivities at his alma mater, the University of Oregon, Eugene, November 11.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adamson have returned to the Mount Scott district to live after an absence of two years. They have taken a house at 4849 Eighty-fourth street, corner Forty-ninth avenue, where Mr. Adamson is engaged in business. His advertisement is carried in this week's Herald.

Special Patrolman C. N. Anderson is on strike duty to preserve his civil service rights, and his brother, A. W. Anderson, is handling the night beat in Lents during his absence. Tuesday night A. W. Anderson had a friend deputized and another friend helped him. He reports that several large gangs were broken up before they became unmanageable.

Mrs. Della Olsen, 4092 Sixty-fifth street, Guardian Neighbor, Neighbors of Woodcraft, announces a dance for the smaller younger folks at Arleta W. O. W. hall, Wednesday, November 8.

Presents Ruth Lent in Recital

The Oregon Conservatory of Music, under the direction of Mrs. L. H. Hurlbert-Edwards, presents in graduation recital Miss Ruth Hannaford Lent, pianist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fremont L. Lent, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Friday evening, November 10, as a part of the music week festivities. Miss Lent, who is better known as Ruth, is the youngest piano student of the conservatory to receive an eighth-grade diploma. Invitation is extended to neighbors and friends. Printed invitations may be had from Miss Lent or the Oregon Conservatory of Music students and officials.

PORTLAND'S VETERANS' SCHOOL

L. C. Joseph, district manager of the Pacific Northwest in his report to Colonel Forbes, chief of the bureau, has made an announcement this week that he has recommended that the government should immediately purchase the Pierce Sanatorium as a residence vocational training school, for nerve and tubercular convalescents among ex-service men of the Pacific northwest.

A favorable report to be made by Mr. Joseph is a distinct victory for Congressman McArthur whose project it has been to obtain such a school for Oregon and who at the close of the last congressional term remained in Washington for three days to press the claims of the city before President Harding and Colonel Forbes. Mr. Joseph says that he will press his claim in the strongest terms, for the purchase of the Pierce Sanatorium and believes that Portland is the logical site for an institution of this kind for the rehabilitation of the veterans. A. L. Brown, of the veterans' bureau, is now on his way to Portland to inspect the prospective school and to report additionally to Colonel Forbes. Mr. Brown is expected to arrive some time this week.

When apprised of the proposed recommendation, Congressman McArthur was very much gratified and expressed himself with the statement that with the co-operation of the entire delegation from Oregon, he had brought the matter to its present favorable status and declared his belief that Mr. Joseph's report and recommendation would be favorably acted upon.

BE SURE TO VOTE

The Herald asks that every citizen do his duty—VOTE NOVEMBER 7. The way you vote is no one's business but your own, unless you care to divulge this information.

The Herald asks that every man and woman vote his firm conviction, without prejudice. If you firmly believe, without hatred entering into it, that all private schools should be abolished vote for the school bill. But do not vote for it nor against it because it is sponsored by this or that organ, this or that person, or because this or that church, lodge, organization is for or against it.

Sit down Monday evening and think about men and measures. Get a sample ballot. Study it. And with your best thought and your calmest judgment, decide how you wish to vote. Then vote early Tuesday. BUT BE SURE TO VOTE.

MASQUERADE BALL PLEAS

All Details of Affair Are Splendidly Handled

The event of last week in the Woodmere district was the Halloween masquerade ball and pumpkin festival given under the auspices of Woodmere Parent-Teacher circle at the school assembly hall Saturday evening. The attendance was exceptionally large even for this always popular annual entertainment, and the merry-makers overflowed from the main auditorium into the spacious halls and recreation rooms. The ladies and gentlemen on the entertainment committee, under the guidance of Miss Queenie Swanson, had caused the main hall to be elaborately decorated in seasonal colors of orange and black, together with a profusion of brilliant autumn foliage, corn stalks, pumpkins, flying witches and all of the many familiar Halloween symbols so dear to the hearts of young and old. Nor was the item of decorum and comfort for the guests overlooked. Six lady patronesses and an equal number of gentlemen were in evidence at all times to see that all were accorded an opportunity to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. A maid for the women's cloak room and a man for the men's rooms precluded the possibility of confusion in loss or exchange of wraps, or the occurrence of any untoward incident. The same care was taken to insure that the court and grounds surrounding the building were properly supervised so that automobiles would not be tampered with nor any rough element allowed to congregate.

The refreshments served were a delight to all who were privileged to partake of them. Under the directing hand of Mrs. Herman Bonders, chairman of the refreshment committee, a bounteous supply of home-made pumpkin pies, home-made candy and sweet apple cider had been provided. Their gastronomic worth was amply attested by the fact that all went the way of such good things before the hour arrived to speed the parting guests.

Have Surprise Party on Newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Delaney (nee Mary McGinty) were given a pleasant surprise party by a group of relatives and friends at their home on Portland boulevard and Boston street last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Delaney were married October 11 in St. Peter's church, Lents, Rev. P. J. O'Flynn celebrating the Mass. They were attended by Leo Delaney, as best man and Miss Katherine McGinty as bridesmaid. The honeymoon was spent in Seattle. James C. Delaney is employed in the stationery department of the O.-W. R. & N. Co.

ARLETA LIBRARY NOTES

The democratic candidate for governor and other democratic candidates will speak at a meeting in the Arleta library auditorium Saturday evening, November 4, commencing at 8 o'clock. At 3 o'clock Saturday the housewives' council has been called in meeting upon the request of Mrs. Josephine Othus, candidate for city commissioner, to hear some of the political candidates.

The week of November 5 to 12 is music week. At the children's Tuesday story hour an opera story will be told and a record played. There will be a Victrola concert every afternoon and evening.

The Mount Scott Improvement club is scheduled to meet Tuesday night, but as it is election night it is not certain that the meeting will be held.

The Arleta Parent-Teacher association will meet at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday, November 8, in the library. The theme for discussion will be "Reading for Children." Books in good binding and the inexpensive editions also will be exhibited.

Baby clinics will be resumed Monday and Fridays at the library.

SPOKE ON SCHOOL BILL

Dr. W. G. Elliot Jr., pastor of the First Unitarian church, Broadway and Yamhill streets, was the speaker at a meeting in Lents' Grange hall last night, sponsored by the Protestant and Non-Sectarian committee, opposed to the anti-private school bill.

Ogleby Young, lawyer and prominent democratic adherent, presided. The hall was crowded. Dr. Elliot gave his principal reason for his opposition to the bill as the fact that it violated the Golden Rule, in that it brought into this country the element of compulsion by the state, i. e., the majority of the voters, upon a minority in a matter that is not within the proper province of compulsion by a democracy. The only proper province of compulsion in a democracy, the speaker said, was that necessary in the handling of crime.

Just as Dr. Elliot was about to finish a large portion of the audience arose and left the hall. It was done quietly until the street was reached. There some people raised their voices to shouts and numerous automobile drivers honked their horns more than necessary to announce their coming and going. The hubbub disturbed the speakers somewhat, but was not so bad as, for instance, Astoria, where opponents of speakers engaged in making addresses against the anti-school bill are reported in the press as having exploded a stink bomb at one meeting and concealing a ringing electric bell at another.

Judge Lowell Makes Appeal to Protestants

PUBLIC MASS MEETING

Professor C. H. Bissett of University of Washington to Speak at Auditorium

A mass meeting in protest against the so-called compulsory education bill will be held Sunday evening in the Municipal Auditorium at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Catholic Civic Rights Association of Oregon. The principal address of the evening will be made by Dr. Clarke P. Bissett, professor of constitutional law in the University of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Bissett is an orator of distinction and his training has fitted him to deal with the constitutional questions involved in the school bill campaign.

Hon. Dudley G. Wooten, executive secretary of the Civic Rights Association, will make an address.

The general public is invited.

Community Gathering

Judge Walter H. Evans, a member of the board of the children's Farm Home, and well-known as being greatly interested in homeless children, will address a community gathering at Arleta Baptist church Friday evening, November 3. The express purpose of the address is to present to the community the plans and needs of the children's Farm Home. Judge Evans addressed the state W. C. T. U. on this subject with such large interest that he is being called upon to present the same to numerous community gatherings. There will positively be no political speeches and no collection will be taken. Mrs. Unruh, campaign manager for the children's Farm Home, will preside.

Lents Methodist Episcopal Church

T. H. Downs, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 A. M. Morning worship at 11, "The Transfiguration of Christ." Epworth League, 6:30 P. M., "The Secret of Making the Gift Attractive." Evening worship at 7:30 P. M., "Christ, the Mighty to Save." Mid-week prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:30 P. M. Come! We have a place for you in our church life.

Honor Mrs. Diller's Birthday

Mrs. Nellie M. Dillay passed the half century mark last week and Friday evening her friends gave her a surprise anniversary party. Her daughter, Miss Frances Tiff, made her a beautiful, three-layer, 50-candled birthday cake and she received a cut glass water set from the friends who called upon her.

L. B. M. Club Meeting Postponed

Next Wednesday evening's meeting of the Lents' Business Men's club has been postponed. It was thought Wednesday evening would not give sufficient time for recovery from Tuesday—election day.

Meeting at Grange Hall

Lents, Nov. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Since you were pleased to use an item in your newspaper at one time, which item was read by C. W. Hurd, 7627 Sixty-first avenue, at the meeting in Lents' Grange hall last night, may I ask that you give space to this item from me?

I attended the meeting last night and after witnessing the conduct of the people of Lents gathered there I wish to state that of the 3 per cent of illiterates in the state of Oregon I believe 1 per cent live in Lents. Dr. Elliot is a learned, fair-minded man; a minister of a church which is as far removed from the Roman Catholic church as a Christian church possibly can be. He is temperate in his remarks and the withdrawal of the people last night, as if by concerted action, seems to me to be uncalled for. The audience was not so fair to the speaker as the speaker was to his audience.

MRS. M. UPHAM,
998 East Stark street.

Mrs. Upham is right in stating that the action of the people in leaving the hall, as if in concert, was not courteous, but they left the hall quietly. They did not keep this decorum when they reached some distance, for they then talked loudly and honked their automobile horns. This, however, is one of the mob attributes, and may be expected from people when feeling runs high.

When Mr. Hurd (quoted above as having read an item from The Mount Scott Herald) was asked this morning if he did read something from The Herald, he stated that he had not and that he had mixed The Herald with another paper circulated in this district.—Editor's note.

One of the most effective speakers against the school monopoly bill is Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, who has completed a tour of western Oregon in the interest of educational freedom. In his speeches Judge Lowell appeals to Protestants not to let themselves be swayed by religious bigotry. He says:

The state's full duty in education is already met in Oregon, except that it may properly place private schools under the complete supervision of the county school superintendents. No one will seriously object to that. Such amendment to our existing laws can be enacted in an hour by the legislature. There is no call to destroy the schools to effect that change.

This bill is a shock to every student of sociology, to every forward looking man and woman in the land. It proposes to elevate the authority of the state over that of the parents in the education of their children. The only bulwark against ultimate anarchy is the family. When that is destroyed the bells of doom are beginning to toll for civilization. The state has no moral right to interfere with parental duty, unless the interests of the state are in jeopardy. Surely neither public policy nor public interest demand the destruction of the private schools, or the undermining of the family within our borders.

An Injury to Oregon

The adoption of the measure can have but one result. Those people who believe in religious education, Catholic and Protestant alike, who are able to change, will remove to other states where there is liberty in religion and education. It must not be forgotten that throughout written history the achieving factors have been the moral and religious forces in every land. Oregon cannot afford to drive from her borders the families whose principles still reach back to the Mayflower compact and the bill of rights.

No man of true Protestant belief, who is familiar with what Protestantism is, can for a single moment espouse this proposed law. Protestantism means the open Bible and the right of private interpretation of the Scriptures. Protestantism preclaims the doctrine of separation of church and state. Protestantism brings every man in touch with his God. This bill assassinates every tenet of the Protestant faith. It makes the state supreme in matters which are purely personal. It closes schools where the Bible is taught, both Protestant and Catholic. It compels parents to educate their children in schools where there is no Bible. It destroys every ambition of charity which the great fraternities have had in mind in the construction of orphan's homes and schools for the unfortunate. Every one of the magnificent quartet of modern brotherhoods—Masons, Odd-fellows, Knights of Pythias and Elks—proclaim the open Bible and plant their standards upon its truths. They place it upon their altars. Surely their members will not now nullify all the principles, all the ambitions and all the purposes of these organizations in the realm of charity, by introducing this alien and mistaken measure into the life of our commonwealth.

Losing Sense of Freedom

What does free government stand for? Has the original definition of democracy died in this age of bigotry, this revival of know nothingism?

The federal union was founded upon the quadruple demand for free speech, free press, freedom of worship and freedom of education. The men who established the government would have regarded as treason any proposal tending to emasculate either of these foundations of liberty. In the muzzling of the press and platform in recent years, men seem to have lost their sense of proportion, and are tending toward monarchical ideas, where the state is supreme and individualism dying.

In this school bill the voters are asked to add more taxes to the already back breaking burden which exists. If the private schools are sacrificed by this measure, the boys and girls therein now educated must be provided for in the public schools already crowded. At a minimum the added expense will be a million dollars a year. No one doubts that, or seriously dispute these figures. The voters have long since pledged themselves that they will be responsible for no more taxes. This is the test. Do you mean what you say when you declare that you are through voting taxes upon yourselves? If so, the school bill will die, as it ought to die, under an hundred thousand adverse majority.

Is Herald Correspondent

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Grange to Honor Armistice Day

Lents grange will honor Armistice day, November 11, with a special program. James R. Bain will be one of the speakers. Dinner will be served and an interesting program is being arranged.

Be With the Parade

LINE up with the Lents section this (Saturday) Evening at 7:30 o'clock on Clay street, between West Tenth and Eleventh streets. Every available automobile in Mount Scott should be out. Banners and signs will be furnished. See Axel Kildahl at the Lents garage for further particulars.

If you are not for the new bridges see the parade anyway and then worry your way home across the now congested bridges.

Vote X14 and X12 Yes