

# VERNON COMMUNITY HOUSE IS PRAISED

Writer for Country Gentleman Tells of Work of Portland Institution.

## HOMEMAKING IS TAUGHT

Visit to Place is Described by Randall R. Howard, Who Outlines Practical Accomplishments by Boys and Girls.

The work which is being done by the Vernon Community House in making practical homemakers out of the boys and girls of the Vernon Grammar School of Portland is related in an article appearing in the Country Gentleman for July 17, written by Randall R. Howard. The writer also treats of the character-moulding influence of the community house.

"At a distance Vernon Community House seemed only an ordinary six-room structure—just an average home in one of the outlying suburbs of Portland," says the writer. "Drawing nearer there was evidence of a difference. A girl of 12 was mowing the lawn; a boy was digging at the side of the house; in the back yard could be seen a large well-kept home garden. On the other side, at the end of the porch, several more boys were stretching wires over vines."

"Inside the house was like the average home of the community, except that there were schoolgirls everywhere and except that practically all the furniture and furnishings were the handiwork of the pupils.

**Girls Are at Work.**

"In the dining-room two girls were framing pictures and hanging curtains. Two other girls were arranging a small table for an unexpected luncheon. In the kitchen and in the pantry several more girls were preparing egg salad, baking oatmeal cookies and fluffy hot biscuits and making tea. Upstairs the bedroom and the bathroom and the storeroom were in homelike order. More girls were appropriating the sewing-room, making practical articles of dress and home furnishings.

"Such is a general picture of the working out of a novel educational idea. The girls and boys of the upper grades of the Vernon Grammar School of Portland have become practical homemakers, actually keeping house, learning to do by doing."

The article takes up a brief history of the inception and organization of the community house.

**House Long Planned.**

"Vernon Community House, which at the time of my visit was inspiring 125 girls and almost as many boys with the home-making spirit, is in the second year of its history," said Mr. Howard. "Its beginning goes back to the first day of the incumbency of the present Portland City Superintendent, L. R. Alderman. The idea is still older, for both Superintendent Alderman and the principal of the Vernon School, William Parker, had long had the germ of the community-house plan.

"Of the training which the house gives to the girls of the school the article says:

"Under the group stimulus girls who had not been in the habit of doing such work at home found fun and lost no dignity in scrubbing and oiling floors. They made curtains that would have cost about \$2 a pair for 24 cents; all



TWO VIEWS OF BIG IMPROVEMENT UNDER WAY AT MONTAVILLA.

Montavilla Sewer Digger

## ROTARIANS START SOUTH

AFTER BREAKFAST IN PORTLAND 200 LEAVE ON STEAMER TRAIN.

Party for San Francisco Comprises 100 From Minnesota and 30 From Oregon.

After breakfasting at the Benson Hotel at 8 o'clock yesterday morning the Northwestern and Minnesota delegations to the annual convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at San Francisco left at 9:30 from the North Bank Depot for Flavel, where they were to take the steamer Great Northern for their destination. The party comprised about 200 members, of which number 100 were from Minnesota, 30 from Portland and the remainder from other Northwestern cities.

The Northwestern delegation arrived in Portland yesterday morning on the 7 o'clock train. Among the cities represented by the party were Calgary, Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.; Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane.

The Portland party included Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Morris, E. W. Tilden and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Calder, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Riggs, Miss Mabel Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Eaberg, Fred Spoeri, Mrs. Joe Sandvall, Mr. Carter, J. L. Wright, Mrs. George B. Lee and C. P. Little.

The online dye trade, it is interesting to recall, was made possible in the chemist's discovery. The Germans came to being made to build up an online dye industry in England. Professor Perkin first produced colors from coal tar.

## SEWER BEING LAID

Work On at Three Points on Montavilla Trunk Line.

JOB QUARTER FINISHED

Project to Be 20,000 Feet Long From East Sixty-Third and Willow to Base Line Road and Cost to Be \$148,000.

Contractor William Lind is working at three places on the trunk sewer for the Montavilla district, East Sixty-

third and Willow streets, East Seventy-seventh, Halley street, and East Gilsan and East Eighteenth streets, and approximately about 25 per cent of the construction work, including the making of the big sewer joints, has been accomplished. Construction of the sewer joints, which are of reinforced concrete, and range from five feet to four feet in diameter, was started first, and the main proportion of this work has been completed.

The trunk will be 20,000 feet long from where it starts at East Sixty-third and Willow streets to the end of the East Sixty-third street. The large sections of the pipe used are being laid from East Sixty-third street to East Eighty-second street on Halley street, formerly called the Barr road. Here the pipe line will be five feet in diameter inside. The trunk turns south at Halley and East Eighty-second streets and the size is maintained for some distance southward.

**Big Pipes Ready.**

The big concrete pipe sections for East Eighty-second street have all been finished and are strung along the street preparatory to the coming of the digger.

At East Sixty-third and Willow streets the excavation for the trunk sewer looks like a canal was being built. The trench is more than 20 feet deep and about eight feet wide, and the material is piled along the side, being dumped back as the concrete pipe joints are lowered in the trench. Each pipe section weighs more than a ton and must be lowered with heavy block and tackle.

On East Gilsan street a smaller sewer, about four feet in diameter, is being laid from East Eighty-second to East Seventy-fifth streets, where it is completed to that point. From the north side East Gilsan street is completely taken up with the sewer construction, about five blocks having been laid so far. Owing to the nature of the soil on East Gilsan, the trench is being timbered to prevent caving.

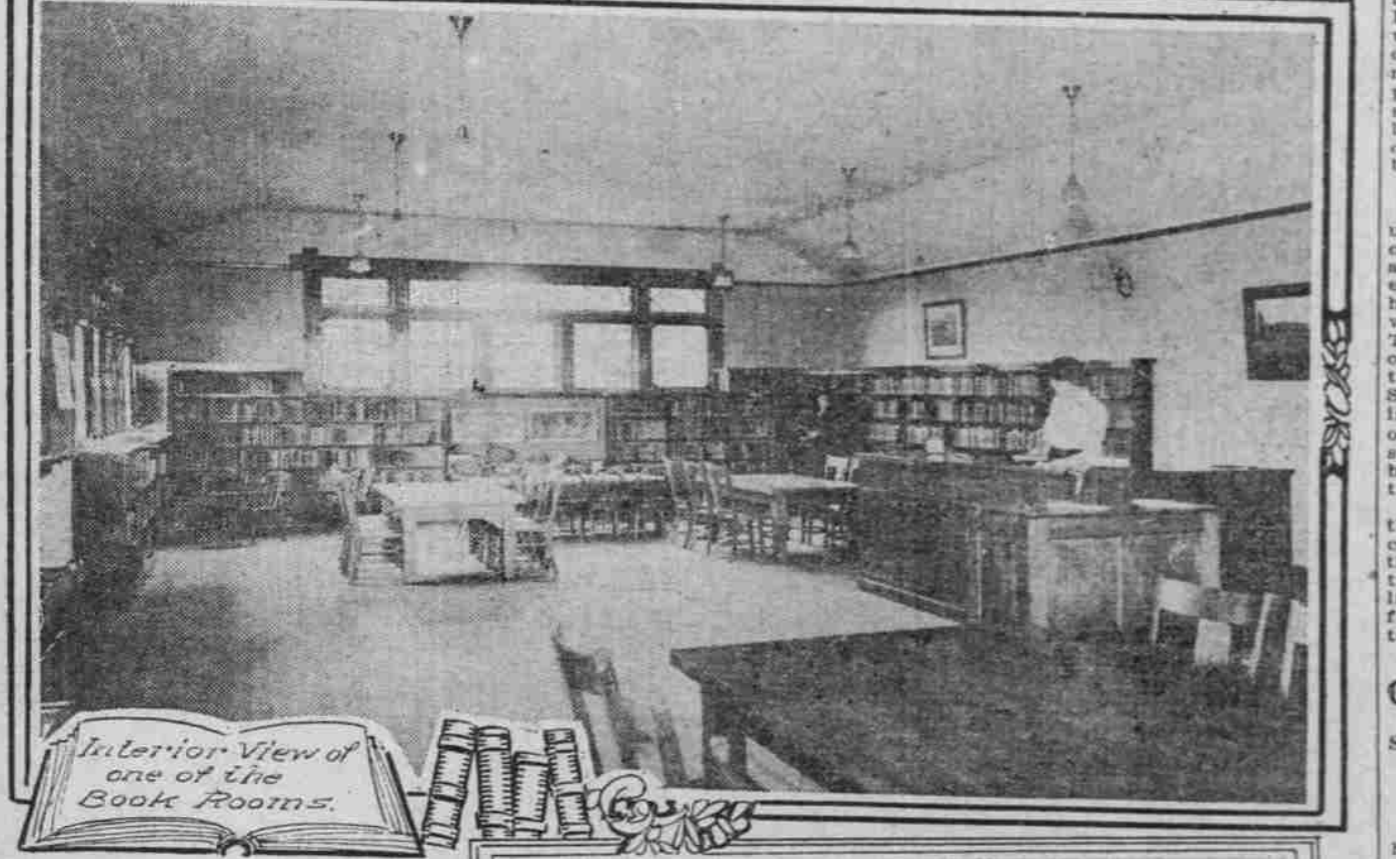
**Contract Price is \$148,000.**

This is the largest sewer contract under way in the city at present. The contract price was \$148,000, which is about \$25,000 less than the first lowest bid. Contractor Lind expects to have the job completed by about November, if conditions are favorable. The contract includes the entire area from Montavilla and East Mount Taber to the city limits, and is part of the East Stark-street trunk sewer which empties into the Willamette river at the foot of East Stark. Several small sewer systems have been completed at Taylor Heights which will connect with this big trunk on East Stark street.

Engineer Morris five years ago told the people of Montavilla that it would cost \$1,000,000 to build the trunk from the Willamette River to the city limits, and there will be nearly \$500,000 for laterals and private connections after the big trunk has been finished.

## SELLWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY IS ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY CENTER

Bungalow Building, Filled With 4000 Books, Is Model Structure for Purpose and Popular Place for Study—Children Have Room for Amusement and Work.



Interior View of one of the Book Rooms.

The new home of the Sellwood Branch Library, on East Fifteenth street and Nehalem avenue, is considered a model of convenience and beauty. It is a bungalow type of building, erected at a cost of \$3900 and leased by the Portland Library Association for five years. The structure occupies a portion of the full lot facing Nehalem avenue.

The main room is 25 by 50 feet and is furnished in oak. The books are in shelves along the sides of the room, with reading tables placed about. Nearly 4000 books are carried on the shelves. The library also will supply calls for special books from the main building. The main room is a pleasant, light and airy room, and the attractive feature is its convenience.

A children's room for the story hour was provided, which is 10 by 10 feet, and has a family of dolls, which are a delight to the children. The story hour is one of the interesting features of the library work. The Campfire girls, a Sellwood organization, meets in this library. In the summer the average circulation of books is 3000, but in the winter it runs up to 4500 a month.

Miss E. W. Jones is the librarian in charge of the Sellwood branch. At the opening day the libraries of the city were entertained at the Sellwood branch, and they admired its beauty and arrangements. It was built according to the plans approved by the Library Association, and Miss Isom says she regards it a model community library building.

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Exterior View of New Branch Library, at Sellwood

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## PARTY ON LONG TRIP

Georgia Autoists Arrive on 16,000-Mile Tour.

CAR DRIVEN 6500 MILES

No Trouble Encountered on Journey From Macon to Portland by Way of Tia Juana, Mexico, and North Along Coast.

Driving a 6000-pound "six-sixty" automobile a party of tanned pleasure seekers arrived in Portland last night from the South on the last leg of what is thought to be one of the longest pleasure automobile trips ever taken. Dr. A. B. Hinkle and Mr. and Mrs. George Otto comprised the party that left Macon, Georgia, April 27, and arrived in this city happy, and enthusiastic over the trip that has already consumed close to three months. The summer drive has traveled 6500 miles, and by the time it again arrives at Macon will have traversed practically every part of the United States over which a machine could travel, and will have covered close to 16,000 miles.

After leaving Macon the tourists' itinerary took them through Atlanta, Chattanooga, Louisville, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, the Royal Gorge and Canyon City. They then doubled back to Pueblo and took the Santa Fe trail to New Mexico.

**Grand Canyon Visited.**

They visited Albuquerque and Springville and were delayed for two days in the latter town on account of a six-inch fall of snow. From New Mexico to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado they went, and then they came across the California desert by way of Needles. No difficulty was experienced in crossing the hot sand and the temperature of 115 degrees in the shade was to them only a passing inconvenience. From Needles the tourists crossed to Los Angeles and then south to San Diego and to the Mexican border, stopping at Tia Juana, Mexico. From Mexico the party came north to

## MR. GRIFFITH IS ELECTED

HISPANO-AMERICAN SOCIETY TO BROADEN SCOPE OF WORK.

New President Looks Forward to Campaign for Increased Interest After Vacations.

At a meeting Thursday night of the Hispano-American Society of Oregon, Gaylord C. Griffith, first vice-president of the society, was appointed president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hamilton Johnstone. A proposal to broaden the scope of the society's work was unanimously adopted, to the effect that steps be taken to make the society a medium for the interchange of information of commercial interest, as well as in other lines, between the general public of the Pacific Northwest and the Latin-American countries. A committee was appointed to work out the details of a plan of action with that end in view.

Mr. Griffith looks forward to an active campaign along these lines and to an increased interest by the public in the society's work in general when its meetings are resumed in September, following the summer vacation period which begins this week.

## PORTLAND FIELD DRAWS CITY YET MAY CUT WEEDS

Threats of Arrest Fail on Out-of-Town Property Owners.

Inability to force out-of-town owners of Portland property to cut weeds by threats of arrest may result in the city adopting the system again of mowing the grass and assessing the cost to the property as a lien. The plan is being considered by Commissioner Deak.

Police, through threats of arrest, have forced resident property owners to cut the weeds on hundreds of lots. It is impossible to reach out-of-town owners in this way, and it is said the assessment plan is the only one which can be made to work successfully.

## Delay in Road Work Investigated.

DAYTON, Wash., July 17.—(Special.)—Mayor W. C. Godard, County Commissioners George Spalinger and Richard Prater, with a party of representative business men, met State Highway Commissioners Roy and Ege Thursday to find why the appropriation for the permanent highway between Dayton and Wallburg is not being used. The location of the road has been definitely decided. In all probability the grading will be begun in the early autumn.

## CROSS-CONTINENT AUTOMOBILE TOURISTS WHO REACHED PORTLAND YESTERDAY ON TRIP THAT WILL COVER 16,000 MILES.



DR. A. B. HINKLE AND PARTY AND POWERFUL CAR.

San Francisco and stopped at the Fair for a week. While there their car was exhibited at the Transportation Building.

The extreme Coast route was taken on the way up from California, and they passed through Crescent City, Grants Pass, Eugene and Corvallis in Oregon.

While coming through the mountains in Northern California the truck continental party had the thrill of seeing the front wheels of their machine go over the bank on one of the hair-pin turns in the Wilder Ridge Pass, but Dr. Hinkle, who has driven the car every mile of the way, controlled it before any damage was done.

While en route Dr. Hinkle said that he had had no engine trouble, and the only delay caused by the machine occurred when the piston shaft was broken. During the ride over the California desert and on to San Diego and Los Angeles not even so much as a puncture was sustained.

Dr. Hinkle was enthusiastic over the trip thus far, saying it had been an unusually successful one because of the weight of the machine and its load. However, this is not Dr. Hinkle's first extended trip by automobile, for he toured 21 states and part of Canada in 1912.

Dr. Hinkle carries with him an outfit consisting of refrigerator, stove, beds, chairs, etc., and has his camp lighted at night by electricity that the machine generates for him during the day.

Dr. Hinkle and Mr. and Mrs. Otto were entertained last night at the Automobile Club by H. G. Terry, a local real estate operator, and they will leave for Seattle today. From Seattle the route they intend to follow will take them through Spokane, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone Park, Cody, Cheyenne and various other cities en route to Chicago. They will follow the Lincoln Highway from Chicago to New York, and the National Highway from there to Washington. They expect to arrive in Macon by October 1.

Dr. Hinkle reports royal treatment wherever his party has stopped.

## CALIFORNIANS SET PICNIC

State Society Will Hold Annual Gathering at Oaks Wednesday.

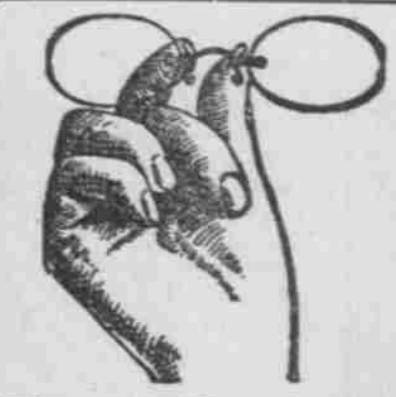
The California State Society will hold its annual picnic at The Oaks Wednesday evening. A basket lunch will be served at 6:30 P. M. Toasts to California will be responded to by Senator Lane, ex-Governor Geer, Frank Branch Riley and others. A committee of 29 is in charge of the arrangements for the picnic, and the preparations has been taken by Frank H. Hilton, president of the society. Mr. Hilton says it is the aim of the society to make the picnic bigger than that held by any other state society.

## CHARGE OF MURDER FAILS

Jury At Corvallis Acquits George Avery of Death of Purdy.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—George Avery, who was accused of the murder of William Purdy on the night of April 23, was released from custody today when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The arguments in the case closed shortly after noon yesterday and the jury went out at 2:30. Between that time and 10:30 this morning they returned twice for further instructions, the latter time asking to have the instructions re-read entirely.



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