

FARMING BUREAU BRINGS RESULTS

The Dalles Commerce Body Backs Important Work.

SOIL PRODUCTS BETTER Standardization of Wasco County Fruits and Vegetables One Feature of Movement.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Wasco county's horticultural and agricultural "experiment," a chamber of commerce bureau created for the express purpose of stimulating production from the soil, has brought about some remarkable results during its first year of trial, according to the annual report of W. S. Nelson, bureau head.

The bureau was fathered at a particularly inauspicious time, at the beginning of 1922. Two of the city's biggest industries, The Dalles-Kings Food Products company, a dehydrating plant, and the cannery of the Libby, McNeill & Libby company, were threatening to pick up bodily and move.

Lack of fruits and vegetables in sufficient quantities was the complaint. Thousands of tons were shipped in from other districts, extending even as far as Idaho, for consumption in the local plants. Generous offers of fruit and vegetable seedlings, with greater acreage production, if the plants would move, were made.

Increased Production Needed.—One alternative was presented—increased production in Wasco county. The land was available, the climate was right and apparently all that was needed was the proper stimulus. Hence, the idea for a chamber of commerce production bureau, with a specialist in charge, had its inception.

Both local agents agreed to contribute, free from all claim, substantial sums toward the support of such a bureau. Local business men, through the chamber of commerce, put up additional funds, and the bureau was formed, with W. S. Nelson, formerly employed in California by Libby, McNeill & Libby, in charge.

The first problem to come up was standardization of varieties of fruits. Investigations disclosed that there were 132 different varieties of tree fruits grown in Wasco county, thus making it impossible to specialize in any one variety in shipping, canning or processing.

Sixteen Varieties Approved.—The advantages of each variety of fruit was then gone into, and its adaptability to Wasco county considered. Out of 132 varieties, a list of 16 varieties to be recommended for planting in the future.

Next came the problem of marketing. It was learned that for two years a favorable freight rate on fruits and vegetables by rail from The Dalles to Portland had been in existence, which had never been taken advantage of because of lack of sufficient tonnage for individual shipments.

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Shippers Appreciate Service.—Shippers were quick to avail themselves of this service, with the result that a total of 1,150,000 pounds of produce from Wasco county was shipped through the bureau at an estimated saving to the growers of \$230,000 over what the old charges would have been.

Next, and perhaps the most important work of the bureau, was the planting of new orchards. It was found that by buying cooperatively, a considerable saving could be made in the purchase of nursery stock. Accordingly, orders for more than 20,000 young trees were taken, divided as follows: Apples, 10,675; cherries, 4,955; plums, 3,125; miscellaneous, 509.

In addition, approximately 7,000 trees were arranged for by growers through other channels, as a result of the bureau's activities, bringing the total planting, or rather to be planted, as all are not yet in the ground, to around 27,000 trees.

This is equivalent to more than 500 acres of new plantings, it is estimated. In addition, 17,000 grapevines have been ordered for planting in Wasco county, which, by reason of its sunny hill-sides, is peculiarly adapted to grape culture.

Other Activities Launched.—These are only the major things the bureau did during its first year of existence, by the way, which many at the outset predicted would be short-lived.

In addition, the bureau co-operated in cherry pollination experiments which were made here last spring, with the view to determining which varieties of cherry trees were valuable for pollinating purposes, and which ones worthless in this respect.

TITLE CONTEST NO. 7--NAME IT AND WIN \$10



WHAT was a hard one and it took some real title writing to win. Congratulations to J. B. Hosford, 241 Glenn avenue, Portland, for his "The Deciding Rubber." It takes the ten spot.

It seems that the more difficult the subject the more competition. Last week saw the largest list of titles. No hit-or-miss title will go here. There must be one to fit, and if you can find it you can have \$10, right the week before Christmas, so set out and get a real present for yourself.

In the No. 6 title contest Ben Groome of Forest Grove was the runner-up with his "On the Hiving Line" and others worthy of mention were J. A. C. Oakes of 491 East Fifty-second street North, "A Matinee of Hermitism," B. E. Padlock, 1230 East Sixth street North, "Developing a Negative," Russell Laws of McMinnville with his "A Gentleman's Hermitism," and M. A. Farquhar of the Y. M. C. A., Corvallis, Ore., with their "Master of the Situation"; Frank Myers of the Vaughn apartments, Portland, with "The Looky Choice"; and Mrs. M. M. Moore, 876 Halsted street, whose "Measured by Figures" had merit.

C. A. Gorrell, winner of last week's contest, has a new title, "The Contestant's Dilemma." The Oregonian's check for \$10 received this morning. Please accept my thanks.

I find the contest exceedingly interesting and a wonderful stimulant to composing. They serve to rub the rusty spots from mental routine and furnish a week's anticipation, as a possible winner. But win or not, the participant gets value in a number of ways. I am sure the several thousand other contestants will agree with me on this. Very truly yours, C. A. GORRELL.

Women's Activities

(Continued From Page 6.) Christmas stories. Mrs. Philip Gevirtz is chairman of this department. Each member brought a Christmas gift for the Pisgah home or county farm.

The Portland Woman's club celebrated its 27th anniversary Thursday night with an informal dinner and dancing party at the clubhouse. The speakers' table was centered with a huge birthday cake which was made and presented to the club by Mrs. Victor Brent, a prominent member. The tables were elegantly decorated and carried the holiday colors and a delightful programme was enjoyed.

The President's association, Ladies of the G. A. R., made a donation to the Community Chest at its last meeting. There will be no regular meetings of this club until after the holidays.

The next regular meeting of the Housewives' Council will be held Tuesday, January 9, at central library.

Women of Rotary will hold their regular monthly meeting tomorrow at 12 o'clock in the trolley room of the Hotel Benson. Mrs. J. J. Ross is chairman of the day and Hopkin Jenkins will speak. The musical programme will include numbers by Mrs. Frances Knight and her orchestra, and vocal solos by Miss Elizabeth Nelson.

Mrs. Earl Robinson has been chosen president of the Portland Progress club to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Adam R. Hunter, who is now making her home at Bucoda, Wash.

THE DECIDING RUBBER



The title contest game is growing by leaps and bounds and the more the merrier, says the editor. Join the crowd and get in this most fascinating of indoor winter sports. It will not cost anything and may pay big dividends. Write your titles plainly on post cards and send in as many as you want, one to a card, and get them in on time. The contest closes at noon Thursday so see that your winner is mailed in time to reach The Oregonian office before the contest closes. Observe the rules and hop to it.

Titles may not have more than 12 words. Titles must be written on postcards, and not included in envelopes. Titles must reach the title contest editor, care The Oregonian, not later than Thursday noon. Each contestant may send as many titles as he or she wishes. But only one title should be written on a postcard. One at a time; they are the more easily read by the judges.

Each contestant will receive a tie for first place, \$20 will be divided among the winners. Serious cases upon which they are working. Miss Mollie Segal is director of this club.

The regular meeting of the Junior Menorahs was held December 16 at the B'nai B'rith community house. The subject for discussion was "The Ship Subsidy Bill."

The fourth edition of "The Rambler," published monthly by the members of the B'nai B'rith community house, is out, showing a decided improvement in its general make-up over the last issue. This number is dedicated to Mrs. Isaac Sweet, and contains the following articles: "An Appreciation of Mrs. Sweet," by Emmaline Goldstein; "Peanut Artichoke," by E. Rosenberg; "The Place of the Menorah," by Jacob Weinstein; "Our Team," a poem, by Morris Stein; "A Message From the Ben-Tille Girls' Club," by Bessie Mesher; an unusually strong editorial, entitled "Unity," by the editor-in-chief, Edward A. Bachman; and an article on the Rambler, by Will E. Caplan. The new members of the staff are Bessie Mesher, associate editor; Ben Goldstein, advertising manager; Will E. Caplan, assistant advertising manager; Joe Blank, athletics; club news, Anita Blum; society, Annette Feldstein.

At the first meeting of the house council of the B'nai B'rith community house, last Wednesday, A. Rosenberg was elected temporary chairman, and Miss Gertrude Rossumy temporary secretary. A committee of five, consisting of Tannette Jaloff, Arthur Goldsmith, Sophie Rosenstein, Olivia Lipschutz and L. Goodman were also elected to act as a committee for the purpose of drawing up plans for the work of the house council.

The house council is a new plan of organization at the building. Present at the meeting were the delegates from every one of the 15 organizations composing the B'nai B'rith center. It is aimed by the house council to bring about a greater co-ordination of effort on the part of the organizations, and work towards the common end of ultimately securing a house theater, a house orchestra, house educational course both in arts and dramatics, as well as business courses and house forum, and a glee club.

The representatives who were present are as follows: B'nai B'rith lodge, Arthur Goldsmith, Dr. Herra; Daughters of the Covenant, Mrs. N. Weinstein; B'nai B'rith building association, January, Margor; Alex Weinstein, Rosenstein; B'nai B'rith Amateur Athletic club, Harry Gevirtz, Leo Seltzer; B'nai B'rith Women's Athletic club, Mrs. L. Tannette Jaloff; Ramblers, A. E. Rosenberg, E. Bachman; Ben-Tille Girls' club, Bertha Friedman, Gertrude Rossumy; senior Menorah, Sam Silverman, Moses Tonkin; Junior Menorah, Elias Lichtgarn, L. Goodman; Junior Council, Miss Lipschutz; B'nai B'rith Girls' Dramatic club, Sophie Rosenstein, Lucille Gevirtz; B'nai B'rith Junior Girls, Martha Nudelmann; Concordia Girls, Lucille Friedman.

The next meeting was called for Thursday, December 28. Alex Miller is chairman of the building association committee to co-operate with the house council.

James A. Garfield circle No. 35, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will entertain with the fifth card party of the series in the Woodmen hall, east sixth and Alder streets, Tuesday, December 19, at 1:30 P. M. Hand-made prizes will be awarded the highest scores, and a draw prize will be given.

After two years of most successful service, Mrs. E. N. Howe, the popular president of the Women's Association of the First Congregational church, passes the reins of leadership to Georgia Arthur Brown, who was elected to that position at the annual meeting of the association last Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the church. The other newly elected officers of the association are: Mrs. J. S. Peterson, vice-president; Mrs. G. W. Mearns, secretary; Mrs. E. C. Nothnagle, third vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Knaap, fourth vice-president; Mrs. C. H. Zurhorst, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. L. French, financial secretary; and Mrs. L. E. Tompkins, treasurer.

The Oswego Parent-Teacher association held its second meeting in the Oswego grammar school building Tuesday afternoon, and in spite of the wintry day about 20 members were present. Demonstrating the spirit of the new organization, plans were laid to inaugurate the serving of hot lunches for the school children, commencing at once. Mrs. O. C. Merrick, president, appointed Mrs. E. C. Nothnagle, chairman, with a committee of live-wire members, and they will personally prepare hot soup and hot chocolate for the school, while another committee of women will take charge. Mrs. Running, secretary of the association, gave a comprehensive report of the manner in which the Rose City school conducts its cafeteria.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the president appointed several committees. Splendid enthusiasm marked the meeting and the organization bids fair to accomplish good results.

Winslow Meade circle No. 7, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will hold their annual election Monday, December 18, in room 525 court house. Doors will be closed promptly at 1:30 P. M. and session will continue until business concerning election is completed. It is imperative that every member of the circle be present and certain that her dues for 1922 are paid in full. All members in arrears will be given an opportunity to adjust their accounts before nominations open.

The Women's Advertising club entertained members and friends at the first dinner to be given by the club this season, last Friday night in the crystal room at the Benson. A splendid programme had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Harris, programme chairman, assisted by Miss Jessie E. Elliott and Miss Arlie Seaman. A playlet, "The Perfect Woman," returned to as a "problem play," which was written for the occasion by two club members, and the play was acted by Mrs. Arlie Seaman, Mrs. Crowson and Miss Marie Gilbert. Making part were Miss Pearl Book, Miss Amie Brunne, Mrs. Sadie Callan, Mrs. Crowson, Mrs. Ruth E. Shaw and Miss Louise Royer. Dr. Charles W. McCaughey of Centenary-Wilbur Methodist Episcopal church gave a splendid address on "How Never to Grow Old." Titles of merit were caused by Dr. McCaughey's anecdotes and recital of humorous experiences, and his advice of a serious nature received an equally appreciative hearing. "Old age is caused by frost in the heart and wrinkles in the soul—never let down—keep interested and enthusiastic and you'll keep young—above all maintain the spiritual outlook," were sentiments expressed by the speaker. Two solos by Ernest Crosby, tenor, were heartily received.

Service circle No. 550, Neighbors of Woodcraft will entertain the district officers and degree team tomorrow night at the hall, Tenth and Alder streets. A feature of the affair will be the exemplification of the ritualistic floor work of the order. Members of Woodcraft are cordially invited to attend.

Arts and Crafts to Give Christmas Plays. Interesting Programme is Under Direction of Drama Section.

CHRISTMAS atmosphere will predominate in the programme of music and plays to be presented under the direction of Mrs. Dent Mowrey by the dramatic section of the Arts and Crafts society December 23 at the Women's club building, club on the Boulevard in the Distance, a pantomime by Holland Hudson, the settings and costumes were designed by Hermann Rossi, the famous Danish artist, and were executed by the students of the Portland Art museum. The pantomime will be repeated, in response to numerous requests, with the same equipment and with practically the same cast as appeared in the earlier local production.

For this spectacle the cast is as follows: Princess.....Margaret Weeks Attendant.....Leila Kennedy Leaves.....Phyllis Johnson The Waiver.....Florence Hansen The Soldier.....Arthur Goldsmith The Nubian.....Alex L. Maureen The Shepherd.....Gustadger Behrman The Gharri Warri.....John Reischer The Maker of Sounds.....Dent Mowrey "Abraham and Isaac," the fifteenth-century miracle play, in the beautiful Chester version, will include the following carefully chosen cast: Abraham.....Eugene Horton Isaac.....Phyllis Johnson The Expositor.....Harry B. Torrey The Voice.....Otto Westmeyer

Between plays Christmas carols and a monks' chorus, composed by Dent Mowrey, will be sung by a group of Portland's well-known artists.

Preparations are being made by the local members of the Royal Neighbors of America to entertain Alice Nash of Minnesota, supreme manager of the order, who will be in Portland, January 23 and 25. Two rally meetings will be held and great interest and enthusiasm is manifested among the local members of the state, which are planning to be well represented. The field force has begun a campaign for large classes of new members and plan to

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