

Neighborhood News in and Near Portland

FOSTER SEWER TO PROVE ITS VALUE, SAYS LAURGAARD

Protestants Now Realize Necessity of Trunk System, It Is Said; Cost to Show Decline.

Justification of the city's plan in building the Foster road sewer against the protests of the residents of the Mount Scott and Lents district is to be found, declared City Engineer O. Laurgaard Saturday, in the fact that these same residents are now petitioning the city to build the Lents trunk sewer, a \$1,000,000 project, through to the Willamette river.

Tentative plans call for the construction of the big trunk from Ninety-second street southeast and Seventy-third avenue to the river by following roughly the water course of Johnson creek to its junction with Crystal Springs creek. From that point the trunk will go almost directly west through Sellwood and empty into the river.

LENGTH 5 1/2 MILES
The sewer at its point of origin will be 7 1/2 feet in diameter and at its outlet 9 feet. It will be about 5 1/2 miles long. The sewer will afford a trunk from the Lents, Mount Scott, Eastmoreland and Sellwood districts. Upon completion of the Foster road sewer in February, according to Laurgaard's estimate, temporary discharge of surface water will be afforded by Johnson creek. As soon as the big trunk can be completed the Foster road sewer will empty into it as will other small trunks and laterals from the districts through which it will pass. One of the features of the plans, Laurgaard pointed out, was the cost. The estimate of \$1,000,000 was made for prices of labor and material in the spring of this year. Since then costs have decreased until it is probable, he said, the cost will be some \$100,000 less.

NECESSITY IS SEEN
"The objections to the Foster road sewer have realized the value of proper disposal of sewage," Laurgaard said. "Those who fought the project the hardest are now convinced of the necessity of the trunk system and have become boosters for it."

Reports indicate rapid progress with the construction of the Foster road sewer. Three crews with excavating machines are at work digging, while two crews are laying pipe. Two more gangs with machines are doing the back filling.

CENTRAL EAST SIDE

Minnie McGuire celebrated her fifteenth birthday last Tuesday evening at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. C. Richards, on Twentieth street. The guests present were: Frances Holten, Grace Fitzgerald, Louise Maule, Sarah Foster, Katherine Penning, Doris Greiner, Tom Simpson, Fred Higginson, Gerald Thomas, William Weiss, George Knowles, Henry Wilson and George Rousier. Dancing, games and juvenile stunts combined to form an evening that will not soon be forgotten.

Mrs. B. Mills is confined at her home with the grip. Her daughter, Mary Louise, is nursing her and hopes that her mother will be able to get up some time next week. Mrs. Mills has been ailing for the last five months.

Thomas Forbes, 16, with his chum, Dennis Carlton, left for Los Angeles to visit some relatives there. They will go part of the way in Thomas' Oldsmobile. They intend to spend the winter in California and are planning on returning next fall to enter the University of Oregon.

Last Tuesday evening the Portland Oratorical society held its weekly meeting in the auditorium of the East Portland library, at East Eleventh and East Alder. Forty-one members were present. This society, under the direction of Mr. T. Finley, expects to accomplish a great deal this winter.

GRESHAM

Business men of Gresham closed their places in honor of Armistice day and many went to Portland to attend the exercises.

Gresham will be represented by a large delegation at the 1925 exposition parade Wednesday, November 18. A large attendance at the Sunday school convention at Boring is expected for Saturday, November 13, and many will go from Gresham and vicinity. Orient celebrated Armistice day with a mask social.

Arma club of the Gresham chapter, Order Eastern Star, will conduct a country fair at the Masonic hall Thursday, December 1.

Miss Helen Cowgill has been instructing classes of girls in canning the last week at the Union high school. Clara Mason has returned home after an operation for appendicitis in Portland.

The Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday afternoon at the schoolhouse. Mrs. H. W. Strong will preside. Friday, November 13, school children will be shown films depicting scenes in the "Near East," visited by J. J. Handaker last summer. It will be part of a general campaign for supplies and clothing to be made Thanksgiving week in Gresham and vicinity.

WOODSTOCK

The Parent-Teacher association will meet at the school Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. O. Walters of Hood River visited at the home of H. S. Lewis, 1172 Carleton avenue, a couple of days last week.

An automobile burned up Tuesday evening at the corner of Forty-first street and Fifty-ninth avenue. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lofis of San Pedro, Cal., Wednesday, November 3. Mrs. Lofis has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Imholz, 6127 Forty-seventh street. Mr. Lofis is expected here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fike and son of Hood River drove to Portland Sunday and visited at the home of R. Imholz, 6108 Forty-seventh street. Mr. Fike and his son returned to Hood River Tuesday, but Mrs. Fike will remain for a while with her sister, Mrs. Imholz.

A number of new residences are going up in this community. R. S. James is building a residence at 6011 Forty-eighth street and Mr. Betts is building on Fifteenth street, between Woodstock and Fifty-ninth avenues, and also on Fifty-ninth avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. James S. Backenstos

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Backenstos celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their residence, 110 East Twentieth street north, November 5. They were the recipients of congratulations from many friends and relatives. Mr. Backenstos was born in Springfield, Ill., January 12, 1847, and crossed the plains in 1849 with his parents. His father, Colonel Jacob B. Backenstos, commanding the Second division of the Mounted Rifles, was sent here by the United States government to protect the settlers. Colonel Loring commanded the First division. Mr. Backenstos arrived in Portland October 12, 1849, and on November 5, 1871, was united in marriage to Nellie P. Griggs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griggs at the northeast corner of Second and Market streets, opposite the present Municipal Auditorium. Rev. John Rosenberg performed the ceremony. Mrs. Backenstos

was born in Platteville, Wis., May 13, 1849, and crossed the plains in 1847. Two children and three grandchildren are living in this city. Mr. Backenstos has always been a lover of rod and gun and an ardent devotee of outdoor sports. He has been confined to his home for the past three months, having suffered a nervous breakdown, but is fast on the way to recovery. Guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Backenstos, Mr. and Mrs. James Backenstos and their three grandchildren, Mrs. J. Sumner and Robert Lee; Mrs. William Miller, sister of Mrs. J. S. Backenstos; Mr. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller, Mr. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lang, Mrs. Fred Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunham, Mrs. Hurd, Allen Dunham.

OSWEGO

Mrs. G. Howard Pettenger was pleasantly surprised on her birthday Thursday when, upon returning home, she found her home had been turned into a beautiful wooded forest. Mrs. Pettenger's many friends had decorated her home and supplied a fine lunch, which was eaten picnic fashion on the ground. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents, and a fine afternoon was enjoyed.

Little Ava Bickner celebrated her ninth birthday November 5 with a Peter Pan party. The decorations and the entertainment provided for the large gathering of kiddies carried out the Peter Pan idea and the novelty of the affair kept the little tongues enthusiastically wagging for several days afterwards. The color scheme and table decorations were in green and yellow and were highly artistic.

Doris Neubusch is confined at home with illness. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Emmett's little daughter Ethel, who has been ill with pneumonia, is better.

Hosts to Mr. and Mrs. George Emrick were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller on Thursday last.

The Wednesday 600 club met at the home of Mrs. Griffey on Wednesday and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. Delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. G. Levy was the winner of the first prize and the consolation prize was captured by Mrs. Louise Roholt.

Lester Stevens and family have recently moved to the cottage formerly occupied by James Duncan in the grove. Mrs. Brumbaugh is still very ill in the Good Samaritan hospital.

The Sunday school class of Mr. Edwards of the Congregational church gave a large and highly enjoyable party at the city hall on November 5. There were nearly 50 young people present to enjoy music, games and refreshments.

Miss Marjorie Weightman was luncheon hostess on Armistice day for Margaret Wells and Nadine Chard of Goodin.

The Community sing practice evening has been changed from Tuesday night to Thursday night beginning the coming Thursday.

The Oswego Community sing will take active part in Music week, which will be held November 27 to December 4. Sunday night, November 27, a big sing is planned to which all the people in Oswego are invited, and during the week the members of the sing will take part in various events scheduled to take place in Portland.

The Woman's club will meet on next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. George Thomas. Mrs. Robert Fulton will assist the hostess in serving refreshments.

The Whitney boys' chorus, which has been meeting on Tuesday evenings along with the Community sing, has changed its date also to Thursdays for its practice nights. These are between 20 and 30 boys in the Oswego chorus.

Examination Held On Saturday for Oswego Postmaster

Examination for postmaster of the Oswego postoffice was held in Portland Saturday. Several months ago an examination was held and Miss Mary Pymbrock won the highest grade and the presidential appointment. Before her appointment was confirmed, the rank of the postoffice was advanced and another examination held. On Saturday, was ordered. Mrs. Etta Davidson, assistant postmistress, and W. H. Burlingame, rural free delivery man, and several others took the examination. The position will be permanent and carries a salary of \$1100 per annum.

TIGARD

Judge J. W. Hough of the Tigard justice court on November 5 fined Lester Turnbow \$5 and costs for assault and battery, James Corbick being complaining witness.

Mrs. F. A. Twiss was hostess last Tuesday afternoon at her home to the Tigard Five Hundred Club. The high prize was won by Mrs. William Kimball and the low play by Mrs. N. Colles. Guest prizes were won by Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Thibault. Refreshments in honor were served after the playing ended. Among those present were Mesdames Twiss, Atterbury, Hoffman, P. MacKenzie, O. S. Combs, William Arles, William Kimball, Fred Hamback, Nick Colles, Susie Camaras, Morin, Davies, Snyder, Golden, Vincent.

Tigard Community club has elected the following officers: Charles J. Barnard, president; Walter West, B. G. Leedy, Harry West, Mrs. H. Macdonald, vice presidents; Fred Holm, secretary, and E. S. Frewing, treasurer. A membership drive is being conducted.

School was dismissed last week to enable the teachers to attend the annual county teachers' institute at Hillsboro. A union meeting was held at the Evangelical church last Sunday to consider the coming disarmament conference at Washington. D. C. Speakers were E. B. Nedry, Rev. G. A. Goetz, B. Sanblow and others. Miss Caroline Gilbert led the community sing. Sentiments expressed were unanimously in favor of disarmament by the leading nations of the earth as soon as possible.

Tigard Athletic association organized and elected officers as follows: Charles J. Barnard, president; Walter West, B. G. Leedy, Harry West, Mrs. H. Macdonald, vice presidents; Fred Holm, secretary, and E. S. Frewing, treasurer. A membership drive is being conducted.

There were 226 teachers of Washington county who attended the annual Teachers' association sessions at Hillsboro November 8, 9 and 10. All of the teachers belong to the Oregon State Teachers' association, which gives Washington county a special distinction. State Superintendent J. A. Churchill and President J. S. Landers of the Oregon Normal addressed the teachers. Officers of the Washington County Teachers' association were elected as follows: M. J. Fenaga, Forest Grove, president; Eulah Black, Gaston, first vice president; J. M. Streicher, Hillsboro, second vice president; Mrs. C. E. Barker, Huber, third vice president; Miss Margaret Macdonald, Forest Grove, secretary. The Schoolmasters' club, formed by the men attending and elected M. J. Fenaga of Forest Grove president and E. B. Nedry of Tigard secretary. Permanent officers will be elected at Beaverton December 9.

Rockwood Organizes Parent-Teacher Body; Elects Its Officers

A Parent-Teacher association for Rockwood was organized Wednesday afternoon at the schoolhouse. Mrs. Dr. Pederson was elected president; Mrs. A. J. Stone, vice president; Mrs. McCaully, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Mary Krugger, Mrs. Daisy Burlingame, Miss Anna Hartman (teachers), directors. Mrs. E. Hayner was appointed chairman of the refreshment committee and Mrs. Mamie Krefsky chairman of the entertainment committee.

Professor R. E. Cannon, of the Gresham Union high school, spoke. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ida Burgess. Mrs. Agnes Wood, Mrs. C. H. Haynes and Mrs. C. Smith. The next meeting will be at the same place on November 23, with promise of a largely increased membership.

LAKE GROVE

The sidewalk building fever is spreading in the Lake Grove section. Several blocks of fine gravel sidewalks have been installed recently, and now new committees are planning additional construction work of this character.

The great concrete dam at the lower end of the lake, recently constructed by the Oswego Lake Water, Light & Power company, has "seasoned" and the gates in the canal which permits water flowing into the lake from the Tualatin river, have been opened. In a few days there will be a perceptible rise in the lake and within another month the lake will have been restored to its old time proportions and beauty.

Mrs. S. B. Vincent was hostess at a luncheon Friday for several of the young friends of her daughter Margaret. At the table were seated Mrs. Tyrol, Miss May Agate Barr, Miss Helene Tyrol, Miss Margaret Vincent, Tyrol, Gardner, Otto Maubie Jr., Ben Lombard and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Simonton of Superior, Or., and James Simonton of Salem, are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Simonton of Goodin. The out of town guests are deeply interested in the livestock show.

The home of Mrs. H. E. Carpenter at Goodin was the scene of a delightful afternoon Friday when it was given over to Mrs. Russell Robertson and Mrs. William Luce who entertained in honor of Mrs. Roy Shreve. The afternoon was filled with surprises, and was most enjoyable. The guests invited to honor Mrs. Shreve were the Messrs. Stoetzel, Babb, Boulanger, Burt, Holder, Brown, Stone, Wenger, MacFarland, Kennedy, Blachoff, Carpenter, Thompson, Ellis and Commons.

SWIMMERS' DOCK BUILT BY CITIZENS

Enterprising People Improve Facilities for Aquatic Sports at Lake Grove.

The park at Lake Grove, while a public place, is to some extent a recreational spot for the communities of Lake Grove, Goodin, Bryant and Cook. For those who do not reside on its banks, and therefore have their own swimming and boating docks and houses, it is a great gathering place on warm summer evenings and on Sundays and holidays for the enjoyment of aquatic sports.

When it was announced that the Oswego Lake Water, Light & Power company would raise the elevation of the lake, it was realized by the citizens of Lake Grove that the old swimming and boating dock in the park would be several feet under water. To remedy the matter and to provide a dock well above the water line, President Ray Stoetzel, at the last meeting of the club, appointed a committee to build a new dock. On last Sunday a "dredging" party of the residents of the district gathered and in a few hours a new dock was completed. The committee on arrangements had procured in advance donations of lumber and nails.

The dock is unique in that it has no shore end. It stands out from the water

line about 30 feet, so that only swimmers may use it. Those who are not good swimmers, or who cannot swim at all, will be compelled to wade and swim in the shallower waters on the lake's edge. In the past the expert swimmers have had their enjoyment of the lake marred by the crowding of the old dock by persons unable to swim well or by others stilled in their street clothes. The "disconnected dock" idea will, it is believed, be an inspiration to those who are not good swimmers to become such.

ROCKWOOD

Many attended the stock show at Portland, nearly the entire community being represented at the time or another.

John Everhard has added to his facilities in service the public from his store by purchasing a new touring car of a well known make.

Harry Heustis and Peter Burgess are busy digging 6000 prune trees from their nursery rows to fill the weary order. Rockwood Grange has planned a card party and oyster supper for Saturday evening, November 12.

Mrs. Mary Crane and Mrs. Ida Burgess are the committee of Rockwood Grange to cooperate with Evening Star Grange to give a dinner to 600 officers, delegates and guests of the National Grange on Monday, November 11. They will be assisted by a number of other members. Mrs. Crane has agreed to furnish all the cauliflower for the dinner, and the wonderful yields of the plots along the Columbia between Park Road and Tigard will be levied upon to fill this requisition. All that is needed is a complacent clerk of the weather. Rockwood Grange members will make good, rain or shine.

Mrs. F. Flood of Montavilla, accompanied by her little daughter, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heustis at their Rockwood home. Mrs. Flood is the sister of Mrs. Heustis.

SELLWOOD

C. H. Raines, 529 Lexington avenue, and C. S. Erickson, 441 Sherett avenue, are erecting a house at Culver, Or. Clara Marie, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis of 1625 East Seventh street, stepped off the curb in front of a U. S. laundry wagon the first of the week. The driver stopped almost instantly, and picking the little girl up drove to the Sellwood hospital where an examination disclosed that her injuries were only slight.

Mrs. H. B. Morser, 1145 Nehalem avenue, has been quite sick recently but is now improving. Mr. and Mrs. K. Eldred of 1253 East Twenty-first street, entertained a party of young people Wednesday evening in honor of the thirteenth anniversary of their daughter, Lillian, who received presents galore, including a beautiful Howard piano from her fond parents.

Jessie O'Connor of 1721 East Fifteenth street, has been very ill the past week with pneumonia, the third attack of the kind which she has suffered.

F. E. Hutchinson, 635 Linn avenue, motored to Bend, Or., recently with a couple of friends, intending to commence contract work there. One of the parties became ill and they are expected back in Portland this week.

During the Halloween festivities unknown parties propelled an auto into Johnson creek near the Mohair Mills.

A. T. Courtney, 1719 East Fifteenth street, is slowly coming back to normal both in mind and body. Courtney was injured by falling off the P. R. L. & P. Vancouver trestle a month ago. His son Archie underwent a successful operation at the Sellwood general hospital Monday.

Blackmar circle will hold its annual dinner and bazaar at Wall's hall Wednesday, November 18. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 and will be worth several times the small price the circle ladies will ask. The bazaar will consist of a large array of tempting bargains.

Mrs. Robert Riddle, 683 Bidwell avenue, passed away Monday, November 7, at the age of 74, after a lingering illness extending over several months. She was known and loved by a large circle of friends to whom the memory of her bright, smiling face and words of encouraging cheer will live on and on. The funeral was held at the Portland crematorium Thursday in charge of undertaker Walter C. Kenworthy. Rev. W. S. McCulloch, pastor of the Presbyterian church of which she was long a devoted and consistent member, preached the funeral sermon. Blackmar circle also exemplified the work of that order.

H. B. Smith, 1316 East Eighteenth street, arrived home recently from an extended business trip to Montana.

Mrs. Anna Parker of La Grande, Or., was last week the guest of Mrs. D. A. Boyer, 1560 1/2 East Thirteenth street. Mrs. Parker has been with the O. W. R. & N. company for 20 years as engineer.

Robert Riddle Jr. of Seattle was here to attend the funeral of his mother this week.

The Eukrines Debating society of Washington high school, met with Harry Mackay, 610 Nehalem avenue, Monday evening. After the regular business session refreshments were served.

Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, are planning a hike to Larch mountain in the near future.

BELLROSE STATION

Mrs. L. H. French has been entertaining her brother, Earl C. Bailey, and his wife the last week. Mr. Bailey is a successful young farmer of Clarke county, Washington.

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