

### Spring Brings Much Activity In the Public School Enterprises All Over Marion County

#### ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Silverton Woman Elected Head of County Parent Teacher Association

#### SHAW IS GIVEN FLAG

Back-to-School Keynote of Addresses—Girls' Dress Is Discussed

Mrs. E. A. Wrightman of Silverton was yesterday elected president of the Marion county Parent-Teacher association at its annual meeting held in the Salem high school. Delegates from 15 associations were present and took part in discussions of the back-to-school movement and proposed uniform dress for girls. Speakers yesterday were Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson, the retiring president, whose topic was "Cooperation of the Parent-Teacher associations with the school authorities in the Prevention of Truancy"; E. F. Carleton, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, on the back-to-school campaign; E. S. Stultz of the state training school, who explained why boys get into that institution, and County Superintendent W. M. Smith on the compulsory education law. The general keynote of the addresses favored steps toward bringing the children back to work, who have held jobs during the war. Parents are now permitting them to neglect their education to retain positions and this is causing much strife for school superintendents. The matter of simpler dress for girls was touched on, but no action was taken.

Several women were elected to offices in the association. Mrs. LaMoine Clark of this city was made vice-president and Mrs. Fannie Douglas, also of Salem, secretary. E. S. Stultz will act as treasurer.

Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson presided over the meeting and presented a silken flag to the Shaw delegation for having the largest attendance in proportion to the size of the district. On the program in addition to the speaking were four folk dances by Salem school children. The Salem women under the direction of Mrs. U. S. Dodson, served lunch in the cafeteria at noon.

Reports of the year's work were very encouraging and showed that the war had not seriously hampered it. Next year other community organizations interested in education, but not in the association, will be invited to participate in the meeting. The attendance yesterday was considered remarkably good, despite the fact that those from the farming districts are unusually busy at this time of the year. Those present were:

- Fannie L. Douglas, Salem, Or.; Mrs. H. A. Hart, Salem, Or.; Mrs. N. E. Abbott, Salem, Or.; Mrs. LaMoine Clark, Salem, Or.; Mrs. J. C. Swartz, Salem, Or.; Mrs. A. C. Bohrnstedt, Salem, Or.; Mrs. H. E. Pemberton, Salem, Or.; Mrs. Octavia Hoppes, Salem, Or.; Mrs. U. S. Dodson, Salem, Or.; Mrs. S. E. Purvine, Salem, Or.; Mrs. W. M. Smith, Salem, Or.; Mrs. Glenn Adams, Salem, Or.; Mrs. W. B. Summerville, Salem, Or.; Mrs. J. H. James Elvin, Salem, Or.; Mrs. J. H. Falchids, Salem, Or.; Mrs. F. L. Wilkinson, Salem, Or.; Mrs. J. W. L. Smith, Salem, Or.; Mabel Garrett, Woodburn, Or.; Florence E. Beardsley, White school; Mrs. Jennie Earl, White school; Mrs. A. J. Smith, White school; E. S. Stultz, O. S. T. S.; Mrs. John Fieber, Shaw; Miss Pearl Eyre, Shaw; Mrs. O. E. Lewis, Shaw; Estelle Batliner, Shaw; Miss Maxie Fieber, Shaw; Mrs. Mary Cam-

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#### CLASS RIVALRY CONTESTS NOW IN FULL SWING

Four of Preliminary Try-outs Held in English Department at High School

#### DEBATERS ARE SELECTED

Finals of Series Begin April 4—Victors Will Receive Silver Trophy

Four of the preliminary try-outs for the inter-class rivalry contests at the Salem high school have been completed this week and only two more remain. The latter will be finished within a few days. From three to six students have tried for the honor of representing each class in the competition, which is principally under the supervision of Miss Lucile Elliott of the English department.

#### No Feminine Carpenter Wants Job So Lonely Man Still Holds Forth

Votes for women nearly prevented the Lincoln school from having any masculine members of the faculty and if it hadn't been that no woman carpenter applied for a job as manual training teacher the lone man there would probably be a minus quantity. Even the boys' athletic coach is a miss—Miss Margaret Power, whose staunch followers number many shock haired and freckled faced lads. The best part of it is that she nearly turned out a championship basketball team and is telling what she will do in track and baseball.

The principal of the school is Mrs. Marie Von Eschen. Mrs. E. M. Tillson, who teaches history and civics, has a class in vocational guidance that has always been considered a man's job. F. A. Foster, the only man in the building, is permitted to hold forth in his corner only because the women decided not to invade the realm of the hammer and saw. This is the first time that he or any other man has found himself an almost superfluous adjunct in the schools.

#### SCHOOL PAGE NEW FEATURE

#### Statesman Will Publish Weekly Summary of Events Throughout County

With the resumption of activities dropped before the war interest turns to the public schools and that long forgotten system is deserving mention once again. Believing that both parents and students are watching the educational reconstruction work, the Statesman is going to publish regularly on Sundays until the end of the school year a weekly summary of events.

Pupils, teachers and members of parent-teacher associations are invited to contribute to these columns and help make them full of timely information that cannot fail to be read by those who have the education of the children at heart and by the children themselves. News of contests, entertainments, athletic, social and constructive activities will be welcomed by the editor of the school page. If possible stories should be received at the Statesman office on or before Friday night.

#### Glee Club Organized at Washington High

Washington junior high school now has a glee club, 23 voices strong. Under the direction of Miss Marie Churchill the students met early in the week and perfected organization of the long-desired club. The members are mostly from the eighth and ninth grades and have been encountering difficulty in getting a club together on account of the graduation of a number of good singers. Near the end of the semester an informal concert will probably be given. No elaborate songs can be attempted just now, as most of the voices are rather light. Practise is carried on regularly one afternoon each week.

#### WORK FOR PIG CLUB

G. W. Eyre and Supervisor J. W. L. Smith will go into the rural schools this week working in the interest of the Salem Standard Pig club, which now has 35 members signed up and enough prospective ones to bring the number up to 70. The pig club is now the largest in the state and if plans are carried out it will be still much larger in a few weeks.

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#### Garden Seeds Ready for Distribution in Schools

Seeds in great quantities are now ready for distribution among the school children of the city and a large number of packages are in the hands of the various principals. The city superintendent has received a large sack of assorted flower and vegetable seeds from the government sent through the courtesy of Representative Hawley, in compliance with a request from Washington, efforts will be made to interest the youngsters in planting gardens.

When you were a youngster you can surely remember the fun of making or furnishing a play house, whether it were just for your little sister's doll or for yourself and your pals to use as a pirate's den out in the brush lot. Just now the students of the manual training and domestic science departments of the Salem high school are exercising their own sweet will in the biggest play house that has ever been handed over to a group of boys and girls in this city.

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Under the direction of E. W. Heckart of the carpentry department, the boys have been at work several months remodeling the north half of the lower floor and making practically new rooms from it. The contrast between the north and the south halves is startling, the older section having mucky plastered walls, old fashioned dark stained woodwork, worn floors and a general dark, dismal appearance, while the part that has been worked over is beginning to take the form of a light, airy, modern suite of rooms. The woodwork will probably be finished in white enamel and the walls in colors chosen by the girls of the domestic science department, designed to harmonize with the use to which the rooms will be put.

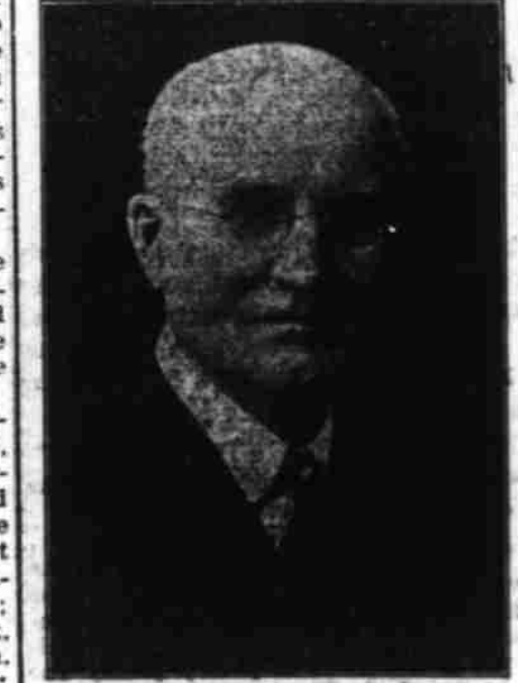
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then principal of the Crookston State school of Agriculture, rising to the position of superintendent of the experiment station in connection with that school.

He is one of the pioneers in club work, organizing clubs in corn growing and sowing as early as 1905, for which he was pronounced a fool by business men and farmers. He has always believed in the practical things in education and believes that the way to impress this upon the mind of the students is through the club work.

Accompanied by their daughter, Florence, a graduate of Salem high school and a former student at Willamette university, and their two grandchildren, Dorothy and Marjory, they left yesterday on their trip South. They will stop over for a week of tea days in Creweville, their home. One son, Guy P. Harrington, lives in Santa Fe, as does also one daughter, Vera.

Miss Sibyl Harrington is an instructor in the Salem schools, and Helen is a senior at the Oregon Agricultural college. Another daughter, Jessie, will graduate this year from high school, and with Helen will follow the family to New Mexico this summer. A son, A. C. Har-

#### PRACTISE HOUSE IS PROGRESSING

High School Students Remodel Old Dwelling, Prepare to Furnish It and Design Scheme for Interior Decoration

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Those who are registered in Miss Gertrude L. Purinton's dressmaking classes will have their time at the house as soon as it is ready for bedding, towels, draperies, table runners, linen and other articles, which they will be expected to produce.

Already Miss Hazel Fishwood, who is in charge of the art department, has her students planning the color schemes for the rooms. This is the first year the girls have had a course in house planning and one of their initial duties was to go over the rooms of the dwelling and measure them. They are now drawing these walls and will use the sketches as a basis for working out a scheme of decoration including the furniture, draperies, pictures and all furnishings. Each girl will submit her finished plan.

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#### Tennis Appropriation Is Allowed by Student Body

Among the sports that are to be resumed this year by the senior high school is tennis, for which the student council this week appropriated \$25 to provide equipment. The state hospital courts are to be used by the players. Considerable interest is being manifested in this athletic activity and about 15 students have already expressed their intention of going out for it. Last year tennis was entirely abandoned.

#### SOCIALS BRING LIBRARY BOOKS

Interest Revived in Pie Auctions—Much Money Being Raised

As a means of securing needed improvements, a number of the country schools are giving socials and with the proceeds from them buying equipment sufficient to make them standard districts. In the last few days Hult school raised \$60 with which to purchase library books. This money represents the proceeds from a pie social and is a generous sum, considering the district, which is a sparsely settled homestead community. Miss Mary Largent is the teacher there and has nine boys and one girl in her school. These pupils appeared in a program at the social.

The Porter school in district 127 has \$58 from a recent shadow social and this is to be invested in playground apparatus. North Santiam district will have an entertainment this week to pay for the new play shed erected there. The building is 60 by 30 feet in size and is completely equipped with rings, swings and teeter-totter. It has wall on two sides and a shingled roof.

Interest is just being revived in improving the country buildings and money raising socials are coming back into their own with extreme rapidity. Last year proceeds from them usually went to the Red Cross or kindred interests and school improvements were a back number during the war.

#### TOTS IN FOLK DANCES

A group of children from the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the Washington school yesterday afternoon delighted the delegates at the Marion County Parent-Teacher association meeting with four folk dances given under the direction of Miss Evelyn Broza. The tots appeared in their gymnasium suits consisting of black bloomers and white middie and gave their exhibition to the tune of victrola music.

#### AGRICULTURAL STUDY DESIRED

Marion County May Go Aftter Funds Provided Under Smith-Hughes Act

Marion county is going to go after some of the funds that have been provided under the Smith-Hughes act for vocational agricultural schools, Supervisor J. W. L. Smith of the county superintendent's office announced yesterday. He has just learned from State Superintendent J. A. Churchill that Oregon has money for 11 more such schools and that only four now exist. Mr. Smith claims that the state is the second county in the state in population and should be able to support two schools, one in the north and another in the southern half.

These schools are not on a theoretical or scientific basis, but are supposed to give the children practical agricultural training. It is thought that there will be a strong demand for them in this section as soon as the people find out what they are and that if the districts would unite and request that these courses be put in, their boys would not have to go away from home to learn modern farming methods. All teachers must be thoroughly trained in their subjects and the youngsters must work out problems on their parents' farms.

Under the Smith-Hughes act the state and government match that portion of the teacher's salary put up by the school district.

#### Thrift Campaign Will Open Early This Week

This week the thrift campaign in the schools of Marion county will formally open. Instructions for the organization of war savings societies in the schools are to be sent out by County Superintendent W. M. Smith and teachers, pupils and others in the community will be requested to sign pledge cards.

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