

# CHILD HEALTH DAY PLANNED

## Pre-School Child to Receive Special Consideration at Event This Year

Observance of national child health day and May day is combined again this year, through proclamation of President Hoover and following a custom of the past 10 years. In Marion county the joint occasion will be fittingly observed throughout most of the schools with the Marion county public health association sponsoring the programs.

In the program this year special consideration is given the young child who is about to enter school and parents are being urged to see that all physical defects of children of this age are corrected, including care of teeth; examination of eyes; and attention to the nose and throat so the child will be less liable to the frequent cold that travels through the school or home; and protection against smallpox and diphtheria.

Marion county has made much progress in meeting this problem, records from school showing that 3.4 per cent of those who entered school for the first time in 1929 were 10 percent or more underweight, as against the 7.9 per cent who were 10 per cent underweight in 1926. In 1929, these youngsters had 25.9 per cent bad teeth, as against 44.7 per cent in 1926. In 1929, four-tenths per cent of the beginners had vision defects, compared to 2.4 per cent in 1926.

Mrs. Brazier Small is the president of the county public health association which is sponsoring the program throughout the county and Mrs. Wido Brown of Hubbard is assisting in communities outside of Salem. Miss Carlotta Crowley is arranging for programs in the Salem schools. The plans include special programs in the schools emphasizing the health teaching of the school, talks before women's clubs and other organizations concerning the welfare of children, and pre-school clinics for the examination and immunization of the children who enter school in the fall. The clinics are being arranged for through the county health unit.

# GERVAIS YOUTH IS INJURED BY AUTO

GERVAIS, April 12 — While crossing the street near the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon on his way home from school, Alfred Bowley, son of City Marshal William Bowley, ran into an automobile and was knocked down. A hole about an inch long and half an inch deep was cut in his head, presumably by the fender. Body bruises were the only other injuries other than the cut on Alfred's head. He is a junior in Gervais high school and prominent in athletics. The accident was due to his haste to get home and failure to watch the highway for approaching cars. The driver, G. D. Blyden of Silverton, was declared by the boy's father to be entirely blameless.

# Summer School Stirs Interest Of 4-H Groups

Marion county club members are evincing much interest in the

# BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

An ancient bear story:



R. J. Hendricks

The Bits man recently reread Washington Irving's Astoria. Though that great author used a good many words to express an idea or record a fact, oldsters interested in early Oregon history are recommended to reread this book, and youngsters to peruse it for the first time. They will find the following story in the book:

"Among the hired men of the party was one William Cannon, who had been a soldier at one of the frontier posts, and had entered into the employ of Mr. Hunt at Mackinaw. He was an inexperienced hunter and a poor shot, for which he was much bantered by his more adroit comrades. Piqued by their raillery, he had been practicing ever since he had joined the expedition, but without success. In the course of the present afternoon, he went forth by himself to take a lesson in venue, and, to his great delight, had the good fortune to kill a buffalo. As he was a considerable distance from the camp, he cut out the tongue and some of the choice bits, made them into a parcel, and slinging them on his shoulders by a strap passed around his forehead, as the voyagers carried packages of goods, set out all glorious for the camp, anticipating a triumph over his brother hunters. In passing through a narrow ravine, he heard a noise behind him, and looking around beheld, to his dismay, a grizzly bear in full pursuit, apparently attracted by the scent of the meat.

"Cannon had heard so much of the invulnerability of this tremendous animal, that he never was tempted to fire, but slipping the buffalo meat and ran for his life. The bear did not stop to regale himself with the game, but kept on after the hunter. He had nearly overtaken him when Cannon reached a tree, and, throwing down his rifle, scrambled up to safety. The next instant bruin was at the foot of the tree; but as this species of bear does not climb, he contented himself with turning the case into a blockade. Night came on. In the darkness Cannon could not perceive whether or not the enemy maintained his station; but his fears pictured him rigorously mounting guard. He passed the night, therefore, in the tree, a prey of dismal fancies. In the morning the bear was gone. Cannon warily descended the tree, gathered up his gun, and made the best of his way back to camp, without venturing to look after his buffalo meat."

Cannon lived many years on what was known in the early days as "French prairie" including all the settlements below the old mission down to a short distance

annual 4-H summer school to be held at Oregon State college June 9 to 21, inclusive, says William W. Fox, county club leader here. Plans are being made by a number of communities in this county to offer scholarships for excellence in club work and in general interest in more wide spread than ever before, the leader reports.

Fox hopes to see at least 20 boys and girls from Marion county attend the summer school this year.

above "the falls" (Oregon City.) He died at Champeog in 1854 at the age of 93 years. In his famous address before the Oregon Pioneer association at its annual meeting of 1876 at the state fair grounds, James W. Nesmith said: "William Cannon, another very old man who resided near Champeog and died a few years since, came to the country in the service of Astor, in Wilson G. Hunt's party (1811), and resided here the remainder of his life. Washington Irving, in his Astoria, makes Cannon the hero of a ludicrous adventure with a bear. I have heard the old man give his version of the affair wherein he figured in a tree, his position secure in its elevation, while bruin watched below."

Before the same society, in 1879, in the annual address, Willard H. Rees, told of some of the pioneers of French prairie who lived beyond the scriptural allotment of three score years and ten. He said in part:

"By request, Rev. B. DeLorme, pastor of St. Paul's church (St. Paul), kindly furnished me from the parish register a list of the names of the early settlers of French prairie, with age and date of demise. I will give here a few names: William Cannon, born in Pennsylvania in 1755; died 1854, aged 99 years. Philip Degie, born at Sorel, Canada, in 1739; died February 27, 1847, aged 108 years. This OLDEST inhabitant first crossed the continent with Lewis and Clark. Francis Rivet, died September 15, 1852, aged 95; came first to Oregon with Lewis and Clark in 1805. Louis La Bonte, died in 1860, aged 80 years. Joseph Gervais, died July 13, 1861, aged 84 years. Etienne Lucier, died March 6, 1853. The last named four men were free trappers, and came to Oregon with Captain Hunt in 1811. Francis Dupre, died 1858, aged 99 years. Andre Longtain, born in 1788, died 1879, aged 97 years."

People who visit the Champeog memorial park notice a picture of Longtain hanging on the wall of the large room of the main building. The land owned by the state park, or part of it, was taken from this claim. The descendants of this pre-pioneer settler still live in the neighborhood.

All or nearly all the French settlers had Indian wives, and most of them numerous half-caste children. There were no white women in the country till long years after they began to make their settlement. The Hudson's Bay company encouraged them to take these women and respect them and treat them as wives, to form a friendly contact with the tribesmen. The first of them made homes near the mouth of the Hons-u-cha-chac river (Indian name for the Pudding river.) (Can any high school student tell how it came to be called Pudding river?) Nearly all the French settlers in the first days had Indian slaves, of both sexes, secured from the families of their wives; doing the hard work and making life easy for the owners.

The fact that life was serene and easy, and that the men were of a picked and hardy stock, accounts in part for their longevity.

(\*There is a question as to the right name of Degie, or Degt, Nesmith once referred to him as DeLoar. Another authority referred to him as Francis Rivet, thinking perhaps the three names applied to one man. But Bashford, good authority, gives Philip Degie, Francis Rivet and Mr. DeLoar as all being among the earliest settlers of French prairie, and all coming with the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1805.)

# HEROISM BADGE IS GIVEN SCOUT

## Presentation Planned Tuesday Night of This Week at Honor Court

The largest Boy Scout court of honor staged in the Marion-Polk county area is scheduled for next Tuesday night, when the national organization's certificate of heroism will be awarded to Ray Koser of Dallas in recognition of his bravery in rescuing another lad from drowning last August. Because the event is expected to draw several hundred persons, it will be held in the house of representatives hall at the state capitol, beginning at 8 o'clock. Also because it is a special occasion, Justice O. P. Coshov of the state supreme court will make presentation of the certificate. Parents and every one interested in scouting is invited to attend the court of honor.

Justice H. H. Belt of the supreme court will preside over the court; L. P. Campbell will be master of ceremonies; Veronia McQuaid and Milton Taylor will be buglers; and O. P. West, scout executive, will be clerk. Commissioners will be: Rev. George Swift, R. G. Brady, Rex Sanford, J. M. Campbell of Dallas, J. R. Allgood of Dallas, and J. W. Mayo of Stayton. Young Koser's mother will be a special guest at the ceremony and will sit on the bench with Justices Coshov and Belt. J. M. Campbell of Dallas, who was Koser's first scoutmaster and who started him in scout teachings, will stand with him when the certificate is presented.

# Oregon Pulp and Paper Company Has Good Report For Past Year, Indication

The earnings report of the Oregon Pulp and Paper company whose plant is located in Salem shows the highest earnings in 1929 of any of the past five years. Net after interest and taxes amounted to \$208,007, as compared with \$133,593 in 1928. After preferred dividends this amounted to 11.8% for 1929. The following is the earnings statement for Oregon Pulp for the five-year period:

	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925
Income for Bond Int.	\$514,920	\$462,209	\$287,557	\$292,553	\$347,833
Deductions—					
Bond Int.					
Exp.	83,007	88,485	42,477	22,376	
Deprec'n	198,420	221,817	179,674	133,827	130,969
Federal Tax	25,484	18,312	10,834	16,568	27,051
Net Income	\$208,007	\$133,593	\$54,572	\$119,779	\$189,813

Many Salem residents are stockholders in the local paper mill and several Salem men are officers and directors of the enterprise. The report of increased earnings will be highly gratifying to local stockholders. No dividends on the common stock are being paid at the present time. F. W. Leadbetter of Portland is the executive head of the Oregon Pulp and Paper mill and of the Columbia River paper mill at Vancouver. The following is the earnings statement for the latter company:

	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925
Income for Bond Int.	\$611,354	\$775,652	\$425,665	\$418,127	\$207,013
Deductions—					
Bond Int.					
Exp.	60,725	65,325	51,897	18,716	33,526
Deprec'n	168,914	163,394	115,416	117,385	80,147
Federal Tax	37,724	66,085	35,443	35,583	None
Net Income	\$343,988	\$480,848	\$222,907	\$246,442	\$93,340

The capitalization of the Oregon Pulp and Paper company is \$1,215,000 first mortgage 6% serial bonds due from 1930 to 1941; \$800,000 8% preferred stock; \$1,300,000 of \$100 par common stock. The capital of the Columbia River Paper mills is arranged as follows: \$920,000 1st mortgage serial 6% bonds due 1930 to 1942; \$750,000 8% preferred stock; \$2,000,000 \$100 par common.

# MERCHANTS TO MEET TUESDAY

## Name Adopted by Recently Formed Group of Independent Dealers

The newly organized group of Salem independent merchants who call themselves the Salem Independent Retailers' Protective association will hold their next week's meeting in Woodry's Auction hall at Norway and North Summer streets, Tuesday evening, April 14. This announcement was made Saturday by C. M. Lee, a member of the committee appointed for that purpose at the initial meeting.

Last week approximately 30 retailers, representing Salem, West Salem, Salem Heights, Aumsville and Macleay, met at a downtown location and laid the foundation for their organization. The improvement of local conditions and the solution of the problem of outside competition are among the several objects of the group.

"The retailers have not organized a 'sour grape' association to throw mud at the chain stores and their methods," one merchant explained Saturday, "but they expect to weld themselves into an organization for their mutual protection. We believe that we should first clean up our own stores before starting anything like a fight against outside competition. The Retailers' Protective association will not only protect themselves but will defend the interests of the people of this locality."

At least 100 merchants are expected to be present at next Tues-

day's meeting. Considerable interest in the policies of the association has been manifested here last week and grocers, butchers, clothiers, jewelers, and other independent retailers are enthusiastic over the possibility. An executive committee, composed of Ed Schuuke, chairman, C. M. Roberts, R. E. McNulty and John Marr, will present a set of by-laws and a constitution at the Tuesday meeting.

# Evangelist Will Give Inspiring Sermons Today

Meetings at the First Christian church which have been in progress the past two weeks are expected to reach the highest point of interest so far today, when the evangelist, Dr. M. Howard Fagan, will preach two inspiring sermons. Last Sunday 488 persons were present for the bible school, and a greater number is expected today. Several of the adult bible classes are in contest, these to be concluded on Easter Sunday, when the climax of the meetings will be reached.

So far, 37 additions have been made to the church. Meetings will continue nightly until Easter, with interesting themes and special musical features each time.

SHANGHAI (AP) — American tourists on world cruises this year are expected to spend \$1,000,000 in the silk and curio shops of Shanghai and Peiping.

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