

ELLIOTT DRYER AND CONTENTS ARE HUGE LOSS

Dallas, Sept. 21.—Fire broke out Tuesday morning in the Fred Elliott prune dryer and although the fire department responded without delay, the large building was totally destroyed within a few minutes. This dryer was constructed by the Oregon Growers and was purchased by Elliott about two years ago.

It was located in the industrial district at Shelton and Jefferson streets and surrounded by dryers and packing plants and only the prompt action of the fire department saved these. Fortunately there was no wind and when it was found that the Elliott dryer was doomed, attention was given the surrounding buildings with the result only slight damage was done to the boiler house of the plant of the Growers Co-Operative and an old vacant dwelling nearby.

The Elliott dryer had been operating about a year and had received about 6,000 bushels of prunes, all of which were a total loss. 13,251 bushels which had been covered by insurance, were not covered by insurance.

This is the first fire where the Boy Scout firemen were able to demonstrate the efficiency of their organization. Five of the firemen scouts responded and took entire charge of the traffic under the direction of "Dub" Mulkey, traffic officer.

Mr. Elliott estimates his loss to be about \$20,000 on the building and \$4,000 on fruit and equipment. This loss was partially covered by insurance, about \$6,500 being carried on the building and \$3,000 on the fruit. About \$800 worth of wood was stored under and around the building and at least 50 per cent of this can be salvaged. Mr. Elliott had carried \$9,500 on this building last year but feeling safe from fire, reduced this amount the first of the year to \$6,500.

As soon as he ascertained that his dryer could not be saved, Mr. Elliott ordered the necessary materials to put the dryer on his home place in condition and expects to be ready to operate by Friday morning.

Fire Chief Kelley stated that an average of 18 men have been kept on the job all day, watching that the fire does not again break out in the piles of cordwood and endanger the whole district. In view of the fact that the Dallas fire department is a volunteer department and that these men must be paid by their employers, if at all, a great amount of credit should be given them for their faithful attention to duty.

SOCIAL ENJOYED

Donald, Sept. 21.—Venus chapter No. 129 enjoyed a special evening with 17500 following the regular meeting. Refreshments were served in the dining hall at tables decorated with baskets of asters. The committee in charge was Mrs. Ida Yergen, Mrs. Alene Quinn, and Mrs. Alice Cone.

PORTLANDER CALLS

Independence, Ore., Sept. 21.—K. C. Eldridge of Portland was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McIntosh on Tuesday.

BOYS ENTER O. A. C.

Independence, Ore., Sept. 21.—Fred Hewitt and Alfred Cole have left for Corvallis to attend O. A. C. Both boys graduated from Independence high school last year.

KIRKLAND VISITS

Independence, Ore., Sept. 21.—Frank Kirkland of Portland was in town visiting old acquaintances on Tuesday.

Dallas Schools Open With Gain In Attendance Despite Absentees In Prune Orchards

BY WINNIE BRADEN

Dallas, Sept. 21.—Both the grade and high school opened on Monday with an enrollment of practically that of last year. This enrollment will be somewhat higher within a few days as many students are still employed in harvesting the prune crop in nearby orchards. The enrollment shows that Dallas is running "true to form" and that the number of boys in both grade and high school is equal to that of the number of girls. This is an unusual condition as the majority of schools will show a larger enrollment of girls in all grades above the 7th. A unique feature of the high school commencement of 1926 was the fact that there were two more boys graduates than girls.

STEADY INCREASE

The enrollment during the 1926 school year showed a steady increase necessitating the employment of two additional teachers for this school year.

When interviewed, Superintendent R. R. Turner said the Dallas community has been most fortunate in having men of vision on their school board—men who had not sacrificed future requirements to seeming present needs. This was proven when bonds for \$70,000 for the new high school were voted and it was found that this amount was not adequate to construct and equip the type of building that would be required to accommodate the rapid increase in enrollments and it was decided to provide ample space in the departments of domestic science and art, in manual training, laboratory, library, gymnasium and auditorium and to equip them later. The original contract was let for \$79,000 as the school board had on hand some \$10,000 which was added to the bond issue and the building was erected ready for the school opening, September, 1926, with adequate classroom for present enrollment and with the building so constructed that a wing can be added on the south side to provide additional class room.

NEW AUDITORIUM

The auditorium was completed this year out of current receipts at a cost of \$3500. The auditorium seats are equipped with disappearing tablet arms so that it may be used as a lecture room. The stage is equipped with beautiful purple velvet curtains and two sets of scenery, with foot lights, dressing rooms and other stage accessories. A new grand piano has been purchased and will be used daily for assembly singing, glee club and orchestra work.

Because of such sentiment centering around the building which formed a part of the LeCreole Academy, in which many of the leading citizens of the community received their education, the main building was allowed to stand as a unit of the high school. It is now occupied by the library and is also used as a study hall, Dallas being one of the few high schools of the state providing a study hall where books of reference are within easy reach. In the domestic art department

their own clothing and are able to dress neatly and economically. A practical course is given in domestic science where the proper and economical use of electric kitchen equipment is taught. In connection with this the girls are given practical training in managing a cafeteria. The sewing room is converted into a dining room and the food which has been prepared by the students in the kitchen is served in the large pantry adjoining.

The laboratory is still in need of modern equipment but is being used. The gymnasium is now well equipped with an adequate number of showers, lockers, etc., and will seat 350 people. The entrance and steps leading to the athletic field have been completed and add much to the appearance of the building. Concrete curbing has been constructed around the west and south sides and the lawn filled and leveled ready for seeding.

One of the features which was added this year is a class in public speaking. Some of the most bashful students are taking advantage of this opportunity to overcome a great handicap and are taking great interest in the work.

TAKEN INTO SHOPS

Another unusual feature is found in the vocational training department where students who have shown adaptability to mechanics are taken into shops of the Dallas Machine and Locomotive Works where they are put to work under the supervision of the foremen in various departments. Dallas is the only city west of the Mississippi employing this method of giving her students practical training in shops where the time is accredited to their apprenticeship. These boys are on the payroll of the shops at \$1.00 per month and their employment is under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The commerce department is well equipped with modern typewriters and large, well lighted class rooms. When asked about the efficiency of students graduating from this department, Superintendent Turner cited the fact that two of the 1926 graduates from the commerce department are being employed as stenographers by attorneys in Dallas.

Financially speaking, the Dallas school district is in a position to take care of all needed expansion. All indebtedness has been cleared on the Junior high school building and the affairs of the district are conducted on a cash basis, the necessity for borrowing was eliminated when the district received \$20,000 from the funds from the taxes on the O. & C. land grants.

WORK ON SCHOOL

West Salem, Sept. 21.—Work on the new school building is progressing satisfactorily. At a recent meeting of the school board the contract for the heating and the plumbing was let to L. E. Inman.

STUDENTS OFFERED NEW BUS SERVICE

Donald, Sept. 21.—School in District No. 1 opened Monday with fifty enrolled. Teachers of last year are here again, Mrs. Julia Dalmas and Miss Florence Neil of Woodburn.

The city now has bus service for the students who attend Woodburn high school. Those who go from here include Helen Rich, Leona Bixler, Hugh Gearin, Albert Lemcke, Eldon Cone and Leonard Gearin.

FARM IS TRADED

Lyons, Sept. 21.—A. Petersen has completed a business transaction whereby he sold his 160 acre farm about 8 mile east of Lyons to a Mr. Goro of Woodburn. Mr. Petersen took a garage in the deal and moved to Woodburn to operate it, while Goro and wife have assumed possession of the farm and are apparently quite well settled here.

CAMP IS LEASED

West Salem, Sept. 21.—Harold Cook, assistant attorney general, has leased the Denison Auto Tourist camp, taking possession this week. Donald Fleming, recently from Bonanza, Colorado, will have charge of the camp, apartments and service station. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming will occupy one of the apartments. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Denison who own the camp and who have had charge of it for the past year will move to Salem.

BUILDS NEW HOME

Quincy, Ore., Sept. 21.—An attractive residence in course of construction is that of Henry Girod, who is erecting a modern bungalow on the site of the house burned down three years ago. The work is in charge of Joe Knapp of Salem and will be ready for occupancy by the holidays.

West Salem, Sept. 21.—The council met in an adjourned session with all members but one present. The new license regulation peddlers were given the first and second readings.

BOXES PILE UP AS MRS. SCHMITT GETS IN ACTION

Elkins, Sept. 20.—Mrs. John Schmitt lays claims to the championship for prune picking this year, with the record of 122 boxes in one day. This record was made in the LeFurgy orchard. Her son, Ernie, is a close second, having picked 110 boxes in a single day.

RUNNING STATION

West Salem, Sept. 21.—J. H. Sharp of Salem has purchased the service station on Front street and Gingswood avenue, owned and operated by W. P. Grier. Sharp took possession early this week. Grier will go into business in Salem and will handle Ajax tires exclusively. Sharp has leased the house occupied by the Lemon family and will occupy the same about October 1.

ELKINS

Roy Miller of the firm of Miller and Roy, berry growers, was a recent visitor in Independence. He reports that they will have about five days more work in their berry harvest.

Charlie Smith and family who have lived for several years at the Sam Ray farm expect to move soon to Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hill, son of J. B. Hill of Monmouth are working in the Fanning prune orchard. The Hills are recent arrivals from Oklahoma and expect to remain in Oregon.

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MANY UNIONVALE PEOPLE ON MOVE

Unionvale, Sept. 21.—Virgil Dixon family is moving from the Mrs. Hettie Stoutenberg farm into the Webfoot neighborhood. Wilber Stoutenberg family is moving from the Hamble farm to one vacated by Mr. Dixon; the Fietchal family is moving from Woods farm to one vacated by M. P. Stoutenberg. The Ralph Turner family is moving from the M. P. Dixon farm to the George Carl farm, near Lafayette; the Bartruff family is moving from the Merritt Miller farm to one vacated by Mr. Bartruff. John Squires and Adelbert Smith will occupy the farm vacated by Mr. Bartruff. Mattie Boulder and wife are moving from Dayton to his father's farm recently vacated by Mr. Countiss. Tom Lawrence and family moved to Grand Island.

AIR CIRCUS PLAN IS TAKING SHAPE

Dallas, Sept. 21.—The Polk county fair board, co-operating with the Carl B. Fenton Post of the American legion, is planning an Air Circus to be held on the Brown field entrance to Dallas gateway, Sunday, October 23.

TOMMY IS HOST

Independence, Ore., Sept. 21.—Tommy Fomeroy and Carl Murphy entertained a few of their friends at his home on C street Monday night. The evening was spent by playing games. Those present were Claire Quibler, Atha Fisher, Carl Murphy.

LEAVE AFTER RITES

Grand Island, Sept. 2.—Mr. Atherton, accompanied by his daughter Ceil of Orange, California, and daughter Elsie of Olympia, Wash.,

who came to attend the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Will, have returned to their respective homes.

MOVE NEAR AMITY

Amity, Sept. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Prent Beckett of Sheridan have moved into the Waterman place about two miles west of Amity.

LANCEFIELDS BACK

Amity, Sept. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Lancefield and son Paul have returned from southern Oregon. They visited at Roseburg with Mr. Lancefield's uncle, Woodson Mattox, and were in Bandon as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ellis.

AT CONFERENCE

Amity, Sept. 21.—Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Allen are attending the annual state Methodist Conference in Salem this week.

LOWA WOMAN VISITS

Amity, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Glen Hill of Iowa is the guest of her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Roth this week. They spent the week-end at Pacific City.

HOME FROM TRIP

Amity, Sept. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Deanes have returned from a six weeks' trip to Iowa, Minnesota, and other eastern states. They report a fine time, but say there is no place as good as Oregon.

Waco, Ore., Sept. 27.—Fred Lemery and Francis Savage have left for Corvallis, where they will attend college.

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