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CENTRALLY LOCATED FAIR Change Should Be Made This Year

There is nothing to be gained by a newspaper nor an individual exploiting and praising in the most superlative of terms, an affair or a fair, which really does not deserve such extra strong commendation.

Direct reference is made to the past Clackamas County Fair, which the county-seat press is describing as "being the best ever held"—"eclipsing all others" and similar exaggerations.

Of course, the spirit prompting such hearty commendation is praiseworthy and represents but a slight recompense to the promoters and workers of the fair, but for the sake of future county fairs and in order to profit by former mistakes, more of the real truth should be forthcoming.

The News does not wish to detract in the least any of the credit due the workers and management of the county fair, for the editor is in a first hand position to know the hard work and thankless labors that are necessary in the staging of such an exhibit, but if improvement and development is to result, the truth must be known.

That each year the Clackamas County Fair is attracting less interest and is drifting farther away from the primal objects of such an exhibit, is evident. Many local people, who attended the recent fair, report a lack of exhibits and a lack of interest on the part of the farmers to make exhibits.

No complaint was found with that part of the fair, given over to amusements, although many people feel that the continuance of horse racing, is an obsolete, wasteful and expensive practice.

This brings up the question which has been agitated for a year or two past, namely the staging of future county fairs in a centrally located place; in a place of easy access from all parts of Clackamas County and near enough to attract the people of Portland.

The holding of such a centrally located fair would at once result in obtaining the interest and cooperation of many parts of the county, which today pay little attention to and seldom exhibit at the County Fair.

If the energies now expended in staging the county fair, could be augmented by the energies and exhibits each year present at

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GARFIELD BOY DROWNED Naval Telegram Advises Death Of "Billy" Hunt

On Friday last, Mrs. Guy T. Hunt of Upper Garfield received a telegram from the U. S. navy officials, stating that her eldest son, Alvin Hunt, had been drowned in San Diego Bay and the body had not been recovered.

Aside from these meager details, no further news has been received. As Mr. Hunt and son Harry, who are working near Baker City, Oregon have not arrived home yet, the grief stricken mother and brother have borne the sorrow alone.

The sad news came as a shock to the many friends in this community, with whom "Billy" as he was commonly called, was a favorite, having always taken a leading part in local athletics and the social activities of Garfield.

Billy had joined the U. S. Navy last January and was stationed on the U. S. S. South Dakota, being attached to one of the ship's launches, with the accident probably occurring during his routine of work.

The sympathy of the community is extended the bereaved parents and brothers in this loss of their son and brother, who died in the service of his country.

Schenk—Lawrence Wedding

A pretty home wedding occurred last Tuesday afternoon in Springwater, when Miss Emma Schenk became the bride of Gordon Lawrence.

The wedding was held at the home of the bride, Rev. A. L. Hutchinson of Portland read the service and Miss Florence Schenk played the wedding march.

The house was decorated with autumn leaves and the bride carried a bouquet of bride's roses. After the ceremony a lunch was served, followed by the departure of the happy couple for a short wedding trip at Rockaway Beach, where they will remain until about October 17th, returning then to Springwater, where Mr. Lawrence is in charge of the Lawrence Brothers' farm.

GEORGE STAGES SUCCESSFUL FAIR

Pure-Bred Hog Industry Shows Big Growth

If all classes of exhibits at the annual George Community Fair, held at the George Club last Monday, had increased in quantity and quality, as did the hog department, the club house and grounds would have overflowed.

This decided increase in the swine exhibit was largely due to the added interest engendered in the community last year, by the donation of a high-grade, pedigreed Poland China boar, by the P. R. L. & P. Co., coupled with the better marketing facilities afforded by the Estacada Stockyards.

The exhibits in the main hall, comprising agricultural and domestic science, were well up to the high standard of former year's possibly excepting some lines of fruits and vegetables, which suffered during the late spring rains.

Space will not allow of printing the list of awards; but Prof. Brown of the Extension Department of the Oregon Agricultural College, who acted as judge, proved his capabilities for the position by wisely and carefully selecting the best, from numbers of good exhibits.

Owing to cloudiness in the morning and a chilliness in the air, the usual big crowd did not attend from nearby districts, although many people were present from Garfield, Currinsville, Eagle Creek, Estacada and elsewhere.

Following an enjoyable picnic dinner, a more or less impromptu program was given in the grove, with the principal speaker of the day being O. B. Coldwell, General Superintendent of the P. R. L. & P. Co. who fully and cordially expressed the friendly and business attitude which exists between the transportation company and the farmers residing in the territory served by their lines. Mr. Coldwell's presence was greatly appreciated, as another evidence of the goodwill which has always existed between his company and the public, and which has for years been fostered by such officials as Messrs. F. D. Hunt, R. M. Townsend and Geo. Kelly, who were also present that day.

As Grant B. Dimick of Oregon City, who was scheduled for the leading address, did not put in an

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FAIR OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY Currinsville Wins Community Prize

The third annual East Clackamas County Fair opened Wednesday morning with the majority of exhibits in place, the main hall being fairly well filled with horticultural, agricultural, floral, domestic science and community exhibits.

The opening day's attendance was light, as usual, but the promise of big crowds is held out for Thursday and especially Friday, when the football game will prove an added attraction.

Taking the exhibits as a whole, they show a decided improvement in quality over former years, although small growth is shown in the quantity, with one or two of the local communities being poorly represented.

Of the four communities exhibiting for the \$25. community prize, all have attractive exhibits, with the judges making their awards in favor of Currinsville, Springwater, George and Garfield, respectively. While Eagle Creek as a community is not represented, J. W. Cahill alone is staging an attractive individual exhibit on a scale nearly equal to a community effort.

The opening program was a treat to all who were present and it is only wished that every resident of the county could have listened to the enjoyable talks and music. Following a delightful violin selection by Rev. C. F. Aue of Springwater, accompanied by Miss Helen Bartlett of Estacada, Miss Helen Cowgill of the extension department of the O. A. C. gave an interesting talk on her work in connection with the boys and girls industrial clubs throughout the state.

The principal address of the day was delivered by Pres. Franklin T. Griffith, of the Portland Railway Light & Power Company. Beginning with reminiscences of his early legal and political days in Clackamas County, Mr. Griffith explained and further cemented the friendly relations existing between his company and the people of this section. He laid especial stress on the work now being done by the company through their agricultural agent, Frank Ewing, and on their experimental farm in Springwater, asking the farmers to feel free to call upon them for aid and assuring them that this line of work is being carried on in an effort to solve some of the difficulties

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