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COUNTY FAIR IN FULL SWING

The fifth annual Washington county fair opened Tuesday, showing the result of the dry season, the scarcity of farm help and the indifference of many of the farmers and other residents of the county. Taken as a whole, the showings of livestock, farm, orchard and dairy products are not as heavy as last year, and up to noon yesterday, there was one sheep and not a single hog (four-legged) on the grounds. The showing of horses and mules was almost a cipher, but R. L. Stevenson, J. E. Tumbleton and John McNamer saved the day, Stevenson showing a fine team of mules, Tumbleton a mare and fine mule colt and McNamer a driving horse.

There was no program Tuesday and very few visitors.

Yesterday was called "Grange Day" and W. K. Newell of Portland, J. P. Hurley of this city and Bruce Dennis of Baker City made sensible talks on food conservation, emphasizing the fact that the allies were so busy fighting that they couldn't raise enough food to feed their soldiers and civilians and America must feed its own armies and assist materially in feeding the allies. Mr. Newell was of the opinion that the allies are in more danger of starving than Germany, which had captured much territory and was using prisoners to raise crops. He appealed to the people to have at least one meatless day and one wheatless day per week and to go sparingly on milk, sugar and butter. America was being asked for ten times as much canned milk as before the war and was unable to supply the demand. France has only sugar enough to last 60 days and when that is gone she knows only one place to get it—America.

Mr. Dennis said Washington county's fair demonstrated that the people were prosperous, but they were not holding county fairs in England, France or Belgium. America is not a warring nation, but she is forced to become one and she will remain a warring nation as long as there is a crown in Europe. We cannot all fight abroad, but we can do a great deal by saving food for those who are doing our fighting for us. He was sorry to observe that many people insisted on meats with their meals in Portland on days when the restaurants asked them to forego meats and he feared President Wilson might be forced into the position of food dictator, much as he disliked the role of dictator.

At the close of the speaking, a number of P. U. students gave a Hoover conservation yell.

The Cornelius band furnished music before and after the speaking.

Today has been designated as "Patriotic Day." State Senator Gus Moser of Portland is to deliver a patriotic address. Other speakers will talk on good roads and other important subjects.

Tomorrow is "School Day" and at 10 o'clock there will be a big parade of school children, led by the Cornelius band. At 1:30 there will be a band concert, after which Governor Withycombe will deliver an address in front of the grand stand. There will be another balloon ascension and sports for the children. This will probably be the big day of the fair, in point of attendance, as all pupils who march in parade are admitted free.

A special train will come from Tigard on the Oregon Electric tomorrow morning with 250 children and parents. Train leaves this city at 6:30 p. m.

Prof. Miller was to have made a balloon ascension and parachute drop yesterday, but by the time

he got ready the wind was blowing too hard to permit the bag being inflated. He is billed to make three ascents and made one this afternoon and will try to make two tomorrow. The auto races scheduled for yesterday did not materialize, but will probably be run today.

The schools of Kinton, Centerville, Roy, Watts, Grabel, Dilley, Hillsboro, Verboort, Aloha-Huber and Forest Grove have fine booths in the school tent and, considering the difficulties under which the exhibits were assembled, especially the horticultural and agricultural features, they were a credit to the teachers and pupils. County Superintendent Frost, in charge of the department, is pleased that the showings of the various districts are as good as they are. He appreciates the efforts made by teachers and pupils, he says.

In the women's department there is a big and handsome showing of art needlework, crocheted and tatted goods and all the other fancy work dear to woman's heart.

The Red Cross ladies have a booth showing what they have been making for the comfort and convenience of the soldier boys in the American and foreign camps. This booth probably attracts more attention than any other on the grounds and deservedly so.

The agricultural and horticultural tent is well-filled with these products of good quality, including the county's exhibit at the state fair.

The showing of beef and dairy cattle is very good, W. A. Goodin of Cornelius having on display the eighteen head of Gu rnses he had at the state fair, A. E. Westcott of Banks has a fine bunch of Jerseys and Thomas Carmichael and L. L. Paget of the Gaston district have on exhibition good specimens of the Holstein family.

The poultry department was nearer up to standard than any other (except the woman's department), and many handsome birds of all popular breeds were shown.

In the Domestic Science tent Miss Edna Mills of Corvallis, state and federal food demonstrator for this district, yesterday gave a demonstration of how to serve vetch as a substitute for baked beans. The substitute is very palatable and costs about one fourth what beans now cost. She also served visitors with war bread, made of equal parts of wheat flour and corn meal, that was very good. She was called away today and people who failed to sample her war menu yesterday are out of luck.

Bethany, Gale, Washington, Kinton, Riverside and Hillsboro granges had fine booths in the agricultural tent and the judge awarded Riverside first prize, Hillsboro second, with Washington and Betheny tied for third and Kinton and Gale for fourth.

Mrs. Nora McNamer got first on individual booth, Mrs. Maude Buxton second and Harry Broderen third.

For the best 15 varieties of grains and vegetables, John McNamer got first place and H. T. Buxton second.

In the machinery tent Wiles & Sohler have several models of Chevrolet cars, Stout Auto company has a Ford truck, there is a fine Dodge sedan and a Velie touring car. That's all up to this morning.

Watts School Fair Very Creditable

The second annual fair of the Watts school district, held at the school house Monday, was an improvement over last year's fair and embraced a very creditable showing of agricultural and horticultural products, fancy work, baked and canned goods and poultry and pet stock. From noon

until 2 o'clock the Busy Bees (ladies of the district) served all comers a fine dinner, free as the flowers in May.

After dinner Prof. M. J. Feninga of this city made a very telling address on "Community Co-Operation," telling his audience what co-operation has done for other communities. He believes in keeping the young folks interested in the home community, so that they will not wander away into the already crowded cities.

W. J. McCready followed in a short address, in which he congratulated the people of the district on their showing, asked them to exhibit at the county fair and stated that the county fair promised, like the Watts fair, to surpass previous exhibitions.

Mrs. Nelson Frost of Hillsboro, a former resident of Watts, told of the efforts made to keep a Sunday school going and implored her old neighbors not to give up the ship. She wanted the children to find out the wonderful messages conveyed by the bible.

After the speaking there were outdoor sports for men, women and children, with plenty of competition and lots of fun, and in the evening there was a dance.

State Fair Was Good

Local people who have attended Oregon state fairs for some years past express the belief that the 1917 exhibit was the best ever held.

Washington county's exhibit got eighth place among the counties west of the mountains, but was in competition with counties spending ten times as much money as Washington spent.

Alex Chalmers of Roy and W. A. Goodin of Cornelius won a number of prizes on their Short-horn and Guernsey cattle and Ed Carey of Carlton was there strong on the Jersey prizes.

Fred Woodcock, who trains at the Forest Grove race track, won more of the race money than any other single racer.

Teachers' Reception Next Tuesday Night

Under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' association there will be a reception at the high school next Tuesday evening, Oct. 8, at 7:30 o'clock, to enable the people of the city to get better acquainted with the teachers. All citizens are invited. The following is the program:

Piano Solo.....Russell Beals
Vocal Solo.....Earl E. Fleischmann
Greetings from the Board of Education.....Pres. W. P. Dyke
Violin Solo.....Catharine Gentle
Greetings from the Woman's Club.....Mrs. B. F. White
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. H. E. Inlow
Greetings from the Commercial Club.....L. M. Graham
Song by the Faculty Quartette

Honor Guard

The members of the Forest Grove Girls' Honor Guard are invited to hike to David's Hill Saturday afternoon. All members are urged to come and bring with you any girls who are interested in membership in the Guard. Meet at the corner of Gales Creek Road and Third Avenue North at 3 p. m.

Bring your relief sewing, crocheting or Red Cross knitting to Mrs. Rockwood's, North A street, Saturday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock. Relief work together will be begun informally. Prospective members are also invited to attend this meeting.

There has been an urgent appeal for dish towels made from flour sacks at the various encampments of the soldiers. The Girls' Honor Guard are endeavoring to supply the Coast Artillery at Fort Columbia, at least. If anyone has extra flour or sugar sacks she can spare for this purpose, notify Mrs. Rockwood and an Honor Guard girl will call for them.

The girls of the Honor Guard are also making crocheted squares for afghans for soldiers' convalescent hospitals. They can use and will be glad to receive odds and ends of wool for this purpose. MRS. L. P. ROCKWOOD, Leader.

The Goff Hardware Store will be closed tomorrow from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Rev. Dunlap Remains

The 1917 conference of the M. E. church came to a close at Springfield Monday, after one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the church. Few changes in pastors were made and Forest Grove people will be pleased to learn that Rev. R. E. Dunlap will be with them for at least another year.

Interesting Letter From Camp Green

Mrs. Anna Hogue of this city Sunday received an interesting letter from her son, Harry, who is a member of the 162d infantry, now training at Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., and the Express is permitted to publish the following extracts:

"Dear Mother: We are here at last and all straightened around. This is a fine place, maybe not so nice as California, but, I believe, more healthful. Camp takes in about four square miles and we are about a mile from a nice amusement park, with good street car service. Charlotte is a town of about 50,000. I should judge, and is full of churches. Nothing open on Sundays but restaurants, as they have a law against selling anything except food; no cigars, tobacco or soda water on the Sabbath. Soldiers are not allowed in the city after 11 p. m.

"Many people here have queer notions of western people, as they seem to expect us to come in on bronchos, shooting up the town. I have been asked by a native if I ever saw a street car before, and some of the kind people like to take soldiers to the city to show them the eight-story buildings and other sights. One of the ministers, when he heard we were coming, warned the parents to keep their daughters at home, as the western cowboys were coming. But when a lot of us went to church yesterday morning the people treated us fine, so they do not all think we are heathen. And tonight there was an apology in one of the papers from the minister who warned his people against us. He said he had talked with a lot of Oregon boys and found them all gentlemen.

"The captain asks us to tell the people the truth, even when they ask us foolish questions.

"We drill eight hours per day, except Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays. We must remain in camp all the time, except the days when there is no drilling. We expect to remain here at least four months and by that time, I expect, the war will be over.

"Bert Potwin is here with the Oregon engineers.

"I like Oregon better than the south.

"HARRY."

Fifteen More Soldiers

Washington county yesterday sent to American Lake fifteen more of its quota of soldiers, as follows:

Ernest F. Thompson, John Heitzel, Pantelis Pantelakis, Albert F. Nackers, Chester V. Frydendall, Henry Kemper, Otto Hamel, Waldo E. Raines, Emil Vanaker, Walter B. Congdon, Alfred Neilson, Wm. Huntzman, Gust Angelos, Arthur Connolly and Geo. Engledinger.

Christian Church

Our unified service begins next Lord's Day at 9:45 a. m. Let every member of the Bible school be prompt in attendance.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

Song service and sermon 7:30 p. m. Subj. "The Inspiration of the Bible."

Workers' Bible School conference Monday 7:30 p. m. in church parlors.

Prayer service and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 p. m.

Teacher Training class Thursday 7:30 p. m.

R. L. PUTNAM, Minister.

The Military Relief committee of the Red Cross has purchased material and fillings for 50 of the "Housewives" for our soldier boys. The Eastern Stars have purchased 25 of these at cost and will make them. If any other societies or individuals would like to buy one or more of them to make, they can be purchased at any time. The cost of material for each is \$1, and we want every Forest Grove boy to have one.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Vandehey of the Verboort district have announced the marriage of their daughter, Nona, to Mr. Bernard Kemper on Oct. 17th, at the Verboort Catholic church.

Burglars Make a Nice Haul

When Harry Giltner opened his store Monday morning, he discovered that the cash drawer was missing from his register and when he looked to see if his safe had been tampered with, he found that supposedly strong box missing. A hurried search disclosed that the safe had been wheeled into the back room of the store, the combination pried or knocked off and the doors opened. The robbers secured \$55.00 in money and \$45 in checks from the safe and several dollars from the cash register and departed without leaving any clues as to their identity. Entrance was secured to the building by breaking in the back door.

Mr. Giltner is doubly incensed at the burglars because they damaged his safe, which was not locked and could have been opened by merely twisting the lever.

Sheriff Applegate was summoned as soon as the robbery was discovered, and came up and looked over the scene of the robbery. If he found any clues, he is keeping them to himself.

Red Cross Boxes Ready to Ship

In addition to several boxes of field and hospital supplies that have probably gone abroad by this time, the ladies of the Forest Grove Red Cross branch last Friday finished packing and turned over to Judge Hollis for shipment to Portland three more boxes, containing the following supplies:

Box 1—18 pajama suits, 5 dozen slings 1 dozen shoulder wraps, 23 surgeon's sponges, 1 dozen pair ced socks.

Box 2—5 sweaters, 5 helmets, 4 scarfs, 18 pairs thumbless mitts, 2 pairs woolen socks, 1 dozen T binders, 36 handkerchiefs, 12 sub. handkerchiefs, 18 tray cloths, 36 napkins, 3 covers for hot water bags, 5 rolls 3-in. muslin bandages, 20 rolls 1 1/2-in. gauze bandages, 10 rolls 1 1/2-in. muslin bandages, 15 rolls 3-in. bandages, 7 packages mouth wipes.

Box 3—21 dozen cup covers, 6 rolls muslin bandages, 1 package mouth wipes, 1 package gun wipes, 1 roll muslin rags, 1 roll linen rags.

The ladies have repeatedly been complimented on the care with which their work is done, as well as on the quantities they are sending out.

A Young Wife Called

The death of Mrs. Alphonus Eischen occurred at the home of her husband in South Cornelius, last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Eischen had long been a sufferer, and the end was not unexpected. She was born near Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 30th, 1892, and came with her parents to this country where they settled first in Wisconsin, then later in Washington and finally in Oregon. Her father died some years ago, and her mother, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, lives at Aloha.

Mary Johnson was married to Alphonus Eischen in Forest Grove, March 16th, 1914, and leaves her husband and mother to mourn her loss. She was buried from the Catholic church, Cornelius, on Monday morning, Rev. Father Buck singing the requiem mass and preaching the sermon. Interment was in the South Cornelius cemetery.

Mesdames H. P. Clodius, Thaxter Reed, Grace Matthews, Helen Otto, Carrie Brownell, Julia Vosper and Martha Howell motored out from Portland this morning to see the fair and visit friends. They were dinner guests of Mrs. W. C. Benfer.

Forest Grove has raised its share of the fund to buy books for the soldiers, just as it always does its share in everything.