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COMMUNITY INTEREST MEANS HOME RULE

In his address before the Daughters of the American Revolution, President Cooledge stressed the point that in accepting supervision from the centralized government local communities are "bartering away their freedom." In effect, the president reaffirmed the doctrine of states rights, but in so doing he hinted at the feasibility of more localized self-assertion.

"Self-expression" for communities may be a new phrase, but it should ring true in the hearts of every citizen who wants to see his community grow and who believes that his own community should come first in patriotic endeavor.

After all, mere government in the sense of political action has not the power nor the influence sometimes attributed to it. Public undertakings as a rule originate in private counsel and in non-official circles. Government, whether local or national, is the established medium and the constituted authority by which projects of a public nature are brought to completion.

How is this "home rule" which the president talks about to be realized unless the people take advantage of the opportunity afforded them to participate in working out their own affairs. Platitudinous assertions of the people's rights, however so much true, are but empty phrasings unless the people translate those ideals into the sphere of action. Every right has its corresponding duty. We must take up the banner of freedom and carry on if the right of self-determination is to have its effect in increased common welfare.

"Home rule" means more than making and enforcing our own laws. It means supporting our own institutions, because there can be no home rule in the true sense without home interest, home loyalty and home co-operation. It does no good to "govern" our own affairs unless we "own" our own community. To own our own community is to live in it, work and boost for it, do business with our own people and defend it against the onslaughts of destructive comment.

Under the theory that time cures everything, the Republicans may be entirely right in saying that by the time of election the voters will have forgotten about the oil scandal. A little time in the right place might also cure the participants in the oil scandal.

It must have been an oversight, else the D. A. R. would have included some of the politicians of Chicago in its list of undesirables.

TIGARD

Carl Gehlert won high honors in the debate at Astoria last week. This is the third time he has won in debates this year. He is a student at Albany.

Grandma Thomas, who has been a chronic sufferer with rheumatism for the past five years, is suffering from an unusually bad attack the past week.

For the first time in seventeen years tile pipe in front of the Lenz home had to be taken up and relaid this week because of clogging.

Pomona Grange met Wednesday of this week at Forest Grove. Mr. Irvine, editor of The Oregon Journal, was the principal speaker of the day. Twenty from Tigard attended.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. L. Meyer, Thursday, a son.

Mrs. Minnie Shambert, of Spokane, visited the homes of Mesdames B. G. Leedy and C. Weiman last week.

Glady's Rejzloff of Portland spent the week end as the guest of Evelyn McDonald.

Richard D. Townsend of Tualatin, aged 73 years, died April 20. Interment was made in Tualatin cemetery.

R. L. Sackett, C. W. Noyes and P. Goodard motored into Portland Friday evening.

A fine modern, 6-room home is being erected on Bull Mountain by C. R. Organ.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church gave their playlet, "Voices of Women," also living pictures taken from "A Straight Way from Tomorrow," at their church Sunday evening. The

program showed time and effort spent and no little local talent.

Mrs. A. Retzloff of Portland was a guest at the home of Mrs. Pleith over the week end.

Lois Wright, who suffered a relapse following a mostoid operation recently, was taken to the Doernbecher hospital in Portland last week.

A pleasant surprise party was given by Miss Charlotte Gilbert at her home Friday night, complimenting Miss Louise Aiken, who leaves very soon for her home in the east.

H. A. Noyes of Portland was a guest at the home of his son, C. W. Noyes, last Friday.

The Rebekah Sewing Club met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. Berstad at Bonita.

A number of the Rebekah ladies attended Beaverton Lodge last Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church gave a pot-luck supper Thursday night in honor of Mrs. A. Aiken and daughter, Louise, who leave soon for their home in the east.

One night recently at about 9:00 o'clock a man from Dundee, who was driving a truck through Tigard, had a breakdown close to the home of O. H. Butler. He asked permission to run the machine into their driveway while he went for help. This was granted and the man left for the telephone office. He was only away about fifteen minutes and when he returned it was to find that someone passing had stopped long enough to steal a \$40 tire from the truck, which it was parked being very close to the highway.

Frances and Eunice Maurer, Darrell Frewing, Nathan Kurth and Charles Beyer, delegates from the Evangelical church, drove to The Dalles early Thursday morning to attend the state

meeting of the Christian Endeavor, which convened April 19 to 21.

The George Miller home is "all dressed up" this week, with a new roof of colored composition shingles, which brightens and freshens it wonderfully.

On April 29 Rev. Maurer will preach his last sermon before conference.

J. Bender, wife and daughter, of Kitchner, Ontario, visited with Rev. Maurer and family this week. They are en route home after a three months' tour of the Pacific coast.

Mr. Bassett has returned home from the hospital, much improved in health.

J. Lenz and family drove to St. Paul Sunday.

Three large salmon, weighing from 16 to 19½ pounds each, were caught by Fred Frewing and son, Darroll, at Oregon City last week. This is one "fish story" which our readers may believe, too!

Mrs. A. Starker and Mrs. W. Daugherty, both of Lake Labish, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frewing Sunday.

Mrs. A. Brooks and daughter spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Salmon during the absence of Mr. Brooks.

A. Schubring, A. Moran and H. B. Beckham, well known baseball fans of Tigard, attended the opening game in Portland last week.

Mrs. E. B. Nedry received word of the serious injury of her brother, J. B. Boydell, in an auto accident near Nyssa, Ore., where he resides. Mr. Boydell was badly cut, his chest crushed and jaw fractured, but at the present writing he is recovering as well as might be expected.

A cement mixer auctioned off by Constable Carter last Saturday was sold for \$50. It was sold to satisfy a judgment.

Timothy Casey, who has been in Vancouver, B. C., on business, returned Friday.

HILLSDALE

E. C. Barker of Myrtle Point attended the meeting of the State Retail Jewelers' Association, which was held in Portland last week, during which time he visited at the home of a friend, G. N. Beatty.

Mrs. Huff is mourning the loss of her pet Boston bull terrier, which was struck by an automobile and instantly killed last week.

Prospective Oregon investors in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barrows of San Jose, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Derby of Duncan, B. C., are registered at the West Side Auto Camp this week.

Members of the Hillsdale Bridge Club were entertained Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beardsley. The high score was made by A. R. Johnson and Mrs. V. Bolton, and low score by Mrs. G. N. Beatty and Mr. Hamilton. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wigs of Ojai, Calif., are registered at the West Side Auto Camp this week. They are from the district of the dam disaster and tell of a gruesome experience there a few days after that terrible tragedy. As they walked along one of the streets a man ahead of them attempted to cross to the opposite side but instantly sank waist deep in the mud. Onlookers, including themselves, rushed to his assistance and it was found that he had gone through the top of a sunken automobile in which were three dead men, evidently trapped while trying to escape the flood.

"IT AIN'T GOING TO RAIN NO MORE"

Everyone will be glad to know that as a result of the heavy rainfall Monday afternoon, the deficiency since September has finally been overtaken and the normal precipitation for the period slightly passed, according to the weather bureau.

This is good news to both farmers and residents who hope that now we can enjoy good weather.

Breathes there a man with nose so red, who to himself has never said, 'I'll take another?'

No great amount of gold was ever accumulated in this world without a whole lot of brass.

No candidate can afford to stand in an awkward position, especially on a slippery platform.

"The greatest world figures are not preceded by the dollar sign"—Boston Herald. Which is the same as saying not everyone who makes his mark in the world makes the dollar mark.

An Italian aviator has flown over Venice at the speed of 350 miles an hour. This means that if he flew across Italy he would have to start landing about the time he got high enough to begin starting.

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