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EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

The Springfield Parent-teachers' Association held its first meeting for the year at the Lincoln school on Friday and discussed many questions that are of vital importance to local educational conditions at the meeting the teachers outnumbered the parents.

It is very important that the parents should know just exactly what conditions their children are brought under during the 180 school days in the year. They should keep a close watch on the development of the children's work, for their education consists of more than the mere learning their lessons out of the text books. There are many habit forming influences that the child must cope with in his early school days. The parent should see to it that these influences are the best.

Many times the teachers in the schools are trying to better conditions in opposition to the will of the pupils. The pupils carry home long stories of hard treatment at the hands of the teachers and the parents invariably take sides against the teachers and when the teachers are exerting their best influence for the good of the pupils.

If the parents and the teachers would take the education of their children more into partnership than they have heretofore and frankly discuss the difficulties of schoolroom training the results for the good of the children would be much better than at present.

School teachers are public servants. They deserve our support as well as our criticism.

RAISING MOVIE STANDARD.

The moving picture theatre that wants to continually play up the "wild west" and the "big city" melodramas is beginning to find its audience getting smaller. The movie show is not a novelty for a chance amusement but it has become a part of the established recreation for the American people from the largest city to the smallest community. At first anything that was thrown on the screen attracted a full house. Now when film making has become a science and the theatre manager may use his judgment in buying his pictures the people are a little harder to please.

An audience today will appreciate Shakespeare on the screen more than they appreciate a train holdup or a gurgling tragedy. The public is beginning to demand that moving picture managers furnish them with the best productions and do not enjoy the ordinary stuff that has been doled out to them week after week.

The average American appreciates the thing that makes him think, even when at a movie show and he does not care to continually attend the show that

is designed only to amuse children.

The screen has superceded the legitimate stage in many ways in its production of scenes that are true to natural life. The movie operator can reproduce the real thing as it happens the first time, while the actor only imitates. The movie producer can only use painted canvass.

The movie is capable of producing the very best masterpieces of drama and should be used more for this type of work. When the public has the opportunity to see the best it always swells the attendance for the manager.

A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Springfield has dedicated one of the best church buildings in Oregon. The congregation that has built this splendid \$35,000 edifice deserves the commendation of all the people in Springfield. The new Methodist church is the best building in this community.

For years this town has needed an auditorium and a public building suitable for special occasions. Now the new church is large enough to hold a Springfield audience. There never has been a church in the town large enough to hold all the people when union services were held. The new building will be found of most service to the congregation which will use it constantly.

The whole building is complete for the best use by the congregation, the Sunday school Epworth League, Ladies Aid and other branches of the work.

FOREST SERVICE WILL TAKE TIMBER CENSUS

Will Investigate Every One of Nation's 30,000 Sawmills For Statistics

The census of the lumber production of the country for 1916 will be undertaken by the Forest Service in cooperation with the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. The information to be obtained by this work it is stated, will be of immense benefit to the lumber industry, the Forest Service, and other branches of the Government.

It is estimated by the Forest Service that there are more than 30,000 sawmills in the country and it is planned to have the investigation reach every sawmill in operation. Each of these will be asked to make a detailed report of its production information is sought as to the total quantity of each kind of wood sawed, the number of lath and shingles manufactured and the average mill value for each species. Printed schedules designed for use in different regions of the country will simplify the collection of the figures and make it easy for each mill man to send in a complete report. The work, it is stated, will be directed by the office of Industrial Investigations of the Forest Service in Washington, but the western part of the country will be covered by the District offices of the Forest Service located in Missoula, Mont.; Denver, Colo.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Ogden, Utah; San Francisco, Calif.; and Portland, Oregon. The officers in charge of these Districts, being nearer and thoroughly familiar with the scene of operations, are able to secure returns and compile results in less time than if the work were all handled from Washington.

It is intended that preliminary statements showing the production of the principal species, such as yellow pine, Douglas fir, white pine and oak, and also the production of the leading States, will be issued as soon as the figures are available. The importance of these annual statistics, Forest officials say, is apparently not fully realized by all of the sawmill men, since past attempts to gather similar data show a large number often fail to reply promptly, or neglect to make any report. A better response has been received from the lumber trade in late years and the officials in charge of the work believe that with proper cooperation on the part of the lumbermen final figures showing the total production can be announced by June 1, 1917.

T. J. McCracken and M. M. Male secured contract to build two houses on the corner of Second and B streets for Miss Margaret Morris. The old church building will be revised and two modern dwellings will be erected. The contractors commenced work at once. The houses will both be for rent.

Society Doings of the Season

HIGH SCHOOL PRESS CLUB ENTERTAINS

One of the most delightful affairs of the week was that given by the high school press club last Friday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery, at Second and Main street.

The early arrivals planned a surprise for the late arrivals in the form of a receiving line, and most of the names were decidedly unpronounceable. A round of games kept the merriment of the guests at full height during the entire evening. Ruth Scott and John Dimm, winners of the guessing contest were formally initiated into the "Sacred Order of Electrotypes." By the ghostly light of two candles, the master of ceremonies, Walter Dimm, ordered the journey of the victims through the realms of space from whence they took the leap for life, back to the earth. Then after solemnly swearing never to reveal the secrets and mysteries of this sacred order, and drinking the blood of their brethren and sisters of the "Sacred Order of Electrotypes," they were formally announced as members. A novel method was used in choosing partners for supper. The girls repaired to an adjoining room from which, after removing their rings, they thrust their hands through a curtain. The boys then guessed for their partners. While served jokes and stories were told, and great surprise was shown when two guests received lemon sandwiches. They did not seem to appreciate the trouble spent for them. Songs filled up the rest of the evening and it was a late hour when the merry guests departed. The members present were Misses Effie Rhodes, Boe Holbrook, Wanna McKinney, Ruth Scott, and Mary Harding, and Messers Walter Dimm, Bill Hill, and Harold Wynd. The guests present were Misses Ester Campbell, Vera Williams, Bertris Bruce, and Messers John Dimm, Bill Machen, Creed Brattain, and Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery.

"ROUND DOZEN" HAS ENJOYABLE MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Cox were the host and hostess for a very enjoyable meeting of the Round Dozen card club on last Thursday evening. H. Sessions, of Eugene, a visitor for the evening, won a hand painted dish for high score, and Dr. R. P. Mortenson had the honor of winning the Chinese doll which was given for the lowest score. A delicious two course luncheon was served by the hostess during the course of the evening. Club members in attendance were: Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortenson, Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herdon, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lyon, Mrs. Zella Cantrell, and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Cox. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sessions of Eugene were additional guests. The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herdon on January 4.

KENSINGTON MEETS WITH MRS. C. E. LYON

One of the most delightful club meetings of the winter was held last Thursday afternoon when Mrs. C. E. Lyon entertained the Kensington club at her home on Second street. Fancy work and conversation made the afternoon hours pass quickly. A tasteful two course luncheon was served by the hostess, who was assisted by her sister, Miss Mae Lyon. Members who enjoyed this occasion were: Mrs. J. F. Goddard, Mrs. Fred Bressler, Mrs. L. May, H. A. Korf, Mrs. F. E. Lenhart, Mrs. O. B. Kessey, Mrs. N. W. Emery, and Mrs. W. F. Walker. Guests of the club were: Mrs. W. S. Holcomb, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Dimm, Mrs. E. E. Martin, and Mrs. McGowan.

"PROGRESSIVE 22" MEETS

The Progressive 22, the degree staff of the local Rebekah lodge held a regular business meeting at the home of Mrs. J. E. Richmond on Mill and C streets on Friday evening. A discussion as to plans for a supper which may be served for the Encampment on December 22, occupied the organization's attention for a portion of the evening. Later, oranges, apples, bananas, cookies, and punch were enjoyed by the members. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Walker on January 12.

MRS. REBHAN IS HOSTESS

Mrs. W. C. Rebhan pleasantly entertained the Priscilla club at her home Friday afternoon. A two-course luncheon was served. The guests of the afternoon were: Mrs. J. N. Palmer, Mrs. A. M. Beaver and Mrs. W. B. McKinney. The members present were: Mrs. D. S. Beals, Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mrs. A. P. McKenzie, Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, and Mrs. Walter Herndon. Sewing and fancy work took up the afternoon hours.

Lloyd Carrick, president of the state Christian Endeavor society was a Saturday luncheon guest of Miss Opal Whitely, state junior president of the same organization, at the latter's home on East Main street.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Sarja Sneed entertained at dinner yesterday the following relatives and friends: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Nixon, Mrs. D. G. Nixon, Lonnie H. Nixon, Miss Nell Nixon, Harry, Tom Price, and Paul Nixon, Mrs. Ella Hollingsworth, and A. Palmer.

Fenner Travis was host to his "Bound to Win" Sunday school class of 12 small boys at his home on Friday evening. After the regular business session, a social time which included refreshments of popcorn and apples, was enjoyed.

TO DETERMINE EFFECT OF IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS

To determine as far as possible the exact dollars and cents effect on a county of the improvement of bad roads, specialists of the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the department made economic surveys in eight counties in each of the years from 1910 to 1915, inclusive.

This study of the increase in the values of farm lands in the eight counties reveals the rather interesting fact that following the improvement of the main market roads the increase in the selling price of tillable farm lands served by the roads has amounted to from one to three times the total cost of the improvements. The increase in values in those instances which were recorded ranged from 63 per cent to 80 per cent in Spotsylvania County, Va.; 70 to 80 in Lee County, Va.; from 68 to 194 in Dinwiddie County, Va.; 25 to 100 in Wise County, Va.; 9 to 114 in Franklin County, N. Y.; 50 to 100 in Dallas County, Ala.; 25 to 50 in Lauderdale County, Miss.; and from 50 to 100 in Manatee County, Fla. The estimates of increase were based for the most part upon the territory within a distance of 1 mile on each side of the roads improved.

In Spotsylvania County a careful record was made in 1910 of 35 farms located on the road selected for improvement. Of the 7 farms sold in 1912 the prices actually paid show increases of from 37 to 116 per cent over the 1910 valuation. The average value after the roads were improved was \$28.26 per acre, as compared with \$17.31 previous to the improvement. In 1913 four transfers of farm land were on the basis of \$30.11 per acre, whereas the properties were listed in 1910 at only \$13.89 per acre. It appears that the 1,451 acres sold in 1914 increased in value \$25,500, or 80 per cent, or from \$24.46 to \$44.10 per acre.

In Dinwiddie County, Va. the actual price of 43 farms sold or offered for sale from 1909 to 1914 ranged in price from \$8.38 to \$43.74 per acre before the roads were built, and from \$24.60 to 73.60 per acre after the roads were to \$7360 per acre after the roads were improved.

In Lee County, Va., a study of eight tracts along the roads before and after improvement indicated that these properties increased about \$23 per acre, or about 70 per cent.

In Wise County, Va., a study of eight representative farms located on roads showed that they increased in value from an average of \$49.06 per acre before improvement to \$79.44 after the roads were improved. There were increases in valuation in other sections of from \$60 to \$90 or even \$100 per acre.

In Franklin County, N. Y., the figures seem to indicate that the change from earth, sandy, and loam roads to bituminous macadam was followed by increases averaging \$12.50 per acre, or about 30.7 per cent.

In Dallas County, Ala., careful investigation seemed to indicate that road improvement has added at least \$5 to each acre of land within a half mile of improved roads. Tracts sold at from \$8 to \$10 per acre were sold again after road improvement at from \$20 to \$25 per acre.

In Lauderdale County, Miss., the total assessed valuation of real property outside of the city was \$2,767,546. This increased in 1914 after road improvement to \$3,183,809, or 15.4 per cent. Local real-estate men place the increase in land values on account of improved roads at from 25 to 50 per cent.

In Manatee County, Fla., careful study of sales and real-estate records indicated that the improvement of roads has added from 15 to 100 per cent, or at least \$15 per acre, to the selling price of all lands within one-half mile of improved roads. This would give a total of \$611,000, or more than twice the value of the bonds issued.

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