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PROJECT WORK WILL SUCCEED OLD METHODS

County School Superintendent W. C. Alderson and Professor H. C. Seymour, state club leader, boys' and girls' club work of the O. A. C., and U. S. department of agriculture, met with the county fair board yesterday in an effort to have the school project system for juvenile exhibits placed on a higher plane, with the ultimate intention of abandoning the old individual plan of making exhibits in the boys' and girls' department.

Professor Seymour outlined the plan, which is to have a club from each county school, or as many of them as may be possible, make a project or school exhibit next year at the county fair, and for all succeeding fairs. This plan will not entirely supersede the old juvenile method, but it will detract from it to such an extent that it will become obsolete.

Nearly every county in the state has adopted the school project idea where county fairs are held and nearly everyone of them is abandoning the old juvenile work. The state fair is doing the same, and Mr. Seymour stated it as his belief that another season would see the last of it. The proposed idea is not a new one, even at the Multnomah county fair, as one school project was entered at the last fair from the Gilbert school. But its workings were not generally understood.

In entering the school projects there are twelve subjects in competition for prizes. Some of these are subdivided, bringing them up to nearly thirty. As many boys or girls may take a part as can be enlisted in the work of preparing exhibits.

The school booth idea need not be abandoned, nor is it likely to be, as the booths are excellent for making the different school project displays, and the booth is eligible for an additional premium. The booth will be judged as a whole and then each exhibition's productions will be passed upon separately.

The fair board was favorably impressed with the plan as set forth and will adopt it. A committee consisting of President Lewis, A. F. Miller and A. J. Krueger was appointed to meet with Mr. Alderson tomorrow afternoon for a further consideration of the plans and a sum not to exceed \$250 was appropriated for next year's premiums.

Mr. Alderson and Professor N. C. Maris, of the department of public instruction, will make a tour of the country schools of this county next week and begin the club project work which will be followed up in the interested schools until the close of the school year. The proposed premium offers for the division will be printed this winter and circulated among the schools. The same list will be embodied in the annual fair premium list of 1918. The plan will be fully advertised in all the country schools of this county within two weeks.

HOLIDAY NUMBER WILL BE PATRIOTIC

Attention is again called to the patriotic number of the Outlook which will be issued on December 14th. There will be special features, consisting of "war letters," patriotic poems and a page devoted to the Red Cross and its work.

Other features will also be given liberal space in an effort to make this issue something beyond the ordinary. Papers will be sent free to all the soldier boys from this vicinity and the public is invited to help make it as interesting as possible. Contributions along the above lines are earnestly requested.

Special on potato digging forks, \$1.25. At L. L. Kidder Hdwe. Co.

You are urged to join the Gresham auxiliary of the American Red Cross. The Gresham auxiliary now has about 80 members. Make it 100. In many localities surrounding Gresham there are smaller branches—all working toward the same end. There should be the fullest co-operation on the part of all. Back up the hundred and more young men already enlisted from this locality with twice as many Red Cross workers ministering to the care and comforts of the fighting and wounded soldiers.

SAUER KRAUT MONARCH OF THE CANNERY

Five thousand gallon cans of good old sauer kraut! That was yesterday's output of the Gresham cannery, operated by A. Rupert & Co., on war orders.

This amount was the product of two only of the nine big 2400-gallon tanks used for curing the finely sliced heads. All nine of the tanks have been filled once, three of them have been emptied and as fast as the cured product is canned the tanks are being refilled. Enough cabbage is on hand to fill several, enough is in sight to fill all nine a second time and it is even hoped they will be filled a third time before the season closes. It is probable the output at the cannery of this one vegetable alone will be between 50,000 and 75,000 gallons. The cans are made to weigh just six pounds. Hence the total output will amount to a third to half a million pounds of this odorous, appetizing, strength building garden product of Oregon—Uncle Sam's soldier boys.

Isn't it possible that the boys in the trenches could win over more German boches by offering them this tempting product than by shot and shell? Here's the suggestion anyway.

In addition the cannery is putting up large quantities of carrots, beets and turnips. These are all thoroughly cleaned, cooked and sealed and certainly look tempting enough for any epicure—especially if engaged in intensive field training or actual fighting.

Potatoes are now coming in by the auto loads and are being stored for future canning. It is hoped to take care of some of these here. But that may not be possible on account of there being no provision to heat the Gresham cannery. It is planned if necessary to ship them to Newberg where the cannery, under operation by A. Rupert & Co., is prepared to handle them.

Every two or three days a carload is being shipped to some army headquarters.

A carload of string beans will go out early this week. Besides much of the canned product is hauled away by auto truck.

There are employed 14 to 20 women, mostly in the preparation room, and about 12 men, in the various departments, and they are a busy crew from Manager Spencer and forelady, Mrs. Metzger, down to the night watchman, David Culy, who never sleeps on the job. The capacity of the cannery is constantly overtaxed and it is believed it will need to be considerably enlarged to handle the product of this locality another season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS ON FIREMEN'S BALL

Very gratifying reports were given at the meeting of the Gresham Volunteer Fire Department last night regarding the success of the recent firemen's ball and all expressed themselves as well pleased with support given them in their effort to provide funds for the department.

The committee on the dance reported \$151.85 net received from the dance and \$16.55 net from the supper.

There was a good attendance at last night's meeting and all were enthusiastic over the result. A vote of thanks was extended to all who assisted in connection with the dance and special mention was made of those who donated so generously towards the eats and to the public for its patronage.

The firemen's ball is considered the most successful affair of its kind held in Gresham and the firemen propose making it an annual event.

Two new members, Oscar Duly and Lyon Chiene, were added to the list of about 24 members. These are divided into three companies, Hose company No. 1, Chemical company and Hook and Ladder company. Leslie Merrill is chief; Ernest Simms captain of company No. 1; Fisher Jennings captain of chemical and Al Hammar captain of hook and ladder. The annual election is held the first Monday in January.

Evening Telegram. One year, November bargain offer, \$3.75; combination with Outlook, \$4.50.

Paint your walls with Standard kalsomine. Easy to apply. At L. L. Kidder Hdwe. Co.

Read the Want ads.

INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO FORWARD CHRISTMAS PARCELS TO FRANCE

The Post Office Department issues the following:

There are two ways to get Christmas presents to the American troops in France. The post office department will take Christmas parcels up to seven pounds in weight when they have been inspected by the postmaster and certified to contain no dangerous or other prohibited articles. Such mail should be addressed with the name of the soldier, the regiment and company or other unit to which he belongs, and "American Expeditionary Forces," and be conspicuously marked "Christmas parcel." These articles addressed to individual soldiers will be delivered through the Postal Service direct to the mail orderlies with the troops in France.

Heavier Packages Through War Department.

In addition to the Postal Service the War department will take Christmas boxes up to 20 pounds in weight if they are packed in strong wooden boxes not to exceed two cubic feet in volume, well strapped, and with a hinged or screw top, so that they can be easily examined by the military authorities, and contain no inflammable, explosive, or other prohibited matter. Such articles as will pass the inspection of the military authorities will be delivered by them through military conveyance to the troops abroad. They may be sent through the parcel post, addressed "Care the Commanding General, Port of Embarkation." The War department announces that such Christmas parcels which may be committed to its care for the soldiers in France must reach the port of embarkation not later than December 5.

The War Department Order.

The War Department order is as follows: All matters concerning the receipt, inspection, safe-keeping, and routing of express and mail shipments intended to be conveyed to the American expeditionary forces in

Europe will be adjusted by the commanding general, port of embarkation, with the co-operation of the postmaster and express companies.

The following rules will govern in the shipment of all such matter:

(a) If Christmas presents are sent by parcel post, they must conform to the postal regulations, except that all packages must be inclosed in wooden boxes and conform to the specifications below under (b)

(b) All boxes shipped by express should be limited to 20 pounds in weight, measure not more than two cubic feet in volume, be of wood, be well strapped, and should be hinged or screw top to facilitate opening and inspecting. No perishable food products, other than those inclosed in cans or glass jars, should be packed in any such shipments.

Marked "Christmas Box."

(c) Mail and express matter should be addressed as now prescribed by postal regulations, and both classes of shipments should be marked "Christmas box," and should be sent "Care of the commanding general," port of embarkation.

(d) The commanding general, port of embarkation, will cause every parcel, whether a mail or express shipment, to be opened and strict search made to see that nothing of an explosive or other dangerous character is loaded aboard ship.

(e) The contents of each package will be clearly stated on the outside by the proper word which will clearly indicate for general nature of the contents. The shipment of Christmas boxes may begin immediately on the publication of this bulletin, and no boxes will be forwarded overseas which do not reach the port of embarkation on or before December 5, 1917. The name of the sender must be clearly marked on the outside of each box.

By order of the Secretary of War,
TASKER H. BLISS,
General, Chief of Staff.

Official:
H. P. McCAIN,
The Adjutant General.

JOHN HONEY WRITES OF LA BELLE FRANCE

A letter written from France by John Honey to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Honey, gives interesting descriptions of conditions there behind the firing line. The letter was dated October 2, and is as follows:

Dear Folks:—Am out on active service now. Arrived with the section last Saturday. Rather quick time, six days from the date of arrival in France. This section is at present resting up, so am having life mighty easy. We are quartered in a quaint old French village of about 1700 population. It has winding streets and funny old court yards. Most of the fellows are sleeping in their cars, but four of us were fortunate enough to get a garret, and have established ourselves in quite palatial fashion. Have been assigned to car No. 13 (or rather Ford No. 13) and spent the morning overhauling it. It is in good shape now.

Am sorry that we are not allowed to send pictures, for I have taken some good ones. Will have to save them all though, until I get back to Gresham.

The town is full of French troops, also a regiment of niggers are resting here. They came from the Sudan and a good many of them have their faces badly scarred from attempts to make themselves look fierce, I suppose.

This section was originally made up of Dartmouth men who came over in May, but a good many of them have gone into aviation, etc., and a few have gone home. There are 21 Ford ambulances to a section and about three large trucks and a staff car. Have French lieutenant over us.

I don't think this is giving any valuable information that everybody doesn't know already, so am hoping that the censor isn't too severe. The meals are fine except the breakfasts, which consist of coffee and war bread only. Rather small, compared

to our American style of breakfasting. We can hear the big guns booming away and the aeroplanes pass every hour or two. Even saw a German plane at a distance, with the shrill breaking beneath it, but it was too high for the French gunners to reach.

The weather has been ideal here. Sun all the time, but not too warm. Can buy all kinds of fruit, milk chocolate, etc., here, and also the European editions of the New York Herald and some of the London papers. They get these English papers for the section's special benefit. I think, for nobody here speaks, reads or thinks in English. There are some quaint old characters here, old women and men who look as though they had stepped out of some medieval picture. The French are all mighty friendly. I think that this is the first time most of them have seen Americans, for they all rubber at us and jabber away when we pass and everyone tries to please us or help us if possible.

I believe I've told you that we have been militarized, that is, taken over by the United States government. Am drawing my \$30 or \$40 a month now, but don't know the exact amount. We expect to be left working with the French army however. I hope so at any rate, for I would have a much better chance of learning French.

There is an old 12th century church in the town. Went there Sunday morning and walked all the afternoon in the country. Almost made myself sick eating grapes, which we picked out of the vineyards.

Met Allen Green in Paris. He arrived the day before I left there. Was the only other Portland fellow to come over. Seemed like a mighty nice chap. We get a special cablegram rate of 19 cents a word. You can get the same rate if you send any cablegrams to me by sending through the Western Union.

JOHN HONEY.

Evening Telegram Bargain Offer. The Outlook office is authorized to receive Telegram subscriptions during November at a reduction. The bargain price is \$3.75; in combination with the Outlook, \$4.50. You save 50 cents on the combination. Take advantage of this opportunity at once.

Bargains in the Want Ads.

VISITORS TO RED CROSS IN METROPOLIS

The Gresham Red Cross was represented at both big meetings held in Portland last Friday in the interest of the movement, when H. P. Davidson, chairman of the National War Council and chairman of the executive committee of the American Red Cross, and Harvey D. Gibson, general manager of the American Red Cross, visited Portland. Mrs. J. N. Clananah and Mrs. W. E. Robinson attended the afternoon meeting in the Portland Hotel. Those from Gresham at the evening meeting at the Eleventh Street theater were Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Cameron, Mrs. Geo. W. Stapleton and Mrs. O. A. Eastman. The meetings were presided over by Dr. Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, of the Portland chapter of the Red Cross, who introduced the speakers.

The purpose of the meetings was stated to be to inform the auxiliaries as to what is being done and what is needed. Some confusion has arisen over the making of certain medical dressings. The fact was pointed out that two kinds are being made to accommodate French and American surgeons, who prefer them of different measurements. The instructions in regard to knitting and other work was to use 90 per cent good sense and 10 per cent directions.

In reply to a question the fact was brought out that the government is doing all it can to supply the necessities of the soldiers. Beyond that, the Red Cross steps in and adds to the comfort of our boys in training camp hospitals and at the front. The knitters of garments for soldiers were assured by Mr. Gibson that every garment so contributed was used for the soldiers. He denounced as positively false reports that some of these garments had been sold to soldiers or others and had never reached the men in the trenches. Such rumors, he charged, were only a part of propaganda that is being circulated by enemies of the country in their desperate efforts to do harm and injury to the work of the Red Cross. Much private knitting is being done with yarn approved as to color and quality by the Red Cross and according to the directions sent out by that organization. Many of these garments are bought by wives and mothers of soldiers or by the soldiers themselves, which may have given rise to the charge that the Red Cross garments were being sold to the soldiers. The selling of Red Cross garments is practically impossible, as all material is checked out from headquarters to local auxiliaries and by them in turn to the workers. All completed garments are checked in and exhaustive monthly reports are required of all auxiliaries as to the money or material taken in, turned over to headquarters or held on hand.

Refuting the unfounded charges that high-salaried officials are employed by which the funds of the Red Cross are largely dissipated. Mr. Gibson announced that, with the exception of two officials, who are paid \$7500 and \$6000 annually, all of the other employes at Red Cross headquarters are clerks and stenographers, who receive moderate wages. Under the reorganization of the society by Mr. Davidson the number of employes has been reduced from 738 to 432. Mr. Gibson himself and his assistant gave up high salaried positions to give their time entirely to the Red Cross without pay. Practically all are working without pay.

"For every dollar that is contributed to the Red Cross fund," continued Mr. Davidson, "one dollar and two cents goes for relief. Not one cent of these subscriptions goes for overhead expenses. The original dollar and the interest it earns while in the bank awaiting use goes for relief of the soldiers or their dependents at the scene of war activities."

Mr. Davidson told of sending commissions to France, Russia, Italy, Roumania and Serbia to study conditions in those countries, and cited instances of the immediate relief that was afforded those countries from the Red Cross as soon as their needs were learned. He told of the work of that organization in establishing a dispensary in every port in this country and those of the allies, which are in charge of a doctor and American nurses for first-aid treatment to soldiers, and sailors engaged in the conflict against Germany.

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TEACHERS OF COUNTY HERE FOR ONE DAY

A local institute for the teachers of the county was held at the Union High school building last Saturday. Nearly every teacher of the county outside of Portland was present and reported a profitable and enjoyable meeting.

County Superintendent Alderson addressed the teachers on matters of importance pertaining to school work and urged them this year to use their influence toward food conservation and industrial club work. He spoke in favor of the liberty bonds, mentioned his plan of consolidation of rural schools, and announced that the annual institute for teachers will be held in Portland on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving week.

Among other prominent speakers were N. C. Maris of the Department of Public Instruction and Prof. H. C. Seymour of Oregon Agricultural college, who spoke on food conservation and industrial club work. Other speakers were Mrs. L. A. Harlow of Troutdale, who urged the formation of Parent-Teacher organizations in every school district of the county, and Judge George W. Stapleton, who spoke along patriotic lines.

The Multnomah County Teachers' league held a brief session during the institute and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Janet Grant, president; Miss Eva Campbell, vice president; and Miss Maude Michel, secretary.

The domestic science department of the high school served a most delightful luncheon to the teachers at 35 cents a plate. Every one present spoke in the highest terms of the excellent service, beautiful decorations and splendid entertainment. A vote of thanks was extended to the girls of this department and their instructor who prepared it.

At this institute it was ascertained that the following teachers are owners of liberty bonds: H. W. Ager, Carroll V. Brauer, Catherine Boosch, Maude Bennett, Mabelle Burch, Herbert Bradley, Esther Balbrock, Cecil Cantrell, Helen Dahl, Genevieve Deardorf, Thomas Dooling, Esther Elford, Nellie Faris, Grace Ferguson, Janet Grant, T. J. Gill, Elmer F. Goodwin, J. F. Grubbs, Opal J. Hyde, Helen Hoss, Laura Jakway, Winifred A. Joyce, Hulda M. Kehrl, May Lavin, Marie Lehmann, Emma K. Little, Myrtle McNeil, Alma F. Mollin, Edna L. Newman, Winifred Roman, T. J. Skirvin, Bessie Strebin, Ragnhild Strombers, Gertrude Weed, Margaret Weeks, Berenice L. Calway, and Superintendent W. C. Alderson.

It was reported that 95 per cent of the homes canvassed have signed Food Conservation Pledge Cards. This work has not been completed.

LAND PRODUCTS SHOW EXPLOITS INDUSTRIES

Portland's Land Products show opened its doors in the new auditorium last Saturday morning and will be open to visitors for three weeks from that date.

Every farm industry in the state is shown, a number of counties being represented by a full line of products. This county is not in the list, as the county fair is far more representative of what it produces.

Different industries are emphasized especially that of dairying, but all farm products and manufacturers are receiving great attention. The show is open every afternoon and evening.

GRESHAM INITIATES OF MODERN WOODMEN

The M. W. A. camps of Multnomah county held a joint initiation of candidates at Rose City camp's hall, at Eleventh and Burnside streets, last Saturday night. Sixty-three candidates were initiated.

The following were initiated for Gresham camp No. 13,160: James Linn, Fred Hoss, Harold Boehmer, Geo. Lane, Harry Stanley, Rubin Kaser and James Jennings.

Four auto loads of the local camp members were present. A hot lunch was served.

There is an urgent call for dish towels for one of the Oregon training camps and the Gresham W. C. T. U. has undertaken to secure several hundred. They are wanted by the 15th of November. Send in sugar or flour sacks or other cloths suitable to the W. C. T. U. who will prepare same for use. They will be received at the library at any time.

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