

"NONE TARDY" IN TWO YEARS AT UNION HIGH

Reported by the Principal.

The number of students enrolled at the end of the first semester of this school year on January 25, 1918 was 77 boys and 102 girls, making a total of 179 students. The average daily attendance the last month of this semester was 170 students. There were 134 students neither absent nor tardy. We do not have any tardiness at all and have not had any for more than two years.

Eight new students have entered this semester, increasing the total enrollment to 187 students, who may be further classified as follows:

By Classes.			
	Girls	Boys	Total
Post graduates.....	2	0	2
Seniors.....	17	12	29
Juniors.....	22	9	31
Sophomores.....	39	20	59
Freshmen.....	36	39	75
Total.....	107	80	187

By Districts.		
	Students	
(Multnomah County and Joint Districts.)		
Rockwood, No. 27.....	7	
Fairview, No. 16.....	6	
Troutdale, No. 20.....	6	
Cedar, No. 10.....	3	
Lusted, No. 15.....	3	
Pleasant Valley, No. 15 Jt.....	3	
Victory, No. 49.....	1	
Union District No. 2.....	136	
(Clackamas County and others Counties.)		
Boring, No. 44.....	7	
Cottrell, No. 107.....	7	
Union, No. 26.....	6	
No. 17, Washington Co.....	1	
No. 7, Marion county.....	1	
Total.....	187	

There are 51 students from outside districts, and counting separately the six school districts composing the Union district, our enrollment is made up of students from 18 school districts of Multnomah and three other counties of Oregon.

There are 23 Union high schools in Oregon according to the official directory and ours is the largest and best equipped. The next in size is at Redmond in Deschutes county which has an enrollment of 81 students and has five teachers.

Free transportation has proven a success in this school. At present 60 students enjoy this convenience as follows: Orient district, 18; Powell Valley, 19; Terry, 8; Lynch 8; and Hillsview, 7. This means of transportation should eventually extend to grade pupils when consolidation of grade schools will very much improve the schools of the county.

Special exercises were held in the English classes today in commemoration of Lincoln's birthday. For many days students have been seeking every available source to secure information about this great American and the essays, talks and sketches by the students were interesting and instructive. Washington's birthday will be observed in the same way this year.

Everybody will want to see "Mary Jane's Pa," the play to be given by the junior class in the near future. This is to be one of the finest productions ever staged in Gresham. Ever since its first production in New York City it has been a great favorite with theater goers. It is full of lively interest and quick action, showing forth many situations common to the everyday life of all.

Mrs. Elinor Sanford Large, our dramatic coach, has had much experience in dramatic work. She is delighted to have the opportunity of coaching such a good production for this school. Under her direction with the full co-operation of every junior the play must be a great success.

Basket-ball is the most interesting sport among the students at the present time. Much enthusiasm is shown by the boys in the schedule of games recently arranged between classes. Mr. Brauer has offered a silver trophy to the winning team. The juniors and freshmen have each won two games and lost one, while the sophomores have won one and lost one. The game this afternoon is between the seniors and sophomores.

The newest organization of the school is the Girls' Athletic association. It is reported that some mysterious person has offered a silver trophy to the winning class team of this organization in basket-ball.

BANK PRIZE CONTEST IS LAGGING BEHIND

The prize contest recently put on in the schools by the First State Bank is not receiving the attention it should. Every school in eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties was furnished literature on the subject of Thrift. The prizes were offered, not that any particular student or school should win them but to promote thrift in this community. No one is more capable of practicing thrift than the person who has written a manuscript upon the subject and given it deep thought. No student or body of students can practice thrift, which really means good management in all things, without being a decided benefit to all persons and all institutions, banks included, in that community. That is where the First State Bank expects its return for the prizes offered. There are no strings to the prizes. They will be paid as awarded by the judges. There are seven prizes all told, the first one being \$10. Every student in the eighth grade or higher should be capable of writing a manuscript upon Thrift after having read "The Thrift of Today" which was placed in all the schools. If you do not have a copy call the First State Bank and ask them to mail you one.

The First State Bank selected judges of whom there can be no doubt as to the prizes being awarded impartially and every school in eastern Multnomah and Clackamas should be represented. The manuscripts should be in the hands of the First State Bank Friday, February 15th, or bear postmark of that date. They should bear student's name, be inclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to First State Bank, with name of writer on the envelope and envelope labeled "Manuscript." They will be placed in the hands of the judges without opening.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETS; COMMITTEES APPOINTED

At the meeting of the town council Friday evening Dr. A. Thompson was appointed to fill the unexpired term of R. A. Miller, who vacated his seat as councilman to become recorder, when C. G. Schneider resigned to go to Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington.

Other business of the council meeting was the appointing of the regular standing committees: Finance, D. G. Geddes, E. H. Kelley, A. W. Metzger; health and police, Dr. A. Thompson, J. E. Metzger, Wm. Thom; public property, A. W. Metzger, E. H. Kelley, D. G. Geddes; ways and means, Wm. Thom, E. H. Kelley, J. E. Metzger; fire and water, J. E. Metzger, A. W. Metzger, Dr. A. Thompson; streets and public ways, E. H. Kelley, D. G. Geddes, J. E. Metzger. The new fire alarm system was tested, and found satisfactory, and was accepted by the council. Dog tax will be collected again, since the state dog tax law has been held unconstitutional, and Marshal J. G. Metzger was instructed to assess all owners of dogs in the city.

HE ADVISES USING OIL OF ASPHALT BASE

"Correct winter lubrication can be obtained only by using an oil of zero cold test—one that will flow freely at zero temperature," says C. A. McCarty of the Standard Oil company.

"In this respect oils made from Western asphalt-base crude have a big advantage, as they contain no paraffin to thicken under cold, and consequently have a natural zero cold test.

"Poor cold test oils do not lubricate correctly until the motor has been running 15 to 30 minutes, as the oil is not fluid enough to splash and feed properly. This means excessive wear of bearings, cylinders and pistons.

"Owners of Ford cars who have been having trouble during the cold weather in cranking their cars, due to oil congealing between the clutch plates, will find that an asphalt-base oil of light body will solve their cold weather lubrication difficulties."

Why should vaudeville performers make capital of the war more than any one else? Especially when so many of them who do heroics in the spotlight are thoroughly qualified for regular active service in the olive drabs.

Hat Styles.
The newest styles for women, misses and children will be displayed in Miss Miesz' shop, beginning March 1.—Adv.

New Yorkers have been given a tryout on whale meat and they say they like it. Must be good news for the lobsters.

EVERY GATHERING HAS A CLACKER SOMETIMES BAD AS ANY SLACKER

Patriotic Efforts Are Often Minimized by Thoughtless Persons Who Say More Than They Know

Have you met the clackers? Of course you have for they are in every gathering and rare indeed is the household that hasn't at least one of this numerous band who are the most industrious of all the kaiser's helpers. The most dangerous trait of the clackers is that they so often knit and clack at the same time, as one writer has expressed it, "clicking their needles to the glory of Uncle Sam and clacking their tongues to the good von Hindenburg." Telling the many lies that paid German spys first told and that German propagandists are so carefully fostering aided by unthinking Americans who are giving of their money, time, and boys to the United States that we may do away with militarism and then releasing those most deadly foes to work their will with us, suspicion, pessimism and doubt.

So often does one hear in the midst of a group of women at work, (and it isn't always women either), knitting for the soldiers or making Red Cross garments such remarks as these, "Oh dear, it hurts me to work on these garments. Some poor boy will have to wear them." "Do you suppose any of the boys will ever get them." "I heard that the Red Cross sold them." "You know all their workers get tremendous salaries. Of course the papers say they don't, but you can never tell." I have a friend who has a friend whose brother said that a friend of his said that they were quite sure that (—) and here follows a story which cannot be proved but which a dozen others grasp as absolutely true and proceed to spread. Don't repeat what you can't prove and when you hear a report of this kind stop it as far as you can; make them give their authority or keep still. Such talk which is really the result of the age-old gossiping spirit, which must have something sensational to dwell on, does no good and the harm it does can only be estimated by the fact that Germany is spending immense sums of money to start these lies and many others, and the success of the scheme lies in the fact that so many thousands of American men and women are so industrially aiding the kaiser by spreading this "most deadly of all the poisonous gases that the German mind has invented.

These reports are of course harmful to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other organizations of like nature which are doing such wonderful work as personal observation, letters from correspondents in the war zone, and the personal letters of the boys all prove. But these evil reports are more harmful in the fact that they undermine the high courage and faith of the American people, taking from them their absolute faith in the righteousness of the war, the abilities of their army, and the sureness of final victory.

Another form of work the clacker does is to try to break down the courage of those who have relatives at the front. It seems the very refinement of cruelty and should be placed on the same list of crimes as those that Germany has committed. A mother gives up her boy to die if need be that right may prevail and all men shall be free from oppression, and though her heart may be wrung with anguish, her lips will smile and her courage be high until she meets a clacker who no doubt is kind, but who insists on dwelling on the absent one telling of the dangers that he will

meet and the terrible cruelties the Germans inflict on their prisoners and offers her sympathy; she goes away feeling she has done a lot of good and especially if she succeeds in breaking down the mother's will power and causes her to shed tears. But the right-minded mothers do not want to cry, they want the right to be let alone to do their work and lift high the banner of courage and loyalty that they may inspire their boys to do their duty like men. Keep your sympathy for the mothers whose boys are slackers, if you must sympathize, for in days to come when our boys come home with the victory won, they will need it. But the mothers whose sons have fought for Uncle Sam will be honored as those who have given what was dearer than their own lives that peace might come and women and children of the future should never fear such another time of terrible blood shed as the present.

RURAL TEACHERS HOLD GOOD MEETING

The meeting of the Rural Teachers' League was held in Portland at the main library last Saturday. As this was the first meeting of the year, considerable business of importance was transacted. The program consisted of a report on a reading circle book and was most excellent. The same type of program will be continued at the March meeting and at that time the book "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects" will be reviewed by several of the teachers. The next meeting will be on the second Saturday in March.

Read the Want ads.

The husband of a young woman, who already had seen all of her brothers leave for the training camps, recently enlisted and a very kind neighbor asked if she didn't hate to see her husband go. The young wife said that she felt like knocking her questioner down or doing some other thing that would relieve her feelings. When you give all you have you don't appreciate people asking if it hurt or if you hated to do it. There is a point beyond which we can stand no more. Let us not force any of the brave mothers and wives over the line. Rather let us silently support them with the ready smile and cheerful word and not keep probing the sore hearts to see if they hurt. Plainly it isn't any of our business.

At last we come to the class of clackers who are endeavoring to show our brave young soldiers what they are going into, picturing in every detail all the horrible things they have read or imagined and weeping and wailing over them. The boys don't want sympathy, they don't want to be cried over, they already know of the danger they will meet for they knew what was going on when they enlisted, else they would have stayed safe at home. It isn't the love of killing, it isn't the love of adventure that is taking them to France. It is the fact that a great military power has upset the peace of the world and shattered the homes of whole nations and they must be stopped or else life itself will not be so well worth the living. The price must be paid and they have overcome their fear, their love of peace, their feeling that all war is wrong and many other battles have they fought and are fighting while a number of folks make it immeasurably harder by their moans and groans about the terrors of wars, which makes them less a soldier, less sure of final victory, less sure they are certainly in the right.

Clackers who so thoughtlessly tell these unfounded stories, who selfishly go their own way spreading the kaiser's work in this country, are enough to make the soldiers wonder if they are worth sacrificing so much and dying for. But when they see Old Glory they realize that it stands for the "most powerful opposition to militarism the world has ever known—the free will of the American people" and that America stands for the spirit of democracy in the world today and because of the thousands of lives already paid in the past it is dear to us and worth dying for. The whole world turns to us and we must not fail.

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SURPRISE AT DAMASCUS HONORS PORTLAND WOMAN

A merry surprise party was given last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoffmeister of Damascus, honoring Mrs. F. Wellman of Portland. Twenty-one guests were present and all report a delightful evening. The evening was spent playing 500, after which luncheon was served. Mrs. Dora DeYoung made the highest and Walter Hoffmeister next the highest scores, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hoffmeister the lowest.

Canyon City has a meat market man who closes his shop on all meatless days. The Outlook predicts that this is only what all meat markets will be ordered to do later on.

"OREGONS" TO BE SOLD TO OREGON POULTRYMEN

Oregon farmers will be given an opportunity to get a limited number of the famous "Oregon" cocks to mate with their farm flocks during the coming spring. This is the first time that such a chance has come their way. Now that vigor and high-producing qualities of the Oregons have been fully demonstrated, a few hundred cockerels will be furnished to Oregon farmers desiring to build up the laying qualities of their flocks, and at the same time secure good meat qualities.

By mating these males with the farm flocks an increase of 25 per cent in egg yield should be secured. It is not recommended that the stock be crossed with good laying strains of other pure-breeds where the purpose is to sell breeding stock and eggs for hatching.

The Oregons are the breed that started the poultry world a few years ago by producing a pullet that laid 99 eggs in 100 days, and following up with another that broke the world's record by laying in trapnests 303 eggs in one year. Numerous other Oregons have since broken in to the exclusive 300-egg class, and still others have broken all long distance records in continuous egg production. A pen of these birds beat all competitors at the Panama Pacific exposition egg-laying contest, except a pen of Leghorns from the college. At the Missouri contest they made a record of 232 eggs per hen and won second place. At the Storrs (Conn.) contest they averaged 212.2 eggs and won third place, in a competition with the world. At the Oregon State Hospital a flock of 3186 Oregon hens last year made a profit to the state of \$7,838.00. Their fame has spread in all parts of the world. It is this justly celebrated stock that the Oregon farmers now have access to.

While no hens will be spared from the breeding wards this year a considerable number of eggs for hatching can be secured if early application is made to the Poultry Department of the College.

SNIPPING PARTY FRIDAY EVENING

The snipping party recently arranged by the Gresham Red Cross, which was postponed on account of weather conditions, will be held in Metzger's hall, Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. Every one is invited to come. Provide yourselves with sharp shears and if possible soft cloth for snipping. A good program will be given during the evening and a cafeteria lunch will be served.

The program, which will be informal, will be given during the progress of the work. The following numbers are promised: piano duet, Ruth Hartley and Mabel Brown; piano solo, Edna Benson; vocal duet, Vivian Hevel and Ruth Inglis; reading, Mrs. J. Montcalm Brown; solo, Dr. J. E. Clannahan; piano solo, Gladys Neal; vocal solo, A. J. W. Brown; solo, baritone horn, Dr. H. H. Ott; reading, Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman; piano solo, Miss Florence Honey. One or two numbers may be added to the above.



Prof. J. A. Finley
Conductor of the Gresham Singing Society

Gresham is promised a musical treat Wednesday evening, February 13 when the Gresham Choral society which is conducted by Joseph Finley, assisted by a number of Portland singers will give a concert at Regner's hall. Printed programs have been distributed and tickets are being sold by the members.

Beaver State Motor Stock.
Have 200 shares for quick sale. State best offer. Address Hal E. Hoss, 892 Union Ave., N. Portland.

The food you waste today may mean hunger to someone, somewhere, sometime. Be saving!

Bargains in the Want Ads.

CECIL DUKE AND ELMER PHELPS SAFE

Since word was received of the sinking of the Tuscania on February 7, there was much anxiety in Gresham and vicinity, when it was learned that Cecil Duke and Elmer Phelps were on board. The word received from telegrams to relatives and by the Sunday morning papers, which were closely scanned by anxious friends, carried glad relief from the tension of the past days.

A cablegram received by the Gresham office Sunday at 1 a. m., stating that Elmer Phelps had arrived safely, was telephoned to Mrs. Phelps at Bridal Veil where she was with her sister Mrs. Dawson Smith. Although she had been bravely telling herself that her husband was probably safe, the message received at 9:30 a. m. confirming the fact made her feel as if a great load had rolled off her mind.

Mr. Phelps enlisted recently in the Forestry division of the 20th Engineers. His father, F. D. Phelps, has resided in Sandy for a number of years and he also has two brothers, Alton and John, at Bull Run. Another brother, William, enlisted last summer in the marines and is now in France, where he arrived about three weeks ago. Mrs. Phelps' mother, Mrs. Wm. Harding, was a former resident of Troutdale and will be remembered by the older residents of that place.

The hours from Thursday of last week until Sunday morning appeared to drag slowly along especially in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duke of Melrose and Victory while they anxiously waited news of their only son. Two messages were received Sunday, one from the adjutant general at Washington, D. C., saying that Cecil was among the rescued. Another message in answer to one they sent Thursday was telegraphed to them saying that he was "officially reported among the survivors."

Nothing was said in either message relative to the statement made in the Sunday Oregonian which listed him as among those in a hospital at one of the Irish ports. They will probably receive a message direct from him later.

Cecil has a large number of friends both in his home district and also at Sandy where he was bookkeeper for the Sandy Fir Lumber company until a short time before his enlistment. He has a large circle of friends with whom he is a prime favorite and they are rejoicing over the news of his safety.

While the friends and relatives are so gladly rejoicing over the safety of their loved ones, they should not forget that somewhere in the United States are homes which will be sad and sorrowful by this disaster and all should take to heart the lesson of what might have been and the more earnestly work and strive to do everything in their power to aid in the protection of the boys who are giving their all to the cause of democracy and peace.

SOW LAND PLASTER TWO TIMES AS THICK

W. A. Hessel, of Hessel's Farm Machinery, has recently sold land plaster sowers to O. M. Richey, of Boring, Tom Townsend, of Gresham, J. C. Deaver, of Corbett and one to Schantlin, Boese and Welch, of Damascus. This is a machine which Mr. Hessel recommends very highly for economical and efficient scattering of land plaster. This year when as large as possible a production is asked it is important to get the most out of the farm, and this can only be done when improved methods of production are used.

County Agricultural Agent S. B. Hall, so Mr. Hessel says, is authority for the statement that since this season has been so very rainy it will be necessary to sow land plaster about twice as thick as usual. Several carloads will be used in and around Gresham, by the progressive farmers of this section.

Notice.
The adjourned meeting of the Gresham Fruit Growers Ass'n will be held in the grange hall, Monday, February 18, 1918, at 10 a. m. Please be present so needed business can be transacted. It is expected the prices for fruit and vegetables for the coming season will be announced at this meeting.

101 JAS. ELKINGTON, Secy.
We have several used 10 gallon milk cans for sale at a bargain. L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.