

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE IS IN HANDS OF COMMITTEES

**City Council and Citizens Take the Matter Up—Everyone Invited to Assist.**

Memorial Day observance was the object of a special meeting of the city council last night. It was called by Mayor Kenney at the suggestion of several citizens who were anxious that the entire community should take a part in exercises appropriate to the occasion.

It was particularly emphasized that everybody, every society whether religious or fraternal or otherwise should help to make the affair representative of the whole community. While some of the churches, civic bodies and fraternal orders were not represented at the meeting, to which every citizen was invited, there was an expression from those in attendance that the help and encouragement of everyone is not only desirable but necessary.

The matter of observing Memorial Day has usually been in charge of the local Grand Army Post and Women's Relief Corps. These organizations are small in point of membership here and it was to relieve them of the burden to some extent that the plans for this year have been taken up by the city council and others who believe that Memorial Day this year has a new significance. The veterans are being assisted in a work that has heretofore fallen mainly upon their organizations.

Mayor Kenney presided at the meeting held last night and invited a full discussion of the matter. After a review of the suggested plans the following general committee was appointed to make all arrangements:

From the city officials—K. A. Miller, Dr. A. Thompson, D. G. Geddes, William Thom and J. E. Metzger. From the citizens—Mrs. C. Humason, Mrs. B. W. Emery, Mrs. E. S. McCormick and Mrs. Minnie Clanaan.

Mayor Kenney is ex-officio chairman of these committees and from them he selected sub-committees and named others to assist in various parts of the proposed plans. It was provided that all the resident pastors be requested to announce the Memorial Day exercises from their pulpits on Sunday next and to request of their congregations a participation in them. Present plans indicate that the indoor exercises will be held in the Methodist church.

The following sub-committees will look after their special assignments: Speaker—K. A. Miller, Rev. J. Malcolm Brown, Rev. A. J. Ware and Rev. S. G. Roper.

Music—Mrs. Minnie Clanaan, Mrs. E. S. McCormick and Mrs. B. W. Emery. Flag Drill—Mrs. E. S. McCormick, Mrs. C. Humason, D. G. Geddes and J. E. Metzger.

The members of the Grand Army Post are expected to place flags upon the graves of all departed comrades, and all others having plots in the Gresham cemetery, where the final exercises are to be held, are requested to have them and their surroundings made as clean and attractive as circumstances will permit.

The full program will be published in the Outlook on Tuesday next, with all other matters pertaining to the observance of the day that may develop.

### NEWSPAPER MAN IS DOING A BIG WORK

Irving Cobb, newspaperman, war correspondent, magazine writer, is doing his "bit" in the dug-outs of the Y. M. C. A. nearest the American front lines over there. He is employing his time telling stories to soldiers under the auspices of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., doing his part in keeping the morale of the American army at the topmost point. He is undergoing hardships, dodging into underground stations as shrapnel bursts, and keeping a smile in the midst of it all.

He is telling soldiers stories of the south, stories of home, that they want to hear, doing a wonderful work and enjoying it. Fourteen hours a day he is at it, ten hours a day more than he ever worked before. He is acquiring an intimate knowledge of the American fighting man, amusing him in his leisure hours and making life just a little happier for him. His is a cheerful, hopeful, encouraging message in the midst of booming cannon and imminent death and reports from the front that he is getting it over big.

### SOLDIER BOYS WRITE FROM OVER THERE

In a letter from Curtis Hendricks to his mother, written from France on April 13, some of the hard experiences of the soldier's life are told, though it is noticeable that they were not mentioned until long after their occurrence. He says:

"I am glad the winter is over, for I do not want to go through again what I did when we first landed on this side. It may have been cold at Camp Mills but this was a thousand times worse. It was quite a while before our barrack bags came and my shoes were worn out. Now we are very comfortable and I doubt whether the company was ever in finer physical condition than at present."

In another letter, written about the same time, Curtis describes the daily menu as consisting of gravy, bread and coffee, though he says they have all they want to eat.

Mrs. R. W. Gibbs has received a letter from her son Dewey, who is in France, in which he says that he has been transferred to the motor train, a position for which he has been working for some time. He says there is a fine bunch of boys in his company. There is a fine Y. M. C. A. where Dewey is stationed and he asks to have papers sent and would be glad to receive letters from his friends. His address is Co. B, 116th Supply Train, American Expeditionary Forces.

### FLAG POLE PRESENTED TO CITY OF GRESHAM

Gresham will have a 70-foot flag pole and a new American flag for Memorial Day. It will be placed at the corner of Powell street and Roberts avenue, on the city hall lot.

Emil Palmquist, proprietor of the Sandy shingle mill, phoned to Mayor Kenney the other day that he had a beautiful pole ready for raising which he desired to present to the city of Gresham. The council, at its special meeting last night, accepted the gift and instructed City Marshal Metzger to have it delivered here and see to its erection at once.

A team will be sent for the pole and a new flag proportionate to its height will be floated on Memorial Day, a tribute to the occasion.

### SWEDISH PASTOR IS RESIDENT OF GRESHAM

Rev. Wm. L. Hawkinson, pastor of the Powell Valley Mission church, has moved into Colby Marston's house, on Lawrence avenue, in south Gresham, where he can be reached by phone or call at any time.

Mr. Hawkinson announces the following for his Sunday services, May 26: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning preaching service, 11 a. m.; evening service at 8 p. m. The subject will be "The Conqueror from Edom," and the service will be in English. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

### FERTILIZE CORN.

Corn growing in this county is becoming of more importance each year. The main bulk being grown for grain with consistently increasing better success as our seed becomes more acclimated.

The chief problem aside from acclimated seed is giving the young plants a good start and keep them growing through May and June when we are liable to have backward cool weather. At this time if there is some available food in the ground so that the plants will make a good green growth and not be allowed to turn yellow they will come rapidly when the warm weather of July comes on. This may be supplied by drilling in with the corn a small quantity of quickly available fertilizer, especially one that is rich in nitrogen. The use of 50 pounds of nitrate of soda and 100 pounds of super phosphate per acre at planting time can be expected to give very profitable results the average year. A complete fertilizer may be used especially if the nitrogen which it contains is in a form which the young plant may take up readily.

To determine the actual benefits received on your particular soil it is well to leave a few rows unfertilized as a check.

### Tailoring

For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.

Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays are Blue Bird days—get the habit.

## THREE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS CLOSE GRADUATION EXERCISES

Complete programs for all the closing exercises of Union High School No. 2 have been arranged. Commencing next Sunday, May 26, at the Methodist church, there will be given the program in connection with the baccalaureate sermon, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

On Tuesday evening, May 28, the senior class day exercises will be held. These exercises will be of a varied character befitting the occasion, including a class play by four members of the senior class.

Final graduation exercises will be held on Friday evening of next week at Regner's opera house with presentation of diplomas and an address by County Superintendent of Schools W. C. Alderson. Following are the three programs in full:

### SUNDAY PROGRAM

**Methodist Episcopal Church** May 26, 1918, 2:30 P. M.  
 Processional..... Mrs. James Sterling  
 Hymn, "America"..... No. 702  
 Invocation..... Rev. Herman R. Gebhardt  
 "The Lord Reigneth"..... Frey  
 Misses Edella Towle and Benema Matthews  
 Messrs. Glenn Rusher and Leslie Walrad.  
 Scripture Reading..... Rev. J. Montclair Brown  
 "I Waited for the Lord"..... Mendelssohn  
 Sermon..... Dr. Joshua Stansfield  
 "Send Out the Light"..... Gounod  
 Messrs. Clanaan, Rusher, Rusher and Jones.  
 Benediction..... Rev. S. G. Roper  
 Recessional..... Mrs. James Sterling

### SENIOR CLASS DAY EXERCISES

**Union High School Building,** Tuesday Evening, May 28, 1918  
 "The Long, Long Trail"..... Elliot  
 Union High Orchestra.

Class Poem..... Myrtle Anderson  
 Class History..... Gladys Neal  
 Vocal Trio  
 Messrs. Rusher, Walrad and Gossett

Class Prophecy..... Olive Olsen  
 Presentation of Class Staff..... President Walter Brown, '18  
 Acceptation of Class Staff..... President David Peterson, '19  
 Instrumental Trio with Piano Accompaniment..... Misses Ruby, Inglis, Neal and Mr. Glenn Rusher  
 Class Will..... Orville Zimmerman  
 Piano Solo, "Il Trovatore"..... Homer Gossett

### SENIOR CLASS PLAYERS IN "WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK."

**ACT I.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Schofield reside in their beautiful country home near Park Grove. Miss Winningham, a coquettish young girl from the city is spending her vacation with her sister at this home. Tom Akland, a society lad from the city, meets Miss Winningham and falls in love with her. "Cupid's Charms"..... Miller  
 Union High Orchestra.

**ACT II.**  
 Tom Akland gets "cold feet" and makes plans to return home, but changes his mind when he bids Miss Winningham goodbye.  
**CHARACTERS.**

Mr. Schofield..... Mervin Good  
 Tom Akland..... Merrill Good  
 Mrs. Schofield..... Edith Jelken  
 Miss Winningham..... Leisla Ruby

### GRADUATION EXERCISES. PROGRAM

**Regner's Opera House,** Friday Evening, May 31, 1918  
 Processional, "Morn Rise"..... Czibulka  
 Treble Clef Club

Invocation..... Rev. E. A. Leonard  
 "A Wonderful Thing"..... Kummer  
 "Serenade"..... Miller  
 Union High Orchestra.

Address..... Superintendent J. A. Churchill  
 "Springtime"..... Wooler  
 Treble Clef Club

Presentation of Class..... Principal Elmer F. Goodwin  
 Presentation of Diplomas..... Mr. D. E. Towle  
 Member of the Board of Education

"When I Was a Dreamer"..... Jones  
 Union High Orchestra.

Address..... Superintendent W. C. Alderson  
 "William Tell Overture"..... Rossini  
 Miss Gladys Neal and Mrs. James Sterling

Recessional, "Morn Rise"..... Czibulka  
 Treble Clef Club

## FINEST ARRAY OF DOCKS TO BE SEEN IN FRANCE

This clipping was sent by Harold Kern taken from the New York Herald's Paris edition:

A Port in France.—Several months ago a Herald correspondent visited this district and saw the beginning of a most wonderful system of docks, warehouses, terminals, rest camps, training camps and distributing points. Now, after five months, I visited the same place again. What a transformation! What progress, what marvels of brain and hand!

The general in command of the district gave me some details of the progress made. He said: "The distributing and sorting warehouses erected under American contract have been completed. As to the big docks, some are now completed and others will be ready within a few days. Of course the army engineers supervised this contract work, which has been described already in the Herald.

"They present today the finest array of docks to be seen anywhere in France, and there are few equal to them anywhere in the whole world outside the principal ports of the United States. The docks are made of concrete, and that portion extending over the water on piles is made of heavy flooring. In this way ships come up and are moored alongside. All who have a knowledge of this particular type of construction have been struck with admiration at the way the work has been carried out. The Herald paid attention to this particular work in publishing an account when Mr. Baker, the Secretary of War, visited the various ports of France.

"Connected with this dock system, which is a receiving system linked with points of distribution, is the terminal system, and also connected with the docks are the railways which have been completed by the construction of switches and Y's, so that a train comes in at one end, takes on freight and goes out at the other end, without any confusion or complications in transport. The large reserve warehouses, a considerable distance from the docks, are completed and are strung out in succession, so that if placed in a single line they would cover a distance of seven miles. Here trainloads of reserve storage arrive, unload from the wagons into the warehouses, continue and turn back for another load without the slightest hitch, delay or interference with the stream of constantly arriving trains from the docks.

"In this way, there is a continuous stream to and fro, regular, complete and effective. Moreover, these yards are so arranged that trainloads of material can be carried direct to the main lines without in any way interfering with the dock-reserve warehouse system, just referred to.

"Now, as to the rest camps. Those situated in the vicinity of this port are ready and will accommodate about sixty thousand men. Some of these camps are arranged in such a way that troops can be received after disembarkation until provision can be made for forwarding them to the points determined upon. One camp, in particular, is arranged so that troops can be kept there for an indefinite period, while undergoing training, and then sent forward when advisable.

"The water supply at some of these camps has been increased by the boring of an artesian well, which furnishes an abundant supply of the purest crystal water.

"There is another detail you did not see when you were here last time. There is a magnificent camp for training artillery, and this is practically finished. Here are some of the best and most complete artillery ranges in France. There is another point you will find entirely new since your last visit. It is a camp for stevedores, who are accommodated within easy distance of the docks. A short walk brings the men to and from their work."

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## FUEL SITUATION BECOMING MOST VEXATIOUS PROBLEM

### POWELL VALLEY R. C. ENTERTAINMENT

A neighborhood social will be held at the Powell Valley schoolhouse on Saturday evening, May 25. A very interesting program has been arranged by the committee in charge. Ladies are requested to bring cookies or sandwiches for refreshments, which will be served at a moderate price. The proceeds will be used for patriotic purposes.

Owing to this being the week of the Red Cross drive, permission could not be obtained to hold the social under the auspices of the Red Cross, for the purpose of buying sewing machines, as was advertised. The efforts of the Red Cross are now turned toward the making of garments for the children of France and Belgium and this auxiliary has been urged by headquarters to take up this work for a time. Opportunity will be given for all to give something toward the buying of material for the making of these garments.

The following is the program of the entertainment, to which all are invited:

America.  
 Recitation, Miss Regina Hammar, of Gresham.  
 Reading, Miss Martha Hagberg.  
 Song, Misses Lillie Johnson, Ruth Nystrom, Hulda and Florence Johnson; violin accompaniment by Axel Johnson and Alan Lind.  
 Reading, Miss Edna Danielson.  
 Address, Rev. Mr. Truedson.  
 Song, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Grounds", by double quartet.  
 Recitation, Miss Myrtle Anderson.  
 Solo, Miss Emelle Anderson.  
 Recitation, Miss Florence Johnson.  
 Address, Rev. Mr. Hawkinson.  
 "Star Spangled Banner" by Men's quartet.  
 Recitation, Miss Hazel Fowler, of Coitrell.  
 Reading, Roy Johnson.  
 Solo, Miss Hilma Truedson.

### MILITARY TRAINING HIGHLY COMMENDED

Robert Hendricks, a graduate of Union High School No. 2 in the class of 1917, has written his mother from the University of Washington giving some interesting facts in connection with the military training at that institution as follows:

You remember I spoke several weeks ago of our having had a government inspection of the local Reserve Officers' Training Corps by an officer of the regular army, I see by the paper a couple of days ago that the U. of W. stands side by side with the University of California, Leland Stanford Jr., and the Oregon Agricultural College in the rating of its Reserve Officers Training Corps. These four colleges have been recommended for distinguished classification by the inspecting officer. This will give us priority in the issuing of arms, detailing of army officers, etc., of the four institutions named, we have less drill a week than any of them. O. A. C. has two hours two every day and two and a half on Saturday.

Speaking of bayonet practice I might say that we are having the real stuff. Yesterday was a very cold day. It had rained the night before and a cold wind was blowing yesterday morning. We were taken out and required to remove our coats, collars, and caps; we then laid down our guns, and a leader took us for a brisk run, over hedges, rocks, anything. We then had the drill proper. We were stabbing Huns, pulling out the bayonet and restabbing them until we were black in the face. It is surely work, and part of the time the Red Cross delegates, who are holding a convention on the campus, were out watching. They surely looked peaceful and contented. Today we had regimental review for their special benefit. There were about a million of them looking on.

**College Erects Hut.**  
 Somewhere between Calais and Amiens a Y. M. C. A. hut has been erected for soldiers by Malvern college at a cost of \$5000, the money raised by the students and alumni.

**Some Lather.**  
 Five thousand sticks of shaving soap went in one shipment from this country to the Y. M. C. A. in France for the American soldiers.

You Madam! You, Mr. Man! What have you done this day to make the little gray mother at home flapper? See the play at the Bluebird Saturday evening. Prices 10 and 15 cents.

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### Wood and Coal Prices are Booming—Fuel Oil Supply To Be Almost Cut Off

An investigation into the fuel situation reveals the fact that there is going to be a scarcity of every kind next winter. In fact, the scarcity is being noticed even now yet there is no real hardship at this time nor will there be until the coming of cold weather next fall. The complaint is widespread that but little fuel can be had even for present needs, and some families are doing without for heating purposes right here in the center of a "wooden" district, where fuel is abundant and thousands of cords are in sight on the surrounding hillsides.

The greatest difficulty is experienced in getting wood cutters. Those who have wooded tracts are willing, in many cases, to have large quantities cut but no one seems willing to cut cordwood for the pay offered. They prefer the lure of the shipyards, which is commendable from a patriotic standpoint, but it is going to cause a dearth of fuel that should be cut now so that it may become seasoned for next winter.

Two dollars a cord is being offered for cutting cordwood. To the observer that is equal to the pay for unskilled labor in the shipyards. Two men working together can easily put up four cords a day, and the cost of living in the woods is far less than in the city. Any able-bodied man can earn as much at wood cutting as he can at any common labor of any other kind. Men who are not fully able to earn day's wages in the shipyards, and cannot get work there, can find good employment and healthful recreation in a wood camp.

The price of cordwood is now around eight dollars a cord—when it can be had, but there is not much to be bought. The farmers who have been supplying the country towns are too busy to deal in wood, and but few of them have even a small supply on hand. The situation is alarming.

In Gresham there are some who will be able to get gas for fuel, but they are comparatively few. The gas company has refused to make any more main extensions having been prohibited by the government on account of the war. Oil for fuel is going to be scarce. However but little of that commodity was ever used in this part of the county.

An effort is being made to supply a portion of the fuel needs by shipping cull railroad ties here from Bull Run. The supply is inadequate and the cost is fully as great as for cordwood.

The situation in Portland is in need of relief and organizations of men and women, from Chambers of Commerce to club federations, are being urged by Fuel Administrator Holmes to take an active part in "Order Your Fuel Early Week," which will be nationally observed June 3-8.

During the week everyone is asked to put in their fuel order and remind others to do the same. By this means, declared Mr. Holmes today, the wood and coal dealers will be in position to secure the fuel for early delivery and Oregonians won't have to worry about heatless days next winter.

The need of securing supplies as soon as possible has been made even more urgent by the decision of the Government to virtually suspend importation of California fuel oil into Oregon. Curtailment of oil will make it necessary to ship in more than 150,000 tons of coal above the normal demand. In addition, thousands of extra cords of wood will be used by plants now employing oil. This will in turn, add greatly to the demands on the already overburdened railroads for more cars, and greatly increases the possibility of a shortage this fall.

**Theatricals at Front.**  
 Five theatrical parties go from England every month to the front in France to play for the soldiers in Y. M. C. A. buildings. Miss Lena Ashwell, a British woman, has the work in charge.

**Cricket for Soldiers.**  
 In order to secure a sports field for soldiers in England, the Horsham Y. M. C. A. has taken over the county cricket ground.

**Makes Direct Hit.**  
 An enemy shell struck the middle of the Y. M. C. A. headquarters in Soissons.

Carco spray for maggots on cabbage, beets, turnips, radishes, etc. All sizes at L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

**Order Coal Now.**  
 We are expecting a car load of coal soon. Save money by receiving direct from the car. Eckstrom Truck Service, phone 851.—Adv.

**Auction Sale.**  
 Auction sale Saturday, May 25 at 1 o'clock at Boring station. Household goods. R. I. Anderson, Auctioneer.