

MANY EVENTS ON LIST FOR FIELD PICNIC

A complete program for the Farmers' Field Day exercises has been received and has been printed on more than 2000 cards for distribution in advance. Large posters announcing the event have also been sent out to every grange community in Multnomah county; also to Sandy, Boring, Eagle Creek, Barton and Damascus. It invites every person to come to Gresham on Saturday, July 27, and enjoy the day.

Following is the complete program and list of events:

Patriotic Program 10:30.
Song, "America," chorus one hundred voices.

Address of Welcome, Judge Geo. W. Stapleton.

Song, "Our Flag in the Isles of the Sea," Chorus.

Address, Lieut. R. A. Blyth, Canadian Infantry, 3 years active service; 22 months in trenches.

Song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," Chorus.

Patriotic Address, Dr. F. Burgette Short, Pastor Wilbur Methodist Church, Portland. (An eloquent and forceful speaker.)

Song, "The Flag Without a Stain," Chorus.

BASKET DINNER 12:00.

Program 1:30.
Song, "Star Spangled Banner," Chorus.

Baritone Solo, Dr. H. H. Ott.
Selection, Mixed Quartet.

Song, "The Wild Bird," Chorus.
Selection, Male Quartet.

Grange Stunts 2:30.
Patriotic stunts by Granges will be interspersed with music.

Sporting Events 3:30.

1 Fat Men's Race, 50 yards. Year's subscription to Outlook.

2 Boys' Race, under 18 years, 50 yards. Necktie, donated by Samuel Rosenblatt, Portland.

3 Boys' Race, under 12 years, 50 yards. Pocket knife, donated by Strowbridge Hardware Co., Portland.

4 Girls' Race, under 18 years, 50 yards. Umbrella, donated by E. W. Aylsworth, Gresham.

5 Free For All Race, 100 yards. Baseball mitt, donated by L. L. Kidder Hardware Co., Gresham.

6 Sack Race. Pocket knife, donated by Lents Hardware Co., Lents.

7 Shoe Scramble. Baseball glove, donated by Mt. Scott Drug Co., Lents.

8 Chicken Race. Chicken, donated by S. B. Hall.

9 Tug of War. Lemon pies, donated by Mrs. Ida Burgess and Mrs. J. C. Duke.

10 Tug of War for Women. Box of candy, donated by T. P. Campbell.

11 The annual Staples Cup Relay Race, presented by Staples, the Jeweler, to be won two years in succession for ownership. Now held by Pleasant Valley Grange.

Fony Race, under 14 hands. Free for All. Donated prize.

Shetland Pony Race, 1/4 mile. Free for All. Donated prize.

Dr. F. Burgette Short, the speaker of the day, is forceful and eloquent. He is the pastor of the newly-organized Wilbur Methodist church in Portland, having but recently arrived here from Spokane. As a platform orator he is hardly to be surpassed and those who come to hear him may expect a patriotic treat.

There will be a final rehearsal of the chorus at the Gresham grange hall next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. All good singers who may not have been invited to take part are requested to volunteer their services, as the chorus is not to be exclusively grangers. All persons are invited to take a part.

Captain C. O. Branson was taken suddenly ill yesterday and Mrs. Branson was summoned home from Gladstone Park, where she has been attending chautauques. The captain is some better today.

High School Transportation Bids.

The Board of Directors of Union High School District No. 2, Multnomah county, Oregon, will receive bids for the transportation of students by automobile or truck to and from school from the following School Districts: No. 8 Terry, No. 83 Jt. Hillview, No. 26 Powell Valley, No. 28 Lynch and No. 6 Jt. Orient.

All bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 4 o'clock p. m. Saturday, July 20th, 1918.

K. A. MILLER, Clerk,
Office at Bank of Gresham.

FIRE BURNS HOUSE, BARN AND BRIDGE

A heavy fire broke out on the south fork of Deep Creek, about three miles southeast of Kelso, on Sunday evening and raged over a large area of logged-of land. Not much real damage was done except for the destruction of one dwelling, a county bridge across Deep creek and a small barn, but for several hours the lumbering plant of Rodlun & Johnson was in serious danger and required the help of every available man to keep it from burning.

Not until yesterday morning was it safe to relax vigilance, and the fire is still spreading into the green timber where it can be more easily controlled, and where there is small danger of its doing any other damage than to kill some of the trees.

It is believed that the fire originated from sparks blown from the logging locomotive of the Dwyer Logging Co. It was first noticed about 6 o'clock and in a short time was beyond control. The dwelling of Harry Crenshaw stood directly in the path of the flames and desperate efforts were made to save the furniture. Nearly everything that could be moved quickly was carried out and was moved five times, but with only partial success, and almost everything was destroyed despite all efforts made to save it.

A small barn belonging to a teamster named McMain was also burned and about 70 cords of slabwood. The bridge across Deep creek was an old one and worth about a thousand dollars. It will have to be rebuilt. The mill and lumber on the yards was in great danger for several hours but was finally left untouched by the fire. All operations were suspended except fire fighting, which was kept up for three days and nights until every person was worn out.

The mill has been doing a big business and its loss would have been a serious blow to its owners and the community. It will resume operations again in a few days.

GRESHAM GIRL HAS ROYAL SOUVENIR

Miss Alice Roberts has received from a soldier friend in England a letter of greeting which he received from King George V, a copy of which was sent to all the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces in England. The letter is on stationery bearing the royal coat of arms and is a mimeograph copy in the king's handwriting. The message is as follows:

Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom.

The allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you God speed on your mission.

GEORGE R. I.
April, 1918.

MRS. EUNICE B. SMITH DIES AT BRIDAL VEIL

Mrs. Eunice B. Smith, wife of W. A. Smith of Bridal Veil, died at her home on Thursday, July 18, aged 48 years, following a stroke of paralysis. Besides her husband she leaves a son Ronald A.

The body has been brought to Carlson's undertaking parlors in Gresham. The funeral will be held from the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The interment will be in Douglas cemetery. Rev. Chas. Hayes, Sunday school missionary of the Presbyterian church, will preach the funeral sermon.

Would Risk It

"Money carries germs, my dear."
"Still, I must have some money," declared the bride. "You remember we took a chance on kissing."

The Substitute.

"We no longer have the soliloquy on the stage."
"No, the telephone conversation has taken its place."

Benefit Dance.

A dance will be given at Orient Grange hall by the O. T. T. C. Saturday evening, July 20, for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Thompson's orchestra will furnish music. Tickets \$1.00. Midnight supper, 50c a couple

St. Agnan

[The following poem was suggested by the name of a town on the Champagne front, in France, where the great battle is being fought—St. Agnan. It requires but a flight of fancy for one to put himself in the place of an American soldier who is eager for the fight and knows that he will soon be in it; and it only needs the art of putting words together to record the thoughts that come to him while he is yet waiting.]

I've heard the distant rumble
Of those enormous guns,
Whose huge projectiles tumble
Upon the hated Huns,
And as the windows trembled,
The French folk there assembled
Would whisper, "St. Agnan,
Save us by thy spell."
It is wonderful to tell—
St. Agnan.

In the unending battle
That has no stop or stay,
The angry bullets rattle
All night as well as day;
And many a gallant Frenchman,
Sweet Liberty's brave henchman,
Lies there at St. Agnan—
Where many dead men dwell
By the river where they fell.
St. Agnan.

And now we, too—well knowing
That foe, whom evils shield—
Are resolutely going,
To fight upon that field;
For our own land has heeded
The call that men are needed
Up there at St. Agnan.
That shrine of shot and shell—
Great the story we will tell—
St. Agnan.

And we will share the glory
Of those brave men who lie
On that famed field of story—
If need as bravely die;
For his no humble mission
To keep the fine tradition
That clings to St. Agnan—
Where brave men laughed at hell
As they faced the shot and shell.
St. Agnan.

E. L. T.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SLOUGH DRAINAGE PROJECT

Another chapter was added to the slough dredging versus the slough diking contest that is to result either in the reclamation of 9000 acres of land or the establishment of a boat channel from the Interstate bridge to the town of Fairview.

Before recommending to Colonel Zinn, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., for or against the application of Multnomah Drainage District No. 1 for authority to build dams in Columbia slough, which is proposed to be done to reclaim 8100 acres of land lying east of the Union avenue crossing, the Port of Portland commission has suggested that an application be first be filed with that body by representatives of the district, as the area is within the jurisdiction of the Port.

That was a feature of an adjourned meeting of the commission yesterday, attended by persons opposed as well as in favor of damming the slough. A special committee, made up of Commissioners Strong, Shafer and O'Reilly, reported and proposed that the application be filed. R. G. Dieck, former city commissioner, who was retained as engineer for the Port in the matter, gave it as his opinion that the Port was justified in refusing to urge a denial of the permit asked for from the War Department.

Following a public hearing held last month before Colonel Zinn, which was in accordance with instructions from the War Department and arranged after the filing of a formal application, January 12, it was understood a report to Washington would be postponed to enable the Port of Portland to file recommendations. Mr. Dieck compiled a report on the hearing and general phases of the Columbia slough situation. He was present yesterday and explained the report. George Shepherd appeared as representative of the objectors. City Engineer Laurgaard being also there on behalf of the city.

In his report Mr. Dieck set forth that "if it were not for the fact that Mr. Shepherd is the leading agitator for a ship channel in Columbia slough, this much attention would not have been given to the protest." He said also that the cost of dredging a channel as desired by the protestants, who oppose the dams in the

interest of navigation and say they favor the reclamation project if material for dykes on both sides of the slough is taken out of the waterway, would be at least \$200,000 in the area east of Union avenue alone.

He said the slough was of relatively small importance as a navigable stream at present, except as to industries below Vancouver avenue, and that until there is a mighty avenue, and that until there is a mighty development of Portland as a shipping center the waterfront area of the Willamette river, reinforced by the frontage on the Columbia river from the Willamette river to Vancouver, will suffice for at least 50 years.

Mr. Shepherd had the floor for a time, urging the slough be not closed by dams and citing many reasons, and R. G. Brand, secretary of the East St. Johns Improvement association, brought up several points in support of the stand of the protestants.

City Engineer Laurgaard said the city intended to dredge the slough in the near future, regardless of any action by the Port, in the interest of sewerage drainage, saying that between 35,000 and 40,000 city lots were included in the area to be benefited, and that in dredging it was proposed to provide an adequate depth of water for navigation purposes as well as cut through the upper end so as to join the slough with the Columbia river, to insure a current at all times. He said if dams were allowed to be placed there, it was feared they would not be removed easily.

The Port committee offered in its report a plan, if a normal application was filed, to negotiate with the drainage district principals with a view of entering into an agreement that only the two dams sought would be built and that whenever he Port desires to reopen the slough it shall be done at the expense of the drainage district, without the latter raising a question as to whether the slough is navigable, and that in the event dredging is carried on the Port is to have the right to dump material on any of the adjacent land. However, though Supervisor Elrod, of the drainage district, offered to meet all stipulations, there were others to be heard and an adjournment was taken until next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

COMMENCING THREE DAYS OF SERVICE

A series of religious sermons and lectures will commence this evening at the Powell Valley Swedish Mission and continue until Sunday night.

Tomorrow there will be one meeting in the Damascus Mission church at 2 p. m., at which time Rev. Paul Rood and Rev. A. Anderson, both of Seattle will conduct the services and preach.

All the other services will be held at Powell Valley and will be conducted by Rev. Rood, Rev. Anderson and Rev. C. J. Ladin, the latter of Portland.

The first service tomorrow will begin at 10 a. m. with Rev. C. J. Ladin as lecturer. It will be after this meeting that the services will be held in Damascus. Then will follow the Saturday evening services commencing at 8 o'clock, which will be in charge of Rev. Rood and Anderson. The Sunday exercises will be the most important of all and will begin with the regular Sunday school at 10 o'clock. The children's choir will assist in the program and one of the visiting pastors will speak.

At 11 o'clock Rev. C. J. Ladin will preach a sermon at the forenoon services. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon another service will be held at which Rev. Paul Rood and Rev. A. Anderson will deliver sermons and there will be special music by the choir of the Mission church of Portland which will co-operate in these services.

At the Sunday evening services beginning at 8 o'clock, Rev. Paul Rood and Rev. C. J. Ladin will preach. There will be extra music at all of these services consisting of choir singing, solos and quartets. A large crowd is expected from Portland and the church will have an overflowing attendance.

This series of church services will be one of the most important ever held in Powell Valley and indicates a growing sentiment for religious instruction. The pastor of the Swedish Mission church, Rev. William L. Hawkinson, is an energetic and faithful worker for the uplift of his people, and it is to him that the greatest credit is due for the enthusiasm that brings such results in his efforts for their spiritual welfare.

ESTACADA LIBRARY MAY CLOSE DOORS

The executive committee of the Estacada Civic Improvement club, which organization founded and has supported the Estacada library, announces that unless outside financial help is received by August 1st next, the library and its privileges will be temporarily closed.

As this public institution is serving the people of this entire community and has received its support almost entirely by the efforts of a few loyal members of the C. I. C., who now find the work occupies too much of their time, the contemplated action is necessary.

This public philanthropy was founded six years ago and at an average expense of \$22 per month, has been supported by its founders, who now feel that others should help shoulder the responsibilities. — Estacada News.

Twenty-one Meals, However.

Her Dad—Why, hang it, girl, the fellow only earns fifteen a week.

Herself—I know, papa, but a week passes so quickly when you're fond of each other.

Shows His Bravery.

Rev. John Clifford, a Y. M. C. A. war work secretary from California, carried a wounded American colonel of Marines across a shell-swept field to safety.

The Reason.

"So the bride eloped with the groomsman. Why do you suppose she did that?"
"Because he was the best man."

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown entertained over last night Mr. and Mrs. William Crockett from Merced, California, who came through by automobile.

The new police motorcycle has been received and will be put in commission in the near future.

Serve plenty of potatoes and you won't miss the bread.

OREGON BOY HAS LONGING FOR FRANCE

Mrs. C. Humason received a letter from her son, Corporal Guerdon Humason, telling of the Fourth of July celebration by the soldiers stationed at the aviation grounds at Dallas, Texas. He bemoans his fate in being kept here when the most of his friends have gone to France. A part of his letter follows:

We had a grand Fourth of July here. We celebrated for the benefit of the Dallas people and the people from around the country, something like 10,000 people attended. The field was crowded with people and autos. We had a small program in which only soldiers participated, which consisted of a few foot races, tug of war, shoe race, where all the fellows put their shoes in one pile and then ran 50 yards to them and had to find them and put them on. You should have seen the scramble; tilting match, where two men stood on a barrel and tried to push the other one off. We also had a greased pig, sack race, three legged race, wheelbarrow race, etc., but the most interesting of them all was the aeroplane races between different planes in which only the Hanger men took part. We all had to line up in the street and at the crack of a gun run in to the hangar, unlock the big doors and open them, then run our ships onto the line and start them and let the motor idle for three minutes and then spread it up at full speed for one minute, and shut it off, then an officer inspected them for cleanliness and best order. There were nine ships in the contest and nine took third prize. Now they all looked alike to me so I sure did surprise me. After all events were over planes went up and did all kinds of stunts and most of the people got the roofs of their mouths unburned. Ha! Ha! Well, then after all that, it was time to chow. Each one of us were entitled to invite three friends to dinner which I did and they sure did enjoy that old army feed. One girl said she never before in all her life tasted beans like those we had, so I told her if she had ever cooked them as many times as our hosh-hoods, why she might be able to make a nice dish out of them. We also had our favorite fruit that noon too (onions). Now I will tell you all the good things we had but even at that we did not go very far out of our way to put up a good menu. I mean as good as we could have, but nevertheless this was what we had: spud salad, pickles, sandwiches of different types and makes, pie, cake, ice cream, bananas and oranges. Now if there was anything else I forget what it was. Oh yes, we also had lemonade and fruit punch to drink. I thought that was pretty good for a light lunch and I guess everybody else did also. There is a sqd. here of all Dallas boys and they invited all their parents and friends so they put up a regular Christmas dinner for them and then nearly all of it was wasted so I am told. It is so funny here, they never have fireworks on the Fourth. They have them at Christmas and New Years.

Well this all happened in the forenoon and in the afternoon I went to a picnic about eight miles from here and had a fine time. I tell you there is nothing that beats southern hospitality. The people can't do enough for us. I guess that's the way they look at it. They are continually entertaining us some way or other.

I have hopes of going across soon. Gee! I hope it is true. Just think, a year in service and not over yet and all the fellows from home are over there and a long time ago at that, but somebody has to stay here but I wish that they would let me go in one of those yellow fellow's place that doesn't want to go. O, well, my chance will come. It is getting bed time so will close now with lots of love to you and the folks.

Janitor Wanted.

The Board of Directors of Union High School District No. 2, Multnomah county, Oregon, will receive application of janitor for Union High School building located at Gresham, Oregon, for ensuing year. Work to begin about August 1st, 1918. Salary \$20 per week.

Any information regarding this position will be furnished by the clerk.

All applications to be in the hands of the undersigned by 4 p. m. Saturday, July 20, 1918.

K. A. MILLER, Clerk,
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