

TRACTORS OF EVERY KIND TO BE SHOWN

Every detail is being worked out for the big tractor exhibition to be held on the Cotton and Ruegg farms near Gresham, on September 5, 6 and 7. The demonstrations will have about 250 acres of land on which to show the work the tractors can do.

You will see in actual operation practically every tractor manufactured or sold on the Pacific Coast.

The big, the medium, the small sized tractors.

Some with wheel drive, some with creeper drive.

The right size for orchard use, for vineyard use, for use on the big grain ranches.

Behind the tractors will be pulled Moldboard and Disc Plows, Peg-tooth, Spring-tooth and Disc Harrows, Scrapers, Land Levelers and Sub-Soilers, virtually every kind of tractor drawn implement.

Something of great interest to the country-man also the townman will be doing every hour during the demonstration.

The forenoon of each day will be given over to private demonstration of tractors and tractor implements. The afternoons will be devoted to public demonstrations, showing every tractor in operation plowing in one field. This demonstration will be of special interest as it will show comparative work of large and small tractors working side by side.

There will be special tests under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College which will show the draw-bar horse power tests on unploughed and ploughed ground and other features of various tractors. Said tests will be approved by the Society of Agricultural Engineers.

The grounds on which the demonstration will take place are ideal in every respect.

Plenty of good things to eat and drink will be on the ground at all times.

Each demonstrator will have an individual tent where he can entertain visitors and transact business.

The grounds are easily reached by electric cars or automobiles. The auto roads are asphalt paved all the way. Ample parking space for automobiles will be provided free. Watchmen to look after automobiles will be in attendance.

The following list of members of the Portland Implement and Tractor association will have their machines on exhibition and be ready to give demonstrations during the prescribed period for such displays of their accomplishments:

Aultman, Taylor Machinery Co., Belmont and Union avenues.—Aultman, Taylor Tractors.

The A. H. Averill Machinery Co., 324 Belmont street.—Russell Tractors.

Advance Rumley Thresher Co., East 2d and Belmont.—Rumley Oil Pull Tractors.

J. I. Case Thresher Co., East Clay and First streets.—Case Tractors.

Commonwealth Gas Tractor Co., 269 East Water street.—J. O. Humphry, Manager.

John Deere Plow Co., East 2d and Morrison streets.—Waterloo Boy Tractors and Tractor Implements.

J. A. Freeman & Son, 315 Belmont streets, All Work Tractors.

Farm Tractor Implement Co., 339 East Yamhill street.

East Yamhill street.—Emerson, Brantingham Co.—Tractors and Implements.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co., 95 First street.

J. W. Hill, Lumbermen Bank Bldg.—Caterpillar Gas Tractors.

Hodson-Peenaughy Co., East First and Yamhill street.—Avery Tractors.

International Harvester Co. of America, East First and Taylor Sts.—International Tractors and Tractor Implements.

Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co., East Second and Morrison street.—Monarch Tractors and Tractor Implements.

McNeff Tractor Co., 225 Pittock Block.—Cleveland Tractors.

Nilson Tractor Sales Co., East Morrison and Third streets.—Nilson Tractors.

Northwest Auto Co., Alder and Chapman.—Sandusky and LaCrosse Tractors.

Oliver Chilled Plow Works, 321-25 East Taylor street.—Tractor Implements.

Oregon Moline Plow Co., East 3d

REGISTRATION DAY IS ON TOMORROW

Tomorrow being registration day for all young men who have attained their majority since June 5th, it is necessary that every such young man shall present himself to the local boards between the hours of 7 o'clock in the morning and 9 o'clock in the evening for that purpose.

The usual places will be open for registration and every assistance will be furnished free. The three places in Gresham are the city hall, the upper floor of Murphy's building and the polling place across the street from the Hotel Congdon. All other places in the county will be convenient—probably in the same room where elections are usually held. Each individual should be posted in all particulars concerning the registration and be there without fail between the hours mentioned.

Failure to register is punishable by imprisonment up to one year, and followed by induction into the service.

Even sickness will be no excuse for failing to register. Any 21-year-old man who is ill should send some competent person immediately to his local draft board, which will explain what to do.

The purpose in requiring at this time the registration of men who have become 21 years old since last June 5 is to keep Class 1 filled until Congress can pass the new law raising and lowering the draft ages.

CONSERVE FOOD AND BUILD UP THE RESERVE

"It is as essential that there be built up in this country a reserve supply of food as that the army be guaranteed clothing, guns and ammunition," says the Food Administration.

"Saving money alone will not guarantee a food supply. Nature seems fickle sometimes, and 1919 and 1920 may be lean years. Therefore, out of the abundance of 1918 America must save even more than she saved of the 1917 crops, to feed her growing army and navy and to share with the armies and civilians of the allied nations too busy fighting the Hun to cultivate their crops. It is up to every citizen to help build up the national food reserve, and it's a job each of us can work at three times a day. Cut down your consumption of the essential foods at every meal, eat the perishables, help speed up food production in every way possible, and see that no food goes to waste that can be canned, dried or otherwise preserved. A hundred million of us, working together in this way, will build up the great reserve America needs. Join the Food Reserve Army."

WALNUT TREES WANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Owners of black walnut trees have an excellent opportunity to help win the war and at the same time obtain a good financial return for their trees, according to District Forester Cecil of the United States Forest Service. Black walnut is urgently needed for gunstocks and airplane propellers. While this tree does not grow naturally in the Pacific Northwest, it has been planted in numerous localities throughout this region for shade and ornamental purposes. A list of firms having contracts with the Government to furnish gunstocks and airplane propellers may be secured by application to the District Forester, Beck building, Portland.

P. R. L. & P. Co. has been forced to ask increased power and light rates to meet rapidly mounting costs of production. Such cities as San Francisco and Oakland, California, and many others granted increase months ago in order that the power companies might meet the situation.

Pass creek canyon, in Douglas county, just south of the Lane county line, will have a good macadam road its entire length by fall.

Somebody is waiting to know what you have to sell—a want ad tells

and Pine streets, Moline Universal Tractors and Tractor Implements.

Parlin & Orendorff Plow Co., 399 Belmont street.—Tractor Implements

Vick Bros., Salem, Oregon.—Fordson Tractors.

W. H. Wallingford, 522 Alder street.—Parrett Tractors.

Wentworth & Irvin, Second and Taylor streets.—Sampson Sledge Grip Tractors.

Western Farquhar Machinery Co., 208 East Salmon street.—C. L. Best

R. M. Wade & Co., 322-26 Hawthorne avenue.—Helder Tractors and Tracklayers and Trundair Tractors.

Tractor Implements.

LAST LETTER BY LAMBERT WOOD REACHES PARENTS--IT BREATHES A SPIRIT OF LOVE AND LOYALTY

A letter from Lambert H. Wood—probably the last he ever wrote—was received last week by his parents, Dr. W. L. Wood and wife. The young soldier was a cousin of K. A. Miller, cashier of the Bank of Gresham, and was killed on the fighting front, as was recently reported in these columns. Dr. and Mrs. Wood live at Garden Home and so far have received no particulars of his last fight and death. This letter was written on July 11, after his writer had done trench duty and had been in a severe battle. Throughout this service he came unscathed to meet death after having a brief respite. The letter follows:

France, July 11.—Dearest Folks: I have not written lately because of press of duties, but now we are out at last. A fine bunch of mail today. We are just out after 38 continuous days in the front line, where no real trenches exist and the opposing lines are only 100 to 200 yards apart. You cannot imagine it; no one who has not experienced it can. It is almost a record for any troops in the allied army. During that time we, that is, our battalion, made two attacks, in the last capturing 450 prisoners and 40 machine guns on the first of July, and that after we had already been in the front line for 30 days.

We are ragged, covered with vermin, and thin now, but are busy getting cleaned up. I lost 15 pounds myself, but feel all right, though I am tired and can't sleep well yet. During that time I had my clothes off once; eternal vigilance and a continuous heavy fire forbade much cleaning up. We had seven Boche divisions opposite us and my battalion in the attack accounted for an entire regiment of Huns in killed or captured. As you know, we were at the point nearest Paris and received credit for saving it. A few men from each company paraded in Paris the 4th of July and the people went crazy over them. We were in the lines then, so only a few could go.

Boches Bring in Captor.

On July 1st I went in command of machine guns that went over the top in the attack. The zero hour was 6 p. m., and at 6:14 I was standing in the middle of the Paris road in Vaux and the prisoners started to come in. The town was a wreck, buildings shattered, streets unrecognizable and dead Boches everywhere. I killed one when I entered town who tried to throw a grenade. I surely had to laugh at one thing. Down the road came a group, two Boches forming a chair with their hands, and sitting with an arm about each of their necks was one of our men, shot through both legs, but grinning happily as he took his prisoners to the rear.

I "sited" my guns and nearly 40 Boche guns and started back to my P. C., when I saw something white being waved from a cellar and told one of the orderlies to go down and take the Boche. He got there and instead of one, 15 piled out with their hands in the air, four with iron crosses, but glad to yell "Kamerad." I had to double-time down myself to help him out. At 2:30 a. m. came the counter-attack delivered by eight Boche companies, but Lord, instead of the few guns I had brought, I had over 50 and the enemy was wiped out almost to a man.

"I have fought the Boche long enough to know his tactics, so when he attacked, I had guns enough; guns to throw 10,000 shots per minute, and almost all were Boche guns, used against them by my men. Those who survived that fire surrendered next morning, and every time they tried to escape to their lines, "burr-r-r" would go an M. G. and down they would go. About 120 survivors surrendered next morning. One of them told me it was the happiest day of his life. It was funny. Our patrol, just before dawn, captured one of their majors.

Love to all.

LAMBERT WOOD.

Notice.

The 12-mile store will be closed on Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 o'clock on account of the funeral of Bert Calkins.

E. J. HESELTINE.

Victor Johnson has a new Case separator, with which he is threshing in his vicinity, operating it with a 9-15 Case tractor purchased of W. A. Hessel.

New Fall Hats

A large assortment ready Saturday, August 24. Miss' Millinery, Main St., Gresham.—Adv.

Tailoring

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

Loose living at home means tight belts in France. Observe the food regulations.

Corp. Fred T. Merrill Killed at the Front

Word was received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Merrill living at 1104 East Stark street, of the death of their son Fred in France nearly two months ago. The information came through a letter from Sergeant Kirby Ross to his mother. The two young men were sergeant comrades together and Sergeant Merrill met his death in the brilliant offensive on the Marne sector.

Sergeant Merrill was well known throughout eastern Multnomah, having spent several years at Terry where his father conducted the Twelve-Mile House. He attended the Terry school and was well liked by all his associates and was a leading spirit in all boyish sports. He was but a few months past 19 at the time of his death. The peculiar thing about his death is the fact that no report concerning it has yet come from official sources. The letter from Sergeant Ross to his mother reads as follows:

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I am at a Y. M. C. A. hut and some boy is singing, "Silver Threads Among the Gold." It doesn't help my loneliness at all, so will go back to the tent. There is a French soldier on one side of me and an Australian and British on the other side, all writing letters home, so you see no matter what they are, they have a mother at home longing to hear from them.

July 28, 1918.

Well, we moved today into an American camp and there is so much difference that we are more than pleased. I think I am pretty close to where Harold Kern and those fellows are. I would like to find them just for old times' sake and talk the news over.

Say, if anybody wants to know anything about the Y. M. C. A. tell them they are the mothers of the soldiers. They do more than anything else in the war.

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