

## PATRIOTISM UPPERMOST IN PLANS FOR COUNTY FAIR WHICH WILL BEGIN SEPT. 17

Not everything can be told yet concerning the county fair programs, nor of the exhibits that are to be seen; but details have progressed so far that it may be stated with exact definiteness that this year's wartime exhibition is going to emphasize in many ways features which will stimulate all who attend it in their patriotism, especially along the lines of still greater food production and conservation. While the exposition will have elaborate programs of entertainment, including band concerts, outdoor sports, running and harness races and the hippodrome features of an amusement company, the distinctive features will have a war flavor.

The Multnomah county fair officials are expecting the fair to be a record breaker in point of attendance. Only one fair has been in operation up to this time in the northwest—that one at Chehalis—and its attendance has been larger than that of any other year. The Portland papers have begun a campaign of publicity for our fair which is going to do it a world of good. They are beginning to realize what the county fair means to agriculture in a war year, and are boosting it more than ever without orders from the business office.

### The War Game.

This spirit has been engendered among the big dailies by the reports coming from the east and from Canada, where many fairs have already been held. Every locality that has a fair and the big state fairs of several eastern states are being promoted for the purpose of making them efficient factors in the war game. The county fair management has been receiving much help and encouragement from the government departments and there is a desire that it be increased in size and attractiveness as far as possible.

The authorities at Washington have made requests for greater exhibits because they regard fairs as forceful mediums through which to meet and stimulate farmers in increasing food production and in promoting many of the war educational movements and welfare activities. To the larger fairs the United States authorities have shown their desire to help them in practical ways, by sending large exhibits of war preparations, by granting reduced rates on the railroads and by charging exhibitors a one-way rate for a round trip shipment of live stock and other displays. To a smaller extent the courtesies are to be extended to the lesser fairs.

Here at home, the P. R. L. & P. company will grant one-half fares and make every possible concession to exhibitors coming from anywhere over its lines.

### All For Agriculture.

The Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon will make large exhibits. There will be schools of agriculture and of domestic science; there will be extensive displays of tractors, silos, harvesting machinery and other equipment that is intended to increase soil production and conserve labor on the farm. Tractor demonstrations will be a notable feature this year. Trucks for farm use will be a feature of the automobile displays.

In the agricultural departments there will be some wonderful grange exhibits, despite the dryness of the season. There has been a wonderful variety of stuff grown this year and it is all good. There is plenty of it although farming has been carried on in a war year under many difficulties. The domestic science division will have a demonstration of canning and an exhibit of canning equipment, and substitutes for wheat, sugar and fats, and will show many ways of using these substitutes in making attractive and economical dishes for the home table. Demonstrations in the canning and drying of foods, methods of saving time, work and steps in managing a home from cellar to attic will be given.

The show of livestock from many farms promises to be the largest ever given at the Multnomah county fair—and that will be "going some" considering that every stall was full last year. It will include horses, cattle and hogs from breeders all over this and several adjoining counties. The premiums are large and varied and are especially intended to encourage the future breeders.

In the poultry department some

revelations are promised. John M. Mann, superintendent of the poultry division, has been connected with the greatest poultry shows of the state and is in a position to bring the best exhibits here. He is doing some active work along that line and promises to have every available foot of floor space covered with coops two tiers high. The rabbit and hare exhibits alone, if they come up to the promises made, will be a revelation.

### For Boys and Girls.

What the schoolboys and girls are doing on Oregon farms and on city lots will also be emphasized, both in club and individual work. They will have separate exhibits in two distinct classes—the city schools and the county schools. They will not compete against each other, but will have two separate exhibits. They will be under the management of superintendents from the city superintendent's office and from that of the county superintendent.

The boys will have a judging contest after the regular judges have passed upon the merits of the stock shown, and will be given instruction. The county agent has been active in enlisting boys for this event.

That America is at war will also be evident in all food departments. In the culinary division the women will compete for premiums. The breads, cakes, pastries and candies will be made according to the federal food regulations. Only war breads will be served at the cafeteria and lunch stands, and the use of sugar will be forbidden in all the soft drinks at the refreshment booths.

### Evening Entertainments.

Campbell's American band will be the headliners of the fair's musical entertainments. This band was here last year and gave such universal satisfaction that the management had no hesitation in giving it another contract. It has been here at many other fairs and when it is supplemented by a number of prominent singers it is a wonderful aggregation of musical and literary talent that alone is worth the price of admission. The non-appearance of a chautauqua troupe here this year has whittened the appetites of the people for just such an entertainment as Campbell's American band can give, and with its added attractions is sure to be the best drawing card for every evening of the fair.

There will be other evening entertainments, especially on the nights of the opening and closing days. The "Coming of the White Man" will be a spectacular event for Tuesday night, and the bonfire on Saturday night, with its other features will be a new attraction.

### Go The Furrow.

"Meet me on the Furrow" will have a new application this year. It will be open every day and evening and will be made up of the Browning Amusement company's "funshine" shows, the merry-go-round, Ferris wheel and other attractions. The shows this year will be different and in greater variety than ever before. There will be freaks, optical illusions, ghost shows, baghouses and a hundred curiosities. It is going to be a fair this year to distract attention from the seriousness of a world war for a whole week, but it is going to be a wartime fair in everything that the word implies.

The Outlook will publish a Daily newspaper during the five days of the fair in which will be given the full musical and racing programs as well as a full report of fair happenings. It will be circulated free under the auspices of the fair board.

### Channel Tunnel is Missed.

How great have been the demands upon the British merchant marine for the reservation of ships for purely military purposes is shown by the statistics of the first two and a quarter years of war. During that time 8,000,000 men were transported across the seas and over a million sick and wounded. Of supplies and explosives 9,420,000 tons were carried, besides 1,999,999 horses and mules and 47,500,000 gallons of petrol. If the channel tunnel had been built in the days before the war, a vast amount of merchant tonnage, now employed on transport service, would have been available for the world's commercial service.—Scientific American.

Say Thrift Stamp to the grocer.

## Somewhere In France

["Somewhere In France" was written by Rev. G. A. Nokes of Orting, Washington, a relative of Mrs. S. F. Pitts of Gresham. Mr. Nokes is visiting with the Pitts family. He is a veteran of the Civil War and was in attendance at the G. A. R. encampment.]

"Somewhere in France"—the letter read,

With a harsh, unfeeling sound,  
Vague, indefinite, empty phrase;  
Where, then, might the boy be found?  
Sadly I read it o'er and o'er  
Lest I'd missed some word perchance,  
But searching o'er can find no more,  
Merely "somewhere in France."

Somewhere in France—but I know the boy;  
He's a boy of the U. S. A.,  
And he sat on his grandpa's knee and heard  
Of the war of another day;  
And the light in his eye for the days gone by  
Will shine when the troops advance,  
No coward's shame will taint the name  
Of the Yankee boy in France.

Somewhere in France the thousands cried  
Under the tyrant's tread,  
And hopeless eyes too sad to weep  
Saw fields all sown with dead.  
But hark! the sound of a distant cheer;  
They gazed in a joyous trance,  
Then kissed their hands to the Stars and Stripes,  
"Old Glory" had come to France.

And it seemed that the spirit of Washington,  
And Abraham Lincoln, too,  
Stood blessing the lad in khaki clad  
As they blessed the boys in blue;  
For the boys that go toward the ruthless foe  
No selfish aims advance,  
But the flag unfurled shall bless the world,  
Through the boys "somewhere in France."

Somewhere in France—may it not be long  
Till we sing a new refrain;  
And Belgium and France forevermore  
Be cleansed from the tyrant's stain;  
And may the lad write home to "Dad"  
A letter that shall begin—  
"Today we raised Old Glory, Dad,  
Somewhere in Berlin."

## WHIRLWIND CARRIER RESIGNS TO TEACH

Miss Irene Douglass, the whirlwind special delivery carrier who surprised Portland by appearing as a mounted messenger from the post-office, was in Gresham yesterday in company with her mother, Mrs. E. M. Bothwell. They called at the Outlook office and Miss Douglass stated that she had quit the post-office job to go back to teaching. She will leave Portland tomorrow morning on her trusty motorbike for the Willows in eastern Oregon, and will take up her school duties next week.

Mrs. Bothwell and daughter visited their property at Pleasant Home while here and found that their vacant store building had been badly damaged. Practically all the doors and windows have been destroyed and other damage has been done. A notice in today's Outlook warns trespassers to let the property alone or suffer prosecution.

## DIED IN OPERATION BURIED YESTERDAY

Ruth, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olney died in a Portland hospital on Tuesday after being operated upon for appendicitis. She lived with her parents on the Columbia street.

Her funeral took place yesterday from the Gresham M. E. church, Rev. B. C. Brewster of Salem, conducting the services. Interment was made in the Hall cemetery.

Mr. Brewster officiated at Ruth's baptism two years ago.

## Cremation of Hindu.

Strange ritual marked the ceremony of the cremation of the body of a female Hindu on the banks of the Zwartkops river (South Africa). The body, in a coffin, was taken to the spot in a hearse, where it was removed from the coffin and placed on a pile of faggots, which had been built up cradle fashion ready to receive the body. Deceased's daughter then walked round the body three times with a burning torch and set fire to the pyre in several places. It took three and a half hours to cremate the remains, the ashes of which were thrown in the river. The coffin was also burned. Permission was granted for the carrying out of the above by the town council and the administrator.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends who have assisted us and have shown sympathy during our bereavement in the death of our little daughter, Wyima Ruth Olney.

MR. and MRS. W. R. OLNEY.

## LETTERS FROM FRANCE BRING CHEERING MESSAGE OF NATIVE TRIBUTE TO THEIR DEFENDERS



LESLIE T. ST. CLAIR.

That our American soldiers are making a large place in the affections of the French people with whom they come in contact is evident from the reports which come from over there. The two letters which follow are from boys of the 65th Artillery, C. A. C., who have been billeted in adjoining villages for three months and who have recently moved to a camp at La Courtine, Creuse, France.

Leslie T. St. Clair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. St. Clair of Gresham. His wife lives at Fairview. He has been in the Supply Company of the 65th Artillery but was recently transferred to 2d Battalion headquarters. In his letter he says:

"You see I have changed my home since I wrote last. It surely was hard to leave the little town with all the friends we had there. We left at 7:30 p. m. and the town was out to see us off. There were many bonjours, bon soires and handshaking and some weeping. They surely hated to see the boys leave for I'll bet everyone was a friend to someone there. They treated us as though we were their own boys who were leaving them. Many gifts and keepsakes have been bestowed on the departing soldiers by the French people."

When we arrived at La Courtine we all pitched our pup tents at once and tried hard to sleep on the ground. Well, as luck would have it, it rained that night and so in the morning my partner, Wagner, and I were very wet, cold and sleepy, but we worked all day Saturday and retired early, but not to our pup tents. We discovered a barn with much hay and oats in it so we filled our ticks and made our bed on the pile of oats. It was almost as good as home sweet home.

This town has all the modern inconveniences of the French people. The redeeming feature is several ball grounds and a big Y. M. C. A. I have some pictures which I will send you if possible. There is a lunch room in it where one can get a very good meal for two francs, also three or four canteens and a large hall where they put on programs each night including motion pictures. Near the Y. M. are several huts, one a writing room, the other a reading room and billiard room.

We are getting very good meals and plenty if they give seconds. The trouble with me is that my appetite is getting larger each day.

I receive the Outlook quite regularly but they usually come a late one and then two or three early ones. They are all eagerly read through, go't worry."

Since writing the above I have moved my quarters. A troop of cavalry moved out and left us rooms in the end of a large stable. We are not in the stable, our room is separate. There are ten in the room which is about 40 by 10. We have good beds up from the floor, hooks for clothes, shelves, cupboards, tables, chairs and a concrete floor.

I got a bath Saturday, the first one in two weeks. There are no bath houses or showers in this joint, so a bath is hard to get, but not for members of this "Union." We found a stove with a 25-gallon kettle on it filled it and the stove and soon had the water hot. We all had our bath after which we threw our soiled clothes into the tub and washed them out. Oh we are industrious for once, I'll admit.

My address is 2d Battalion Headquarters, 65th Artillery, C. A. C., American Expeditionary Forces. I'm not in the Supply company any more.

The following are excerpts from a letter written by Caryl Heslin of the Supply company, 65th Artillery, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Heslin of Fairview:

I am enclosing a farewell address

from the people of Mexon to the 65th. We've sure been treated fine by the people here and we hate to leave them. The old people here have treated us like members of the family, always watching over us and taking care of us when we come in hot or tired or sick, watching to see that our clothes are gotten in out of the rain and a thousand and one other things.

The Y. M. C. A. gave another concert here Saturday evening. It was sure good. A violinist with a three thousand dollar violin, a French opera singer also a couple of Americans.

Under date of August 6 Caryl writes from LaCourtine and says: We have moved at last and are in a big camp now. We have fine quarters and good accommodations. It's a kind of an out-of-the-way place but we don't expect to stay long. We had quite a journey down and saw a good deal of country, ruined castles, vineyards, big flat valleys and rough mountainous country. It's quite picturesque.

Following is the speech of farewell on the occasion of the moving of the American troops from the village:

Americans of the 65th Art. C. A. C. Detachment of Mexon, France:

You have just passed three months among us, and now you are leaving us to accomplish the sacred mission which has been trusted to you by your citizens and countrymen, and will make its weight on the side where is found the right, the justice and the liberty of the world.

And that the almighty will accompany you and give you the strength to accomplish gloriously your mission.

Who will permit the most of you to return to the liberal America, who gladly made the sacrifice in sending you here and found the greatest glory in doing so, and we pray that you will return safely to the loved ones left behind.

Who will permit you to return and find all your parents, who love you with all their hearts, still alive and in good health.

And who will grant to those among you who will fall in the struggle the reward which is reserved for this elect.

Your departing Americans will leave a large space among us, for we have become so accustomed to seeing you drill on our streets and ways, and to see you circulate among us, gay, happy, confident and filled with kindness.

Our children will never forget you large boys who stayed with the children and took them into their arms and gave them caresses and bonbons, and no doubt these children brought sweet remembrances of home.

Our young ladies will keep sacred the memory of your good graces of your gaiety and of your courtesies, truly chivalrous.

Our poor will also regret the departure of those who so generously gave, and with discretions, and there put into proper applications the verse of our poet.

"The motive of giving is of more value than that which we give."

We love you, we all will regret your departing and we will accompany you with our best wishes wherever you may go.

We all have admired the good harmony which exists among the officers and men, and the exact discipline, fully observed, notwithstanding the great familiarity existing between officers and men.

Our thanks and remembrance to your colonel, that gentleman accomplished and surely loved by you, who has been a pillar of strength, despite the gravity of the hour, and who has laid at our doors entertainments, excellent music, of the regiment concert of the winter, boxing matches and many other things, almost discontinued by our population.

And we also extend our thanks to have been permitted to admire every day the good carriage of the officers and troops; the parades; and the fetes with the noble flag of The Stars and Stripes which already on the battlefield floats in union with our glorious tricolor.

Receive our farewell, AMERICAN Friends, and we wish from the bottom of our hearts that health, happiness and glory will follow you, and you leave remembrances which will make you considered as one of our beloved family.

AUBERT,

Chief of the Battalion of The Retreat, Mexon, France,

July 25th, 1918.

## Mongrels for War Work.

"The psychology of the dog in war is a subject to consider now that the military demand for dogs is growing," said Cleveland E. Ellis, of Raleigh, N. C., recently. Dogs are invaluable in trench warfare. "They scent the enemy's approach, carry messages and locate the wounded. The thoroughbred dog is usually good at one or two things. The pedigreed prize-winning dog is good to be looked upon, and not much more."

"But there is another dog, a very useful dog, and plenty of him. This is the stray dog of the street, cur by general repute and miscellaneous by breeding."

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