

## POTATO SCHOOL NEW THING HERE

In the inauguration of a potato school in Gresham on Saturday the people of the community, growers, back-letters, industrial club workers along garden lines from the rural schools—everybody at all interested in the lowly spud will have an opportunity to hear the results of the findings of two of the foremost potato specialists in the country.

Prof. G. R. Hislop, head of the farm crops department of O. A. C. and M. B. McKay, plant disease specialist from the same institution, will be the principal speakers at this novel school, the first of its kind in this part of the state. Potato schools have been conducted by these men in Lane, Columbia and Washington counties, as well as in several sections in eastern Oregon. They have all been highly successful and largely attended.

The continuous meeting here on Saturday will be held from ten o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the evening at the Union high school building. The recently installed balopticon, a part of the agricultural course equipment of the school, will be used for an illustrated lecture on "Potato Diseases and Their Control," by Mr. McKay. Mr. McKay is a most engaging lecturer. Last year he was inspector for the state potato certification board. His talks are thoroughly practical, his subject being handled from the growers, rather than the laboratory standpoint. His work and study has covered a period of several years, the findings being absolutely the result of a practical field experience.

Professor Hislop is the best informed farm crops man in the west. The opportunity to hear what he has to say on the practical growing of potatoes and improvement of the tuber is one that should commend itself to all of us and result in a large attendance at the high school Saturday. The grading and marketing problems will also be discussed by Professor Hislop.

Following the lectures County Agent S. B. Hall will conduct a round table of discussion on the problems of the people present. The matter of specializing on a limited number of varieties of seed potatoes, those best suited to the locality, will receive attention.

An added feature that should prove of great interest is a potato display which will be held in the laboratory of the agricultural department of the high school. It has been suggested that each person attending bring along a sample of last year's growing to augment the display.

Places will be provided for those who bring a basket luncheon, to eat in the school building at noon.

County Agent Hall is most enthusiastic over the possibilities of the "school" and is expecting a large attendance of townspeople and growers.

## SANDY FARMERS AT DAIRY SCHOOL

The farmers of eastern Clackamas county attended a school in practical dairying at Sandy on Mar. 11 and 12. Lectures and demonstrations were given on breeding and feeding dairy cattle. The instructors were E. B. Fitts and E. L. Westover of O. A. C. and County Agent R. G. Scott.

Fifty farmers attended, taking an active interest in the work.

At the close of the session preliminary steps were taken to organize a co-operative association for the purpose of bringing in some high-class Jersey bulls. A committee of seven dairymen was chosen to work out final plans for the organization and to report at a called meeting of the dairymen at an early date.

The school is held under the auspices of the recently organized county farm bureau and is in charge of County Agent Scott.

### More War Trophies.

And have you seen the assortment of Teuton headpieces in the window of Cannon's store? They are late arrivals from France—not from the fashion centers of Paris, however. Sergeant Arthur P. Wilson of the 163d Ambulance Corps mailed them to Miss Miriam Brown. There are four styles from which to make a selection. Miss Brown is wearing the Iron cross that came tucked in the package.

You've heard of the Lykner polish for furniture and autos. Call and see it demonstrated. J. E. Metzger, Your Home Furnisher.

## MANUAL TRAINING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

With little time for instruction and practice the boys of the seventh and eighth grades in Gresham grade school have made a creditable showing in manual training. Some sturdy magazine stands and book racks have found their way to several homes in town—not to mention the tabourettes and doll furniture that gladdened the hearts of the fond mothers and small sisters during the holiday season. A well built library table and other substantial pieces of furniture are being finished in the tool shops and workrooms in the school basement now.

Much of the work has been done by the boys with simply a few suggestions from T. J. Skirvin, the school principal. There is no manual training instructor for the grade school pupils, and for that reason the boys in the fifth and sixth grades have not been allowed to take the work this year. Left to their own resources with the tools and raw materials, the upper grade boys have used their brief twenty-minute periods to advantage. They have been too much interested in their work to take any time off for a frolic. What little time Mr. Skirvin has been able to spare for instruction has been well repaid by the boys' interest and application.

The condition of the equipment and the ship-shape appearance of the shop is a credit to Mr. Skirvin and his charges. When he first took hold Mr. Skirvin could not find a plane or screw driver without great chunks chewed off their edges. So he rented a grind stone from Mr. Kidder and spent a squeaky Saturday putting edges on the tools.

There has been quite a demand among the young boys for the manual training course. With all the equipment available, the tools remaining as property of Gresham district when the high school became a joint district with its own manual training department, it seems as if some plan might be worked out for regular instruction in this subject.

## JOINT LECTURE SATURDAY NIGHT

Major Jack Hamilton, doughty soldier and hero of a thrilling rescue by which he won the hand of a fair young French woman, was in Portland yesterday arranging for a lecture on Saturday night at Masonic hall in the Regner block. His lecture "Under Three Flags" will be given as a benefit for the fatherless children of France, a cause very dear to Major and Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton will be present at the lecture and will take part in the program. She is a very charming young woman. It's small wonder that the gallant major dashed to her assistance when she was suffering indignities at the hands of several swaggering young German officers who were put to rout by our soldier.

An added feature will be a further lecture on Malay peninsula jungle life, habits of the jungle creatures and living conditions among the human population. It will be different from tonight's lecture at which Mr. Wells will delight the youngsters with animal tales and stereopticon slides. At the Saturday night performance Mrs. Wells will appear in the costume of the Malay people, and will give some impressions of her residence there during the six years. Mr. Wells was engaged in research work on the peninsula under the British foreign office.

Both Major Hamilton and Mr. Wells addressed the grade school and high school pupils yesterday, the major's trench experiences causing gales of laughter.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT JOHNSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Johnson celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their marriage with a dinner party at their home last Thursday evening.

Seated about the beautifully appointed table were their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cushman, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. J. Montclair Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sterling, and Mrs. A. W. Shipley. Violets, narcissus and daffodils were used effectively about the rooms where the guests remained to visit and to extend felicitations.

A special home missionary service will be held at the Free Methodist church of Gresham on Sunday, Mar. 30, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Adelaide Beers of Portland will speak. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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## Young Friend Praises Outlook

Every time we get the Outlook  
Daddy sits and reads it through.  
I am not allowed to touch it  
Till Mama comes and reads it too.  
Oh 'tis great to hear our daddy  
Read the choice bits here and there!

Gresham Outlook, I admit it,  
Really you are treasured here.  
Excellent is what we call you  
Surely your tidings are the best.  
Home sweet home is my own corner  
And I think it beats the rest.  
May you prosper in the future.

Outlook 'tis our wish for you.  
Undisturbed by adverse fortune  
Take your stand and be true blue.  
Lately you have improved greatly,  
Outlook you just ought to know.  
Others like me should come forward to  
Keep your energy aglow.

—Alexander Maclean Nielsen.

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

of Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas

YOU are cordially invited to attend  
a Banquet, Reception and Entertainment  
to be given in your honor at  
Gresham, Friday night, April fourth  
at half after six o'clock.

Banquet in the Grange Hall.  
Program in the Masonic Hall.

## CONCLUSION OF 'DOC' ROGERS' WAR LETTER

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE)

We withdrew from the front to some billets near Chalons-sur-Marne and in a week or ten days went over the same ground again in the support of the French but withdrew, without going into action, to the same billets we had come from.

From here we went by Calvados to the Argonne Forest and after resting for several days in its innermost depths went to foremost positions of the line on October 21.  
A young barrage had been going on all night but at 3:30 a. m. November 1, 1918 all hell was turned loose. On all sides of us, our machine gun barrage was more than tearing things up and directly behind us were 75s, and then came our heavier cannon, and behind these were our naval guns of large caliber mounted on railway trucks. Heinie now started to send over his senbobs hoping to delay the arrival of the troops who were going to make attack, but we had fooled him, for we had been lying about 200 yards in front of his foremost positions for several hours. I thought I had seen fireworks on the Fourth of July, but nothing could compare to this. The noise was so intense that you could not hear a person speak who was beside you and the smoke from the explosion of our guns became so concentrated that breathing was next to an impossibility.

Heinie was always great on sending up rockets and flares during a barrage but on this occasion he more than excelled himself, for he was sending up white ones, blue ones, green ones, red ones and many times his whole front line looked like a row of various colored lights as far as the eye could see, but that was no great distance for the smoke was too much in prominence. The time was about 5 a. m. on the morning of November 1, 1918—dark and cold, and Heinie's line silhouetted against the sky by our new star or rather fire rockets similar to a weeping willow skyrockets only that they burst on the ground or only a few feet above it. You could see our riflemen standing at Heinie's barb wire popping them off, that is, the Heinie's at every shot. It was here that we met our only real resistance. Our battalion was the first over and we had gained our objective by 8 a. m. and had been leaped forward by the 2d battalion of our regiment. Just before our objective was reached, two stretcher bearers and myself roused our four Heinie medical men out of a dugout and started them to the rear. As far as the eye could see, in the direction of the rear, one could see "beaucoup" groups of three or four prisoners each, double timing it to the back areas.

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We started the attack just in advance of Sommerance and on the evening of the 10th we were just a kilometer or so from the Meuse River between Mouzon and Stenay. At about 8:30 p. m. our barrage opened up and down to the river we went, double time most of the way and was across by 9:30 p. m. We crossed over a pontoon bridge which was put across by the 2d engineers under shell fire. We were wet up to the knees and there was a heavy frost this night and besides this hardship we ran into machine gun nest after machine gun nest. It was the hardest night I ever spent and on the 11th month, 11th day and 11th hour of the year 1918 was the happiest moment of my life. We took up advanced positions on a cold bleak hillside, where the cold wind blew in and out of our puppy tents for four days, when we were relieved. From here we went to the town of Pouilly and on the 17th of November started on the march to the Rhine. We passed through the south-eastern part of Belgium through the city of Arlon, where we received a royal welcome. We then went into the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and stayed for about a week in Gilsdorf, a few kilometers from the German border, where we spent Thanksgiving, and on December 1st went across the border.

This was our first hiking in, around, and over mountains. There had been heavy frosts and the trees and fields were covered with a white film and this made a very interesting journey although the hikes were long and the weather cold.

We passed through the city of Prims and stayed three days in Stadkyl.  
On Friday, the 13th of December, we crossed the Rhine, over the Ludendorff bridge which was begun in 1914 but has not yet been put into commission. It crosses the Rhine between Remagen and Linz. It rained all day which made it very disagreeable, but we secured a billet with a fire so we soon forgot our hardships. This was in the city of Honingen. On the 16th we came over the hills to the small village of Niederbreitbach, which is situated at the junction of the Fachenbach and Wied Bach.

We had a white Christmas, but the snow was gone in a day or so and until the 20th of January the weather was very comfortable, but we are now having quite cool nights and a flurry of snow now and then.

As prospects for our home return are very far off a line or so from a former acquaintance certainly would be appreciated.

B. F. ROGERS,  
Ph. M. U. S. N. Md. D. C. 1st Battalion,  
5th Marines, 2d Division, Amer. E. F.

### Mrs. Ott's Funeral.

Dr. H. H. Ott returned Sunday from Gardner, Kansas, where he took Mrs. Ott's remains for burial. He was met at the depot in Portland by W. R. Burke and motored at once to the family home here. Young John Ott will remain east with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Patch, for a fortnight, when the two will make the trip to Gresham together.

Mrs. Ott's funeral was held in Gardner on Sunday, March 16th, from the home of her uncle, Homer Eyerling. Among the relatives attending were Dr. Ott's brother and sister, who came long distances.

### Judge Wonacott, Angler.

This spring weather has just been too much for the judge. He had to get out the old fishin' tackle and try a little casting. Oh, just one or two quiet excursions to nearby creeks. You'd never suspect it except for a self-conscious blush and that pole poking through the back window of the car. Nope, no luck.

Mrs. E. C. Giltner, of Portland, who recently returned from France where she served as a nurse's aide, will speak at the meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. John Cannon on April 3d.

## RURAL SCHOOLS TO AID IN AMERICANIZATION

The speakers heard and enjoyed by Multnomah county teachers Saturday were: Mr. Dixon, principal of Ockley Green school of Portland; Mr. Phillips, of the Naturalization Bureau; Mrs. Trumbull, of Child Welfare Bureau; Miss Wood, of the Portland library, and Miss Calkins, Industrial Club leader.

The schools are taking up the work of helping to Americanize alien children of a certain age. The text book of Americanization is to consist of simple civics, history, spelling of words pertaining to governmental affairs and miscellaneous helps to the foreign-born. These books will be sent to any teacher upon application to Superintendent Alderson.

The children are, as a result of Saturday's meeting, helping the teachers to make a record of all soldiers enlisted or drafted into the army service whether they are now released or not.

A back-to-the-school drive is being instituted, which means that all children will be kept in school up to the age of 16 unless they have graduated from the grammar grades, and children up to 18 years will be made to attend school five hours a week. It was found that there were 50,000 illiterate American soldiers from one southern state alone, and 700,000 soldiers in first and second draft could neither read nor write in tests required of them. The schools are working hard to correct this deficiency.

On Friday and Saturday before the county fairs or exhibits of their own production. Some schools are to be grouped, but Gresham will constitute a unit by itself.

Willene Botkin of the Gresham sixth grade had the best note book in the sixth grade in the county for the school month, and will receive the thrift stamp given as a reward.

## LESSONS IN THRIFT TO ENGAGE PUPILS

Comes now the arithmetic bee! And to start the buzzing a gold watch has been offered by Isaacs Staples as a prize to the arithmetic champion of the county. At the suggestion of Superintendent Alderson drill in rapid number work will start at once and continue until the end of the school term, when a series of contests will develop the crack multipliers and dividers of the county.

The organization of thrift and industrial clubs occupied the attention of the 85 rural teachers of Multnomah county who met in the county school superintendent's office Saturday. The sale of thrift stamps will receive the attention of the thrift clubs in the schools.

Portland four-minute men have arranged to speak in every school district where, within the next few weeks, these organization meetings will be held. The schedule arranged is as follows:

Friday, April 4, Lynch; Monday, April 7, Victory; Tuesday, April 8, Brooks; Thursday, April 10, Wilkes; Friday, April 11, Jt. Park Rose; Monday, April 14, Fairview; Tuesday, April 15, Troutdale; Thursday, April 17, Holbrook; Friday, April 18, joint West Portland; Monday, April 21, Powell Valley; Tuesday, April 22, Riverdale; Thursday, April 24, Rockwood; Friday, April 25, joint Park Rose; Monday, April 28, Mountain; Tuesday, April 29, Pleasant Valley; Thursday, May 1, Hillsdale; Friday, May 2, joint Corbett; Monday, May 5, Orient and Lusted; Tuesday, May 6, Pleasant View; Thursday, May 7, Russellville; Friday, May 8, joint Gresham.

Charles N. Wonacott, of Portland, son of Judge and Mrs. G. W. Wonacott of Gresham was one of the first men caught up by the New Era movement of the Presbyterian church when it swept the country for men especially fitted to handle this great religious enterprise. Wonacott made himself known when he put the state of Oregon over the top in the war savings drive. It is not known to many in Portland that Wonacott was offered the national directorship of the war savings campaign. He refused that to become the director of the New Era campaign of the Presbyterian church. He was formerly secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A. before engaging in war work and church activities.

Mesdames Schneider, Emery, Wostell, Larson, Beagle, W. F. and Geo. F. Honey, Leonard and Clanahan attended the W. C. T. U. County Council at the Industrial Center in Portland last week. An excellent program and lunch were enjoyed.

Yesterday's Oregonian contained this marriage license: Willard Grimshaw-Erving Leroy Willard, 22, of Gresham, Oregon, and Llewella Oriol Grimshaw, 16, of Gresham, Oregon.

## TERRY MEETING BECOMES WARM

The community meeting announced announced for Saturday evening in the Terry district schoolhouse drew a large attendance of interested persons, who met to discuss, and hear discussed, the county unit bill, recently passed by the state legislature as Senate Bill 45. This measure will be voted upon by the people of Multnomah county on June 3d and it was to analyze the measure that the meeting was called.

E. E. Welling, a member of the board of directors of District No. 8 presided as chairman.

B. F. Mulkey, a Portland attorney, who for many years, was a successful and popular teacher in the eastern Multnomah county schools, prior to his admission to the bar, spoke at length condemning the bill. Mr. Mulkey is in favor of the principles of consolidation, but attacked the present bill in that it vests too much power in the county superintendent of schools. Many others present took the same stand in the matter, among them being Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Welling, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cavanaugh, James Burns, and Mrs. John Bliss. A large delegation of people from Pleasant Valley were present, adding their protest to that of the Terry people.

County Superintendent Alderson was present at the meeting, but refused the chairman's invitation to speak. A Mr. Benson of the Rockwood district attempted to speak in favor of the measure. His manner was somewhat unfortunate however, his opening remarks being resented by many of the school patrons present as raising doubts as to their intelligence. Considerable confusion ensued and when quiet had been restored it was discovered that Mr. Benson had taken leave of the gathering.

Superintendent Alderson expressed himself as favoring a debate on the subject, asking permission to present a speaker at some future meeting, who would enumerate the advantages to be gained by its adoption by the people. It has been planned to hold an open meeting in the Powell Valley school on Friday night, at which time Mr. Alderson will produce his speaker. At the suggestion of Mr. Alderson, Mr. Mulkey was urged to be present. Wm. Peterson, clerk of the Powell Valley school board invited those present to attend the meeting Friday night and to bring others interested. As an added inducement Mr. Peterson announced that refreshments would be served at the close of the meeting.

### Mrs. B. F. Bauer Entertains.

Mrs. B. F. Bauer was a hostess at a jolly birthday party Thursday night, honoring Miss Myrtle Hagerman, the popular primary grade teacher, who makes her home with the Bauer family. The other guests, teachers and others who make up this happy family, had a most enjoyable evening of games, music and delicious "eats." Those present were Miss Maude Michel, Miss Grace Ogilbee, Mrs. Allen, Miss Hughes, Miss Lyons, Miss Weare and Miss Montague.

### Birthday Party for Miss Hevel.

Miss Vivian Hevel's eighteenth birthday was celebrated with a charming party last evening at the family home. Assisted by her mother, Mrs. A. Hevel and by Mrs. Ida Williams, the young hostess provided an evening's fun consisting of games, singing of popular songs with vocal numbers by Miss Hevel, Miss Henriette Wiles and Sergeant Guy Jones, and an elaborate birthday supper at which Miss Hevel presided graciously. Her guests were the Misses Willa Metzger, Miriam Brown, Henriette Wiles, Helen Wosten and Edith Hyatt and Sergeant Guy Jones, Sergeant Walter Graham of Portland, Leslie Wiles and Harry Wostell.

## STEREOPTICON LECTURE

Wild Life in the Jungle in  
Malay

By G. Carveth Wells.

Benefit Baptist church.

Tuesday, March 25, 8 p. m.

Regner's Hall, Gresham  
(Changed from Metzger's Hall)

Musical Program.

Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 35c  
Children 15c