

PLAYSHED GIVEN BIG BOOST AT MEETING

All the playshed enthusiasts of Gresham and vicinity were out Friday night, including a good proportion of the pupils of the grade school. Apparently the playshed is an assured thing judging from the unanimity of the sentiments expressed at the meeting. It now remains for those in favor of the move to get out to the schoolhouse meeting to be held at the schoolhouse on Saturday afternoon, November 22, and vote the budget as prepared and published by the school board.

Prof. R. F. Brumbaugh, of Oregon Agricultural College, was the principal speaker of the evening. He outlined three different theories as to why children play as follows: The first theory is that play is for the purpose of working off surplus energy in the young. This was formerly taken for granted and no special effort was made to direct the play in any way. Another theory is that play is a rehearsal of the development of the race. Still another is that play is to prepare children for the duties of life, by being imitation of the activities of adults. A fourth theory, and one being generally accepted, is that the play of the children assists in the use of the muscles and helps to coordinate the various parts of the body. Play, therefore, gives muscular development and it also has a mental value, since the most imaginative child is the one that moves the most. Play is, therefore, a most important part of education and every effort should be made to give earnest thought to the recreational life of the child.

The plain inference from Professor Brumbaugh's speech was that a city, airy place in which the school children could spend the recess periods of the school day is a necessity, especially in this climate when rains prevail largely during the winter. Several persons in the room were called upon, and without exception they favored a playshed.

P. T. Campbell of Pleasant Valley school said that a playshed was built three years ago and is considered a good investment. He said that the children of the school have established an enviable record for good behavior since they had the shed. H. E. Popperton of the same district endorsed the report of Mr. Campbell.

Dr. A. W. Botkin said he believed the district was a unit in wanting a playshed, both for the good which will accrue to the children and for

the purpose of keeping abreast of the times and building that which will be a matter of civic pride.

Dr. H. V. Adix thinks a playshed is a necessity. He said that at Estacada, where the idea was put into practice several years ago, it has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that the venture was a good thing. He suggested that the shed should be built without supporting posts on the inside of the shed, for the safety of the children.

Judge George W. Stapleton hopes to see a building put up which shall be permanent and attractive. He prophesied the early coming of the time when a larger and better grade schoolhouse will be a necessity and urged that this shed be so built that it shall be a match for that new building.

H. H. Eling remembered that the "Standard School" on the front of the schoolhouse was an element in his choice of Gresham for a home. "Taxes spent for school purposes are taxes spent in a good way," concluded Mr. Eling.

Mrs. E. Norby told of her experience, shared by every other mother present, of finding her children's feet wet and cold on their return from school, and of the resulting colds and sickness.

Theodore Brugger suggests two playsheds, one for the small children and one for the larger.

One of the interesting features of the evening was the giving of some of the slogans which had been turned in by the children. The following from Glenn Full received the dollar prize offered by the playshed committee of the Patron-Teacher association:

A playshed for our health,
Which is our greatest wealth.
Ray Strong of the eighth grade drew a poster which would have done credit to a much older artist. He won the prize.

The following is the record of the attendance of adults and their votes for the various rooms: first grade, 17; second grade, 18; third grade, 17; fourth grade, 20; fifth grade, 20; sixth grade, 15; eighth grade, 10; seventh grade, 23. This gave the possession of the beautiful picture offered by the association to the seventh grade, to be held until some other occasion when a contest will again be held.

The musical numbers were a piano solo by Miss Frieda Bratzel and a vocal solo by Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth, both of which were well received.

GRESHAM HOME BUILDERS STOCK SUBSCRIBED; DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Gresham Home Builders association, an incorporation, composed entirely of local citizens with the object of providing more homes in this locality, is now fully organized and ready for business.

The organization was perfected at a meeting of the stockholders in Masonic hall last night, with about 145 shares of the possible 200 represented. It was found at the beginning of the meeting that more than nine-tenths of the \$10,000 capital stock had been subscribed and during the evening the balance was taken up, making the capital stock now fully subscribed.

By-laws were read and adopted, providing for seven directors and putting the annual meeting of stockholders on the evening of the second Monday in January of each year. It was provided that the directors elected at last night's meeting will hold office until January, 1921.

The directors of the new association are, Benj. Cameron, A. W. Metzger, Arthur Dowsett, K. A. Miller, E. H. Todd, G. W. Stapleton and Jas. Erickson.

At the conclusion of the meeting the newly elected directors, all of whom were present, met and organized by the election of the following officers: Benj. Cameron, president; A. W. Metzger, vice president; Jas. Erickson, secretary and K. A. Miller, treasurer.

The directors authorized that 20 per cent of the stock subscribed be paid at once in cash and demand

notes to cover the balance. These are without interest until demand is made for any portion of the amount covered when such portion will bear six per cent interest until paid. Not all stock subscribers were present at last night's meeting but the liveliest interest was shown and it was stated that about seven-tenths of the capital stock was secured by cash payments and notes.

The Home Builders' association is thus launched for a career of great usefulness, it is believed. The association is put on the soundest possible foundation and is planned for the greatest efficiency and speed in its operations commensurate with safety. It was stated there had been several applications for homes which would be considered in a formal way by the directors at once.

The unanimity and lively interest shown by Gresham business people and other citizens in meeting this civic necessity and taking this forward movement has called forth expressions of commendation and has created a stronger feeling of confidence in one another and in the future growth of the locality. The fact that in the election of directors and officers at the meeting last night there was manifest no unwillingness on the part of any to take the part he was asked to take, and also that the subscriptions to stock have been largely voluntary and all but oversubscribed, augurs well for the undertaking and for the community.

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Armistice Day--American Legion Day

This is a day of days—the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice which marked the cessation of hostilities of the great World War.

It is a day of rejoicing. Every heart should be devoutly thankful that democracy triumphed over autocracy and the right of any and every nation of people to determine their form of government and work out their destiny was maintained.

The first year has been one of reconstruction and the great task is but just begun. The League of Nations, which many believe is the most hopeful and effective attempt to end wars, is certain of adoption and it presages an era of world peace.

Great responsibilities are upon us and great tasks are ahead. Armistice Day is American Legion Day. It is well to associate the two. The first national convention of the American Legion is now in session in Minneapolis. Much is looked for from this organization.

All hail to the boys who helped to put it over! They stand for a high ideal, that of 100 per cent Americanism. That's what is needed now as never before. Their peerless leader Col. Teddy Roosevelt recently said:

"We cannot turn the clock back and return to the things of twenty years ago, meanwhile sitting on the safety valve. We must go ahead. But we must stay clear of untried, half-baked isms that would take us off the road of progress."

"This is what America must do to avoid any such catastrophe as has come to Russia. We—every citizen—must see to it that men are placed in office, from the highest place to the lowest in the land, who will enforce law and order. Then, equally important, we must see to it that we have a continuing policy of logical, sane liberalism."

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROVIDED FOR IN SCHOOLS

The move for the erection of playsheds in connection with country school will directly aid in the enforcement of the new law compelling a certain amount of physical exercise in public schools of Oregon. This law went into effect on September 1 and has not been effective long enough to give a real test of its value, but teachers feel sure of it, according to Miss Mabel L. Cummings, head of the department of physical education for women at the University of Oregon, who was also a member of the committee named by State Superintendent Churchill to frame a course of instruction to carry out the provisions of the act.

The law, provides that 20 minutes in each school day or 100 minutes each week, be devoted to some form of physical exercise on the part of every pupil in the schools of Oregon from the first grade through the fourth year of the high school. In explaining the course of instruction framed under this statute, Miss Cummings, has addressed teachers' institutes in Dallas, Baker, Astoria, North Bend, Ashland and Roseburg. An early address in Eugene and one December 6 at Yoncalla will complete the series.

"There are few cast-iron prescriptions in the course," said Miss Cummings. "Practically the only one is, that in every grade school the day shall be broken at least three times by physical exercise. Above the third grade, three periods of setting-up exercises lasting two minutes each, at least, are required. The work consists also of vigorous recreational activity to afford the required stimulation and mental and nervous relief. The course outlines and suggests the setting-up exercises and various forms of recreational activities."

"There is a great demand for instruction on the part of the teachers," continued Miss Cummings. "I find this everywhere. Teachers are expressing themselves to me as glad that the requirement has been made into a law. They have long

wanted to do as much as possible, they say, and they are glad that now they must do it and must take the time for this work. The teachers, a lot of them, are enthusiastic, but in many instances they do need the instruction. Some of them say to me, 'We are eager to do this work, but what shall we do when we have no playshed, when our school grounds are undrained, and we have no room but the space between the desks?' That is the problem—facilities, equipment."

"The teachers are eager to do their very best. They see the need of it for this little whisp of a youngster, for that stoop-shouldered, flat-chested boy. They have a conception of the national need for improved health and physique. It is up to the public to supply grounds, playsheds, gymnasiums, balls and equipment."

"In western Oregon, where the winters are mild, an open-air gymnasium with shower baths is as good accommodation for this work as we can have. We ought to have warm dressing rooms and showers. Our open-air gymnasium, such as the one we have here on the campus, is simply a well-constructed playshed with a floor. Every little school needs to have a supply of footballs, baseballs and tennis balls. These are expensive, with what war tax and high price of materials these days, but they are worth their cost, and the people ought to stand up to it. Their men who went overseas weren't brought to their high state of physical efficiency without a great deal of expense for recreational facilities and equipment. If this were a good thing for the men, it is food for the children. Really it always pays better to spend money on a child than on an adult, owing to his greater possibility of development."

Miss Cummings expressed her appreciation of the interest taken in the movement by State Superintendent Churchill. "We have had this enthusiastic backing from the start," she said. "He has been working through the county superintendents, and they through the teachers."

COUNTY FAIR SHOWED GOOD MARGIN OF PROFIT

At the recent meeting of the directors of the Multnomah County Fair association it was voted to have President H. A. Lewis and Manager C. D. Minton meet with the county commissioners and audit the books of the association.

The matter of adding more land to the fair grounds or seeking a new location was discussed and authority was asked at the stockholders' meeting to take necessary action. The meeting of the stockholders will be held on the first Monday in December for the election of a new board of directors.

Reports showed a profit from the fair of \$5600. The new buildings were paid for out of this and a balance of \$900 was applied on indebtedness.

MULTNOMAH GRANGE TO HAVE BAZAAR

Multnomah grange is preparing for a bazaar and pie social to be held early in December. All members, men and women, are expected to contribute something for the bazaar. In connection with the sale will be a program, which will include a drama. The program committee consists of Mrs. G. H. Hayden, Mrs. Louise Nelson and Mrs. Myrtle Ball. Other committees have not yet been appointed.

Small Farm for Sale.

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THE UNFINISHED TASK, ARMISTICE DAY TALK

"The unfinished task of democracy is to guide the forces of progress and freedom that shall determine the new world order. Democracy is on trial before the world. The foundations of the social order have been shaken and are shifting," said Rev. R. E. Myers in an Armistice Day address at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday evening. The world is looking to us as an example and a guide in the matter of a democratic government. We are far from the attainment of Christian ideals but we have made much progress.

Mr. Myers traced the development of the democratic idea from its beginnings in the Roman Empire, when Rome was a great slave state, to the fall of the empire and the long period of political chaos, known as the dark ages. Out of this sprang feudalism, which was based on the fundamental principles of dependence and protection. This condition inevitably brought about the formation of kingdoms and empires, but the forces of democracy were at work transforming the monarchies into constitutional and representative forms of government.

In England the magna charta, bill of rights and trial by jury were successively wrung from the governing classes by the growing power of the common people. In France the philosophes were writing of liberty, equality and fraternity. The greatest development came on the American continent, where the struggle for the freedom of a nation was fought for and won. Italy and France threw off the shackles of absolutism. The Civil War in our own country brought about the freedom of a race. The spirit of democracy had spread throughout the world.

The speaker brought out the fact that the world is still in the making. The vital forces are not exhausted and there is still the promise of creative energy. There is still the transforming task. Some of the characteristics of the world which is to be, are unity, order, and the use of the government for the good of the people. Economic altruism must prevail.

The chasm between labor and capital must be bridged by unselfish, common sense methods. International difficulties must be overcome. "Will the League of Nations stick?" "That depends," answered the speaker, "on what binds it together. If selfishness, national vanity, race pride or military ambition is to dominate, it is a false hope. Humanity can only be linked together by convictions, conscience and consciousness. The spirit of cooperation must take hold upon us. The thought of Jesus, 'the universal brotherhood,' must dominate."

GRESHAM NIGHT AT MULTNOMAH CAMP

Next Friday night, November 14, will be the big Gresham night at Multnomah camp Woodmen of the World at the camp's hall 112 East Sixth street, near Grand avenue and East Morrison street.

The camp is initiating every Friday night a large class of 100 and more and on this particular night recognition will be given to a class of about 50 Gresham men whose applications have been secured recently.

All Woodmen of the World members and candidates from this locality especially are urged to attend. The latter need not wait for special notice.

All that the camp has in store for its old and new members at this meeting has not been made public but there need be no doubt that those who attend will be shown a good time in keeping with the character and membership of this big camp.

The Gresham hat shop is drawing patronage not only from this vicinity but from Portland as well. Mr. and Mrs. Scobee of Portland came out one day last week and took home with them seven hats for the feminine members of the family. Several other Portlanders are among those to buy hats here within the past week.

The Oregon City Enterprise is approaching its fifty-fourth birthday and is getting ready to celebrate the event by moving into its new building which is modernly equipped for newspaper purposes. The daily edition started nearly ten years ago. We congratulate our neighbor on its growth and achievement.

GRESHAM GRANGE HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION

Gresham grange held a session of unusual interest last Saturday afternoon at the open lecture hour. Judge Morrow, who had been announced, was not able to be there on account of sickness in his family but the time was profitably taken up by local speakers and entertainers.

The piano solo by Willene Botkin and the ballads by Miss Mary Hansen were well received.

Miss Ethel Calkins talked on the coming farmer, who would develop along the lines of the industrial club work. She urged the co-operation of parents in the work which the clubs are trying to accomplish.

County Agent S. B. Hall emphasized the menace to this valley of the increasing control of farm lands by the Japanese.

Mrs. H. H. Eling made a speech in favor of the proposed playshed for the Gresham public school and solicited support of the measure at the coming special school meeting.

Rev. R. E. Myers and Mrs. Myers were guests at the grand dinner and Mr. Myers was called on for a speech. He spoke of the responsibility of all good citizens to be of service to the community and offered his personal support for all movements for the upbuilding of the community along moral and religious lines.

The feature of the program was a well-prepared paper by Mrs. R. F. Walters on the "Ideals of Peace," which is reprinted in this issue.

During the morning session L. P. Manning was given degree work and plans were made for the extensive renovation of the grange hall. These plans include the building of a septic tank and the installation of lavatories in the building and the general renovation of the property.

Visitors from Fairview grange were Mrs. Eliza Stone, Mrs. Cedric Stone and Roy Stone.

ORIENT SCHOOL PLAYSHED MEETING

A mass meeting has been called by the Parent-Teacher association of the Orient school to discuss the proposition of a playshed for the district. The meeting will be held at the grange hall on Wednesday evening, November 12. All who are interested are urged to be present. Mrs. R. B. Milne, Mrs. Robert Lundhorn and Mrs. Clifford Sloop have been appointed a committee to serve sandwiches and coffee.

Boring Home Total Loss.

The home of Mrs. C. A. Radford was destroyed by fire with all its contents early Sunday morning, November 9, while Mrs. Radford was visiting relatives in Gresham. When Mrs. Radford left her home on Saturday afternoon she was careful to see that no fire was left in the house, hence the origin of the fire is a mystery.

Notice, M. W. A. Members.

A big camp organization at Estacada on Thursday evening, November 13. Those desiring to attend notify camp clerk by Thursday noon. Will go by auto. Seventy-five members to ride the goat.

C. J. LUNQUIST, Clerk.

Towel and Apron Sale.

The ladies of the Zion Evangelical church will give a towel and apron sale and a chicken dinner on Thursday, November 20. The sale will begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The supper will be served between 5:30 and 7:30. The charges will be 65c a plate, which includes an admission to a good program to be given after the supper. An all round good time is assured.

GOOD PROFIT NETTED IN POULTRY RAISING

A net cash profit of \$76.23 was made by O. L. Dunlap of Junction City in 142 days from an average of 60 1/2 hens. The figures given cover a period from May 11 to October 4. The hens laid 5087 eggs, an average of 35.8 eggs a day or 83.7 eggs a hen which figures out 58.2 per cent production for the entire period.

Mr. Dunlap has one of the O. A. C. demonstration farms. He started with 63 hens and ended with 59. The cash income from these hens was \$233.92 and the cash expense \$126.21. The net income was \$107.71 above the cash expense. After paying for everything that was purchased and everything that was raised on the farm a net cash profit of \$76.23 was left. In addition to this cash profit Mr. Dunlap has raised and still has on hand 112 pullets and 13 cockerels. These chickens are of the single comb Ancona breed.

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