

OPEN HOUSE TO FARMERS SATURDAY; MANUFACTURERS CO-OPERATE WITH LOCAL MEN TO MAKE SUCCESS OF WEEK

More than 300 people enjoyed the banquet given by the Business Men's club as a part of the final program of the Farmers' week. It was by far the biggest day of the week and the program was fine from beginning to end and full of entertainment as well as being highly instructive.

Every one was surprised at the quantity and variety of the food served at the luncheon which proved to be a veritable banquet.

Six long tables were set in the Masonic hall and were well filled with visitors and business men. The tables were groaning beneath the weight of good things and were attractively arranged. Sprays of Oregon grape added a decorative note. During the dinner the high school orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. T. G. Taylor, furnished music. Many expressions were heard about the quality of the music. Gresham may well be proud of this orchestra and every encouragement should be given them because of their work and the willingness with which they help out on the various events of the town.

The girls of domestic science department of the High school deserve a great deal of praise for the efficient manner in which they, under the direction of their teacher Miss Minnie Schrepel, assisted the committee on serving.

At the close of the dinner Mr. Blend, Fisher's famous chef, served hot scones dripping with butter and raspberry jam.

The singing by the Girls' Glee club of the High school was an entertaining feature of the afternoon.

Address of Welcome.

K. A. Miller gave the address of welcome in behalf of the Business Men's club. Mr. Miller said he would like to see this movement continue and spoke of it as the first annual Farmers' week. "I can assure you," said Mr. Miller, "that this club will do every thing possible to aid in the success of all future events of this kind." Mr. Miller said further "the town might well be called the hub of the wheel in its relations to the country surrounding it and the hub without the spokes and rim is at a decided disadvantage."

In conclusion, Mr. Miller said that the custom was on such occasions to give over the keys of the city to visitors but the only key Gresham had was in the hands of the marshal but in spite of the lack of the symbolic key the town was theirs and everyone was urged to have a good time.

Judge Geo. W. Stapleton in his opening remarks said he felt this occasion was the first mile post in the developing of eastern Multnomah.

Judge Stapleton briefly reviewed the growth of the Union High school which was started four years ago by the six districts and told of the rapid growth which had gone far beyond anything those who planned for the present building had dreamed. "It was thought at that time that this building would be ample for at least five years and before the fourth year

is closed the building is taxed to its utmost capacity.

One of the important factors of the high school's growth was the agricultural department. The judge explained how the agricultural department had had an important part in influencing the minds of the people of the community.

"You are here because of the influence of the Union High school's agricultural department," said the judge. "It is teaching the whole community directly or indirectly."

The judge said that the school is either going forward or backward, it is impossible for it to stand still. He said that it was of the greatest importance to the community and to the young people that every effort be made to give it a boost in the right direction.

Farming and Education.

"This week's program" said the judge "will make our young people realize as they never have, the importance of farming and education."

D. E. Towle spoke briefly on the natural advantages of soil, climate, location and the good shipping facilities of this locality to make it a great berry growing center known to all the world as the home of the Cuthbert raspberry.

Mr. Towle said there were about 125 acres of newly planted raspberries, Logans and strawberries which about doubles the area of past years. "This territory should have 5000 acres of berries" said Mr. Towle, "this may sound visionary but it is a possibility and is up to the people of this community."

Mr. Towle on behalf of the farmers present read the following resolution which was endorsed by a rising vote from every one present:

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were offered by D. E. Towle at the banquet on behalf of the farmers and were unanimously carried by a rising vote:

Whereas, the programs of the past six days have been of incalculable value to us as farmers, covering fully every phase of our industry, (agriculture), and

Whereas, much credit is due our county agent, Mr. S. B. Hall, in conceiving the idea and his untiring efforts in working out the details, and

Whereas, much credit is due the staff of Oregon Agricultural college, including President Kerr and the other professors on this occasion, and

Whereas, we wish at this time to especially express our thanks for the able, efficient and sympathetic efforts of our college staff in helping to solve our problems in production and marketing, and

Whereas, we wish to thank the good people of Gresham, one and all, who have helped so much to make the institute week a source of pleasure and profit to us, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we express our thanks by rising to our feet and pledging our friends as enumerated, our feeling of good will toward them, and our co-operation with them in any efforts they may make toward them and our co-operation with community, and be it

Resolved, that we favor making institute week an annual event.

Support Oregon Industries.

A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries of Oregon, spoke of the needs for home support for Oregon industries. Mr. Clark said in part "All of us know that there are many idle people in the state but if the women of Oregon who buy candy for children and the men who buy candy for women would purchase Oregon made candy the increased demand would take up the labor stock among women and girls and all of them would be employed in gainful occupation."

"Last year Oregon furniture factories produced four and a half million dollars in furniture values. The Pacific Coast bought twenty-five million dollars in the same period. If half the people of the state demanded Oregon furniture the result in increased labor would take up the slack in unemployed men and boys and instead of hunting jobs for jobless people we would be combining the country for high grade skilled workers to come to Oregon."

"What would happen if all our industries received similar support? We could double our population in double quick time. It would mean more schools, churches, libraries, more homes, less taxes, etc.

"Thousands of our Oregon boys have been preaching the gospel of the Pacific Coast to thousands of willing ears in many countries of Europe. The story of America from Americans will kindle anew in the hearts of the pioneer spirits of the old world a desire for a home in the new and the Panama canal will furnish a short cut that will make the Pacific Coast the front door of America."

"Organization, co-operation, are the springboards from which we may leap to any success."

Women Have Power.

"Women buy or control from 80 to 90 per cent of food products, wearing apparel, house furnishings, etc., and their united and organized demand as purchasing agent of the home would change the labor map of Oregon in 30 days."

"Your prosperity is tied up very closely with the prosperity of Oregon. The prosperity of your home and city and state is tied up very closely with that of its business concerns, its manufacturing plants, its payrolls—in fact all industry."

Fun Thrown In.

An interruption to the more serious features of the afternoon was introduced when "The mysterious Mr. Adrian" and his friend "Bill" entertained the crowd with an amusing dialogue.

C. I. Lewis, editor of the Oregon Grower, spoke briefly in his entertaining manner. He presented the needs of the Oregon Agricultural college which is facing a condition like that of the Union High school; the buildings and finances are entirely inadequate to care for the increased enrollment.

O. A. C. Represented.

"For years the watchword of the Oregon college has been service" said Mr. Lewis.

President W. J. Kerr of O. A. C.,

gave many interesting facts in his address which showed the relation of the college experiment work to the agricultural development of the state.

The discovery of the benefits of sulphur fertilizer by the experiment station had increased the yield of alfalfa in one county by 10,000 pounds or a value of \$250,000. This one experiment gave returns greater than the cost of all the extension work of the college for the whole state according to the records.

Recognizing the value of the experiment one county is planning the co-operative purchase of 695 tons of this sulphur fertilizer and the value of the estimated increase will be \$250,000.

The pear blight which causes so much damage to fruit growing sections had been the subject of another experiment and the station working with it had derived a few varieties of pears which were blight proof. This will prove of tremendous value in the years to come.

An experiment was carried on by the extension department of the college as to the best varieties of wheat to grow in eastern Oregon. After a series of experiments with different varieties a few sorts were found which gave a larger yield and the cash value of the increased yield for the counties of the Columbia basin was \$1,016,000, and the cost of keeping up the office of the county agent and his work was only \$2,500.

Another experiment was the value of early plowing in the eastern counties to conserve moisture. After the experiment station had discovered that early plowing brought increased crops and it was adopted over the wheat growing section it brought an increase of 1,500,000 bushels for one year a worth while experiment.

Second in Attendance.

"The Oregon Agricultural college is the second largest institution of its kind in the United States," said President Kerr, "the enrollment passed that of Kansas this year and is nearing that of Iowa which holds first place."

Paul V. Maris, who is head of the Farm Bureau work of the state drew an amusing comparison between his place on the program and the topic assigned him by County Agent Hall. He based his talk on the community program outlined by the Alsea community in Benton county. This program is given in another part of this paper.

"There never was a time when there were so many co-operative associations," said Mr. Maris.

Farm Bureau Movement.

"The Farm Bureau movement is sweeping the county today" continued Mr. Maris "it is one of the greatest organizations of the day. It doesn't take the place of the grange or like organizations but supplements these organizations."

Tickets were distributed to all who wished to attend the Gresham Picture show and a large number accepted. This was a treat by the Business Men's club and was much enjoyed by all present.

MANY FAVORABLE OPINION EXPRESSED

Many persons all over eastern Multnomah, farmers, business men, poultrymen, berry growers and others have expressed themselves as delighted with the success of the Farmers' week which has just closed. The result was very beneficial and was a surprise to those who attended.

The attendance nearly equaled that of the Farmers' week at Corvallis. Many farmers who were eager to attend this sort of meeting could not attend a meeting at a distance on account of work at home.

A universal desire seems to be the making of this an annual event. Among those who have expressed themselves in this connection are the following:

A. R. Lyman says that the meeting was of great value but in his opinion those who needed it most were the ones who didn't attend. The meetings will result in good to them, however, in an indirect manner and Mr. Lyman suggested that it was likely they would attend next year when they had heard from others of the practical value of the work.

A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries of Oregon, remarked that he had been assisted in putting on these home product luncheons all over the state and that he had never given one in so nice a hall where everything was so well arranged for the handling of large crowds. He expressed himself as much surprised at the number in attendance.

J. Cannon, president of the Business Men's club in an interview said that the business men were endorsing the movement to make the Farmers' week an annual event and that they could be counted upon to assist in bringing this about.

"Sickness and the sunny weather kept many people from attending," said County Agent Hall, "but for these two conditions we could have hardly handled the crowds. As it was the attendance went over 800 for the week, and there were over 300 at the luncheon Saturday. Personally I feel satisfied with the week."

Mr. Hall "in the face of the sickness and the good weather which made it important to put in crops and get the soil in condition. I wish to express my appreciation for the help given by the Business Men's club, to the principal, faculty, and students of Union High school, to the Gresham grange, and to the several speakers who assisted on the program during the week."

A. W. Metzger, a local merchant, when asked what he thought of Farmers' week said, "It wasn't my good fortune to attend but everyone I met was enthusiastic over the benefits and good time they had been having. I hope it will be an annual event."

D. E. Towle, retired farmer and manager of the Co-operative Berry Growers' association said, "It was splendid! The program treated on every agricultural subject and the very best information was available on every subject. It was regrettable that many people were busy and felt they could not attend. Farmers' week at Gresham will go on record as a complete success from every point of view. It should be an annual event."

Judge George W. Stapleton, master of Gresham Grange, attended the farmers' institute Thursday forenoon and all day Friday and Saturday. He says that Prof. Brown's lecture Friday on berries and fruit culture, together with his pruning demonstrations, were well worth the whole week's effort. Also C. I. Lewis' lecture on cooperative marketing was worth a great deal to the berry growers and producers of this vicinity.

The farmers generally should consider more carefully the marketing end of their business. Mr. Maris' description of community organization and citing the example of Alsea, of Benton county, was suggestive of an important matter that ought to be taken up in this locality.

The introduction, about two years ago, into our high school of the agricultural department has carried the interest in agricultural subjects into the home and the results of that interest were demonstrated in the attendance of the fathers and mothers of the high school boys at the farmers' week from day to day. The effect of the teaching and work of Prof. Moffitt is clearly seen, not only among the students but the parents in general.

The interest taken in the farmers by the business men, as shown by their hospitality on Saturday, is to be highly commended.

"It is strongly impressed on my mind," said Judge Stapleton, "that this farmers' week should be an annual affair. It is certain that those who attended will go into the year's work with a more intelligent and hopeful attitude and purpose and will try to put the ideas of cooperation and intelligent effort into all their work."

For Sale.

Harley-Davidson motorcycle, nearly new with dream tandem and speedometer. Phone W. A. Hessel, 544.

The Buckeye Brooder will take care of your chicks. See them at L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

REPUBLICAN CLUB ORGANIZED HERE

A second meeting of republicans was held in M. W. A. (Carlson's) hall last night at which the organization of a Gresham republican club was perfected by the adoption of by-laws and recognition of officers chosen at a previous meeting. A membership roll has been started and there is money in the treasury. While the beginning is small there is every encouragement that republican men and women will rally to the call and put themselves in line for the campaign leading up to the primaries on May 21, and the election on November 2.

At the meeting last night the committee reported on by-laws and after discussion and suggestions by those present a working plan of organization for the club was adopted. Committees on membership and arrangements for speakers were appointed. It was announced that the next meeting would be on Monday night, March 1, and it is planned to make the meeting instructive and entertaining.

The officers of the club are as follows: president, D. S. Johnson; secretary, H. L. St. Clair; treasurer, John Brown.

Membership is open to both men and women. The membership fee is 50 cents, but ladies are admitted free.

The club is organized in the interests of any one of the many candidates being put forward at the primaries. A provision in the by-laws pledges the club not to endorse any candidate previous to the state primaries. The objects of the club are declared to be to study the qualifications of candidates, the issues of the campaign and further the principles of republicanism in both the nation and the state.

The by-laws as adopted at last night's meeting are as follows:

Name.
The name of this organization shall be the Gresham Republican club.

Object.
The object of the Gresham Republican club shall be to associate together men and women who are republican voters with a view to studying the qualifications of candidates and the issues of the presidential campaign in order to further and maintain the principles of republicanism, both nationally and locally. Provided that the club shall not officially endorse any republican candidate until after the state primaries.

Membership.
Any citizen of Oregon, 18 years of age or over, who espouses the principles of the republican party, may become a member of this organization by signing the membership roll and payment of the prescribed membership fee.

Membership Fee.
The membership fee to be paid by each person on becoming a member of the club shall be 50 cents. Provided, however, that no membership fee shall be required of lady members.

Officers.
The officers of the club shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The duties of the officers shall be those usually devolving upon the same as prescribed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

Meetings.
The meetings of the club shall be held on the first and third Monday nights of each month and at such other times as the president may call by public notice.

Funds of Club.
The treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the club and shall account to the club for the same whenever required so to do. All moneys shall be paid out by the treasurer on order of the club.

Rules of Order.
Roberts Rules of Order are hereby adopted as authority in all matters pertaining to parliamentary order.

Important Notice.
All having bills that should be presented to the Gresham Business Men's association, in connection with the luncheon or farmers' institute, are requested to turn them in at once to the secretary, Leslie Walrad. This is important.

Chas. Nordblom, of Powell Valley, was in Gresham Monday with his daughter. It was reported that she had been ill with scarlet fever but it proved to be nothing of a contagious nature and the doctor pronounced her perfectly safe to associate with the other children.

High Grade Leghorn Chicks.
We have arranged with a breeder of some extra quality Single Comb White Leghorns, to hatch and sell his limited output of eggs for this season.

These chicks are bred from a combination of birds which have made world records and in the hands of the former owners would bring five times the price we are asking. Here is a chance to get some extra quality laying stock at a very reasonable price.

A. R. LYMAN,
One-half mile east of Gresham, Powell Valley Road.

MRS. RUSSELL S. CLARK FOUND DEAD; TROUTDALE TRAGEDY MYSTERIOUS

Mrs. Russell Clark was found dead in bed at her home, "Clarkhurst," near Troutdale by Mrs. M. Bertus wife of an employee on the place at 6 o'clock last night. Mrs. Clark's body was pierced by three bullets fired from a 25-calibre pocket automatic pistol. The weapon was found in another room. Mr. Clark, who is said to own a similar weapon, is missing and deputy sheriffs and police are searching for him.

It is believed by Deputy Sheriff Berkman, in charge of the official investigation, that Mrs. Clark was killed before 8 o'clock in the morning, just after she had arisen. She was clad only in a light wrapper, stockings and house slippers.

Mr. Clark, who had been at Pendleton for the past week or ten days, returned from that place by airplane Sunday about 4:30 p. m. and his wife returned from the same place Sunday afternoon by train.

The next morning Mr. Clark appeared about 8 o'clock and called to Mr. Bertus to help him get his car started. He appeared calm and collected and Mr. Bertus didn't suspect that there was any trouble. Mr. Clark told him that Mrs. Clark had passed a very restless night and did not want to be disturbed until 2 o'clock. He asked him to be quiet about the place. He also spoke to two neighbors asking that they refrain from unnecessary noise as Mrs. Clark had been ill and needed rest.

The neighbors obeyed these instructions from Mr. Clark and kept away from the house throughout the afternoon. When, however, they had seen no signs of life about the place, they decided to investigate, fearing that Mrs. Clark was seriously ill. They sent Mrs. Bertus into the house to see Mrs. Clark, and the discovery of the body resulted.

Mr. Clark has not been seen since 11 a. m. yesterday when he visited his father, Matt Clark, a broker in the Railway Exchange building.

According to the information the deputy sheriffs have, Clark asked his father for a dollar and received ten. Neighbors state that the Clarks have been having a great deal of domestic trouble of late. It is not thought that Clark can operate an airplane, as he was merely a student aviator and has not essayed any flights as yet on his own responsibility. A check of the various hangars about the city last night failed to show any missing planes.

Owing to the fact that the body was not discovered for so long a time after death, the slayer was given every opportunity to make good his escape.

The automobile in which Clark left was a Liberty touring car, dealer's license No. 510, but it was not known whether it was A. B. D. or E.

Brooding and Hatching.

Get my little book. It tells you about brooding and hatching. Price \$1. H. W. Cooley, Gresham, phone 58.

GRESHAM POULTRY CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY

The Gresham Poultry Club was recently organized with Mrs. H. H. Eling as leader. The club has a membership of 15 or an increase of five over last year's membership. Almost everyone of the members of last year's club have signed up for another year. Glen Winter was re-elected president of the club and Elmer Myers is vice-president, while Carl Zimmerman is the secretary.

Last year the club finished 100 per cent and the club is bound to live up to its past record.

More businesslike methods will be used this year. Any member who fails to turn in his or her monthly report will be automatically dropped from the club.

Those members who have taken up Division I, will have to care for at least two dozen hens and must keep feed separate from that used to feed other poultry and stock. Division II members will have to care for at least three settings of eggs and keep the chicks and feed separate from those belonging to other members of the family.

A business meeting of the club will be held next Monday, February 23, at the home of the leader, Mrs. Eling. A jollification will follow.

\$50 Reward Offered.

Fifty dollars reward will be given by the Rockwood garage for the recovery of the following automobile supplies stolen from the garage on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10:

Five 30x3 tires, one 30x2 1/2, one 28x3 motorcycle casing, all Firestone, one 33x4 Dia. Squ. tread casing No. 92787108, one 33x4 straight side rib Tread Falls tire No. 24269, two 33x4 casings.

Bargains in the want ads.

JUDGE SHEEP'S AGE BY ITS TEETH



Judging a sheep's age by its teeth is a new trick the Department of Agriculture has introduced to stockmen. Judging a horse's age by the length of his molars has long been a trader's trick. This photo was taken on the government's experimental farm at Beltsville, Md.