

SEVENTH GRADER WINS ESSAY PRIZE

The following essay won the \$5 war savings certificate offered by A. W. Metzger & Co., at the recent contest at the grade school. This essay won second place. It was written by Floyd O'Neill, a seventh grade pupil.

The Benefits of An Enlistment in the American Army.

The benefits of an enlistment in the United States army are various. One is association with various types of men. The rich associate with the man who has not a cent to his name. The man who has been in jail makes friends with the church-goer. They become more acquainted with each other's views on all sorts of things. The rich man learns how to treat his employees right and to give them a fair chance in life, while the poor man finds out about the troubles of the rich and is able to correct his mistakes or return to civil life.

Second comes discipline. The men learn to obey their superior officers. The men must know how to obey before they can command. They learn to do things right away without hesitation and to do them quickly and well.

The soldier of Uncle Sam has periods of training, gun training, field, water and air training. Physical training tends to make his back straighter, more supple and with well developed muscles in every part of his body, it makes the brain quicker and the body responds that much sooner. He learns to defend himself at all times and with all comers.

There are the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army and various other orders of men or women to look after their leisure hours.

There are libraries, shows, reading rooms and other amusements. Together with good pay, board, room and clothes, he is well provided for.

Any young man to whom the life in the army appeals, let him go to the nearest recruiting office and join up with Uncle Sam.

All men must know how to do things themselves before they can get others to obey them in the work. Some of our greatest men were privates in the ranks and learned to obey and now they command. Abraham Lincoln had to obey his father when he was young and when he died he was president of the United States, the highest post a man can get in this country. Therefore, it is best for the man in the army to be disciplined. He may not like it, but it is best for him.

He is taught to be clean, to take care of himself, that is to keep his teeth clean and keep himself healthy all the time. He makes his own bed, cooks his dinner, and hunts his own food. Everything about camp is clean; the food is examined by government inspectors and the captain of each company has to see that everything is neat and clean in his company.

GRESHAM GRANGE TO MEET NEXT SATURDAY

Gresham grange will hold its regular meeting in grange hall, Saturday, March 13, 1920. The morning will be occupied with grange affairs, succeeded by the usual good grange dinner.

The lecture hour promises to be interesting and all grangers and friends are urged to attend. Beginning at 1:30 p. m. the following program will be given.

Opening song.
Roll Call—Name of birthplace, one word for Oregon, one against it.
Solo—Leslie Webb.

The Japanese Question—Mr. Barge Leonard.
Accordion Music—Mrs. Barge Leonard.

Side Light on Census Enumeration—Mrs. Roy Kern.
Solo—Mrs. Karl J. Hagberg.

Open discussion of the subject of the day.
Closing song.
Lecturer—Mrs. R. F. Walters.

MANLESS TRACTORS CAUSE AMAZEMENT

Many people were attracted Friday by the unique sight of three driverless Fordson tractors running in a circle on the tract of land just west of Raker's garage. The tractors were set so that they kept to their own track and all three were going at a steady pace round and round in their tracks. One small boy who was gazing at them was heard to exclaim in excitement "Manless tractors."

These tractors were three of a carload which arrived at the Mt. Hood depot Thursday. The seven tractors were unloaded and towed to the garage Thursday afternoon.

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Plaster-board covers up all the unsightly things. Anyone can apply it; can be painted or calcolined. Jones Lumber Company.

"NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN," HER POLICY



"Never too old to learn," is the living policy of Mrs. Frank E. James, wife of an Indianapolis, Ind., real estate man. So in June of this year she will graduate from the Indiana State University in the same class with her 20-year-old daughter.

SOPHOMORE DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Was Sophomore Day a success? Yes, bo! You may ask "What is Sophomore Day?" Well, it's a day of laughter and side-splitting humor. Of course it's up to the sophomores to provide the fun.

This year, the exact date being Friday, March 5, the sophomores entertained with a living, laughing magazine. Each page was humorous to the extreme until a rollicking mate was introduced. The cover page was a girl, pretty, of course as most cover pages are. The table of contents was an announcement of every mirth provoker. This was impersonated by Frank Tacheron.

Two very beautiful pictures "Pictures to Frame," were Washington Crossing the Delaware, (the boat was represented by a washtub), and "Paul Revere's Ride" having a very characteristic setting.

Glenn Mercer as the "Midnight Rider" was mounted on his fiery steed, (a saw horse with a rope tail and a hobby horse head, followed by his faithful toy dog was exceedingly appropriate.

Richard Lane's automobile (or was it a Ford, Dick?) deserves creditable mention. The noise was all there, the crank, and Dick becomingly (?) arrayed as chauffeur, Clarence Yonker made a fine looking lady. He powdered his nose occasionally, just like any other woman.

Was Sophomore Day a success? Anyhow, we succeeded in receiving a demonstration of hilarious gales of merriment from the Student Body and hearty chuckles from Mr. Goodwin.

BRUSH FIRE BURNS BARN AND HORSE

Alfred Honey, who with his family has been living in Portland, returned recently to his farm on the Butte south of Shiller station and prepared to put in his crops. He purchased a horse and some farm implements and started work. One evening he set out a few fires to burn dry fern and rubbish. About 10 o'clock he made a round of the fires and buildings and found all the fires out and everything apparently perfectly safe so he went to the house and to sleep feeling perfectly safe.

Later on in the night he was awakened by a bright light found that his barn was on fire. He was too late to save it or even the horse which was tied inside.

Mr. Honey, in spite of this setback, plans to continue his work on the farm and hopes for better luck next time.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. S. R. BRADFIELD

The Gresham community was shocked this morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. S. R. Bradfield, who passed away at her home following a stroke of apoplexy. She had been for about two weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Lansdowne, at Oregon City and came home only last night.

Mrs. Bradfield is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. E. Rusher of Gresham and Mrs. Lansdowne, and a son, Ira, of Parsons, Kansas. The latter, with his family, is on the way west in response to a telegram sent this morning. She is also survived by her aged mother who lives in Parsons, Kansas.

Arrangements for the funeral will not be complete until the son's arrival.

Spraying. Get your orchard sprayed with high powered sprayer. Wallin & McConnell, phone 494.

CO-OPERATION WILL IMPROVE SCHOOL CONDITIONS GREATLY

B. F. Mulkey, a Portland attorney, proved himself a very interesting speaker Friday evening when he spoke on "Cooperation" before a large crowd who gathered in the grange hall to attend the Parent-Teacher meeting.

Mr. Mulkey amused his audience with a number of funny stories before he launched into the more serious subject which he very ably discussed.

Mr. Mulkey limited his subject to that form of cooperation which is needed to bring about better conditions for the children.

He urged that more time or emphasis be given to important school subjects and that parents use their influence to see that the children really have a knowledge of the facts they are passing over so rapidly. "Intellectual dishonesty" was the term Mr. Mulkey used to describe the conditions which are the result of the effort to learn a lot of facts in too short a time.

One of the points upon which Mr. Mulkey laid emphasis was the need of greater care among parents in the matter of setting a proper example of honesty before the children. Why punish a child for lying when the parent prevaricates about the age of the child when the conductor collects fares or many other instances of a similar nature.

Mr. Mulkey showed that what the neighbor's children do or know has a large influence in the lives of one's own children and it will take the concerted effort of all the parents to bring about the conditions in any community which are to be desired for the development of the children.

"When a man or woman reaches middle life" said Mr. Mulkey "the ambition which caused him to strive for advancement for himself is transferred to his children and it is for their advancement that he plans and strives."

A dumb-bell drill by fourteen members of the seventh and eighth grades was well executed and formed a very entertaining number of the program.

Principal C. M. Quicksall has a class of about 60 who take this form of exercise several times a week. They practice out of doors, and it is said to be a very pretty sight to witness.

A reading by Miss Iva TenEyck about the problems of a father who tried new methods of punishment for a six-year-old son was delightfully rendered and kept the audience in a ripple of amusement. A hearty encore brought Miss TenEyck back with another pleasing recitation. Rev. Earl B. Cotton sang a beautiful selection and an encore in his usual pleasing manner.

Miss Ruth Young, the county health nurse who visited at Orient Friday afternoon was present at the evening meeting and was asked to explain her work. Miss Young outlined the work which she is doing and said that she would visit the schools as often as it was possible to make the rounds. She gives health talks to the pupils and makes physical examinations to discover symptoms of physical defects. Miss Young was appointed by the Oregon Tuberculosis association. She will spend at least half of her time in the schools. In this work the pupils will get returns on the money invested in Red Cross seals in past years.

Multnomah county is the eleventh county in the state in which this fund has established public health nursing.

A contest was on to see which grade at school would bring out the most parents and friends. At the close of the program Mrs. Milne, the vice president, announced the only way in which the matter could be decided was to take a standing vote on the question. As the different rooms were named those voting for that grade stood and a count was made. The first and second grade room won out by only three. They will receive a picture which will hang in their room until the next meeting when the contest will be opened again.

Refreshments were served to about 150 persons at the close of the meeting which was one of the best attended meetings held in that locality for some time.

CLIMBS TO NEW AIR HEIGHT IN PLANE



Again Major R. W. Schroeder's oxygen tanks failed him and his altitude goal of 40,000 feet was not realized, but it did not keep him from setting a new mark. He flew to a height of 36,020 feet in a climb at Dayton, O., last week, and was pulled from his machine in an unconscious condition from his thrilling experiences.

TWO FARM MEETINGS SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

Two meetings of interest to farmers are scheduled for this week.

The first will be held at the Corbett high school Thursday evening, March 11. An illustrated lecture on potato diseases will be given by County Agent S. B. Hall.

A discussion on potato growing and especially on the raising of certified seed will occupy the balance of the evening.

Saturday evening, March 17, a garden meeting will be held at Wm. Hornecker's in the Lynch district. Mr. Hall will give a mole skinning demonstration and a discussion of the best means of trapping and destroying moles will be taken up especially the rotation of crops.

LADIES' AID WILL HOLD APRON SALE

The Gresham Methodist Ladies' Aid society has been busy for several weeks making attractive aprons suitable for all occasions from the laundry apron and the expansive kitchen garment to the dainty little lace-trimmed affair for afternoon or boudoir wear. These will be put on sale in connection with the St. Patrick's day luncheon to be given at the Modern Woodmen hall on Wednesday, March 17. The luncheon will be at noon and the sale will be in the afternoon.

The following committees have the charge of the event: arrangements, Mrs. B. L. Walrad, C. I. Raker, A. W. Shipley and K. A. Miller; decorations, Mesdames George F. Honey, Frank Peak and D. E. Towle; menu, Mesdames C. J. Lundquist, E. F. Goodwin, C. E. Rusher, Peak and Towle; sale, Mesdames W. E. Beegle and C. M. Zimmerman; advertising, Miss Cora Green, Mrs. H. L. St. Clair and Miss Edith Lyman; ushers, Mrs. Hans Larsen and Mrs. Jas. Sterling.

NOTED SPEAKER TO ADDRESS MOTHERS

Dr. Louise M. Richter, formerly an official government speaker in the section of women's work, will be present at the W. C. T. U. meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will bring a message to mothers which will be very helpful. This mother's meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Metzger on Main street.

Mrs. Maxwell Schneider will be the leader.

A solo by Mrs. Karl J. Hagberg and a duet by Mrs. Hagberg and Mrs. J. N. Clanshan, will form an entertaining feature of the afternoon.

The following committee has charge of the refreshments: Mrs. Mary Shoemaker, Mrs. Richard Beadle, Mrs. W. I. Hensley, Mrs. Greg Cox, and Mrs. H. C. Larsen.

An invitation is extended to all women to attend. Mothers especially are urged to be present.

Chautauqua Guarantors Called.

A meeting of the Chautauqua guarantors has been called by the president, F. L. Mack, for next Sunday afternoon, March 14, to consider some problems in connection with the coming session. The meeting will be at the library and will be called promptly at 3 o'clock.

Next Monday

About 100 chicks from those extra quality high record Leghorns at Lyman's hatchery. Cockerels from this stock will improve your flock.

A. R. LYMAN, Gresham, R. A.

PORTLAND SCHOOLS BEHIND THE TIMES

The following is taken from a Portland paper dated March 3.

"Father won't have to call the plumber or the repair man in the future when something gets wrong with the pipes or the mop handle is broken. If the brand new idea of Superintendent D. A. Groat got in the East and which he expects to introduce in the Portland it in Detroit.

"He found it in Detroit. It was a course newly instituted in household mechanics given in lieu of woodwork mechanical training courses. The boy is not trained to become a plumber, an electrician or a carpenter, but to repair things about the house. There are lessons on window screens, door knobs and electrical connections in the house. Groat expects to recommend such a course to the Portland school directors."

And Mr. Groat went all the way to Detroit to get the idea of Farm Mechanics or "Home Mechanics" to take the place of Manual Training! Union High long ago gave up the idea of trying to make carpenters of the boys since machinery is now used to do about everything with woodworking but to drive the nails. Union High has a model course in Farm Mechanics in which boys are taught to repair "things about the house" or on the farm. Union High school boys can take care of the "mop handle, window screens, door knobs, electrical connections" and a hundred and one other things that may need repair about the house.

This course is highly recommended to the Portland Board of Education, since it has been tried out here with great success.

PUPILS TO TRY AGAIN FOR COUNTY PRIZES

Pupils of grade schools of the county will enter another essay contest this month.

The lower grades will write on the following subjects: "Habits that hinder children from becoming good and useful citizens." "The effects of cigarettes upon children." "How to keep well." These essays are to be from 200 to 600 words and a \$5.00 prize will be given for the best in the county.

The seventh and eighth grades will write on "Habits that injure health." "Cigarettes and athletics." The cigarette habit and a bank account." A prize of \$10 will be given to the best essay of 600 to 1000 words in the county.

Fifteen dollars will be given to the high school pupil of the county who writes the best essay of 1500 to 2500 words on one of the following subjects: "Our Tobacco and Fire Insurance," "Tobacco and Industry," "Tobacco and Efficiency." Blue ribbons will be presented to the pupil who writes the best essay for each class in the different schools of the county. The essays to be read at the parent's meeting. All grades above the third are expected to take part in this contest. The blue ribbon essays of each school will be turned into the office of Superintendent Alderson and the county winners selected from those essays which won first place in each school.

All essays must be in Superintendent Alderson's office by April 15.

Strawberry Growers.

We have secured a few thousand of Wellington Marvel and Gold Dollar strawberry plants that were grown with special care by A. Helney on the Phenix Farm where for five years he has been producing the largest crop of finest quality of strawberries. One year old plants last year produced 3 1/2 tons of berries per acre. Four year old plants 1 1/2 tons. We are selling Wellington Marvel at \$15 per thousand, Gold Dollar plants \$10 per thousand. Don't buy scrub plants for the same reason you would not buy a scrub cow. The Co-operative Berry Grower, D. E. Towle, Phone 146.

All bills owing to the Gresham Steam Laundry are payable at the laundry or to the drivers.

E. E. HARTY.

Jazz Dance.

The Syncopated Jazz band of Portland will give an opening dance in Gresham Masonic hall, Saturday night, March 20. Jazz music. Prize waltz. Dancing at 8:30. The opening date will be followed by a dance every Saturday night. Gentlemen 65c, ladies 55c.

Don't forget the dance at Fairview Saturday evening, March 13th, and every second Saturday evening thereafter.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold a luncheon and apron sale at the M. W. A. hall in Gresham on March 17. The luncheon will be at noon.

Furniture Sale Coming.

Mrs. Withrow will sell a public auction, in the near future, all of the furniture of the Josephine Knighton apartments in Gresham and also the furniture from her own home in Portland. Watch for the list.

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING LEAGUE
Lower Columbia District

Union High vs. Vernonia High

Question: "Resolved, that Congress Should Prohibit all Labor Immigration for a Period of Not Less Than Five Years."

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Friday Evening, March 12, 7:30 o'Clock
Admission 25c, Grade Pupils 15c

THE FIRST "TOUCH" OF SPRING

ST. THOMAS