

DAIRYMEN WELCOME FEDERAL INSPECTION

As a result of the milk probe which was started in Portland a few days ago it appears that the entire situation will be cleared up by the investigation which has been started by United States Attorney Humphreys.

The situation was brought to a crisis when the producers, through their organization the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative association demanded an increase from \$3.20 to \$3.80 per hundred weight for milk delivered to Portland distributors.

Mayor Baker assigned Lionel C. Mackey, deputy city attorney, to the job of investigating the reported increase and he returned a report very unfavorable to the producers and their organization. On the face of the report the situation and the investigation were turned over to United States Attorney Humphreys who will make a thorough investigation and decide whether or not to turn the results over to the grand jury which is in session now.

It is alleged by League officials that Mr. Mackey did not avail himself of the opportunity to investigate the report or figures of the league but took his figures and alleged facts entirely from sources opposed to the organization.

A great deal of local interest is attached to the case here as most of the dairymen in this community belong to the Dairymen's League and are watching the outcome with a great deal of interest. All express the opinion which was given by Alma D. Katz when he said in answer to the charges made by the Mackey report.

"The dairymen not only welcome, but invite the federal investigation which it is reported will be instituted. On file in the office of the United States attorney will be found now a complete statement of the dairymen's plans and purposes submitted some months ago.

"The Mackey report suggests that the dairymen are diverting from the city surplus milk which, if marketed, would break the price. Permit me to remind your honor of the blizzard last December when the dairymen subjected themselves to incredible hardships in order that milk be delivered to Portland and that no child need be deprived of all foods. The surplus is the natural result of an effort to anticipate daily the maximum demands of the city and results in the use of the milk, which is not consumed, for its butter fat value in order to lessen the loss of the dairymen.

Reference is made in the report to the fact that the dairymen sell milk in Portland for \$3.20 a hundred pounds and to the condensers for \$2.80 a hundred pounds. Upon the milk delivered in Portland transportation charges are paid. Exactions of inspection and disease free herds imposed by the city are met. Extra costs of production are encountered in order to produce and deliver speedily wholesome and fresh milk. The condenser price fluctuates, not on the basis of cost of production, but is governed by export conditions and by the lowest price paid for milk to

be condensed at any point in the United States. This price of \$2.80 a hundred has been earnestly protested by the dairymen and they are losing money, but they are losing less than if they allowed their milk to go to waste rather than sell it at the condenser price.

"The price paid by the consumer for milk in Portland is 14 cents a quart. Of this amount, the dealer receives more than 7 cents and the producer less than 7 cents. Is the dairymen profiteering if he receives in return for all his investment in dairy barns, herds, farm lands and equipment, his labor from daylight to dark and his delivery of milk to the city less than the dealer receives for his service in preparing, bottling and delivering the milk to the consumer?

The wasteful methods of distribution are the cause of unnecessary cost of milk to the consumer it is claimed by league members. It is said that there is much duplication of delivery routes in the city and that on some blocks there are as many as 15 different wagons delivering on the same block. Even in the same apartment house each dweller may be purchasing milk from a different wagon. All this needless duplication adds to the cost of the milk delivered to the consumer and league officials are positive that with a complete investigation that these facts will be brought out and some remedy offered.

Local dairymen state that a few years ago the price of milk run was \$20 per ton and that their milk sold for \$1.75 per hundred pounds. With present prices milk should sell for more than \$4 per hundred weight if the producers were making even the cost of production.

The Portland daily papers have all taken a very fair stand on the question and urge that all keep an open mind on the question and look at it from both sides.

The Portland Oregonian in Thursday's issue says editorially that some consumers will need to be reminded that unless on the average they are willing to pay a price that yields a profit, the time will come when they will pay a great deal more, or go without. The way never will be found to develop a business by paying less than cost for its product. And it is universally conceded that dairying is essential and fundamental, and that for the health as well as the wealth of the country it must be maintained.

Let us have done with these charges and counter-charges and let us find out what it costs to produce milk, and what it costs to distribute it. Nothing else matters. We want dairymen to make a profit because we want them always to be with us, and we are willing that distributors shall be paid for their time and their necessary investment. Even if the price has to be advanced, we want these things. But we also want intelligent economy and as low a price as will maintain a highly necessary industry in reasonable prosperity.

FAIRVIEW MAN HAS TROUBLE WITH CAR

Chas. Fitzgerald, who lives near Fairview, made a trip to Battle Lake, Washington recently in his usually well behaved Ford car. During this trip, however, the fates were against him for every kind of misfortune that can befall an autoist fell to Mr. Fitzgerald's lot that day. It was trouble from start to finish.

After returning home Mr. Fitzgerald received a letter from a friend in Portland who appreciated Mr. Fitzgerald's feelings in the matter.

The communication reads as follows:

"The Ford is my auto; I shall always be in want. It maketh me to lie down under it in green pastures; it spilleth me beside the still waters; it draweth upon my purse; it causeth me to utter many cuss words for its name's sake. Yea, though driving my Ford leadeth me daily into the valley of the shadow of death, still I fear much evil, for neither the axle nor the radius rod is a comfort unto me. It hath a blow-out in the presence of mine enemies, I anoint the tires with patches, the radiator boileth over. Surely gasoline and repair bills will not follow me all the days of my life, or I will dwell in the house of poverty forever.

Moral:—Equip your Ford with a coo-coo clock for whenever your wife reaches a speed of 25 miles an hour the little bird will come out and sing, "Nearer My God to Thee."

VICIOUS COW INJURES DAMASCUS GIRL

Clara Hoffmeister, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffmeister of Damascus, is in the Oregon City hospital, according to a report from Oregon City, as a result of injuries received when she was hooked by a vicious cow at the Hoffmeister farm last Sunday.

The girl had gone to the field to drive the cows when the cow attacked her.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE HELD AT M. E. CHURCH

A beautiful baptismal service was held at the Methodist church last Sunday when Emerlie Elizabeth Thompson was baptized by her grandfather, Dr. A. Thompson.

The baby was presented for baptism by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Thompson of The Dalles.

Both grandmothers of the baby were present, they were Mrs. Elizabeth of Gresham and Mrs. Elizabeth Sebring of The Dalles. Mrs. R. E. Myers and Mrs. J. G. Metzger also were present at the service.

Dr. Thompson was pastor of the Gresham church when the present building was erected and he also officiated at his son's marriage a few years ago. These circumstances made the place of the service Sunday, the more fitting and appropriate.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson and baby and Mrs. Sebring returned to The Dalles Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson planned to go on to Yellowstone Park where they will camp for a short time.

HOWARD'S COMET WINS RACE AND \$100 PURSE

A real race was put on at the fair grounds this morning when two of the horses who are training there were entered to see which was the best horse. The horses were "Iky" owned by C. H. Lohmeier who won \$200 at the races July 5 and Howard's Comet the horse which came in third at the same race. A purse of \$100 was put up today and was to be given to the one winning three out of five heats. Howard's Comet won the first three heats and the purse. He is owned by Max Glehrman.

Those who saw the race said that "Iky" was apparently much the fastest horse but he broke several times and lost out.

SUBSTITUTE MUD FOR FAT IN MAKING SOAP



Soap from mud, is the claim of British chemists, F. E. Weston and his son, shown in their laboratory in England. They have worked out a process of making soap by substituting colloidal clay for the fatty acids ordinarily used.

MEETING IN INTEREST OF MT. HOOD LOOP HIGHWAY

A meeting will be held tonight in the interests of the Orient-Sandy route for the Mt. Hood loop highway which promises to be well attended by citizens of the vicinity and other points interested in the Sandy route.

The highway commission is to meet in Portland next Tuesday afternoon when it is said the route will be decided on. The choice is apparently between the Bull Run and Sandy route. It is thought likely the Sandy route would be decided on without question were it not that city commissioners in Portland have asked the highway commission to consider the advantages of the pipe line route to Bull Run. These will be presented on Tuesday at which time it is believed the route will be decided on.

What advantages the Bull Run route would have over the main high-

ways leading from Portland, or from Gresham, to Sandy, either via Boring and Kelso, or via Orient, Cottrell and Sandy to Zigzag, are not very clear to the public. Possibly the Bull Run route would be a little more scenic. It is said to be longer and presents difficulties and added expense for construction.

The portion of the highway in question comes under the market roads provision as to funds and it should be apparent to all, and doubtless will be to the commission, that the Sandy route will benefit a much wider territory in this respect.

Our Sandy neighbors have asked that this locality back them up in making this phase of the matter as strong as possible. Gresham will give its support to Sandy in its stand as to choice of routes. Assistance can be given if Gresham citizens will attend the meeting of the commission in Portland next Tuesday.

JERSEY CLUB TO MEET IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

The Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club will hold a meeting at the home of E. D. Hart, Mirabile Visu Jersey ranch, four miles southeast of Sandy on Saturday, July 31.

An interesting program has been arranged as one of the features of the day. Several prominent speakers including Prof. E. B. Fitts of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Col. W. J. Hughes of Forest Grove, are to take part in the program.

An invitation is extended to all persons interested in registered Jerseys to attend this meeting and enjoy the trip. Mr. Hart advises that the best route to take from Gresham is the Mt. Hood road to Firwood at which place turn to the right and follow the signs. The magnificent view of Mt. Hood and St. Helens and Bull Run Lake in the valley below the Mirabile Visu Jersey ranch and also along the Bluff road near Sandy is well worth the trip.

A jolly good time is assured all who make the trip. Every one should bring a picnic lunch. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished.

In case any further particulars are wanted Mr. Hart can be reached by addressing R. R. 2, Boring, Oregon.

It is likely that a number of the members of the Multnomah Jersey Cattle club will avail themselves of the invitation to attend this meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Hart will be remembered as having been in the party that made the Jersey tour recently in Multnomah county.

EPWORTH LEAGUE VACATION PLANS

The Epworth League of Gresham has planned a series of interesting and profitable programs to be given at the Methodist church Sunday evenings throughout the summer. The first of these meetings will be held next Sunday evening. The special features on this occasion will be choice decorations by a decoration committee, an interesting discussion conducted by Miss Good of Union High, and select music by Misses Edella Towle and Gladys Neal. All young people are most cordially invited to attend.

There is a rumor that other interesting plans for the young people are being made, and although these are not yet ready for announcement, from what has been learned it is believed the Epworth League is going to be one of the big things for the young people of Gresham and vicinity. You are welcome.

Keep in style. Try one of those "classy-fied" ads.

Ford! Ford! Ford!
Do you want to trade your 1920 Ford on a Chevrolet that has never been run? Phone Gresham 691. If

CORBETT

Mrs. John Phillips sold her cows, farming machinery and crops to Mr. Taylor and left last Thursday for Idaho to make her home with her parents.

C. J. Littlepage is at Mosier attending to his orchard. Mrs. Littlepage is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. May Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hensen, of Portland, came Sunday to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. R. E. Reed. Mr. Hensen returned Monday evening. Mrs. Hensen and baby will remain the remainder of the week.

Monday's rain did much damage to the hay that had been cut and still left in the fields; also cracked the cherries to a considerable extent, but was a great benefit to other crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reed were host and hostess to a launch party Sunday to Multnomah Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterns, formerly of this place but now of Sherwood, Oregon, are visiting friends here.

SANDY BLUFF

Mrs. Alonzo Radford has been visiting a few days with friends in Independence.

A. J. Ault returned to his work at the Cameron & Hogg camp after a week's visit at home.

Mrs. J. Byron has been quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Ault but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall spent Sunday evening at the Ault home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chandler and son are at the home of Mrs. Chandler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brook.

PLEASANT HOME

The regular services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Rev. A. B. Calder, a former pastor of Pleasant Home, will be in charge of the services. Sunday school will meet at the usual hour. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Mrs. H. A. Hudner of Mankato, Minnesota, was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. M. Lennartz, last week.

Miss Elva Dolan and Miss Anna Lennartz are camping at Gladstone Park during the Willamette Valley Chautauqua.

Rev. Geo. H. Harrison will preach at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

Oregon Agricultural College Leads at Kearney.

Oregon Agricultural College heads the list with the largest number of men in the R. O. T. C. encampment at Camp Kearney, Cal. Prominent among the institutions represented in camp are Washington State college and the universities of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana. In addition, students are present from several high schools and colleges in New Mexico, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado.

Due to the fact that O. A. C. made the distinguished class of military institutions, men in the R. O. T. C. from the Oregon Agricultural college are privileged to wear a gold sleeve star.

It takes a young man a long time to understand that when he calls a girl fickle she feels complimented.

The Gresham Steam Laundry is prepared to do steam cleaning and pressing. Let us do your work.—Adv.

When in doubt try a Want Ad.

INTEREST STILL KEEN FOR UNION HI SCHOOL

By RICA ANDERSON.
"I told you so!" District No. 26

is awake and talking out loud. This region has been as quiet as the proverbial mouse, except for a spasm or two from some one too full to keep still longer. Aside from these few and scattered reports, No. 26 might as well have been living up in the wilds of the Cascades. But now, at last, it is going to receive some of its rightful publicity. A reporter is in the district. Walter Ramser, whose "maiden speech" appeared in Tuesday's issue, will put the place on the map. He is a new resident of our community, but has already shown that he is a live wire. His active interest in the school problems which are convulsing the district at the present time and his vigorous efforts to carry out his progressive ideas make him a welcome member of the district. As one of the 16 who voted for joining Union High at Gresham and met defeat, he took it upon himself to see what could be done further. Information has been obtained from legal authority that the 16 can, if they so vote, become a part of Union High joint district—providing the farms are contiguous. Mr. Ramser has made a personal canvass of the district to learn definitely who desire to take advantage of the opening offered by Union High. The outline on the district map of the area favoring the move, shows that the farms touch, but the jogs, repeats, zigzags and crisscrosses necessary to make the proposed district hang together as the law requires, give it the resemblance of a thousand-legged worm crawling, eager to be swallowed by that early bird—Union High District No. 2. Whether or not said district will consider it palatable or not remains to be settled later. No doubt, Mr. Ramser himself will give a full account of what has been and is being done, but we couldn't resist stealing some of his thunder. Competition in the news line is growing keen and a scoop is always permissible although not strictly ethical. Here is hoping the folks in our corner will up and do something startling, scandalous or otherwise and we promise to work it over to marketable stuff. This may sound like a junk dealer's ad, but is simply one way of saying that our corner doesn't want to be beaten at the outset by the northwest corner and its efficient reporter.

BUSINESS MEN 'O JOIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Gresham Business Men's club held a postponed meeting Monday evening at which time several matters of interest were taken up.

One of the most important moves which they have made for some time was the decision to affiliate with the State Chamber of Commerce and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary applications. When this is done the name of the local organization will be changed to that of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce.

Matters concerning the auto camp grounds were discussed but no definite action in that respect was taken.

DR. EDWARD LAIRD MILLS TO PREACH AT M. E. CHURCH

Dr. Edward Laird Mills, the new editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Mills has only held the editor's chair a short time and many Methodists will welcome the opportunity of hearing him speak. He has been in charge of one of the departments at the summer school for rural pastors which is now in session. The special musical attraction will be a solo by Mrs. Flora Hillyard Gearhart of San Francisco. Mrs. Gearhart is soloist in one of the large churches in that city. Her selection Sunday morning will be "Fear Not Ye, O Israel" by Dudley Buck.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service and also the Sunday school session which meets at 10 o'clock.

The Canning Industry.

The American people have become very largely dependent on canned fruits and vegetables for food supplies.

Even canned condensed milk is probably becoming more widely used than daily milk deliveries from dairies.

The production of raw material for canneries, the labor supply, the manufacture of cans and sugar supply are factors of greatest interest to the whole community.

The press and the commercial clubs can help solve the problems of the canning industry locally but the still greater problem of finding a market for the cannery product remains with each individual producer. The fruit and vegetable canneries are the largest employers of family labor and the largest contributors to home-building and community prosperity.

The man who is against everything is always surprised to find that about everything is against him.

O. A. C. EXPERT AIDS POTATO INSPECTION

Prof. C. S. Carpenter of the Extension Department of O. A. C., was here Friday and Saturday of last week on a potato inspection tour of the certified fields or rather those fields which their owners have listed for certification.

Professor Carpenter and County Agent S. B. Hall inspected 20 fields in the two days but did not complete the work by nearly half as there are at least 40 fields in this county which are listed for certification.

Last year there were only two lots of certified seed in the whole state and the increase is due in part to the work of the county agent's office and to the publicity given during farmers' week here when many farmers heard of the advantages to be derived from the growing of certified seed.

Not only in this county but also in other counties the production of certified seed is increasing. Professor Carpenter had to leave after the work Saturday as he was scheduled to make inspection tours in other counties.

Friday forenoon Professor Carpenter and County Agent Hall inspected fields in the Lynch neighborhood. Later in the day they inspected the field east of Gresham. Saturday they spent the entire day at Corbett and in that vicinity.

Wednesday of this week Mr. Hall spent the day at Russellville and today (Friday) he will finish all the territory east of the Sandy river.

On Saturday he will finish up the work taking up the scattering farms.

"On the most part," reports Mr. Hall, "the fields are showing up good, only a small percentage will fail to pass this first inspection." "This inspection," continued Mr. Hall, "is to determine if the fields are true to variety and also to detect any evidences of 'black leg', 'curly dwarf' or 'rhizoctonia'."

Mr. Hall reports that fields grown from certified seed showed marked improvement over seed not certified last year.

The next field inspection will be in August and will be one of the most severe tests as it will be very apt to show up most of the diseases.

The fields vary in size from one-eighth acre which is the minimum for club boys to as high as 20 acres.

A number of Industrial club boys have entered fields for certification and most of their fields show up fine on this first inspection tour, only one field failing to meet the requirements. Those entering fields for certification are Leslie and Harold Lynch, Albert Carlson, Lloyd Bramhall, Ray Lasley, Albert Davis, Albert Pounder, Horace Evans, Stanley Woodward, William and Albert Soderstrom.

REBEKAHS INSTALL NEW LIST OF OFFICERS

The Rebeccah lodge held their regular meeting last Thursday evening and installed officers.

Mrs. Hilda Metzger was installed as noble grand; Ethel Mewhirter, vice grand; Mrs. Annabelle Kirkwood, secretary; Mrs. Tilda Dahi, treasurer; Mrs. Lizzie Gibbs, warden; Mrs. Katie Sunday, conductor, and Mrs. Calla Kenney, chaplain.

After the installation and business session the members enjoyed a pleasant social evening. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served.

Anti-Cigarette Measure Failed.

Voters at the November election will look in vain for the anti-cigarette measure which through failure to secure sufficient signatures, failed to get a place on the November ballot. D. E. (Jack) Frost was the author of the bill, and has stated the bill lacked 2000 names of the number required to secure it a place on the official ballot.

In speaking of the failure of the bill Mr. Frost said, "I am through with reforms. The people who urged me to submit the measure fell down on the job." Mr. Frost further stated that he did not receive any considerable support from the churches or the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Multnomah county failed to contribute a single signature. The war also changed the public sentiment and perhaps my friends were right when some of them stated that the time was not ripe for so drastic a measure. The work incident to furthering the measure cost me some money and a lot of time, and I received very little financial assistance."—The Banner-Courier.

C. I. Raker and family are enjoying a visit from the former's sister, Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans of Omaha, Nebraska. With Mrs. Rosencrans is her son, Blythe, her daughters Mary and Mrs. Walter Waldreth and the latter's husband. The party came from Omaha and have spent four weeks on the trip enjoying many side trips. After several days here enjoying the sights and visiting they left for Seattle where they will visit a few days, returning here Monday.