

## FARM BUREAU DRIVE NETS 479 MEMBERS

There have been signed up and reported to County Agent S. B. Hall's office 479 paid memberships in the Multnomah county. This is 67 per cent of the farmers who were called upon by the corps of solicitors which canvassed the county during the past week. A large number of those who did not sign during the past week expect to sign at the organization meeting which is planned for March 25. Definite plans for this meeting have been held up on account of the contagious disease situation in Gresham but definite announcements will be made in the next issue. Many of those who did not sign had received the literature regarding the Farm Bureau but had not found time to look it over. Many had been unable to attend the community meetings and the solicitor found them unprepared for the final decision. In sections where the attendance had been good at the Farm Bureau meetings so that the people understood what the Farm Bureau was the percentage was very high and the solicitors found their work very easy.

In the farming communities farther away from town there was a much keener interest than in the local sections near Portland although many farmers having from three to five acres signed up. They were anxious to become members realizing the greatness of the movement and knowing that the future of agricultural prosperity depends largely upon the progress made by the Farm Bureau.

The solicitors said that of those who refused to join there were a few very common and characteristic reasons such as "Let George do it," "It is no use the country is going to the dogs," "I will wait and see" inferring that they were ready to enjoy the benefits when the other fellow put it through.

Great earnestness and zeal was displayed by the solicitors, all farmers from various counties of the state. They were here, in many cases at a sacrifice to their own business, because they are deeply interested in the movement and in the future of agriculture. When leaving they expressed their appreciation of the spirit and willingness of the community committees who assisted them in getting about the district. They said that many of the community committees would have qualified for first class solicitors if they had been given the opportunity and had known more of the work of Farm Bureau before the drive began.

The solicitors were Wm. A. Aird of Clackamas county; C. H. Pierce from Jackson county; J. W. Hall and Orris Keller from Columbia county; T. H. Thompson and W. L. Powell and Claude Buchanan from Benton county; W. A. Crane of Jackson county; R. R. Howard of Clackamas; Mr. Burkholder of Washington county; J. L. Laird of Coos county and Guy Robertson of Multnomah.

Considering the unusual conditions met with in this county where there are comparatively a small number of large farmers and where specialized crops are grown so extensively near the city it is thought the drive has been unusually successful. In the sections which might be classed as strictly farm community the membership percentage has ranged very high.

### Basket Ball Notice.

Orient basket ball team will play the Lincoln Leaguers at Orient grange hall on Friday evening, March 18.

### Main Street Garage.

This garage is now open for general repair work of all kinds by experienced workman. Norman Smith, phone 51.

## BUSINESS MEN WANT HOUSES NUMBERED

The adjourned meeting of the council which was held Friday evening for the purpose of completing the business of the last regular session and especially to consider the licensing out-of-town bread wagons, several minor matters were taken up.

The discussion of the bread wagon situation was held up on account of the failure to obtain copies of the Oregon City ordinance after which the council hoped to pattern an ordinance which will care for the situation here. The question has been postponed until the next regular meeting.

The license on dogs is due and the marshal was instructed to take up all dogs whose owners have failed to pay the proper license. It was also announced that April 1st is the date after which no dogs may run at large in the town.

## PROMINENT ESTACADA MAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

J. W. Reed, one of the first residents of Estacada, former mayor and school director, died Saturday morning from the results of an accident which occurred Friday afternoon. He and a companion were driving up a steep hill when the drive chain of the truck broke and the car began running down hill. Mr. Reed remained with the truck which was overturned in the ditch. The companion jumped and escaped injury. Mr. Reed had several broken ribs and one pressed on the heart. He died at 4 a. m., after several hours of suffering. He was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and several grown children.

## MANY DISTRICTS PLAN UNION HIGH SCHOOLS

A number of high schools of the state are trying to enlarge their districts by taking advantage of the union high school law. This step in some instances is being taken on account of the crowded condition of the schools and a large number of students in attendance from outside districts. The principal of Union High school No. 2, which is the largest in the state, has been called upon by boards of education and commercial clubs in different parts of the state to explain the advantages of a union high school and the system used here. He has recently explained the system at Hillsboro in Washington county, and Milton in Umatilla county. The board of education at Hubbard in Marion county has invited the clerk of this district and the principal of the school to meet with them this evening.

A delegation of 15 or 20 interested citizens of Forest Grove and vicinity will visit this school tomorrow to secure information to assist them in organizing a large union high school district.

## SKY FIGHTERS VS. SEA FIGHTERS

They are having a terrible time down in Washington over the question as to whether the giant battleship or the airplane is the better man.

A certain number of sky ship men insist that the day of the battleship is over; that the military airplanes with their high explosive bombs will be able to sink the best of them. Therefore, no more battleships should be built.

The navy experts all deny this. They say it will be many years before the airships will be able to destroy a swift, armored, skillfully maneuvered battleship, if ever. So Secretary Daniels is taking their advice and the navy department is going ahead with its plans. The other day there was a test of the skill of the military airplanes. The old battleship Indiana was towed out to sea, anchored and abandoned. The air captains began to drop their smartest bombs on her. When they were all through, the Indiana still floated triumphant. Of course, her deckworks were ripped above board. It must be remembered also that there was nobody on board her to oppose the air bombardment with anti-aircraft guns.

However, the test didn't satisfy the sky fighters and now they have gotten a bill into the senate to turn over all obsolete naval ships to their "tender" mercies.

See John Brown for Insurance. I can take care of all lines of standard insurance, including Fire, Life, Casualty, Automobile in the best companies on earth. John Brown, Main street, Gresham, phone 981.

Contractor and Builder. Have located in Gresham and am ready to take any work in my line. Long experience. Work guaranteed. Let me bid on your work. Phone 327. L. J. Winter.

## SCHOOLS AND ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS IN GRESHAM CLOSED; EPIDEMIC CAUSE

Overshadowing the smallpox scare which prevailed last week and which caused so much alarm was the discovery Monday of two cases of diphtheria in this locality. One of the cases is Robert Sterling, young son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sterling of Gresham, and Newell Fancher, son of C. C. Fancher, who lives near Troutdale.

After cultures from the throats of these patients were sent to the health department for analysis and the reports came back that pronounced the cases diphtheria steps have been taken to keep the disease from spreading.

Both the grade school and union high schools have been closed on advice of the city health officer, Dr. H. H. Hughes, after a consultation with the county health officer, Dr. Harry Chiff.

All public meetings have been ordered suspended for a time until further developments in the situation.

On the question of closing the schools it was at first suggested that they continue under the supervision of physicians who could keep a careful check on all the pupils and separate all who showed any signs of sore throat.

It was decided best, however, to close the schools and all children have been ordered to remain at home and that in no case should the children be allowed to play together on the streets.

The health officers urge that at the first sign of sore throat a physician should be called who will swab the throat and send cultures to the laboratories where it can be determined in a very few hours whether or not diphtheria is present.

## PRINCIPAL GOODWIN URGES CO-OPERATION

Gresham, Ore., March 15, 1921.—Editor Outlook:—There seems to be an epidemic of contagious diseases prevalent in our community at this time, including measles, chicken pox, smallpox and diphtheria. Two cases of diphtheria were reported by physicians yesterday, one a boy from the Gresham grade school and the other from the high school. Unless the greatest precaution is observed at this time it will be necessary to close the public schools. The attendance has been very much reduced the last few weeks.

Strict quarantine of the homes where the disease exists is necessary to prevent its spread. Young people, as well as adults, should not attend public gatherings where large numbers of people congregate in poorly ventilated buildings.

In order to safeguard the young people the union high school called off a large party to be held in the gymnasium last Friday evening. The senior class play to have been given next Friday evening has been postponed indefinitely. Other events such as dances, club meetings and the Gresham grange have been either called off or indefinitely postponed. The picture show and similar places

of amusement for young people usually held in poorly ventilated rooms in small towns should close their doors until the epidemic is over. We need cooperation from every source at this time to successfully combat the diseases that threaten the health of the people of this community. The union high school has more than 100 young people whose homes are in the country from two to eight miles from Gresham. Their parents are depending upon the school authorities to take every precaution to safeguard their health.

Students at homes under quarantine should not return to school until the quarantine has been raised and their clothes and books have been fumigated. Persons exposed to smallpox should be vaccinated. It might be advisable for all school people to be vaccinated. A treatment of antitoxin is recommended by physicians to combat the most dreaded and dangerous, perhaps, of all the diseases mentioned above, diphtheria.

We do not want to close the public schools. It would be a great loss to the boys and girls at this time. We appeal to every patriotic citizen to assist us and the health authorities in safeguarding the health of the boys and girls in the public schools, as well as the community.

They recommend that all those who have been exposed should begin taking the anti-toxin treatment. This is said to be an almost perfect prophylactic or preventative of the disease. In rare cases it does not prevent one's taking the disease but the chances are greatly minimized and the antitoxin treatment is recognized for its value in preventing the disease as well as in treating of cases.

Pupils of both the grade school and the high school are affected as Robert Sterling, a member of the former, and Newell Fancher, a member of union high.

Robert has just recently recovered from measles and when the first swelling appeared it was thought to be an aftermath of the measles. He was kept at home but no quarantine was imposed until after the report from the health officer was received.

Newell Fancher attended high school Friday and spent considerable time in Gresham Saturday although he was feeling badly. Saturday evening he attended the Gresham theater with some friends. His companions have been given the anti-toxin treatment and it is hoped to halt the disease which he was unconsciously spreading.

The health officers and physicians are doing all that is possible to keep the situation in check and are meeting with a spirit of cooperation on every hand.

H. W. Adrian, proprietor of the Gresham theater voluntarily closed his theater when he heard of the situation. The meeting of the Parent-Teacher association for Wednesday afternoon and the special meeting to have been held Monday evening have both been cancelled.

Both grade and high schools have been closed at the request of the officers and will remain closed until next Monday at least by which time it is hoped that the situation will be much better.

ELMER F. GOODWIN.

## EAST OF SANDY HAS LARGE POTATO CLUB

Twenty-three boys from five school districts east of the Sandy met with Miss Ethel I. Calkins Friday afternoon and completed some organization work. These boys will form probably the largest boys' club in the county. They are taking up the potato project and expect to line up with the Farm Bureau and take up the same kind of progressive work that the adults do. Hill selection of seed will probably be one of their lines of activity as they have some experienced potato club boys in the club who have proven by past year's crops that hill selection pays.

N. G. Woodie has been chosen as leader of the club and F. N. Lasley and A. G. Salzman were chosen as assistant leaders.

The boys will meet again next month to do some demonstration work and make further outlines of their work for the year.

At their meeting Friday they were presented with the gold seal for their charter. They have complied with all of the necessary requirements and have the club seal placed on the charter which was issued earlier.

## Gresham Women to Sew for Babies.

The Gresham women are invited to attend an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Clarence Cathey at Cotton station Thursday, March 17, to sew for the babies of the Albertina Kerr Nursery in Portland. This home is un denominational and its work is well known. This meeting will be held under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. of the Free Methodist church. All ladies are requested to attend this meeting. Each should bring lunch and a thimble.

## LUSTED

The Parent-Teacher association of Lusted school held its regular meeting on Friday evening. A short but well rendered program was given. Little Ruby Felt sang two delightful solos, accompanied by her sister, Edith, on the violin. B. C. Altman sang two selections, in his usual pleasing way. Mr. Altman was accompanied on the organ by Miss Ida Sester. Rev. S. F. Pitts told several amusing stories, although Mr. Pitts emphasized the fact that ministers should not "tell stories". Miss Edith Felt and Frank Cady gave two fine duets on the violin and guitar. The program closed by singing "America". Quite a lengthy business session was held as there was two months' work to be taken care of owing to the omission of the February meeting, on account of the measles epidemic in the school at that time.

The Ambitious Cooking club members sold candy and popcorn during the evening and added quite a sum to their treasury. They are also planning on a bake sale in the near future and should have the support of all. They are working to raise funds to send a delegate for two weeks' summer school at O. A. C. Plans are well under way for entertaining the county council of Parent-Teacher associations in April. Definite arrangements will be published later. A prize of a very fine framed picture of Lincoln was offered to the room having the most mothers present. The count resulted in a tie and the board of directors kindly came to the rescue and offered to buy another so each room could have one.

The secretary, Miss Grace Fieldhouse, was unable to be present, owing to an attack of tonsillitis. Mrs. Altman acted as secretary for the evening. Miss Fieldhouse was greatly missed, as she has endeared herself to all by her sunny disposition and willingness to help at all times.

A spelling match was in order. Mr. Altman and Rev. Earl B. Cotton choosing sides, and Miss Caroline Tallman pronouncing the words. Mr. Cotton's side won and Mr. Cotton spelled down every one on the floor. No attempt was made to spell down Mr. Cotton as it was feared it might take all night.

Mr. Felt, Mrs. Splawn and Mrs. Smith served refreshments in a most efficient way.

An old fashioned party was also held at this meeting and the costumes of the ladies afforded much amusement. Miss Tallman's costume was a work of art. Mrs. B. C. Altman was charming in her wedding gown, while Mrs. Geo. Lusted looked as though she might have sprung from the fashions of thirty years ago. Mrs. Felt seemed to have difficulty in handling her skirt and Mrs. Ed. Sester's hat was the envy of every lady present. Mrs. G. E. Bader was classified as a quaint lady of the Martha Washington days.

The next regular meeting will be held the second Friday in April and the officers of the association hope to have some good speakers present.

Need Your Suit Cleaned? Have it French dry cleaned. Repairing neatly done. Tailoring for ladies and men. PETER LENARD, Tailor.

Notice to Farmers. Get your farm engines fixed to run like new. Prices reasonable. Work guaranteed. Call up Norman Smith, Gresham. Garage phone 18, residence phone 51.

Drop onto a few of the bargains offered in the want columns.

## GIRL RESERVES GIVE INSPIRING PROGRAM

In spite of the very disagreeable weather Sunday afternoon there was a very good attendance at the Girl Reserve meeting at Pleasant Home.

Miss Guila E. Gamble, girl's secretary of the northwest field which includes the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, was the principal speaker of the afternoon. Miss Gamble gave the girls a wonderful message of helpfulness. She explained their symbol, the "blue-triangle" and said that it meant to be "true blue in all three sides of their program which she explained was represented by the three sides of the triangle: Health, Mind and Spirit. Her suggestions and helpful hints as how they might attain their goal, was of the greatest benefit not only to the Girl Reserves but also to all who were fortunate enough to hear her speak.

Miss Gamble travels all over the northwest field and has charge of the girl's work. In this field there are 8000 girls enrolled in the Girl Reserves. Miss Gamble said that in the United States there are more than 100,000 members nor does the membership stop within the American borders as the work extends to practically every country in the world. Each organization is under the supervision and care of the Young Women's Christian association which directs the activities through special secretaries and local advisors.

With Miss Gamble were Miss Lois Diehl, town and country secretary for the northwest field, whose headquarters also is at Seattle, and Miss Ethel Mitchell, girl's secretary from the Portland Y. W. C. A. Miss Mitchell is well known to the local girls as she assisted them in organizing their club and has met with them and assisted them in many ways since that time. Miss Mitchell gave the girls a very personal and helpful message.

One of the delightful features of the afternoon was the vocal solo by Miss Irma Eder.

At the close of the program an informal reception was held and a very pleasant time enjoyed meeting and talking with these women who are doing so much for the group of girls who are a few years their junior.

The church was most artistically decorated with Oregon grape, pussy willows, and daffodils.

## GIRL RESERVES PLAN PUBLIC INITIATION

The Girl Reserves of Pleasant Home will hold a public initiation at the Methodist church next Saturday evening, March 19.

The organization has been steadily adding new members during the winter and plan to initiate them at this meeting.

A number of special numbers have been arranged for the evening among which are vocal solos by Miss Vada Bettis and Miss Erma Eder and readings by Miss Iva TenEyck, Miss Helen Moulton and Rev. Earl B. Cotton.

At the close of the program a social hour will be enjoyed by all and refreshments will be served for which a nominal sum will be charged.

This meeting will be in charge of the Girl Reserves and they extend a most cordial welcome to each person in the community to attend and enjoy with them a pleasant social evening.

For Sale. Berry Plants, Berry Plants, Cuthbert Berry Plants, Loganberry Tips.

Windfall and Gregg blackcaps, Treble Gold Dollar, Marshall and Etersburg No. 121 strawberry plants; also English Blue Damson plum trees.

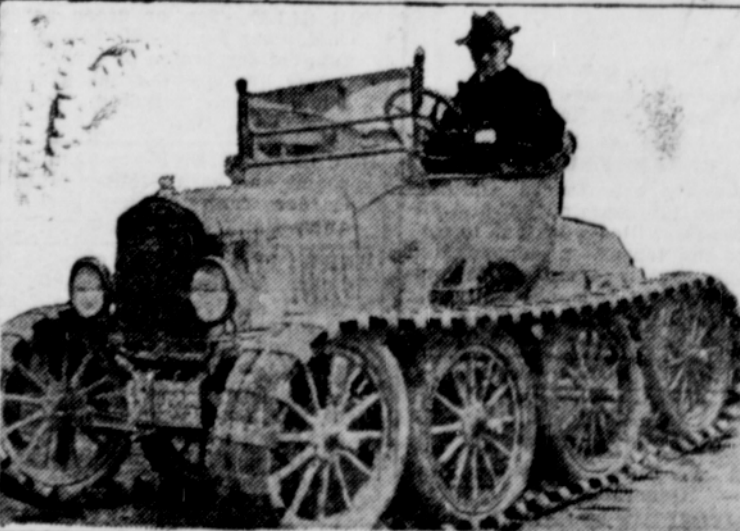
N.B.—These strawberry plants have been inspected. Samples can be seen at my residence, Fifth and Main street, Gresham, phone 146. The Cooperative Berry Growers, D. E. TOWLE, Mgr.

Teeth extracted without pain. Hurts don't pay me! Dentistry at a price all can afford. Examination free. Dr. Harry Semler, 204 Alisky Bldg., Portland, Oregon. Main 6576.

The agricultural class is making plans for an experimental garden on the school grounds. A mail sack full of garden seeds has recently been received from the government at Washington though the kindness of a member of Congress. The hot beds are about ready for the seeds. The class in drainage is having some practical field work with engineer's level. The Farm Mechanics boys are making self-feeders for chickens.

FIRST GROWTH seasoned live wood, \$8.50. C. O. D., Gresham. Fred G. Anicker, Gresham, R. 4 or phone G. Cox, 54x3.

## NOW AN EIGHT-WHEELED FIELD RUNABOUT



This is one of the newest members of the well-known Ford family. It is the field runabout. It is a strong-limbed boy—eight wheels dividing the work done by four before. It is a tractor which Secretary of War Baker was most interested in at the army exhibit in Washington. The broad caterpillar belt gives it a very firm footing under all kinds of soil conditions.