

Greater Gresham Banquet At Grange Hall, Monday

One of the most important questions placed before Gresham people in recent years is to be presented for consideration at the 6:30 o'clock community dinner to be held in the grange hall, Monday evening, February 20. Invitations have been sent out and tickets prepared. The tickets are available to anybody, man or woman, who is interested in considering the proposal to locate another important factory here and, if regarded feasible, willing to help formulate plans for co-operating with the company.

The dinner will be prepared and served by the Ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion. The price will be 50 cents a plate.

The proposal of the new factory has been investigated by the Business Men's association and a committee will be prepared to make its report and recommendations Monday night.

The dinner was planned to give

the substantial citizens of Gresham an opportunity to meet the officials of the Pacific Malleable Iron company, hear from them what they propose to do, hear the report and recommendation of the committee, talk over plans for community betterment, and enjoy a social evening.

The Outlook would like to suggest that this is matter for careful, businesslike consideration. Every citizen who owns property here, does business here, depends more or less upon the development of this community for his living and the comfort and education of his family, is vitally concerned in the matter to be presented Monday night.

The arrangement to have admission by ticket is necessary in order that the number to be provided for may be known before hand.

Gresham has a reputation for giving these enterprises which come up from time to time fair and due consideration. The present should not be an exception.

Dairy League Members Will Hold Important Meeting on Monday

The final results of the Oregon Dairymen's League meetings, which were held at the Gresham grange hall and the Springdale schoolhouse last Monday and at the Damascus schoolhouse last Tuesday, were summed up at a meeting of the committees held last Thursday afternoon in various communities near Portland. Compiled data showed that only about one-third of the stockholders and pool holders attended the meetings and only about 95 per cent signed up so their vote could be counted. The meeting at Gresham, which was the first in the series, was well attended by the dairymen but fewer in comparison to the number attending signed up than at any other of the two meetings.

It was found that more than 95 per cent of the dairymen who attended the League meetings were in favor of the retention of the properties by the dairymen and to liquidate on the plan suggested by the three commissioners.

Only about one-third of the stock-

holders and pool-holders attended the meetings so the committee in charge has decided to hold another meeting in Gresham next Monday afternoon February 20, at 2 o'clock at the Gresham grange hall. Notices of this meeting are being sent to all of the stockholders and pool-holders who have not already signed up.

This is a final effort on the part of the committee to present a plan to interest dairymen. The plan has to be put over so it is very important that every dairymen who has not already signed up, make an effort to be at this final meeting. Whether he realizes it or not, it is to his advantage to be present.

If this plan is not unanimously adopted, it will mean that the trustees will have to liquidate by putting the properties up to the highest bidder. The result will be that the property holders will receive nothing and the holders of preferred stock will receive only a very small percentage of their stock.

Now is the time to get busy. No one has time to run after you.

YOUNG PEOPLES' LEAGUE GIVE PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

About 50 members and friends of the Zion Evangelical Young People's League enjoyed a very pleasant Lincoln-Washington program Tuesday evening at the A. Brugger home on the Base Line road. The program consisted of recitations and papers on the lives and characters of Lincoln and Washington. Musical numbers were given by Margaret Anicker and Gertrude Brugger. Games and refreshments followed the program.

"Going up to Jerusalem" will be the sermon topic of the pastor, Rev. H. Gebhardt, at the Zion Evangelical church, Sunday morning. Sunday school at 10:30 and morning worship in the English language at 11:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all who do not worship elsewhere.

Coming Events of Local Interest.

Community sing, Gresham library, Friday evening, February 17.

Important dairymen's meeting Monday afternoon, February 20, at 2 o'clock at Gresham grange hall.

A dance and supper will be given at the Columbia grange hall on the evening of February 18, for the benefit Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan.

Greater Gresham banquet Monday night, February 20, 6:30. Admission by ticket. Tickets 50 cts.

A Colonial chicken dinner will be given by the Baptist Ladies' Guild of Gresham on Wednesday evening, February 22 at 6 o'clock at the Gresham grange hall.

Colonial party, under auspices of community council of Victory, Lusted, Cottrell and Orient districts, to be given in Orient grange hall Wednesday evening, February 22, at 8 o'clock.

First high school debate of series in Union High school auditorium Friday, February 24. Estacada vs. Union High school.

The De Moss Family in concert at the Masonic hall, March 3, under the auspices of the Bethel Baptist church of Gresham.

Save a date. What date? March 4. In the evening at the Gresham grange hall; a "Spizz-trinctum" social for young folks and those that are older.

FARMERS GET MARKET REPORTS BY WIRELESS



Thousands of farmers located in middle western states are twice daily receiving market reports by wireless telephone. There is no cost to the service, once the inexpensive receiving set has been installed, and which can be purchased anywhere. The Westinghouse Electric Co., from its great free broadcasting station at Newark, N. J., not only sends out market reports at 12 o'clock noon and 6 P. M. daily, but also furnishes official weather forecasts and other entertaining and educational programs. It has been estimated that more than a half million amateurs (mostly in rural districts and on farms) "listen in" every day. Pictures show the operator sending out market reports from Newark; and map shows distances the messages are received.

FRIENDS PAY TRIBUTE TO MRS. BORING'S MEMORY

Friends from far and near gathered at the little church at Boring last Tuesday afternoon to pay their respects to the memory of Mrs. Sarah E. Boring, who passed away on Sunday after a long illness. She was characterized by all as a woman of splendid spiritual and mental attainments and one who had left an influence for good in the community which bears her name. She was praised as a woman, a Christian, a home maker.

The Rev. R. S. Bishop of Sheridan, Oregon, a close friend of the family, preached the funeral sermon. Others who took part in the service were the Rev. B. G. Carney, the pastor at Boring, the Rev. A. S. Hisey of Gresham, the Rev. L. F. Smith of Rockwood and the Rev. W. T. Kerr of Portland. The latter had been a friend of the family for more than 60 years, having been a boyhood friend and army comrade of William Boring.

The pall bearers were O. M. Richey, W. R. Telford, S. E. Lyon, George Drisel, Alonzo Sutton and J. E. Slefér. Music was furnished by L. H. Mallicoat, John Durstler, Mrs. J. C. Shultz, Mrs. J. Lundy, Miss Martha Durstler and the Rev. A. S. Hisey, with Mrs. P. K. Stone as organist. Mrs. Shultz and Mrs. Lundy sang a duet.

The Bank of Gresham pays 5 per cent interest on time deposits.—Adv.

CLACKAMAS BUREAU PLANS IMPROVEMENT

By WALTER RAMSER.

The Damascus Farm Bureau had a very lively and interesting meeting at the new union schoolhouse, and we were very fortunate to have Mr. Holt, our county agent, with us. Mr. Holt said that the county over the interest for better livestock, better poultry, better potatoes, etc., was rapidly making headway, but that the farmers were even more concerned about getting a fair price for their produce. But the cooperative activities in the open market, especially in the selling of wheat, is arousing the antagonism of certain interests, so the farmers, through the Farm Bureau, must necessarily work on a rather varied program.

In 1921 the Damascus Farm Bureau began working on six projects. The project leaders on marketing, poultry and home demonstration had made a start along their respective lines, but had not been as fortunate as the others in getting an active campaign going. Oran Lingle reported that considerable poison had been distributed wherever necessary, resulting in a marked decrease of the grey diggers. John Hoffmeister was surprised to find so many small patches of thistles in the community, but stated that steps had been taken last year for their control, and expressed his belief that, with the aid of the neighbors, the weed ought to be practically eradicated in three or four years. Mrs. Oran Lingle surely had the best report of all. Under the boys and girls club project she organized a canning club of 14 girls, of which 10 remained loyal to the end of the canning season. About 400 quarts of fruit and vegetables were canned during this time, and the club became so efficient that it won first prize at the county fair at Canby and fifth prize at the state fair at Salem. Despite the fact that certain forces have been successful to eliminate the boys and girls club leader in this county, Mrs. Lingle's enthusiasm has not been dampened, but she will continue the work this year, and has lately organized a potato club of seven boys.

It was deemed wise to add the dairy and crop improvement projects to the list for the current year. One of the four projected dairy demonstration farms to be located in Clackamas county will be located in our territory, if we can place it soon. Four dairies have been suggested: Those of Messrs. Paulson, Schwedler, Lingle and Louie Hoffmeister. The dairy project leader will see the owners, as to who will accept the proposition. Under the crop improvement project the standardization, certification and growing of potatoes for the seed market will be taken up, and the control of diseases. Probably the growing of certified grains will be taken under advisement, if enough interest is manifested.

The project leaders for 1922 are: marketing, N. Paulson; boys and girls clubs, Mrs. Oran Lingle; these were elected chairman and secretary. Poultry, S. E. Roberts; home demonstration, Mrs. S. E. Roberts; rodents, Oran Lingle; thistles, John Hoffmeister; crop improvement, Walter Ramser. Louis Hoffmeister was not present when elected chairman of the dairy project, but all were confident that he would take as much interest in this work as he does in his herd of thoroughbred Holsteins.

It was decided to hold a community meeting at 7:30 p. m., on the first

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FARM BUREAU HEAD EXPLAINS THE DOINGS OF THE AGRICULTURAL BLOC

By J. R. HOWARD.

When congress convened last April the situation in the farming-livestock industry of the nation had become so tense that a number of congressmen who knew the actual condition confronting agriculture resolved it was time for something to be done for deflated agriculture in order to save not only the farmer, but the industries of the nation. They recognized the key to the situation lay largely in assisting the



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agriculture to "come back." They sensed also the changed conditions. They realized a new era had come and with it a turn in the tide of basic productions.

This resulted in the formation of that much discussed group in congress, the agricultural bloc, which has to its credit more agricultural legislation in the extraordinary session than ever before was passed in a single sitting of congress. Let me mention among them the aid to the Federal Land Banks, the War Fi-

nance Relief measure, the Packer control bill, the Grain Exchange control bill, and the Farm-to-Market road law. Each measure passed however, although classed as agricultural, has great value to the nation as a whole.

The first meeting of the senate agricultural "bloc" was held in the office of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D. C. The senators, known to be interested in the agricultural situation, were called by Senator William S. Kenyon of Iowa and Gray Silver, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Senator Kenyon told his colleagues that it was his idea that by bringing together senators from the Middle West and the South, the principal agricultural sections, it would be possible to bring to bear sufficient cooperative action in the senate to enact legislative measures which would relieve agriculture. He also told the futility of his and other senators' endeavors to pass any kind of remedial or constructive agricultural legislation during the previous short session of congress.

Thus the agricultural "bloc" had its origin. It transcends party lines. It has its own caucus and is not amendable to the party whip or party discipline. Heretofore many bills have been sidetracked simply because of policy and the domination of leaders who would hold up the bills rather than risk a division split in the party ranks. The "bloc" has thus not only kept new and constructive measures from the cold storage warehouses of specially appointed congressional committees; it has also taken measures out of cold storage and passed them.

The agricultural "bloc" in the senate is not sufficiently strong numerically to pass legislation. Its strength lies in voting as a bloc and adding that strength to one party or the other according to the way these parties favor or oppose a measure. It is the principle of independent voting applied to national legislation.

The more than twenty members are divided about equally between democrats and republicans, so it is truly a bi-partisan organization. Most of the westerners are republicans and most of the southerners democrats. In the senate "bloc" the western members all come from states west of Ohio. These men are entitled to commendation, not only from the farmers but from the general public. The House "bloc" contains members from as far east as Pennsylvania and is also bi-partisan in make-up.

GRESHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS FINE RECORD FOR PAST DECADE

The Gresham Volunteer Fire department is today quite a complete organization. In spite of the fact that it is only in its eleventh year, the equipment is much better than is possessed by some larger cities. At present it consists of a Ford fire truck which carries a large chemical tank, hose and ladders. The truck and equipment were added in 1920. When a fire is reported and it is necessary to call the firemen, a large siren, mounted on the top of the city hall (which is also the fire engine house) is sounded and the phone calls are sent out to notify the ones farther away. A very short time elapses before all the men report for duty.

Harold Kern is now chief of the department and F. L. Mack is assistant chief. There are 28 volunteer firemen and nearly one-half of them are ex-service men. A large number of them are Gresham business men. The names of the other officers and men are Fred Jennings, secretary; C. J. Lundquist, treasurer; Al Hammar, marshal; Bert Metzger, assistant marshal; R. F. Jennings, captain; Jack Hamlin, 2d lieutenant; C. Dahl, Fred Hoss, F. C. Jennings, T. Van Donnick, M. J. Allhouse, Herb West, Cecil Pulfer, Frank Southard, A. G. McMurry, Dick Lane, S. S. Pugh, Sherman McCarter, J. E. Metzger, Conrad Metzger, Frank Hamlin, George Lane, Leslie Walrad, Quinn Metzger and Tony Hengstler.

When the department was first organized in February, 1911, the entire equipment consisted of two hand hose-carts and a chemical wagon. Shortly afterwards a hook and ladder truck was added. The chemical wagon was only a two-wheeled cart and it was converted into a four-wheeled vehicle so it could be hauled by fire by auto. The equipment was first housed in the old city hall on Powell street and remained there until the new hall was built on the corner of Powell street and Roberts avenue.

A. W. Metzger was the first man to be chief of the department and Ezra Thomas was his assistant chief. The other members were made up from the young men and younger business men of Gresham.

The fire department has answered many calls and fought many battles with fires during the ten years of its existence. Several of the larger fires and also a number of interesting events stand out as memories in the life of the organization.

One of the largest fires in the history of Gresham broke out in December, 1914. The fire alarm was sounded about 3 o'clock in the morning and it was found that several of the business houses of the city were all ablaze. A cold east wind was blowing which fanned the flames which grew in volume until the firemen were unable to cope with them. A call was finally sent to Portland for help and a truck, fully equipped was sent out from the fire station at East 35th and Belmont. Before the fire could be put out it had wiped out

seven business houses and poles carrying power and light wires belonging to the P. R. L. & P. company were burned and the wires fell to the ground and caused several slight accidents by people coming in contact with the wires.

One evening, in September, 1913, the fire alarm was sounded while a firemen's dance was in progress in their hall. Upon investigation, it was found to be at the home of their chief, Etsel T. Jones. The fire was soon put out and the party returned to the dance. All went along nicely until just about the time the party was getting ready to leave for home. The gong was again heard. All rushed back to the home of the chief and it was found that the fire had smoldered in a mattress and had broken out again.

At another time the men were called to the fire hall as fire had broken out in the room used by the men. It was soon put out.

In 1913 the Gresham fire department started a movement to establish an annual firemen's tournament. At a meeting held on the Multnomah county fair grounds it was decided to hold the first one in June of that year. Among other events of this meet, a girl's hose team, which was then quite popular in the state was organized in Gresham. This team and one in Astoria were the last of these teams in the state to disband. In a hub and bub race at the 1913 Multnomah county fair the Gresham girls defeated the Astoria team, and declared themselves champions of the United States.

CHICKEN DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY LADIES

A Colonial chicken dinner is to be given by the Baptist Ladies' Guild next Wednesday evening, February 22. It is to be at the Gresham grange hall and will commence at six o'clock. The complete menu will be printed in the next issue of the Outlook.

A number of musical numbers will be given while dinner is being served. They will be rendered by Guy Jones, Miss Martha Hagberg, Leslie Walrad and Mrs. Richard Neubauer. A reader whose name is not given will also have a place on the program. Mrs. Alexander Thompson will deliver an address at the banquet table. The program will be followed by community singing and games in which all can take part.

Much interest is being shown in this coming event, and the ladies are making preparations for a large attendance.

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