

SPRING FESTIVAL WILL BE REPEATED

The Gresham grade school spring festival was such a success and so many requests have come both from those who witnessed the performance and those who did not to repeat it that the school faculty has decided to give a second performance next Thursday evening, May 25. A small admission will be charged.

The picturesque playgrounds of the Gresham grammar school Wednesday afternoon was the scene of the most spectacular and delightful Spring Festival ever given in Multnomah county, not excepting the city schools.

About 265 children in costume took part. Promptly at 1:30 a hush went over the crowd that encircled the grounds when the sweet strains of a whistling overture from a large phonograph, equipped with an amplifier floated out from among the trees. This was the signal for the entrance of the "Birds and Flowers," who took positions about the throne.

The herald, dressed in Fourteenth century costume of velvet and plumes entered, and, with elaborate and graceful bow, announced in a clear voice the "Spirit of Spring" and her tiny woodland fairies.

The dancing of the Spirit of Spring elicited much applause. The herald in his inimitable way announced each succeeding item on the program:

The next was the arrival of Queen Maryette (a tiny first grader) nestled in the heart of a rose, and drawn by gorgeously colored butterflies, followed and guarded by numerous elves.

Butterflies' dance.— Words fail to do justice in describing the beauties and thrills of this children's performance.

The "Forester's Drill" which came next was well executed by boys carrying bows and arrows. One of the cutest items was the "Dance of the Fairies and Elves."

The fairies were dressed in fluffy tulle dresses, carrying silver wands, and the elves clad in characteristic green made spooky looking little tots. All were first graders.

Then came the "Rainbow Fantasia" in rainbow colors carrying balloons, beautifully executed figures, dropping in a circle, in which three of their number gave an interpretation dance.

The "Shepherd and Shepherdess" drill, part of which was forming the letters in the word "Spring," ended when one of the girls danced the highland fling to the satisfaction of all the "thoroughbreds" in the audience.

The big event was the "Spiderweb" with 150 in the drill. At the conclusion of which about 20 pigeons were released, while the spectators watched the birds fly away. The children then scattered to their places at the five May poles where the exercises were finished.

It is interesting to know that this entire splendid program was original and worked out by the faculty of the Gresham grammar school.

The thoroughness with which the Gresham school is conducted is reflected in this Spring play. The unanimity which exists between the faculty and student body is remarkable and accounts largely for the good work done by the school.

The grammar school faculty desire to thank the mothers and others for the help which made the success of the Spring Festival possible; also the business men—especially J. E. Metzger for the "Brunswick" and amplifier and Ellsworth Raker for generous time given on the use of truck, and supplying the pigeon novelty.

More than 800 people witnessed the performance. The request for another performance was so general the faculty has decided to repeat the program next Thursday evening. The grounds will be illuminated, and some extra stunts put on by the business men. The proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a moving picture outfit for the school.

COMES TO DISCUSS STEEL IMPORT DUTY



Arthur Balfour, no, not the same Sir Arthur of Washington Conference fame, but President of the Chamber of Commerce of England, is on his way to Washington to interview President Harding and leading legislators on the proposed 66% import duty on steel.

GRESHAM GRANGE HEARS TALK ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The main speaker at the Gresham Grange last Saturday was Judge Geo. Rossman, who held the position of municipal court judge for four years. Many of the cases brought before him were those of drug fiends. He probably came to know more regarding the evils of this habit as few men ever do.

Judge Rossman was asked to speak on narcotic drugs. One of the surprising statements he made was that the larger per cent of the criminal cases brought before the courts are drug fiends. If a house is robbed or some person held up the person or persons committing the act are apt to be victims of this terrible habit.

A drug fiend uses all the drugs he can get. He has been known to use \$15 worth a day. He will steal, pass out bad checks or commit almost any crime to get money to purchase it. A drug fiend also likes to pass the habit along. If he is married he will not rest until his wife becomes a user of it. The same thing is true in regards to his associates. It is contagious.

The French people use absinth, one of the deadliest of the drugs. It saps out the strength and causes the users of it to reel when they walk. The drug habit is one of the greatest evils that America has to contend with today. The drugs come from India. At least 90 per cent of the drugs sold here are sold by the Japanese and Chinese. Its widespread use in this country has been traced to the various drug agencies who send out tutors to teach people to use it so they will become their victims.

One of the ways in which everyone can help combat this evil is by commending those who are in a position to wage war against it. If some judge or other person does something that is worthy, don't hesitate about telling them it is appreciated. It will cheer and urge them on to keep up the good work.

Miss Myrtle Rusher favored the Grange with a vocal solo accompanied by Miss Vida Cemer. A violin solo was played by Miss Norma Lee Peck with Miss Florence Honey at the piano.

There was an unusually small turnout of Grange members. Most of the men wanted to take advantage of the good day to put in their crops. The June meeting is to be observed as children's day. All children are to be the guests of the Grange on that day. The July and August meetings are to be held on Saturday evening on account of being in the busy season.

It was suggested that community singings be given an important place on the program on these two meetings nights.

WORKERS APPRECIATE HELP IN BAZAAR

Editor Outlook:— Permit me through your paper to convey the sincere thanks and appreciation to the many kind friends who so generously and willingly assisted the Ladies Baptist Guild in making it a complete success, especially to those who not being members voluntarily donated articles for sale which helped considerably. To those also who gave such an excellent program we feel greatly indebted. Music furnished by the high school orchestra was of a fine order under the efficient leadership of Mr. Rutherford, who was greatly handicapped for want of room. Much praise is due to Mrs. Ralph Miller of Portland who in her usual attractive manner gave two fine readings. Miss Martha Hagberg also Mrs. R. Neubauer in their usual happy manner rendered fine solos and "the old man" represented by Mr. Millikin was a complete success until he unmasked everybody was trying to discover who in Gresham was so old and decrepit. Mrs. Barry gave an excellent reading, which was much enjoyed.

Miss Shoemaker's Chinese pagoda with her Chinese girls and curious made a very attractive booth. Mrs. Larson added much to the success by displaying her performing alligators. H. W. Cooley very kindly acted as a substitute for Judge Stapleton (who was unavoidably absent) in auctioneering various articles at the close.

We are happy to tell you that we cleared \$279 for the building fund. Again, dear friends, accept our many thanks. Yours on behalf of the Guild.

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ESSAYS WRITTEN ON "SWAT THE FLY"

The topic "Swat the Fly" was given by A. C. Shagren of the high school to the biology class. Many excellent essays were written. On our request Mr. Shagren has handed the Outlook two of these which he regards as exceptionally good. The other one will be published later.

"SWAT THE FLY" (By Marguerite Bailey.)

If a wild beast runs through a town or a fire occurs, the public is soon aroused and vigorous measures used, but dangerous conditions may exist and unless they are out of the ordinary they are ignored. It seems that it is very hard to stir the great American people from their apathy, and so it is, in regard to the fly, the people are impervious to the insidious habits of this pest.

I will first endeavor by a few graphic sentences to tell of some of the habits of this foe of mankind, and show the great risk we run by complacently allowing this evil to continue unchecked. The house fly is hatched in filth, bred in filth, lives on filth, distributes filth and is without a doubt the filthiest creature on earth.

The following statement taken from a pamphlet draws a sickening picture of what we get by tolerating the fly. "The fly crawls in the spit-cup of the consumptive or in the excreta of the patient ill with typhoid fever, from here he flies into a dining room, perhaps yours, here he bathes himself in your milk pitcher, wipes his feet in your butter or does only one of a hundred different disgusting things."

If every person could actually see the journey of the fly as he goes from filth to the table, from a sick room to light on baby's toys, they would instantly unite and not rest until the fly was completely exterminated. These facts have been told over and over and no one doubts the statements but because we cannot actually see this filth carried, we forget how dreadful the conditions are in which we live. The sooner the people are convinced that when they put forth their utmost endeavors to make life miserable for this pest, the sooner our goal will be reached.

It has been stated by authority that, "Public health is purchasable and within natural limitations, a community can determine its own death rate."

I have endeavored to show the great menace which flies constitute to public welfare, and hope I have aroused your interest enough that you are desirous of learning the best way of combating this foe. It is very important that we start early in our campaign because a fly killed when the first few make their appearance is found to be the same as killing millions later, for it is these few that lay the eggs. If possible we should destroy the fly before ever it reaches the house.

This seemingly gigantic task is really a simple matter if the right forces can be brought together in harmonious cooperation. There are two general practical methods of destroying flies, first by doing away with the breeding places and, second, by catching the flies as soon as they emerge, before they have a chance to lay their eggs.

The first, and by far the most important, consists of the immediate disposal of all refuse or other substances in which flies may breed. Where this is not possible the treatment of refuse with such materials as will destroy or prevent the development of the fly must be resorted to. The second consists in placing fly traps around the house and in the places frequented by flies so as to catch them whenever they appear.

A few rules may be given which were used very successfully in Cleveland, Ohio. Kill all the flies that survive the winter, as soon as they appear in the spring. They are the mother flies, few in number, but responsible for all generations that infest the summer. As before stated to kill one fly at this season is equal to killing millions in August or September. Be sure that no flies either feed or breed on your premises. This must be a universal rule, for even in the best of homes we have records of garbage cans that have neither top nor bottom. We need to have some kind of a fly trap in our back yards in order to catch flies on their way from their breeding places to our homes.

Realizing the danger of the house fly we must cease to trade with dealers who permit flies to swarm in our restaurants, bakeries and markets. By withdrawing patronage from the careless dealer we can put our fly campaign upon a dollar and cent basis. The dealer will demand, then, that all places where flies may breed in their neighborhood be cleaned up. Then and not until then shall we have not only a flyless but a really clean town to live in.

I have so far given no statistics, whatever, as they usually are dry and uninteresting, but there are a few statements which have such an important bearing upon this topic that they cannot be ignored.

A series of experiments carried on at a Connecticut Experiment Station, in 1908 found that the flies caught, carried from 47,000 to 6,500,000 germs with the average being about 3,000,000. Think of this the next time you see a fly crawling about on the baby's lips. The fly was responsible for the lives of more of our soldiers in the Spanish-American war than the Spaniards with their bullets.

States are beginning to realize the danger of filthy conditions and this reform will grow rapidly or slowly, depending entirely upon the attitude of public sentiment toward it. Were we at war, all would put forth their utmost endeavors, yet this apparently harmless fly is a worse enemy than any foreign nation could be. We want to eradicate this obnoxious pest. Will you do your share?

POWELL VALLEY TO VOTE ON WATER DISTRICT

A special election is to be held Saturday, May 20, at the Powell Valley schoolhouse to vote on the formation of a water district. The election will begin at 8 o'clock in the morning and continue all day and evening. This is an important issue and everyone within the proposed water district should vote.

The boundaries of the proposed district include 3000 acres within which there are 119 families. The boundary goes east as far as R. Lundborn's place, west to the bridge, below the Powell Valley station, south one-eighth of a mile on the other side of Gillis station and north a short distance beyond the pipe line.

A meeting was held last Wednesday evening in the schoolhouse to discuss the proposed water district formation. O. F. Ekstrom acted as chairman. J. L. Bowman, president of the Brownsville Woolen Mills at Portland took an important part in the discussions.

It will be necessary to lay about 12 miles of pipe. The Portland city engineer estimate it will cost \$20,000 to lay mains and install meters. A contractor has given an estimate of \$22,500. This is considered a low estimate for such a large piece of work but it is expected that this price will be cut in half before the contract is actually let. The estimates received have all been conservative. Those in charge feel very confident of the success of the undertaking.

Saturday's election is to decide the issue. If the vote carries, S. J. Lind will be made water commissioner.

OPERATION NECESSARY BEFORE ARM IS SET

D. T. Lyman, who broke his arm about three weeks ago, had to undergo an operation a few days ago to enable the doctors to set the bone. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. The bone was broken at his wrist and also part way between his wrist and elbow which caused the bone to be out of place at both breaks. In performing the operation, the doctors made an incision in the flesh to the bone and forced the bone into place.

Mr. Lyman is at home now. He says he is in less pain than he has been for several days. His arm is in a cast.

The accident first occurred while Mr. Lyman was out to Blue Lake fishing. He grew tired of fishing and went to his auto to return home. He tried his self-starter but couldn't get it to work, so he got out and was cranking it when the crank kicked back and broke his arm. He was all alone by the deserted lake. It was therefore necessary for him to find some way to get home. He got back into the machine and tried his starter. To his surprise it responded. He then managed to drive home with one hand.

GRESHAM OLIVER PLOW IS OLD TIMER

What is probably one of the oldest plows if not the oldest plow in this country is owned by a Gresham man. Some of the old timers remember back in 1848 when an old pioneer known as Father Kelly was using an Oliver Chilled 40 plow which had then been in use for a great many years.

George Sleret bought this plow from Father Kelly 35 years ago. He has used it ever since. He is now using the same plow with the original beam and handles to plow the gardens in his neighborhood. It is still doing good work.

The Oliver plows and repairs are sold in Gresham and vicinity by W. A. Hessel, who has handled them nearly 15 years.

COUNTY COUNCIL P. T. A. MEETS SATURDAY, MAY 27

The regular meeting of the County Council of Parent-Teacher associations which is to be held at Gilbert has been postponed one week on account of the grade school graduation exercises to take place on Saturday, May 20. The council will meet on Saturday, May 27 at Gilbert.

The program is in charge of the Gilbert Parent-Teacher association. Reports will be given from the national convention. Officers will be elected for the coming year. Current events will be discussed.

MERRIL R. GOOD WINS STUDENT HONOR

Merril R. Good, winner of the state oratorical contest, has been nominated for the president's chair of the Associated Student body of Oregon Agricultural College.

Mr. Good and four other candidates were nominated from the "open floor" at the meeting held by the students last week.

His qualifications include membership of the Scabbard and Blade, military honor society, president of the Forensic society, varsity debate and the Lambda Phi Lambda fraternity.

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

U. S. HAS HER OWN "SIAMESE TWINS"



Two little American girls, Violet and Daisy Hilton, 16 years old, of San Antonio, Texas, are successors of Rosa and Josefa Blazsek, world-famous as the "Siamese Twins." They play and move with ease and rapidity.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BERRY GROWERS

The past week has been very favorable for the growth of all kinds of farm products, including berries, but in many instances the soil has lost an unnecessary amount of moisture owing to a lack of cultivation to resist drought. "You must cultivate often," says D. E. Towle, manager Berry Growers Packing Company, "say once a week and keep a fine dust mulch at least two inches deep to prevent evaporation. This is of vital importance and if you neglect to cultivate often the loss will be serious unless we have frequent showers. This is a matter of very much importance to you and in many cases the grower does not know the great value of frequently stirring the soil to prevent the escape of the much needed moisture. We cannot use enough of the Outlook's valued space to explain just how this works but will ask you to take our word for the importance of frequent cultivations. For the next three weeks cultivate the strawberries often but shallow and cultivate, cultivate, cultivate the cane berries for the next six weeks at least."

We have fixed the date of Monday, May 29, for our growers' meeting at the cannery, at 10 a. m., to discuss our berry picking problems, when we hope to have some valuable information for each and all of you. We look for a large attendance for many have expressed a desire to be present.

Have you ordered the material for carriers? We can make delivery on the above date, will also try and have your Grower's rubber stamp number ready for you. Do you need tents for pickers or scales for weighing the berries? Perhaps we can help you in buying these articles. Please advise. The week's sales have been good and we can see our old friend "Good Times" coming around the corner. If you do your part and cultivate the berries he will be here in about 60 days."

GRANGES MAY EXHIBIT LAST FALL'S PRODUCTS

Granges may include in their exhibits at the coming county fair grains, grasses, preserves, pickles, and canned products which were prepared after August 15th, last year.

This was a decision reached by the fair board at a meeting held last Wednesday night. The request came from one of the granges and the board thought it fair to all in view of the fact that this year's fair will be held in August, a month or more earlier than last year. These are products which would be gathered or prepared too late for this year's fair.

A resolution from the Terry Parent-Teachers association, relating to objectionable features of some amusement attractions shown in the past, was read and the board agreed to exercise reasonable care in this regard.

Frank Heiney was put in charge of some improvements and changes on the fair grounds. Horses are coming in and will use the stalls and race-track for training purposes.

HOUSE BURNS WHILE OWNERS ARE AWAY

Fire swept away the home of J. Luscher last Tuesday night while the family were away. The Luscher home was located near Fairview. As soon as the neighbors discovered the fire they hurried to the scene and managed to save the piano and a few other household articles. The outbuilding burned also with the house.

COUNTY SCHOOLS GRADUATE MANY

Eighteenth Grade Exercises Tomorrow, 1:30. The Multnomah county eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, May 20, at the Lincoln high school in Portland, Broadway and Market, instead of at 10 in the morning as was previously announced.

Twenty-six boys and girls are graduating from the Gresham grade school. Their names are Clara Baumann, Eleanor Botkin, Opal Collins, Mildred Knighton, Mildred McKinney, Helen Maxwell, Lillie Nelson, Addie Pullen, Dorothy Taylor, Melba Rossman, Edward Baumann, Wade Collins, Jack Dowsett, Glenn Full, Geo. Heiney, Randolph Hammond, Vearle Howell, Orville Johnson, Robert Lambert, Floyd McKinney, Paul Rusher, Ray Wadsworth, Virgie Maffie, Glen Sprague and Curtis Ruby.

Fay Parsons, Helen Laubon and Ruth Nash are graduating from the Troutdale school.

Fairview had a class of seven. They are Margaret Cady, Zelma Mahassey, George Anderson, Gerald Anderson, Glenn Burlingame, Thomas Jackson and Gilbert Wagner. Zelma Mahassey was a seventh grade girl but she was allowed to take the 8th grade examinations because of being one of the oldest girls in school and she passed.

Powell Valley has 12 graduates, who are Anna Lind, Pearl Gustafson, Audrey Johnson, Elvera Stafford, Edith Wright, Genevieve Manary, Carl Lyon, Emery Keller, Carl Nordblom, Leonard Nelson, Sven Nelson and Clifford Ekstrom. The class colors are old rose and gray and their motto "To gain knowledge is our aim." During the last four years every member in each class has graduated. Those living in Powell Valley believe this to be the best record in Multnomah county. Geo. W. Metzger has taught the school during the four years.

Those graduating from Cedar district are Myrtle Soderquist and Chas. Tallman.

Victory district has no graduating class this year.

The Orient school has 20 graduates whose names are William Elliot, Carrie Simmonsen, Laverne Hutchins, Milton Lake, Clarence Everett, Lawrence Sefton, George Eastman, Harvey Anderson, John Hillyard, Ross Ellsworth, Lloyd Arvidson, Raymond McGinnis, Curtis Francis, Harold Ahlson, Martha Sneed, Violet Langford, Emma Langford, Esther Sloop, Wilmer Nelson and Robert Alexander.

The Lusted graduating pupils are Dale Altman, Ernest Meier and Wilma Davies.

Five boys make up the class from Cottrell district. They are Henry Myers, Raymond Watkins, Earl Nordene, Julius Ruther and William Fowler.

Those from Lynch district are Margaret Koerner, George Helbert, Hervi Ide, Harold Lynch and Donald Conroy.

The names of the pupils graduating from Pleasant Valley and Rockwood could not be obtained in time to print but they will be given in Tuesday's issue.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO BEGIN SOON

The Daily Vacation Bible school will be opened at the Methodist Episcopal church next Monday morning at 9 o'clock sharp. The interest among the boys and girls is growing rapidly as the time for the opening day approaches.

The teacher of the school met last Monday evening at the church to complete plans and perfect the program. The forenoon will be divided into three sections for devotions and worship instruction and study, and recreation.

Mrs. Alta Gentry and Miss Helen Hoss will have charge of the primary department, made up of the children between the ages of four and seven years. Prin. C. M. Quicksall of the grade school, Rev. A. S. Hisey and Mrs. Hisey will direct the work of the advanced department. Mr. Quicksall will direct the playground activities.

Bethel Baptist Church.

Bible school meets at 10 a. m. The adult Bible classes are swarming. See them grow. Preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock, "Father's Day" will be observed, and special music will be rendered by Mrs. Neubauer. There will be preaching by Rev. Mr. Scott from Portland at 7:30. Special music will be rendered by talent from the city. A cordial invitation is extended to the fathers of Gresham to attend the morning service.

By request Pastor Barry will preach a memorial sermon Sunday morning, May 28th at 11 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all the veterans G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Spanish Veterans, and all patriotic societies, including citizens of Gresham who may be interested in the welfare of the nation.

Zion Evangelical Church. The Sunday school of the Zion Evangelical church will give a Mother's and Children's Day program Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Divine worship in the English language with a sermon appropriate for the occasion will commence at 11 o'clock. All friends are cordially invited to worship with us.

Five acres of land in Gresham for rent. H. W. Cooley, phone 5122.