

COUNTY COUNCIL HEARS PRESIDENT

The County Council of Parent-Teacher associations met last Saturday in Victory district. The meeting was held out in the Rosin grove. The attendance was not a very large one on account of the busy season. There were about 30 present. A splendid picnic dinner was served at about 1 o'clock. Just before dinner was served, a camera man made his appearance and took a picture of the dinner table with the picnicers gathered around it.

A short program was given by the children of Victory district. Mrs. Hill, state president of the association, was an honor guest. She gave a splendid talk, a part of which follows:

"I believe Parent-Teacher association work is the biggest work in the world. To make a success of it, we must work together. We should form a single large unit instead of many small units. People are beginning to see that it means more to belong to a group of 400,000 than to just a little group. We must organize and stand together. We should organize as part of the state.

"Our aim in Parent-Teacher work is to have a circle in which every family is represented. In order to bring this about, we must in some way be made to feel that all of us have a common aim to work for. The largest task is to get everyone in the community interested. Do not expect to accomplish this in one year, two years or even five years.

"The success of our circle depends on our leader. If you are the leader, don't get discouraged if you can't accomplish everything that you hope for. The success you make today is just a steady growth. The people who went before blazed a way for you.

"What we want today is more faith, more love, more light. Giving service is the biggest good. No greater joy can come to any one than through service. Do not find fault with your co-workers. You can accomplish more if you will instead take note of their good qualities. The positive side is always more important than the negative side. Nothing should be destructive, but constructive. We should have a better plan to offer. Do not criticize.

"There should be trained parents as well as trained teachers. If the child is not disciplined at home, it is very difficult for the teacher to teach him or correct him. Go to the teacher with your troubles about your children. All troubles come through misunderstanding.

"It is the aim of the County Council to have all the Parent-Teacher association circles in Multnomah county come into the County Council. We hope to have a banner which may be won by the circle having the largest percentage of members.

"Keep in touch with your probation officer and county superintendent. Work with the county health nurse. Get a hold of the child before he goes wrong. An ounce of preventative is always better than a cure. Every county should have a good sensible probation officer as she can understand children better than a man. She should be an older woman who has had experience with children.

"The new plan is to hold the state convention in the fall instead of in the spring. With this plan, much inspiration can be gotten which will help plan the year's school work. The objection to the spring meeting is that it comes in the busy season for the farmer when he is busy putting in crops."

The fiscal year in Oregon ends on March 31. All county and state Parent-Teacher association dues should be sent in before that date.

The next meeting of the County Council will be on September 16 at the schoolhouse in Lynch district on Barker avenue.

An interesting account of the National Parent-Teacher association convention held recently at Tacoma was given by Mrs. Willard Cook of Rockwood, who went as one of the delegates.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Bible school at the Bethel Baptist church next Sunday convenes at 10 a. m. Pastor Barry will give the first of a series of sermons at 11 o'clock on the subject, "The Foundation of the Church." Special music will be rendered.

There has been a good attendance at church each Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to come and spend the morning hour at this church.

State wide poultrymen's convention at O. A. C., August 1-2-3.

MISS SHOEMAKER HONORED BY PUBLIC RECEPTION

Many friends of Miss Edna Shoemaker attended the reception given in her honor last Wednesday evening at the Bethel Baptist church and parsonage. Among the honor guests were the Rev. Mr. Ware of Oregon City, former Gresham Baptist pastor; the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Driver of Portland and Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Wright. Dr. Wright is secretary of the State Baptist convention now in session in Portland.

Miss Shoemaker leaves the first part of August for China to again enter the mission field there. She reached home a year ago after an absence of six years.

Two of the persons present at this farewell reception were also present on the same occasion seven years ago. At that time, the Rev. Mr. Ware was pastor in Gresham. The Rev. Mr. Driver was one of the honor guests on that occasion. Each, when asked to say a few words, spoke highly of the work accomplished by Miss Shoemaker in far-off China.

The evening was one greatly enjoyed by all. Some splendid musical numbers were given. Two vocal solos were sung by Leslie Walrad accompanied by Miss Martha Hagberg on the piano. The Rev. and Mrs. Driver also favored the audience with a duet. Mrs. Karl Hagberg and Miss Martha Hagberg sang a duet accompanied by Miss Marian Hagberg on the piano. Several vocal solos by Mrs. Richard Neubauer were also very acceptable.

Several interesting talks were made. Mrs. Wright was asked to speak for the women. In her talk it was learned that the \$200 which was given Miss Shoemaker to buy some of the necessities she would need in China had to be returned. The Baptist Young People's Union and the White Cross have stepped to the front and are doing all in their power to raise what money they can to buy necessities and little conveniences that she would not otherwise have. Many of the little churches that have been asked to contribute to this fund are giving more than the sum asked of them.

At the completion of the program, the guests were invited to the new parsonage for refreshments. The Rev. and Mrs. Barry were pleased to note how easily their 75 guests were made at home in the spacious parsonage rooms. Before the occasion it was feared more would come than could be accommodated but 150 could have been accommodated just as conveniently.

Refreshments of punch and cake were served. Several present were called upon at this time to give piano solos. A selection by Miss Florence Honey demanded an encore by her audience. Several piano solos by Ralph Aldred were also enjoyed. Mrs. Neubauer again favored her listeners with additional musical selections.

The Rev. D. Q. Barry, in behalf of the members of the Baptist church, presented Miss Shoemaker with a hot point electric iron to take with her. Portland people have supplied her with equipment so that an electric plant will be installed to furnish the added conveniences of electrical attachment to make life in China as nearly as possible like her life here.

DESPONDENT MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Simon Willener was found dead in his room shortly after noon last Wednesday, July 19, with a bullet hole through his head. The bullet had entered the right temple and came out on the opposite side. He was lying on the bed with a revolver close by. It was plainly a case of suicide.

Mr. Willener was a native of Switzerland. He was employed as a milkman by Henry Anderegg on the Wilson hill one and one-half miles west of Linnemann. Mr. Willener entered the Anderegg house shortly before noon last Wednesday and went to his room. When he did not come down for lunch, Mr. Anderegg went in search of him and found him lying on the bed. He had shot himself and probably died almost instantly.

The motive for the act is not known but it was thought to have been caused by his not receiving a letter from the woman to whom he was engaged as soon as he thought he should. He had been looking for a should. He had been looking for a letter for several days and when it did not come, he probably became discouraged and decided to end the anxiety of waiting. The letter, it was said, came after his death.

Mr. Willener has no relatives in this country. He leaves a father, mother and sister in Switzerland. His body was brought to Gresham to the Carlson undertaking parlors but it was ordered removed to the Skewes undertaking parlors in Portland.

BERRY SEASON AT ITS HIGHEST NOW

"This is the peak week at the Gresham cannery in the raspberry, loganberry and cherry harvest," said D. E. Towle, when questioned regarding the progress at the cannery. The crates of berries have been piled mountain high all week in the receiving shed which is 48x60 feet. It has been filled twice daily. These crates and orchard boxes melt as if by magic twice daily when they are turned over to the 80 women employed to care for the fruit. About 10 tons of raspberries are handled per day. The 30 women sorting for barreling prepare an average of 100 barrels per day or 20 tons of loganberries and raspberries. The fresh fruit trade has taken about 300 crates per day. The Oregon Packing company has made three trips—each time taking away five truck loads of berries and cherries. Ray Maling of Hillsboro has received an average of two truck loads daily and Starr Brothers have taken a quota of berries and cherries. The Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis called for two tons of Cuthbert raspberries ostensibly for experimental purposes. The Oregon Canning company of Newberg called for five truck loads of berries and last, but not least, the Carver Canning company had to have some of the Gresham loganberries to fill their orders.

The Gresham district has, this year, proven to be, according to Mr. Towle, "the valley of the Nile." In time of drouth it furnishes large, luscious berries without rain or irrigation, and insures the berry growers against famine.

"Our little army of helpers," says Mr. Towle, "have worked with a will early and late with a vim that does not know what defeat means." The big rush in the berry business is said to be passing. Pickers are more plentiful so the worst is past. Every thing promises a successful close soon. The year has been a good one in more ways than one. Above all things, it has offered a splendid opportunity for obtaining experience in all the branches of the berry business. Each one feels he has made mistakes but only those who do not attempt anything fail to make mistakes. Next year everyone will be better prepared to undertake the task of growing and caring for the berries.

One of the things hoped for next year is a 10c fare from First and Alder in Portland to the Bull Run depot in Gresham, in order to permit workers to come out from Portland and help take care of the fruit at the cannery. Mr. Towle says he can see no reason why a 10c fare should not be granted by the railroad company during the berry season. "We cannot," says Mr. Towle, "increase our acres and tonnage without more people for picking and canning work."

Don't forget the school meeting at the Union high school next Monday night, July 24, at 8 o'clock. Consider carefully the needs of the high school and vote for the bond issue which the board thinks necessary.

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A. N. FARMER MAKES SECOND VISIT HERE

A. N. Farmer, secretary of the children's home of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, who is making an extensive tour of the country seeking a suitable location for a children's home for the order and in whose honor a luncheon was given in Gresham last Monday, has sent word that he will make a second visit to Gresham to view more closely one of the suggested sites in this vicinity.

While not committing himself in any way Mr. Farmer has made it evident he is very favorably impressed with what he saw here last Monday and is desirous that the Gresham site should be strongly presented to the trustees of his order. He intimated that hundreds of sites are being presented and he is visiting many of them in various parts of the country. This is his first visit on the coast and it had not occurred to him that here might possibly be the most healthful and attractive location for a children's home. He is deeply impressed with the possibilities of the Willamette valley and that he goes out of his way to make a second visit here suggests that he is favorable to a location near Portland.

The Yeomen site committee of the Progressive Citizens league met last night at the First State Bank and made arrangements to show Mr. Farmer one or more of the tracts comprising 600 to 1500 acres near Gresham which are thought to be most suitable for the proposed children's home. The home is to accommodate about 1500 children.

The Yeomen order, it is said, now has on hand several million dollars in a fund for this purpose and each member contributes ten cents a month toward the fund. The membership in the United States is said to be about 600,000.

CARLOADS FROM HERE TAKE PORTLAND RATE

F. D. Hunt, traffic manager for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, who is very much interested in the local berry development, informs the Outlook that on distance shipments the rate between Gresham and Portland is absorbed and carload lots go direct from Gresham to eastern points at the same rate as shipments starting from Portland. This is something Mr. Hunt has worked to accomplish for some time.

SON OF GRESHAM COUPLE DIES SUDDENLY

Carl W. Keller, a conductor on the Alberta street car line, dropped dead of heart disease while on duty Wednesday. He felt ill and gave the signal for the car to stop at Union avenue and Alberta street. He died a few moments later. Keller was 31 years old and lived at 1206 Missouri avenue. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Keller, and a brother, reside in Gresham and two sisters live in Portland.

Spare the rod and spank the child.

After the heat of the battle is over, a man often wonders why there was a battle.

The man who boasts that he takes a cold bath every day in the year, is now beginning to take it.

CEDAR AVENUE IS TO BE IMPROVED

The city council held the regular monthly meeting last Saturday evening. Several important issues were introduced and passed.

Residents living on Cedar avenue appeared before the council with petition signed by a good majority of people living on that street, to have a part of Cedar avenue improved. The plan as presented was to improve the portion beginning at Powell street and running south past the J. V. Cogswell home for a distance of 1195 feet. The street is to be graded.

It will be necessary to make a fill on Powell street and two fills further south. About 3880 cubic yards of material will have to be moved. The center of the street will be graveled to the depth of eight feet on a strip 10 feet wide. It will be necessary to put in some heavy culverts, two of which will be 12 inches and one at least 24 inches in diameter.

The cost of the improvements on this street has been estimated at from \$2500 to \$3000, and is to be paid for by the regular bonding system and the property along that street assessed to cover the cost. The work will begin immediately and rushed through as quickly as possible.

Water Rates Increased.

The ordinance to increase the minimum water rate from \$1 to \$1.25 per family for all residents in the city of Gresham, was again taken. This measure was given a third reading at one of the previous meetings, but after heated discussion, was tabled indefinitely. It was taken up at this time and was passed with little or no opposition. Figures were read which showed a deficiency of about \$50 between the cost and upkeep of the Gresham water system and the amount actually collected from the water users. This deficiency has necessitated taking the additional expense from the general fund.

The new rate will become effective on August 1. It is estimated this increase will produce something around a gross of \$100 a month additional which will be used in a sinking fund.

Action Taken Against Wooden Sidewalks.

Hereafter, no wooden sidewalks can be laid in the city of Gresham except in places where it is impossible to lay cement walks. This action was taken last Saturday night by the city council.

The question of wooden sidewalks was brought and discussed. At the present time there are some wooden walks in Gresham that are in very poor condition and are dangerous. Such sidewalks when they are laid last only for a short time and have to be replaced often to keep them in good order. It was, therefore, decided that it would be as economical to have cement walks laid in the first place and thus eliminate the extra labor of having to replace them at short intervals. The result was, and ordinance was passed forbidding any one to lay board walks where it is possible to have cement walks laid. The exception to the rule was made and applies to ungraded streets where the ground is too uneven to allow the laying of cement.

Wm. Thom appeared before the council and presented a request to have about 350 feet of two-inch pipe laid on South Roberts avenue commencing just south of the cement bridge. This pipe was ordered placed some years ago but was never laid. The council ordered the pipe laid.

The following bills for the month just past were ordered paid by the council:

Water and light.....	\$509.70
A. W. Metzger & Co.....	1.05
Frank Westell, salary.....	100.00
G. A. Cox, salary.....	125.00
J. H. Hoss, labor.....	124.50
Mutual Telephone Co.....	.10
F. C. Jones & Co.....	10.00
J. H. Metzger, salary.....	15.00
Gresham Drug Co.....	.60
Ekstrom Truck Service.....	1.50
L. L. Kidder.....	7.29
C. G. Schneider, salary for April, May and June.....	75.00
Jones Lumber Co.....	65.00
Bellah & Stoehr, surveying.....	15.00

WE MUST CLEAN UP FOR FARMER'S FIELD DAY

Don't forget clean-up day. Saturday, July 22, everyone who can is asked to bring their lunch and meet on the fair grounds for a clean-up session in preparation for Farmer's Field Day on July 29. Bring shovels, rakes, and scythes. The Gresham Grange will furnish coffee, cream and sugar.

Wanted Loan.

\$4500, three years at 7 per cent on Columbia Highway farm. Splendid security. B. W. Thorne, Bank of Gresham.

Farmers' Field Day, Gresham, July 29.

BIG BERRY ACREAGE ON GRESHAM FARM

The writer had the pleasure of being included in a party interested in visiting the Cotton farm located on Powell Valley road a short distance west of Gresham. This farm, with its large acreage of berries is picturesquely located in that it nestles close to the first of the Gresham buttes. As it is viewed it appears to be a little valley separated from the rest of the farms surrounding it.

As the visitors stepped onto the farm from Powell Valley road, they were at once impressed by the large white mansion representing the farm house. Its cool verandas, many sleeping porches and immense size presented an imposing picture. Large maple and cherry trees, which must have grown there for many years, cast their cool shade onto the yard and buildings.

The sight-seers were given a ride out over the berry fields. Although the weather was quite warm, pickers were busy picking the raspberries. Mr. Strong said there were from 250 to 300 workers in the field at that time. They live in tents pitched under a grove of trees. Mr. Strong has 85 tents and many of the campers have their own tents.

There are about 142½ acres of berries in the entire farm. Ninety acres are in raspberries, 50 of which are in full bearing this year and 40 acres are young plants. Only seven of the acres of the loganberries are bearing this year but 33 acres were set out and it is expected they will bear next year. The six acres of blackberries promise a splendid crop this year.

"Isn't it hard to manage such a large army of pickers?" was the question asked by the party of Mr. Strong as the rows of berries were viewed with a picker on each row for quite a distance.

"The man who has two pickers has more trouble than the one who has a thousand," was Mr. Strong's answer. "Inside of two years I expect to hire from 1500 to 2000 pickers. That will be when all the bushes are in bearing."

It was noticed that there was a crating shed every 30 rows so the pickers do not have to carry their berries. Water is piped all through the fields to supply fresh water for them. These are two of the reasons why there has been little shortage of pickers.

As in other berry fields, the hard freezes last fall and this spring caused considerable damage on the Cotton farm. It has been particularly noticeable on the outer edge toward the hill. The wind had better sweep there. The loganberries in some of the fields which happened to be on the south end of the farm suffered quite severely. Some of the berries were not picked this year and were to drop upon the vines.

When asked if the drought had shortened his crop this year, Mr. Strong said he thought it had to the amount of about \$40, but as the price he is receiving is higher, there has been no actual loss as far as money is concerned. Mr. Strong is sending all of his berries to the Starr Canning company which has received about 70,000 pounds of his berries this year.

The effect of the drought this year on next year's crops was also discussed by Mr. Strong. He said it was making the new canes which will bear berries next year, shorter but he said he did not believe it would affect the yield as there is nothing gained by having the canes too high.

Surprise Bridal Shower.

A surprise bridal shower was given Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Hevel in honor of Miss Bessie Howitt whose engagement to Homer Arct of Winlock, Washington, was announced a short time ago. Mr. Arct is an electrician and resides in Winlock where Miss Howitt has been employed as a teacher for several years. The exact date for the wedding has not been set but it is expected to take place in the early part of August. Eighteen friends of Miss Howitt were present at the shower. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Tom Howitt. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion in yellow and white. A large yellow umbrella hung from the ceiling between the dining room and living room and held many pretty gifts which the girls had brought. Refreshments were served of orange ice cream, angel food cake and orange punch.

Big Dance.

Big dance in Metzger's hall, July 22. Good music, 3-piece orchestra. Admission 35 cents. Security Benefit association. Everybody welcome.

MR. AND MRS. READER

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