

## COOPERATION IS PLEDGED BY BERRY GROWERS; CONDITIONS INDICATIVE OF PROFITABLE YEAR

A good attendance of members at the meeting of the Cooperative Berry Growers on Wednesday indicated a healthy interest in the affairs of the organization. The spirit of the meeting was of the best and the outlook for the future seemed satisfactory. The close relations between this organization and the Berry Growers Packing company were emphasized when the same men elected in Monday's meeting as directors of the packing company were given unanimous choice for directors of the cooperative organization. They were D. E. Towle, Clyde M. LaFollette and W. D. Lindeman. The packing company handled during the 1922 season a volume of business amounting to \$227,498.49, and the bulk of this business came through the Cooperative Berry Growers.

Several changes in the constitution and by-laws of the association were voted at this meeting, the most important of which was the fixing of the date of the annual meeting on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in April instead of on the first Wednesday in December. The hour of meeting will hereafter be 10 o'clock in the forenoon instead of 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Several sections of the by-laws were changed in order to conform with this provision.

The designation of the May meeting of the association was changed from the semi-annual to the pre-harvest meeting. At this time prices will be fixed for berry picking and other business pertaining to the harvest will be considered. The second Saturday in May is the date of this meeting.

Notice of meetings of the association will hereafter be given in two issues of the Outlook, which is the official paper and which will go to all members of the organization.

Hereafter directors shall be elected alternately, three for two years and two for two years, according to action taken at the meeting.

All provisions in the by-laws for the calling for bids for the sale or storage of the berry crop were abrogated, since under the arrangements with the Berry Growers Packing company the entire crop is turned over to that organization.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the appreciation of the members of the association for the work of H. G. Andrew during the four years of his service on the board of directors, during which time he gave without stint of his time and was instrumental at various times of crisis in clearly pointing out ways and means of overcoming what seemed like insurmountable difficulties. The thanks of the association were tendered Mr. Andrew and a pledge was given that in the future it would be convenient for

him to serve on the board he would be welcomed to his old position.

The following resolutions were adopted pledging loyalty to the association and to its individual members:

Whereas our association has grown to an active membership of 280 fruit growers and

Whereas the members of this association are justified in pointing with pride and gratitude to the achievements of the past four years in promoting increased production and realizing a fair living price for their fruit both in years of inflation and deflation and

Whereas owing to the policy of fairness adopted by your management the relations are most happy and cordial not only among the members but also with the commercial canners, brokers, jobbers and financial interests and

Whereas our future success depends largely on a spirit of unity and cooperation in many ways and to enumerate a few of the essentials we will put first, loyalty to the organization in every way by the production of the highest quality of fruit possible delivered to the Packing company in the best possible condition so as to make it possible to offer a No. 1 product that will sustain our reputation for quality and meet competition. Second, we must further develop the spirit of unity and toleration one with another and entirely eliminate the human weakness of selfishness, envy, jealousy and the little sharp practices that some little souls seem to have a weakness for, as we see expressed in the country community, the small town, the city, the state, the nation and the world. The truth is the people of the world are cursed by this spirit of selfishness and intolerance. Therefore be it

Resolved by each and every member of this association that by our every word and action we will aim to always express the utmost loyalty to our association and the community in general. That we will leave nothing undone that we can do to produce and deliver the highest grade fruit possible. That we will use exclusively company crates for our berries. That we will sell no fruit to outside interests without the advise and consent of the management and we hereby pledge that we will report to the management any infraction of this rule by our fellow-members and we further pledge that we will do all in our power to promote harmony and unity in our association.

We also recommend the adoption of the following slogan:

"Each for All and All for Each."

Announcement was made at this meeting that the cannery will furnish uniform crates for all purposes and in sufficient number. The first will be ready for delivery soon after the middle of April and growers were advised to get a supply and have them ready for the beginning of the berry harvest. The hallocks will be 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 3/4 inches and will be used for all kinds of berries.

The necessity of bringing in the berries in the best possible condition was emphasized. The maximum price will be allowed for firm, bright, berries. Soft berries will be barreled.

The prospect for better prices on strawberries this year was reported and 50 barrels of this season's crop have already been sold at a good price.

The Ettersburg 121 is in good demand because of its value as a canning berry and because of the fact that the berries ripen in large numbers at a time, making a fewer number of pickings necessary. L. H. Stone reported picking at the rate of 264 crates per acre of these berries at one picking last year.

Already future sales of 675 tons of fruit have been made to outside concerns and 200 tons will be required for use in the home cannery. At the same time \$20,000 worth of canned and frozen goods of last year's crop are on hand. The peculiar situation is therefore shown, of a weakness in the spot goods market while the futures are strong.

It was announced that advances could be made to the growers of one-half a cent a pound on the goods on hand by a trade acceptance at 8 per cent.

Growers were urged to arranged for enough pickers to take care of the maximum crop in order to prevent loss when that time comes. The secret of good berries was said to be in good picking and it was suggested that a successful method has been to assign certain rows to pickers for the season and make them responsible for the gathering of the crop in good condition.

Herbert Lynch expressed strong resentment to the receiving of Japanese in the berry growers' organization and offered a resolution that the association refuse to take in any more and that the two now in the association be excluded at the earliest possible moment. President Andrew explained that the two Japanese in the association are citizens of the United States and land owners and when they asked for a contract with the association it was considered a better policy to sign them and control their berries than have them come in competition with the berries of the local growers. D. E. Towle deprecated the resolution and said he did not consider the Japanese members a menace. He asserted that they brought in some of the best berries to the cannery. He believed the spirit of intolerance and hatred was the greatest menace. The resolution carried.

County Agent S. B. Hall urged the berry growers to keep cost records of the berry production of this year. The program for the May meeting was left with the following committee: W. C. Lawrence, W. D. Lindeman, C. T. Ryan, Quay Martin, Mrs. S. D. Harding, H. W. Lynch, Bert E. Boice, D. E. Towle and S. B. Hall.

wearing gymnasium shoes and will have rubber guards on their guns. They will have the use of the gymnasium one evening a week and will pay to the school board \$25 a month for these privileges.

A resolution was passed fixing a charge of \$5 a night for the use of the gymnasium by organizations when an admission fee is charged. The use of the baseball diamond was discussed but did not come to a vote.

Principal Cannon was granted a leave of absence on May 11 to attend a track meet at Redmond, Oregon, where he will act as a judge.

**UNION SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH**

Next Sunday evening the American Legion will attend the Methodist Episcopal church in a body in honor of the men who served and fell in the World War. The churches of the community will unite in making this a most helpful and inspiring occasion. The Rev. H. R. Gebhardt will preach the sermon, his topic being, "Life at Its Highest and Best." Leslie Walrad will sing "Asleep 'Neath the Dark Blue Waves."

The morning service will be in charge of the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Hisey. His sermon topic will be "The Reviving Church." Miss Alexander will sing.

The Epworth League topic for the devotional service is "The Christian Motive in Recreation." William McAllister will be the leader.

## SLOGAN AND DESIGN CONTEST DECIDED

### Prizes Awarded.

**SLOGAN**  
"The Livest Little City in the West." Suggested by F. E. Todd. Prize \$5.00.

**DESIGN**  
View of Liberty Statue at joining of highways leading eastward, one north, the other south of Mt. Hood, which looms in the center, with fields and orchards nearer by. Suggested by Mrs. J. H. Fitzgerald, of Boring, and Ray Strong of Gresham. Prize of \$5, divided.

The slogan committee of the Gresham commercial club has rendered its decision in the slogan and design contests and has awarded the prizes as above. The warrants have been drawn and letters of acknowledgment are on their way to the winners.

On account of the large response to the invitation of the commercial club the committee has expressed itself as having difficulty in selecting the very best from so many good ones.

**Honorable Mention.**  
Thanks are extended to all who took part in the contest.

The committee desires to give honorable mention to the following: For slogans, Mrs. L. P. Manning, and L. R. Mason. For designs, Mrs. A. S. Hisey, Gladys Bunting and E. W. Stratton.

The design is now in the hands of the engravers. When it is completed it is believed the Gresham territory will have something very attractive and appropriate.

## CASH PRIZES OFFERED TO CUCUMBER GROWERS

Can the yield of cucumbers to the acre be increased? This is a question that is important to every grower. Believing that the farmers around Gresham are not getting the best results possible from their cucumber crops R. W. and J. L. Stafford, of the Oregon Pickle & Canning factory, at Gresham, are offering \$150 in cash prizes to the growers to make it worth while to study the crop and improve the yield as well as the quality, if possible.

There will be two contests, and five prizes in each contest, as follows: 1st prize \$25, 2d prize \$20, 3d prize \$15, 4th prize \$10, 5th prize \$5.

The first contest will be for the largest yield in pounds received at the factory, the numbers of pounds to be the total of all grades. The second contest will be for the largest number of pounds of the number 1 grade of cucumbers received at the factory. This makes it possible for the same grower to win a prize in each contest.

The only requirements are that you bring your cucumbers to the Gresham plant and raise not less than half acre. All weights will be figured on the basis of one acre. For example if a man raises only half an acre his total deliveries will be multiplied by two so as to get the acreage basis and a man who raises two acres will have his total deliveries divided by two.

Some one is going to win this money. Have you made up your mind to plant your cucumber patch and win one of these prizes? S. B. Hall, county agent, will assist all those desiring information, or inquiry may be made at the factory.

## SUNDAY SERVICES AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bible school convenes at 9:45. After the opening exercises the men's class retires to the parsonage as seekers after truth and its personal application to present conditions. At 11 o'clock the pastor, the Rev. D. Q. Barry, will preach on the theme "Salvation, the Human Factor." The chorus will render the anthem "I Was Glad," by J. H. Rosecrans. The B. Y. P. U. will meet in the evening at 6:30. There will be no evening preaching service on account of the union meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Irene Burpee of Portland was the guest last evening of Dr. Mary Becker.

Work on the Junior play, "Come Out of the Kitchen," is progressing rapidly and everything points to a successful presentation, which will be at the high school gymnasium on the evening of April 20. The sale of seats will begin Tuesday noon, April 10, at the Gresham Drug company's and G. M. Davidson's stores.

When the smelt run in the Sandy all the people run to get them.

## GRESHAM MUST HAVE STORAGE RESERVOIR

A bomb was thrown into the meeting of the Gresham city council last Tuesday evening when a communication from the city of Portland was read announcing that the contract to furnish Bull Run water to Gresham, which will expire on November 30, 1923, will not be renewed unless a storage reservoir, capable of taking care of the needs of the city in an emergency for a period of three days, is provided. This came as a complete surprise to the most of those present. Since the demand was peremptory, the question seemed to be, not "Shall a reservoir be constructed?" but "What will be the best plan to follow?" According to the information received from the city of Portland, a similar demand is being made of all water districts using Bull Run water whenever present contracts expire.

The matter has already been taken up unofficially with engineers and it is estimated that a reservoir capable of holding 500,000 gallons would be sufficient to meet any emergency which would cut off the supply from the mains for a period of three days, and would take into account the inevitable growth of the city for a few years. Two types of reservoir were considered, and two locations. It was said that a concrete reservoir 50 x 50 feet and 10 feet deep, located 260 feet up the side of the butte, would give the same pressure by gravity system as that in the water pipes at present. This would involve considerable connecting pipe but was thought in many ways to be better than the other suggested plan, that of placing a steel tank on a tower on a closer elevation with a pumping system to supplement gravity. The estimated cost to the city for this reservoir will be approximately \$8000. It is thought that a bond issue will be necessary to take care of the construction costs. The entire matter was put into the hands of Councilmen A. F. Hammar, W. A. Hessel and T. R. Howitt, the committee on fire and water.

### Park Project Proposed.

L. L. Kidder, representing the Gresham Commercial club, appeared before the council with a recommendation from that body that a tract of a little more than three acres, owned by J. V. Cogswell, be purchased by the city for the purpose of a park and auto camp ground. Mr. Cogswell offers this tract for \$3000 and promises to donate \$500 of that amount if the offer is accepted. Terms to suit the city could be arranged. This tract is considered ideal for the purpose, since it lies 600 feet along the Powell Valley road and approximately 220 feet south from that road. It is heavily timbered and well drained and is a most attractive spot. P. F. Black, manager of the Twentieth Century grocery, an experienced landscape gardener, was asked to inspect the property and make an estimate of plans and costs, which will be reported at the ad-

joined meeting of the council April 18. The suggestion was made that two acres of level ground just south of the Cogswell tract might well be used as an athletic field in connection with the park and that terms of purchase of this land be obtained before the next meeting.

A representative of the Investor's Syndicate came before the council seeking to make arrangements for providing a sinking fund to take care of the original \$25,000 bond issue for installing Bull Run water which will mature in eight years, and for which no provision has been made. Action was deferred until conditions could be obtained from another investment company which is figuring on the same proposition.

The street committee has inspected the sidewalks of Gresham and turned in a comprehensive report of their findings. It showed that practically all plank walks have reached the condition where they are a menace to pedestrians and that many concrete walks are in bad shape. The council is determined that these conditions shall be changed and will take drastic means, if necessary, to bring about improvement. An unofficial opinion was given that property owners themselves would be liable in the case of damages sustained on account of broken walks, where the damage amounted to more than \$100. The provisions of the charter are such that the city is protected in damage suits for more than that amount.

### Many Bills Allowed.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid from the general fund:

W. A. Hessel, wood for hall.....	\$ 10.50
Gresham Outlook, adv.....	85
Telephone Co., toll.....	70
C. Metzger Grocery, supplies.....	5.00
P. L. Cherry Co., supplies.....	2.25
W. T. Shelley, labor.....	52.50
F. Wostell, salary for March.....	100.00
J. H. Hoss, gravel.....	3.77
C. G. Schneider, salary three months and postage.....	76.00
M. Beideman, refund on election fees.....	7.00
Baptist Ladies' Guild, pipes.....	15.00
Ernest Cox, labor.....	3.00
F. L. Mack, installing control on fire alarm.....	46.00
J. H. Metzger, salary.....	7.60
G. A. Cox, salary.....	75.00

The following were ordered paid from the water fund:

J. C. Chatfield, superintendent's work.....	100.00
A. Ruegg, construction contract.....	1808.88
L. C. Kelsey, engineer's services.....	107.51
A. W. Metzger & Co., supplies.....	9.85
L. L. Kidder, pipe and fittings.....	32.96
J. H. Metzger, salary and supplies.....	11.08
Investors Syndicate, for sinking fund.....	63.00
Ekstrom Truck Service, hauling.....	3.50
C. R. Cox, labor.....	3.50
Woodberry Co., gate valves.....	344.60
Walworth Co., supplies.....	23.28
G. A. Cox, salary.....	50.00
J. W. Hill, labor.....	12.70
Hillsboro Company, pipe.....	3360.72

## SMELT RUN BRINGS CROWDS TO TROUTDALE

Troutdale, the home of the little silvery smelt, has suddenly become the busiest and biggest city in the state. Thousands of people, big and little, are taking a swat at living costs, dipping the little fish out of the Sandy river. And some big smelts are being caught, this year, larger than usual. The run is heavy and will last likely for about a week. No license is required to join in the fun.

They are exceptionally good eating fixed almost any way, but raw. No bait is necessary, as they travel in schools so thick that a net full is all a person can carry out at a time. Dips that will fill a gallon pail are the rule.

A trip to Troutdale reveals many interesting things. There are rich men and poor men fishing shoulder to shoulder. Nets, everything that will hold fish, but not water, are used. Some wear boots, some just wade out and scoop 'em up, and some get them standing on the banks. In fact, about half the fishers get their fish that way. The other half get out in the water and dip them out for the half standing

on the shore who don't like to get their feet wet. So far as is known not a single fish has been taken home. Usually the haul is a gunny sack full. The people dip fish until they have all they can use and then keep on until they have enough for all their neighbors. Some of the more mercenary use this as a means towards increasing the bank account. With some it is really a business proposition, but the fish are so easily caught that sales on the river are small. About one-third of the autos in Oregon are in Multnomah county and they seem to be all in Troutdale. With good weather and lots of smelt Sunday it is probable that Troutdale's auto population will include all the cars in Oregon and Washington and part of those from California. Men from the county sheriff's office are on hand to superintend the parking of cars, and while the river will likely be jammed Sunday there will be no great danger of accidents—except among the fishers and would-be fishers, who sometimes get wet.

## LEGION SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Sunday evening, April 8, union services will be held in the Gresham M. E. church which the members of the local American Legion Post and Ladies' Auxiliary will attend in a body. The services will be in charge of Rev. A. S. Hisey, pastor of the church, Rev. D. Q. Barry, of Bethel Baptist church, assisting. Rev. H. R. Gebhardt, pastor of Zion Evangelical church will deliver the sermon. All the local churches are invited to take part.

American Legion Sunday, a new Memorial day, is in commemoration of the part the United States took in the World War, and falls on the Sunday nearest the entrance of this coun-

try into the great conflict. It is a national event, and will be participated in by all cities in this state where American Legion posts are located, and by all cities in the country. This Sunday in no way will supersede or take the place of the Memorial Sunday in May, so sacred to the veterans of the Civil War and others, but is a day chosen by the young veterans as their Sunday for praise and thankfulness. All ex-service-men and people of this locality are cordially invited.

The Bank of Gresham pays 5 per cent interest on time deposits.—Adv.  
Even the delectable pink salmon are backed off the map this week.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

More than half the positions on the high school faculty were filled by reelection of present teachers at the meeting of the board of directors of Union High school No. 2 on last Wednesday night. Three teachers, Miss Esther Wheeler, Miss Minnie Schrepel and Miss Kathryn Waite, notified the board that they are not intending to teach next year and did not wish reelection. No vote was taken on the principalship, as Principal Cannon's contract lasts until 1925. Action was deferred in the re-election of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Evans to the faculty until their wishes in the matter are ob-

tained, it being understood they are considering other plans. The teachers elected were the Misses Miriam Inglis, Eve Hutchinson, Shirlee Swallow, Dorothy Dickey and Esther M. Gardner, W. H. Rutherford and H. M. Moreland.

The board granted the request of the local military company for the use of the gymnasium for drills. They will also be assigned an unfinished room in the old gymnasium for lockers and the storage of their equipment and will be granted requirements for the use of wireless equipment. The men agree to protect the floor by

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## DANCE FRIDAY, APRIL 13

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Good Music A Good Floor  
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