

## YEOMEN OFFICIALS VISIT GRESHAM

Gresham was favored yesterday with a visit by Geo. M. Frink, president, and Ward Senn, treasurer, of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, with headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. With them were Mark McKee and C. L. Voorman, of the committee to locate a site for the national children's home for the order.

These men, accompanied by W. D. B. Dodson, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and others, stopped over long enough on a return from their highway trip to view several sites near Gresham which had been picked by a local committee as suitable for their purpose.

This is a follow up inspection by the committee of the order growing out of the visit here last July of Mr. Farmer, who is in charge of the children's home work of the Yeoman.

The committee had spent a few days in Washington, viewing sites, and were to see others in Oregon. As they had only four days for all of Oregon their stop was necessarily brief.

A member of the committee stated they had about 350 sites offered in various parts of the United States which would be carefully considered in making their choice.

No expression as to what location they favored was given by the visitors. Careful details as to acres, character of soil and surface, and probable cost, with map, will be prepared by the local committee and submitted to the representatives at Des Moines later.

Those who accompanied the visitors on their local inspection were, K. A. Miller, B. L. Walrad, John Brown, E. W. Stratton and H. L. St. Clair.

## UNDERMINING MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Governor Charles W. Bryan, of Nebraska, attracted national attention when in his inaugural address he said: "During the past few years and especially during the late war period there has been a universal tendency towards an excess of government. This is resulting in the enactment of public laws for the cure of private and personal ills that are burdening the state government with functions and obligations which will destroy the effectiveness of governmental activities and also of individual responsibility."

If this condition be true of the states, and there can be no doubt it is true, what shall be said of such an evil when its operations are extended to the national congress. Perhaps the evil is most forcibly brought to public attention in considering the question of appropriations so flagrantly made in defiance of the fundamental and just principle that one class or group shall become the private beneficiary of appropriations made at the expense of the taxpayers. But more than this, the radical tendencies daily becoming more evident in government circles, disclosed as a fact by the members of both great parties, are persistently pressing the opportunist to foist on the nation laws and governmental restrictions that are utterly destructive of business expansion, but which provides an opportunity for a little flag waving, that finds its reward in the applause of the unthinking. If we don't look out we will soon be "governmented to death."

## HOW TO REDUCE TAXES

The universal cry is against high taxes. The cry should not be against high taxes, but against the corrupt use of taxes. The question of high or low taxes is to some extent governed by the valuation put upon property by the public treasury. Crush the socialistic, paternal spirit growing up in this country, whether in the form of the pork barrel or government ownership of public utilities. All such unconstitutional doctrines and practices are increasing the taxes to the breaking point.

The continued excessive tax burdens can be traced to certain abuses: First: Extravagant, complicated governments. The office seekers, office holders, and tax eaters have multiplied government machinery to perpetuate themselves in office. If you would reduce the machinery and throw out of office the inefficient, rat-hole hunting office parasites you would reduce the cost of municipal, county, state and national governments 30 per cent. Today, you have about 60 cents of every dollar of tax money invested in government, and the other 40 cents is represented by waste, fraud, inefficiency and graft.

The bureaucracy of this country is a curse to good government and a criminal expense upon the tax-ridden public. Simplify governmental machinery and put competent, trained, patriotic men in office, and taxes will be reduced 30 per cent within a short time.

Second: Destroy the spoils system. Elect or appoint men to office solely on the ground of merit. Then you will get an honest day's work for true love of country and a just consideration of the just imposed.

Third: Teach the people they must support the government and not expect support.—Rev. M. A. Matthews, Autocaster Service

Crimes sometimes, indiscretion often, are committed in the name of charity.

## Tune-in for "Home Sweet Home," May 8



Just 100 years ago, May 8, John Howard Payne, above, then age 13, wrote the poem, "Home Sweet Home," which later was put to music. To his memory, every radio broadcasting station in the U. S. will have sung the famous song on the evening of May 8. A million listeners will hear the song.

## Musical Attractions

J. A. Finley's choir of Portland singers, including several Gresham pupils, will sing the 91st psalm at the Methodist church next Sunday night.

The dramatic art and music appreciation divisions of the Gresham Musical Arts club will meet tomorrow evening, 7:15 to 7:45, at the home of the chairman of the department, Miss Alice Roberts. It is likely plans will be undertaken for a local entertainment which will bring to the front some local talent in this line.

The newly formed orchestra of the Musical Arts club will meet at the home of Miss Roberts tomorrow evening at 7:45 for the first ensemble of their parts and practice, under the leadership of John Oliver. There are twenty parts assigned and if there are others who desire to join the orchestra they are invited to come. The orchestra will prepare to take part in a coming musical event, probably in June.

At the auditorium Friday night, May 4, will be given "The Sleeping Beauty," with 200 performers, under the direction of Alys May Brown.

Challapin, the world's greatest basso, will sing at the auditorium May 23. He is presented by Steers & Coman. Challapin is a Russian and is one of the outstanding characters in the musical world today. Big, handsome of body and face, with magnificent stage presence, Challapin is master of a wonderful voice and a perfect art. Everything about the man is striking, impressive and captivating. His early struggles in the direst poverty, his long years of work before he attained recognition and his present triumphs, when he is riding on the very crest of the wave of success—all have their appeal and make of him a truly romantic figure, reigning king in the world of song.

## SEWERS OR SEPTIC TANKS

Sewers or septic tanks, that is the question confronting Gresham at present. Those who have complied with the city's ordinances and, at some expense, put in septic tanks and keep them in proper working order, are satisfied and do not see why they should be compelled to pay for sewers. Those who have put in septic tanks either as a makeshift or have allowed them get out of order and become a nuisance in the neighborhood show by that fact they don't care enough about their own or other's health to feel the necessity for a better system and a cleaner city. They, of course, oppose sewers.

It was brought out at the recent mass meeting that some have not even tried to comply with the ordinance regulating the disposal of sewage.

Hence it appears that the very persons who are negligent about this very important matter are the ones who are practically forcing the city to put in a costly system of sewage disposal.

There must surely be some improvement or it is likely sickness and deaths will result. This is naturally a healthful location. It must be kept so.

If the council, through its committee on health and police, in cooperation with the city's health officer, does not or cannot make the plan of septic tanks thoroughly effective, then the necessity for sewers will have to be met and that right soon.

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS' MAY FETE

An unusually fine evening's entertainment is planned for Friday night, May 4, in the high school gymnasium. It is the May Fete of the Camp Fire Girls. The boys of the community are to be the guests of the girls and the balcony is to be reserved for them. For others there will be an admission charge of 35c.

The program is as follows:

### PROGRAM

- CAMP FIRE SONGS.....Boat Song; Burn Fire Burn; Mammy Moon Camp Fire Girls
  - DANCE (Courtesy Reed College).....Delight Ingold, Donald Ramsdell
  - DANCE.....Reap the Flax Camp Fire Girls
  - Intermission—10 minutes
  - ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.....Oregon Birds W. A. ELLIOT President Audubon Society of Portland
  - DANCE.....May Pole Camp Fire Girls
- Acknowledging assistance of Miss Steffens of Reed College.

## GRESHAM GIRL WILL MANAGE BAROMETER

Information has been received from Corvallis that Miss Gertrude L. Dowsett of Gresham will be the manager of the Co-ed Barometer to be published at Oregon Agricultural College on the Friday afternoon of Junior Week-end. Miss Dowsett is a junior in home economics, one of the day editors of the Barometer, and is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

The reporting, copyreading, editing, and make-up will be entirely done by and under the direction of co-ed journalists. On the day of this special edition the regular staff will be laid off duty while the college women do all the work.

The first women's edition of the Barometer was put out in 1918 and since then the co-eds have put one out annually. The date of the one this year at junior week-end will insure a volume of news and the girls promise an interesting sheet.

### Aid Will Have Bake Sale.

The Ladies' Aid of the Pleasant Home Baptist church will hold a bake sale at Hall Bros. garage on next Saturday, May 5, beginning at 2 p. m.

We have many kinds of plants and flowers. Some of them are, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, head lettuce, also asters, marigold, ferns, zinnias, snapdragons and Charles Russell and Ophelia potted roses. 20th Century Grocery.

Big minds often are in small bodies. An ant has more sense than a rabbit.

## HUGH HURT LEAVES MANY TO MOURN

Hugh Hurt of Troutdale, who died at Prineville on April 24 as the result of an accident three days earlier, was well known in the Pleasant View district, where he had spent his school days, and where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hurt and his brother Wilson and sister Agnes live. His young wife, Gladys Imlah Hurt, is a sister of Mrs. Jack Stafford and John Imlah of Gresham. He leaves also a step daughter, 3 years old, to whom he was deeply attached. He was born at Granite Falls, Washington, in August, 1903. He married Gladys Imlah on October 23, 1922.

The accident which caused the death of the young man occurred when he was attempting to load a log onto a truck. It rolled off, and passed over his body from his hips to his head. He lived 72 hours after the accident and was conscious for a part of the time.

The funeral was held on Thursday of last week at Troutdale and interment was in the Douglass cemetery.

### Simple Steve.

"You're so smart—what's Friday named after?"  
"I dunno!—Robinson Crusoe's playmate, I guess."

### Restaurant Philos.

"Pretty soft for you," said the blonde waitress as she placed a cream-stuffed chocolate eclaire in front of the portly diner.

Tomorrow belongs to somebody else—not you.

## Girl Gets \$80,000 and Wife \$1



Frank J. Murphy, noted Pacific Coast attorney, left his estate of \$80,000 to this girl, Miss Rose Helm of San Francisco, and to his widow, who is trying to break the will, only \$1. Miss Helm is a nurse.

## LOCAL P.-T. ASS'N. ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual election of officers for the Gresham Parent-Teacher association resulted in the re-election of the Rev. H. R. Gebhardt as president, Mrs. H. W. Strong as vice president and C. M. Quicksall as secretary, and the election of Mrs. Cecil Metzger to succeed Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman as treasurer. Various committees will be named by the president later, one of which will assist in the sale of tickets for the fair. The association endorsed the movement to recognize boys' week and girls' week.

Announcements were made for the banquet to be given on Wednesday night in connection with boys' week. The banquet will be at 6:30 at the grange hall. It is open to all boys of school age in grade or high school. It was announced that each boy should be accompanied by his father or some other man, the effort being to bring out the men as well as the boys. However, no boy will be refused admission if, after he has done his part, he can find no man to accompany him. It is hoped that for every boy present there will be a man. Two excellent speakers have been secured for the occasion, Judge Kanzler of the court of domestic relations and Chester A. Lyon of the "Big Brother Farm." There will also be a program of games under the direction of Mr. Quicksall, in which the boys, young and old, will join.

Entertainment numbers on last night's program were a piano solo by Jean Adix and a reading by Gwendolin Metzger. Several members of the Boy Scout troop gave excellent talks on the Scout movement. They were Orville Johnson on loyalty to the Scout oath, Vearl Howell on the Scout program, Clinton Chalker on the Scout law and Claire Gullikson on the fun of scouting.

The address of the evening by Miss Norma Lee Peck, the librarian was most interesting and instructive. She dealt particularly with the subject of undesirable books and urged that parents know what their children were reading. Reading, said Miss Peck, is not an accomplishment, only, it is a most potent factor in influencing and moulding youthful character, for it opens to the child vistas of new experiences and information, and unknown fields of pleasures which his eager mind is impatient to explore. In books he finds paper and ink boys and girls who are to him as flesh and blood. They become his boon companions, his ideal, the acme of perfection to which he wishes to attain. He apes their phraseology, their attitude, their deeds.

It is highly important that parents know what these ideals are, toward which the children are looking. One cannot tell by the binding and cost of a book what its value or harmfulness may be, according to Miss Peck. Books in ultra-respectable cloth jackets may present a false standard of life by taking the attitude that happiness and success lie in the accumulation of money, won by any number of short-cut, get-rich-quick schemes, that chance and luck have much more to do with getting on in the world than forethought, will power and work. Such books are condemned, not because of the interesting plot but for the unnaturalness which in no way represent reality. Likewise, precocious children who shine brilliantly in contrast with stupid parents and incompetent teachers will never inculcate in a child love and respect for parents and teachers.

Another type of undesirable books is the cheap, sensational love story. It is natural and logical that a child should crave romance at a certain stage of his development and this craving should be satisfied with the best romances in literature. Likewise, girls' books often instill snobishness in making good clothes the standard of excellence. Humorous books are often pernicious. Miss Peck called attention to the fact that too many so-called humorous books and pictures glean their humor by ridiculing physical defects. They tend to decrease respect for age and lower the ideals of family life.

Miss Peck expressed her idea of correct reading in the following words: "I firmly believe that reading should be of specific benefit—that it is not purely for recreation. Through reading a child should so increase his vocabulary and his understanding and use of words. His sense of correct grammar should be aided, rather than hindered. His reading should include biographies of real people, stories of actual incidents, descriptions of real places and accounts of scientific discoveries and achievements. It should help him to sense wrong from right, truth from falsehood, real work from tinsel glory."

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## Baseball Highlights

### Gresham Wins from Trojans.

The fast Gresham team took a fall out of the Portland Trojans, (colored) Sunday by a score of 7 to 4. The game was a thriller from start to finish. In the first inning the Trojans put over a run and Gresham came back in their half and tied up the score. The Trojans got over another run in the second and again Gresham tied it up in their half. The score saw-sawed until the fifth inning when Gresham shoved over two runs which put them in the lead 5 to 4. From that time on the colored boys could not stop them and Gresham registered again in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings.

Stockton went the full route for the winners and pitched a beautiful game. After the fourth inning he had the Trojans eating out of his hand. Bill Beers started the game behind the bat but was replaced by Quizzy in the sixth. He taught more than one of the colored boys that they couldn't steal bases and get away with it.

Sunday was Stockton's last appearance in the local box as he is going away but he will be replaced by Frank Hamlin. Quizzy will take the regular turn behind the bat from now on.

Lyle Winters, who pitched the first game of the season against Corbett was moved to short stop where he played a beautiful game.

Next Sunday the Gresham boys will journey to Corbett to even up with them for the 6 to 3 beating they took two weeks ago. The battery for Gresham will be Hamlin and Quesinberry. The game is called at 2:30.

### Schedule of High School Games.

The high school ball team has announced its schedule of games on Stapleton athletic field for this month, starting with Friday, May 4, when the local boys will cross bats with West Linn. The other dates and opponents are as follows:

- May 11, Woodburn high.
- May 18, Oregon City high.
- May 25, Canby high.

All of the games are on Friday of each week and will be called at 3:30. These are sure to be snappy games as Union high has a fast team and the boys have the reputation of their school to defend against other strong school teams. These games should interest not only students but citizens in general and the school should have the strong support of all who can do their part to encourage a strong school spirit.

## Clackamas County League Announces Schedule.

Clackamas County Baseball League opened the season last Sunday with games at Estacada, Willamette and Oswego, in which the six teams of the league contested. On that occasion Boring team won over Willamette, 8 to 0. Following is the schedule of games for the season:

- Sunday, May 6, Gladstone vs. Boring at Boring; Estacada vs. West Linn at West Linn; Willamette vs. Oswego at Oswego.
- Sunday, May 13, Oswego vs. Boring at Boring; Estacada vs. Willamette at Willamette; West Linn vs. Gladstone at Gladstone.
- Sunday, May 20, Oswego vs. Estacada at Estacada; Boring vs. West Linn at West Linn; Willamette vs. Gladstone at Gladstone.
- Sunday, May 27, Gladstone vs. Oswego at Oswego; Boring vs. Estacada at Estacada; West Linn vs. Willamette at Willamette.

## Spring Cartoonettes

