

SCHOOL BOARD LEASES TRUCKS

Three trucks which are fitted up as busses were leased by the union high school board at a meeting held on last Wednesday night to be used as school busses. They belong to A. G. Rich of the Orient district, Ellis Davidson of Gresham and Philip Christensen of Powell Valley. These owners of the machines have been hired by the district as chauffeurs and the trucks will be used for bus purposes only. Mr. Davidson's truck will be used to transport the children of the Lynch district. The three busses will be used for no other purpose and under those conditions will be required to pay but a dollar a year each as license fee. By this action \$370 will be saved to the district as license fees.

Mr. Davidson also operates a touring car for the benefit of the Terry school children.

Olof Gran brings children from the Hillview district and E. E. Chipman from Victory. These cars, which are used for private purposes as well as for school busses, must each pay the usual license required by its weight, but an additional license of \$4 per seat capacity. The board will pay the charge for the seating capacity in the Davidson and Chipman car. Since bus license is higher than truck license, Mr. Gran will be permitted to use his machine for trucking during the summer vacation.

The dates of the Christmas vacation were fixed at December 21 to January 2, giving ten days.

The use of the high school gymnasium for practice games and evening classes will be charged for at the rate of \$1.50 an evening, according to the decision of the school board.

At the meeting of the voters of the district held on last Friday night it was voted to legalize the levying of a tax to raise \$12,000 a year for the next three years in order to keep the school up to its high standard, this amount being in excess of the amount allowed by the conservation committee, 42 votes were cast for the proposition, one vote against it and one vote was disqualified.

The United States imported an average of 36,700,000 pounds of walnuts and 19,500,000 pounds of filberts in each of the years 1919, 1920 and 1921. Commercial production of walnuts in the United States is limited to the states of Oregon, Washington and California. The extent to which nut growing should be encouraged in this state will be gone into thoroughly at the agricultural economic conference to be held at Corvallis, January 21 to 26, next.

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FORMER CONGRESSMAN DIES AFTER OPERATION



Clifford N. McArthur.

Death came to ex-Congressman C. N. (Pat) McArthur at his home in Portland Sunday evening resulting from complications following an operation for sinus performed early last week.

Mr. McArthur was a native Oregonian having been born at The Dalles in 1879. He engaged in newspaper writing, later in stock raising and was admitted to the bar in 1906. He became active in politics, was elected to the state legislature for two terms, being speaker of the house both times. He was elected to congress from Multnomah county in 1914 and again in 1916, 1918 and 1920.

While in congress, Mr. McArthur was recognized for his marked ability as a parliamentarian, and during the speakership of Representative Gillett he was frequently called upon to take the chair. In fact, during the closing years of his time in congress he occupied the chair more than any other man with the single exception of the speaker himself.

Mr. McArthur was well known in this part of his congressional district and every one found him to be always fair and fearless. He frequently spoke in Gresham and many counted him as a warm personal friend.

Oregon produces only 52 per cent of her pork requirements. One of the questions to come before the livestock section of the agricultural economic conference at the college January 21 to 26 will be determination of the extent to which pork production can be increased by better utilization of farm wastes.

Christmas Gift Certificates.
I have received the Christmas gift certificates from the Real Silk Hosiery Mills and would be glad to call at your home and explain the benefit of these certificates. Perry Kitzmiller, Gresham, phone 581.

HOLIDAY OUTLOOK COMING FRIDAY

The next issue of the Outlook will be the large, beautiful, holiday number. It will be replete with timely articles, announcements and greetings. Many extra copies have already been ordered. Mailed to any address at 10c a copy.

WARD H. CRAMER IS STRUCK BY TRAIN, DIES

Ward H. Cramer of Gresham was killed at Schiller station Monday morning when he was struck by the Estacada car about 9:30 o'clock. The man was feeble and deaf. He had left the home of his stepson, M. S. Owens, near by, a short time before to go to a neighbor's for milk. He did not go as usual but took the side road to the station. Death was instantaneous. The body was taken in charge by J. E. Metzger and the coroner's office called.

On investigation of the case Deputy Coroner Leo Goetsch decided that no inquest was necessary. The train crew was exonerated, as the man stepped onto the track in front of the car. T. L. Compton was the conductor in charge of the train and Lee Fagg was the motorman.

Mr. Cramer was 70 years of age and had been in ill health for more than a year. He came to Gresham two years ago from Yakima, Washington. He is survived by his wife and stepson.

WALTER THOMAS DROWNS IN COOS BAY STORM

Walter Thomas, youngest son of Mrs. J. R. Harlan of Gresham, was drowned at Cooston, Oregon, in the terrific storm which swept the coast the latter part of last week. The first word of the accident came to the relatives here by radio last Friday evening and no details were given. Since Walter was employed in longshore work it was assumed that the drowning was in connection with his work. Every effort was made to communicate with Cooston but telegraph and telephone wires were down and train service was stopped by the storm. A message was sent from here by radio and a reply was received Saturday night confirming the report and saying that the body was recovered. Mrs. Harlan and her sons Robert and Alfred Thomas left Sunday night by automobile in an attempt to reach the scene of the accident.

Walter Thomas was 18 years of age. His father died in an accident before he was born. He is survived by his mother, his brothers and two sisters, one of whom lives at Cooston.

Two vegetable crops a season and use of cover crops to maintain soils in physical and fertility conditions, are advantages of irrigating the vegetable garden. Quality and size are improved by water at the right time. It will enable the growing of one crop at least not in competition with general growers, insuring a good market. Irrigation crops hit the market both earlier and later than unwatered crops.

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PASTOR'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY CHURCH

The resignation of the Rev. D. Q. Barry as pastor of the Bethel Baptist church was accepted at a meeting called at the close of the service on last Sunday morning to pass on the matter. Regrets were expressed by the members of the church at the decision of the pastor to accept a call to become assistant pastor of the Oregon City Baptist church, which position he will assume on the first of January. His pastorate here will continue until that date.

Pastor Barry has a very unusual record, through 43 years in the ministry, of never having had a vacation between pastorates.

Interesting services were held at the Baptist church last Sunday and those of the evening were especially appreciated, when the full orchestra of 12 pieces from Montavilla gave four fine musical numbers and assisted in the singing of all the songs by the congregation.

LYNCH CIRCLE P.-T. A. GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP

During a recent campaign for members in the Lynch Parent-Teacher circle between two opposing teams of 20 each, the membership was extended to 185. At the close of the contest the losing team gave a banquet to the winners. A most novel program occupied the early part of the evening, after which a unique banquet was served, prepared by the losing team with Mrs. Elmer Cook as captain. Mrs. W. McKee, captain of the winners, sat at one table with her supporters, where W. C. Lawrence acted as toast master. At the hostess' table, headed by Mrs. Cook, W. O. Shaver was toast master. Speeches and toasts by the many members brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings of its kind ever held at Lynch.

The officers of Lynch circle are Mrs. G. Fortner, president; W. O. Shaver, vice president; Mrs. E. Curtis, secretary; W. C. Lawrence, treasurer.

COMING EVENTS.
Shadow social, Wednesday, December 12, at Grange hall by Queen Esther circle.

Cottrell Community church bazaar, Friday, December 14.

Entertainment and bazaar at Union schoolhouse, December 15, by P.-T. association of Union school.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their sympathy, and floral offerings, and especially the school for the beautiful flowers which were given at the funeral of our son and brother, Ernest Ritschard. Mrs. Henry Hoesly, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Huber, Rudolph W. Ritschard.

COLUMBIAN HIGH TO GIVE "STEP LIVELY"

The student body of Columbian high school will present "Step Lively," a comedy in two acts, on Friday, December 21, in the high school auditorium at Corbett. The cast of the play is as follows:

Joseph Billings, William Morgan; Joe Billings, Jr., Lloyd Bramhall; Theodore Cunningham, Jay Ports; Jerusha Billings, Doris Emily; Mary Smythe, Agatha Harding; Beverly Smythe, Louise Dutton; Jack Thimble, Ferd Etling; Lucile Loveland, Lucile Woodard; Juliet Smythe, Bella Reed; Gwendolyn Smith, Melba Chidsey; Martha Holton, Dolores Morgan; Carrie Arry, Vye Mendenhall; Rose Marie Smythe, Marjorie Bush; Nora, the maid, Lucile Kincaid.

Last Friday night the high school basketball team met Milwaukie team on the home floor in the first game of the season. The game was a close one, the result being 15 to 12 in favor of Milwaukie. A preliminary game between the girls' school team and the freshmen team was also played. The freshmen were beaten by only two points. The domestic science class sold candy before the game and the Parent-Teacher association sold "hot dog" sandwiches and coffee after the game.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION IN GRESHAM TO CHANGE

A change in musical instruction which will affect a number of young music students in Gresham and vicinity will be brought about early in the new year when Miss Florence Honey will discontinue her work here and Miss Dorothy Walton of Portland and Miss Edelle Towle of Gresham will open a music studio in the room now occupied by Miss Honey's studio in the First State Bank building. Miss Honey has accepted the position of dean of music in the Sarah Bachelor School for Girls near Shanghai, China, and will leave for her new post of duty on January 17.

Miss Walton comes very highly recommended. She is an experienced teacher who has been working for the past two years with Miss Abby White-side of Portland. Miss Towle has taken the musical course at Oregon Agricultural College and last summer studied at the Oregon Normal at Monmouth. They will begin their work in the Gresham studio on January 14.

The plan as outlined is for Miss Walton to take the more advanced pupils in piano and Miss Towle to introduce the Dunning system for primary instruction in piano and voice. This system, it is explained, is approved by leading artists and by its use the pupil is able to easily grasp the fundamentals of music with ease, since it creates an interest and zest that has proved very helpful.

These young ladies are well qualified to give good value in this field of instruction and the community is fortunate in having them take up the work which Miss Honey has carried on so successfully for the past four years.

BASKET BALL NOW HOLDS THE BOARDS

Basket ball practice is now the order of the day at Gresham Union high school and from 35 to 45 enthusiastic men gather for this purpose at the gymnasium every afternoon. Coach Nofstinger is training the aspirants on fundamentals and floor work.

The squad will soon be cut down by the coach to about 15 men. He can then devote more of his time to the most promising material.

Ex-captains Bailey and Strong and the following lettermen, Lunday, Pullen and Winters, are the nucleus around which Coach Nofstinger hopes to develop a good, strong team. Other men who bid fair to give the lettermen a run for their old positions are Ernest Nelson, Monte Stuck, Azel Beechill, Reggie Stenerson and Ray Wadsworth.

In order that more fellows and especially the smaller ones can participate in athletics a midget team has been organized. This team will play its first game next Friday night at 8 o'clock against the Sellwood Midgets.

The following midgets will probably be seen in action: Bill (Slip) Keenan, Orville Johnson, Harold Dye, Jack Dowsett, Melcher Duncan, Guy Rusher, and a few other diminutive stars who lack the avoirdupois to make the school team.

The initial game scheduled for the first team will be next Tuesday night, December 18, with Parkrose.

A game is likely to be arranged with Corbett for tomorrow (Wednesday) night at the local gym.

Great things are expected of the basket ball team this season and with the town and school strongly behind the coach and team a successful seven is assured.

It is not too late, they say, to secure patron tickets. These will also admit the holder to the midget games. Although the football season is over it will be a saving, it is claimed, for those who have not already done so to purchase a patron ticket. The student body appreciates the interest, attendance and support of the school patrons.

Attention, Berry Growers!
Have you returned that questionnaire as to your probable tonnage of berries for next year? This is probably more important to us than you would think. We are already booking orders for next year's berries and would like your estimate to help us in making sales. So please report at once.

We have received enough inquiry about a Growers' Meeting to warrant action, so we are working on a program that will be announced early next week, the date being fixed for Saturday, December the 29th. Watch for the program and arrange your plans so you can be sure to attend as it will probably be a meeting of great value to you.

D. E. TOWLE, Manager,
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UNION

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ledbury on the evening of December 7 in honor of Mrs. Ledbury's birthday. The guests were assembled at the home of Mrs. M. G. Kelley and took the hostess completely by surprise when they arrived in a body. The evening was spent in playing cards. Honors went to Leo Harms and consolation to Herman Hoffmeister. Later there were music and games which were enjoyed by all. A delicious luncheon was then served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jake DeYoung and son Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harms, Leo Harms, Champ and Lucile Harms, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lingle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Proebstel, Lewis Herman, Grace and Clara Hoffmeister, Mrs. Weddler, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ledbury and daughter Ruby.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Harms and family motored from Portland to spend the week-end with relatives.

Mrs. Garrett Turner and small son Donald are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Witzel.

Dorothy Kelley was unable to attend school the latter part of the week on account of illness.

The first snow of the season appeared on Friday evening. Everyone was surprised to see it about an inch deep the next morning.

The Parent-Teacher association will give a bazaar at the schoolhouse on Saturday evening, December 15. All are invited to attend.

Mr. Heacock was quite successful while hunting the other day and returned with a large coyote.

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