

LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF GUARD OFFICERS

A luncheon will be tendered Brigadier-General George A. White and his staff and other national guard officers on next Monday evening, January 7, following the public presentation of the award of merit to the 1st Battalion Headquarters company of Gresham. This will be given in the dining room of the Methodist Episcopal church by the Dorcas circle of the Ladies' Aid.

It is expected that there will be present, besides Brigadier-General White, Captain Thomas E. Rilea and Major Joseph E. Schur of his staff, also Colonel Welch and Lieut. Col. Eugene C. Libby and Major Edward W. Van Horn of his staff. Among other guests invited will be the members of the city council and the Gresham Business Men's association.

Rockwood Child Dies After Long Illness.

Laura, the invalid child of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lounsbury of Rockwood, died at the family home on Saturday, December 29, aged 12 years, 6 months and 8 days. For 11 years the child had been a helpless invalid. The funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock at the Rockwood community church. The Rev. J. Stanford Moore will preach. Interment will be in the Mt. Scott cemetery.

The Rev. E. D. Blackman Resigns His Pastorate.

The Rev. E. D. Blackman, pastor of the Gresham Free Methodist church, has resigned his pastorate and preached his farewell sermon last Sunday to his congregation. He expects to move with his wife in a day or two to Portland where he will make his home. His successor is the Rev. E. N. Long of Salem, who will occupy the parsonage with his family at once and will preach his initial sermon as pastor next Sunday.

Motor Car Expense.

Ask the man behind the wheel what is the greatest item of expense to keep a car on the road, and he'll promptly answer, "Gas." Plumb his knowledge a trifle deeper and you'll find him confident that the next greatest item is tires. In both of these almost universal opinions the car owner is wrong. Gas and tires are about equal in their cost to the car operator, constituting between 10 and 11 per cent of the charges he has to pay to keep his machine running.

Repairs cost him 42 per cent, or about four times as much as do either tires or gas, and yet he never seems to be aware of this. And the annual depreciation charge of 15 per cent he is wont to ignore entirely. He's a queer bird, is the average everyday, motor-loving car owner.

Oregonian Bargain Offer.

The Oregonian is making a special bargain offer on the Daily edition for the next 234 days for \$4 and on the Daily and Sunday for 309 days for \$6.00. Suitable combinations with the Outlook may be arranged. Adv.

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

NEW FAIR BOARD WILL MEET.

Next Monday night is the time set for the first meeting of the new board of the Multnomah county fair. The Outlook has not been informed but the meeting will probably be at the city hall.

The newly elected board members are the following: H. A. Lewis; T. R. Howitt, Frank Heiney, Theo. Brugger, T. J. Krueger, C. M. Lake, D. McKeown, Ed. Aylsworth, A. F. Hammar, C. I. Raker, H. L. St. Clair, F. N. Lasley, Fred Crane, John Townsend, John Sleret, A. W. Metzger, O. A. Eastman, W. A. Proctor and J. J. Johnson.

Infant Dies While on Visit Here.

Fred George Anicker, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anicker of Portland, died at the F. G. Anicker home on Saturday, December 29, where his parents were spending the holidays. He was one month and two days old. The funeral was held on Monday noon at the St. David church in Portland. The interment was at Crescent Grove cemetery.

HUNTING ACCIDENTS CAUSE FIVE DEATHS

Hunting accidents caused the death of five persons and injury of eight others in Oregon during the fall season on deer, small game and birds. This toll of human life was revealed in the summary of accident reports completed this week by the Oregon State Game Commission. A careful check of all fatalities and injuries has been supplied the commission through district deputy game wardens.

A total of ten counties are listed in the summary with Douglas county at the head of the list. One person was killed and one injured in Douglas hunting accidents. Umatilla and Walla Walla counties each reported two injuries. One death was reported in each of four counties, Lane, Linn, Jackson and Yamhill, and one injury each was reported by Curry, Deschutes and Coos counties. Multnomah county is not included in the list.

The most common mistake of believing a man to be a deer caused the death of two hunters and injury of two. The accidental discharge of guns killed three and injured two. Careless aim caused the injury of four persons. It was not hunters alone who were killed or injured. One nine year old girl was killed by accidental discharge of a rifle and a ten year old boy was injured for the same reason. Two other small boys were injured by the careless aim of a hunter.

Rifles were responsible for the death of four persons and injury of four. Shotguns claimed five victims, of which one was killed.

Notices have been sent to those responsible for these accidents calling their attention to the provision of the Oregon Laws, which prohibits any person guilty of accidentally killing or injuring another person from carrying or bearing fire-arms in this state. This provision, of course, excepts the right to bear firearms in self-defense and does not apply to peace officers or members of military organizations while on duty.

A Want Ad will sell what you do not need and get what you do need.

BERRY GROWERS PICNIC AND DISCUSS POLICIES

The winter picnic held at the warehouse of the Berry Growers Packing company brought out a large attendance of the members of the organization and many visitors besides. Tables had been arranged in the big warehouse on which the well filled lunch baskets were placed and at the proper time the food was spread. Two big stoves were kept well stoked in an effort to warm the room.

An extensive and carefully drawn contract of agreement for the assessment of fruit annually was read and explained by B. E. Boice. The money thus gained would be used for the following purposes:

(a) To form a revolving fund to be used in the retirement of any Berry Growers Packing company stock that the holder wishes to sell and for the purchase of stock offered for sale by members of the Gresham Fruit Growers' association.

(b) To create a fund for the increase of capital stock of The Berry Growers Packing company. The contract will be circulated among the members for their signatures. It was approved by the berry growers with one dissenting vote.

Several discussions of interest to berry growers were next on the program. County Agent S. B. Hall led with a brief talk on fertilizing, which, he said, is simply feeding. The plant food comes from two sources, the soil and the air. Some elements are supplied without any effort on the part of the grower, but others must be added, principally nitrogen, phosphorous and potash. The grower will be governed by what he wishes to accomplish in the amount and proportion of these elements added to the soil. He advised the adding of fertilizer every year in order to bring about a uniform production. By all means humus should be provided in the way of stable manure, straw or cover crops. Potash firms the berries and improves the quality. Every member should put forth the very best effort, said Mr. Hall, as this reflects back on the grower.

Professor Long of O. A. C. took up the question of berry plant diseases and mentioned several which are more or less prevalent in this vicinity. The well fed plants are less likely to succumb to diseases than those on poor soil and in some cases diseased plants may produce a fair crop. In most cases the eradication of the plants is the only way to check diseases. The development of horticulture along safe lines in the community and state was urged. Plants for resetting should be free from disease, from a certified field, if possible. Professor Long advised the planting of a greater variety of berries, cherries and vegetables to be handled by the local cannery and thus continue the work over a longer period of time. This would make it easier to obtain and keep help.

H. W. Strong told in an interesting way his experience in harvesting berries and answered a number of questions which came up for discussion. He stated that the biggest problem in connection with the business was the delivery of prime berries to the cannery, as the difference between prime and soft berries meant a big difference in the price received by the grower. "Capitalize the strong points of the locality," said Mr. Strong. "Advertise and pull labor here." He makes a special effort to interest fam-

ilies in spending the berry harvest season here and provides accommodations which include comfortable quarters under all circumstances. He gets acquainted with the boys and girls and finds out what they are interested in. Games for the children, concerts for young and old, largely from the pickers themselves, make the Strong berry fields a favorite place for many. A half day rest on Saturday and a half day work on Sunday forenoon by those who wish to work was the plan used by Mr. Strong last summer. Enthusiastic workers should be held back at first until they become accustomed to the work in the sunshine. Mr. Strong believes that the berry fields are the salvation of the boys and girls who need the fresh air and sunshine and that they return to the city from the camp life and the work in improved health.

Following the dinner hour the program was continued, with county agent S. B. Hall in charge. Mayor K. A. Miller gave a brief address of welcome, Mrs. D. M. Donough and Wm. Congdon gave readings. New Years resolutions were discussed by the Rev. H. R. Gebhardt and Mrs. H. L. St. Clair of the Outlook staff brought greetings. Music which was very much appreciated was furnished by Leslie Walrad, Miss Edelle Towle, Virginia Lundbom and members of the high school orchestra.

Raspberry growing was discussed briefly by J. F. Jaeger and W. C. Lawrence talked on cooperation. The latter outlined the difficulties met and overcome by real cooperation in a critical season when the members formed a pool of \$100 each for collateral for a loan. After much difficulty a loan sufficient to finance the picking and cost of operating was secured and a special ordinance was passed by the council of the city of Portland which permitted the berry growers to sell on the open market. He gave great credit to the manager, D. E. Towle, the secretary, Miss Cora B. Green and the process man, J. J. Fisher.

Mrs. S. D. Harding, who represented the Berry Growers at the employment agencies in Portland during the harvest season last summer, gave suggestions on how to secure and keep berry pickers. She emphasized some of the points made by Mr. Strong as to advertising and providing comfortable quarters for help. "Above all things let your advertising tell the truth," said Mrs. Harding. One should not call more help than can be used, as idleness breeds discontent. Mrs. Harding suggested than an arrangement whereby small children could be cared for by a competent person in camp would help to bring families and would keep children from running through the rows. "Be fair to the pickers and insist on fairness on their part," said Mrs. Harding. "Do not begin picking too soon."

H. E. Davis of Portland, in the berry business for the past 40 years and the pioneer berry grower to any extent of this vicinity, told some of his experiences. He spoke of quality as a most important element in successful berry growing. Cultivation is most necessary but it must be done at a minimum of cost. He would disk the berry fields but never plow them.

C. M. LoFollette, veteran loganberry grower, urged that no new logans be planted at present but that half the plants now growing be cut down in fields of more than an acre. He offered

a resolution to that effect which was voted on favorably by the growers present, almost unanimously. Mr. LaFollette planted 7 1/2 acres of loganberries 23 years ago, the first in the state.

A committee to advise with the horticultural committee of the college was appointed as follows: J. F. Jaeger, John Williams, S. A. Roberts, E. P. Schedeer, Thomas Harvey, L. G. Seifer, C. T. Ryan, W. D. Fraley, H. G. Andrew, H. Watkins, Wm. Kneifel, B. E. Boice and Mr. Burgraft.

A report of the produce handled in the 1923 season was read by Mr. Fisher as follows: red raspberries, 1,862,127 lbs.; strawberries, 307,486; loganberries, 212,123; blackberries, 168,861; blackcaps, 18,465; cherries, 54,947; currants, 4,252; gooseberries, 6,006, making a total of 2,634,312 pounds. A brief financial report showed cash on hand December 1, 1923 of \$17,678.69 in the general fund and \$374.02 in the cooperative fund. There has been paid to members \$127,381.76 and to interest on short time loans \$259.66. The total amount of these loans is \$17,482.37.

ATTORNEY NELSON WILL RETAIN COURT CASES

Attorney Alf. O. Nelson, who moved Saturday to Silverton to take up the practice of law in that place, will handle all cases which he already has in the courts of this county. Other matters he has turned over to Attorney W. J. Cooper, who begins his legal practice here with the beginning of the new year.

Mellon Calls Down Blessings of the Tax-Payers' Union.

There is a movement on foot among income-tax payers of the lower brackets to canonize Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. Since he published his famous letter recommending that the base rates of this one-quarter, that the application of the higher rate begin at \$10,000 instead of \$6,000 and that the highest surtax be limited to 25 per cent, his name has been on everybody's tongue, blessings have been invoked on his head and writing paper has been gotten ready to deluge the Senators and Congressmen who may fall to give the Mellon proposal enthusiastic support.

Of course the proposal is good politics; also, carrying out the recommendations will be better politics, even to the reduction of the surtax, because the public now is familiar with the fact that a 50 per cent surtax drives the owners of wealth into the wholesale purchase of tax-exempt securities.

As for the bonus, it will be postponed again. It just can't stand up before the clamor of the taxpayers for the promised reduction. Even Hearst is realizing this.

Maybe the Secretary of the Treasury will now ask for the presidential nomination on a tax-reduction platform.—January Sunset.

When Old Man Detour is Entirely Dead.

They drowned Old Man Detour in the Pacific Northwest the other day, loaded him down with broken automobile springs and threw him into the Columbia river. The murderous celebration was to mark the completion of the longest continuous paved highway in the world, reaching from the Mexican boundary below San Diego to Vancouver, British Columbia.

But wasn't this celebration a little premature? In California just below the Oregon line there is a stretch of more than a hundred unpaved mountain miles round the base of Shasta. True, California has promised her neighbors to pave this stretch; it is also true that most of this mileage consists of a wide road with a gravel or macadam surface, but nevertheless California will have to make good on her promise before the 2900-mile long Pacific highway is wholly rid of Old Man Detour. He won't be dead for a year or two.—January Sunset.

Part of Wisdom.

Consideration of the other driver is not always a matter of altruism; more often it is a question of one's own interests. Thus the man who tries to leave ample space for another car when he has parked isn't an easy mark who is too considerate of others but a wise driver who knows what a mess most drivers make of parking and how often they rip fenders off cars that are too near the battle ground.

Screeching Brakes.

Screeching brakes are never pleasant, but they are sometimes worse than a mere annoyance as, for instance, when you are caught speeding through a small town at 30 miles an hour. Your idea is to stop as quickly as possible and as quietly, as a means of making the constable think he over-estimated the speed you were going. But what can you do if the brakes screech? It is a dead giveaway. The man who can stop his car quickly and quietly gives the impression that he wasn't going in excess of the town limit. Screeching brakes are an unfair toll.

Question and Answer.

Q. An insurance policy upon a barn forbids the keeping of gasoline upon the premises. Is the keeping of an automobile in this barn with the usual amount of gasoline in the tank a violation of this clause?

A. There is not much authority upon this point. But in a recent Kansas case the court held the keeping of an automobile, as described above, to be a violation of the insurance policy that would prevent recovery. Prudence would seem to dictate the obtaining of permission, or a waiver, from the insurance company before using in this manner a building thus insured.

GREAT BASKETBALL GAME IS PROMISED

Gresham basket ball fans will have an opportunity to see a real East vs. West game next Saturday night when the St. Paul "Aces" of Minnesota and the Lincoln Leaguers of Portland meet on the Gresham high school gymnasium court. The contest is billed for next Saturday night, January 5, starting at 8 o'clock.

Ray Brooks of Portland, who has refereed several games for the high school team here, is responsible for bringing the contest to Gresham. He is handling the affairs of the eastern team while in Oregon. If local fans turn out and support this game Brooks plans on bringing several other fast quintets to the local floor for games. Plans are already being made to bring the University of Oregon freshmen team here for a game. Dave Evans, last year's coach of the local high school team, is now coaching the freshmen and would like nothing better than to bring his squad to Gresham.

The St. Paul Aces are considered one of the fastest teams in the east and so far this season they have a clean record, having met and defeated some of the best teams in the country on their way to the coast. They are scheduled to arrive in Portland Thursday morning. Thursday evening they meet the South Parkway club at Portland. Friday night they will meet the Columbia club at Astoria and from there they will come to Gresham for their contest here Saturday night.

The Lincoln Leaguers, who are scheduled to meet them, have one of the best independent teams in Portland. To date they have played in seven contests and in that time have scored a total of 308 points against their opponents 86, having won all seven games. The team is managed by "Bub" Slavens and is coached by Ray Brooks. Brooks has had several years of experience in basket ball around Oregon and probably is well known to many Gresham fans. For several years he managed and coached the Arleta Athletic club team. Last year he coached the championship Lincoln high school five in Portland and managed the Arleta professionals that Dave Evans played with.

The contest will start promptly at 8 o'clock so that fans having other engagements will be able to keep them after the game which will be over by 9 o'clock.

Local basket ball fans are very much interested in this coming game and it is understood players and their friends from all the local teams are planning to come. Local ball tossers hope to pick up some valuable pointers to help them in future games.

Tips for Taxpayers.

No. 1.
January 1, 1924, marks the beginning of the period for filing income-tax returns for the year 1923. The period ends at midnight of March 15, 1924. Heavy penalties are provided by the revenue act for failure or willful refusal to make a return and pay the tax on time.

Form 1040A, heretofore used for reporting net income of \$5,000 and less, from whatever source derived, has been revised in the interests of the largest class of taxpayers—wage earners and salaried persons. Reduced from six pages to a single sheet. Form 1040A is to be used for reporting net income of \$5,000 and less derived chiefly from salaries and wages. Persons any part of whose income is derived from a business or profession, farming, sale of property or rent, though the amount is \$5,000, or less will be required to use the larger form, 1040. The use of Form 1040 is required also in all cases where the net income was in excess of \$5,000, regardless of whether from salary, business, profession, or other taxable sources.

It being impossible to determine at this time which form is desired, copies of both forms will be sent taxpayers who filed individual returns for the year 1922, and may be obtained also at the offices of collectors of internal revenue and branch offices upon written request.

Wonder if big business will now begin to use its customary tactics of "holding off" till after the elections.

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WHO WANTS HALF A HOG? weighing 80 or 90 pounds, at 12 cents. QUICK. R. F. Walters, Gresham, phone 1731.

A RARE OLD MARTIN VIOLIN for sale. This was formerly owned by C. A. Price of Gresham who refused during his lifetime \$1000 for it. Has recently been adjusted and pronounced in perfect condition by the best violin expert in Portland, Rich. full, true tones, even on all strings. Has small neck suitable for hand of girl. Can be had if taken at once for \$200, or will sell my own "Strad" copy at same price, as I do not need two violins. A student cannot make much progress with a cheap violin.
H. W. Strong, Gresham, phone 2161.

BASKET BALL

EAST vs. WEST

ST. PAUL ACES, St. Paul, Minn.

VERSUS

LINCOLN LEAGERS, Portland

Saturday, January 5

AT 8 P. M.

High School Gym, Gresham

This is your chance to see one of the best teams from the East meeting one of the best independent teams of Portland.

BASKET BALL

High School Gym, Gresham

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 8 P. M.

Gresham American Legion Team
versus Maroon F. of Portland

If arrangements can be completed there will be a double header, Gresham Midgets vs. Sellwood Midgets.

Admission 35c.

DANCE

In Masonic Hall, Gresham

FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 4

"Kewpie" Olson's Orchestra

Lunch will be served

COMMITTEE

B. W. THORNE JACK SHULTZ ED. AYLSWORTH
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