

BERRY GROWERS BEGIN NEW YEAR

The beginning of a new fiscal year for the Berry Growers Packing company and the Cooperative Berry Growers, cooperative organizations working together in the berry industry, begins today with favorable prospects. D. E. Towle, the manager, has addressed the following communication to the members:

"This is the date of the beginning of our new year, the sixth of our association effort. Let us hope it may be our best. If you are interested, and you should be, do not fail to attend the meetings on the 7th and 9th inst. Come and get acquainted with your fellow members and learn of the details of your business and help elect two directors to help steer the ship for two years. These will be important meetings and you should be sure to attend if possible. If you cannot attend the least you should do is to give your proxy to a fellow member or mail it to the secretary, Miss C. B. Green.

"This is the last call for strawberry planting. Have you planted that acre? We can still furnish some plants but the growers cannot hold them much longer.

"How is your fuel supply? At the rate the fuel ties are moving you will need to order soon or the real dry ones will be all gone. We recommend cutting the ties into eight pieces to get the best value for your money, as the saving is at least 20 per cent, especially for summer fuel.

"We have acquired a car of very good quality sheep guano, ground and sacked, which we can offer at a low price if you need fertilizer for the berries or garden or lawn or any crop. It is extra good value and acts quickly."

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR N. G. OFFICERS

C. G. Schneider, commanding officer of the local headquarters company national guard, will attend the school of instruction for all officers to be held in the Portland armory beginning tomorrow. The school will last four days. It is expected 135 officers from all over Oregon will attend.

Among the wide variety of topics to be discussed will be the principles of war and combat, army paper work including payrolls and reports, recruiting, regimental administration care of property, rifle practice, drill attendance, field administration, characteristics of infantry weapons, tactical instruction. In addition there will be special classes for the officers representing the various arms of the service.

"The Oregon national guard officers are already second to none in the country from the standpoint of training and efficiency and we anticipate that this school will place them in the front rank in the entire United States," said Adjutant General Geo. A. White. "The course of instruction will enable officers to go into actual war conditions and know what to do in any emergency."

Guy D. Jones, who has been recently promoted to the position of first lieutenant in the national guards, is attending the school.

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Secretary of Navy



Judge Curtis Wilbur, California Supreme Court Justice and a graduate of the Naval Academy in 1888, has accepted the folio in President Coolidge's cabinet as the new Secretary of the Navy.

HAMILTON HOLT HELPS NEAR EAST RELIEF

J. J. Handsaker, who has always believed in Near East Relief and is well acquainted with the national organization, says that the message of Hamilton Holt recently spoken in Oregon has greatly inspired his confidence.

"If I can say anything while I am in Oregon to encourage support of the Near East Relief, I want to say that word," said Hamilton Holt to members of the Albany Near East Relief committee. "I am a member of the executive committee of Near East Relief, as I am a member of many organizations, but in none am I more interested than in Near East Relief.

"As a man deeply interested in child welfare, I cannot be blind to America's opportunity to develop American ideals in tens of thousands of children in the Near East. This is saying nothing of the obligation that rests upon us to relieve human suffering, wherever it is found, to the extent of our ability. I am referring simply to America's opportunity to impress the highest ideals upon the coming generations in the Near East, an opportunity which has been seized by the Near East Relief in a wonderful way.

"Against obstacles abroad that would have stopped anyone but a determined group of Anglo-Saxons and against indifference at home to the needs of the world, the organization has persisted until it has done much to atone for America's tragic failure to continue in an official way in world affairs."

"There is no organization with which I am familiar which does its work more economically and efficiently, and this is in a large degree due to the self-sacrificing work of C. V. Vickery, national executive, and the little group of men around him at national headquarters, as well as to the great number of men and women who serve in a voluntary capacity."

Just Like That.

Mr. Blarney—"You look sweet enough to eat."
Miss Flapper—"I do eat. Where shall we go?"

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ACT IS HELD INVALID BY COURT

The Oregon compulsory school law, passed over a year ago, to become operative in 1926, was yesterday declared unconstitutional and invalid in the United States district court in Portland.

The case was instituted from Hill Military academy, a private corporation, and the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. These sought an injunction against state and county officers for enforcing the law, claiming it contravened their rights and liberties as citizens guaranteed by the federal constitution. The decision held the law was a contraction of the rights guaranteed by the 14th amendment.

The opinion read by Judge Wolverton was a lengthy one. It was held that the parties bringing the suit had property rights that were threatened by the law and were already being injured and that they had a right to bring the matter into the courts before the law became effective.

It was declared that there is no question as to the right of a state to regulate the instruction that may be given students or to prescribe the courses that may be provided, but that the state by the means that it had adopted in passing this law had exceeded the police powers given to it under the state and federal constitutions and therefore had invalidated the act.

It is too early for those most interested to say whether or not the case will be appealed to the supreme court. It is thought likely that it will be so appealed. It is regarded as an unusually important case. Probably the hearing could be advanced on the docket. It is thought very probable that in case the supreme court affirmed the decision of the federal district court in declaring unconstitutional the compulsory public school attendance law, the 1925 legislature will be asked to enact legislation placing these private and parochial schools under the supervision of the state superintendent of public instruction.

It is hoped that under the proposed legislation the public and private schools will be placed on a par, and that all teachers will have to be certificated by the state superintendent of schools. It will also be required that the public and private schools use the same standard text books, and that the requirements of one institution will be the same as another.

It is declared that such legislation would tend to improve some of the private schools, and remove much of the criticism which resulted in the passage of the anti-private school law by the voters of this state.

KIMBALL GLEE CLUB TO SING AT PLEASANT HOME

The Kimball School Glee club of Salem will give a delightful program of music, singing, readings, stunts, and a Bible pageant at the Pleasant Home M. E. church Saturday evening, April 5, at 8 o'clock. Here is a copy of the program:

Yachting Chorus Gabriel Glee Club.
Tenor solo Selected O Peaceful Night..... German Glee Club.
Enoch Arden Tennyson Lloyd Burke.
Old Oak Bucket.....Herbert Dried Apple Tree.....Beswick Quartette.
Marching Thro' Georgia.....Mack Miss Irene Cotton.
Lift Up Your Heads.....Fillmore Glee Club.
Baritone solo Selected Katrina's Visit to New York J. Earle Officer.
Chalk Talk—Stunt.
America Triumphant Demarest Glee Club.

The Rev. Earl B. Cotton is director, Miss Irene Cotton accompanist and Mrs. Earl B. Cotton chaperon.

This is what the critics said of this organization last year as copied from the Oregon Statesman. "The Kimball School Glee club is really a high class singing organization. * * * It has goods to speak for themselves. The director has taken a number of unextraordinary voices and built them into a delightful singing organization. * * * They sing with spirit, precision, and understanding. It ought to be a part of every preacher's business to know music, but these preachers know it better than so many of their cloth! * * * In making up a program, the Kimball chorus members showed good judgment. In presenting it they showed ability and assiduous preparation. They hadn't slighted their work; it was good work, and it simply had to please."

GRESHAM YOUNG PEOPLE ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Miss Vivian Hevel and Joe Comstock surprised a large number of their young friends recently, when they invited them to spend the evening. It proved to be a party at which they announced their engagement.

The house was elaborately decorated with white, yellow and orange shades. The announcement was hidden under daffodils painted on the place cards. The two-course lunch was served in yellow and white.

Original telephone games were played during the evening in which Letty Pulfer, Gertrude Southard, Ora Sweek, Percy Pulfer and Adolph Zenger, were winners of prizes.

Those present were the Misses Letitia Pulfer, Gertrude Southard, Oral and Ora Sweek, Pernice Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Northrup, Joe Marriage, Elvis Stockton, Ernest Zenger, Darcy Dennis, Adolph Zenger, and Percy Pulfer.

Avery Deaver Dies.
Avery Deaver, 40, died on Sunday at the home of Arthur Heiney of tuberculosis. He leaves a wife and two children. The body was taken to Kelso, Washington, where services were held today. The Deavers have been for several months at the Heiney home, where Mrs. Deaver has been housekeeper.

"I'll admit my sweetie's overcoat is a bit loud—but he always wears a muffler with it."

Buckeye Eyes



Rose Schneider, of Cincinnati, was crowned beauty queen of Ohio over 500 contestants in state-wide competition. A diamond lavallier, "to match her eyes," said judges in awarding a token of triumph.

BOXING, WRESTLING BOUITS ATTRACT

Something new was staged by the high school boys last Saturday night in the way of athletics when a series of eight boxing and four wrestling bouts were held with a large crowd in attendance.

The surprise of the boxing was the defeat of Burton by Pullen, the boys weighing 160 pounds. At the end of the second round, Burton was in a bad way and forfeited the match, claiming his wind would not carry him through. A knockout seemed due if he had proceeded. Other boxing bouts were Rusher and Johnson, 100 pounders, the latter winning by decision; Graham and Norby at 75 pounds, ending in a draw; and Beechill scoring a technical knockout over Chalker, the bell saving Chalker at the end of the third round. They weighed 135 pounds.

A clever exhibition of boxing was given by the Wadsworth brothers and was called a draw by Referee Noffsinger. These boys are twins and the fans had more trouble than the boxers. Trimble and Stuck fought a 3-round draw, as did Winters and Matson. Strong of the Union high school was too clever for Woods, also of the school.

In the wrestling bouts which were for 15-minute periods, Smith and Mink went to a draw. Brown threw Anderson, pinning him in one minute. Schenk of the national guard was too strong for Lundy of the high school and had his man down in four minutes. The feature of the card was the bout between Southard of the high school and Geddes of the national guard. The latter had Southard in hot water for 13 minutes but when Southard had tired him out it was but a matter of a minute for him to pin Geddes' shoulders to the mat.

These bouts were under auspices of the Lettermen's club of Union high school and more of them are promised.

MRS. ANNIE OVERTON DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. John Bliss received word of the death of her sister, Annie Overton, who passed away February 28 at her home at Sawtelle, California, very unexpectedly from complications, after having a very severe attack of grip.

Following is a sketch from the Sawtelle paper:
Mrs. Annie Overton for many years a well known resident of Sawtelle, passed away at her home on Thursday evening, February 28, at 8 o'clock. She had been ailing for some time but had just been confined to her bed about 10 days.

They moved to Sawtelle from Honolulu, where they resided 12 years. Mrs. Overton, who had been a resident of Sawtelle for the past 13 years, was a well known member of the John A. Martin Relief corps and acted as secretary and president of the corps several years and was a true and faithful worker in both offices, also was very active in behalf of the welfare of the veterans. She was also interested in other charitable work and made many friends during her years of residence in the district.

She was well liked by all who knew her. She was 57 years old and was born in Negaunee, Michigan. She is survived by one son, Edward Overton, and granddaughter Anna Virginia of Sawtelle, California, her mother, Mrs. Anna Engels, a sister, Mrs. John Bliss, of Gresham, Oregon, a brother, H. P. Engels and sister Mrs. Gertie Pearson of Portland and a sister, Mrs. Mary Ellison of Aurora, Oregon, besides several nieces and nephews. Interment will be in the Soldiers' Home cemetery, besides her husband, John E. Overton, who preceded her on April 1st, 1922, with funeral services at the Home Chapel March 3.

DOG NOTICE.
Dog owners are notified to keep their dogs tied or shut up for the next five months. Failure to comply with the ordinance will incur a penalty.
CITY OF GRESHAM,
G. A. Cox, Marshal.

PICTURE MACHINE WILL AID STUDENTS

The Gresham grade school, with the endorsement of the Parent-Teacher association, has undertaken the purchase of a motion picture machine to cost \$365. It is to be financed by the sale of tickets at \$1 each, the tickets admitting an adult to six and a child to twelve shows. The shows are to be given in the school auditorium on the first and third Monday nights each month. The first one will be next Monday night at 7:30.

Films are obtained from the University of Oregon or from the film agencies and are of an educational character. The expense for films is small and when the machine is paid for no charge will be made except to defray rental of films.

There can be no question that the picture machine, with careful selection of educational films, will be of benefit to the school. Mr. Quicksall says this will be the only financial assistance asked from the patrons this year. The boys and girls are offering the tickets and it is being handled so as not to interfere with the school work.

Generous response on the part of parents and citizens in helping the school put over this simple and helpful undertaking will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

SUGGESTIONS TO SCHOOLS WITH MOVIE MACHINES

To show how the rich resources of this country are being developed under methods and how science has solved many of mankind's most difficult problems, a series of moving picture films has been prepared and is being distributed by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., according to T. E. Doremus, Northwest manager.

These reels will be loaned to schools, organizations and individuals for public showing.

One reel is entitled "An American Dye Works" and shows the modern way of manufacturing dyestuffs at one of the country's largest plants located at Deepwater, N. J. It gives an idea of the enormous size and equipment of a dye making works.

Another reel bears the title "Dynamite at Work," and depicts the various commercial and scientific uses to which explosives are put in the development of the country. Among its interesting scenes is a slow motion picture of a great dynamite blast. There are also views of breaking ice jams, digging great ditches in controlling mosquitoes and clearing land for agricultural purposes.

A third reel that has been prepared is titled "Dynamite in Quarry Work." This gives an interesting insight into the way in which quarries are operated.

The fourth reel is titled "The Passing of the Oldest Powder Mills in America." This picture is an interesting visualization of the old powder works of the du Pont organization built near Wilmington, Delaware, in 1802.

SANDY YOUNG MAN DIES FROM ACCIDENT

James Richard Jonsrud, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jonsrud of Sandy, died Saturday morning at Good Samaritan hospital where he was taken following an accident at the Dixon & Howitt logging camp at Cherryville early in the day. The funeral was held this morning at Boring, the Rev. S. F. Pitts officiating. Interment was in the Sandy cemetery. The young man was 24 years of age. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Roy Hickey of Aloha, Mrs. Roy Funk of Portland, Mrs. V. A. Peacock of Rickreall, Art. Jonsrud, and Mrs. Jas. Folsom of Cherryville, Lloyd, Ethel, Genevieve and Frances Jonsrud of Sandy. He was born in Salem and had lived at Sandy or Boring for about 20 years.

In deference to the family the mills of Sandy Lumber company, Dixon & Howitt and the Portable Mill & Lumber company were closed down during the day. Frank Annon, Andy and Nick Hilsencup, Johnnie Sinclair and Andrew Lamper were pall bearers.

Demented Man Taken.
Deputy Sheriff M. M. Squire picked up a man near his home in Gresham this morning who showed indications of being demented. In searching the man Mr. Squire ran his hand onto a butcher knife in his pocket and was severely cut, though his injury is not considered serious. He took the man to Portland.

Oh—That Kind of a Lady.
Bank Cashier—"Good morning, sonny. And what can I do for you?"
Sonny—"Please, sir, I want a check book for a lady that folds in the middle."

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