

## COUNCIL FAVORS SMITH TRACT FOR PARK PURPOSES

At a special meeting of the city council last Tuesday night a resolution was adopted favoring the purchase of 24 acres belonging to the N. L. Smith tract fronting on Main street for park purposes and to add to the facilities of the county fair and race track. W. D. Freeman of Portland, attorney for the Smith estate, was present and represented the interests of his clients. After much discussion an agreement was reached on the price of \$20,000 for the tract and an option was taken by the council on that basis.

The tract has a frontage on Main street of nearly 500 feet and extends westward to a point 150 feet west of the race track. It was thought by the councilmen, four of whom were present, that this would be a valuable piece of land for the purpose desired and that the investment would be well worth while. Councilmen Botkin, Howitt, Thorne and Hammar were present. Councilmen Raker and Hessel, who were absent, were said to be in favor of the deal.

Within a few days the survey of the land will be made and all preliminary matters attended to, when the resolution calling for the purchase and the bond issue to cover the cost will be published. The vote will come before the people on September 23.

## ESTACADA OFFERS ATTRACTIONS LABOR DAY

Estacada will be all dolled up for a big Labor day celebration on Monday, which will include a parade, street dancing, barbecue, ball game and lots of other attractions.

The American Legion team of Gresham will play the Estacada team and it will be a hot game as both teams are up to snuff.

Nothing is certain but death and taxes.—Benjamin Franklin.

## METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCES SERVICES

Labor Day will furnish the main theme for the program of services at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday. The summer vacation really ends with the opening of the schools, which follows the coming of September. Activity in all departments of the church is being renewed.

The pastor, the Rev. A. S. Hisey, will occupy the pulpit at both services of the day. His theme for the morning will be "The Industry of the Ages." John Kilpack, manager of the Royal Rosarian quartet, will sing at this service. Popular service will be held in the evening.

The devotional topic for the Epworth League will be "The World Parish of Methodism." Amy Cooper will lead.

The Sunday schools of the Powell Valley circuit will go to Laurelhurst Park for their Labor Day picnic on Monday. All will gather at the Gresham church at 9:30 a. m. Transportation will be provided for those who have none of their own. All friends and patrons of the local school are invited to spend the day with the pupils of the Sunday school.

## GREATER ECONOMY AND DISPATCH AIM OF S. P.

The Southern Pacific railroad has been establishing new records on its Pacific system during the first half of this year by securing a higher average load per car and a higher number of cars per train, according to their records.

This accomplishment is said to have a favorable effect in increasing the amount of equipment available to the public.

"We are constantly trying to get more freight in each car, more cars in each train and then move trains over the line in quicker time," says J. H. Dyer, general manager. "The result means economy of operation and a greater supply of equipment available to shippers."

Money to loan on real estate. Farm loans at 6 per cent. B. W. Thorne.

A penny for your thoughts.—Swift.

## MANY DIFFICULTIES INTERFERE WITH TRIP

A vacation trip was taken under great difficulties last week by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wiles and their son, Lesley. They returned Tuesday of this week, and in spite of an annoying series of accidents they are able to laugh at their discouragements and say they had a good trip. Their objective was Rockaway Beach, where Mr. Wiles wished to see for the first time some beach lots which he bought 16 years ago from a salesman who showed the location from a plat and described them as slightly and valuable.

The start was made on Tuesday, August 19, but a day or two before that, while driving their car down Powell street, it was necessary to drive off the road a little to avoid a truck unloading the big lengths of pipe for the Bull Run pipe line. In doing so an axle of their car broke and a rear wheel came off. At last they were ready for the start, and with tent and full camping equipment for the three they went to Portland, only to find it raining and weather conditions unfavorable. They returned to their home and discovered that the rain which had deterred them was only local and that the weather here was fine.

A fresh start for the trip was made on Friday and all went well until they reached a point six miles this side of Hebo, when the other rear axle broke, leaving the car in a position in which it was impossible to get it off the highway entirely. A passing autoist offered assistance and took Lesley to Hebo in search of a new axle, which

he was unable to find at that place. He went on to Tillamook and secured the necessary part and started with it on the 27-mile hike to the broken-down car. He had not gone far when he was overtaken by the sheriff and a deputy, who were out looking for an inveterate speeder, who was said to be driving 50 miles an hour between Portland and the sea coast.

The officers had not gone far when they picked up a bootlegger and returned to place their prisoner in the county jail, leaving young Wiles to make his way as best he could. The officers returned on their quest and again picked up Lesley, and soon got the speeder. Again the officers returned to the county jail, the prisoner was given hearing, paid a fine of \$10 and was soon on his return trip to Portland. It was he who picked Lesley up and gave him the third lift on the long journey, and left him beside the broken car.

The day was now too far spent to repair the car and proceed, so it was decided to make camp for the night. Tent and bedding were dragged up a hill and over a fence and the provisions were carried out. The best possible place for sleeping was none too smooth. Mr. and Mrs. Wiles are in the 70's, however, they took their difficulties in the best of spirit.

On reaching Rockaway the next day it was found that the slightly lops which Mr. Wiles had come to see were about 300 feet above the beach in a perfect tangle of brush and weeds, and were entirely out of sight of the ocean.

## GRESHAM LOCALS

Mrs. Grace Gibbons, her son Walter and daughter, Maude, are here from Bellingham, Washington, to visit Mrs. Gibbons' sister, Mrs. Wm. Trimble and other relatives. They arrived Sunday evening in company with Mrs. Ernest Christenson and children who, with Miss Lois Trimble, had been there on a three weeks' visit. Miss Trimble will remain in Bellingham with her sister, Blanche, for some time yet.

The interior of the Free Methodist church is undergoing a thorough renovation this week. The woodwork and pews are being re-varnished, the walls kalsomined and the windows painted.

L. S. Ellerman and T. C. Anderson, of the Western Starch and Dehydrating company, and Ray Anderson returned last week from a three weeks' auto trip through southern Oregon and northern California. The object of their trip was to study conditions with especial reference to starch making and dehydrating of fruit. Mr. Ellerman visited the Chambers of Commerce in the various cities in the course of his trip and says he found that a live chamber and a prosperous city went hand in hand.

Miss Georgia Stapleton was hostess Wednesday evening at a prettily appointed dinner party given for Miss Clara Mason in honor of her approaching marriage to Samuel L. Owre, of Westport, Oregon, an event of Tuesday, September 2. The young ladies present were besides Miss Stapleton, the Misses Mabel and Beatrice Jackson, Doris Zimmerman, Mildred Metzger, Leona Bailey, Marie Blom, Golda Adams, Valetta Macaw and Clara Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Heiney, of Santa Barbara, California, who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks were the guests on Monday of a party who made the climb of Mt. Hood, well up the slopes toward Crater Rock. Others in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heiney and sons, George and Walter, also Mrs. A. R. Heiney.

Sunday guests at the D. H. Nash home were Attorney and Mrs. F. M. Phelps, of Portland, also Mrs. Nash's uncle, S. S. Hayes, of the Irvington district. On Tuesday Mrs. Nash and daughter, Mary Lois, left for Halsey, Oregon, to visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hayes.

The Victory Circle of the Zion Evangelical church will meet with Mrs. H. G. Mullenhoff of Pleasant Home the third Thursday of September at 2 o'clock, and the Gresham Circle will hold its next meeting at the parsonage Thursday, September 4, at 2 p. m.

The Zion Evangelical church will hold its annual missionary festival Sunday, August 31, with services at 10:45 and 2 in both languages. Sunday school will convene at 10 a. m. Several local ministers will preach and it is possible the Rev. W. Schmidt, of Montrose, Colorado, will be present. Lunch will be served in the basement of the parsonage at noon by the ladies. Special music will be furnished by the choir and also by individuals; offerings will be received for the missionary cause.

On Saturday evening, August 23, John Meller and Mrs. Minnie Harris of Hoover station, near Gresham, were married in the presence of the bride's children and a few friends, the Rev. H. Gebhardt officiating by the reading of the double ring ceremony. They will live on the farm which was formerly occupied by the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Meller were youthful sweethearts 27 years ago and he proposed then, only to be rejected in favor of another. He decided to bide his time and continued in bachelorhood until after the death of Mr. Harris some months ago, when his marriage to the woman of his choice was made possible.

The pioneers' association of eastern Multnomah county, of which Henry Latourel is president, will meet at Corbett, Oregon, in their annual session, on Wednesday, September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Southard and son Edward have returned from a trip extending over a period of two and a half months and including a visit with relatives and friends in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. Their route lay over the old Oregon trail and Lincoln highway and they report exceptionally good roads.

John Gantenbein, Sr., who left some time ago to visit his aged parents in Switzerland, is due to have arrived at this time. He will probably remain there until the end of September.

Mrs. Maggie Rosin, the widow of A. Rosin, has decided to make Portland her future home. She will reside at the home of her brother-in-law at 798 Missouri avenue.

Vera Massey, the 11-year-old niece of Mrs. E. N. Long, who has been visiting her for the past two months, returned to her home in Valsetz, Oregon, on Friday.

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## AUTO RACES WILL ATTRACT CROWDS SUNDAY, MONDAY

Automobile racing on the county fair grounds at Gresham was inaugurated Sunday under auspices of the Oregon Race Drivers association, with the sanction of the American Automobile association, designated by the familiar A. A. A.

The use of the fair grounds race track for auto races was sanctioned by the fair board at a well attended meeting on Wednesday night and an agreement was reached whereby the fair board will receive 15 per cent of the gross receipts on any occasion of races.

Through an arrangement for last Sunday only, the fair board received 15 per cent for use of the track, amounting to about \$115, and Gresham Post American Legion was paid 10 per cent for policing the grounds. Their share was about \$85.

Last Sunday's races were in a sense a tryout to prove the suitability of the track and the patronage that might be expected. Although only a few days was allowed for advertising and arrangements those having the races in charge were well pleased with the results and think they have found a favorable location for the official auto races.

The Oregon Race Drivers association is a permanent organization and under its auspices races have been held on various tracks. The officers think the Gresham track can be made most suitable and the location and conditions offer an opportunity for the development of their sport that will be permanent and profitable to all concerned.

From the standpoint of the fair board the auto races, which will be held several months during the summer and fall, will mean a considerable income that will help to pay off the heavy indebtedness of the fair.

The officers of the drivers association are, Bert Pendergrass, president; F. B. Patty, treasurer, and G. W. Lott, manager.

## Races Sunday and Labor Day.

Races are planned for Sunday and Labor Day at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The track will be in much better condition for these events than it was last Sunday. Teams have been working during the week and by heavy wetting the track, it is claimed, will be free from dust.

The three fastest cars will be first to line up for Sunday's races. They are, Marmon Special, driven by Pat Reed, Essex Special, driven by Ira Cook, Froyne Special, driven by Mr. Cavender. These cars furnished the majority of thrills for the race fans last Sunday. In the second line up will be Froyne Ford, driven by Wm. McDonald; Essex, driven by Art Smith; Dodge Special, driven by Phil Linnon. The third heat will consist of Maxwell Special, driven by Bill Dozier, and the Dusenberg, driven by Mark Owens, and in this race the mysterious Chevrolet car will appear.

The racing officials are as follows: Frank Watkins, A. A. A. representative; Lon Bronaugh, assistant; Bert Pendergrass, referee; Pete Rinehart, starter.

A partial list of the entries for Sunday and Labor day, with owner, name of car and number and driver is as follows:

Bill Dozier, Froyne Ford (21), Wm. McDonald.

Bill Dozier, Maxwell (1), Wm. McDonald.

Bronaugh & Pendergrass, Marmon, (27), Pat Reed.

Art Smith, Essex (2), Art Smith.

Phil Linnon, Dodge (29), Linnon.

Patty Motor Co., Essex (18), Ira Cook.

Cavender, Froyne (3), Cavender.

P. J. Reddy, Dusenberg (4), Mark Owen.

Name withheld, Chevrolet (2), withheld.

## Gresham Community Church, Bible Standard.

The regular services of Gresham Community church, Bible Standard are as follows: Sunday school 10 a. m., followed by preaching at 11 and again in the evening at 7:45; prayer meeting and young people crusader's meeting, Wednesday 7:45 p. m.

Great interest is being taken in the crusader's contest. L.

## Baseball

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vs.  
Arleta Club  
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# AUTO RACES

## SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Aug. 31, 2:30, Labor Day

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## YOUNG MAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

An appalling accident which has incited the sympathy of the entire community occurred Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 near Cherryville when Ernest S. Hart, age 23, was instantly crushed to death by a rolling log on the logging train of the Sandy Lumber company. Hart, who loaded the trains with logs and also acted in the capacity of brakeman on the trains, was standing at the rear of a flat car which was loaded with timbers of varying lengths. As the train rounded a short curve on the down grade, the end of a particularly long log struck the bank with such force the remaining logs were thrown out of position on the car, hitting the man in the back of the head, killing him instantly.

Deceased was the son of Mrs.

Johnnie Sinclair, of Wapinitia, Oregon, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Allen, at Brightwood. His father, Benjamin S. Hart, lives in Denver, Colorado. Three months ago he married Miss Martha Sneed, of Portland, granddaughter of Mrs. L. Lehenfeld, of Sandy. She formerly resided in this neighborhood and was a pupil in the Orient school district. The situation is a peculiarly sad one and it was feared for a time the girl wife, who is but 16, would collapse under the strain. The couple resided near the mill at Sandy and their home life was an ideal one.

The funeral services will be held Saturday, August 30, at 3 o'clock in the community church at Sandy, in charge of the Rev. S. F. Pitts, with interment in Sandy cemetery.

## ADVENTISTS MEETING HELD AT FOREST GROVE

The Adventist camp meeting at Forest Grove is being attended by adherents of the church from all parts of the state and Washington, including several from Gresham and vicinity.

Last Saturday, being their Sabbath, the attendance was especially large and all departments of the Sabbath school were full to overflowing. More than 2,500 were on the grounds throughout the day and attended the services. At 11 a. m. Elder Morris Lukens, president, North Pacific Union Conference, spoke on "The Holy Spirit and the Coronation of Christ." The evening sermon was delivered by Elder A. R. Bell, pastor of their Central church, Portland, who chose as his theme, "God's Care for His Children."

The song service, under the able leadership of William Jensen of Walla Walla, is a big feature at all the meetings in the large auditorium which is furnished with a "loud speaker."

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## BENEFIT CELEBRATION AT BEACH, THREE DAYS

The Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society will hold a benefit celebration at Pacific City, on August 30, 31 and September 1.

The proceeds will be used to secure new headquarters for the society as the site of the present building is to be used for approaches to the new Burnside bridge.

This society embraces the Albertina Kerr Nursery Home, the Louise Home for girls and the Portland Commons which takes care of destitute men and women.

Pacific City is 96 miles from Portland and is one of the newer beaches south of Tillamook. The attractions of the place, the super attractions planned in connection with the celebration and the cause to be aided should combine to lure many thousands to this beautiful resort on one or all of the three days named.

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

Bread is the staff of life.—Swift.

## Youth Mates With Age



Edward Cochran, 23, and his bride of 69, Mrs. Mary McGinnis Cochran, who were recently married in Los Angeles, claim that love alone was the reason for this strange match. Cochran, formerly an oil field worker is now manager of his wife's apartment houses.