

GRESHAM UNION HIGH IS ONE OF THE BEST SCHOOLS IN STATE

By ROY E. CANNON.

Gresham Union high school, organized in 1915, has had a constant, steady, yearly growth from year to year until its enumeration has now reached 284. During the past four years improvements consisting of enlarged auditorium, ten additional acres to the campus, new class rooms, new heating plant, new unit comprising the gymnasium, and other minor additions have been made. We have felt highly pleased and somewhat flattered to have other school boards visit and pattern after our buildings and system. We have reason to believe, from the showing made by students from our high school in institutions of higher learning, that we have one of the best high schools in the state. Our enrollment lists students from 14 different school districts in Multnomah county as well as students from Clackamas, Wasco, Wheeler, Umatilla and Klamath counties, and one student from Holland. The taxpayers and supporters of the high school have done their part in equipping buildings and class rooms, as well as supplying other necessary funds to make it possible for the boys and girls of G. U. H. S. to secure good advantages.

Beginning, Jan. 5, the district will start two new busses, which are the last letter in transportation for school students and will cost less to operate than the two busses operating over the same routes the past two years. These busses will operate in the Powell Valley and Orient districts. They are especially built for transportation, and are equipped with heaters, dome lights, driver's control of exits,

are scientifically ventilated, and otherwise modern. All transportation is furnished by private individuals with the district leasing the busses, and competitive bids are taken to determine who receives the contract.

School Shows Much Activity.

The school is active at all times and we would like to have the patrons visit and see us in our work. We usually have visitors at a time when it is not conducive for them to see our best efforts in work—that is visitors usually come before a football game, basketball game, class play, a lyceum number, or some other time when the school is not breathing normally.

The teaching corps of the school consists of fourteen teachers, a librarian, and an office assistant, who acts as school treasurer. New interest is centering around the organization of a band, beautification of the school grounds, a uniform usher system, and some minor activities.

The commercial department of the school has had the healthiest growth, and four additional machines have been added to the typewriting department. The school orchestra for the first time in the history of the school, is 100 per cent H. S. members. However, we feel very grateful to those who assisted us in the orchestra when we could not possibly have had one of our own.

The student loan fund has continued to grow and we have now in school those who would not be here were it not for assistance from this fund.

The Boys' and Girl's Glee clubs, the athletic teams, and other departments of the school are doing good work. It

might not be amiss to advise, at this time, it will be necessary for an enlargement of the high school next year or the year following in the event the enrollment increases as it has the past two years. We are now crowded and need an additional class room, which will be equipped for next year.

In school activities and athletics our gate and door receipts have not been sufficient to meet the expense of getting other teams here, taking our teams to other schools and purchasing necessary equipment. We would convey our appreciation to those who purchased patron-purchaser tickets and thus showed their willingness to assist the students of the high school to meet their bills.

There are 270 live, wide-awake, peppy boys and girls in the high school and the above cannot begin to advise those interested what there is doing at, in, and about the school. We are proud of the personnel of the student body because they are a clean, wholesome, happy and congenial group.

CHILDREN'S FARM HOME NEEDS ARE RELATED

Portland, Ore., Dec. 1, 1924.—Editor Outlook:—The last news of the Farm Home broadcast through the newspapers of the state related largely to the campaign to raise funds for the Boys' building. As we have two cottages for girls and only one for boys this building was and is a pathetic need. Not a sufficient amount was raised to warrant building this fall, so we must go into the winter with an ever increasing pressure for place to house the children we now have and the necessity of refusing almost every day admission to most pitifully needy little ones.

While building cannot now be undertaken until spring we trust that funds will be forthcoming to begin at the very earliest possible time. Our friends will rejoice with us that this first of December we are signing a check to pay off the last cent of our contract on the farm, leaving only a not very large mortgage which can be handled in the next few months. To do this we are borrowing a small sum from the building fund but there are land pledges to cover this by the time we can begin building.

There are many things to encourage us in the outlook for the new year. Larger Thanksgiving offerings from union church services are being received, more voluntary individual gifts are being made, and women's organizations are evidencing their increasing interest by more generous and frequent contributions. Lane county is undertaking an independent campaign for funds to build a Lane county cottage. We trust that this will not only succeed but that it will be an inspiration to other counties to do likewise.

The need for clothes dryers for the winter is being met, one being provided largely by that good friend of the Home, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, and the Journal making a campaign to pay for two more. The employees of the American Can Company is planning to give a Super-Heterodyne radio which can be moved from cottage to cottage to gladden the Christmas time and E. B. Hyatt of Portland has just sent a Victrola with a lot of records.



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FARM HOME SCHOOL UNDER STATE NORMAL

By ETHEL M. MILLER.

There is such an urgent request for more information as to the school work at the W. C. T. U. Children's Farm Home, that for some time I have been thinking of writing you a letter in answer to that request.

The school here, as is generally known, is conducted under the State Normal plan of sending out "practice teachers" who work under the supervision of "critic teachers." At present we have 68 pupils in attendance. There are two critic teachers and from eight to ten practice teachers. This large number of instructors makes possible the giving of special attention to backward pupils. Many times a pupil is backward in one study only. Through the proper working of this system it is easily possible to bring that child up to a normal position in the study where he has been most deficient.

The changing of the practice teachers every six weeks is another strong factor in favor of this branch of the state normal training course. We are all quick to recognize the benefits we receive from association with large numbers of our fellow-men. The student receives the same broadening result or benefit from the frequent change of the practice teachers. The critic teachers remain in charge throughout the year. The more practice teachers under which the instructions are taken the broader and the more efficient the child becomes. The individuality of each teacher is impressed upon the children and by this contact they absorb all of the best from each teacher and thereby attain many times greater knowledge than could be possible where a single teacher has to give her entire time to various grades.

When we here contrast our lot with those of many of the students at the State Normal School we more

fully realize the many things for which we should be most thankful. Prominent among those things is the very privilege of being here—of having the opportunity of setting out into the real teaching world. The Normal School is so badly crowded that every instructor is overworked and but very few of those students who wish to take practice-teaching have an opportunity to do so. The state appropriates only sufficient money to conduct about one-half the number of "critic" schools necessary if the students at Monmouth are to be properly cared for. The state demands that our "coming" teachers have a certain amount of real experience or practice training, and then, by lack of appropriating sufficient funds, many times make it impossible to acquire that practice work.

Here at the Farm Home we have the opportunity of doing a greater than usual amount of good work for the children and at the same time we acquire the widest possible range of experience through the giving of instructions to so widely different a class of children.

ETHEL M. MILLER.

ADDS TO CONSCIENCE FUND.

Thursday morning an open faced youth, apparently 18 years of age, appeared at the office of County Judge H. E. Cross and asked for a private interview. His story was brief and quickly told.

During the 1922 session of the Gladstone Chautauqua he had scaled the fence and entered without paying. The same day he had pilfered some fruit from the stand operated on the Chautauqua grounds. Since that time he had been converted and desired to make restitution. Laying 50 cents on the desk, he requested Judge Cross to turn over 25 cents to the association for his admission and 25 cents to the parties who held the concession that year. Turning he walked from the room erect as one who had performed a disagreeable duty in a thorough manner. Judge Cross did not ascertain where the young man was converted, but is in hopes that some others who have been known to scale the fence in past years to escape payment of admission may come under the influences of the same evangelist.—Oregon City Banner-Courier.