

Gresham Grade School Is Enjoying Good Year

The Gresham grade school is progressing rapidly and is a creditable institution to the community in which it is located. Its teachers are hard-working and conscientious. The activities of the school are varied and full of interest. The boys and girls are busy, therefore happy. Two of the pupils in the school are non-residents of the district.

The enrollment is now the largest in the history of the Gresham grade school, there being 372 on the school register, with an average attendance of 353. The school started in September with a registration of about 335 and there has been a decided increase ever since. Eleven new pupils entered during the past week.

A new room was finished this year in the building to accommodate the increase in attendance, and from present indications, it would seem that an average of a room a year would be necessary to be added to take care of the new students.

Twelve teachers are now employed, including the principalship. The only room with less than 30 pupils enrolled is that of the eighth grade, where there are 25. The first grade has the largest enrollment in the school, that of 52.

Miss Beneta Stroud, the assistant county health nurse, spent considerable time in the school recently examining the pupils for minor physical defects and reports that the conditions that she found existing there were very creditable to the communities represented.

C. M. Quicksall, the energetic principal, is now engaged in his ninth consecutive year of teaching in Gresham and vicinity. He taught nine years in the Orient district prior to coming to Gresham, where he is now in the midst of the fifth year as head of the grade school.

The development of the school in the last 25 years has shown a steady growth, and added rooms or teaching force or both have been an almost yearly event. In 1901 a new school-

house was built, which was considered modern and up-to-the-minute. This replaced the former schoolhouse, which was sold to the Gresham grange for a hall, and which provided two rooms for school purposes. The new schoolhouse had four rooms, two on the ground floor and two in the second story. In 1902 there were four teachers employed, A. F. Herschner, Mrs. Clara Anderson, Miss Harriet Alexander and Miss Hattie Pierce. The ninth grade was taught for the first time that year and high school grades were added each year until the complete four-years' course was provided. The first class, which was graduated in 1906, consisted of but two members, Miss Grace Lawrence, now Mrs. Geo. Page, and Miss Pearl Lindsey, now Mrs. Oscar Erickson.

The steady increase of pupils in the school again demanded enlarged quarters and in 1908 two class rooms and an assembly hall were added to the rear of the building. In the second semester of 1914-15 the union high school district was organized and the added high school pupils who came to the school crowded the building so that classes met in every available space, including the upper corridor. J. E. Stubbs was principal at that time. In the summer of 1915 the union high school building was constructed and from that time the grade school has had the building for its own use. The handsome, modern building which was constructed for the school a year ago last summer, is filling up, and the basement room finished last summer is needed to supplement the ten originally finished. If the present rate of increase continues it will be but a year or two until more rooms will be required. The plan of the building provides for the additions of rooms in pairs until 18 on the main floor have been completed. The basement room now in use is a standard class room and its construction below the main floor is made possible by the slope of the ground. Its windows and doors are all above ground.

JACK FROST DECORATES MANY SHOW WINDOWS

Nature occasionally has a method of decorating shop windows to her liking which is hard to be improved upon even by the most skillful window trimmer. The work of Jack Frost is referred to and on several windows of Gresham business houses this morning the effects of the frosted pane were varied, artistic and beautiful. One of L. A. Wack's windows contained a perfect oak leaf and at Waldrad's there was pictured a veritable fairyland forest scene. Lace curtains decorated L. L. Kidder's show windows,—curtains composed of fantastic scrolls of ice, evenly designed.

It did not require any stretch of the imagination to see a tumbling cascade of waterfalls on the windows of Cecil Metzger's grocery, perfect peacock feathers on George Dietl's butcher shop window and feathery ferns intricately traced on the windows of Hepp's racket store. The person who is gifted with an appreciation of the unusual in nature sees nothing commonplace in these markings.

POLITICAL REVIEW AND UNION NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By WALTER RAMSER.

A Merry and Blessed Christmas to all!

Some of the following news items may not be news to the immediate neighbors, but even to them it may be of as much interest to be reminded of it as to others to hear it the first time.

Edward Schwedler, who joined the navy about a year ago, should by this time be at Bremerton, Washington, where his ship, the Nevada, is to undergo repairs. His folks are expecting him home for Christmas, and the neighbors are also anxious to see him again. Eddie is very well thought of by all who know him, especially those who associated with him in Gresham high. He is leaving no stone unturned to get an appointment to Annapolis, having enlisted primarily to get an education.

Walter Schwedler worked in Portland after going to Oregon Agricultural College for a while, and in September he resumed his studies at Corvallis, where he is working between times. He may also be home for Christmas but has not definitely made plans. Walter is in close touch with Melvin Brugger, his cousin, who is also taking agriculture at the college.

Arthur Gran, another graduate of Gresham high, who was at O. A. C., has leased some berry land near Noone's and Wedin's, and intends to put out more plants next year.

The officers for Damascus Farm Bureau were elected for 1925 at the last Farm Bureau meeting. Two factors stand out prominently in accounting for the success of last year's work, when other Farm Bureaus have become dormant or have died, and it is hard to decide which of the two is most important: The steady, untiring efforts of its chairman S. A. Roberts, or the loyal support of the members. The picnic, harvest festival exhibiting at Canby, where \$50 were won for the local organization by winning second prize for Farm Bureau booths, are some of the high lights during the year now going to an end. That is the reason why Mr. Roberts was urged to continue the chairmanship, especially since he can so successfully conduct the monthly meetings, and has the undivided confidence of the membership and community at large. Mr. Roberts is also chairman of the legislative committee of the Clackamas county Farm Bureau, and as such got a vote of confidence for his work on this committee. A legislative committee is to be appointed for our local also, but the appointments have not been made public as yet.

At our road meeting, Jake DeYoung, our road boss for a good many years, absolutely refused the job again. Al Peier got the majority of votes as the one to be recommended to the county court as successor to Mr. DeYoung. A special road tax of about eight mills was voted, and Market road number 30, the Henningren, Gresham, Sharkey, and Borges roads each got part of the special tax.

Some people seem to have all kinds of experiences with the Japanese. But

to date the writer is yet to experience the first disappointment with them; in fact every time he comes in touch with them, adds another pleasant incident to his memory. One Sunday morning, while on the way to church, the Chevy's gas tank went dry near Yunker's, and as these folks were not at home, Mr. Siki was asked if he had any gas? Sure, he said, lots of it in the truck. He would not let us look for gas elsewhere, but drained some out of his truck, when he should have helped the others pick cumberbuds, and then he even refused payment at first for the gas. Mr. Siki always greets you with a smile, not a forced smile, but an honest-to-goodness one, and his actions prove them genuine.

Mr. Smith is conducting prayer meetings at his home near Teevin's place Thursday evening.

E. E. Schwedler got the last of his potatoes into his cellar on the last working day before the snow.

Mr. Gran and Mr. Brugger of Gresham bought most of Mr. Schwedler's thoroughbred Chester White pigs, and Chris Hemrich of Pleasant Valley got some sows from him. Mr. Schwedler is so overloaded with work, being alone on an 80-acre farm, that he decided to not raise so many pigs. He has only five cows now, since selling the balance to parties who shipped them to the Hawaiian Islands.

How many of you farmers, who are reading these lines, voted "yes" for the income tax? Did you know that you voted to kill that tax? Let us hope that you did not realize what you were doing. If you did know, then don't you ever complain about your high taxes again. For you will not get any sympathy, when some of the twenty-five thousand in Oregon, who make some fifty million dollars per year and pay hardly any taxes, give you the horse laugh.

Clackamas county gave LaFollette a larger percentage of votes than any other county in Oregon. The proportion in Clackamas was: Coolidge 6, LaFollette 4, Davis 2, or LaFollette got one third of the votes, and Washington county was almost the same, one-third. Benton county gave him the smallest percentage, one-tenth. One out of every four ballots cast in Oregon last month for president went to LaFollette.

On the income tax our county made a somewhat better showing. Out of every twelve votes cast on this measure five were for repeal, and seven to keep the law as it was. But our Clackamas farmers seem to think they can grow rich and fat on Swifts oleo, for they defeated the oleo bill three to two. But, oh well; some never learn, and some, after it is too late. Of all creatures the farmer seems to be the easiest and also the slowest. (P. S. The writer is a farmer too.)

Miss Frieda Ramser is now in the employ of the Gresham Pickle company as stenographer, taking the place of Genevieve McAllister, who now is Mrs. Melvin Johnston. Miss Ramser took an extensive course in stenography and typewriting in Mrs. Knapp's business college in Tacoma.

Photo Through Air



Above is a photograph of President Coolidge sent by radio from London to New York, time 17 1/2 minutes. Below shows photo being taken from radio cylinder in New York offices.

Gresham Undenominational Services.

Sunday school at the undenominational temple will convene at 10 o'clock, conducted by Mrs. Mary Davidson, the superintendent, after which the Sunday school will practice for the Christmas exercises which will be held on Christmas eve.

There will be preaching at 2 p. m. by the pastor, the Rev. S. F. Pitts. The services last Sunday were much enjoyed and well attended, over 200 being present in the afternoon. Prayer meeting will be held Tuesday evening and Bible study on Friday evening. Everyone is cordially invited to all the services.

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA ON MONDAY EVENING

Music lovers of Gresham and vicinity are to be envied the treat which is in store for them Monday evening, December 22, when a program of Christmas music will be presented at the high school gymnasium. A chorus of 30 voices will assist the boys' and girls' glee clubs and an orchestra of about 20 pieces will render selections.

March, "Flag of Truce," by Laurendeau; "The Adoration," a Christmas cantata, by Nevin; "Poet and Peasant Overture," by Van Suppe; "Chantique de Noel," by Adams and "Beneath the Holly," a group of Christmas songs, comprise a most excellent program and this is given free of charge to the public.

Miss Dorothy M. Dickey, the efficient instructor of music at the high school, is the director of this concert. The Misses Willene Botkin and Elizabeth Horning are the piano accompanists for the occasion, and a number of local soloists have been asked to assist by special contributions to the program. They are Jackson Jones, Gertrude Alexander, C. E. Rusher, Helen Anckorn, Augusta Hahn, Leslie Waldrad, Marie Blom, and Bill Elliott.

The personnel of the glee clubs is the following: Vada Anderson, Doris Brown, Goldie Bjur, Ila Barclay, Pauletta Dowsett, Eleanor Botkin, Margaret Erickson, Alta Hendrickson, Doris Hunt, Joyce Kidder, Helen Lawrence, Mary Miller, Hazel Pruitt, Tacy Racine, Hortense Soward, Margaret St. Clair, Mabel Smith, Grace Welch and Alice Weiland, Donald Confrey, Merritt Beehler, Orville Davidson, Bill Elliott, Clifford Gibbs, Philip Gran, Hervy Ide, Milton Lake, Walter Tilstrom, Paul Rusher, Guy Rusher, John Ott, Winston Strong and Edward Southard.

The program will begin promptly at 8:15.

If the present cold wave should continue until next week it is likely that the cantata will be postponed.

O. N. FORD SECURES GRAND AMERICAN SHOOT

Inclement weather may check the ardor of some sportsmen but it rarely kills a gun club shoot. And even if the Christmas weather appears unfavorable more than likely the New Year's weather will be highly favorable for the shoot at the Portland Gun Club grounds on New Year's day. The announcements have been issued for an open shoot and the program is diversified and attractive and will prove profitable to any experienced shooter.

O. N. Ford, manager of the club, offers to coach any amateur who applies and the expense will be small.

Mr. Ford, who has won many championships, has been attending meetings of the amateur trapshooting association in Chicago and Dayton, Ohio. He is manager of the Pacific coast zone and a director of the association.

Ford believes in doing big things and went after the biggest thing in trapshooting, the Grand American shoot for 1925.

This will be the first time this great event has been brought to the Pacific coast and it will be a big thing for the Portland Gun club on whose grounds, located a couple of miles west of Gresham, the grand shoot will be held.

Mr. Ford telegraphed this interesting news to a Portland man yesterday. As given in an Oregonian news item the telegram was as follows:

"Meeting grand success. Portland gets next Grand American; \$2200 divided four high guns, \$1000 to winner. New five-man state team race, \$875 to three high teams. Twenty Ford cash prizes, each pays \$50 in gold. I put over all eight features."

Free Methodist Church Services.

A Christmas program will be rendered by the lower grades of the Free Methodist Sunday school next Sunday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, instead of the regular session of the Sunday school. Musical selections will be given by a ladies' chorus, a mixed quartet and a duet. The program will be followed by a Christmas address by the pastor, the Rev. E. N. Long.

The young people's service will be held at 6:30, the song service preceding the sermon will be at 7:30, and preaching at 8 o'clock. All are welcome to these services.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The usual services will be held next Sunday, including Sunday school at 10 o'clock followed by preaching by the pastor, Dr. C. W. Huett, who will take for his subject "God's Great Gift to Man." Epworth League at 6:30 and preaching by the pastor at 7:30 on the subject "The Fool's Death."

The Christmas program, which was to have been held Sunday evening, has been postponed one week on account of the inclemency of the weather and the difficulties in getting together those who are to take part.



A Solid Year of Interesting News

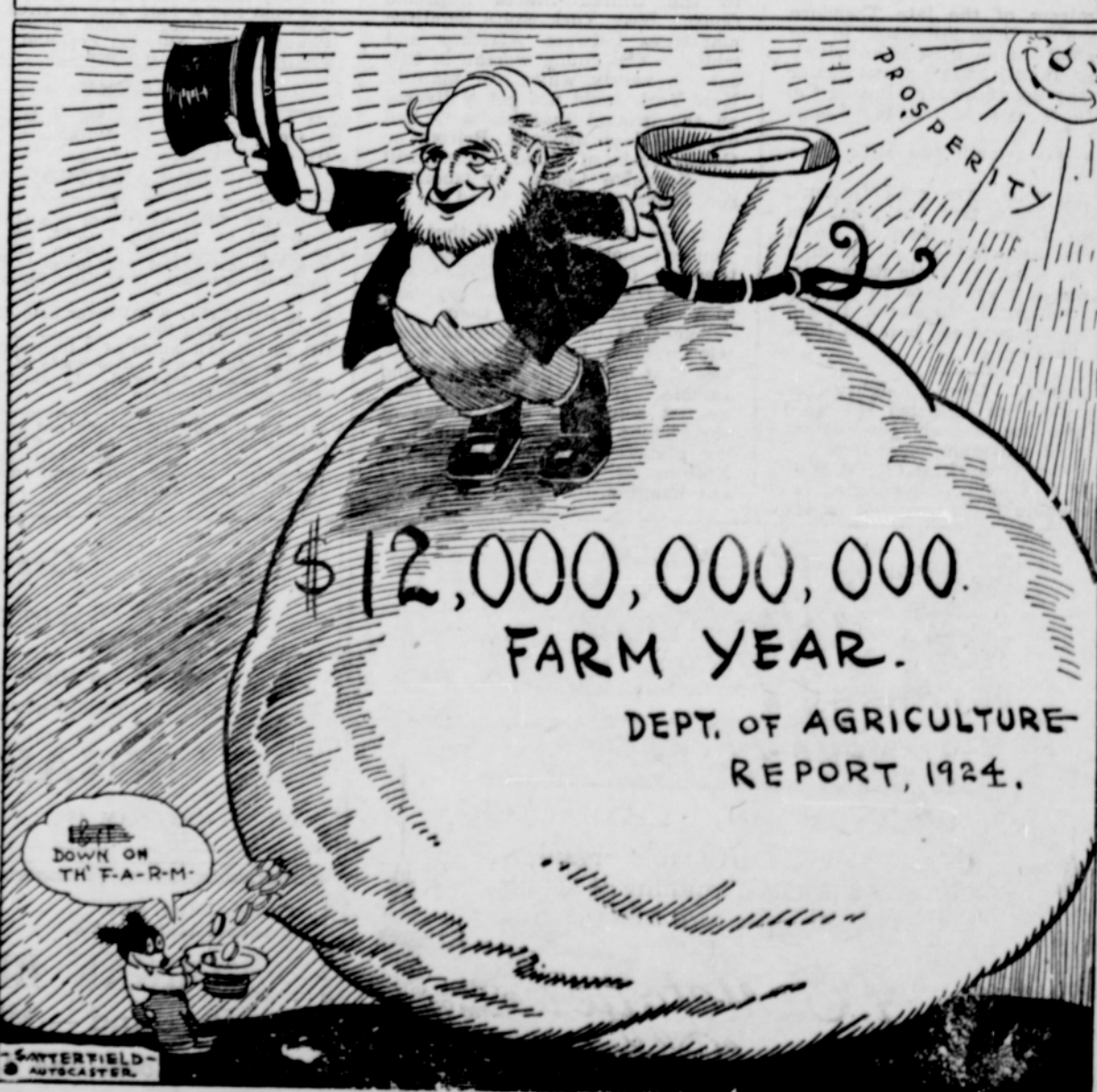
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