

## BERRY GROWERS HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Over 150 members of the Cooperative Berry Growers attended the meeting at the cannery office Thursday night and considered many questions of vital interest to the industry. Miss Shields, who is interested in child welfare, made a strong appeal for the organization of "Kiddle Kamps" in the various localities, and as a result, four locality committees were named to make a canvass in their localities and report the sentiment of the members in these localities towards the project. President Wrayley named as a committee for the Powell Valley district Frans Mattson, Mrs. Robt. Lundhom, and F. O. Ekstrom; for the Pleasant Valley district, C. T. Ryan, Mrs. L. G. Seifer, and Thos. Harvey; for the Lynch district, Mrs. J. P. Lynch, John Burggraf, and H. W. Lynch; for the Troutdale district, B. E. Bolca, Mrs. Wm. Kniefel, and H. G. Andrew. These committees are requested to act promptly in getting the question before the members in their localities and if the sentiment is favorable and there are enough members favorable to the enterprise, to report to Miss Shields, and she will help them to work out the details of establishing the "Kamps" and arrange for the supervision of the younger children of the workers, relieving the mothers and providing the children with wholesome, moral and healthful entertainment.

Where these centers have been provided in the hop and apple fields it is claimed the workers have given better service and have expressed their appreciation in more and better work, and it is considered a profitable investment for the farmers.

On the question of fresh berry shipments in car lots, a great amount of enthusiasm was expressed and it was decided to offer the opportunity to all members to pick for this trade. F. H. Krug of Sumner, Washington, addressed the meeting and explained the details of the work and told of the past four years' experience in shipping chilled berries in iced refrigerator cars to the eastern markets. Last year his association alone shipped 143 cars, or over 800 tons of red raspberries at an average net price of 10c per pound. The board of directors made a contract with Mr. Krug to handle the shipments for this year and as a result all of the car lot berries of the Pacific Northwest will get to the market under one sale control, which is another long step forward in cooperative marketing, cutting out cut-throat competition and "double-header" deliveries in all city markets. And the prospect for price this year, according to Mr. Krug, is much better than for the past three years owing to frosts and crop failures in other competing territories. So the prospect seems bright for getting fair returns for the berries if all do their part in growing and delivering good quality berries.

The question of picking rates for berries for the current season was discussed from every angle and much valuable experience was recited. Some favored picking by the crate or by measure, using the crate as a measure, and other favored weighing the berries. The conclusions reached are given as follows by Manager D. E. Towle in a statement to the Berry Grower members:

"As to the two methods, if you prefer the former it will be up to you to see to it that you get the crates filled just right, neither over nor under full,

either for shipping or delivery to the cannery. As you probably know, the state law requires 18 pounds net of berries in a 24-hallock crate. In picking strawberries, if the fruit is large it may be impractical to get 18 pounds in a crate, but in that event the crates must be filled as full as they will hold without crushing the berries in nailing the cover on. In picking all of the other varieties of berries for shipping, they should have 18 pounds net of fruit to the shipping crate of 24 hallocks, for the reason that if you put in more than 18 pounds you are beating yourself, and if you fail to pack 18 pounds you are liable under the state law. In picking for the cannery by crate measure it will be necessary for you to watch every crate to see that it is filled so as to contain 11 pounds, or you will be the loser as you know all berries for canning or barreling are sold by weight, and to be fair to both picker and grower, we think the weighing method is more equitable and exact.

"As to picking rates for this season, while it is impossible to name a price that will fit all conditions, as some berry fields are much better than others, the writer thinks that, taking into account the probable value of the berries, this year, on fields that have a good crop, berries should be picked at the following prices, when the grower furnishes tents, stoves, fuel, and farm supplies of vegetables, eggs, milk, etc., at wholesale prices:

Strawberries in shipping crates, 25 cents per crate, with a bonus of 10 cents if picker works as long as required.

Strawberries in cannery crates, 13 cents per crate, with a bonus of 5 cents. This you will note is a little less than the rate suggested for shipping stock, but the product is sold for less.

Logans and blackberries should be picked for not to exceed 1 1/4 cents per pound with a 1/2 cent bonus.

Red raspberries should be picked for 2 1/2 cents per pound with a 1/2 cent bonus, and whether picked by the crate or pound, close inspection must be given to see that the rate paid is very close to the figures suggested.

## COUPLE WEDDED FIFTY YEARS GIVES PARTY

The celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Currin was a most pleasing affair of Saturday when their seven children and their families, including ten or twelve grandchildren, together with a number of other relatives and friends gathered and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner in the afternoon at their residence on west Powell street. Mr. Currin is a native of this state, but his wife was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and the couple was married in 1875 in the neighborhood of where the district of Damascus is now located. They formerly came from Currinsville, near Estacada, and have resided in Gresham for about ten years.

The children presented their parents with a handsome tea set and also with a radio receiving set as a remembrance of the happy occasion. The children, who were all present, were Hugh Currin, of Pilot Rock, Oregon, Mrs. W. A. Wilcox, Estacada, Mrs. Jessie Benefiel and Mrs. Carl Hapgood of Wasco, Oregon, Mrs. Prewitt Cox of Heppner, Mrs. Josephine Supple, Portland, and the Misses Mabry and Virginia Currin, of Gresham.

## OUTLOOK COOKING SCHOOL ATTRACTS



The second class of the Gresham Outlook's cooking school was attended by more than 100 housewives from Gresham and adjoining territory yesterday afternoon. A few minutes after the class opened, practically all of the available seating capacity was taken. J. Earl Jones, assistant sales manager of the gas company, made a few opening remarks on the service work of the gas company. "The foremost object of the gas company is to make its service satisfactory to the customer," said Mr. Jones. The ideal of the home service department is to contribute 100 per cent to the upbuilding of better and happier homes. Modern conveniences in the form of up to date gas appliances lend themselves very effectively to the better home movement, according to Mr. Jones. He paid a high compliment to the Gresham Outlook for its very active interest in supporting and sponsoring the school as a civic enterprise. He also thanked the Methodist church board for its kindness in offering the use of its basement auditorium for the Outlook cooking school.

Dr. Meunch, assistant state health officer, gave a short and interesting address on sanitation and disease prevention in the home. He emphasized the importance of avoiding disease through practical sanitation and hygiene in the home. "While it is unnatural for our bodies to propagate and carry disease germs, it is very natural for the disease germs to live and distribute themselves through our bodies," said Dr. Meunch. "Diseases can best be prevented in the homes by the natural resistance of the bodies and by the preventing of the carrying of the germs from one body to another," according to Dr. Meunch. "Good wholesome food well prepared, pure

water, fresh air, sunlight and sufficient sleep help to resist disease. Also care should be taken in preventing the spread of disease through careless handling of the body excretions, as often this is responsible for wide spread epidemics in communities," says the doctor.

Mrs. Bartlett gave a very interesting lecture and demonstration on the preparation of layer cakes yesterday afternoon. "With careful mixing and accurate oven temperatures, there is no excuse for failures," said Mrs. Bartlett. The lecturer continued, "Use Oregon products whenever possible and support home industries, if you would increase our payrolls and promote prosperous communities. The housewives more than anyone else, through their buying power, can encourage the exclusive use of western made products."

Frequent questions were asked by those attending the lecture and Mrs. Bartlett's ready answers and explanations added considerable interest to the class. With the demonstration table and enamel Smoothtop gas range in full view of the audience, the work was rendered especially interesting to the class. All misgivings and doubts were dispelled when the beautiful layer cakes were removed from the oven with the delicious and appetizing light brown crust which means "done just right."

The third class of the series of four classes will be held next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. As a preliminary feature W. D. Kinder, county club agent, will speak for a few minutes on the boys' and girls' place in building better homes. Mrs. Bartlett will lecture on angel food and sponge cakes at this class. Preparations are being made to accommodate the in-

## AGED COUPLE HAVE 64TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Not many couples have the privilege of celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary, but Gresham's well beloved citizens, the Rev. J. H. Wood and his wife, Elizabeth, passed that anniversary on June 1. The event was celebrated by an informal gathering in the Methodist Episcopal church last night, where a number of their friends joined in appropriate exercises. Dr. Chas. W. Huett had charge of the program, which consisted of singing, prayer by Thomas Wiles, expressions of appreciation of the characters of the aged couple by Dr. Huett, H. L. St. Clair, C. E. Rusher, Mrs. H. L. St. Clair, Mrs. Thomas Wiles and the Rev. A. S. Hisey. Mrs. Wiles presented to Mrs. Wood a bouquet of 64 rosebuds which had been prepared for the occasion, and both Mr. and Mrs. Wood responded. At the request of Mrs. Wood Mr. Rusher sang two numbers. Ice cream and cake were served by ladies of the church and a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood were married at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, just as the Civil War was beginning. He enlisted in the 5th Army Corps, 123d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for three years and six months. Mrs. Wood served as an army nurse for one year. After the war they moved to Kansas, where Mr. Wood commenced to preach under the Methodist Episcopal church, and in 1882 they moved to Oregon, where they gave the best years of their lives to the ministry, serving many pioneer churches with great credit. Their work everywhere was highly commended. Mr. Wood was pastor of the Gresham church for two years, coming here in 1886. In 1907, after retiring to a farm five miles east of Gresham, he built the Hiff church. Four years ago this summer Mr. and Mrs. Wood moved to Gresham where they own a house and lot.

They have two sons, Isaac T. and Will Wood, living near Gresham. They have nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Increased attendance at each class so that all who come will be seated.

This is the last cooking school of the spring season conducted by the home service of the gas company under the auspices of suburban newspapers, and thus far the Gresham Outlook school promises to be one of the most successful of the series. Taking into consideration the small population of this territory, the large attendance is very gratifying, according to Mr. Jones who has been in close touch in directing the work of the gas company's home service department.

## LEGION CALLS FOR BIG MASS MEETING

A mass meeting will be held in Masonic hall, tomorrow, Wednesday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, under auspices of Gresham Post No. 30, American Legion, for the purpose of informing the public concerning the Legion endowment fund campaign which is now on in Oregon.

The principal speaker will be Paul Davis, of Boise, Idaho, one of the national field secretaries of the American Legion. Other speakers will be Carl R. Moser, department adjutant for this state, and Mayor Chas. Cleveland, who is chairman of the local committee. Mr. Cleveland will preside. It is expected music will be provided.

The entire fund to be raised is \$5,000,000. Of this Oregon's quota is \$110,000. Eastern Multnomah's share of this amount is placed at \$500. Some localities in Oregon have already gone over the top and the local post, which is sponsor for the drive in the county outside of Portland, having already called the zero hour hopes to complete the forward movement and return with 'the tokens of victory' in a few days.

Each community in eastern Multnomah county, is expected to enter into the work of raising the \$500 and chairmen to preside in communities outside of Gresham were appointed by Chas. Cleveland, general chairman, in a meeting of the committee which was held Thursday night. At the same time the general committee of four was increased to over a hundred and includes the names of many people who are prominent in Multnomah county.

Mayor Cleveland has promised to bring the council, in a body, to the mass meeting.

The general public is urged to accept this as an invitation to attend the meeting Wednesday evening as this matter of a permanent endowment fund, to care for World War orphans and dependants, is a vital one and one of which everyone will approve and support when they hear of the critical need of such a fund.

The local American Legion is backing the movement to the fullest extent but the necessity of some outside support is felt.

After the meeting tomorrow night the community chairmen will get together to decide upon their quota of the \$500. There will be no pledge cards distributed at the meeting but the campaign will officially open Thursday, June 4.

## Miss Grace Ogilbee Given Shower.

Added to the list of June brides is the name of Miss Grace Ogilbee, the popular grade school teacher, who on June 17th will become the bride of George Lane, a student at the Oregon Agricultural College. A miscellaneous shower was given for her at the residence of Mrs. A. F. Hoover Thursday evening by that lady and her cousin, Mrs. Elsie Milleson. The guests, which numbered about 35, were teachers of the grade school and ladies of the Gresham Rebekah lodge, of which the bride-elect is a member. Many beautiful gifts were received and the evening was spent in games, followed by refreshments. Miss Ogilbee has taught in Gresham the past seven years and expects to continue her school work the coming year.

## Piano Students Will Give Recital.

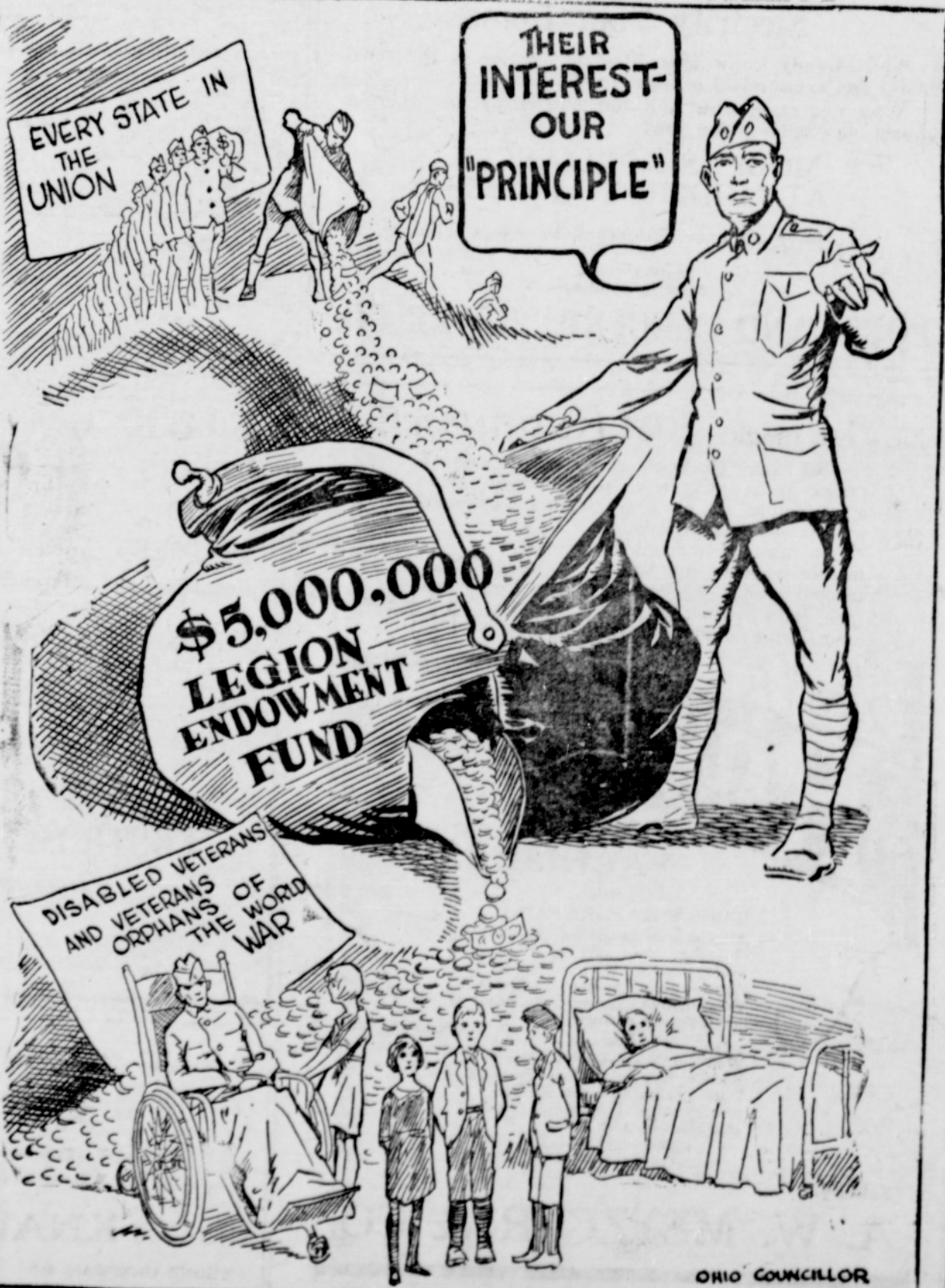
Miss Frieda Bratzel will present 17 of her music students in a recital to be given at the Methodist Episcopal church Friday evening at 8:15. In addition to the piano numbers, W. D. Kinder will favor the audience with violin selections. The pupils who will participate in the recital are Adele Vicklund, James Harlow, Marguerite Yaun, Ruth Oibrich, Alice Nelson, Laura Todd, Richard Todd, Fern Jennings, Thelma Salisbury, Elizabeth Thornton, Bernice Armstrong and Clarence Eri of Gresham. Five Sandy pupils, Dorothy Bruns, George Bruns, Zaidee Ault, Dorothy Mattingly and Frieda Dobberfuhl will also have a part on the program. The recital is free to the public and an evening of pleasing entertainment is promised.

## Dress Goods for Sale.

Beautiful dress goods, silk underwear, ladies' and children's hosiery and stamped goods at reasonable prices. Also dressmaking at the home of Mrs. G. A. Cox, corner Third street and Hood avenue, phone 176.—Adv.

## BASEBALL.

The American Legion baseball team will meet on Stapleton field Wednesday evening at 6:30 for practice. All ball players who can attend are urged to do so as two full teams will give opportunity for an excellent practice session.



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