



New Parkrose high school, erected at a cost of approximately \$31,000.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS MAKE GOOD PROGRESS

By W. C. ALDERSON,
County Superintendent.

There are now 39 school districts located entirely in Multnomah county which conduct elementary schools. We have also nine joint districts making a total of 48. During the year we lost two districts by annexation to School District No. 1. Twenty-seven of these districts are located east of the city. One district also maintains a standard high school. In addition we have two union high schools, numbers one and two, located at Corbett and Gresham respectively. Of the 27 schools east of the city there are now but five one-room schools. All of them maintain a nine month's term. Eight years ago we had but one school building in eastern Multnomah county that was in any respect modern; today there are 12.

New School Buildings.

Fairview has just completed a splendid new building costing approximately \$30,000. At present it contains four class rooms, a principal's room, a library room and an auditorium 41 x 65 feet. It is equipped

with the best type of plumbing fixtures and a provision is made for later growth. The building is of hollow tile construction with brick piers and brick facings.

At Parkrose there is a new high school building having four class rooms, a teacher's room and a principal's office with additional rooms in the basement for a science laboratory, domestic science and manual training. All floors are hard wood and the building is equipped with state blackboards throughout. The approximate cost of the building is \$31,000. Plans are under way for a new six-room building at Rockwood.

Care in Choosing Teachers.

Too much cannot be said commending the various boards of directors for their care in choosing the teachers now employed. Without exception the various principals and teachers in these districts are sparing no effort in maintaining a high standard in education, and it is universally true that the patrons of these schools are co-operating with these teachers in maintaining these standards.

New principals to the districts are Miss Baker at Lusted, Miss Reynolds at the Alderson school, Miss Rhoades at the Hurlbert school, Mr. Ralph Swett at the Corbett school, and Mr. Olem at the Orient school.

Club Work Progressing.

Club work for a number of years has been an outstanding feature in this county, and now under the able direction of W. D. Kinder, the county club leader, the work is steadily progressing. This advancement is shown by the enthusiasm of the members and the quality of the various products. This year a new project has been added to promote and demonstrate good physical development, and health clubs are being formed to carry out this program. Three or more of these clubs will be organized in the county this year—the first one to be at Russellville. This work is to be under the supervision of the agricultural college directed jointly by Mr. Kinder and Miss Mary P. Billmeyer, the county nurse.

The legislature at the last session provided for an attendance officer in each county and Mrs. Paul Whiteside in this capacity, like a real mother, proposes that every boy and girl physically able shall attend school regularly.

In conclusion we feel that no county in the state has better schools or more efficient and faithful teachers than our own in eastern Multnomah.

Careful, Careful.

Isaacstein, Senior—"Abe, what for you go up der stairs two at a time?" Isaacstein, Junior—"To safe my shoes, fadder." Isaacstein, Senior—"Dot's right, my son. But look out you don't split your pants."—Tiger.

GREETINGS.

Christmas Challenges Workers.

REV. AND MRS. E. W. WITHNELL

To our many friends and co-laborers in the work of the Master: we greet you in the name of the Christ-child, of Bethlehem, whose birthday we celebrate throughout the world. Many years have passed since Jesus first preached the Gospel of good tidings on earth, yet much of the world still lies in wickedness, without Christ, and without hope of eternal life. Should not this fact challenge us to put forth greater effort for the advancement of Christ's kingdom during the coming year? Our king is not dead, but alive for evermore, living at the throne of God, expecting to reign until his enemies are made his footstool. The victory is ours; so let us move forward until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the words of the hymn:

"Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care,
Then, when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

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SANDY BLUFF GROWTH DURING YEAR MARKED

By MRS. A. J. AULT.

A number of important improvements have been made during the past year in and around Sandy Bluff among which may be noted building activities. R. Gray and William Crynes erected new houses. A Radford is adding two bedrooms and a bath to his house. I. Fowler has remodeled and painted his house and Ray Wilkenson is putting up a new garage.

Charles Wilkenson has proved his residence with a new coat of paint and has put up a new poultry house. He and his father, G. S. Wilkenson, have sunk a driven well on their place to a depth of 93 feet from which they pump 500 gallons of water in an hour without noticeably lowering the supply. They are greatly interested in the chicken industry and have over 1000 laying hens.

Joe Caldo has also built a new poultry house and Henry Gibson has built several small colony poultry houses. H. H. Watkins erected a water tower last spring which afforded him plenty of water for irrigation purposes. He reports the finest garden he ever had. Quite a number have improved the appearance of their places by removing the front fences.

Berry growing in this locality is increasing. It is found this soil is as fully adapted to the growing of berries as in other places and is not so hard hit with the winter frosts. Those setting out more strawberries are William Williams, Byron and Elmer Edwards, H. H. Watkins, A. J. Ault, Clarence Browning, R. Gray, E. R. Brooks, D. Swartz and J. Fowler.

Since the re-grading of Bear Creek hill and re-graveling of the road from the county line, the roads are very good, and, with the building of a new road down to the Sandy river, gives a very pleasurable drive to the Crissey Gladiolus farm and Dodge park. The building of this road has meant considerable to the farmers in the vicinity, as it gave work to all who wished to work out during the summer.

Improvements in land clearing were made by R. Gray, A. J. Ault, Charles and George Wilkenson, A. Radford, H. H. Watkins and Hans Bergseth.

School is going on with the usual routine of work, about 40 pupils being enrolled. This school has a very active Parent-Teacher association of about 50 members.

The Cottrell community church is moving along nicely, even better than a year ago. The average attendance of the Sunday school is about 30. Mrs. S. B. Splawn is the superintendent. The regular Sunday morning services are conducted by the Rev. Mr. Glenville, of Lents, who is a very able speaker. There is an active Aid society with an average attendance of 15 ladies.

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KELSO COMMUNITY HAS YEAR OF PROGRESS

By MRS. ROBERT JONSRUD.

Another milestone of years has been reached and it is always interesting to pause a moment before the new year overtakes us and in retrospect view "the passing show" of events of the year just passed. Filled with the usual joys and sorrows, yet the review may be summoned up in the one word—progress.

The industries of this community are dairying, diversified farming and gardening, chicken raising and wood-cutting. Except for one or two cross-roads this section is reaping the benefit of splendid roads, the Mt. Hood Loop highway being the main thoroughfare. This fall, graveling of the Oregon City road was finished, between Kelso and the Bluff road.

Another long-looked-for improvement recently brought about is the extension of the Portland Electric Power company's line along the Oregon City road to Kelso. The poles are all up and the wiring is in full progress. Those taking advantage of this improvement, on the Oregon City road, are N. C. Peterson, F. Rathke, J. Hall, O. Jackson and F. C. Anderson, also the Eri & Jonsrud store and the residences of Albert Jonsrud and Henry Eri at Kelso.

Women's Club Progressive.

The Woman's club of Kelso is rejoicing over finishing the year free of debt, and with a good surplus in the treasury. The basket social that the club gave in October and the bazaar held in November together netted \$140, which more than covers the remaining debt on the play shed which the club built for the school. The club numbers 20 members, with Mrs. Robert Jonsrud, president and Mrs. Walter Dolan, secretary-treasurer. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the various homes. The club partakes of the nature of a Parent-Teacher organization, inasmuch as it works mainly for the benefit of our school.

Schools Show Advancement.

The Kelso school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Miss Inez Nyman as principal and Mrs. A. C. Baumback, primary teacher. The latter is a resident of the district and is serving her sixth successive year. On the first of December the teachers started serving hot lunches which will continue during the winter months.

Kelso belongs to Union High school Dist. No. 2 and busses are run to and from the High school near Sandy for the benefit of students from this section as well as Cottrell and the dis-

tricts above Sandy. The high school is making rapid strides ahead with Principal Geo. D. Orr as leader, with the following staff of teachers: L. McNulty, mathematics, manual training and boys' athletics; Miss Alaila Ostrum, English, mathematics and girls' athletics; Miss Helen McCormick, history and languages; Miss Dorothy Hughes, commercial teacher; Miss Kammerer, domestic science teacher and Miss Frieda Bratzel of Gresham teacher of piano. An orchestra under the leadership of Principal Orr has been organized. The school owns a moving picture machine, and gives one show each week from the income of which, a new piano is being paid for and various other expenses of the student body.

The Jonsrud-Gunderson mill is in full operation this winter, sawing ties and lumber. The logging is in charge of Haley & Gunderson.

Charles Krebs recently sold his mill to Proctor & Bell, who are now operating it in the Beck tract of timber.

Ross Anderson recently moved into his new residence on the Oregon City road.

Ed. Bruns and H. Perret also have each built a fine new residence, the latter having recently moved into his new home.

The Kelso Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Gilbert Eri on Thursday, December 17th, with Mrs. Ed. Littlepage as joint hostess with Mrs. Eri.

May the true Christmas spirit of Peace and Good-will to all men rest on the editors, staff and readers of the Outlook, both far and near, during the coming year.

DAMASCUS

A Christmas service will be held at the Damascus Swedish Mission church on Christmas day at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. J. Johnson will preach. The young people will give a program on the 26th at 7:30 in the evening. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Doctor—Undoubtedly you need more exercise; what is your occupation?
Patient—I'm a piano mover.
Doctor (recovering quickly)—Well, er—hereafter move two at a time.

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