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Gresham Grade School Dates Back
to First Little White Schoolhouse

Gresham's beautiful grade school building, the finest in Multnomah county outside of Portland, is the fifth in a worthy succession, indicating the growth of the district and the interest taken by succeeding generations in the education of their children. So far, no one has been found who can tell the exact year in which the first schoolhouse was built, but it is thought to have been about 1860. Prior to this, however, a small school had been maintained for a time farther up the valley, then known as Powell Valley and including the present town of Gresham. Another school was conducted for a short time in a tent house on the Methodist camp ground west of the present Main street and north of Powell street. The teacher of this school was a Mr. Rich.

School district No. 4 was organized in 1859 or '60, according to County School Superintendent W. C. Alderson. The first schoolhouse of the newly organized district was a frame building of one room about 18x24 in size. It is said to have been the first frame building for public use east of Portland. Percy Giese attended this school during a five-months' term in the winter of 1870 and '71. He was 17 years old at the time and well remembers William Barkley, the teacher, and the fact that there were 62 pupils in the school.

Doubtless the crowded condition of this school brought about the erection of a two-story building of two rooms which was burned in a forest fire. Both these buildings were painted white and were designated as "the white schoolhouse." Later the first was spoken of as "the little white schoolhouse."

The third schoolhouse to be built was the building now owned by Gresham Grange. It was moved off the ground to make way for the fine two-story, four-room schoolhouse which was erected in 1901. This building was the pride of the community. Its corps of teachers for a number of years consisted of A. F. Herschner, principal, Miss Harriet Alexander, Miss Hattie Pierce and Mrs. Clara Anderson. Right well did they do their work and pupils were encouraged to continue their studies beyond the eighth grade and as a result a class was given the work of the ninth grade in 1901 and '02, and was carried on to successful graduation from a four-year high school course in 1905. This class consisted of Miss Pearl Lindsey, now Mrs. Oscar Erickson of Warrenton, Oregon, and Miss Grace Lawrence, now Mrs. Geo. Page, of Gresham.

The growth of the school was so rapid that it was necessary to enlarge this building, and in 1907 it was more than doubled in capacity by the addition of four class rooms and an assembly at the rear of the original structure.

Again in 1914 the school outgrew the building, partly as the result of the organization of the union high school district, which graduated the first class in 1915. In that year the high school was erected and the separation of the high school and the grammar grades was effected.

In 1924 School District No. 4 authorized the building of its fifth schoolhouse, a modern one-story, 12-room building with office, rest rooms and large auditorium, which was occupied in the fall of 1924. The new building is one of the finest in the state. Today the enrollment has reached 379.

The work being done by these boys and girls is very satisfactory, according to Principal C. M. Quicksall, who is responsible for compiling the data concerning the early history of the school. The teachers are doing their best to direct the pupils in proper channels in all things. Enough athletics is permitted to make the school interesting to those who are so inclined and to cultivate the spirit of fair play. The football team was successful in that it won two games from Powell Valley, tied one with the high school freshmen, and won the second from the freshmen by a score of 14 to 13. Three teams were organized among the boys of the intermediate grades, and a tournament is being planned with a pennant and an ice cream feed as a reward for winning. The basketball team is now training and had its first game Friday, winning by a score of 23 to 4. Pupils to participate in these games must maintain an average of 85, with nothing below 70 in their studies, and must

have a grade of at least 90 in deportment. The present corps of teachers consists of C. M. Quicksall, principal, Mrs. Buena Stone, Mrs. Mary Krueger, Miss Rachel Chezem, Miss Ruth Bowron, Miss Naera Stebbins, Mrs. Pearl Hayden, Miss Lillian Lekander, Miss Adele Schenck, Miss Helen Hoss, Mrs. Gladys Hoyt, Miss Ida Nordine and Miss Alice Leekley. George Tacheron is the efficient and ever ready janitor who keeps the building and grounds in proper condition.

The members of the school board are James Elkington, chairman, Arthur Dowsett and J. V. Cogswell. C. J. Lundquist is clerk.

Gresham Meat Market
Now Well Equipped

Up until the 2d of last July the Gresham Meat market, of which A. J. W. Brown is the proprietor, occupied quarters in the old Brown building on the site of the present new structure which was completed in October at an approximate investment of over \$30,000. Five store buildings, two of them 20x45 in size and three of them 20x50, comprise the main part of the building while a basement and a sub-basement provide ample storage space.

The erection of this building was a big undertaking and necessitated the financing of a heavy loan which has placed a likewise heavy burden on the shoulders of Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The building which they have been responsible for is a credit to the town at large and places them in the list of persons who have the good of a suburban community at heart. Consequently Mr. Brown appreciates a continuation of the patronage of his customers.

Many changes have taken place in Gresham since Mr. Brown came here 16 years ago. He first joined William Hockinson in the meat business and, when the latter withdrew from the partnership and the business was taken over by T. R. Howitt, Mr. Brown managed the place for five years. At the expiration of this period he leased the business for five years, later purchasing it with the buildings and ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are representative citizens and active in church and civic affairs. Mrs. Brown is quite as familiar with the business as her husband.

Gresham Welfare Bureau Reports.

The Gresham Welfare bureau which was organized about two years ago in Gresham recently reported through its committee, of which the Rev. E. G. Judd is the chairman and Mrs. J. H. Metzger secretary and treasurer. The sum contributed by citizens for the work amounted to \$53.16, in addition to considerable food and clothing. This amount was paid out for supplies to assist those in need. Seven families were given aid besides other individuals, and at least 15 cases were investigated. The bureau stands ready to give assistance to those in need, at any time if its attention is called to the matter.

Gresham Drug Co.
Oldest Local Firm

Anyone entering the doors of the Gresham Drug company and observing the brisk atmosphere, would hardly believe that back in the old days, when the business was started, customers were such a rarity that between times the proprietor and his assistant found sufficient time to go outside and engage in the friendly game of pitching horseshoes. This is said to be the case, but apparently those days have gone forever. The business of the company has progressed with the growth of the town and today Arthur Dowsett and Joe Pateneau, the members of the firm, must find time outside of the long business hours for recreation.

The Gresham Drug company, or the Rexall drug store as it is recognized, is the oldest business house in Gresham under the same management. It was established in 1901 by Mr. Dowsett and 12 years later Mr. Pateneau became a member of the firm and has been associated with the business since that time. Mrs. Elsie Deardorff is employed as saleslady in the store and in the rush seasons others assisted temporarily. The Gresham Drug company carries a full line of drugs and sundries and at holiday time its tables are full of Christmas suggestions.

Looks like a good old-fashioned Christmas.

Dec. 14 10 More Days to Christmas

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
The good they do depends on you.

Teachers of Music
Hold Worthy Place

Gresham is fortunate in having several good resident music instructors who are enthused with their work and alive to every opportunity in training pupils in the development of one of nature's richest gifts. Miss Florence Honey, Miss Frieda Bratzel and Mrs. Jas. Sterling are accredited teachers who carry on regular studio work and are kept busy with a constantly enlarging group of piano pupils.

Since coming to Gresham Mrs. J. E. Gates has also given piano instruction and has assisted as accompanist at various functions. Mrs. Edella Towle Miller specializes with beginners in teaching the Dunning system for the piano. She occupies the same studio as Miss Bratzel and also devotes two days a week to classes at Arborela.

Miss Alice Prindle came to Gresham this year as instructor of music at Gresham Union high school. She is doing very efficient work as leader of the high school orchestra and devotes time to individual lessons. Miss Prindle's vocal selections are much enjoyed by her friends who have occasion to hear her.

Mrs. Robert Blair of Portland has done excellent work with the grade school orchestra since its organization. She has been very successful in work with beginners in the orchestra. Tom Taylor comes from Portland once a week for classes which meet him at the residence of Mrs. Martha Fieldhouse.

One of Gresham's most successful music teachers has kindly consented to pass along the following suggestions which will doubtless prove of interest to both instructor and pupil. "It is impossible to tell the true teacher just how she is to do anything, for each teacher must have her own technique. When once she has thoroughly acquired her subject matter, it must then stand at the disposal of her wisdom and circumstances and of the child's nature and capacity. The facts are merely the storehouse to draw from as the child himself reaches for knowledge, the teacher's part being mainly to stimulate and guide his reaching."

"Many teachers are more interested in the pupils who have much talent than in those who have little. But there is a particular satisfaction in dealing with difficult situations, in working out different ways of stimulating a weak power to stronger reaction and in exploring to find out hidden power."

"The teacher must formulate her aims toward the child, select the material she will use, decide on the method or plan she will follow in using that material and work out her own technique in adapting her plan to each child."

"To follow rigidly any fixed series of ideas or lessons (even one's own) is destruction to the teacher's initiative, and the teacher, of all others, has great need for all her initiative and resourcefulness. Her method does not have to be arbitrary, neither are inventions and devices necessary, if the material is adequate and interesting."

"The very nature of music is such and man's relation to it so close that it seems rather inappropriate to let anything so formal as a fixed method stand between the little child and his experiences in so elemental an art."

"It is impossible to know all the effects of musical experiences upon the child. The teacher has dealt not only with the child's intellect and his body—with his power to think and to do—but has also dealt very largely with his power to feel. Who can measure the effect of

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Gresham Gets First
Snow in Two Years

Gresham experienced its first real touch of winter on Sunday when a cold drizzling rain turned to snow. About two inches fell during the evening and the temperature took a drop to 24 degrees above zero in this vicinity. This is the first snow that Gresham people have seen for two years except as they have viewed it from the lofty peaks of Mt. Hood 40 miles distant or have visited some other clime where snow is a regular part of the winter program.

The thermometer has continued to indicate a further decline and early Tuesday morning registered 17 degrees. Plumbers are reporting business as brisk, with every sign that it will continue so for a few days. Last winter was a comparatively dull winter for plumbers as there was no frozen pipes.

The streets are a slippery mass of ice with hardly enough snow to insure safe footing for pedestrians or safety for automobiles. As usual the children are making the most of it. From all kinds of unexpected hiding places sleds are being dragged forth and everything resembling a hill is a favorite coasting resort. The few children fortunate enough to possess ice skates are at once the admiration of the neighborhood. Those without skates are content to use their shoes for this purpose and go skimming over the icy streets and walks.

So far no suffering has been reported in Gresham or nearby communities. Aside from the inconvenience of pipes that refuse to drain and a few sharp nips received as the furnace is replenished no complaints have been heard. A few have been caught napping with potatoes still undug, but for the most part crops have been well taken care of.

Business is going on as usual and no serious trouble has been reported with telephone or electric wires. The sun is shining and skies are clear but no relief is promised from the cold snap for the present.

A Springdale Correction.

Springdale kiddies will have a wonderful Christmas tree if the statement in the last Outlook is correct. \$70,000 to be expended, all the result of a Parent-Teacher program and sale! It is too good to be true. Just how the error came to be made is not certain, or why it was not caught in the proof-reading. But to get down to facts, or "brass tacks," the amount was \$70, and that will be sufficient to give the kiddies a wonderful Christmas tree.

Coming Events

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 15—First concert of series by Gresham band, high school gymnasium.

Friday Evening, Dec. 17—Christmas cantata, Powell Valley schoolhouse.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18—Bake sale and country store by Baptist Ladies' Guild.

Saturday, Dec. 18—Springdale Woodman dance, Troutdale city hall.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 10 a. m.—Turkey and ham shoot under auspices Gresham Post No. 30 American Legion, county fair grounds.

Sunday Evening, December 19—Christmas program and cantata at Baptist church.

Wednesday, Dec. 22—Senior class play, "Seventeen," by Sandy Union high school at Sandy.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 22—Christmas exercises at Gresham Methodist Episcopal church.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 22—Senior class play, Columbian high school, Corbett.

Thursday, Dec. 23—Annual home coming at Gresham Union high school.

Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 23—Christmas exercises Gresham grade school.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 23—Christmas program at Undenominational temple.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 23—Community Christmas tree exercises.

Sunday Evening, Dec. 26—Christmas program at Fairview Smith Memorial Presbyterian church.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 29—Admission of new members to band.

GRESHAM STORES OPEN
EVENINGS BEFORE XMAS

The leading Gresham stores having Christmas lines for sale have been interviewed with reference to keeping open house evenings previous to Christmas and there seems to be general agreement that stores will be open for business evenings during the week before Christmas. Those consenting to do so are Hepp's Racket, Hicks Co., Walrad Mercantile company, A. W. Metzger & Co., and Aylsworth & Martin. Some others will doubtless be open one or two evenings before the 25th. The drug stores and confectioneries will be open for trade every evening as usual.

Band to Give Concert.

The following program will be rendered Wednesday evening, December 15, at the opening concert of the series to be given by the Gresham band at the high school gymnasium: Bear Cat march, Lustspiel overture, Gems of Stephen Foster (American Fantasia), La Paloma (Spanish Serenade), Gala Night overture, Neapolitan Nights, Bay State Cadets march, Superba overture, Cuban Libera waltz and the De Molay Commandery march. Other numbers of interest on the program are a vocal solo, "As Long As I Have You," by Roland Schedeel; mandolin duet, Miss Marie Blom and Miss Ruth Schedeel; violin solo, W. D. Kinder; baritone solo, Dr. H. H. Ott.

Xmas Gifts.

For hand made Xmas gifts see Mrs. W. A. Winters, phone 31x1, Gresham.—Adv.

Professional People of Gresham
Faithfully Serve Large Territory

In the matter of professional services Gresham and tributary country are ably and faithfully served by four physicians, two chiropractors, three dentists and two lawyers. With but few exceptions these persons have been residents of Gresham for many years and have become well acquainted and have built up a good practice in their respective lines.

The four physicians and surgeons who have become prominently identified with Gresham and her interests are Dr. A. W. Botkin, Dr. H. H. Hughes, Dr. George Ingalls and Dr. H. V. Adix. In addition to regular practice Dr. Ingalls has a well-equipped ocular laboratory where the latest methods are employed in fitting glasses.

The two chiropractic physicians are Dr. Mary Becker with offices in the Sell building and Dr. George Mallett, over the Bank of Gresham. Both of these offices are fitted up with various modern appliances to relieve the ills of mankind by means other than drugs.

Dr. H. H. Ott has been practicing the dental profession in Gresham for the past 20 years, and his brother, Dr. W. J. Ott since 1908. Dr. J. G. Sture began his dental practice in Gresham in June of 1923, succeeding Dr. B. Pedersen. Dr. Sture, until a few months ago, maintained an office in Sandy, but he has now disposed of that and devotes all his time to work in Gresham.

The legal tangles of Gresham are quickly and amicably unraveled by two attorneys, W. J. Cooper and C. G. Schneider, who endeavor faithfully to serve the public along this line. Mr. Schneider is a member of the firm of McGuirk & Schneider, with offices in Portland where he spends half of his time.

Dr. H. C. Johnson and Dr. A. H. Wright are veterinary surgeons of ability who have been practicing in Gresham and surrounding territory for a number of years and are always ready to respond to calls requiring their services.

"COUNTRY STORE"

The Ladies' Baptist Guild will conduct a country store in the Brown building next to Piggly Wiggly store on Friday,

DECEMBER 17, 1 P. M.

On Saturday afternoon, December 18, in connection with the country store, a candy and bake sale will be held.

Many articles will be on sale at real bargain prices.



Useful Presents for All

This list at best can only include a few of the hundreds of acceptable holiday presents obtainable at this store:

Gifts for Men

Winchester Rifles
Flashlights
Vacuum Bottles
Hammers
Screw Drivers
Wrenches
Hand Saws
Pliers
Pocket Knives
Shaving Outfits
Hot and Cold Jugs
Fishing Tackle
Baseball Goods
Razors

Gifts for Women

Vacuum Cleaners
Roasters
Percolators
Toasters
Electric Sad Irons
Casseroles
Scissors and Shears
Kitchen Cutlery
Pyrex Ovenware
Aluminum Ware
Polish Mops
Food Choppers
Electric Curlers
Hair Clippers

GIFTS FOR BOYS

Coaster Wagon, Pocket Knife, Scout Axe, Watch,
Baseball, Glove, Air Rifle, Skates, Sled
Train, Hammer, Top

GIFTS FOR GIRLS

Flashlights, Scissors, Tennis Racket, Electric
Curling Iron, Toilet Clipper, Fancy Dishes,
Vases, Skates.

A. W. Metzger & Co.

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