

Kelso Community Shows Advance; Is Prosperous Agricultural Section

(By Mrs. Robert Jonsrud)
As the year rolls toward its close it is with a feeling of gratitude that we review its events. We live in a favored section of the land, where climatic conditions are equable, scenery unsurpassed and crops abundant and unending. The seasons have been ideal, with enough sunshine and enough rain and free from storms or adverse conditions of any kind.

We are served by one of the world's greatest highways, the Mt. Hood Loop road, which can be counted as the most important factor in the development of this section. Dairying, diversified farming and poultry-raising are the principal industries, while strawberry growing is rapidly becoming an important and profitable crop, this section being especially adapted to raising that delectable fruit. No finer climate can be found for the raising of walnuts, which is also a coming industry.

Union High School No. 2 of Clackamas county, located near Sandy, serve the following districts: Kelso, Cottrell, Bull Run, Sandy Ridge, Dover, Firwood, Cherryville, Brightwood and Welches. Four large busses and one touring car transport the students to and from school. Principal Geo. D. Orr, who is serving his third year at the helm of Sandy Union high, is accorded well-deserved credit for the splendid progress of this institution. Other members of the faculty are Neal Herr, assistant principal, manual training teacher and in charge of boys' athletics; Miss Abila Ostrum, teacher of mathematics; Miss Hilda Thorne, English teacher and leader of the glee club and orchestra; Miss Arleigh Kammerer, domestic science teacher; Miss Helen McCormick, history and language; Miss Edna Thompson, commerce. Mrs. Ruby Loyd Brown of Portland is teacher of piano. Professor Orr has charge of the 30-piece band and there is a 12-piece orchestra in charge of Miss Thorne, who is also coaching the senior play, "Seventeen," to be given on the evening of December 22 at the high school auditorium.

The Kelso school is doing excellent work under Miss Inez Nyman, principal, and Mrs. A. C. Baumback, primary teacher. Both rooms have been provided with built-in book cases, and a splendid sectional platform for entertainments is being built, the latter, being financed by the Woman's club of Kelso. A new well was dug last summer and provided with a pump. The playshed received a coat of paint. The teachers are serving a hot lunch during the three winter months. A notable improvement was the installation of electricity in the school rooms the first of the year, the P. E. P. company running a line from the Bluff road down the Oregon City road, serving the residents along this route and several families at Kelso.

The Woman's club of Kelso is an organization for social life as well as doing the work of a Parent-Teacher club. The club aided financially in installing electricity into the school, is financing the building of a platform for the school and has a fund started toward additional playground equipment. It has about 22 members, holding meetings once a month at the homes of the various members. The present officers of the club are Mrs. R. Jonsrud, president; Mrs. M. Kligel, vice president; Mrs. A. Jonsrud, secretary-treasurer.

The Jonsrud-Gunderson Lumber company is transferring its place of business to Sandy. The company has already built a planing mill and wood-working shop at its location in Sandy, and a lumber shed is in progress of construction. Both steam and electric power will be used. The firm will continue to deal in all kinds of lumber and moulding.

The town of Sandy has made

three other notable additions during the year, namely, a fine up-to-date drug store, built of hollow tile, by R. E. Esson; Henry Perret's new garage, built entirely of concrete and the largest in this end of the county; also George Maroney's new building of hollow tile where he conducts a pool hall, confectionery and lunch room. Ed. Bruns, assisted by Hall Brothers, has almost completed a story and a half house on his land opposite the high school, which is to be occupied by Mr. Geo. Orr, the high school principal. The house has full basement, fireplace, furnace and is entirely modern.

Gilbert Eri and Carl Anderson have each built a fine new barn.

C. Fisher, a recent settler on the Bluff road, has named his place Mt. Hood View Poultry Farm.

The Sandy Grange is a live organization that is growing and prospering. The Grange owns its hall where meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. Timely subjects of importance to the farmer have been discussed during the year and it is highly desirable that more earnest farmers join this organization which has the farmer's interests at heart. Visitors are welcome at the lecture hour from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon of each regular meeting.

Kelso has a flourishing Sunday school in the little Kelso church which is under the leadership of several earnest women of the community.

We think the Gresham Outlook is a splendid paper of its size, and especially admire the editorial outlook, which is the soul of a paper. We all have reason to look forward to the new year with great interest and high hopes. May the Christ-spirit of peace goodwill to all men rest on us all.

"Help Yourself" at Piggly Wiggly

Down south a few years ago, so runs a tale, a man conceived the idea of putting his merchandise on the shelves and letting the people come in and help themselves. It was tried out to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned, but someone remarked, "What a piggy-wiggly way of running a store." The name stuck and today there are 3000 Piggly Wigglys scattered over the country from Canada to Cuba. They probably do not resemble the original Piggly Wiggly, which was proportioned on a minute scale, but judging from the store which opened in Gresham on October 23, under the management of Ralph Deaville of Portland, they are desirable assets to any community.

A fine clean stock of groceries, valued at \$5,000, fills the shelves of the local Piggly Wiggly store, which is located in Brown's new building, and every convenience is offered the busy shopper. As the manager says, "There is nothing cheap here except the price." Mr. Deaville is assisted in the business by Ellis Judd.

Davidson's Drug Has Many Popular Lines

The drug store of Glen M. Davidson is a favorite stopping place for those in need of the lines he carries. He has a general assortment of drugs and sundries, together with a full line of kodaks and commercial photographic supplies. He has the Eastman kodak agency and specializes in kodak finishing. In addition he carries a first-class line of confectionery and is the agent for a well-known make of phonograph. Mr. Davidson opened up business eight years ago on Main street and enjoys a liberal patronage. He is ably assisted by Miss Letitia Pulifer who has been employed in the store for several years.

Don't lay down the paper till you have read the Want Ads.

Merry Christmas to You.

"Merry Christmas to you," sounds good to my ear. It brings its own message of goodwill and cheer. It is not like the common "How do you do?" "Hope you are well?" "Good luck to you."

It has in it something rather hard to define. It sounds somewhat human, yet almost sublime. It makes you feel glad, you're living today. It quickens the pulse, and makes you feel gay.

It brings to our memory the story of old, When Shepherds were watching the sheep of the fold. When heaven was opened, and angels were singing, Joy to the world, good news we are bringing."

It reminds us of youth, of days so rare. When the heart was young, with never a care. When the future was bright and the days were long, And life seemed to us but an endless song.

But let us be young, and each one try To forget the trouble of years gone by. Let there be no one to grumble, no one to chide, But all make merry at Christmas tide.

Perhaps we're fifty, yet why be old? A man is as young as he feels, we are told. We can frolic and laugh as any kid, And so we're not going to put down the lid.

Though we cannot play with trinkets and toys, Yet when Christmas comes we're only boys. We are still watching for Santa, hope he'll remember To bring a nice gift to every member.

So let us be glad and rejoice once more, And all sit down at the bounteous store, With grateful heart to our God above For the birth of Christ, the gift of God's love.

REV. E. R. D. HOLLENSTED,
Pastor Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview.

Cottrell Is Progressive Community With Well Located Schoolhouse

(By Mrs. J. M. Brophy.)

The Cottrell community has made rapid progress during the past year in improvements, mostly building, also along the line of general farming. New berry patches have been set out and considerable land clearing done, which has increased the value of land and added to the general appearance of property.

Improvements were also made in roads. The Booth road was graded and stumps blown out to the Peterson road, and gravel will be put on in the spring. Considerable work was also done on the Peterson road, Strauss road and Mayberry road. The latter is a new road which will make a short cut to Dodge park. All this work was done under the supervision of Pete Hauglum, road supervisor for this district.

Much property was sold during the past year. Several new families moved to the community recently and some are already working on new buildings and clearing land.

Mr. Nash, who recently purchased 10 acres of the Osborne place, has his house almost completed.

Mr. Chapman also bought 10 acres of the Osborne place and is clearing a site to build a new home as soon as the weather permits.

J. Heiny has his place almost finished and will move in a short time. He purchased 10 acres of the Newell place.

G. S. Wilkinson erected a fine new barn on his place during the year.

Fred Wagner erected a four-room bungalow on his place for the benefit of his tenant, William Schleisher.

D. D. Meyer erected a fine modern chicken house large enough to care for 1000 chickens. This is one of the best planned chicken houses in the community having electric lights, water, and other conveniences, making it sanitary in every way.

Miller & Lowney made several improvements on the store and leased it to C. A. Crosson, who is doing a good business.

Mr. Wagner cleared considerable land during the past year.

L. L. Griffin erected a double garage on his place during the year.

James Fowier has had electric lights, and a water system put into

his home, as well as other improvements.

Those setting out new berry patches were Wm. Schleisher, Dan Meyers, Jas. Fowier, L. L. Griffin, Wm. Booth and Ray Fowier.

Wm. Booth also made a fine showing in clearing which made an improvement in his place, all this land is under cultivation.

Several new pupils came into the school during the past year. Miss Vivian White is principal, Miss Rose Potter, teacher of primary grades. We also have an active Parent-Teacher association.

COTTRELL SCHOOL IS BEAUTIFULLY LOCATED

Cottrell school, situated as it is in the midst of woody lots and on the divide between the Willamette and Sandy rivers, is one of the most attractive to be found in Oregon. The situation is also rich in historic lore. It is the former home of the Indians and is where the pioneers passed on their journey to the Willamette valley.

The school has an enrollment of 45 with an average attendance for the past three months of nearly 98 per cent. Boys are in the majority at present.

By way of improvement the district has put a new door in the larger room for fire protection when using the moving picture machine. The buildings on the school grounds have been newly shingled and a book case has been made for the traveling library from which books on almost any subject may be borrowed.

Cottrell school has made a splendid record for 1926 and has the prospect of doing as well or better for 1927. The teachers are Miss Vivian White principal, and Miss Rose Potter, primary.

POWELL VALLEY

The reception which had been announced to be given the new choir leader, Herman Carlson of Portland, on Wednesday evening at the Swedish Mission church has been indefinitely postponed.

Babe of Bethlehem Inspires

To our friends and co-workers of Boring and Pleasant Home: We wish to greet you in the name of the Babe of Bethlehem whose life and death means so much to each one of us. We are thankful for the pure life he lived, the lessons he taught, and for the hope that he has set before us. He has extended the border-line of heaven to earth, and by his death on the

cross has opened a door into that kingdom for us all.

Let us praise God for the privilege of investing another year of our life in his service. Perhaps we have not done as much as he expected of us but, nevertheless, something has been accomplished. And we have a right to expect a reward for our labor when Christ comes again to call his own.

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