

Community Program Will Be Held Indoors

Owing to the possibility of inclement weather on Thursday evening, it has been deemed advisable to take the Christmas program indoors rather than take chances on little folks catching cold from standing on damp pavements for an hour in the open. Accordingly plans are under way for erecting a tree in the high school gymnasium and a program of about an hour in length will be given.

A tree has been erected at the intersection of Powell and Main streets and this will be well lighted tomorrow evening. The plan is to divide the 200 available lights between the community open air tree and the one at the high school, 100 lights to be placed on each tree until after Thursday evening, when the lights will be taken from the high school and the entire 200 used to illumine the outdoor tree.

The high school program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and will last but one hour. Merchants have made possible the distribution of a candy treat to every boy and girl 12 years of age and under. An orange, candy and nuts will compose the treat which has been provided. Principal Cannon is broadcasting the statement that there will be 1000 seats in the gymnasium and standing room for 400 more, so it is desired that all those imbued with the Christmas spirit come out and watch the youngsters enjoy themselves.

The program is to consist of numbers from both high and grade schools, a contribution from the Methodist Sunday school program, carolings, and an address by the Rev. H. V. Wilhelm appropriate to the spirit of the occasion. Regardless of the fact that some folks think there is no Santa Claus, there will be one present at the high school Thursday evening to settle for all time that piece of skepticism. An effort is to be made to secure the Journal reindeer team for the occasion, but this cannot be promised.

Joint Masonic Installation.
A joint installation ceremony for the Gresham Royal Arch and Blue Lodge Masons will be held in Masonic hall, Monday night, December 27. Short program and refreshments. All brothers invited. By order of the Worshipful Master and High Priest.

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Cauliflower Growers Plan Year's Work

The last meeting of the cauliflower growers expressed a note of optimism. This season was a failure from the standpoint of marketing. Many of the growers suffered a severe loss. The plans of the association are to have almost as much next year as was grown this year.

At this meeting the growers received and discussed the report of S. B. Hall, county agent, on their variety demonstrations, in which 11 of the best varieties of cauliflower were tested out. From the results of this demonstration the varieties planted next year will be changed.

Two varieties in the plot withstood the adverse weather conditions and cut a high percentage of No. 1 heads through the season. Several of the other varieties broke during the warm weather the middle of October and produced a high percentage of No. 2 heads.

Along with growing cauliflower, several of the growers are interested in growing certified seed potatoes. After this meeting the association bought one of the best lots of certified Burbank potatoes in the county from L. H. Stone to use for planting next spring.

Christmas Poinsettias 50c, 75c \$1; Jerusalem cherries, cyclamen, primroses, begonias 50c each, including fancy covers. Christmas cactus in bloom, 25c each; ferns of all kinds 50c up. Baskets and fern stands cheap. Suhr Flower Farm, Base Line road, mile east 12-mile house.—Adv.

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Facts About Fertilizer Given for Farmers

The question of soil fertility should be considered seriously by all farmers, especially at this season of the year and all should lay plans to conserve the soil fertility so as to get good crops and not exhaust the soil, says D. E. Towle, Berry Grower manager. To do this and keep the plant food elements of the soil in balance should be the constant aim.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the soil must contain three primary elements, nitrate, phosphate and potash in varying quantities for the production of different crops as some crops draw heavier on one element and some on others. In addition to these three main elements a fourth is humus or fiber in the soil. This element is probably first in importance and is known as organic matter. The source of supply of this element is cover crops. Of the cover crops vetch is considered best but all kinds of grain and grass plowed down at the right time supply this element. Another very important source of humus supply is animal manures of all kinds. These also contain a percent of the elements mentioned first in this article, namely nitrate, phosphate and potash, so that animal fertilizers together with the straw and hay of the barnyard contain all of the elements of plant food.

Of the farm animal fertilizers the sheep product is the richest in plant food and the sheep corral product is the most highly concentrated animal fertilizer available and is the best value to be had, as one ton is equal to nine fresh of the cow and five and one-half of the horse product. One ton per acre of this ground sheep guano gives a marked result on an acre of cane berries and two tons is enough per acre for strawberries.

This should be supplemented by what is known as the mineral fertilizers applied in moderate quantity of say 400 pounds of super phosphate and 100 pounds of muriate of potash. The cost of one ton of sheep guano and 400 pounds of phosphate and 100 pounds of potash should not exceed \$24 per acre at the present market price and should be a fair annual application, and with the vetch cover crop, and good cultivation one should expect a large crop of berries.

In a communication to berry growers Mr. Towle says: "If you do not fertilize liberally and cultivate thoroughly you may hope for a good crop but you cannot expect it. Let me tell you a story to illustrate the difference between hope and expectation. Mary was to Sunday school and her teacher told her to bring a clear definition of the difference on the following Sunday. So she put the question

So please place your order at once for a treatment of phosphate and potash for each acre of berries that you own, and with a ton of sheep guano or its equivalent in farm fertilizer together with a good cultivation, you can expect a good crop of berries."

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LAST RITES SAID FOR LATE FRED SOUTHARD

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Baptist church for the late Fred Southard who passed away at the family home on Wednesday, December 15, from heart trouble. The Rev. E. G. Judd and Dr. A. Thompson officiated at the service and spoke words of comfort to the sorely bereaved family.

Miss Martha Hagberg sang "Nearer My God to Thee," "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me." The Rev. Mr. Judd read the scripture lesson and offered prayer, latter speaking on the theme of life and resurrection. Dr. Thompson related touching incidents from his home life and the importance of always speaking words of kindness to those around us.

The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, the gifts of relatives, friends and former business associates. The pallbearers for the occasion were Lester Spencer, Arza Smith, A. W. Metzger, Claude Steckton, John Bliss and Joe Pateneau.

The death of Mr. Southard occurred suddenly last Wednesday before aid could be secured after the attack of heart failure. All was done that was possible to do, but he failed to rally to treatment. The deceased lacked but three weeks of his 66th birthday.

The family moved from Nebraska to Gresham in 1919 and for three years Mr. Southard was engaged in the garage business in this place. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Loretta Southard, and four children, Mrs. Edith M. Martin, of Burchard, Nebraska; Frank R. of Los Angeles; Gertrude L. and Edward of Gresham.

Mr. Southard was a man greatly beloved among the members of his family. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father and a neighbor who was held in high esteem. His departure will be greatly mourned among his circle of friends and relatives. At the conclusion of the funeral service the body was taken to the Portland crematorium for concluding rites.

The postoffice will be open evenings until 8 o'clock this week to accommodate those who cannot get in during the day. General delivery of mail will be made on Christmas day from 9 to 12 in the forenoon.

Aluminum.
Special sale on aluminum ware this week only at Kidder Hdwe. Co., Gresham.

up to her mother who was an Irish laundry lady and as the mother leaned on her tub she said, 'Mary, I know the difference but it is hard to explain but I can best illustrate it in this way. You know, Mary, your father, Pat, died and I hope he went to heaven; when I die I expect to go to heaven and I hope to meet your father there but I don't expect to.'

Much will be made of demonstrations for the year 1927. Statistics show that 75 per cent of the people in the United States are taught by seeing, and especially is it true in club work that by means of demonstrations are desirable results attained more easily.

Postoffice Hours Xmas

Elizabeth Johnson, Gresham postmaster, announces that for the accommodation of the public the general delivery window at the Gresham postoffice will be open on Christmas day from 9 to 12. Mails will be received and dispatched on the regular holiday schedule. No rural route delivery will take place Saturday. The lobby will be open all day and those having boxes may get their mail any time.

Club Reports Show Large Advancement

A marked increase in enrollment is shown in the annual report of the cooperative extension work from the office of W. D. Kinder. Although the percentage of completions is not quite up to that of last year, 300 more boys and girls have enrolled during the year for club work than in 1925. The number of clubs organized through the year totaled 89 with an enrollment of 782. Of the 89 clubs organized, 76 have become standardized. Out of 782 club members, 723 made completions, or over 92 per cent. Out of the 89 clubs, 67 of them completed their work 100 per cent.

This has been a splendid club year for Multnomah county, as the foregoing figures will bear out. The local leaders are worthy a great deal of praise for their untiring efforts and all are looking forward to a better year in 1927. The annual local leaders' meeting is to be held in the near future, at which time officers will be elected for the coming year.

Some may have the idea that the boys' and girls' club project is a juvenile affair with but a minimum value as to the investment represented. This is an erroneous view of club work. The value of all projects as taken from the final reports is \$21,957.41. Of this amount the cost is \$12,740.73, leaving a balance of profit of \$9,216.68. Nor is the amount in dollars and cents the only profit accruing to these young people. The value of a steady aim and the satisfaction of accomplishment will be worth vastly more to them in character formation than can be estimated.

Six days in November were spent at the Pacific International Livestock exposition where the club members had a splendid showing and carried off many blue ribbons.

The winter poultry show recently given in Portland under the auspices of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association featured some fine displays, about 300 in number, from Multnomah county club workers, in addition to exhibits from other parts of Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Christmas day from 9 to 12 in the forenoon.

SANTA'S COMING HEY-HO! HEY-HO!



Heigh Ho! What do you know? Santa Claus is coming and so are the reindeer.

When and where? Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Gresham grade school. We'll all be there if we have to go on snowshoes. Nothing suits Santa Claus and his reindeer any better than snow and ice. Why, their home is at the North Pole, as everyone knows, and they're used to snow and ice,—so here's hoping we'll have lots of it and that no one will stay away from the grade school Thursday afternoon on account of the weather.

The time of the program has been changed from 1:30 to 1 o'clock sharp, so that old Santa may arrange his schedule and appear on time to other waiting boys and girls throughout the country.

He and his reindeer will be in Gresham, from 2 o'clock until 3 on Thursday afternoon, possibly a little later than 3. After the appearance of the reindeer and their sleigh at the grade school where Santa Claus will distribute a treat to the children, they will make their appearance on Main street in a pen to be built especially for the purpose. Those who cannot get to the schoolhouse may then have the opportunity of viewing the North Pole equipage which is coming to Gresham to gladden the hearts of the children of this vicinity.

The particular reindeer which are due to arrive on Thursday are those which have been the guests of the Oregon Journal for the past few weeks. They have become familiar to the children of the northwest through the Journal pages each evening, and now the real reindeer are coming to pay Gresham a visit. It is hoped they will be welcomed right royally and that they will never forget their kindly reception here. Every effort was made to keep the reindeer over until evening for the high school program, but they are in such a demand that this will be impossible.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hall are planning to leave for an extended visit to Oakland and Los Angeles soon. They will probably be away two months.

Mrs. F. J. Bechill is caring for a 10-month-old baby belonging to an acquaintance in Portland.

Coming Events

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.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 22—Christmas program at Undenominational temple.

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

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

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

Friday Evening, Dec. 24—Christmas program at Free Methodist church.

Saturday Evening, Dec. 25—Sunday school Christmas program at Swedish Mission church.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 8 P. M. Regular meeting of Gresham Post American Legion and Auxiliary at Gresham Grange hall. Installation of officers in both organizations.

Dec. 28, 29, 30—Annual convention Oregon State Teachers association, Lincoln high, Portland.

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

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Power Company to Occupy New Office

The finishing touches are being put on the new Dowsett building on East Powell street which will be occupied by the local branch office of the Portland Electric Power company. Gresham employees are moving into their new quarters and are planning to get their display of ranges and other supplies in place before Christmas.

When completed, the branch store at this place will be planned on miniature lines of the supply room at the Electric building in Portland. Electric ranges, mangles, heaters, floor lamps, bridge lamps and other articles will make up the main part of the display in the new building. A service outlet has been installed by the company so that ample demonstration may be given along any line desired.

The new building, which has been erected by Arthur Dowsett on the north side of Powell street, has a frontage of 30 feet and a depth of 28 feet. Two rooms have been partitioned off at the rear from the main show room, one of which will be occupied by B. O. Boswell and Ivan Swift, service managers, and the other by Roger Newcombe, line department head, and Clair Stockton, manager of the meter department. B. O. Boswell will continue to take care of meter reading in Gresham and Mr. Stockton in the adjoining territory.

Miss Grace Welch, who has been employed in the ticket auditing department of the P. E. P. at First and Alder for nearly a year past, has been given the Gresham position in a new opening created by the company, as cashier and general office assistant.

Clarence Yager is another P. E. P. employe of this vicinity who has been with the company since 1913 at varying intervals. He is employed as freight agent for Gresham, but is in no way connected with the sub-station here, which is run automatically. Mr. Yager has a planned schedule which he carries out in work with both the Estacada and the Mt. Hood depots.

Since the installation of the automatic sub-station at the lower depot a year ago last November, results have been checked up from time to time and it is reported that the change effected at that time has been very satisfactory. No one is required to stay there, although a man looks over the machinery twice a week to make note of any irregularities.

Tracks and equipment would be of little use unless they were kept in proper repair as a means of conveyance. For the past 14 years H. C. Larsen has faithfully performed the duties of section foreman on the Estacada line between Linnemann and Page's Spur, a half mile south of Barton. Charley Gossett of Mabery handles the section work of the entire Mt. Hood division of the P. E. P. from Linnemann to Bull Run. These men keep the tracks in proper repair and watch for any signs of trouble along their respective lines. They are assisted by as many men as are needed for whatever emergencies that arise. Some of the men of Mr. Larsen's crew have been with him from seven to eleven years.

The Portland Electric Power company is Oregon's greatest public utility and its record is one of continued accomplishment. A feeling of cooperation has been established between the company and the public it so admirably serves. This feeling has been promoted mainly by the increasing ownership of the public in the securities of the company.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA PLEASES AUDIENCE

The seating capacity of the Gresham Baptist church came near being taxed Sunday evening for the rendition of the Christmas cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," given under the direction of Kenneth D. Fendall. The cantata, itself a splendid offering, could not fail to please the most fastidious lover of sacred music. It was beautifully rendered and the piano work of Mrs. H. S. Clow was also fine. The harmony of voice was delightful and the solos and duets of the composition well given. Many expressed themselves as more than pleased with the cantata and it is certain that its repetition some time in the future would be a pleasure.

The cantata was preceded by a brief Christmas program rendered by the Sunday school and the distribution of a candy treat.

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