

City Council Fixes
West Boundary

The west boundary of the city limits of Gresham from First street to the Section Line road was fixed at 109 rods west of Main street by an ordinance which was passed at the regular meeting of the city council on last Wednesday night. This line is well into the Smith tract west of the fair grounds. The action of the council was merely to make a local record of a fact which has been recognized by the county assessor's office for several years past.

It is understood that the west portion of the land which the Multnomah County Fair association recently purchased from the Smith estate has been platted and will be put on the market in the near future. The tract, which comprises 63 lots, will be called Westfair addition. The new street recently laid out from First street to Section Line road extends through the length of this addition.

The question of securing additional fire equipment, including a modern pumper which has been under discussion for several months, was again brought before the council and freely discussed. The motion to place on the ballot the question of the issuance of bonds for the purpose was lost and the council voted to indefinitely postpone the purchase of additional fire hose. The question of calling for a vote of the people on park sites was also indefinitely postponed.

FUNERAL HELD FOR
LEWIS N. WILES

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Finley's chapel for the late Lewis N. Wiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiles of Gresham, who passed away last Monday at the age of 46 years after a severe siege of suffering. Commitment services were held at Rose City cemetery.

Mr. Wiles is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lida Wiles of 9920-57th avenue S.E., Portland; two children, Thomas W. Wiles of Portland and Mrs. Lulu Gordon of Visalia, California; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiles, of Gresham; three brothers, Elwood of Portland, Leslie of Lewiston, Idaho, and Walter C. of Fresno, California; four sisters, Mrs. Blanche Stafford of Gresham, Mrs. Keshlah Crosier of Portland, Mrs. Edith Russon and Mrs. Henrietta Gates of San Diego, California.

Insurance funds for farm loans. No commission or brokerage. Very easy terms. B. W. Thorne.—Adv.

GRESHAM HI DEFEATS
WASHINGTON QUINT

Speed, team work and determination on the part of the Gresham high basketball team caused the loss of the game to Washington high in the latter's gymnasium Tuesday afternoon. The score at the close of the hectic scramble was 18 to 13. The local second team in a preliminary set-to lost 14 to 11 to their rivals. This too was a good mix and proves the future mettle of Gresham high.

The victory over Washington high marks the second Portland high school to fall before the warlike home-town hoopers.

Below is the summary:

Gresham	Washington
Duncan (6)	F..... (4) Dolp
Okuda (8)	F..... (2) Andrews
Lane.....	(2) Edick
Squire (3)	G.....
G.....	(3) Terkovich
Strong.....	G.....
Rusher (1)	S..... (1) H. Inman
S.....	S.....
S.....	(1) Forsythe
S.....	S.....
S.....	S.....

Huedepull, referee. An interesting game is promised for tonight at the local gymnasium, Gresham vs. Oregon Institute of Technology.

YUM, YUM! THEY
HIT THE RIGHT SPOT

Everybody's getting it. What's that, the grip? No, the waffle hold. What a combination for a cold morning, waffles right off the irons with plenty of good Oregon butter and maple or cane syrup to fill up those little depressions in the hot cakes.

The P. E. P. electric store on east Powell street is doing a land office business these days in waffle irons. Their windows are suggestive and he who runs may read. Some folks are always harking back to the good old days when the baking was done outside in a brick oven when water was heated by means of hot rocks and waffles were baked over an open fireplace. But if anything can beat those waffles cooked by the modern method of electricity, why bring it along.

The P. E. P. is staging a sale of waffle irons which will continue through the month of February. In addition to the iron a bottle of syrup and a box of pastry flour are being thrown in. With a little practice anyone can soon become an adept in the matter of baking waffles. Only a little practice is needed to make perfect.

There is, however, one serious drawback to the waffle business. Poor mother scarcely gets a chance to eat on account of the men folks keeping her so busy supplying reinforcements to the besieged. Aside from that the waffle question is a pleasant one and well worthy of pursuit. One great advantage is that an entire meal can be made of waffles any time of the day and everyone will seem happy about it.

Debating Teams
Win 50-50 Verdict

Gresham's high school debating teams had to be satisfied with a 50-50 verdict Wednesday evening in the double debate put on between Gresham's affirmative team and Parkrose, and Gresham's negative team and Beaverton.

The question up for discussion by the youthful agitators was, "Resolved, that the policy of federal subsidies to the states, accompanied by federal supervision, should be abandoned."

At Gresham three competent judges, Mrs. Blanche Thurston and H. C. Tallman of Portland and Mr. Bennett, principal of the Oregon City high school, decided in favor of Parkrose, and at Beaverton the three judges likewise decided that the United States would be doing the right thing to continue its policy of helping a struggling state in the matter of internal improvements when the occasion should be deemed necessary.

James McAllister and Winifred Bechill upheld the affirmative side of the question at Gresham and Winston Strong and Lily Rybnick the negative side at Beaverton. The Parkrose debaters were David Morris and Marian McKenzie. McAllister began the debate with a simple definition of the term "subsidies" and followed with the assertion that the assistance rendered the states by the federal government was a violation of the letter and spirit of the constitution. He named the sum of \$109,000,000 as necessary to carry out this policy for a single year.

Young Morris followed with an eloquent appeal to the audience to forget the argument of his opponent and forthwith gave many quotations from statesmen in America's early development substantiating his side of the case. Miss Bechill dealt mostly in figures and made several clinching points in an impressive manner. She was followed by Miss McKenzie of Parkrose who caused a smile to ripple over the audience when she spoke of the Smith-Hughes instructor at Gresham who was benefiting financially from funds furnished through federal means.

Morris next gave a brief rebuttal of the question and the closing argument was put up by McAllister. The judges rendered an unanimous decision in favor of the negative. At Beaverton the decision was also unanimous in favor of the negative side of the question.

REVIVAL MEETINGS
GROW IN INTEREST

The revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church are being well attended and the interest is good. The sermons by the pastor, the Rev. Halford V. Wilhelm, are clear and convincing. Last night he preached the first of a series of three sermons on "Life." Tonight his subject will be "The Way of Life," and on Sunday evening, "The End of Life." These sermons are planned to give a larger conception of spiritual values, and are helpful. On Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "What is a Christian?"

Stirring congregational music is a feature of every service, under the direction of the Rev. M. G. Tennyson of Canby, with accompaniment of both organ and piano. Mr. Tennyson will sing a solo tonight.

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At the State Legislature
Under the Dome at Salem.

Starting with a predicted volume of 300 bills, nearly double that number are in sight as the fourth week of the session begins. This week will see more and longer sessions as committee reports are returned and voting on measures gets into the forefront in both houses. But biggest of all is the finance problem, with all its varied phases and effects on industrial, agricultural, commercial and educational interests.

Restoration of the appropriation for fight on predatory animals under the biological survey was made after protest from livestock men of all parts of the state, particularly eastern Oregon. In the state library fund, which was cut very heavily, there is continued demand from rural districts for like action by the ways and means committee to restore at least half the increase asked in the budget. If this is not done, no new volumes can be sent to outlying subscribers and present service will have to be curtailed.

The legislature started with intention to decrease the number of laws, but apparently will wind up by adding more than previous sessions to the code.

Junior colleges will not be made a part of Oregon's state educational system, because the house knocked out the bill to that effect during the first round in committee.

Let those who think a lawmaker does not need a stenographer get a glance at the mail that lands on the desk of his senator or representative requiring reply and there will be room for doubt.

Individual school districts may withdraw from union high districts, according to Hamilton* H. B. 345, if not in county of location as to leave another school district isolated from school and not relieving themselves from bonded indebtedness.

State treasurer, with approval of state officers, boards, departments, or commissions, may transfer from any but O. A. C. U. of O., and industrial accident special funds to general fund in case of emergency, as incorporated in S. B. 135, by Hare.

Delegation from Coos, Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, and Klamath counties introduced H. B. 357 authorizing creation of county health officers, appointed by county judge and commissioners and approved by state board of health. To receive state aid.

Motion picture censorship act, by Paulson, provides a board of three commissioners, annual salary, \$3500, appointed by governor with advice and consent of senate. Term six years, one out every two years. Power to pass on all motion pictures for Oregon public or private amusement, with attached fee of \$1 per permit. Fifty cents each additional copy of film.

Buchanan's H. B. 343 changes delinquent tax penalty from 1 per cent to 5-6 of 1 per cent, funds to be retained by county instead of going to taxing district.

House joint memorial by Snell, Tom, and Senator Mann, urges congress to enact legislation along the lines of McNary-Haugen bill.

TEMPERANCE FILM
TO SHOW AT BORING

The film "Lest We Forget" which is a true story taken from a true story, a tragedy of the middle west, and which is said to be one of the most powerful dramas ever presented through motion pictures, will be shown at the Methodist church in Boring, Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. The picture portrays the tragedies of the old saloon days and reveals the true consequences of the drink traffic. It carries an appeal to all citizens of today to do their utmost to prevent the recurrence of such scenes in our cities and homes. The Rev. R. E. Close, of Portland, will deliver an address in connection with the showing of the picture. Mr. Close is a leader in the battle for a dry nation and delivers a telling message in concise, attractive and eloquent manner. This meeting was to have been held in January but due to the inclement weather it was postponed.

Delegate to State
Chamber Reports

D. E. Towle Says This Session Reported as Most Prosperous.

The annual session of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce was held in Portland last Monday. Distinguished speakers were heard who talked on various phases of the state's progress. The session lasted all day with a luncheon at noon and dinner at night.

The Gresham Commercial club, which is a member of the state chamber, was ably represented by a regularly elected delegate in the person of D. E. Towle. With his broad knowledge of business and civic affairs Mr. Towle fitted into the picture admirably and has made the following report to the Gresham Commercial club:

"The attendance at the Oregon State Chamber meeting in Portland last Monday was considered fair from the various towns and cities of the state, some 30 odd being represented, and the various speakers had an inspiring message for the delegates on the various topics discussed.

"President Vining's talk had to do with viewing the silver lining of the clouds and cited us to the fact that the Rural Credits Bank of Spokane reported 87% collection on farm loans and interest payments due which was a better showing than had been made in the recent years past. He cautioned us against ultra conservative conclusions and claimed that installment buying was a good thing if not overdone.

"Mr. Hamilton, of Bend, who is a member of the state legislature, spoke on the problem of taxation but allowed that it was some problem and that new sources of revenue would have to be found if the state's program was not to be crippled as the anticipated revenues were short from one to one and one-half million dollars, but showed plainly that the cost of operating the state government was only five per cent of the tax paid. He voiced the sentiment that a state tax pruning commission would be advisable to consult with committees as to the wisdom of bond issues.

"Dr. Hall's message was along lines of doing more research work at the University that less mistakes be made in the promotion of new industries. He mentioned the instance of a large investment being made at a certain town in the state only to find that the quality of the water was not adapted for paper making. He also referred to the old farmer who protested that science could not help him in his knowledge of farming as he had already worn out three farms.

"Judge Biggs gave a very interesting talk on the possibilities of the Vale and Owyhee irrigation projects and claimed the soil and climate was ideal for the production of all temperature zone crops and that they had 170,000 acre-feet of water embounded, or enough for 56,000 acres of land, an acre-foot being water covering an acre to the depth of one foot and three feet being ample to produce all kinds of crops.

"Paul Shoup, executive director of the Southern Pacific railroad, spoke of Oregon's wonderful natural resources awaiting development and expressed the hope that his company could give Oregon a short line to Chicago from Eugene via Ontario, but sounded a note of warning as to the lavish bonding tendency of the times. He cited us to President Coolidge's recent statement that the many economies effected by the national government had been more than offset by increased liabilities taken on by states, counties and cities. He called attention to the increase of bonded debt liabilities in the state that had increased from \$34,000,000 in 1915 to \$176,000,000 in 1926 which he claimed was a greater proportionate increase than any other state west of the Rocky mountains. He also referred to the fact that his roads' net earnings in 1925 in the state was \$2,428,000 of which the state took in taxes \$1,357,000 or over one-half of the net earnings, leaving only one per cent net on the investment, and said if we wanted to attract settlers to our state we should stop the issuing of bonds.

"W. B. D. Dodson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, reported good progress being made in land settlement work as did Mr. Ide of the state chamber, but stressed the point that each local chamber should list with the state chamber their holdings of land for sale, giving a minute detailed description to be revised from time to time and in that way prospective settlers could be intelligently directed to the various localities. This is a suggestion that our local realty dealers should act upon at once as the spring rush of home seekers will soon be on.

"In closing, I wish to say that eastern Multnomah and northern Clackamas counties are the most prosperous part of the state. If in doubt look up the Nation's Business map and you will find a white spot around Gresham."

STATED COMMUNICATION Fairview Lodge, No. 92 A. F. & A. M. Saturday evening, February 5, 1927, 8 o'clock Homecoming and mortgage burning. Members please attend. WM. H. STANLEY, Sec'y. JOHN T. McGINNIS, W. M.

COUNTY AGENTS HOME
FROM CONFERENCE

S. B. Hall, county agricultural agent, and W. D. Kinder, county club agent, have returned from Corvallis where they spent more than a week at the state annual extension conference under the auspices of the O. A. C. extension service. They report this conference as one of the most educational and instructive that the staff has ever enjoyed. County agents, club leaders and home demonstration agents from over the state of Oregon were present. They meet at the college once a year to post up on new developments which have taken place at the experiment station during the year and learn the results of the various experiments under way. It also gives an opportunity to meet with other agents and discuss methods relating to the extension work as carried on in the different counties of the state.

A number of speakers from outside the college walls were present. One of these was H. L. Hudson, manager of the port of Portland commission, who gave valuable information on shipping, the growth of the port and its development as affects the agriculture of the state. Another speaker of interest was J. W. Tapp from the United States department of agriculture at Washington, D. C. He gave a series of discussions on agricultural economics and its influence on production. His opinions on matters of production and distribution problems formed an instructive part of the conference.

Another interesting feature was that of the veterinary department where animal and poultry diseases were carefully reviewed. A meeting will be held at Gresham in the near future in the interests of poultry diseases. Speakers of more than local prominence will be present and discuss the latest methods of ridding a flock of disease.

The evenings were taken up with a series of livestock judging contests where the county agents by the state conferred on more uniform methods of judging sheep and cattle and exchanged ideas which will prove of mutual benefit.

The county club agents had separate groups of committee meetings throughout the conference at stated times. These were mainly addressed by H. C. Seymour, state club leader, and his assistants L. J. Allen and Miss Helen Cowgill. An outside speaker was Miss Madge Reese of Washington, D. C., a national representative of boys' and girls' clubs. Miss Reese outlined the work which is being done all over the United States in clubs and gave many fresh ideas on new projects. Many discussions were carried on primarily with the idea to perfect club work in Oregon, especially relating to the O. A. C. vanced work is needed for boys summer school where more advanced girls capable of taking it.

Coming as a surprise to the attendants of the annual conference of the college extension staff was the announcement of the organization of Gamma chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, a national professional fraternity for extension service workers. S. B. Hall of Gresham, a graduate of the O. A. C. class of 1909, was elected president. As a qualification for membership in this society it is necessary to have served at least ten years in extension work.

Gresham Temple Services. The Sunday school hour at the Gresham Undenominational temple begins at 10 a. m. Preaching services are held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. S. F. Pitts, will preach. Prayer service is held on Tuesday evening and young people's service on Friday evening at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

Zion Evangelical Services. Sunday school will be held at the Zion Evangelical church Sunday at 10 a. m., followed by the preaching service at 11 from the topic, "Treasures". The relation of the earth life of the individual to the future will be portrayed. The Senior League will meet at 7:30 Sunday evening at which time the topic "Ghandi" will be discussed. All members and friends of the league are invited to attend.

Taxpayers' League
Will Be Permanent

Aims to Figure in County School and City Tax Affairs; Signers Invited.

Owing to the splendid spirit of toleration possessed by the American people, of which we are a worthy part any wounds caused by the battle of last Saturday over the school bond issue will quickly heal, according to D. E. Towle, and we will all as usual get down to business and continue to work for an honest living. Fortunately there were no fatalities and this is a fine community in which those who differ can still give one another credit for good intentions in spite of mistakes.

One outgrowth of the recent contest is the formation of a permanent taxpayers' league, the object being to gather and give out information regarding existing and proposed tax and bond conditions and proposals and keep its members and the public informed on current projects for the benefit or injury of the community. The area covered is that of eastern Multnomah county. Questions pertaining to county, city and school districts will be scrutinized with a view to obtaining efficient and economical administration of all civic affairs.

A memorandum contract or prospectus has been drawn up which Mr. Towle says received quite a number of signers on last Saturday. This contract is on file at the canny office. All taxpayers who favor this kind of an organization are urged to call and subscribe their names. After 30 days a call will be issued for the subscribers in each local school district to meet and select their member of the executive committee. Then the executive committee will organize and the league will start to function.

Prospectus of League. Object—To keep in touch with current events of a community nature with a view to keeping posted on current projects for the benefit or injury of the community, such as tax levies, bond issues—both city, county and school district boundary changes, looking toward efficient and economical administration of all civic affairs.

Membership Qualification—All legal voters who are tax payers may become members by signing these articles as a pledge of cooperation and paying the fee of \$1 for two years.

Officers—The officers shall consist of an executive committee of

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Coming Events

Friday Evening, Feb. 4—Cottrell Parent-Teacher association basket social at Cottrell schoolhouse.

Friday Evening, Feb. 4—G.U.H.S. basketball team to play at Beaverton.

Saturday Evening, Feb. 5—Troutdale Parent-Teacher association dance.

Monday Afternoon, Feb. 7—Rebekah Welfare club at home of Mrs. George Lane.

Tuesday Evening, Feb. 8—Basketball between Gresham and Columbian high at Gresham.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 9—Fairview grange card party at city hall.

Thursday Evening, Feb. 10—Play "Sunshine" by young people of Pleasant Home Baptist church at Orient grade school auditorium.

Friday Evening, Feb. 11—Play, "Sunshine" at Gresham Union high school gymnasium.

Friday Evening, Feb. 11—Ladies' Guild dinner at Baptist church beginning at 5:30.

Friday Evening, Feb. 11—Arene club masquerade.

Saturday Evening, Feb. 12—P.T. A. basket social, Troutdale school auditorium.

Sunday Evening, Feb. 13—Billy Sunday club at Haley Baptist church.

Sunday, Feb. 13—Beginning of special meetings at the Free Methodist church.

February 13—Beginning of special services at the Baptist church.

Wednesday, Feb. 16—Installation of Pomona grange officers at Russellville.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 16—Gresham band concert.

Monday Evening, Feb. 21—Fairview grange hard time dance at city hall.

Friday, Feb. 25—Poultry extension conference, auspices of O. A. C. extension service, Gresham.

Friday Evening, March 4—Robert Blair concert, Methodist Episcopal church, auspices Home Missionary society.

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