

Gresham Band Scores High; Much Credit Due the Leader

The Gresham band is an organization of which Gresham citizens may justifiably be proud. It was first organized by Dr. H. C. Johnson during the early part of 1924 with two men, Floyd Mack, whose memory is treasured by the band boys, and Clifford Gibbs. Claude Welch then joined, then in succession Melvin Peterson, Allen Lind and John Ott.

After four months' work the boys disbanded, but in February of the following year the same six began rehearsals and since that time the band has been an unqualified success. There are at present over 40 members and at different times during the past four years about 60 men have practiced under the direction of the leader, Dr. H. C. Johnson. New members are added each year to the ranks of the band boys, there being 12 entirely new recruits this fall. In a few weeks eight or ten will be added who have had some experience, and probably as many as 18 will be listed in addition to the regular band for the summer engagements.

The band's services have been much in demand during the past three years. Each year during that time they have played at the county fair in a very acceptable manner. The open air concerts of the past two summers have been much appreciated, as well as various programs participated in from time to time. The boys have been heard over the radio broadcasting station KWJ, and in numerous engagements their work has been favorably commented upon. Nifty uniforms add to the general appearance of the band.

The Gresham band won first

place last July in a big tournament held at Crystal Lake park, Milwaukee, in which a number of amateur bands took place. A cash prize of \$50 and an ebony baton were presented to the band and its conductor as a result of this contest.

The local band is working hard to secure the state contest for next summer and plans will begin soon toward that end. Blue Lake park has been chosen as the meeting place for the big contest if it can be secured for Gresham. A silver loving cup goes each year to the winner, the band winning it for three consecutive years being entitled to keep it. If the state tournament cannot be secured by the band at this place, it is possible that the elimination test may be brought here. That in itself will bring a number of good bands to this locality for a tryout for a place in the state contest. Each sectional contest will have substantial prize awards as an inducement to enter. The various music houses of Portland are back of this contest each year.

Several of the boys who have studied under Dr. Johnson during the past few years have won places of responsibility in the musical world. Some of these positions have been with other bands, some in orchestral work and some in church soloist work.

An election of officers will be held by the band about the first of the year. The present officers are, Melvin Peterson, president; Otto Magnuson, vice president; Dr. H. C. Johnson, manager and conductor; George Duncan, secretary; Harry Bjur, treasurer.

house on Main street until the house and premises can hardly be recognized. With the addition of paint on the house and the development of a lawn to take place later, the place will be a credit to the neighborhood.

Oscar Thoren has made a number of improvements on both his residence and woodworking shop on Cleveland avenue. Three bedrooms, a bath and breakfast nook were added to the house, and an extra floor laid, with other improvements made in the carpenter shop. The Eastman Lumber company has erected a small building which serves as storage and additional office room. The Gresham Box factory in November increased its floor capacity to seven times its former size and otherwise improved the plant.

The Gresham grange hall underwent a number of important repairs during the year, including an addition of 13 x 39 feet on the south and an entry 8 x 12 feet in size. Lee Dimick's service station has also had extensive improvements which give considerable more room. A bell tower which provides for an additional Sunday school classroom has been constructed at the Free Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Larsen have enlarged their auto camp by building additional cabins during the summer.

Three residences are under construction in Gresham, one by D. L. McKillican near his plant, the Gresham Produce company, at Cleveland avenue and Powell street; a second, the new home of James Jennings to rise at First street and Ava avenue, and a cottage to be erected by George Pleasant near Fourth and Kelly. There are rumors of intensive building operations to be started with the advent of 1928, but as yet nothing definite can be announced.

The above buildings are those which have gone up or are under way in the Gresham city limits within the past 12 months. It is impossible to mention all the residences and places of business which have been erected in this part of the county during the year, however, a few which come readily to mind will be referred to at this time.

Nearby Buildings Erected

The most outstanding business house to be built near Gresham is the building of George Page & Co. at the 12-Mile corner. This store building, 35 x 62 feet in size, is of hollow tile and brick construction. It is of Spanish type, stucco finish with brick pilasters. "The Unique", a lunch room operated by Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Wood, was opened for service a short time ago at the 12-Mile corner. Mr. Wood purchased a small building from Geo. Page and later added room and equipment. The opening of the place occurred on October 12. The speedway, located between Gresham and the 12-Mile corner, was constructed and opened the early part of the summer. The speedway has been the scene of a number of automobile races during the season. The grandstand, which is 304 feet in length, has a seating capacity for 2500.

Two new schoolhouses have been erected during the year in this vicinity. The larger of these is the Lynch, located at the intersection of Barker road and the Section Line. The building, which represents a cost of \$30,000, was built by Steel & Davis of Portland. The Cedar schoolhouse is well under way now and will probably be ready for occupancy some time in January. A \$10,000 bond issue is taking care of the schoolhouse there. Two classrooms and a play shed, with a good sized basement, are considered adequate to take care of the Cedar enrollment. The new addition to the Hillsview schoolhouse was begun in June of this year and completed in August. About \$3500 was expended in the remodeling of the old building and the installation of the new furnace.

A dairy barn which has been attracting much comment during the past few months is that of Byron De Young, which was erected on his farm west of Gresham at a cost around \$12,000. This barn has every modern convenience for the sanitary pursuit of the dairying industry.

A 7-room residence is being erected by R. A. Starbard on a one-acre tract purchased from W. E. Beagle several months ago. The house is of English type of architecture, and modern in design. The exterior finish will be of shakes. John Vicklund of Powell Valley has erected during the year a fine modern home which is outstanding among other desirable residences of the community.

The Zenger brothers, Ernest, Adolph and Albert, have each put up new modern residences near the home of their father on Barker and Powell Valley roads. W. R. Johnson began early in September the construction of a 7-room house a quarter of a mile east of the 12-Mile corner. The building is 28 x 36 feet in size. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Thompson are now occupying their new house recently erected on the

Kane road about one and a half miles east of Gresham.

F. G. Anicker erected an 8-room house in October on the eminence south of Gresham known as Anicker's butte. It is built on the bungalow style, with full concrete basement, fireplace and furnace. Miss Maude Aldrich had erected on Gresham heights a small frame dwelling in September. The house was put up by a local builder, Otto Magnuson. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davidson are having a small frame house built on their ranch property two miles east of Gresham on the Kane road.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickey, who moved to this locality some months ago, are occupying a neat garage on the Gresham-Fairview road north of Gresham, until such time as they can build a modern residence. In May Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayes erected a small house on a two-acre tract purchased from Ed Simonsen on the Powell Valley road. E. W. Aylsworth has built two small houses near his residence property on the Base Line road which have been occupied by tenants. He recently installed an electric water system on the premises which supplies water to several families in the vicinity. Herbert Barnes had completed last spring a summer cottage at Blue

Lake, which he rents.

A short time ago D. C. Ely of Oregon City had his residence property on Second street moved from its location east of Walrad's store to Hood avenue between Fourth and Fifth street. The house was moved very successfully and a number of repairs made which now makes it a desirable residence.

FAIRVIEW

Jacob Scharbrough of Fairview was granted a divorce Tuesday from his wife, Mabel Scharbrough, by Judge Kassler in the Multnomah circuit court through W. J. Cooper, local attorney. In August of last year Mrs. Scharbrough filed suit for a divorce on the grounds of alleged cruelty, but later Mr. Scharbrough filed a cross complaint on the same ground. With the divorce Mr. Scharbrough was given the custody of three minor children.

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Long. The Triple "A" station, begun the early part of March, is 31 x 34 feet in size. Mr. Shultz has spared no expense to make this an up-to-date filling station in every particular. The Mt. Hood station, which covers an area of 6,000 square feet, was ready for occupancy about the first of June. It, too, has a thoroughly modern equipment.

A woodworking plant and carpenter shop was erected in April by J. Green at the corner of Kelly avenue and East Powell street. The plant covers an area 28 x 60 feet. Mr. Green has installed suitable machinery for his work which includes practically anything in the woodworking line.

New Residences Built

A half dozen or more first-class houses have been erected in Gresham during the past year,—those put up by Dr. J. G. Sture, A. McManus, H. J. Pulfer, Dr. H. H. Hughes, Elvis Stockton, Melvin Brugger, S. C. Jones and Fred Shelly. Dr. Sture's residence, which is located on Ava avenue, was begun in September, 1926, but was not ready for occupancy until in May of this year. It is an 8-room modern frame building, western bungalow style.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. McManus is one of the attractive homes to be erected in 1927. It has six rooms and is most favorably located on a two-acre tract in Cascade Acres on Division street. They expect to occupy their new home during the holidays.

After selling his modern residence on Ava avenue to C. I. Raker, who in turn disposed of it to Ward Inglis, H. J. Pulfer left Gresham in the early part of 1926, only to return a year later and erect a new home almost directly opposite the Inglis home. The type of house which Mr. Pulfer erects speaks well for Gresham. The new home is thoroughly modern in every respect.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hughes expect

to occupy their new residence on Wallula avenue about the first of January. This is an entirely modern house in the \$5000 class of homes, a New England type of architecture. It is located in the most slightly residence district of Gresham.

The modern home of Elvis Stockton in Eastman addition is now practically completed. This is a 6-room modern frame dwelling, with full basement and fireplace. The house is 34 x 38 feet in size.

Melvin Brugger began excavations in February for his new five-room bungalow located in Pioneer Acres on West Powell street. The house was completed in May and is one of the most attractive of the group of new residences built in Gresham during the year 1927.

Frank Jones erected a four-room modern cottage on Division street last June. D. R. Macaw erected a neat little home last spring in the Eastman addition. The house is located in one of the most picturesque spots in Gresham, a grove forming a natural wind-break for the house. Fred Shelly built a 20 x 28 frame residence on South Roberts avenue early last summer. A. H. Lewis has now completed his three-room house in the Clanahan addition. Mr. and Mrs. M. Poylitt moved to Gresham during the year and have built a frame cottage in Eastman addition near the C. H. Lane residence. A small dwelling has been erected by Gus Hansen in Whitehead addition. J. R. Horr has, during the year, put up a small residence near his home on East Powell street. The house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Batchelor.

Improvements Made

Clyde McMurry now has a modern cottage reconstructed from the small frame house which was formerly on the rear of his lot on Main street. The house was moved to the front of the lot, several rooms added and modern conveniences installed. Oscar Walin has remodeled the former Ed Smith

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