

JACKSON COUNTY PRIZE WINNERS AT STATE FAIR

Southern Oregon exhibit of Minnesota No. 13 field corn was a big drawing card at the fair.

Verne Owens of Medford secured first place in club work and open contest. Constance Bordwell of Jacksonville took first in Belgium hare raising, having had the best pair of Belgian hares as well as the best report on the project which she undertook.

These two students having won two of the fourteen grand prizes offered at the State Fair will each get a free trip to the Oregon Agricultural college next summer to attend a two weeks summer session at the O. A. C. The first trip is offered by the International Harvester company, while the second is offered by the Routhledge Seed & Floral company of Portland. Several other boys and girls doing club work and having sent products to the state fair did well, and so the winners are here mentioned. Richard Singler of Jacksonville, second in farm and home handicraft; Mildred Gyger of Ashland took fourth place in the sewing contest, while Ruth Russell of Watkins took fifth place in the same project. Beth Ager of Jacksonville won fifth place in the fat hog contest. George Lowe won third place in the pure bred hog contest. Norris McCoy of Gold Hill won second in the poultry project.

In the open contests Verne Owens took first place among all competitors of the entire state. Roscoe Roberts of Medford had the best pie pumpkin and the best watermelon.

George Lowe took first place in popcorn, and Joe Barrett of Talent took second place for best exhibit of beets.

Much of the credit for the excellent, uniform display of corn at our state fair should be given to Mr. Delroy Gatchell of the Jackson county bank, for furnishing a good grade of seed corn to our boys and girls taking up this project, and thus making it possible for them to grow a good grade of corn. Minnesota No. 13 does very well in the Rogue river valley, especially where it is possible to secure irrigation.

County Superintendent Ager went to Salem with the Jacksonville canning team on Friday morning. The team gave a canning demonstration on Friday afternoon. The entire delegation consisting of Leola Hesselgrave of Central Point, Beth Ager, Bernice Reter and Ruth Fleming of Jacksonville, Vern Owen and Roscoe Roberts of Medford, headed for home Saturday, delighted with the entertainment and instruction they had received at the hands of state officials in charge of the boys' and girls camp, and pleased with the results of their contests with other children of the state.

Of the Jackson county prize winners at the state fair the first two mentioned below will be given free trips to the two weeks summer school at the O. A. C., Corvallis. The prize winners were as follows:

Corn growing, Vern Owens, Medford, first prize; Belgium hare project, Constance Bordwell, Jacksonville, 1st; handicraft project, Rudolf Singler, Jacksonville, 2nd; pig project, division III, George Lowe, Ashland, 3rd; sewing project, division I, Mildred Gyder, Ashland, 4th; Ruth Russell, Watkins, 5th; Dairy herd record, Lester Merriman, Central Point, 5th; market hog, under 1 year, Poland China prize, Beth Ager, Jacksonville, 5th; field corn, open contest, Vern Owens, Medford, 1st, 10 tears popcorn, open contest, George Lowe, Ashland, 5th; one watermelon, open contest, Roscoe Roberts, Medford, 1st; pie pumpkin, open contest, Roscoe Roberts, Medford, 1st.

There was hardly a minute when there were not a number of people if not a crowd, looking at the Jackson county corn. The county did not walk away with a great number of blue ribbons, but made a big point in getting all the blue that was offered on corn.

RUSSIANS NOW HAVE PLENTY OF VODKA

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 30.—The peasants of Ukraine and central Russia have used two thirds of their grain stocks to make vodka. Thousands of distilleries are again at work, and vodka is the only thing in Russia of which there is abundance, although the price is still high.

"GRADE 1" ADDED TO OUR ENGLISH IDIOMS

LONDON, Sept. 30.—"Grade 1" is rapidly becoming a part of the British language apart from its meaning as applied to the army. For instance, "The dinner is Grade 1," or "The Americans are a Grade 1 lot" are expressions of a type commonly heard.

NIGHT SALES OF GASOLINE CUT OUT BY ALL DEALERS

Asking the co-operation of the members of the oil industry and the public at large in the movement to conserve man-power, D. M. Folsom, director of the Pacific Coast section of the oil division of the fuel administration, has announced that all sellers and distributors of gasoline and engine distillate, have been requested to limit their sales to the hours between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.

With the public co-operating with the oil companies and making their purchases only during the hours suggested it is pointed out that a large reduction can be made in the number of employes needed in the distribution of gasoline and engine distillate and these men released and made available for national service.

Mr. Folsom acted at the suggestion of the Pacific Coast Petroleum War Service committee, which has been considering the problem of conserving man power for some time, following the appeal of A. C. Bedford, chairman of the National Petroleum War Service committee. Mr. Bedford stated in a recent communication to the western body that two essentials were to be kept in mind in taking steps to meet the national emergency, first:

"That every man within the draft ages whom it is possible to disense with should be spared for military service," and second: "That the vital importance of the oil industry to the successful carrying on of the war requires the retention of an adequate force to maintain the industry in the highest state of operating efficiency."

Chairman Barnet, of the war industries board, in a recent order placed the oil industry first in the list of essential industries.

The movement to conserve the man power of the country was initiated by Mark L. Regan, head of the oil division of the fuel administration, who urged that every man that can possibly be dispensed with be released for national service.

YANKS INVITED TO MONTE CARLO

PARIS, Sept. 30.—American soldiers may spend leaves at the famous Monte Carlo, world's playground on the French Riviera. The Prince of Monaco, ruler of the tiny principality, offered to let \$33 a month doughboys mingle with his multi-millionaire guests.

But, wait! The gambling casino is not open to the soldiers of any nation. They won't be able to take a hand in the game or try a pet system for breaking the bank. But outside of "business" hours they can stroll through and see where games speedier than "craps" or stud poker are played by Pittsburg millionaires, grand dukes and princes.

AMERICANS REPAIR OLD FRENCH ORGAN

PARIS, Sept. 30.—Americans, they can do anything! That is the super compliment the French gave the boys from the states.

Their praise is sung highest in a little village where two privates of the Engineers' corps single handed repaired a cathedral organ that was more than 100 years old and hadn't delivered a note in 15 years.

They worked after 5 o'clock every afternoon, at the end of a hard day's work. They cleaned 3,000 pipes, some 20 feet high and a foot in diameter. They removed dozens of ancient bird's nests, plaster and other debris, and scoured the pipes with a sulphuric acid process. And one day they gave a concert of American love songs on the old cathedral pipe organ, much to the astonishment of the cure and delight of the villagers.

ELSIE'E HANDSPRING DELIGHTS DOUGHBOYS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 30.—The smoke had hardly cleared off the Marne battlefield, before Elsie Janis, the actress, appeared and put on an entertainment for the boys. Her stage was in a field that only a few days before had seen some of the bloodiest fighting of the war. She sang songs, told stories and then did a dance that ended up with a hand spring. Hank Gowdy got so enthusiastic that he stood right up in meeting and moved a vote of thanks.

AT THE RIALTO TONIGHT AND TOMORROW



GLADYS BROCKWELL, DIRECTION WILLIAM FOX

PRESIDENT'S TALK PRAISED IN SPAIN

MADRID, Sunday, Sept. 29.—(Reuter's). All the newspapers here publish the address of President Wilson in New York in full. In commenting on the speech, the Liberal says:

"The address is the noblest thing that has been thought or said since the beginning of the war. It is the epitome of the general spirit of amity which dwells in the depth of every conscience that is free from covetous egotism."

"Perhaps President Wilson's program may be too idealistic * * * but we might forget that this doctrine, so noble and so human, will be guaranteed in return by the mighty power of the United States."

"The president's address," says the Epoca, "will make a profound impression all by its sublime disinterested attitude, renouncing as it does, all desire for territorial and economic delimitations."

The work of paving Ashland hill with concrete was begun Monday morning.

LOWER INSURANCE RATES FOR SHIPPING

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The allied anti-submarine war is now so successful that the British Government insurance bureau has lowered the war risk premiums on many ocean routes.

Lloyds and the other marine companies have followed suit. On one route—the Mediterranean route to India, the rate has been increased.

The Scandinavian rate has been cut in half. Six months ago it was 60 shillings; now it is 30s. per hundred.

The charge for Dutch business, curiously enough, remains at 60.

One of the recent devices put into use for combatting the U-boats, and said to be successful, is called the Yarrow smoke screen.

This causes the smoke to be emitted from the sides of the ship, eliminating the tall tale black clouds that pour out of the funnels.

The importance of this invention may be understood when it is known that 950 square miles is the maximum area over which a single U-boat may discover the presence of a ship by smoke.

UNCLE SAM MAKES EYEGLASSES FOR FIGHTERS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Sept. 30.—American efficiency? Why, Uncle Sam even has his own spectacle factory in France!

Three thousand doughboys are wearing new glasses—which they didn't have to send home for—because Uncle Sam is on the job. The glasses are put together in France by American soldiers; they are ground and polished out of American glass on American motor driven machinery. And the glasses are free to the soldiers.

They're made with frames that look like platinum, but are of the stuff that keeps the liberty motor light—aluminum.

A new standard pattern has been adopted for the rough usage glasses get in the army. They're military looking and as unbreakable as it is possible for eyeglasses to be.

Now there are eight hospital units attached to base hospitals here, each in charge of oculists ranking high in their profession back home.

The hub of Uncle Sam's spectacle making unit is in a village in a populous section of France. It's a barrack like building full of filing cabinets, delicate machinery and buck privates that know a whole lot more about things scientific than militaristic.

Packing cases full of wrapped and cushioned squares of rough glass and spectacle frames come into that building daily. And out go spectacles by the hundreds and thousands, each fitted with the best optical glass obtainable.

That glass comes from Pittsburg, Rochester and Corning, N. Y., where scientists and skilled mechanics have proved that they can make out of the sands of the western U. S. A. optical glass better than the Germans ever made. And it's made without using Turkish emery—an "indispensable" that has been replaced by a member of the carborundum family.

And Uncle Sam's spectacle factory has two "side lines"—the manufacture of artificial eyes for wounded and the making of special lenses for gas masks, the latter for the use of men who have trouble in seeing without glasses and who necessarily have to whip off their glasses when a gas alarm comes.

SEVEN DAY LEAVES PROMISED YANKS

PARIS, Sept. 30.—There's a rumor going the rounds that seven day leaves are to be started for American soldiers soon. They've been over here a good many months with nothing doing in the vacation line except after the second battle of the Marne, when 10 per cent of them were given two days in Paris. Eventually, of course, Paris will be right side up again, but she'll never be quite the same.

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