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Items of Interest From the Rogue River Valley

EDUCATION WEEK COMMEMORATED ASHLAND C. OF C.

ASHLAND, Nov. 23.—About one hundred and fifty were present at the chamber of commerce dinner given at Hotel Ashland Tuesday evening. As the program was intended to stress educational topics, Supt. Briscoe presided as toastmaster. Grand High Fizz Miller of the Lithians was called for a speech but being taken unawares only advertised the Lithian minstrel show to be held the 3rd of December, and also the Winter Fair that same week. President Homes of the chamber of commerce made some pertinent remarks regarding the fair, urging all to buy tickets and support the fair in every way possible. John Barton Gruelle, author of the famous "Raggedy Ann" stories was then introduced, and he expressed his pleasure at being able to spend a winter in Ashland.

V. V. Mills, representing the American Legion delivered a most excellent address on the meaning of patriotism, which should be not merely talk but demonstration, and should occupy a definite place in each man's life at all times. Five years ago patriotism was at fever heat, and it is easy to be patriotic when a country is at war, but it is during times of peace when patriotism should have its true meaning and when our young people should be taught that meaning. The American Legion in sponsoring Education week feel that they are doing a peace time service of first importance, for the public school is America's greatest contribution to civilization, and every community can get the kind of schools its voters really want.

"Civilization is the sum and product of each individual achievement," so spoke Prof. H. S. Tuttle, of the Pacific university in his worth while address. Our civilization continues only as others take up the work we have started, and education is the only agency by which civilization is carried on. We give our children the heritage of ages thru education. We cannot make children learn but we can stimulate a desire to achieve. Every generation has its dangers and its temptations and some always fall, but youth should be allowed to find his own life and not be forced to accept cast iron rules that applied to the generation before him. Our task is to stimulate each child to build his own castle, using the one we have built as a guide but let him improve, let him change and perchance he will build all that we have hoped to see in our lives but have not accomplished. Do not try to teach him patriotism by repeating set phrases and speaking of occasions that mean much to us, but have no real meaning to them, but each day bring within their reach situations that call for patriotic actions.

Beautiful music was furnished during the evening under the efficient leadership of Miss Marsters, the music supervisor of the public schools. Miss

Marsters was at the piano, W. R. Henry, violin, Chester Woods, violin, Marcus Woods, clarinet, Geo. F. Barron, saxophone. Mrs. Henry who has a very beautiful voice, sang "Dawn," and responded to an encore with "A Song of India."

Portland papers a few days ago carried the announcement of the death of his home in the state metropolis of Major Chas. E. Worden, a former prominent resident of southern Oregon, well known in Jackson and Klamath counties. He came to the latter county from the east in the U. S. Indian service, and became identified with the development of the lake region. He was 75 years of age. Among the blessings we enjoy as American citizens no blessing is greater than the opportunity that each individual has to receive an education, was the thought brought out by Rev. P. K. Hammond in an address to the Parent-Teacher circle of the Hawthorne school Thursday afternoon. He further pointed out what a long road it has been from our Puritan forefathers to the present day system of education. Even a generation ago, when the problems and duties of life were practically the same as today, the present method of handling them is so superior to that generation. In the speaker's memory boys especially were flogged for any mistake at school; too much attention was given to the learning from books and not enough to the problems of life which would be met when the school days were over. Education means developing the power of the individual boy or girl so that each may take his rightful place in life. The great hope of America is trained and morally dependable citizens and our schools are working toward this end with greater success than ever before.

"There is no slavery like the slavery of ignorance," continued Mr. Hammond, and stressed that Parent-Teacher associations are a great aid to the school systems. Money spent on education brings larger returns than money spent for any other purpose. An instrumental solo by Mrs. Harold Aitken was a delightful introduction to this Hawthorne P. T. A. program and a most charming little playlet by the pupils of the second grade, teacher, Miss Mannel, followed Mr. Hammond's forceful address. At the business meeting preceding the circle pledged themselves to support the budget, voted to subscribe for three issues of the Child Welfare Magazine, to be circulated in the circle, and also voted to pay five cents per capita into the council for the support of that body.

Allan Andrews who is visiting his parents, the Aaron Andrews on Fairview street, started for Clinnabar Springs with Harriek Wheeler of Medford. Mr. Andrews has been in the U. S. forestry service with headquarters at Ogden, Utah for a number of years but is now taking a vacation before going to work for one of the big timber companies.

Mrs. Ada Milner of Los Angeles is visiting here. Her stay is rather indefinite as she has considerable property which she wishes to dispose of before returning. She states that she really prefers Ashland to the southern city but as her son is in the university down there feels that her time is better spent there, where she can make a home for him.

Mrs. A. Andrews expects to leave very shortly for Santa Cruz where she is going to oversee some repairs on a

CHICKEN RAISING ON SMALL TRACTS IS VALLEY NEED

To the Editor: A newcomer in this valley is impressed very forcibly with the opportunities for all kinds of rural development. There is too much land that is either unproductive or is being devoted to crops which do little more than pay their way. This is especially true of land below the foothill belt. All of this will be corrected in time for there seems to be a progressive spirit among the residents of the valley.

The Rogue River valley needs settlers—every one admits that—but this means getting the man with money to come in from the east and from other parts of the west and it represents an extensive advertising campaign, that is, far reaching,—tho not necessarily expensive.

My experience with new settlers on the two state land settlements in California, Durham and Delhi, indicates that the greatest demand centers on farms of from 2 to 10 acres. These settlers have moderate means and are able to develop their land while earning money working for others.

In this district I see a real opportunity for two classes of small farmers. One of these is the farm laborer who needs one or two acres for a home and garden, by the latter of which he is able to support himself to a certain extent during the off season. During the fruit season he and his sons will find plenty of opportunity for lucrative employment. This valley needs more than a hundred such families. A great many of the summer tourists are looking for some such place.

The other class is the poultry man. Having associated with these people on the California land settlements and the Weeks Poultry Colonies at Palo Alto, I know that poultry raising and egg production, if followed in a scientific manner will provide a greater revenue and in a shorter time than any other farm business operated on a small acreage. The "Weeks" system is an intensive one. Their slogan is "one acre and independence." The farms are all small and are in centralized units. The Mountain View colony has 100 acres divided into 87 farms. These are generally 100 ft. x 435.6 ft. and front on roads. With 100 feet allowed for homestead, incubator house, etc., the balance, 100 ft. x

residence which she owns at that place. Before returning she will visit her daughter in San Diego and will probably spend Christmas at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Elliot of Baker, Ore., arrived in Ashland Sunday night stopping at the home of Sam Cavins on Iowa street. They left Tuesday for southern California where they will spend the winter.

M. M. Tucker and wife left Wednesday for Oakland, Calif., where they will spend several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

335.6 ft., is ample for the housing of 750 laying hens. These are kept 25 in a pen, each pen facing east. Kale and alfalfa for green feed is grown in front of the house and is chopped fine before feeding. No runways are provided in the Weeks system, which is certainly a financial success.

After investigating this matter I feel that the country adjacent to Medford has an opportunity for many new poultry men.

Whether for farm laborers or for poultry men, these tracts should be laid out by experts. The success of the poultry man as well as the farm laborer depends on soil, irrigation, drainage and location. The price per acre is really not important altho a fair price for the best land should be obtained. Term payments are most attractive to intending settlers with a low initial down payment, not over 5 or 10 percent of the value of the land. His contract should be binding and provide that in view of his low first cost he locate and build within a short time and that he do not resell within a stated period, preferably two years. The additional value which he will bring to the place will more than compensate the easy terms given.

By grouping a number of small farms certain advantages may be gained. A community pressure water supply and a sanitary system will decrease the individual cost and increase efficiency. It also will attract a neighborhood store and school. Tracts of twenty acres, more or less, at present undeveloped and on good roads are especially adapted to small farm development.

As to prospective settlers, I believe that there are many prospects within the county and in northern California. It will be profitable for realtors in Medford to advertise in the San Francisco papers.

A most promising field is in Petaluma, California itself, where people know what poultry profits are but where many are held back by prohibitive land prices. The farm papers of the east reach a fine prospective field also. The local chamber of commerce can help, by getting out good selling literature. What helps the valley will help every town in it.

JOHN R. JAHN,
Civil Engineer and Irrigation Specialist.
Medford, Ore., Nov. 23.

BAZAAR AT PHOENIX A WEEK FROM TODAY

The Phoenix Aid society will hold a bazaar in Clyde hall on Friday, Nov. 30, from 2 to 10 p. m. Clyde hall is being repaired, heated, and put in much better shape for the many community gatherings held there.

In addition to booths with the usual useful and fancy things needed for Christmas, Mrs. Inman will have a booth of canned fruits and vegetables. Mrs. Brown will have a lovely tea-room, and several friends of Jiggs will have wienies and sauerkraut for all lovers of Jiggs and his savory dinners. Also the C. E. society are planning the finest gandy sale for several years.

CARLOAD OF FAT TURKEYS SHIPPED OUT BY TALENT

TALENT, Ore., Nov. 22.—The Poultry Producers Cooperative association at Medford are doing a most noteworthy business in the way of finding a market for the poultry products of the farmers of this part of Oregon. I doubt if one-half of the farmers of this county know just how much this institution is doing.

I was not aware until just now that some of the management made a trip some time ago to San Francisco and paid their own expenses that they might find a sure market, and that the farmer might know just what he would get for his dressed turkeys.

When these men reached San Francisco they could find but one firm that would give them any assurance that they would take a whole carload. On this the price was to be 32c at San Francisco. This offer the directors would not take. After getting in communication with Portland and other northern cities with no success they finally found one firm in Los Angeles that agreed to give 32c at Medford for strictly prime stuff. Accordingly the association advertised for the birds, asking for nothing but good prime birds.

They got the turkeys, twenty-five tons of them. When the car was ready at ten p. m. Wednesday night, it held sixteen tons, there being nine tons still left in the warehouse.

It is easy to see just how this deal alone, say nothing about other houses in Medford, is going to help the Christmas and New Year's markets.

Notwithstanding this there were those who brought in poor fowl and because they were graded as seconds—I would have expected them had they been mine to have been turned away entirely—yet they told these men they were not doing justice by them.

In fact it was a shame to slaughter some of the fine big frames that lay in the refuse pile, those with a little more food could have netted the growers a big profit.

It seems that after years of poultry raising many of these farmers need to be educated up to the idea of producing prime stuff. Until they do learn that it pays in the end to try to market only the best and to stand by this institution that is trying to help us find a better market, we can never have a reputation for having the best.

When once we have gained that reputation, and live up to it we will have no trouble in getting rid of our poultry products.

I would have liked to have been in a position to have taken pictures of those immense piles of dressed fowl, and the many cars and trucks as they came in. This would have been a good advertisement for our many farms which produced them.

I believe such industries are worthy of notice. I believe Portland would have made capital of that show.

The Poultry Producers Cooperative association is the farmers organization. The farmers are wealth producers of this county, therefore are worthy of the support and encouragement of the press and all the people of this valley.

MRS. MARY O. CAREY.

TOLO HAPPENINGS

The Community club met with Mrs. Andy Buckles Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Many important matters were discussed and a social time followed. Delicious refreshments of fruit salad, cake and coffee were served. Those present were: Misses Thelma Heeson, Florence Lawson, Mesdames John Higinbotham, Stevens, Roy Richardson, Frances Whitstone and the hostess, Mrs. Andy Buckles.

Mrs. Gregg of Central Point spent the week end with Mrs. Rena Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Higinbotham and family of Phoenix spent Sunday with his brother, John Higinbotham.

Community club will meet with Mrs. John Higinbotham Friday, December 7. Everyone is urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cobleigh of Butte Falls motored over and spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Higinbotham and friends.

Mrs. John Higinbotham was greatly surprised Friday evening when a large group of his immediate friends tried to help him celebrate his birthday. Many games were played and enjoyed. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee were served. At a late hour they departed, wishing Mr. Higinbotham many happy returns of the day.

EVANS VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carls, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisher and Mrs. Smith returned home this week from an auto-trip thru northern California.

The Rickstein and Spaulding saw-mill will close down this week for the winter and will be moved from the present location on Saxes creek to other timber holdings next spring.

Rev. Pollock, one of the International Bible Students speakers lectured at E. E. Richman's residence last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock; also at 7:30 p. m. Both lectures were attended by good-sized audiences and both were very interesting and instructive as Mr. Pollock is a very interesting speaker.

Mr. Honner delivered a truck load of live turkeys to Gray & Harbeck for Mr. Richman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher left for their home at Duluth, Minn., Thursday by way of California, where they will make a short stop visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have been visiting at the home of Mr. Fisher's sister, Mrs. George Smith for the past month.

GOLD HILL HAS A FINE MEETING OF P. T. ASSOCIATION

GOLD HILL, Nov. 22.—(Special.) The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher association of Gold Hill held at the high school auditorium Monday evening was the largest attended and most interesting meeting held this year. Much honor is due the officers of the association and P. H. Bell, chairman of the program meeting in securing the large number of speakers for the evening and the Phoenix male quartet consisting of Messrs. Fish, Frame, Sheets and Corlies, who were all accompanied by their wives.

After the business exhibit of the several Jackson county boys' and girls' clubs at the state fair and Girls' in the south end of the county gave an extended and interesting talk on the operations of the several clubs in the county and the attendance of the delegation of boys and girls to the summer school at the government and state agricultural school at Corvallis, and further the exhibit of the several Jackson county boys' and girls' clubs at the state fair and Portland stock exposition. After Mr. Joy came Mrs. Joy who discussed the girls' part in the work, and following her Mr. Moss, the leader of boys' and girls' club work in Jackson county covered his work quite extensively. And after Mr. Moss' address he put on three reels of motion pictures demonstrating his work. The male quartet was sure a real treat to those attending the meeting, and they were compelled to respond to repeated encores. After the program the visitors and members retired to the domestic science room to well prepared refreshments furnished by the teacher and pupils.

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