ODELL

Last week we were hurried and were unable to have included in Odell notes the announcements for Sunday's services. Rev. C. L. Dark preached a fine sermon Sunday morning with "Overcoming Our Handicap" as his subject and in the evening another sermon equally fine on "The Value of A Man."

Several men of the church met at the parsonage last Thursday and reinforced the supports under the flue and installed coils in the furnace.

Announcements for next Sunday at the Methodist church are: Sunday school, 10 a. m., Allison Fletcher, Supt. Morning worship, 11 a. m.; sermon subject, "Prayer and Prayers." Epworth League, 7 p. m. Evening service, 8 p. m.; sermon subject, "The Power of a Noble Purpose." Rev. C. L. Dark, Minister.

Pupils and teachers of the grade school are preparing a program for the evening of February 21.

The men of the Methodist church are very quiet about the supper and program for February 22 but all interested are looking forward to this as one of the principal events of the year.

Mrs. W. N. Weber received a message Saturday which stated that her mother, Mrs. John T. Jones, had passed away at the family home in Dover, O. Mrs. Weber had visited her old home but once since coming to the northwest. Nine years have passed since this visit and Mrs. Weber intended going home for a visit soon. She has many friends in Odell who express sincerest sympathy.

The Odell club basketball team defeated the Bingen town team on the Bingen floor Wednesday, January 18, by a score of 39-23. The slippery condition of the Bingen floor almost proved too much for the Odellians. The first quarter ended with the score 8-1 in favor of the home team, but by the end of the half the lead had been cut to 13-10. Fast playing in the last half put the Odell team in a safe lead, and close checking kept the Bingen players from taking short shots. Harold Pemberton was again high point man, making 15 of the club's total. On Thursday night of this week the Lyle town team will be met on the Odell floor.

A. E. Jakku went to Portland Thursday and since that time has been under treatment at the Veterans' hospital. He suffered an attack of rheumatism. He returned home Monday night.

Mrs. J. E. Ferguson and Mrs. M. Hawthorne left Hood River by the 5.30 a. m. train Monday. Both women stopped in Portland. Mrs. Hawthorne also visited relatives in Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Fletcher went to Portland via O.-W. R. & N. Tuesday morning. They expect to return home Friday.

Mrs. L. A. E. Clark went to Portland Tuesday for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Nickerson.

Quite a number of Odell friends of the J. O. Cameron family attended the farewell party given for them Saturday night at Central Vale school house, and just here your correspondent wishes to say that Central Vale community is to be congratulated on having secured that fine new school house. The Camerons are to be at home soon in the McGuire property north of the old town of Odell.

Mr. and Mrs. Poul Hansen spent the day Tuesday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Krohn.

Mr. and Mrs. Krohn received five hundred baby chicks, Barred Rocks, on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. L. D. Boyed was a visitor in The Dalles one day last week.

After having spent the past several weeks in Portland Miss Grace M. Chambers motored home Friday. Evidently the trip home was anything but uneventful, but Miss Chambers arrived safely.

Mr. L. D. Boyd spent Monday in The Dalles.

A school clinic will be held at the grade school Friday, tomorrow, morning. Drs. Sifton and Black and Dr. Peterson, dentist, assisted by County Nurse Carlton will conduct the clinic. Members of the Health committee and other women of the community will assist.

Odell High School Notes

We were disappointed last Friday night when the Corbett basketball team arrived, for only the boys came. Nevertheless, we got some of the Odell grammar school girls together, and after dividing the teams so they were more evenly matched, the game went on. The high school girls were victors with a score of 11-7.—L. S.

Our girls had the opportunity of playing in Hood River's new gymnasium last Saturday night, but the floors were too slick, and our girls lost the game with a score of 8-17. However, we are looking forward to the game with Hood River to be played on our home floor in March.—E. D.

A return game with Corbett has been scheduled for February 15 at Corbett. —H. J.

Coach Henderson has ordered several plays from which he will select the play that is to be given after the basketball season. The plays are "Rival Ghosts", "Modern Ananals", "Dutch Detective" and "Captain Rackett". The cast will be chosen from both of the basketball squads.—H. J.

Another game has been added to our game schedule. The Dalles club team will play our boy steam on February 4 at Odell.—H. J.

Coach Henderson appointed a committee of five girls, with Rose Griffin as chairman, to prepare refreshments for the Corbett and Odell basketball teams last Friday evening. Everyone seemed to enjoy a social evening after the game.—R. G.

On account of the carnival, and the amount of school that has been missed, the semester examinations will be given February 8 and 9, instead of the regular time.—H. C.

The girls' basketball squad journeyed to Hood River Saturday evening to play the girls there. It was a good game and the teams were evenly matched. Odell came home with the small end of the score which was 8 to 17. We were handicapped by the difference in the size of the gym which was large and sleek. Many tumbles were taken; nevertheless no one got hurt.—E. I.

The basketball game between Corbett and Odell last Friday was very exciting. The Odell boys were beaten by a very small score. Twice the score was tied, and in the third quarter, Odell was in the lead by one point. But the Corbett boys seemed luckier, and the final score was 17 to 14.

Last Friday morning a little white slip was handed to the teachers with a list of the names of the basketball players. If any of these students had a grade of below 75% in some subjects, they were not allowed to appear in their suits. However, the grades permitted all of the basketball members to play.—M. S.

Next Friday night we play a return game with Parkdale at Parkdale. We promise you a good, fast game. They beat us last time, but never again, so, come on ye rooters, give a choo choo rah rah for Odell high.—M. S.

PARKDALE

Geo. Monroe received word from Portland last week that his sister, Harriet, had broken one of her legs.

Mrs. Walton and Mrs. L. H. Rose entertained the children of the Cradle Roll and their mothers at the home of Mrs. Walton last Friday afternoon.

Lottie Stewart is recovering from severe burns she received some time ago. She will soon be able to be about again.

Miss Lucile Carlson, one of the Cascade Locks teachers, spent the week end with her friend and former schoolmate, Mrs. Harold McIsaac.

The Women's Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Grieves on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Warren Gibbs was the leader.

The Parent-Teacher association will give a box and pie social in the near future for the benefit of the hot lunch fund. Watch for the date.

At a well attended meeting of the Apple Growers Association held in McIsaac's hall on Monday night, R. J. McIsaac, Victor C. Follenius and I. R. Acheson were the principal speakers. Quite a few visitors from the Lower Valley helped to swell the crowd.

Weather permitting, the high school teams will motor to Corbett next Saturday to play the teams of that near Portland high school.

Bill Sommer has received word from Chicago that his mother is well enough to leave the hospital and return home.

The last word received from the Hood River hospital is that both J. B. Doggett and Herman Meyers are steadily improving. Mrs. D. P. Elliott is also getting better.

Ed Krieg, contractor of Hood River, has bought the lumber and buildings of the Mt. Hood Milling Co. at Parkdale. He is wrecking the building and making it into firewood.

E. K. Reikman had the misfortune to lose his garage by fire last Saturday morning. The building was a two-story one with two rooms above and an office and garage below. Besides the loss of the building and the car, Mr. Reikman lost most of his papers and the usual office furniture. Only the car was insured.

Snow is falling a little every day and is now about 16 inches deep. Our roads are kept open and we are but little inconvenienced by the precipitation.

Orvle Thompson and Earl Newman bagged a couple of bear last week.

The first Sunday night program in the hall was well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. Those in charge of the program were well pleased with the response. Next Sunday night three short subjects will be shown: "Durable Souls", "Paul's Travels", and "As We Forgive".

At the church service next Sunday morning Rev. Scherer will preach another sermon on Peculiar People. The topic will be: "Hobby Horse Riders."

The senior class of young people in the Sunday school had eats at Mrs. Scherer's Tuesday evening and organized their class.

Several are planning to attend the Community Leaders' Training conference at Hood River this week.

Parkdale School Notes

A worthy son of the old sod fell from a tenth story building. Dropping past a fifth story window he shouted to a frantic spectator of the fall, "Everything is fine so far." His optimism was the fruit of a sound philosophy. Two weeks ago the Parkdale grade school passed the half way station. Last week the high school reached midway; and like the Hibernian's fall everything is going well so far.

The pupils show a wholesome sense of humor and loyalty toward the school. Work is generally being well done. The health of the children has been gratifying. We had a minor epidemic of chicken pox; but that passed quickly. In athletics we are establishing the best records that the Parkdale schools have ever had. One might argue that basketball is promoting scholarship for the strongest students —especially in the upper classes—are the stars in the games. Teachers are happy in their work and delightful in their associations with the children. No teacher has lost any time on account of personal illness. The teachers and patrons are finding a fine congeniality.

The school board has managed well. Expenses are not only being kept well within but gratifyingly under the budget. With an increase in attendance of fifteen per cent over last year the high school is actually operating at a lower outlay and will show at the end of the year the lowest per day pupil cost of any one of the four high schools in Hood River county.

Pupils and teachers are charged with the care of approximately $35,000 worth of property. A careful survey would show this property to be in as good condition as it was when school opened. Some time ago the Outlook magazine had a series of five profound articles under the caption, "Who Broke the Window?" This question has not given our schools much trouble this year. At the high school a boy broke a pane of glass. He reported the breakage immediately and paid the cost of replacement—thirty-five cents. At the grade school a little girl fell against a door and broke a pane of glass. The district paid for this—twenty-five cents; and twenty-five cents is the total cost to the district of broken windows. And there are 1308 panes of glass in both buildings—count them. Now you tell one.

The Parent-Teacher association has assured the management of the hot lunches for the grade school. Mrs. Saling is doing the cooking and the children smack their lips over soups and other appetizing dishes.

John Lassen and M. Shearer are giving the best transportation the district has ever had. The busses are comfortable and the service is regular.

Clyde Perkins is caretaker of the buildings and school properties. Clyde does his work well and commands the respect of both the teachers and students.

There is an effort in the part of all to have the schools progress harmoniously and efficiently. If we had a cat or a dog or any other school mascot we would want it to be good, to be happy, and to have become more intelligent.

Louise Parker, Lavern Hatfield and Harold Booth have registered in high school this second semester. Louise was in the freshman and Lavern was in the junior class last year. Harold Booth was a member of the senior class of last year. They are interesting young people and we welcome their return.

Saturday night Parkdale high played a practice game with Hood River high and were beaten by a score of 26-17.—M. W.

Eleanor Halliday, one of the star players on the girls' basketball team, was back to school to take some of her examinations last Friday after a week's absence from school on account of a bruised leg. She was hurt while sliding on a toboggan.—M. W.

The enrollment of the high school is gradually increasing. This week 83 students are enrolled in the high school. This is just about twice the enrollment when the seniors were freshmen. There were 40 students five years ago.—F. D.

Friday night, January 27, the Parkdale basketball teams play Odell at Parkdale. The teams are practicing hard every night and the coaches are working with them. They are all working to win. Parkdale high school believes that it can show the public clever playing; and we hope the game will be well attended, as the support of the people helps the teams to win.—E. L.

This week is the beginning of the second semester. Many students heaved sighs of relief when final examinations drew to a close. Successful work was carried on in most of the classes and all feel they have accomplished something even if their work was not what it should be.—M. S.

The chemistry class will have some new equipment for the next semester. It now has ready to use a fume chest and another sink. Mr. McDonald says these will be quite necessary as well as more convenient for working out various experiments.—M. R.

The Parkdale high school is going to give an operetta in March. The title of it is "The Gypsy Rover." Miss Johnston, the glee club teacher, is managing it alone and has been practicing on it for two weeks. The operetta is a story of a young gypsy lad who falls in love with a girl of high social standing. The girl is engaged to a lord, but after she meets and falls in love with the gypsy she refuses to marry the lord. Her father thinks it a disgrace for her to have anything to do with a gypsy when—well you think about what developed and when the time comes, go see the operetta and find out what happened to the gypsy lad and his society lover.—F. D.

PINE GROVE

One of the best programs presented at social Grange for some time was presented by the Camp Fire girls of Pine Grove and the Hood River group, directed by Mrs. Don McLeod, last Saturday evening. An explanation of Camp Fire work, given by Mrs. McLeod and some of her girls, was enjoyed. Peppy Camp Fire songs and stories and a forest setting by Camp Fire juniors and the Hood River girls were thoroughly enjoyed. The girls in Miss Thomsen's group deserve great credit for the manner in which they presented their play.

Mrs. Edw. Hawkes recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Battey and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battey of Wenatchee and Miss Jennie Adams of Hood River.

Miss Beatrice Murphy, a nurse in the Medical school hospital in Portland, spent the week end with Mrs. Clare Bickford.

The Amicus club will be entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Mary Fletcher today.

Miss Leona Finch, who has been at home for a short vacation, returned to Portland Saturday.

Mrs. John Mohr and son, Tony, spent two days in Portland last week.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Fred Mack Friday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Hoke of Bingen is visiting Mrs. F. H. Kingdon.

Miss Alberta Volstorff of Hood River spent the week end with Lenore Lage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Page, who had been in California for two months, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. Morell is spending some time in Portland and her family is being cared for by Mr. Morell's mother, Mrs. Brown, of Seattle.

Potatoes are needed for the hot lunches at school.

Friends of Mrs. Andrew Stricker surprised her last Saturday evening in celebration of her birthday.

Miss Goldie Wells, who has been in California for some time, has returned home.

Encouraging reports have been received from F. W. Radford, ill in a hospital at Yakima, Wash.

Mrs. Alva Smith is visiting friends in Portland.

A good program has been arranged for the Community Institute, February 3, 4 and 5. Of special interest will be an Oregon pageant by the school Friday evening and a talk of interest to orchardists by Dr. Cooley of Washington, D. C., at 10.30 Saturday morning. A full program will appear next week.

CENTRAL VALE

Forrest Sylvester of Oklahoma is spending several days visiting his brother, C. D. Sylvester, in the H. A. Sylvester home. He is on his way to California which he expects to make his future home.

Saturday evening about seventy friends gathered in the new school auditorium to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron and family who expect soon to leave our community. A most delightful time was spent in playing games and visiting, after which delicious refreshments were served. All voted the party, which was sponsored by the M. and D. club, a real success. The committee in charge were Mrs. L. E. Allen, Mrs. O. H. Hill and Mrs. H. A. Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sheppard and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sheppard and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sheppard and Mrs. Job Sheppard spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Allen and enjoyed an afternoon of coasting.

Lloyd Moss returned to Medford on Wednesday of last week after spending several weeks in the home of his parents. He motored here before the holidays and on account of the storm stayed two weeks longer than he had intended.

Mrs. Ray Gibson's mother, Mrs. McMillan, is spending some time with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson were at The Dalles last week, Mrs. Hanson remaining several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Weber.

The M. and D. club will meet Thursday, February 2, at the home of Mrs. May Fletcher with Mrs. F. Clark assistant hostess.

The P.-T. A. will meet at the school house Monday evening, January 30. If nothing precents there will be moving pictures. All are cordially invited.

MOUNT HOOD

W. T. Wyatt and Job Naldredt were business visitors at Hood River last Tuesday.

The Parent-Teacher association has chosen "The Poor Married Man", a comedy, as the play to be presented in February.

Paul Aubert had some teeth pulled last week and was sick for several days.

Several from here attended the movie, "The Fool", at Parkdale Sunday night.

The Parent-Teacher association held a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Webb Halliday (Helen Aubert) at the school house Friday afternoon. A Tom Thumb wedding was one number on the program. The guests were seated around two long tables which were decorated with pink streamers and bouquets of pink roses. On the bridge table the centerpiece was a two tier angel food cake decorated in pink, which she cut. The refreshments were sandwiches, pickles, dark cake and light cake and coffee. Covers were laid for thirty-six. The committee in charge of the affair was Mrs. C. H. Shaw, Mrs. W. T. Wyatt, and Mrs. W. M. Rush.

Old fashioned dance at Rockford NEXT week, Friday, February 3.

BELMONT

Social Grange with good program this Friday evening. New members especially are urged to attend.

Mr. Forrey went to Portland on Wednesday of last week and brought his car home over the Columbia River highway.

Miss Ila Loomis and her cousin, Loren Humphrey, went to Portland by train Friday and returned with Miss Ila's car. She is located in Hood River now, employed at the Hood River Drug Co.

Current Events club meets next Tuesday with Mrs. J. T. Downing.

Geo. Palmiter is in Idaho and eastern Oregon attending to Grange work.

We regret to learn of the coasting accident to George Okamura and Roy Gallaway.

MOSIER

C. F. and W. A. Husbands, Emily Husbands, Mr. Jones and Frank Middleswart motored to Hood River on Monday.

Mrs. W. A. Marsh was in Hood River Wednesday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Middleswart.

E. W. Davidhizar spent the past week in The Dalles attending court, being on the jury.

The winter sports have been rather varied the past week. Skating was good for several days, when the weather man thought the young folks needed a change, so he sent a fine snow storm of just the right kind which made coasting the best ever and both old and young are enjoying it.

Miss Ethel Brainard spent the week end in Portland visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Taggesell gave a bridge party last Thursday evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. James Cherry carried home both ladies' and gentlemen's prize for high scores.

Thursday evening Mrs. W. A. Marsh gave a party at her home. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing.

A. C. Holmes was called to The Dalles on Friday as a witness in the case of F. A. Ripley, who is being tried for the killing of Mitsuko Nukamoto last September. The verdict of the jury was 8 to 4 for acquittal.

Miss Lourine Dunsmore spent several days recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. Guy Duvall.

Miss Emily Husbands, who has been home for the past three weeks having dental work done, returned to her school at Wendling Saturday.

Mrs. James Johnson received word her father was very ill and she left Saturday morning for Globe, Or., to be at his bedside.

C. A. Hage received word Sunday of the death of Mrs. Nell Wilson in Portland. Mrs. Wilson spent a time in Mosier over a year ago as companion of Mrs. Eugenia Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Riegal of Berkeley, Calif., were guests of Mrs. W. A. Marsh over the week end.

Our girls' basketball team went to Hood River Friday evening and played the high school team. They won the game by a score of 38 to 14. Mosier is very proud of this team and feels much credit is due their coach, Miss Clara Gehnert.

The dance Saturday evening given by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs was well attended and enjoyed by all. Those who did not care to dance spent an enjoyable evening playing cards.

We are very pleased to note that the trees along the Columbia River highway between here and Hood River are to be preserved instead of being made into cordwood, as the state has purchased the land from the Indians for a park, thus saving nature's beauty to be admired by all who pass over the Columbia River highway.

R. J. Scearce spent several days in Portland during the week. Mr. Harding was in the bank during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Allington were dinner guests of C. A. Hage Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Camp and daughters, Hattie and Marjory, were in Hood River Sunday visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Moore.

Earl and Orval Bailey spent the week end here with their families, returning to their work Sunday at Horn's mill.

Mrs. F. A. Allington was in The Dalles Monday.

The high school students give a program at the end of each month. Last Friday Miss McClure was the sponsor of the entertainment.

Bill Olsen was up from Portland spending a few days with his family.

The Cascade Locks basketball team played our boys here on Friday evening, winning the game by a large score.

STEVENSON

(From Skamania County Pioneer)

W. R. Price, of the Carson Mercantile company and member of the county game commission, was badly hurt last week when he lost his footing on the icy slopes of Bear creek and slid several hundred feet down the side of the mountain, crashing into a tree where he received a badly bruised shoulder and a severe shock. Mr. Price in company with Warden Ziegler and Frank Wachter were in the Bear creek country north of Carson recovering the carcasses of several female deer which some unprincipled killers had hung up in the woods there.

The past week has witnessed a substantial increase in the weekly take of eggs at the Washington state salmon hatcheries. The total take of eggs in all districts from April 1, 1927, to December 31, exceeded one hundred million, and the week ending January 7 shows a take of over seven and one-half million, the majority being of the silver variety. The total eggs taken during the past year follows: Chinooks, 42,174,900; silvers, 36,798,600; pinks, 8,310,500; chums, 17,377,500; steelheads, 3,575,100. About 90% of the humpbacks or pink salmon go to British Clumbia to spawn. The water condition in practically all of the streams on which the state hatcheries are located have been unusually hard to combat this year, but have on the other hand provided excellent natural migration conditions for the fish in the streams. The reports from all localities indicate satisfactory seeding of these streams.

Carson venison is rather an expensive luxury and the same kind of food at Ryan-Allen mill camp is also a costly tit-bit as two illicit killers found out last week. Game Warden Ziegler arrested Tom Monaghan of Carson for killing deer out of season week before last and the result of the trial before Judge Kirby placed his "hunting trip" as worth $250 and deprived him of the juicy venison roasts he had broken the law to get. It is said several other men were implicated but Monaghan would not divulge their names if he knew. Zenn Wilson was also taken in the toils of the law for the same offense and after pleading guilty paid his fine and costs and promised to sin no more. These are the first convictions in the county this year. When Warden Ziegler, W. R. Price and Frank Wachter went into the Bear creek country to get the deer carcass confiscated from T. L. Monaghan they found two other does hanging in the same vicinity and brought them in. Warden Ziegler says he does not know who was responsible for the killing.

MUNICIPAL HYDRO PLANT

(By A. J. Derby)

"A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." In this connection, I took occasion to forecast last week that the unintentional oversight of the power company was about to be voluntarily corrected by it; if not now, probably as soon as "Ford production" is well under way, and the new $40,000,000 capitalization of our company is polished off nicely.

Under a San Francisco date line of the 18th, we read that four of the major power companies serving southern Oregon and California have petitioned the Railroad Commission of California for a reduction in rates for electric energy sold by them. These companies did a gross business during 1926 of $48,889,800, and the suggested saving to the consumers is tentatively placed at $5,000,000 annually. The reason given for this action on the part of the companies is that they feel it is far better to sell lots of electricity at a comparatively low price than less electricity at a comparatively high price. Most of us will admit that the operation is decidedly less painful to the consumer and probably more profitable to the companies.

The first debate in the mid-Columbia district on the question of whether the state should provide for the ownership and control of hydro-electric resources takes place at the high school on February 1. Some weeks ago I offered a small cash prize to the winning team in the district contest, and asked the power company to join in a like amount on the theory of mutual interest in the matter, but have not had the pleasure of an affirmative answer. Some vague suggestion on the part of the company that a loving cup be offered instead of a cash prize was made. It has also been suggested that said cup bear on its outer surface two gentlemen clasping left hands, standing on the edge of a kilowatt, but of course I did not feel like consenting to any other than a right handed clasp; so the matter rests. It has been a hard winter on the company, and I cannot find it reasonable to criticise.

The age of miracles has not passed. We read in sacred history that the Master turned water into wine at a wedding feast, when the supply became exhausted. In this latter day, we see the power companies turning water into dividends with comparative ease.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES

(From Apple City Progress)

A special committee appointed by President Scott to consider the conditions of the streets in Hood River during the recent snow storm and if deemed advisable to make recommendations, met last Monday and made the following recommendation.

"This committee recommends that in case of a snow storm in the future, at any time, the city take such steps as are necessary to keep snow plows running night and day, if necessary.

"We recommend that some one be given ample authority to take full charge of this work to see that something definite is accomplished.

"We recommend that efforts be made to haul all snow from intersections in business district.

"We recommend that business houses be instructed to shovel snow from the roofs of their places of business to the rear of their property whenever possible, and that if snow is shoveled to the street, the business houses shall remove such snow at their expense.

"If these recommendations are followed, we feel full cooperation will be given by the business men, whom we represent."

This report was presented to the council last Monday night by President Scott.

The personnel of the committee was N. C. Coulter, H. Gross, E. A. Franz, Earl Shank, R. McRae and R. B. Perigo. C. M. Hurlburt was appointed but was unable to attend the meeting.

The council expressed their appreciation to the chamber for their cooperation. A motion that the report be accepted and placed on file was passed by the council.

Books on public speaking now in the library through courtesy of Mrs. Waite, librarian:

Hoffman—Public Speaking for Business Men.
Kammeyer—Principles and Practice of Public Speaking.
Lockwood—Public Speaking Today.
Mosher—Effective Public Speaking.
Phillips—Effective Speaking.
Robinson—Effective Public Speaking.
West—Purposive speaking.
Winter—Public Speaking.
Fernald—Expressive English.
Palmer—Self-Cultivation in English.
Everts—Speaking Voice.
Kleiser—Helpful Hints on Speaking.
Kleiser — "Impromptu", or How to Think on Your Feet.
Kleiser— Phrases for Public Speakers and Paragraphs for Study.
Winter—Public Speaking, Principles and Practice.

Another public speaking class was organized last week making a total of sixty-two men now interested and including truck drivers, clerks, county officials, lumbermen, merchants, business managers, dentists, bankers, newspaper men, farmers, ministers and in fact every line of business except attorneys are represented. This goes to show that there should be no embarrassment on any one's part in signing up for a class. We are sure that Ray Conway of the Oregon State Motor Association had no idea of the results that were to come from his little talk of two years ago when he gave an outline of how to organize a class in Hood River.

We wish to express our appreciation of the interest Mrs. Waite, librarian, is taking in our classes and for her cooperation. We also appreciate the cooperation of the state librarian, who has expressed her interest in the success of our classes and her desire to cooperate in any way possible. Mrs. Waite has secured from the state library a shelf of books on public speaking for the use of members of the classes.

An effort will be made to keep the classes already organized intact as much as possible. Results are not as satisfactory when a man comes into a class after two or three meetings, so any one interested will be required to attend a meeting where the whys and wherefores are explained before being assigned to a class. Provisions will be made to accommodate any one else that might be interested. They are asked to talk with the secretary.

The agriculture committee of the chamber met for lunch last week. At the time of calling the meeting the chairman had no good reason for doing so. It soon developed however, that there is an alarming situation confronting Hood River valley with reference to the county fruit inspector. The last legislature passed a law which prohibits the county fruit inspector from receiving more than $5 per day, with an additional ten cents per mile for auto hire. It is the opinion of the agricultural committee that Hood River will be unable to secure the services of a competent fruit inspector for that salary. It is true, as has often been said, there are a number of men in Hood River willing to take the job for that salary but the committee is of the opinion that any man who would take the job for that salary would not be competent or he would not find it necessary to work for such a low salary. The county fruit inspector's office has been and will continue to be an important office. On his judgment decisions affecting the entire valley are made and now that Hood River has a government man studying the perennial canker and with some of our orchards being sadly neglected on account of the spray residue problem, a man with good judgment and fearlessness is needed to use and enforce the police power given the fruit inspector. The committee finds that the Traffic association would be unwilling to do away with government inspection of cars. There is nothing the county court can do to help solve the situation as they will be obliged to follow the law. The agricultural committee and a committee from the Traffic association will give the matter further consideration.

The industrial committee of the chamber met last week to consider several matters. They favored the city's donating a tract of land on the west side of the city's auto park. It is the opinion of the industrial committee that the location of a shop, on this tract, would tend to make this the headquarters for the mainenance crews of the commission. This would insure steady employment for approximately nine families, would center the equipment near Hood River which would insure quick action in cases of emergency, and might lead to something even more desirable. The committee appeared before the city council last Monday night with their recommendations. President Scott was asked to see if a release could be secured from the Batchelders so the city could give the state the necessary title to the lot.

The industrial committee also voiced its opinion to the council that it still was of the opinion that the city made a good buy when it purchased the city auto park and was opposed to its sale.

There was more consideration on the possibilities of securing a pulp mill, and also of securing at least one of the two large canneries to be built in Oregon during the coming year by the Reid Murdock & Co. The committee will do what it can to interest these two industries.

Several came to us for further information after the article that appeared in last week's issue with reference to the effect of the proposed $3 auto license. Figures are often not interesting but every taxpayer should know the results in case the proposed measure to reduce the license fee on automobiles is passed. Petitions to have the measure appear on the ballot are now being circulated so it is a question that demands your attention.

The following figures were compiled by the state highway department, and shows what the income from each class of auto was during the year 1926 and what it would have been under the proposed law:

	Collected 1926	Under Proposed Measure
Passenger Cars	$4,489,979.72	$ 639,138.00
Stages and Busses	79,621.25	79,621.25
Commercial Cars	69,068.28	69,068.28
Trucks and Trailers	843,910.99	843,910.43
Motorcycles Dealers Chauffeurs Operators Transfers Etc.	175,179.25	169,311.00
Total	$6,017,759.49	$1,801,049.52

The difference between the amount collected for the year 1926 and what would have been collected under the proposed law is $4,216,709.97.

There is no provision made to take care of the deficit which is required to maintain the highways, operate a sinking fund and pay the interest on the highway bonds. Your money that has been spent on the highways would soon be wasted unless the highways are maintained.

Dance, Pine Grove Grange hall, Tuesday evening, February 14. Masquerade.

Notice of Auction Sale

The old Central Vale school house and contents, consisting of stoves and other articles, will be sold at auction at 2 p. m. Tuesday, February 7.

By order of the Board of Directors of School District No. 13.

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