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LANE COUNTY FINISHES 1934 GOOD CONDITION

Warrant Indebtedness Is Reduced Despite Piling Delinquency in Taxes.

Lane county came through 1934 in good financial condition, and at the beginning of 1935 the county finds itself in a sound condition, according to figures announced by Fred Fisk, county judge. On January 1, 1934, Lane county had outstanding warrants of \$173,021.26, while outstanding warrants of January 1, 1935, amounted to \$127,805.31. As an offset to these outstanding warrants there are delinquent and unpaid taxes amounting to \$2,073,916.43. About 50 per cent of this amount belongs to Lane county, the remainder to cities and schools.

The 1933 tax roll was \$2,010,112.91. Taxes collected amounted to \$1,180,780.48, leaving \$829,332.43 unpaid. On the 1932 tax roll there remains \$589,072.06. On the 1931 roll there remains \$454,877.12, and there is \$200,634.82 delinquent on the 1930 roll.

"Notwithstanding these heavy tax delinquencies, Lane county is on a sound financial basis, the judge said. "County warrants are in demand and are readily cashable at par. With poor tax collections, it is imperative that we do without many things that the county could have if collections were better. We realize that many cannot pay their taxes. The county court is using every endeavor possible to keep expenditures to the minimum."

Nineteen thirty-four is the first year that the old age pension law has been in operation in Lane county. During the year 813 applications for pensions were given out. Of these 567 blanks have been returned. From applications returned 385 pensions are being paid, 28 applications are pending, 47 pensioners have died, 6 have been allowed and later discontinued, 4 have been withdrawn and 97 have been denied. The average pension is \$9.56.

Rain Doesn't Bother Cottage Grove

Cottage Grove escaped the inconveniences of recent extremely wet weather that troubled various other cities. The river here hardly raised, due in large part, no doubt, to work in blasting out reefs that was done during the past year.

While rain was falling here, snow fell in the mountains and the Bohemia district is well blanketed.

Big Bill Wins Turkey.

Big Bill Zimmerly maintained his position as top sergeant of the Cottage Grove Golf club by walking off with the prize in a turkey shoot held Sunday. With a handicap of six he covered the 18 holes with five of his strokes left, while those with 14, 16 and 20 used all of theirs. A score of one over par on an extremely wet course was an unusually good one. Crip Morelock with an eight handicap and Ray Trask, with a 14 handicap, each reached the eighteenth green.

Messiah Is Presented.

A capacity audience greeted the presentation Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church of Handel's Messiah by the Central Presbyterian church of Eugene under the direction of Mrs. Edna Pearson. Following the presentation the visitors and choir members of the church here were entertained by the ladies' aid society of the church. There was group singing by the two choirs and refreshments were served.

Boy Scouts Distribute Baskets.

A news story published last week telling of the distribution of Christmas baskets to the needy overlooked boy scouts who assisted in the distribution. One scout accompanied each car used for the distribution. The scouts can always be depended upon to be doing something in connection with any civic move.

New Ford Is Here.

O. E. Woodson, accompanied by a brother and a nephew, L. W. Woodson and J. L. Woodson, visitors from Stanford, Tex., returned Friday from Seattle with a new Ford car for the Woodson garage.

New Year Receives Royal Welcome

The new year had no reason to doubt the cordiality of its welcome in Cottage Grove.

Various watch parties were held over the city, in churches and at private residences, and there were at least three dances. An orderly crowd jammed the armory for the American Legion's frolic. Members of the Lions club entertained their wives at dinner at Hotel Bartell and later held a dance in Swanston hall. The dinner table was centered with a snow scene. Eagles held a dance in I. O. O. F. hall.

Balladeers Will Give Concert Soon

The Balladeers, under the direction of Mrs. Edna V. Pearson of Eugene and sponsored by the Keepers of the Den, will present a concert Sunday, January 20, the place to be announced later. Proceeds will be used to buy milk for undernourished school children.

The Balladeers will present a concert at 3 o'clock Sunday in the Drain community hall and the following Sunday, January 13, will assist in the annual candlelight service at the Central Presbyterian church in Eugene.

Lighting 2,500 Years Ago in Exhibit

Twenty-five centuries of progress in lighting is shown in an exhibit which will be at the office of the Mountain States Power company Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The exhibit is valued at \$6,000 and methods of lighting as far back as 600 years before the birth of Christ will be shown and each change from the grease cups of biblical times down to the three-light electric bulb of today will be exhibited.

Lions Expect to Take Shedd Friday

The Lions, high school basketball team, will meet the Shedd high school five here Friday evening. Since their two defeats by Lebanon the Lions have been strengthening their tactics and are determined to take Shedd into camp.

Advertisers make a newspaper.

Pioneer Footprints

Walling's History of Lane County, published in 1884, gives the following data relative to the Cottage Grove country:

Coast Fork Settlements.

The first settlement in the vicinity of the Coast Fork of the Willamette river, of which we have been able to learn was that of James Chapin, who crossed the plains to Oregon in the spring of that year and coming direct to Lane county, after remaining some time in the vicinity of the present site of Eugene City, in November, 1847, came to the donation claim he had taken up in the early part of the year, near where Latham now is, and where he still resides. In the spring of 1848, A. Coryell and his son Louis settled at a point near the confluence of the Coast and Middle forks, while, in the same year Mr. Wells and family, with his brother-in-law, Dan Cook, pitched their tent on the ground where since has grown the town of Cottage Grove. We have also learned that in 1849 a Mr. French located on a portion of the land now occupied by the village, and that save these, there were no other settlements in the district until 1851. In that year R. Jones settled near Cloverdale and there built a grist-mill—among the very first in the county—and which served its purpose for a considerable period. This gentleman is now a resident of Umatilla county. About the same time Caleb Colvin came to a claim where the village of Creswell now stands, while on another portion of the site came R. Tracy, and the ground now occupied by W. J. J. Scott was taken possession of by a Mr. Miller. In 1852, William Curren, John Cooley and Alexand-

Sentinel's Editorials Complimented

Cottage Grove, Ore., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Too often we forget to mention to others the things they do that please us, although we seldom forget to mention the things that displease. Some time ago I resolved to write a letter complimenting your editorial column and policy. As a new year is about to begin is a good time to put my resolution into effect.

I admire your editorials mostly because of the manifest attempt in all of them to be sincere and fair. Many of them are forceful, but I do not recollect any that have been abusive. The right of the other fellow to his opinion is observed. Many of them are convincingly analytical, but your criticism of those with whom you disagree is so kindly that it should leave no sting. I have noticed this attitude particularly in your political discussions, which seldom, if ever, even border on the caustic.

The clean humor which often breaks into your writings makes them entertaining, while the easy style and English used in your discussions is always such that I find those with which I do not fully agree at least entertaining and informative.

Your understanding attitude toward the veterans and their affairs is one which many of us deeply appreciate.

I feel that Cottage Grove is fortunate in having a newspaper that has a reputation far beyond its borders. May the new year deal kindly and fairly with you.

H. K. METCALF.

Eastern Star Installs.

The following were installed Friday evening by the Eastern Star: W. M., Mrs. Vinal Randall; W. P., Joe Smith; A. M., Mrs. Clyde Roberts; A. P., E. R. Lemley; C. Mrs. C. E. Umphrey; A. C., Mrs. Charles Hall; secretary, Mrs. L. L. Harrel; treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Trask; chaplain, Miss Eunice VanDenberg; marshal, Miss Maxine Lemley; organist, Mrs. A. W. Shofstall; Ada, Mrs. Fred Bressler; Ruth, Mrs. Frank Galdabini; Esther, Miss Helen Olsen; Martha, Mrs. Donnell Allen; Electa, Mrs. John Kelly; warder, Mrs. George Jacobsen; sentinel, L. L. Harrel.

Following installation the time was spent socially and refreshments of hot dinner sandwiches, pie and coffee were served by the men.

Chambers Mill Again In Operation

The big J. H. Chambers & Son mill resumed operation Tuesday, after having been down for several weeks because of having used its quota of hours of the last quarter of the year. With a larger quota of hours for the first quarter of the new year, operation may be considerably heavier than for the quarter that is past.

The big W. A. Woodard plant will not resume before the middle of the month.

Nearly Two Thousand Attend Church

There were 1,922 in attendance at seven Cottage Grove churches Sunday, when a three-month attendance campaign closed. This was 990 less than attended the previous Sunday, when Christmas programs were given, but was the second largest attendance in the three months' period. The largest attendance was on Christmas Sunday with 2,919 and the smallest on November 4 with 1,451. Average attendance was 1,840.

League to Give Program.

The South Lane Game Protective league will have charge of the program for the annual meeting of the chamber of commerce Tuesday evening and speakers will tell of the work of the league and plans for the future. The meeting will be at Hotel Bartell.

A complete corps of officers is to be elected and annual reports will be given.

A. R. Grund Dies.

A. R. Grund of San Francisco, who came here several months ago and made plans to become interested in property in Bohemia, died Sunday at a Eugene hospital after an illness of several weeks. Death followed an operation. The body was taken to Portland for cremation and the ashes have been shipped to relatives in St. Louis.

Laundry Changes Hands.

The Cottage Grove Laundry has been taken over and is being managed by John Wirth of Klamath Falls, son of the former owner and manager, J. D. Wirth, also of Klamath Falls.

Frank, Bill and Ted Collins, who operated the laundry for a number of years, have opened a laundry and dry cleaning plant at 418 Main street.

Rev. Shaw Goes to Nebraska.

Rev. I. G. Shaw of the Christian church will leave Monday for Gering, Neb., to conduct revival meetings and expects to be gone three weeks or longer. Mrs. Shaw will leave the same day for Bend to visit at the homes of two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Scott and Mrs. G. G. Moore.

December Is Wet Month.

December was one of the wettest months on record here with precipitation of 7.23 inches. There was also a trace of snow. Temperatures were as follows: mean maximum, 48.2; mean minimum, 36.5; mean, 37.3; maximum, 30. There were 5 clear days, 7 partly cloudy and 19 cloudy.

SAGINAW.

Jan. 1.—Mary and Edward Bryant are spending the holidays with relatives at Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Reed and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Reed's mother, Mrs. Crandall of Eugene.

Fern Fry spent several days last week in Eugene visiting relatives.

The Dewey Fogle family of Sweet Home spent one night last week at the Lowell Benston home.

The Jack Fox family of Culp Creek spent Christmas at the Charles Fox home.

Boyd Fry and Albert Puls are spending several days at the Carl Puls home at Black Butte.

The Lowell Benston family were supper guests at the Claude Willey home in Cottage Grove Friday evening.

Christmas day guests at the M. G. Fry home were the Carl Puls family of Black Butte, Mickey and Neil Fry of Eugene and the Brown family.

F. T. Benston spent Christmas with his son Elwin in Eugene.

George Conley was home from his mine on Sharps creek Tuesday of last week. Lewis Conley returned to the mines with him.

Alva Hibbard of Roseburg is spending several days at his home. The Bill Sharon family of Trent spent one day last week at the C. H. Sharon home.

CORN-HOG PROGRAM TO START FEBRUARY

Contracts Are Simplified and Several Restrictions Have Been Removed.

The second corn-hog campaign in Oregon, to give growers an opportunity to sign up for the 1935 adjustment program, will probably get under way soon after February 1, announces Frank L. Ballard, vice-director of the extension service.

The new contracts, which growers may sign or not as they choose, are much more simple than the first ones. In general the new plan follows the old one, but it varies as to rate of reduction and benefit compensation, and as to crop restrictions. Growers who signed the 1934 contract will use their already established base but will need to reduce their hog production only 10 per cent instead of 25 per cent. The benefit payments will be \$15 a head on the number represented by this 10 per cent, instead of \$5 a head on the 75 per cent allowed to be produced in 1934.

Corn acreage need be only 10 per cent under the established base though it may be cut 30 per cent, the maximum for which payment was made last year. Benefit payments will be at the rate of 35 cents a bushel instead of 30 cents. Both corn and hog benefit payments will be made in two installments instead of three.

Restrictions are removed on what was formerly called contracted corn acreage, as are restrictions on use of other crop land or livestock. No one who has gone out of the corn or hog business since the base was established may sign the 1935 contracts, as a ruling has been made that benefit payments will not be made where less than 25 per cent of the base in either case was produced in 1934, unless the failure was outside the growers' control. Growers who did not sign the 1934 contracts may sign the new ones, however.

The AAA officials announce that unless some production control is continued through 1935, history would likely repeat itself and an excessive corn crop would be produced following a drought year, which in turn would demoralize the hog industry in which marketing conditions are much improved.

Nearly Half Children In 4-H Clubs

Enrollment of rural children in 4-H clubs in Lane county for 1934 reached the astonishing total of 46.4 per cent of the school census. This is outstanding for the state, and possibly for the nation, according to R. C. Kuehner, county club agent. The county has 341 clubs with a total membership of 2,510.

The boys and girls of the clubs showed a profit of \$6,533.43 on their projects for the year.

Sewing Club Is Organized.

"The Sewing Four," 4-H sewing club, has been organized at the Cedars school with the following officers: President, June Bolton; vice president, Lorene Lathrop; secretary, Viola Allen; treasurer, Jessie Brown. Florene Franklin is leader.

I HAVE CLUBS JUST LIKE BOBBY JONES USES, CLOTHES LIKE WALTER HAGEN, BALLS LIKE TOMMY ARMOUR SHOTS, TEES LIKE BILL MELHORUS, I USE THE SAME GRIP AS GEORGE DUNBAR, STAND LIKE JOE KIRKWOOD AND PLAY GOLF LIKE SOMEBODY'S BLIND GRANDMOTHER. I GOODYE, BOYS, I'M THROUGH!



Ray Trask had a bad day Sunday.