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Two Tigard Men Confess To Murders

Laboissiere Tells Story of Poisoning; Gets Life In State Prison

State Police Help

Sheriff Finds Knife After Welch Relates Killing

Pleading guilty to second degree murder two days after he had confessed to poisoning Peter M. Boose at Tigard November 18, Henry Laboisiere was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary Saturday by Circuit Judge George R. Bagley. He was brought before the court on a first degree murder charge, but his plea of guilty to the lesser crime was accepted by both the district attorney and the judge.

Solutions in the two recent murders in Washington county were reached Thursday when Henry Laboissiere, 73, confessed to poisoning Peter M. Boose November 18, and Aubrey Welch, 39, told the story of the double slaying of his wife and daughter December 26. Both tragedies occurred at Tigard. Laboissiere and Welch are now being held on charges of murder in the county jail here.

Bottle Caps Marked

That Boose had accused him of giving information to federal agents which led to a raid on the Boose home, was the motive given to state police by Laboissiere, Tualatin wood cutter, for giving Boose a bottle of poisoned beer. He added that he had prepared a second bottle of liquor with the same deadly dose of strychnine for William Fisher, another neighbor. It is believed that Laboissiere carried a grudge against Fisher because the latter had attempted to get him to deed over his property.

Laboissiere stated that he removed the caps from two pint bottles of beer, dropped in the poison, replaced the caps and scratched a cross on them to distinguish them from unpoisoned beer. One of these he handed to Boose to take to the field with him and the other he intended to leave in a conspicuous place where Fisher would find it. The peculiar scratchings on the bottle caps proved instrumental in the arrest of Laboissiere as state police determined that the marks had been made with the knife carried by Laboissiere, according to J. W. Connell, sheriff.

Boose, who resided on a small farm near the Tualatin river bridge on the Newberg highway, was seeding grain a mile from his home on November 18 when he became violently ill and died. An autopsy indicated that death had resulted from strychnine poisoning in a bottle of beer from which he had been drinking.

State Police Aid

State police investigating the mystery upon the call of Sheriff Connell discovered the peculiar markings on the cap from the bottle used by Boose. They later found a similarly marked cap at Laboissiere's home. Hours of questioning brought the full confession.

Laboissiere made his confession in Portland and was returned to the county jail here by Sheriff Connell.

Welch Tells Story

Charged with the murder of his wife and eight-year-old daughter, Welch, Tigard overseas veteran, related to county officials Thursday the story of the double killing the day after Christmas. He also told where he had hidden the knife with which he is accused of slashing his wife's throat and of stabbing his daughter.

Welch stated that he returned from Portland, where he had been visiting with a friend, Ed Quaddy, at about 6 o'clock in the evening. He was standing by the sink in the kitchen drinking when his wife began scolding him. He apparently flew into a rage and struck her with the knife. According to his

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Nation Mourns

Ex-President Calvin Coolidge died at his home at Northampton, Mass., today of a heart attack.

Coolidge Dies At Home Today

Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth president of the United States, died at his home in Northampton, Mass., at noon today of a heart attack. He had gone to his office in the morning, but had been suffering from indigestion. The ex-president was found dead in bed by Mrs. Coolidge, who had been out shopping.

He was elevated to the presidency on the death of President Harding on August 2, 1923. Born July 4, 1872, on a farm near Plymouth, Vermont, the son of John Calvin Coolidge and Victoria J. (Moor) Coolidge, he was graduated from Amherst in 1895, with the A. B. degree, and studied law at Northampton, Mass., where he began the law practice in 1897. He was married to Miss Grace A. Goodhue of Burlington in 1905.

Mr. Coolidge served as governor of Massachusetts, two terms, 1919, 1920, and as vice-president of the United States from 1921 to 1923. While governor, Mr. Coolidge attracted wide attention by his vigorous handling of the strike of policemen in Boston in 1919. He was elected vice-president on the republican ticket with Mr. Harding and was the first vice-president to have a seat at cabinet meetings. The ex-president was a protectionist of the rock-ribbed New England order, in religion a Congregationalist, a practical farmer and student of economics. Mr. Coolidge was considered by many as one of the most outstanding presidents in American history.

The ex-president is survived by the widow and a son, John, a second son dying early in Mr. Coolidge's term as president.

Sale of Christmas Seals Runs Behind

Sale of Christmas seals in 1932 was less than that of the previous year, but the work of the Washington County Public Health association will be carried on in every branch, officials of the county group said this week in reporting the progress of the campaign. Many individuals are still to be heard from, and the campaign for funds will be continued during the first few weeks of 1933, in order that every available dollar may be obtained for the furtherance of the health service in the schools and communities of the county. Officers of the association are stressing the fact that under present economic conditions the need for health service is far greater than under normal circumstances.

A statement issued by the Rev. Henry S. Haller, of the executive committee and publicity chairman, thanked the Argus and the other newspapers of the county for their co-operation during the seal sale campaign, both editorially and in the publishing of news items regarding the work.

Annual Meeting Farmers' Mutual Set Here Monday

Annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance association of Washington county will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms Monday at 1 p. m.

Phelps Cites Assessment Delinquencies

Necessity for Protecting City's Interest in Property Seen

Officials Named

Work of Firemen Receives Praise of Executive

Seriousness of the delinquent improvement assessments to the city and its taxpayers was pointed out by Mayor Orange Phelps in his annual message to the council Tuesday night on the beginning of his third term. Mayor Phelps pointed out that everything possible had been done to secure payments over a period of years.

Taxes Pile Up

Delinquencies including interest on improvements is approximately $20,000 and the city's chief stressed the necessity of protecting the interest of the municipality. Delinquent taxes are also accumulating in many cases to increase the burden on the city and those who pay their taxes and assessments, he said. Mayor Phelps declared that some means should be taken to secure payments and evidence of good faith. Letting these delinquencies run, he viewed as discrimination against those who pay.

Mayor Phelps also expressed the view that the council should pass a resolution informing the Oregon-Washington Water Service company that it would not pay hydrant rental after a certain time if the pressure is not brought up to the requirements of the franchise.

Appreciation of the help and co-operation of city employes and especially the fire department was expressed by the mayor, who said the firemen were doing a particularly good job for the city and surrounding territory.

Appointments Given

Appointments made by the mayor and confirmed by the council were as follows: George McGee, city engineer and manager; Mrs. Helen McDaniels, recorder; William C. Christensen, treasurer; Dr. J. B. Dinsmore, health officer; O. O. Freeman, chief of police; W. W. Weaver, night officer; Walter Tews, fire chief, and Wilbur Dillon, fire marshal.

Water committee was instructed to secure changes in the street lighting contract, which will reduce expenditures for street lights by a large sum. The committee will report next Tuesday night. A letter from St. Helens was read asking for co-operation in securing the same rates as enjoyed in Portland.

Hearing on the sewer improvement apportionments will be heard

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Fire Losses For City Reported

Fire losses in Hillsboro for 1932 totaled $6492.50, according to a report made to the city council Tuesday night by Fire Chief Walter Tews. Most of this loss occurred in six fires, including five residences, two of which were vacant, and one fire in the business district.

Out of town calls again exceeded those made in the city limits. Out of 72 calls, 41 were in the country. Cause for alarms were as follows: Chimney fires, 14; slipping car clutch, 1; cigarettes, 1; children with matches, 1; combustion, 1; carelessness, 19; defective flues, 4; overheated stoves, 2; short circuit, 1; green hay, heating, 1; false alarms, 6, and unknown, 21.

There were 26 calls between 6 p. m. and 7 a. m. All trucks were driven 609 miles with no accidents, 8250 feet of hose was used to extinguish fires, 375 firemen answered alarms and were on duty 130 hours and 35 minutes. No firemen were hurt while on duty. Chief Tews personally answered 63 alarms and 23 alone.

Work on fire prevention was reported by Fire Marshal Wilbur Dillon, who said that he had inspected all buildings and surrounding property in fire limits twice a month. He has had removed one frame building and the remainder of the old house at Seventh and Baseline, damaged by fire. Marshal Dillon reports that he has had wiring changed in three buildings and had one furnace covered with asbestos. Twelve fire calls were answered alone.

Bowling Leagues See Fast Action

Union Oil company won three straight games from the national guards, to take the lead in the Booster bowling league last Wednesday night. Winning two out of three from the Home Laundry, placed the Commercial National bank in second place.

Cap Fayram's ten bowlers won two out of three from Lentz Bros. Battery Service station in the city bowling league Tuesday night. The C. C. store won the odd game from Lester Ireland & Co.

Bowling two practice games last Tuesday night, Mrs. Inez Rutherford of Gaston rolled scores of 201 and 180.

Injunction Against Wolf Creek Road Meets Denial

Injunction proceedings to restrain the highway commission from expending state money on the construction of the Wolf creek highway to the sea were denied Thursday in the Marion county circuit court.

Judge Lewelling held that the complaint of Duncan Bruce McDonald did not state sufficient facts to constitute cause for action.

Delegation from County Divided On Sales Taxes

State House, Salem, January 3—Washington county's delegation at the state legislature seems to be pretty well divided in its opinion with respect to the proposed sales tax.

Senator Zimmerman is unalterably opposed to a sales tax under any condition and would increase state revenues if such a move is necessary, through an increase in the income tax rate in the higher brackets.

Seantor Allen will support a reasonable sales tax if it is found to be necessary but is convinced that the state budget as prepared by Henry Hanzen can be still further slashed to a point where no state levy will be necessary.

Representative McAlear is of the same opinion as is Senator Allen and is ready to vote for a sales tax if and when he is convinced that it is necessary to raise more money for the operation of the state than the present income taxes will produce.

Representative Johnson is still open minded on the sales tax issue so far as general state expenses are concerned but would favor such a measure if it provided for the diversion of the revenue to the state bonus commission. Johnson, a world war veteran, is prepared to demand a show down on the condition of the bonus fund and to insist that the commission renew the making of loans to veterans, a practice which was discontinued last October due to the depleted condition of the department's funds.

Both Senator Allen and Senator Zimmerman threw their vote be-

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Aloha Program Attracts Many

A large delegation of local people attended the dinner, entertainment and dance sponsored by the Aloha Grange in the new and modern hall there Thursday night. Approximately 400 persons from different sections of the county were present.

The affair was in the nature of a welcome and housewarming of the new hall, which is said to be one of the finest auditoriums in the county. Dinner was served promptly by women of the grange in the large dining room in the basement of the structure.

Program was as follows: Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce orchestra, Charles Walker, Thomas Shuck and R. J. Scearce; LeRay Martyn, whistling solo, accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Barker; Hillsboro women's sextet, Mesdames C. E. Wells, V. W. Gardner, T. G. Bronieewe, L. C. Kramien, Lyman Howe and L. G. Selfridge, with Mrs. F. J. Sewell as accompanist; Edward and Vera McElroy, blackface clog and dance skit; Hillsboro men's glee club; "Crime Does Not Pay," one-act comedy, by Mrs. C. E. Barker, Miss Mary Grand, Verne Bright and A. J. Vance with Mr. Vance as director.

The new Grange hall, which was dedicated last month, is valued at from $8,000 to $8,500 and has accommodations for 300 persons in the dining hall and 450 in the auditorium.

In behalf of the Grange, Verne Bright, secretary, wishes to thank local people who attended and helped made the affair a success.

Mrs. J. M. Kessler Seriously Injured

Banks—Mrs. J. M. Kessler and daughter Elsie were injured in an automobile accident near Cornelius early Friday evening. Mrs. Kessler suffered a broken collar bone and a serious cut on the leg, while Elsie suffered cuts about the body. Mr. Kessler and George Drake of Portland were not injured. Mrs. Kessler and Elsie were taken to the Forest Grove hospital and Elsie was brought home Saturday.

Mrs. Kessler's left leg was amputated Wednesday. Her condition is serious, but attendants at Guymon hospital this morning reported that she was getting along as well as could be expected.

Two men in the other car were arrested immediately after the accident and Jailer Grant Zumwalt had them examined by a local physician as to whether they were intoxicated. Report was in the negative and the men were released the next day. Two others, believed to live at Vancouver, Wash., are said to have left the scene of the wreck in the confusion.

Mrs. Margaret Rands and Elvan Rands, both of Beaverton, suffered cuts and bruises in an automobile accident near Beaverton early New Year's day.

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New Officers Begin County Duty Tuesday

District Attorney Morgan Moves Into Quarters in Court House

Change in Clerks

Godman Retires as Aid to Commissioners' Court

Veteran county officials in four offices were replaced by new ones Tuesday. E. B. Tongue turned over the duties of district attorney to G. Russell Morgan, J. M. Hiatt gave way to James Lewis, J. E. Carpenter relieved his chief for 15 years, W. F. Boley, as assessor and E. B. Sappington was succeeded by W. W. Boscow as treasurer.

Begin New Terms

Re-elected county officials beginning new terms were Donald T. Templeton, county judge; J. W. Connell, sheriff; Edward C. Luce, county clerk; O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent; James H. Davis, recorder, and E. L. Hobbs, surveyor.

Prosecutor Morgan moved his offices from the Commercial National bank building to the district attorney's quarters on the third floor of the court house. Miss Cockrell of Crane is the district attorney's stenographer.

A change of secretaries to the county court resulted in the retirement of E. J. Godman of Portland, who served in that capacity for 12 years. He is replaced by Miss Gladys McLeod, who has been acting as a clerk in Sheriff Connell's office. Unemployed registration has been moved from the county engineer's office to the commissioners' court, where it will be handled in the future.

Cut Down Force

This change cuts down the employes in the sheriff's office, where Miss Marie Schmidt has been transferred from the tax department to serve as clerk in the law enforcement division. Miss Gladys Elsner continues as head of the tax department and she is assisted by Lester Chase. Deputy Sheriffs Harry Johnson and Richard Busch will continue to serve with Sheriff Connell in law enforcement work.

Clerk Luce, who is starting on his third consecutive term, will keep the same office force. Mrs. J. M. Hiatt is chief deputy and Misses Josephine Hughes and Eva Oakes are assistants.

W. F. Boley, retiring assessor, will continue in the assessor's office under his former deputy, J. E. Carpenter. Mrs. Helen Steinke will

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Henry Speaker At Dairy Meet

(By Joseph Belanger, Asst. County Agent)

W. W. Henry, manager of the Dairy Co-op, was the main speaker at the meeting of the Laurel unit of the dairy co-op Tuesday night. Mr. Henry talked about the recent increase in the price of whole milk and cream.

Arthur Ireland, director of the dairy co-op, suggested a basis for future price changes that would do away with the necessity for arbitration and by which the price of milk would automatically react to the price of butterfat and condensery milk.

Considerable discussion centered around the subject of the proposed plant to be built on the building site purchased sometime ago by the association. The dairymen were of the opinion that this plant should be built as soon as possible. While no direct action was taken on the different subjects of the discussion the outstanding features of the meeting were the loyalty of the dairymen to the association and their determination to stick together through high or low prices.

Foodstuffs Needed At Local Exchange

Foodstuffs for exchange are the urgent need of the People's Exchange, sponsored by the Congregational church, and those having provisions of any kind which they could trade for labor, household goods or clothing are asked to bring them to the store-room in the Den of Sweets, on Second street. Ladies in charge of the exchange have reported a brisk turnover of articles of all kinds left there for exchange, but the demand for food in trade has far exceeded the supply so far. The exchange is open to all citizens, regardless of religious affiliation.

Co-operation of the ladies of the Hillsboro Christian church has been secured for the exchange, and volunteers from other groups are invited to assist. A gift shop is being conducted in conjunction with the exchange effort, with needlework of every description offered for sale. A rummage department has also been established. The exchange is open each day from 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Blooming Farmers' Union Session Wednesday Night

Blooming local Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union will hold an open meeting January 11, at 8 p. m., in Blooming school. There will be good a program, cards and refreshments. Members are urged to invite relatives or friends.

Joint Meeting of Farm Groups Here Saturday

Farmers' Union, Tax league and Grange will meet at the court house Saturday afternoon to discuss legislation.

New County Officials on Duty

G. Russell Morgan

J. E. Carpenter

James Lewis

W. W. Boscow

Change in officials at the court house took place Tuesday. G Russell Morgan as district attorney succeeds the veteran E. B. Tongue, J. E. Carpenter replaces W. F. Boley as assessor, James Lewis is the new commissioner in place of J. M. Hiatt, and W. W. Boscow replaces E. B. Sappington as treasurer.

—Picture courtesy Seligman Studio.

Bagley Issues Decree On Tax

Foreclosure decree in the delinquent tax suit instituted in March, 1931, on the years, 1920 to 1924, inclusive, was made Saturday by Judge George R. Bagley. The order directs Clerk E. C. Luce to prepare the order of sale for Sheriff J. W. Connell. E. B. Tongue, retiring veteran district attorney, acted for the county.

Damages in the sum of $2000 were allowed Will T. Wright in his suit against the Arrow Transportation company. Jurors were Harvey L. Sout, Millard Worthington, John H. Bremer, F. W. Walch, Milton Simon, Edward O. Stark, L. H. Barber, John Nylund, Arthur Mills, Howard L. Stout, J. M. Harshbarger, Jacob Miller.

Guilty pleas to larceny charges were entered by Herbert C. Hartwig, Charles McCracken and Henry H. Hartwig. Sentence was postponed until February 4. A verdict for the defendant was given in the case of C. T. Forbes against A. S. Pattulo.

Judge Bagley is holding court in Astoria this week, but is expected back today. Grand jurors went into session this morning.

Failing to reach a verdict within 48 hours of deliberation, the jury in the second trial of Martin Vandercoevering on a statutory indictment was discharged at noon Friday. Jurors retired to the jury room at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning and reported failure to reach a verdict to Circuit Judge George R. Bagley Friday.

Circuit court orders were given as follows: Cunita Nunan Taylor vs. Jacob Vannet et al, order of confirmation; Francis M. Easly, administratrix estate Magdalena David vs. Octavia Langley et al, decree; Magdalena M. Holt vs. Louis Holt, order.

Orders were given by Judge Donald T. Templeton in the following estates: Karoline Hering, Mary Jane Allen, Betty V. Craddock, Nora Thurston, Everett W. Wilkinson, Katherine Wrenn, Mary C. Pringle, Marshall M. Brierly and Edward A. Korman and John T. Gerrish.

Divorce decrees were granted Sarah A. from Stephen L. Hollenbeck and Lester from Lillian Putman.

Former State Solon Passes

Scholls—Louis Martin Hesse, 55, prominent member of the Scholls community, died at his home near Scholls Friday after an illness of several weeks. He was state representative from Washington county from 1923 to 1925 and was always active in community affairs.

Mr. Hesse was born September 16, 1877, at Forest Grove, and moved with his parents to their home at Scholls when he was two years old. He had lived near here the remainder of his life. He was married to Ella Farver Scott April 8, 1925, and to the union two children were born, one of whom died in infancy. He is survived by his widow and three-year-old son, Louis; and two brothers, W. G. and H. T. Hesse, both of Scholls.

Funeral services were held from the Scholls Methodist church, of which he was a regular attendant, Monday afternoon, and interment was in the Farmington cemetery. Rev. Alexander Hawthorne of the Scholls church and Dr. T. H. Temple of Portland officiated. Miss Helen Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Haroun and Mrs. S. T. Grover, all of Portland, had charge of the music. W. E. Pegg of Beaverton was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Hundreds Participate in Annual Midnight Matinee

Carnival spirit was enjoyed by the several hundred persons in attendance at the American Legion benefit midnight matinee at the Venetian theater New Year's eve. The part of little 1933 was taken by Dolores Jackman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jackman, and L. J. Merrill represented Father Time. The Indian stage band was the stage attraction. Committee in charge of arrangements—Dr. R. J. Nicol, Dr. H. H. Huggins and Stanley Hubbard—reports that profits will be only a few dollars.

Church Quintet Winner Over St. Helens Team

Epworth League team of the Methodist church defeated the St. Helens church basketball team at St. Helens Thursday night 39 to 16. Glenn Norton was high point man with 18 points. Hillsboro lineup: Norton (18) and K. Wilcox (6), forwards; Young (6), center; H. Wilcox (8) and Stewart, guards. Beebe and Weaver were substitutes.

Reduction In Expenses For County Made

Levy for 1933 Approved by Court Saturday with Some Changes

Offices Retained

Tax League Leads Fight at Budget Meet Thursday

County tax levy for 1933 based on a budget of $422,849.72 was passed Saturday by the county court. In addition a general state tax of $90,200.62 and a state elementary school levy of $62,913.18 was added to the tax to be collected in the county this year, bringing the grand total to $575,957.59.

Reductions of $2000 were approved by the county court in the general fund budget Saturday. The item of books, stationery and supplies under the county clerk were slashed $200, and $500 was taken from the estimate for the board of prisoners in the county jail. Four-H club work item of $300 under the county school superintendent was eliminated as was the budget of $500 for the circuit court law library. Under miscellaneous items, $500 was removed from the budget of $6500 for care of the insane and feeble minded. Reductions brought the total general fund budget to $138,303.19.

Road Fund Sliced

County roads division took a reduction of $5650 in addition to an increase in the estimated cash receipts from motor vehicle licenses from $40,000 to $48,000. These modifications resulted in a reduction of $13,650 in the amount to be raised by taxation for county roads. The item of right of way was reduced $1000; repairs, upkeep and minor replacements was slashed $2000; materials and supplies was lowered $2500; and the shop foreman received a cut of $150. The amount to be raised for this division according to the accepted budget is $120,722.

No reductions were made in the school fund. Four-H work formerly handled by the school superintendent will now be carried on by the county agent's office, according to the county court.

Frank Rowell, J. M. Vanderzanden, Arthur Ireland, Chester Bridges and Al Croeni, members of the tax equalization league committee, met Saturday morning with the county court and discussed reductions recommended at the budget meeting last Thursday.

Budget and Meet Stormy

Led by the county tax league "committee of eight," the annual county budget meeting voted to prune $50,205 from the estimate as prepared by the budget committee. The meeting started Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the Hillsboro union high school auditorium and adjourned at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon after a stormy session.

Resolution presented by the tax league embodied reductions amounting to $29,805. The meeting adopted all reductions in the resolution and went further by voting slashes in the travel expense of the county agent, coroner's physician fees, high school tuition and transportation fund, cost keeper, and rock crusher supervision.

Elimination of the offices of county engineer and county health nurse were called for in the resolution and was voted by the meeting. Other reductions sought were: Cut in the salaries of deputies in the offices of the county clerk, recorder, assessor, sheriff, school superintendent, elimination of clerk hire in the commissioners' court; elimination of 4H work in the county school superintendent's office; slash in sheriff's expense account; removal of item for circuit court law library; reduction in salaries of court house janitors; reduction in item for board of prisoners in the county jail; slash in appropriation for herd inspector and elimination of horticultural inspector; cutting of emergency fund in half; and reductions in the items for right of way, machinery and equipment, repairs, upkeep and minor replacements, materials and supplies, district road foremen, shop foreman and blacksmith.

Although the budget for the

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Speaker at Rotary Opposes Sales Tax

Sales tax as a permanent means of securing income for governmental purposes is inequitable, according to O. H. Holmes Jr., professor of economics at the Ellensburg, Wash., normal school, who discussed taxation at the Rotary club Thursday. He is lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis in Washington.

The speaker cautioned all to be careful because so many quack remedies would be presented in the present emergency. He advocated increase in the income and inheritance taxes as being scientific taxation, believing it better to secure the money where it exists.

V. W. Gardner was chairman.

West Union Unit to Meet

West Union unit of the dairy co-operative association will meet Monday evening at the West Union school house.

Albert Tozier Rings Out Old Year, Rings in New 61st Time

When Albert Tozier pulled the bell rope at the Methodist Episcopal church here New Year's eve to herald the passing of the old year and the coming of the new it marked the sixty-first time. A large crowd asesmbled for the annual event, which was sponsored by the Epworth League.

National recognition of this historic action was won last year by Mr. Tozier, who began ringing the old year out and the new year in at the local church as a small boy and has religiously performed this duty ever since. He has made trips to Hillsboro from great distances several years, coming from New York at one time.

First part of the evening was spent in looking over the large collection of early Hillsboro pictures, newspaper clippings, hymn books, text books, etc., assembled on tables in the back of the church auditorium. Younger people enjoyed games in the league room.

An hour of special music was enjoyed the program consisting of vocal numbers by Robert Kalkwarf, Elmer Ingram and J. M. Kelly of St. Helens; violin numbers by Thorval H. Folkenberg, and congregational singing led by Rev. Henry Young. Appreciation of the work of F. O. Eagon, who retires as Sunday school superintendent, was voiced by the pastor, Rev. Leroy Walker, who presented him with a gift on behalf of the school. M. B. Bump on behalf of the men of the church gave an address of appreciation of the pastor's work and presented him with a brief case.

A feature of the evening was the "Old Timers' Meeting." All of the early settlers were asked to tell of the old times in Hillsboro and Washington county, several responding with interesting reminiscencec. Mr. Tozier spoke of early conditions here when he first started ringing the bell. He voiced appreciation of several early settlers and especially mentioned those who have passed away. Guests were served a lunch and then joined in a closing devotional service, led by the pastor. A few minutes before midnight all were dismissed to witness the rite of the sixty-first consecutive ringing of that particular bell by Albert Tozier.

Mr. Tozier, a former editor of the Hillsboro Independent and one of the oldest living past presidents of the National Editorial association, has just resigned as superintendent at Champoeg park.

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Counties May Have to Fight for Their Secondary Highway Funds

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER
(A. L. Lindbeck)

Salem—County courts may find themselves up against the necessity of making a fight for their secondary highway funds in the forthcoming legislative session. The last legislature in repealing the one-mill market road tax as an economy move ordered that the several counties should be apportioned an amount equal to that raised by this levy out of the funds of the state highway commission. Now the commission wants to repeal the act of 1931 and throw responsibility of maintaining and improving the secondary highways back onto the counties. As an alternative to repeal of the measure the highway commission suggests that the act of 1931 be so amended as to permit the commission to use its own best judgment in the allotment of funds for these roads.

The recommendations of the highway commission are contained in its biennial report to the legislature and are prompted by serious shrinkage in highway revenues which have dropped from a total of $10,658,473 in 1929 to an estimated $8,610,000 in 1933, providing present motor vehicle licenses and gasoline taxes are not tampered with by the legislature.

The secondary highway act, the commission declares, has greatly complicated the financial difficulties of the highway commission and has placed it in a position where it has practically no funds with which to match its federal aid and carry on an improvement program.

"In fact," the report points out, "it creates a condition where the state highway commission has little, if any more funds available for improvement work on the primary system of highways than it is required to expend for improvement work on the secondary system, which condition is not, of course, an equitable one. Furthermore construction expenditures on secondary highways are only half as effective as construction expenditures on primary highways due to the fact that the federal government does not co-operate on secondary highway work. For each dollar expended on the secondary system, the primary system loses two dollars of construction value, because the federal funds cannot be used on the secondary system and the expenditure of state funds on secondary highways deprives the primary system of fund for matching federal aid."

Oregon has spent approximately $500,000 during the past biennium in the construction of new buildings at its several state institutions to meet the demands of its growing institutional population. The building program just completed includes a new wing at the Eastern Oregon Hospital at Pendleton costing, with fixtures, $185,000; a new cell block at the state prison, providing accommodations for 360 prisoners, costing $76,000; a hospital building at the state tuberculosis hospital, with accommodations for 50 more patients, costing $95,000; a tuberculosis hospital

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