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## State Capitol News Letter

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Interest Centers Around  
Forthcoming Radio  
Talk of Meier

Salem—Considerable interest centers about the forthcoming radio broadcast of Governor Meier and the possible significance that might attach thereto. Henry Hansen, budget director and the governor's political advisor, has explained that it "will be neither a swan song nor the announcement of the governor's intention to seek a second term" but "merely an account of his stewardship" in conformity with his platform pledge to the voters of the state.

In spite of this explanation, however, political prognosticators persist in their belief that the governor's message will have a real political significance; that what he may not definitely announce his intention to run at this time, the broadcast will be preliminary to the announcement of the governor's candidacy which is to come later.

The view has been strengthened here during the past week by a number of developments, most outstanding of which was the statement by an official who is believed to know whereof he speaks, that the governor himself has decided to become a candidate and that the only thing which was holding up a definite announcement was a decision as to whether Meier would enter the republican primaries or hold off until after the primaries and get into the race as an "independent," under which banner he made his highly successful campaign four years ago. That this speculation is based upon something more substantial than an ill-founded rumor was indicated when publication of the story this week failed to bring from the governor any denial of his intention to run, but on a very weak insistence that he had not yet made any one that he was going to run.

With respect to the governor's ultimate decision as to which banner he will fly in his campaign for re-election speculation here leans largely toward the "independent." When the governor, four years ago, bolted the republican party and came out as an independent candidate he forfeited his right to any future consideration at the hands of the republican party and the party leaders have never lost an opportunity to remind him of the fact, notably and most recently in their deliberate slight in omitting his name from the list of notables who were invited to the Lincoln day banquet in Portland.

It is known to the writer that he would attract more support as an independent candidate than he would as one wearing the mantle of the republican party. The fact that he would be spared the effort and expense of a primary campaign also argues strongly in favor of the "independent" banner.

A number of other political straws also seem to point in the direction of the governor's try for another four years in office, to save the state his own name and to satisfy his own ambition. Many profess to see in the appointment of P. J. Stadelman to the office of secretary of state, instead of Earl Snell or George Baker, but of strategy to strengthen the governor's position in the forthcoming campaign, although there are just as many who insist that Stadelman's appointment was poor politics since it has allowed the present incumbent, instead of both Snell and Baker. Officials, who owe their jobs to the governor, have also been unusually active peddling propaganda calculated to help the administration during the past few weeks. Typical of this political barrage was the lengthy statement out of the tax commission, aprope of nothing in particular but apparently in support of the alleged economies and savings which have been made under the administration of Governor Meier.

Rumors also persist that Willis Mahoney, fire-eating mayor of Klamath Falls, will enter the democratic primaries in opposition to General Martin, who has already declared his intention to run for the governor's office. If Mahoney does come out, this rumor has it, it will be as the candidate of the same "free power for nothing" group that is backing Governor Meier and who hope by the double-shot of their prospects to insure themselves another four years at the public trough whether the next governor be Meier or Mahoney. Mahoney could be expected to center his attack in the primary campaign on General Martin and in the event of his (Mahoney's) defeat for the democratic nomination, would be expected to deflect his following to the support of Meier in the fall campaign.

A bit of spice was added to an otherwise colorless race for the office of superintendent of public instruction this week when J. W. Leonard, LaGrande democrat, announced his candidacy on an anti-sales tax platform. C. A. Howard, incumbent, who is expected to seek re-election on the republican ticket, has, however, been compelled to espouse the cause of the sales tax as the only apparent salvation of the schools of the state under the existing emergency. While Leonard opposed the sales tax by a state fund, but does not make it very clear as to just how he would raise such a fund.

J. M. (Joe) Devers, attorney for the state highway department, also broke his silence long enough this week to announce himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for congress from the first Oregon district. Devers will oppose Jim Mott, incumbent, who is expected to announce his desire for a second term. Devers, who

## County Quota CWA Labor Ordered Cut

Total of 203 Men Dropped From Payrolls Today; Needy Retained

## Wage Slash Ordered Schedule of Working Days Altered by Government

Total of 203 CWA workers were dropped from the county quota today with the result that only 419 will be on the payroll Monday morning, according to R. W. Weil, county chairman. Additional reductions of about 10 per cent per week are anticipated by local officials.

Reductions are to be accomplished by laying off those workers needing work the least, according to the orders received here Wednesday by Weil. Employees in whose immediate family another member is working were dropped first, then those who have other resources, and the balance in order of need. Foremen and timekeepers are not affected by the present order.

Projects Continue  
None of the projects now operating in the county will be discontinued at present. The CWA Working crews will be reduced but the projects will be continued. The county committee expressed the hope that all present programs would be completed before the CWA program was discontinued.

Wages to be paid CWA employees after March 2 will not exceed the prevailing rate of wage for the kind of work performed at each locality, according to an order received this week. However, no wage less than 30 cents an hour is to be paid.

Schedule of working days was also changed, effective Monday. Employees will report on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday in the future with payday shifted to Monday. In the past the work week has been Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Hours of work will remain at 24 hours per week in urban centers and 18 hours in rural areas, pending further instructions. Rotation or staggering of different groups of employees is definitely prohibited.

An allotment of \$650 for the purchase of materials and equipment for the period beginning February 15 and ending March 3 was granted this week.

Donald Jossy Wins Honors  
Donald Jossy of Rock Creek has been declared Oregon State Champion 4-H Holstein boy for 1933, according to word received this week from E. M. Clark, extension service director of the Holstein-Friesian association. He was also selected as the outstanding 4-H club Holstein boy in Oregon for last year.

Young Jossy has been active in county 4-H club work for a number of years, having won purbed Holstein calves for his showing at the county fair last week and a statement out of the tax commission, aprope of nothing in particular but apparently in support of the alleged economies and savings which have been made under the administration of Governor Meier.

## Thrifty Shoppers Throng Hillsboro For Bargain Day

Bargain day last Saturday was a gala day in every sense of the word, according to enthusiastic reports of local co-operating merchants and of county shoppers who took advantage of special merchandise offers. One of the largest throngs in local history thronged the city during the day and retailers enjoyed one of the heaviest February sales days in years.

Although the largest number of shoppers visited the business district during the afternoon, a number of merchants sold out their stock of special merchandise during the morning, one dealer having disposed of his stock by 10 a. m. A throng estimated at between 3500 and 4000 persons, gathered at the chamber of commerce for the free distribution of gifts at 2 p. m. Shoppers of today are keen on shopping bargains, declared Ed L. Moore, chamber of commerce secretary, in commenting on the crowd which was attracted from a greater distance than the ordinary Saturday trade. Results of Hillsboro's bargain day again evidenced the city's reputation as a trading center for good merchandise at low prices, he said.

Another sales event is now being planned for later in the year, Moore stated. Several new features will be added to the program used last year, he said.

Local Relief Stressed  
Contributions will be distributed in the communities of origin as far as possible. Surplus will be gathered at the county relief office and distributed from the point.

Scout Troops under the direction of T. G. Bronlewe and Rex Jones will solicit the Hillsboro area, according to present plans. The special committee in charge of the local drive includes P. L. Patterson, chairman, Jake Weil, Person and R. Frank Peters.

Aloha committee will include R. P. Rasmussen, chairman, E. C. McKirby, scoutmaster, T. Wheeler and J. H. Peterson. Joe Wenzel, scoutmaster of the Helvetia troop, and J. C. Wenger, chairman, will direct the collection drive at Helvetia.

Persons having household goods to contribute are asked to have the material gathered in order to assist activities. Donors of large lots of goods are requested to get in touch with Person or Weil, or to make delivery if possible.

Farm Worker Asks Damages  
Damages totalling \$20,500 are sought in a suit filed Thursday by a woman against Peter and Dan Heibsen. The plaintiff alleges that he suffered a fractured left arm and shoulder, bruises, torn ligaments and shock September 5, 1933, when he was knocked from a wagon while taking hay into the defendant's barn. He asks \$20,000 general damages and \$500 for medical attention.

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## Scout Troops Launch Drive To Aid Needy

Gathering Household Goods to be Conducted Locally Friday, Saturday

## Present Need Cited Four Groups to Co-operate on President's Request

Drive to collect household goods for the needy will be launched Friday by Boy Scout troops of Hillsboro, Aloha and Helvetia, carrying out President Roosevelt's request for a "national good turn." Articles gathered tomorrow and Saturday will be distributed through the county relief office.

Recent curtailment of the CWA program in the county makes the need for household goods more acute than before, according to J. M. Person, chairman of the district committee. Kitchen utensils, bedding, small furniture, old shoes and clothing are especially needed, he said. Plans for the drive are to be formulated by the special committees tonight.

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## Hilhi Basketeers Clash with Grove In Crucial Series

Hilhi and Forest Grove basketeers will clash Friday night at the Grove in the first of a two-game series, the outcome of which will have a decided influence on the county league. Hilhi, underdog, won 26 to 22 victory over Beaverton Friday and a 37 to 17 win from Gaston Tuesday, the Blue and White team is all set to "throw a monkey wrench" into the championship hopes of their rivals.

Hilhi will go into the crucial series with a lead, having won two games and lost two, while Forest Grove has a clean slate for the four tilts played this season. Forest Grove has defeated Tigard, the second place team, twice, and Hillsboro has fallen victim in a number of times to the quintet from the southeastern part of the county.

Tigard has won three and lost two to date and will meet Beaverton in the final game on the schedule. If Tigard takes this game and Hilhi defeats Forest Grove two straight games, the teams will be knotted in a three-way tie for first place.

Hilhi grabbed the lead in the opening minutes of the game at Beaverton last Friday and held the advantage during the entire 40 minutes of play, staving off a dangerous Beaverton offensive drive in the final minutes. Cox and Sutherland tied for high point man for the locals with 21 points each, while Beilmeier led the scoring for the losers with nine points.

Sutherland, veteran Hilhi center, led the way for the Blue and White scoring in the first half, although every Hilhi player connected with the basket in the two periods. The Hillsboro defensive showed up well, holding Beaverton to three field goals and a pair of freethrows. The score at half time stood Hillsboro 17, Beaverton 8.

A Beaverton rally at the start of the second half put them back in- (Continued on page 10, column 2)

## Officers Raid Still Tuesday Confiscated Distillery First Taken Under New Laws

Raiding the first illegal distillery in the county since the repeal of the Eighteenth amendment, county and federal officers confiscated a 225-gallon still and equipment and two operators at Carpenter creek, four miles west of Forest Grove, Tuesday night. The still was found in a barn on the W. C. Brown place, and two men, Walter Smith and Charles Donovan, were arrested on charges of operating a still without a license.

Equipment confiscated included the still, six 500-gallon mash tanks, hose pumps, malt, kegs, drums and a quantity of small articles. Approximately 215 gallons of whiskey were also found and equipment and 2500 gallons of mash was destroyed.

The plant had just shut down when the raid was made, the officers reported. Smith was alleged to have rented the place in October and the still had been in operation since that time.

## Inflation Plan Believed Spur To Investments

Editor Chapman Discusses Problems for 1934 at Women's Club Meet

## Business Rise Cited Ability, Courage, Justice of Roosevelt Lauded

Moderate inflation, which is likely to come within a few years to balance the budget, will stabilize investments, in the opinion of C. C. Chapman, who spoke here Friday night before the Hillsboro Business and Professional Women's club. His subject was "The Problems of 1934."

He declared that it would make it easier for people to pay off their mortgages and other indebtedness, thus strengthening investments by ability to pay. It means that it will take less bushels of wheat and fewer gallons of milk to pay off such indebtedness.

U. S. Credit Good  
United States with one exception has always made good on its promises to pay, according to the editor of the county newspaper. There was every justification for placing confidence in the ability of the country to maintain its credit.

Experience showed that after going off the gold standard there was greater confidence in the U. S. dollar than when it was on a free gold basis. An unbalanced currency proved more stable, thus deceiving most economists, the speaker said.

Regulation Cited  
Amazing steps are being taken in government regulation such as the NRA, according to the Portland Evening Journal. World experience, he said, show that such plans have always failed. Those at both ends pay the costs of the middleman. In common with all, the editor said.

Club Leaders Name Officers  
Mrs. Frank Connell, Hillsboro president, was re-elected president of the Washington County 4-H club leaders' association at the county meeting of the club leaders at Hillsboro last Saturday. This is Mrs. Connell's second year as president and her third year as a member of the club leaders' executive committee.

Floyd Bierly, Beaverton route 3, was elected vice-president, and Mrs. E. M. Bowman, Hillsboro, was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Glen Singleton, Garden Home, and Cecil Heynderick, Cornelius route 1, were elected to the executive committee as members at large. O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent, and Joseph Belanger, assistant county agent, are automatically members of the executive committee.

L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, came to Hillsboro for the meeting and congratulated the club leaders on the continuous growth of 4-H club work in the county. In addition to the election of officers, the club leaders amended their articles of association and discussed reports of last year's work and plans for the coming year.

## Flies Praise Airport Plan

Advertising Value of Field Pointed Out by Rankin

That the county airport will prove an aeronautical asset, bringing national advertising to Hillsboro and serving as an auxiliary landing field for Portland air traffic, was the opinion expressed by "Tex" Rankin of Portland, who took part in the aviation program at the chamber of commerce Monday. Other speakers on the program prepared by L. J. Merrill, chairman, included Captain C. R. Farley, Portland commercial pilot, and W. C. Brubaker of the Brubaker Aerial Photography service in Portland.

Oregon will see thousands of airplanes within a few years, predicted Rankin, basing his statement on the experiments now being conducted by the government with small, inexpensive planes. When these airplanes are turned out by quantity production and flown by everyone who can qualify for a license, Swan Island will be unable to handle the traffic. With the Washington county airport but 18 miles from the center of Portland, many people will use the local field to avoid metropolitan congestion, Rankin declared.

"Aviation is still in a pioneer stage and will be for 10 years," said Rankin. "By this I do not mean that flying is dangerous, because I believe it is the safest method of rapid transit today."

Rankin declared that the county was fortunate to obtain CWA funds for promoting the airport project and commended the local men who had vision enough to promote the program.

Conditions under which the army is to take over the air mail service was explained by Captain Farley. The mail will be carried principally in large bombardment planes. Only a few pilots are qualified to fly these ships at night and in bad weather and, as a result, there may be delays in the service for a time and some accidents, he stated.

Aerial pictures taken over the Pacific northwest were shown by Brubaker at the close of the program. These views included photographs of the Wilson river fire, Bonneville dam site and Woodland flood. Aerial pictures are taken from a height of from 3000 to 8000 feet above the ground, he explained.

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## A. M. Janssen Seeks Election As Legislator

Chairman of Non-high Board Enters Race as Candidate for Representative

## Haynes Files Notice Kerkman Bases Re-election Platform on Economy

A. M. Janssen of Reedville is the first county candidate to throw his hat into the ring for the state legislature, announcing this week that he would be a candidate for representative from Washington county on the republican ticket. He is at present chairman of the non-high school district board of directors for Washington county and was a member of the legislature in 1931.

Janssen has been a resident of the county for the past 12 years, residing at Reedville, where he directs the A. M. Janssen Drilling company. He was born February 2, 1885, at Clinton, Iowa, and spent his boyhood and young manhood in Minnesota and the Dakotas. He was married in 1914 to Miss Ruby McConnell, a native Oregonian, and now has a family of two boys, one in Beaverton high school and the other at the Reedville grade school.

He represented Washington county at the 1931 session of the state legislature and was a candidate for the republican nomination as representative at the 1932 primary election. Janssen has been a member of the school board at Reedville for a number of years and heads the county non-high school board at the present time. He is a member of the Beaverton Kiwanis club, Hillsboro Rotary club, Masonic orders, Odd Fellows and the grange.

M. J. Haynes of Sherwood broke the political ice last Thursday as the first candidate to file official notice of candidacy with the county clerk. Haynes is at present constable in the Sherwood area and seeks to succeed himself on the republican ticket.

H. D. Kerkman of Schefflin, who announced himself last week as a candidate for re-election as county commissioner, was the second to join the official list, filing with the clerk Saturday. He has served on the county court for the past four years and will campaign for the office on the republican ticket.

Administration of the affairs of Washington county in a fair, impartial manner, seeking always to give the people the maximum of efficiency at the lowest possible cost is Kerkman's platform for re-election. He favors an adequate proper maintenance of county roads with a conservative plan of construction expansion if and when circumstances permit. He has been a member of the county board of directors since 1928. He is a member of the county board of directors since 1928. He is a member of the county board of directors since 1928.

Ray-Maling will continue to operate the Ray-Maling plant at Woodburn and the permit canneries at Yakima, Wash. Executives of Ray-Maling will also conduct the distribution of the canned goods and cold pack tomatoes from the plant under a sales agreement.

Present executive force at the local concern, with the exception of H. W. Ray, will continue with the new corporation. Employees of the existing firm will also probably be maintained.

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