

## State Capitol News Letter

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Rival gubernatorial camps optimistic on campaigns

SALEM—Friday's battle of the ballots may be a primary contest so far as its legal status is concerned but it will be a general election in many respects with General Martin seeking the democratic gubernatorial nomination. General McAlexander leading color to the republican race and General Apathy dominating the entire picture.

Of the 451,000 registered who are eligible to participate in the republican and democratic primaries not more than 270,000 or 60 per cent are expected to avail themselves of the privilege. Some estimate the vote as low as 50 per cent or a total of 230,000.

In spite of the allyship of the seven republican gubernatorial candidates—six now with Dodd out—it has been impossible to awaken more than a lukewarm interest in a contest which has become a sort of secondary attraction to the Martin-Mahoney race in the democratic ring and which is being followed with as much interest by the republicans as it is by the democrats.

The eleventh hour withdrawal of Dodd in favor of Dunne is not believed to have affected the political picture materially. While the anti-Holman faction in the republican ranks have been attempting to center their fight around the rocky state senator from Multnomah county even the most rabid of the Dunne supporters was admitting the first of the week that Rufus was the man they had to beat. Whether they are successful or not only the result of Friday's balloting can determine.

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Automobile registration officials now attribute the decline in non-resident registration to the first of the year as compared with those for the same period a year ago to the fact that last year many Oregon motorists living along the Washington line bought the cheaper plates of the non-resident state and registered in Oregon as non-residents thus boosting the "tourist" business for 1933. Tourist travel into Oregon during the last two months has shown a decided gain over the same months of last year, but the year's total to date still lags behind that for 1933.

The state police will get you if you don't watch out. This warning refers particularly to those motorists who do not have a driver's license. With an estimated 100,000 operators in the state who have not yet complied with the license law the police have started a round-up of the delinquents in a business in the licensing business the past two weeks.

## Guard Company Gets Satisfactory Rating

Local National Guard company received a rating of "satisfactory" during the annual inspection February 18 by Major Dennis Pillsbury, according to word received this week. The company will receive a decoration for its guidon.

Four members of the company have a record of 100 per cent for the past year. They are Sergeant Hugh S. Rogers, Sergeant L. E. Huff, Corporal Lyle Oakes and Private Edmund Peschka. Rogers has maintained the record for two years while the others have a one-year record. Awards will be given at the annual camp.

The local company will leave for Camp Clatsop June 12 and return June 27.

## More Teachers Needed County SERA Projects

Projects for six teachers under the SERA have been allotted to Washington county and only two qualified teachers have been located by the relief office according to O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent. He requests that any teachers who can qualify for direct relief apply at the relief office of the county school superintendent.

## State Meet Farm Union Slated Here

Oregon Annual Convention Scheduled at Hillsboro for May 22, 23, 24

## National Head Visits Conclave Banquet and Ball Planned Wednesday Eve

Annual state convention of the Farmers' Union will convene in Hillsboro Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week with 100 delegates, representing every local in Oregon, and approximately 800 visitors in attendance. E. H. Emerson, of St. Charles, South Dakota, national president, will be the principal speaker of the session, addressing an open meeting Tuesday evening at the Hilli auditorium.

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## Planning Body Meeting Held

Organization of the recently appointed Hillsboro city planning commission is in progress. The first meeting of the body was held at the city hall, Mrs. C. E. Wells was elected president, Dr. J. O. Holliday, vice-president and Arthur Helms, secretary.

## Hillsboro and Gaston Win Titles in Grade School Track Tourney

Hillsboro won the class A championship and Gaston the class B title in the county elementary school track and field meet at the Hilli field Saturday. Fischer of Hillsboro, competing in the division for smaller boys, won high point honors of the tournament, scoring first in the 50 and 75-yard dashes and in the pole vault and taking second in the high jump.

Piling up a total of 70 points, Hillsboro easily out-distanced Tigard, 1933 champion, which placed third this year. Beaverton came in second to win the second place pennant with a total of 49 points, while Tigard took 42 points. Other scores in the class A division were: Forest Grove, 32; St. Mary's, 36; Aloha-Huber, 14; McClellan, St. Mary's was second high point competitor in the meet, scoring first in the 100-yard dash, broad jump and shot put.

Class B scores: Hillsboro, 50; Tigard, 42; Forest Grove, 32; St. Mary's, 36; Aloha-Huber, 14; McClellan, St. Mary's was second high point competitor in the meet, scoring first in the 100-yard dash, broad jump and shot put.

## Farmers' Union Convention PROGRAM

HILLSBORO, MAY 22, 23 and 24 at Union High School

**Tuesday Morning, May 22**  
10:00—Called to order by President Potts. Music by Cedar Mill local. Prayer by Chaplain H. B. Richards. Address of welcome by Mayor Phelps of Hillsboro. Response by L. H. McBea. Address of welcome by John Puhols, president of Washington county. Response by Peter Zimmerman. Report of Credentials committee. Announcement.  
12:00—Pot luck lunch to be served by the ladies of Washington county in the basement of the union high school.

**Tuesday Afternoon**  
1:30—Music.  
2:00—Appointment of committees.  
2:30—Report of State Officers and National Delegates.  
3:00—One-hour recess for committee work.  
4:00—Report of County Officers.  
4:30—Adjourn.  
5:00—Music by Van's orchestra.  
8:30—Address by National President E. H. Emerson. Open meeting.

**Wednesday Morning, May 23**  
9:30—Opening exercises.  
10:00—Continued reports—Local delegates.  
11:00—30-minute recess for committee work.  
11:30—Address.  
12:00—Lunch.

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
1:30—Music.  
2:15—30-minute recess for committee work.  
2:45—Committee reports.  
Adjourn.  
7:00—Annual banquet to be held in Masonic hall. Admission 40 cents.  
9:00—Dance to be held at the Shute park pavilion. This is open to the public. Admission 25 cents.

**Thursday Morning, May 24**  
9:30—Opening exercises.  
10:00—Committee reports.  
10:30—Address by Fraternal Delegates.  
12:00—Lunch.

**Thursday Afternoon**  
1:30—Music.  
1:45—Election of officers.  
2:30—Installation of officers.  
Adjourn.

## Clean-up Week Starts Monday

Whole-hearted co-operation of the citizens of Hillsboro in conducting the city's annual "Clean-up Week" May 21 to 26, inclusive, was asked today in a proclamation issued by Mayor O. Phelps. Assistance of citizens and civic groups is sought to improve the appearance of the city and to aid in fire protection.

The proclamation: "Whereas each year the citizens of Hillsboro participate in 'Clean-up Week' in a community effort to improve conditions of our properties and thereby raise the standard of the whole city in appearance, healthfulness and safety from fires, and

"Whereas we are looking forward to the hundreds of visitors and strangers during the coming season, many of whom will observe our city through the critical eye of the home-seeker, let us prove to them that our civic pride is growing with our city and not only clean-up and paint-up our properties, but construct and maintain better lawns, shrubbery and keep our vacant lots presentable, and

"Whereas we need to remove all possible fire hazards from our premises, and

"Therefore, in conformity with favorable action of the city council and in support of the desires of our civic organizations, I, as mayor, hereby proclaim May 21 to May 26, inclusive, as 'Clean-up Week' and ask the generous activities of our citizens in support of this important duty and

"Be it understood, that the city will assume the expense of hauling all materials to the city dump provided they be in containers that one man can handle and placed in the state meet.

Members of the graduating class marched down the aisles to the platform with the band and played. Girls were dressed in informal frocks of pastel shades and carried rosebuds, while the boys wore white flannel trousers and

## Service Groups Plan Observance of Memorial Day

Memorial Day Wednesday, May 30, will be observed in Hillsboro with a fitting tribute to the memory of the soldier dead of America's wars. H. V. Gates, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and prominent Hillsboro business man, will be the speaker at the patriotic exercises at the Venetian theatre at 10 o'clock.

Hillsboro post, American Legion, through formal request of the Grand Army of the Republic, General Ransom post, has charge of the Memorial Day observance. Committees include the following: Lt. Arthur Kroeger, parade; W. Verne McKinney, James Say and Nye Bristol, exercises at theatre, and Dr. R. J. Nicol, post commander, program at cemetery.

National Guard Commander Kroeger will be in charge of the parade, which is to leave the Veterans' hall at 9:50 a. m. for the Venetian theatre. Heads of the veterans' organizations and auxiliaries have been invited by Fred Engeldinger, post liaison officer, to be on the stage during the exercises.

Ritualistic work of the various groups will be put on at the Grand Army of the Republic tomb in Hillsboro cemetery, following the exercises at the theatre. National guardsmen will form the firing squad. New flags and wreaths will

## Hilli Seniors Get Diplomas

Robert Dinsmore Awarded Highest Honors Friday

Highest individual honors of the 1934 Hilli commencement exercises Friday night at the union high school auditorium went to Robert Dinsmore of Hillsboro, who ranked first among the 19 honor graduates with a four-year grade average of 90.5 per cent.

Presentations of the B. W. Barnes cup, which went this year to Dinsmore and Miss Ingram, has been made each year since 1931 to the highest in scholarship, leadership, courage and loyalty during high school years. Katherine Hemm was awarded the certificate of merit for home economics work presented by the Home Economics Educational association of New York.

Scholarship to Whitman college was won this year by Carol Wenger, while the Pacific university scholarships were won by Catherine Hope and Lawrence Crowley, according to B. M. Goodman, principal, who announced the honors.

Larger group of students were designated as honor students this year than ever before, declared Goodman in reading the list of those maintaining a scholastic average of 80 per cent or above during the four high school years. Dinsmore placed first in scholarship, one of very few boys to be accorded this honor at Hilli, Brew was closely followed by Hilli, Hren and an average of 95.78 per cent.

Other honor graduates were Catherine Boge, Florence Hemmy, Iva Harader, Florence Hanley, Velma Hines, Katherine Hemmy, Margaret Johnson, Edna Kahl, Norma Kreitz, Bernice Leonard, Blanche McCormick, Eldon McCleod, Louise Peters, Helen Rutschman, Carol Wenger, Bertha Groesbeck and Gwendolyn Dixon.

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## Grove Wins District Title

Forest Grove copped the district high school track and field title Saturday at Pacific university, piling up a total of 51 points in a record setting performance. The high school team, which has been making a name for itself in the state meet, finished in fourth place, while Hilli came in ninth.

First and second place winners in each event of the district meet are eligible for the state meet at Corvallis Saturday. Forest Grove will be represented by six men, while Hilli will send Samuels to the state meet.

Simmons of Forest Grove, Howard of Vernonia and Jones of St. Helens led all scorers for individual honors, each gathering 10 points. The following scores were: (Continued on page 10, column 2)

## Candidate Cites Need of Reforms

McAlexander Raps Political Promises as Source of Law and Education Troubles

Mahoney Stand Hit Successful Candidates to be Honored at C. of C. Meet

Proposing a courageous program of reform in law enforcement, education and taxation, General U. G. McAlexander of Newport, candidate for the republican nomination for governor and retired U. S. army officer, unleashed the full strength of his dynamic energy in outlining his platform before the local chamber of commerce Monday. He declared that he entered the gubernatorial race only as an American citizen and that he was under obligations to no one.

That soft laws and lax administration of justice had permitted the state to become the dumping ground of the country for criminals, McAlexander stated. He promised that, if elected, criminals would leave Oregon and that he would make it the "most unhappy place for crime in the United States." He pointed out that Oregon ranked first in the number of burglaries committed and fourth in the number of major crimes. Political obligations have made law enforcement bodies almost "spineless," he declared.

Penal System Scored Jails and penitentiaries of the state have become universities of crime due to the fact that first offenders are imprisoned with hardened criminals, McAlexander stated. He held that houses of correction should be abolished and that declared that heads of many state institutions were unfit for their positions, obtaining their appointments as a result of politics.

Declaring that the state needed a law requiring the registration of all convicted, the speaker said that if elected governor he would force such a law through the legislature with the moral support of Oregon citizens. He pointed out that 80 per cent of all crimes are committed by ex-convicts. Organized crime and the lax enforcement of the sterilization law for defectives were also proposed by the general as steps in reforming law enforcement in the state.

Education in Oregon has become a football of politics, McAlexander charged, stating that political promises and pressure had led to the appointment of unqualified men. If elected governor he declared that he would force a change in the state. (Continued on page 10, column 2)

## City Merchant Dies Tuesday

Lloyd Garrison Selfridge, 52, local furniture merchant, died early Tuesday morning at his home. Illness had kept him from his place of business about a week. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Rev. R. L. Putnam officiating. Interment will be at the I. O. O. F. cemetery here.

Mr. Selfridge had been a resident of Hillsboro for the past 14 years and had been engaged in his brother, George L. Selfridge, in the Selfridge Bros. furniture store on Third street for 11 years. Prior to that time he served as a railroad telegrapher in Kansas and Oregon.

He was born November 15, 1881, at St. Johns, Kansas. He was married to Miss Winnie E. Murray at Wichita, Kansas, on August 1, 1907. He is survived by a son, Lloyd Selfridge, and a daughter, Mrs. H. G. Sonnenkes of Portland; three brothers, George L. Selfridge of Hillsboro, Charles Selfridge of Hillsboro and Fred Selfridge of Hillsboro. (Continued on page 10, column 2)

## Health Group to Meet at Gaston

Washington County Public Health association will hold its first annual meeting at the Gaston high school auditorium next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Hugh McGilva, president, will preside. This is to be an important meeting and will include election of officers, minutes of the previous year, reports of the executive committee and a report of the executive meeting held in Hillsboro on April 5. Also the question for dollar membership for organization will be brought before the meeting.

An interesting and instructive program has been arranged. Donald Templeton, county judge, will talk on the relation of the county and the public health association. Homer Chamberlain, director of tuberculosis information of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will speak on "Before, During and After a Tuberculin Testing Clinic."

A good attendance is asked by those in charge.

## Grange Women Receive Certificates Saturday

Mrs. Anna Gottlieb of Hillsboro and Mrs. May A. Hughes of Salem were awarded "25-year silver star" certificates at the Hillsboro Grange Saturday. C. W. Craft, deputy county clerk, was the speaker for this occasion, and extended to the group to visit the Aloha Grange tonight (Thursday) and to put on the program during the lecture hour.

## Political Camps Vote Friday for Selection Partisan Nominees

Voters Will Ballot on Candidates, Judges and Measures at Primary Election in 48 Precincts in County

## GOVERNOR RACE IN SPOTLIGHT

Republican Contests in This County Close; No Competition Among Democrats

Starting field of candidates in the primary election race will be narrowed to a favored few Friday night after voters have signified their approval or disapproval of the various seekers of public office at the 48 Washington county polling places. Due to the unusually quiet pre-election campaigns conducted this year, political prognosticators are reluctant to predict just where public favor will fall in choosing a winner among the candidates.

Competition among democratic candidates for county and district offices is a non-entity this year with only the requisite number of aspirants listed for nomination to the various posts. George M. Aitken of Garden Home is the lone candidate for the democratic nomination for state senator from Washington county, while J. W. Raynard of Midway and E. L. Ross of Hillsboro are opposed for the two nominations as state representative for the county. Aspirants for nomination for county offices include J. M. Vanderzant of Roy, candidate for county commissioner; H. E. Huson of Cornelius, candidate for county surveyor; and Robert E. Burns of Forest Grove, candidate for county coroner. All three are unopposed.

## Relief Demands Presented Here by Unemployed

Agreement to give the new county SERA and relief office set-up "a break" marked the close of the meeting Thursday between a Civic Emergency Federation of Oregon and United Farmers' league delegation, numbering approximately 80, and members of the county relief committee. Free rent, lights, water, medical and dental care were demanded by the group which was headed by J. F. Murphy of Beaverton and Mrs. Beatrice DeBord of Portland.

Investigations by Mrs. Elizabeth Todd, county juvenile officer, of the cases declared to be needing medical and dental care revealed that but a small percentage were actually in need of emergency attention. Mrs. Todd started her investigation. (Continued on page 4, column 1)

## Aged Man Hit by Automobile

David Davies Fatally Hurt Near East City Limits

Fatally injured when he was struck by an automobile near the east city limits of Hillsboro early Friday morning, Daniel Davies, 78, an inmate at the Forest Grove Hospital and Eastern Star home, died at about 3:30 a. m. Friday at the Smith hospital here. Mrs. Howard Wells, husband of the car driver, informed the sheriff that the man, dressed in dark clothes, suddenly appeared in the middle of the road and that it was impossible to avoid striking him. After hitting the man, the truck car went off the road, struck a cherry tree and overturned.

That Davies had left the Masonic home Thursday afternoon unattended and had been located until reports of the accident were received was the statement of (Continued on page 4, column 1)

## Peach Growers Meet to Study Prospects

Peach growers of Washington county will meet at Cornelius Saturday at 2 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss 1934 market conditions and crop prospects. Growers that come are being asked to be prepared to estimate their tonnage. This meeting is being called by representative local growers held late in March at Cornelius, was W. F. Cyrus, county agent.

## Martin Proponents See Victory for Candidate in Primary Vote

Evidences of the crystallization of opinion in Washington county democratic circles favoring the candidacy of Congressman Charles H. Martin for governor were indicated in statements reported to the Argus this week. Many citizens of Hillsboro and various parts of the county have been sounded out on the outcome of the race between Martin and Willis Mahoney and predict a Martin victory.

That he expected to see Martin win because of his record and the fact that he had supported President Roosevelt in carrying out the major policies of the new deal was the statement of L. A. Long, local democrat. He stated his belief that Martin would make Oregon an illustrious governor.

## World's Fair Display Urged

Citing the benefits to be derived from an Oregon exhibit at the "Century of Progress" world's fair at Chicago this summer, Arthur Foster of Portland addressed local Rotarians Thursday, urging them to get behind the movement for state display. He pointed out that filberts, walnuts and cherries were but a few of the thousand of things Oregon could display.

Foster was manager of the Washington state exhibit last summer and declared that the display cost \$23,000 and finished the season with a net profit of \$10,000. Washington apples were sold at the state exhibit and so many were sold that the health department at the fair ordered their sale stopped to keep agents. (Continued on page 10, column 2)

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Martin victory. Richard Deberry of Banks said he was voting for Martin because he had the interests of the smaller business men at heart as shown in his support of President Roosevelt.

Brooks Hanford, who has been actively working for the Martin campaign committee, spoke optimistically of Martin's chances. We have contacted hundreds of voters in Washington county and know that the victor is certain, he declared. Reports coming from other parts of the state indicate that Martin will be nominated by a large majority, Hanford continued.

R. J. Searce, local banker, stated that he was supporting Martin for governor because of his personal knowledge of the fine character of the man and said he could not believe that the people of Oregon would fail to support such an outstanding man. Oregon has the opportunity of obtaining a capable executive and a man of high ideals who will do all that can humanly be done for the betterment of the majority of our people, Searce declared.

Martin closes his campaign tonight (Thursday) with a radio talk from Washington, D. C.