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Rival Political Camps Making Claims As to Who Leads.

SALSM—Just another month will go to the voters of Oregon will go to the polls to elect a new set of officials to administer the affairs of the state.

At this moment the entire political picture is shrouded in uncertainty, particularly with respect to gubernatorial prospects, with proponents of all three of the major candidates claiming the advantage for their favorite.

The one significant thing that stands out in the situation is that both the republicans and the democrats in this election are being led by men who have to be elected, although both camps, naturally, place their particular candidate out in front with the progressive-independent in second place and the standard bearer of the other party a poor third. From which it can be deduced at least that Zimmerman is a real threat to the gubernatorial ambitions of the regular nominees with an equal chance as either of the regulars for election.

Capitalizing on this situation the leaders of the republican camp have already started a well organized drive in an effort to herd the stragglers into their fold. Joe Dunne, they say, is gaining ground rapidly while General Martin is slipping badly. In fact is already definitely out of the picture so that Zimmerman is being run as the state savior from the menace of a radical administration it must be done under the leadership of Dunne.

To which the democrats on their part reply that the thought general is only now beginning to fight, that while there has apparently been a slump in Martin stock the past two weeks it was only the calm before the storm of real campaigning that is just now getting under way; that, in truth Martin is still the stronger of the two party nominees and the leader to whom the conservative element of the state must pin its faith and hope if Zimmerman is to be headed in his race for the governorship.

And there you have the picture except for this little added touch—that while the republicans and democrats are sniping at each other, each intent on the other's advantage at the cost of the other, the progressive forces are going right along paddling their own canoe and hoping that the bushwhacking campaign between the major political parties will continue until it does there can be but one result, the election of Zimmerman for governor.

From all three camps come promises of new developments in the week calculated to strengthen the position of their respective candidates. Joe Dunne, admittedly the best personal campaigner of the three, will continue his handshaking public in a real bid for the state for another two weeks after which he will concentrate his efforts in Multnomah county. Martin, it is understood, has finally peeled his coat, rolled up his sleeves and started out in a real bid for goodness campaign in the interest of law and order. From the Zimmerman camp come rumors that the three big "progressive" candidates in the recent primary campaign—Holman, Brown and Mahoney—are about ready to come out publicly and unqualifiedly in support of the progressive candidate in statements urging their followers to enroll under the Zimmerman banner.

While there are only four weeks remaining of the campaign many things can happen in that time. Public sentiment has not yet been crystallized and thousands of voters will not make up their minds as to their choice until the final week before the election. Political leaders recognizing this situation can be expected to make the most of the opportunity presented in the crucial four weeks ahead.

State police arrested 12 motorists for violations of traffic laws during August. Fifty-eight of the arrests were for reckless driving and 35 warnings were given while drunk motorists were cited for violations of the rules of the road.

The first of the certificates of indebtedness to be issued against future profits of the state liquor commission for September will be offered to investors about October 17, according to State Treasurer Holman. The block of \$250,000 worth of these certificates to be issued at that time will be sold to finance the state's share of unemployment relief for November. It is expected that a similar issue will be sold to finance the December relief budget. With the federal government waiving the state's contribution for September and profits from liquor sales during the third quarter financing October needs sale of these two blocks of certificates aggregating \$500,000 now appears to be sufficient to tide the state until the legislature meets in January to consider other ways and means for meeting the relief problem.

William Einzig has returned from a trip to eastern centers highly optimistic over prospects for a big flax development in the Willamette valley. Experiments with flax fibre in the manufacture of cigarette paper, Einzig was told, have proven highly satisfactory, opening up a new outlet for the Oregon product. At the same time flax experts have pronounced the Oregon flax as equal to that produced in other sections with indications that from now on there will be a big demand for Willamette valley flax.

Budget Cut in Non-High School Area

Estimates for Coming Year Reduced \$14,700 Below Previous Tax Levy

Emergency Fund Low

Tuition and Interest for Warrants Also Slashed

Estimated expenditures for the non-high school district this year have been reduced approximately \$14,700, according to the budget prepared Friday by the non-high school district board. Public meeting for discussion of budget items has been scheduled for 1:30 p. m., October 26, in the county court room.

Total tax to be raised in the non-high school area for the 1934-35 school year is estimated at \$78,100, a material reduction from \$92,834 levied last year. No funds are available in the district treasury at present, according to the board, but the total of approximately \$17,000 in outstanding warrants is expected to be retired by tax payments for the third and fourth quarters.

Items Slashed Largest reductions noted in the proposed budget are in items for the emergency fund, tuition and interest on outstanding warrants. Estimate for the emergency fund was reduced by \$7296, the tuition item by \$3950 and the interest on warrants by \$3300.

Comparison of the proposed budget for this year and the one adopted last year is as follows with 1934-35 estimates first and the 1933-34 budget next: Tuition \$48,500, \$52,450; postage and stationery \$15, \$25; printing \$20, \$25; expense of election \$10, \$50; travel expense \$200, \$200; clerical expenses \$10, none; interest on warrants \$1200, \$4500; and emergency fund \$6645, \$12,941.

Funeral W. H. Wehrung Held

William Henry Wehrung, once prominent Hillsboro business man, died at his home in Portland Sunday night and funeral services were held in Portland Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Wehrung was born in Hillsboro March 22, 1861, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wehrung, Oregon pioneers. He was president of the Oregon State Fair board for a number of years and was superintendent of the Oregon exhibit at the St. Louis World's fair in 1904. He was in charge of the agricultural building in the Lewis & Clark fair in Portland in 1905 and in 1909 went to Seattle in charge of the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition.

Mr. Wehrung was president for several years of the Hillsboro National bank which was later consolidated with the Commercial National. He later was connected with the Northwestern National in Portland. Surviving are his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Layton Weston and Mrs. Roy H. B. Nelson. Deceased was an Elk and Mason. A brother, G. A. Wehrung, lives in Hillsboro.

Vote on Future Adjustment Plan Asked of Corn-Hog Contractors

College News Service—Corn-hog adjustment contracts signed by Oregon will be called upon by their county association to vote soon, probably during the second week in October, on two questions submitted from Washington and growing out of the recent regional conferences, in one of which extension officials of Oregon State college took part.

AAA officials foresee serious difficulties in the next few years if the natural reaction from the present drought conditions are allowed to develop, as they have in past years, into a cycle which will carry production of forage crops to the opposite extreme stimulated by scarcity and high prices of the present year.

Pedestrian Code to be Stressed in Safety Drive

While enforcement and education efforts of the statewide "Let's Quit Killing" drive sponsored by the Oregon State Motor association, P. T. A., American Legion and other groups, are being directed mainly against motorist-located officers have issued a "Code for pedestrians. If observed it is believed the code will aid in reducing the state's mounting accident toll.

Approximately 50 per cent of accident fatalities are pedestrians, it was pointed out. Following are seven rules contained in the pedestrian "Code":

- 1. Never cross streets between intersections.
- 2. Do not cross streets in front of oncoming cars at night, especially if wearing dark clothes or the weather is rainy.
- 3. Remember it is easier for a pedestrian than for the driver of an auto weighing more than a ton, to make a sudden stop.
- 4. Don't step into the street from either parked cars.
- 5. When crossing a street in traffic, look for a car in the distance.

Park Program Studied Here

Council Urges Use Local Workers on Postoffice

Discussion of the park improvement and municipal swimming pool projects recommended by the city planning commission occupied the attention of the city council Tuesday evening and decision was postponed pending consideration of the program by the budget committee. A resolution to the federal government urging the use of local labor in construction of the proposed local postoffice and recommending the excellence of local contractors was adopted.

Report on investigations regarding the building of a municipal swimming pool was given by George McGee, city manager. He stated that a tank 60 feet by 110 feet was constructed at Salem recently with the aid of SEERA labor materials costing about \$9277 and labor \$346. He also submitted an estimate of improving Shute park grounds.

Councilmen were reluctant to consider projects of this scope on the grounds that real property in the city could not stand the burden in additional taxation. They also considered a pool about half the size of the Salem project would be ample for Hillsboro. McGee urged that some such program be approved to provide unemployment relief during the winter and the council submitted the question to the budget committee.

City budget will be considered October 16, according to an announcement by McGee. The public meeting to pass a levy was set for November 8. The city will file application with the county assessor for an extension of time beyond November 1 when all city and school district levies are required to be made.

Other business included a resolution designating the coming week as "Fire Prevention Week" approving beer license applications of J. H. Naught and Louise DeLine, granting a license to Louie DeLine for a card room and canceling the license held by Wolfe and Blair for the reason that they had some other business, and approving Art Hammer as a member of the local fire department. Question of regulation of the skating rink proposed by L. H. Naught was referred to the building and code committee. The fire department was granted a permit to hold a band concert and street dance on city streets.

H. Stevenson presided at the council meeting in the absence of Mayor O. Phelps.

Loss Suffered Loss estimated at approximately \$10,000 in the bean crop in the Farmington district has been caused by lack of rain and early frost, according to reports received here.

Teacher Meet Planned Here

County school children will enjoy a holiday Monday while teachers attend the annual institute at the Hillsboro union high school. Several educational authorities have been secured for the program, departmental and sectional meetings planned, and officers will be elected by the Washington County Teachers and Elementary Principals' association.

Speakers listed on the program include Dr. F. W. Parr of Oregon State college, who will speak on "The Psychology of Education," and the high school departmental; Robert J. Maaske of the state department of education; E. F. Carleton, secretary of the Oregon State Teachers' association; and Dean Collins of the Oregon Journal, who close the institute program.

Morning hours on the program will be given over to addresses by Dr. P. Cady, chairman, Mrs. C. E. Wells, R. E. Wiley, Carl Russell, Albert Hartman, and Harry Morgan, clerk.

Program to Stress Fire Prevention

Mayor Sets Aside Coming Week for Elimination of Fire Hazards

Many Events Planned

Schools, Chamber, Theater to Co-operate Firemen

Actual assessed valuation of property within the city was \$1,633,544 in 1934, which was 47 per cent of the actual cash value. On this basis the 1934 levy was 16.4 mills. For purposes of comparison, an average valuation ratio of 50 per cent was adopted when it appeared that the ratios for the various cities ranged from 69 to 43 per cent based on 50 per cent value. Hillsboro's assessed valuation increased to \$1,737,813 with the result that the levy was lowered to 15.4 in the report.

That the system of occupation taxes effective in Hillsboro was largely responsible for the low tax ratio in the city was the opinion expressed by McGee. Revenues from this source provides the city with funds other than those raised by taxation, he said.

Special school district tax for Hillsboro elementary schools will be \$1340 lower this year than last according to the 1934-35 budget prepared Tuesday afternoon. Public meeting to discuss the proposed estimates and to vote on the levy will be held at 2 p. m. October 29 at the David Hill school.

Estimated expenditures listed in the proposed budget totals \$36,305 while estimated receipts are placed at \$17,948.14, leaving the amount to be raised by special tax in the district at \$18,356.91. The tax levied for the 1933-34 school year was \$20,887.39.

Various budget items are as follows: General control \$2200, supervision \$2070, teaching \$17,265, operation of plant \$4800, maintenance and repair \$1200. Library books \$100, supplies \$50, transportation of pupils \$2820, cafeteria \$500, boys and girls club activities \$150, insurance \$900, capital outlays \$1000, rent \$400, telephone \$750 and emergency fund \$2500.

Estimated receipts are anticipated as follows: Balance on hand \$4623, county school fund \$10,219.07, state school fund \$1232 and elementary school fund \$5590.84.

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Members of the budget advisory committee which conferred with the board in drafting the 1934-35 budget were: L. MacKenzie, chairman, V. W. Gardner, secretary, Mrs. E. C. McKinley, H. A. Kuratli and E. J. McAleer. The district school board consists of: P. Cady, chairman, Mrs. C. E. Wells, R. E. Wiley, Carl Russell, Albert Hartman, and Harry Morgan, clerk.

County Team Enters Show

(By L. E. Francis, Ass't. County Agent) LeRoy Mills and Charles Kay, members of the Sady Brook calf club, will represent Oregon in the 4-H agricultural demonstration competition during the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland October 6 to 13. Washington county will also be represented by four judging teams, 14 head of livestock, six entries of poultry and rabbits and several exhibits of corn and potatoes.

The Shady Brook team will compete against demonstration teams from five other states in the Pacific Northwest and will attempt to retain the Plummer trophy for Oregon for the coming year. Their demonstration, "Testing cream for butterfat and acidity," placed first at the recent state fair. Ivan and Amos Bierly of the Kinton corn club won the trophy last year for Oregon for the first time.

Mills and Kay will be guests of the Kiwanis club in Portland at luncheon Tuesday together with members of demonstration teams from Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Nevada.

Four-H judging teams from the county will compete in the various contests as follows: Livestock—Frances Detrick, Don Jessen and John Hansen, Crops—Helen Schmelzer, Raymond Horni-Charles and James Allison, Poultry—Ruth McDougall, Ira Stauss and Charles Kay, Rabbits—Kenneth Woodward, Alex Bella and Bob McCulloch.

City Has Lowest Tax Levy Ratio in Entire State

Hillsboro had the lowest comparative municipal tax ratio in the state for 1934, according to a report released recently by the Oregon League of Cities on the 27 Oregon cities having more than 2000 population. Using an average assessed valuation of 50 per cent of the actual property value as a base for comparison, Hillsboro's tax levy amounted to 15.4 mills. Newberg was next lowest with 15.6 mills.

Simultaneous with the release of the report, George McGee, city manager, received an invitation from the League of Cities to "Present Hillsboro City Management" over radio station KVM on November 28. McGee accepted the invitation and will talk on recent activities in Hillsboro, such as park development, retarding special assessments and other matters.

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Under the five-point educational relief program as announced this week by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, it is planned to provide immediate employment for approximately 240 jobless teachers. Pay for these teaching positions will be at the rate of \$1 per hour both for actual class room work and for time devoted to preparation, with a maximum allowance of \$12 per week. Positions under this educational relief program will be rotated so as to reach the largest number of needy teachers possible.

AAA funds totaling \$14,000 have been allocated to Oregon monthly for this program which will consist of literary classes for adults unable to read or write, vocational educational classes, vocational rehabilitation, general adult education classes, and a limited number of nursery school units to demonstrate the care of children of pre-school age in relief families.

Regional conference of six northwestern Oregon counties in regard to the educational relief program (Continued on page 6, column 4)

Officials of Civic Group Go on Duty

MacKenzie New President Chamber, Patterson Vice-President

Local Labor Urged

Fire Prevention Topic of Monday Luncheon Meet

H. L. MacKenzie, local automobile dealer, became president of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce at the first meeting of the fall Monday night. Other officers are: Paul L. Patterson, vice-president; Alf O. Johnson, treasurer; Morris Weill and L. J. Rushlow, directors. C. T. Richardson is the holdover member of the board. New officers were introduced by H. A. Kuratli, past president, in the absence of Lester Ireland, retiring president.

Other luncheon topics were discussed by the fire department and fire marshal in preparing a program for carrying on the "Fire Prevention Week" program from October 7 to 13. Signed: O. PHELPS, Mayor.

Support of the newly organized Hillsboro band, which practices regularly in the chamber of commerce rooms, was urged by President MacKenzie, who told of the benefit band dance tonight (Thursday) in the T. O. F. hall.

Luncheon meeting Monday will be given over to observation of Fire Prevention week, October 7 to 13. Firemen will be guests at the meeting. A full attendance was urged to show appreciation of the work done by these volunteers. They will speak October 15.

Committees Named Standing committees as announced by President MacKenzie are as follows: Retail trades—Howard Hadley, chairman; P. A. Anderson, Jack Weill, Verne Curry, W. Durst, Fred Engeldinger, Nye Bristol, George Seifridge, George Fischer, Z. R. Riggs, L. P. Stranahan, Herman Schoen. Community relations—Charles Walker, chairman; L. J. Rushlow, H. A. Kuratli, R. E. Wiley, C. H. Nosler, T. G. Broniewe.

Agriculture—John Wismer, chairman; Frank Schneider, Ralph Kreutz, Earl Donelson, Will Einschede, B. A. Mitchell of Oreno. Industrial—Arthur Reiling, chairman; George McGee, Al Hoffman, Ralph Easter, S. W. Melhuus, William Christensen, Jake Mohr. Highway—M. H. Stevenson, chairman; Edward Schulerich, W. G. Ide, J. W. Barney. Municipal relations—E. L. Johnson. (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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Legion Head Buried Here With Honors



William F. Cyrus, county agent, who was elected commander of the local American Legion post Friday evening.

Cyrus Named Legion Head

Post and Auxiliary to Hold Installation Friday

William F. Cyrus, county agricultural agent, was unanimously elected commander of Hillsboro post, American Legion, last Friday night. Joint installation with the auxiliary will be held at the Veterans' hall Friday night. E. Britt Nedry of Tigard, district commander, will install legion officers. Abadie, first vice-commander, W. Hoffman, second vice-commander; A. H. Busch, adjutant; James Say, finance officer; P. J. Rice, sergeant-at-arms; Arthur Kroeger, chaplain; Morris Weill, historian, and H. L. MacKenzie, Dr. Ralph Dresser and Paul L. Patterson, executive committee.

Dr. R. J. Nicol is the retiring post commander. Say, Kroeger, Busch, Patterson and G. Russell Morgan were named on a committee to investigate painting of the hall and a possible new building. Committee in charge of installation for the legion includes Jake Weill, Morgan and MacKenzie.

City Manager Speaks at Portland Meeting

History of flood control work in the Tualatin valley was given Tuesday by George McGee, Hillsboro city manager, during a meeting of professional engineers, Portland, E. A. McGrath, president of the Tualatin Valley Drainage & Flood Control association, also spoke on the program given over to "Flood Control in the Tualatin Valley."

Two meetings, one of the Willamette River & Flood Control association and the other the Oregon Builders' congress, were attended by McGee Saturday in Salem.

Republicans Plan Series of Meetings

Plans for a series of republican meetings to which all state and county candidates will be invited were made at a meeting of the republican executive committee here in the chamber of commerce Tuesday Wednesday night. Tentative dates were set as follows: Tigard, October 16; Beaverton, October 23, or 31. Hillsboro, October 29, 30 or 31.

DeLine Takes Over His Card Room and Business

Louie DeLine, owner and former operator of the Pastime card room on Main street, took over control of the business Monday and has made a number of improvements in the building. The recreation rooms had been leased to Scott Wolfe and G. H. Blair for a period of five years.

Hilli Gridders to Face Rainier in First Home Game of Season

Local grid fans will be given their first opportunity to see the 1934 edition of the Hilli football team in action on the local field Friday afternoon when the Blue and White squad clashes with Rainier. The visitors turned out a powerful squad last year and, although little is known of the strength of the present Columbia county team, a good game is anticipated. The tilt is called for 3:15 p. m.

Hilli footballers have been developing rapidly in offseason work since their baptism of fire two weeks ago at the hands of the powerful Jefferson eleven in Portland. The running attack, which failed to click against the husky Jeff line, seems to be progressing in strength and should prove effective if local gridgers can overcome a severe case of "fumblyitis." "Sandy" Will, Coslett, Schulerich and Wunderlich have been showing marked improvement at tackle positions, one of the weak spots apparent in the Jefferson game. This quartet has been alternating at the keystone posts and are expected to develop into creditable performers before the close of the season. Schulerich has been showing particular improve-

Glen Powers Buried Here With Honors

Prominent Veteran World War Dies Tuesday in Portland Hospital

Volunteered First Former Comrades Conduct Graveside Service

Glen Wallace Powers, 34, prominent Hillsboro veteran of the World War, died Tuesday afternoon at the Matson Open Air Sanitarium at Milwaukie, where he had been for several weeks.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) from the Donelson & Sewell chapel with Rev. R. L. Putnam officiating. Interment was in the Hillsboro cemetery. Services at the graveside were in charge of the Hillsboro post, American Legion, with a firing squad from the Headquarters company, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry. Legionnaires acted as pallbearers.

First to Volunteer Glen Powers, who was born at Beatrice, Neb., December 25, 1896 was one of the first to volunteer his services from this community in the World War, enlisting in Company B, Third Oregon Infantry, later 162nd Infantry, March 28, 1917. This company included many Hillsboro boys, more than 20 going from the high school. While doing guard duty in Central Washington in the summer of 1917, Powers contracted a severe cold and this was so aggravated later that he had to be hospitalized at Camp Mills, Long Island, N. Y. He went across to France with his company, however, leaving New York on December 12, 1917. He was also a victim of the ammonia explosion on board the U. S. S. Susquehanna as the ship lay at anchor in the harbor of St. Nazaire, France. Here he was transferred to service with the A. E. F. fire department in St. Nazaire and remained on this work for nearly two years.

Like many others who suffered the effects of the ammonia explosion at St. Nazaire, he apparently never fully regained his health. Mr. Powers had been in particularly poor health for the last six years, having a severe illness about 1922. He had been in California since the early fall of 1917. Mr. Powers contracted a severe cold and this was so aggravated later that he had to be hospitalized at Camp Mills, Long Island, N. Y. He went across to France with his company, however, leaving New York on December 12, 1917. He was also a victim of the ammonia explosion on board the U. S. S. Susquehanna as the ship lay at anchor in the harbor of St. Nazaire, France. Here he was transferred to service with the A. E. F. fire department in St. Nazaire and remained on this work for nearly two years.

Housing Plan Groups Named

Committees to act in the federal housing administration campaign in Washington county were appointed Tuesday by J. M. Person of Hillsboro, county chairman. A county-wide relief drive is proposed by Person as soon as organization work is completed.

Members of the executive committee named by Person in Hillsboro include R. R. Easter, V. W. Gardner, L. P. Stranahan, S. W. Melhuus, Nye O. Bristol, George Seifridge and W. J. Mill. The advisory committee is made up of R. E. Wiley, H. L. MacKenzie, Mrs. E. C. McKinley, Mrs. P. J. Sewell, George McGee, W. C. Christensen, R. J. Seacore, G. W. Broniewe, R. W. Weill, J. H. Garrison, P. A. Anderson, M. P. Cady, Adolph Mohr, Harry Thompson, A. H. Blasing, Leonard Brown and Harvey Batchelder.

Publicity regarding the campaign in various parts of the county will be under the direction of W. Verne McKinney of Hillsboro, Hugh McGilvra of Forest Grove, H. H. Jeffries and J. H. Hull, both of Beaverton, and M. Fleet and L. M. Beckwith, both of Sherwood. Mr. Johnson and James Say were named on the finance committee for Hillsboro.

Omar Fendal was appointed chairman in fall of Forest Grove area and J. O. Johnson of Beaverton community. These men will appoint (Continued on page 12, column 1)