

State Capitol News Letter

BY A. L. LINDBECK
PWA Gives Approval for Free Bridges Coast Highway

SALEM—Added impetus was given to the drive for free bridges on the Coast highway this week when the federal Public Works administration gave its approval to the plan. Copies of a bill drawn by the legal department of the PWA and covering the change from toll spans to free bridges were received this week by the highway department and have been submitted to the legislature for consideration. The bill would vest in the highway commission authority to operate the bridges without tolls and to retire the bridge bonds out of current revenues from automobile licenses and gasoline taxes.

Governor Martin has added his voice to that of other free bridge advocates.

"We must have free bridges along this great highway to increase our tourist travel," the governor said.

The bridges will be paid for out of gasoline taxes and the people who use the spans. Tolls would retard the development of this great section of the state.

On the other hand communities in southern, central and eastern Oregon which are still waiting for completion of the original highway system are opposing the free bridge program on the ground that it would take money out of the highway fund which should be spent on projects already long delayed. The controversy promises to become one of the warmest of the present session, not excepting that which will wage around the proposed amendment of the Knox liquor control act and the biennial fish fight.

The Pendleton round-up, the Lakeview round-up, the eastern Oregon livestock show at Union and the Oakland turkey show are all out after a share of the state's racing revenues. Pendleton wants \$5000, Union is asking for \$7500, Lakeview could use \$2500 and Oakland modestly suggests that \$1200 would come in handy in meeting expenses of the turkey show. At the same time Senator Zimmerman has a bill in repealing the act of 1931 which legalized horse and dog racing and the pari-mutuel system of betting which last year produced \$43,000 for the support of fairs throughout the state.

Salaries of county officials would be fixed by the board of county commissioners rather than by the legislature under the terms of a bill which has already passed the house and is now before the senate for consideration. County salary problems occupy much of the time of the legislators at every session and as some of the members have pointed out such action as is taken without adequate information to the sentiment of the county involved except such as is provided by the county's delegation in the house and senate.

Grange Backs Power Project

King brothers, Portland contractors, who installed the cell frontiers of the state prison four years ago are now asking the legislature to make good a loss of more than \$9000 which they incurred on the job, although the contract price of \$19,885 has been paid in full.

Dan Kellaher, state parole officer, says that only five per cent of the men released from the state prison on parole ever come back to the institution.

It has been generally understood for some time that Barnett Goldstein, principal beneficiary of the liberal disbursement of attorneys' fees which characterized the Meier administration, but the exact extent of Goldstein's fees were not revealed until this week. A report prepared by the state auditor's department in compliance with a house resolution shows that Goldstein and his associates received more than \$54,000 for legal services during the past four years. Goldstein himself received \$18,700 for prosecuting officials of savings and loan associations on fraud charges and \$12,675 for legal services in connection with savings and loan association liquidations. An additional \$22,825 was paid to B. H. Goldstein and associates in connection with savings and loan liquidations.

George Neuner was the first to feel the effects of the drive against the employment of outside attorneys by state boards and commissions. Neuner, who has been employed as legal advisor to the liquor control commission ever since the Knox law became effective at a salary of \$200 a month, was released by the new commission at its meeting his last week.

The new game commission is being torn between two desires. In the first place it does not want to do anything that might be construed as opposition to Governor Martin's program for supervision and control over the revenues and expenditures of all self-supported boards and commissions. In that desire the board is not motivated in part at least by recollections of the fate which befell the old board when its members came out against the revenues act.

On the other hand the commission is anxious that all of its revenues should be available for the propagation and conservation of fish and game without having to divert any of it to the general fund for the support of other activities.

Two automobile insurance bills are now in the legislature hoppers. (Continued on page 7, column 7)

Cannery Plans Big Packing, Building Program

Value Seen in Airbase by Chamber

Possible Large Increases Payrolls, Population Cited at Meeting

Labor Would Benefit

Rev. Jefferies to Speak at Luncheon on Monday

That increases of 200 per cent in the annual Hillsboro payroll and 100 per cent in the city's population would probably result from the location of an army airbase near here was the estimate presented at the chamber of commerce Monday night. These figures were given in connection with the local drive to bring one of the 10 northwest frontier airbases proposed in the Wilcox bill to Hillsboro.

Anticipated personnel for each base has been set at 2000 enlisted soldiers and 200 officers with a probable annual payroll of \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000. Present annual payroll for Hillsboro, based on the 1930 census of 3039 persons, was estimated at \$1,137,000.

Maximum appropriation for each of the bases has been proposed at \$19,000,000. Two-thirds of this amount or about \$12,000,000 would be spent for labor and it was estimated that 200 officers would be for local labor. That such an airbase project would be second only in importance to Oregon to the Bonneville dam was the opinion expressed.

Considerable funds would be necessary to conduct an aggressive campaign to bring the proposed project to this vicinity. It was declared. Acquisition of some parcels of property, representation at Washington, D. C. pictures, maps, graphs, charts of the proposed site, and a booklet setting forth the argument of this district would be necessary.

Proposal that the "Happy Days" celebration be placed in the hands of a permanent commission resulted in considerable argument. The matter was finally placed in the hands of a chamber of commerce committee instructed to confer with the city council on the proposition.

Arguments for the commission plan stressed the necessity of having a permanent planning operation of the event on a non-profit basis and conservation of the celebration as a community asset. Those opposed to the plan pointed out the necessity for a large sinking fund to offset possible failures due to rain. Ed L. Moore, secretary of the chamber (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Putnam Heads Jersey Group

State Milk Control Measure Endorsed by Organization

State milk control law and any necessary strengthening amendments were endorsed by the Washington County Jersey Breeders' association at an annual meeting Monday at the Forest Grove chamber of commerce. W. T. Putnam Jr., of Farmington was elected president of the group.

Other officers elected included Oscar Hagg of Reedville, vice-president; L. T. Sills of Forest Grove, secretary; and Mrs. David Storey of Forest Grove and George Biersdorf, directors.

Announcement that D. G. Lilly, Hillsdale dairyman, would present a registered Jersey heifer calf to the boy or girl showing the highest scoring grade for a grade Jersey heifer at the 1935 Washington county fair was made by W. F. Cyrus, county agent. That the heifer shown should be sired by a registered Jersey bull was the principal requirement set by Lilly.

Dr. W. B. Coon, Forest Grove veterinarian, spoke briefly on the federal abortion control program. Later the association adopted a resolution endorsing compulsory eradication of the disease from dairy herds.

Dr. I. R. Jones of the Oregon State college dairy department, addressed the group, stressing the importance of good herd records. He declared that it cost no more to keep a good bull than a poor one. Mrs. Estelle A. Penne of Portland spoke during the noon meeting.

The cattle breeders had charge of the dinner and program for the regular noon meeting of the Forest Grove chamber of commerce. Another meeting of the association is planned for the middle of March for the purpose of discussing shows and picnics.

Senator Huey Long Declared to be Factor in Next Election

Editor's Note—Mr. Babson has broken his special series this week to insert the enclosed article on Huey Long. Many people have asked Mr. Babson his ideas about Huey Long. Since he has recently been in Louisiana and had some very interesting interviews he thought it would be well to present his views concerning the senator.

Next week he will resume his articles on national conditions. He will write from Los Angeles and will cover either the southwest or centralwest.

SOME POLITICAL THOUGHTS

(Authentic statement by Homer W. Babson)

HOUSTON, Texas, February 8.—One in New Orleans naturally asks about Huey Long. Let me give a somewhat different and very interesting sidelight on this interesting situation: The conservative interests of Louisiana have no use for Huey Long. The better part of the state feels abandoned of him. They—however—do not seem to fear him. They look upon him as they would on a freckle on a face or an epidemic. They have a conscious intuition that he will "go up like a rocket and come down like a stick" and a few years will be forgotten. They have more faith in the character of the American people than to believe that Huey Long can ever be taken seriously.

The people in the south and southwest believe, however, that Huey Long will run for the presidency in 1936 unless he is shot or incapacitated in the meantime. They think that Huey Long, Father Coughlin, Upton Sinclair, and some others—perhaps Dr. Townsend—will combine to form a radical party. The only difficulty is that while Huey is strong to share wealth, the others—perhaps Dr. Townsend, as William Trufant Foster so well puts it. The authorities here say his mail is tremendous and that

Milk Control Bill Change Fight Center

Proposal to Permit Co-op to Market Own Surplus Precipitates Battle

Truck Problem Up Former Solons from County Attend Present Session

SALEM—The fight over the amended milk control bill, which passed the senate last week by an overwhelming majority, continues to wage hot and heavy in the house committee on food and dairy products.

Representative Ross of Washington county, a member of this committee, explains that most of the objection to the bill centers around the provision under which dairy co-operatives would be permitted to market their own surplus. While in actual practice, according to Ross, the co-operatives have always followed this practice it has been with the consent and under the supervision of the milk control board which is now opposed to relinquishing this supervision and has injected itself into the controversy.

An attempt by Senator Walker of Polk to recall the bill from the house Monday afternoon when friends of the bill charged Walker with attempting only to defeat the measure.

Senator Aitken of Washington county has introduced a resolution providing for arbitration of differences between the board of control and King Brothers, Portland contractors, over the cost of the state prison cell fronts. The firm was paid the full amount of its bid on the job, \$19,885, but claim an additional sum of more than \$9000 by reason of losses incurred in fulfilling their contract.

Truck legislation pending before the session has attracted many Washington county folk to Salem during the past week. Farmers, particularly, are interested in the attempt to provide some relief for the operator of small trucks, especially in connection with the present compulsory insurance provision.

John Thornburg, Forest Grove banker and former member of the house of representatives from Washington county, has been an

Utility District to be Formed

Organization of a Washington county utility district to distribute electric power in this area is planned for the meeting scheduled for March 8. The proposal is being sponsored by a committee from the county Pomona grange and representatives of various farm organizations, and incorporated towns are being invited to attend.

Purpose of the utility district is to provide and distribute electric energy produced by steam, diesel or hydro power and from the Bonneville dam, according to J. E. Leviton, of Hillsboro who presided at an informal meeting here Friday afternoon. Members of the sponsoring committee propose financing the project with a bond issue to be liquidated with income from the sale of power.

Two committees are to be appointed at the meeting March 8. One of these will have power the one for co-operating organizations while the other will disseminate information throughout the county.

Representatives of the Washington county Farm Union, Pomona grange and several county towns attended the informal meeting here Friday. Lewton, L. M. Graham of Forest Grove and N. P. Johnson of Cedar Mill form the sponsoring committee.

C. E. Wells Talks Rotary Luncheon

Charles E. Wells at the Rotary club luncheon Thursday discussed the recent trip through the southwest made by Mrs. Wells and himself. He said that the auto camps proved more convenient than traveling by automobile, referring to the California sales tax. He said that although they spent quite a bit in California the tax only amounted to about 45 cents. This method of taxation is raising millions for California, he said.

This section of the country is as well off from a business and financial standpoint as any visited between here and Texas, according to Mr. Wells.

Support of the Rotary club in its activity to build up a historical collection here was pledged for the Daughters of the American Revolution by Mrs. Wells, regent of the local chapter.

Express Faith

Belief in the principals of the Graphic Arts Code and the stabilization that has resulted in the industry was unanimously expressed at the Yamhill-Washington county Publishers and Printers' association meeting at Newberg Friday night. A resolution to this effect was ordered sent to the joint national code authority.

Hilhi Glee Clubs Present Operetta Here Next Week

Annual Hilhi operetta, "Miss Cherryblossom," will be presented at the high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m. February 22. Cast of characters and the chorus of the operetta, which is directed by Miss Edwina Broadhead, have been chosen from the Hilhi glee clubs.

Frances Meyer is cast in the title role of Miss Cherryblossom. Other principals are Elwood Cozlett, Kokemo; Claire Beeler, Jack Smith; Tom Stretcher, Henry Jones; Tom Bronleewe, Horace Worthington; David Crittenden, James Young; Ethel Hendren, Jessica Vanderpool; and Bob Ellington, Togo.

Plot concerns Miss Evelyn Barnes, an American girl born in Japan and brought up as a Japanese maiden. Following the death of her parents from fever, Jack Smith, a member of a yachting party of Americans in Japan, falls in love with the girl, now known as Cherryblossom. Kokemo, who has brought the girl up as his own daughter, opposes the marriage as he has pledged she should marry

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State Welfare Body Opposed

Tax Leaguers to Continue Discussions Saturday

Creation of a state public welfare commission to administer welfare and relief programs as proposed in senate bill 70 was opposed by the Washington County Tax Equalization league in a resolution adopted here Saturday night. Another meeting of the group is scheduled for 8 p. m. Saturday at the court house for further discussions of pending legislation, according to H. R. Findley of Cedar Mill, league president.

Information requested by the status of the owner, status of property and contemplated improvements. Suggested improvements under the campaign include new exteriors, new color, new kitchens, new bathrooms, additional rooms, new heating and new homes.

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"Dollar Days" Planned Here

Plans for the Hillsboro "Dollar Days" sales event to be held by retail merchants of the county next week. The event will be in the nature of an advertisement of commodities and services available in Hillsboro rather than a money making plan.

Members of the retail trades committee of the chamber of commerce which is directing "Dollar Days" are: Howard Hadley, Jake Weil, P. A. Anderson, Verne Curly, Fred Engeldinger, W. Durst, George Selridge, George Fischer, Z. J. Riggs, Sherman Schuch, L. P. Stranahan and Ny. O. Bristol.

Grade Schools Plan Contest

Preliminary contests for class B and C schools in the annual Washington county grade school declamation contest will begin February 22, according to O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent. Competition for class A schools will be on March 8 and the finals are scheduled for March 15 at the local Baptist church.

Class B schools, those having three or four rooms, in the western part of the county will compete at 1:30 p. m. in the Congregational church at Gaston. Similar schools in the eastern part of the county will meet at the same time in the Methodist Episcopal church at Tigard.

Reward Offered for Local Missing Girl

Rebouts has been offered for information regarding the whereabouts of Helen Stannard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stannard of Hillsboro, who disappeared in Portland last Wednesday. The girl, who is a student at Hilhi in last year at Union Avenue and Broadway street in Portland.

The missing girl is described as being 15 years of age, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches in height, weight 126 pounds, Auburn hair curled in a long bob, blue eyes and fair complexion. She was last seen wearing a blue sweater, coat, gray skirt and patent leather pumps.

Better Home Drive Here Under Way

Repair, Renovation Pledges Totalling \$2000 Given During First Day

Co-operation Asked

Three Canvassers Assigned to Hillsboro Territory

Pledges for approximately \$2000 in home repairs and renovations were obtained here Monday during the first day of the Hillsboro Better Housing campaign, according to T. O. Bronleewe, manager. Three workers, obtained through an SERA project, are now conducting a house to house canvass of the town, explaining the federal housing administration program and obtaining pledges for building work.

Repair and renovation work, included under Title I of the federal housing administration act, is being stressed in the present campaign. However, several preliminary pledges for new home construction as proposed under Title II of the act are contemplated. This phase of the program is expected to become effective on or about March 1.

Co-operation of the public in giving information to the canvassers is asked by Bronleewe. The canvassers have identifying cards and badges and the information given is confidential, he declared. Data obtained during the drive will not be published or turned over to any firm or individual for the purpose of soliciting work unless the home owner so desires. Those in charge favor giving work to local firms, architects or contractors.

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County Walnut Men to Meet Saturday

Walnut blight and filbert production problems will be discussed at the nut growers' meeting in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms February 21 at 1:30 p. m. Paul Miller, of the federal department of agriculture, who has been in Oregon the past few years carrying on walnut blight investigation work, will be present to discuss both walnut blight and filbert blight and will show the results obtained the past few years in controlling this disease by means of a Bordeaux spray.

C. E. Schuster, also of the United States Department of Agriculture, will discuss general problems of orchard management pertaining to both walnuts and filberts, according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent.

Townsend Group to Meet Tonight

Hillsboro Townsend Old Age Revolving Pension club is sponsoring a feed tonight (Thursday) at the Christian church. This is one of a series of Townsend meetings with Judge John A. Jeffrey of Portland as speaker.

All interested in the program and developments of the Townsend bill in congress are invited. Those unable to come for the luncheon are welcome to hear the address following.

Local Boy Scouts Take Inspection Honors at Rally

Hillsboro American Legion Boy Scouts won the certificate of good appearance here Friday night in competition with four other district troops at the district rally, opening event on the Boy Scout silver jubilee anniversary week program. Four troops attended the Sunday service at the local Methodist Episcopal church.

Alpha troop captured honors in the first aid demonstration and compass relay race at the rally. Certificates of progress in good appearance were awarded to the Hillsboro Rotary troop, the local sea scouts and the Aloha troop.

Highlights on the rally program were the taking of the oath of allegiance to the flag and re-dedication of the scout oath by 70 district scouts. A radio talk by C. C. Colt, Portland area president was received and the rally closed with "Taps" and the scout evening song.

Closing feature of the anniversary week was the annual district banquet at the Portland Masonic temple last Wednesday. "Scouters" from this area attended.

Scoutmaster Jones led the scouts in the scout oath and Scout Charles Reed played a trumpet solo during the service.

Grand Jury Indicts Five

Still Possession Charge Brings Fine of \$250

Five indictments, one of which was secret, were reported against three persons Thursday by the county grand jury. The investigating body also returned one not-true bill of indictment. J. E. Murray, now being held by federal authorities in Portland, was indicted on a bad check charge while Carl A. Carlson of Midway was held on three bad check charges.

Fine of \$250 was imposed upon Chris A. Chulufas of Portland Saturday on a charge of illegal possession of a still. Sentence was postponed on another charge of illegal possession of mash. Chulufas was arrested last week when state and county authorities raided a distillery outfit near the Red Rock dairy in the eastern part of the county.

Elvin Cornils of Bethany received a postponed sentence Saturday when he appeared before Circuit Judge Peters on a charge of attempted forgery. Sentence was postponed until March 2 for Charles Berthold of Beaverton who recently pleaded guilty to a bad check charge.

Suit to collect \$7115 alleged to be due from a partnership agreement between William Robinson of Hillsboro and P. A. Lee was filed Friday by Robinson. The plaintiff declared that the partnership to buy and sell meat was formed September 8, 1934, and that he advanced \$238 for the purchase of stock. He alleged that the stock was sold for \$920 and the partnership dissolved January 3, 1935. Robinson seeks his share of the profit.

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Proper Fire Report Requested by Chief

Importance of giving proper information in reporting a fire was stressed this week by S. W. M. Hulse, local fire chief. He asked that the telephone central be called and that information as to street, house number, name of the person calling and the location of the fire be given.

Considerable confusion resulted last week when an alarm was turned in at the city hall by a small boy who left without giving any information. A proper report was turned in by telephone at the same time but not reported on due to the fact that the siren had already sounded.

The firemen are planning a skating party at Shute park Tuesday evening.

Editor Haight Says Law Crop Only One Harvested in Spring

By Clinton P. Haight
Editor of Blue Mountain Eagle, Beaverton, Oregon

Editor's Note—Legislator Haight, desirous of giving the voters of the Blue Mountain Eagle, a whet of the legislative session, has endeavored to popularize him with the people of southern Oregon. He has endeavored to do this by presenting to our readers each week during the present legislative session, news and comments about the session that are not appearing in the daily newspapers.

"STATE HOUSE, Salem—Let's chatter. These spring days make us twitter like a bird.

Spring, glorious spring. There is only one crop that is harvested in the springtime—the law crop. And what crop! The legislature has adopted about fifteen state codes. These codes may have as many as 250 regulations, and each regulation has the effect of a law. They include every human activity. And then we look on the NRA (state court enforcement) with its 500 codes, with a potential 250 laws each, making a modest 137,500 regulations, covering everything from a corn doctor to a lead nickel in an unlawful slot machine. And two weeks yet to go.

Bills, bills, bills! At home we get our bills on the first of each

Local Plant Will Treble Production

Assurance Future Operation of Concern Here Given by B. E. Maling

Construction Planned

Acceptance Quick-Freezing Method by Market Seen

Business future for Hillsboro and Washington county brightened materially Wednesday with the announcement of a large scale packing and construction program for the B. E. Maling, Inc., cannery here. That the 1935 pack of frosted commodities would total approximately 7,500,000 packages and that market conditions would continue favorable for the cannery plant for many years to come was the declaration of President B. E. Maling, who returned here Tuesday night from a six-weeks eastern trip and a week at his beach home at Whales Cove.

"We are already in possession of orders that aggregate more than three times that handled in the quick freezing department last year," stated Mr. Maling. "We now feel that the development of these products has gone far enough along that our management is assured of public acceptance of this method of preservation and handling. This territory can now settle down and be assured of continued operation of the plant for a good many years to come."

Construction Planned

A new concrete warehouse, two stories, 60 by 150 feet, will be constructed west of the present office building in that section of the cannery property planted to lawn. Construction of a new office building, probably 100 by 100, on Washington street at the west end of the property is also contemplated. A new concrete porch with steel frame and iron roof will replace the present east porch. Contracts for this work will probably be let Monday, according to President Maling. The buildings are to be completed by the early part of April.

In order to handle the increased pack of quick frozen products the frosting department is being expanded—this is being done by installing a new freezing unit has been installed, bringing the total units at the local plant to four.

Most of the products for the quick freezing process come from Washington county farms. An additional 1000 acres within a five-mile radius of Hillsboro has been contracted to peas.

Business conditions in the east are much brighter and a feeling

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Eight Injured Auto Crashes

Traffic accidents in Washington county placed eight persons in the hospital Saturday night and resulted in the arrest of Helen Earp of Banks on a charge of driving while intoxicated. One of the accidents occurred near the west Hillsboro city limits while the other, involving three cars, took place near the Heidelberg inn at Beaverton.

E. O. Zimmerman of Beaverton, brother of Senator Peter Zimmerman, suffered an injured chest when his car was crashed near Hillsboro one believed to have been driven by Helen Earp of Banks. Helen Earp and her companion, Helen Moore, while intoxicated, received severe lacerations and Vernon Robinet of Cornelius, who was riding on the side of the Earp car, suffered shock. All four persons were taken to local hospitals.

Four other persons were injured at Beaverton Saturday night when three cars piled up near the Heidelberg inn. Reports indicated that

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