

State Capitol News Letter

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State Plans to Unload Some Holdings; On Anxious Seat

Local Area Considered for Airport

Geography of Locality Held Acceptable for Federal Base by Dr. Staub

Defense Needs Cited

Captain Garrett Will Speak at Chamber Next Monday

That the geography of the Hillsboro area is most acceptable for the location of one of the federal air bases proposed in the Wilcox bill now pending before congress was the declaration of Dr. Raymond H. Staub of Portland, regional director of the National Air Defense association, at the chamber of commerce Monday. Site for the northwest field has not been selected and, if local citizens will get to work, Hillsboro has a chance for the designation, he said.

Hillsboro Considered

That the Hillsboro area is being considered for designation was Dr. Staub's report. Aerial pictures have been taken of all available sites in Oregon and a second photograph to obtain additional details was taken in this locality recently, he declared.

Oregon is entirely devoid of coastal defenses and has no army or aerial forces, Dr. Staub pointed out. California has 15 army air fields, Washington has five, Alaska two, the Aleutian Islands two and Oregon none. This situation has been brought about by the fact that this state has received the worst end of political trade-offs for federal projects, the visitor told his audience.

Dr. Staub quoted military authorities in predicting that the next naval conflict would be fought on the Pacific ocean. In this prospective field of battle, the mouth of the Columbia river is located at the western end of the most direct route from the Orient to America. Japan has repudiated the Washington naval treaty, demands equality with the United States and is giving the world, the United States stands third in naval strength, sixth in aviation and seventeenth in army forces, according to the speaker. A powerful defense along the Pacific coast is necessary to discourage aggression.

That the Wilcox bill contemplates a program of defense and notes of aggression was the declaration of Dr. Staub, who said the paralyzing effect which the bombing of the Bonneville or Grand Coulee dam by an enemy airplane would have on the state.

Workers Cite Wage Situation

That Washington county SERA workers are not discriminated against in the present wage scale was the declaration of members of the SERA workers committee Thursday. This statement was made following a conference with county relief committee and Ivan White of the state office Wednesday night.

When petitions requesting restoration of the wage scale were circulated, workers believed that the minimum wage paid in this county was less than that in other counties.

Spittle Bug Control Method Discussed by County Agent

(By Wm. F. Cyrus, County Agent) Spittle bugs have begun to make their appearance in strawberry plantings. Nicotine dust and hydrated lime have both been used for control in previous years with varying results. Past experience indicates that the nicotine is the more effective.

This year a derris powder product is being offered growers for spittle bug control. Last year this material was used in a small way in one or two places with apparently satisfactory results and will be tried more extensively this season.

Study of Pasture Grasses Planned

Pasture grass plots at the Elmer Guerber farm will be examined by 4-H club members and farmers during a field meeting at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, according to L. E. Francis, assistant county agent. E. R. Jackman, extension agent, will discuss the uses of the various grasses and the results of fertilizer experiments will be studied.

Use of pasture grasses is becoming more wide spread as a means for controlling soil erosion and for utilizing otherwise useless land. Different grasses indicate which grass can be successfully grown in this locality and should be of interest to farmers who have land that might be utilized in this manner. All people interested in this work are invited to attend the meeting.

Adult Education Classes Conduct Exhibits Locally

Adult education classes in Washington county will conduct an exhibit and a style revue at the Hillsboro chamber of commerce a week from Saturday afternoon, according to O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent. Work done by the county classes during the past five months will be shown. Principal feature of the afternoon will be the modeling of garments made by members of the evening classes. These groups were under the direction of Mrs. S. A. Becker of Reedville, Mrs. Della Wick of Hillsboro, Mrs. Bertha Shaver of Beaverton, Mrs. Alice Young of Hazeldele, Mrs. Elma Sutton and Mrs. Thelma Willard of Forest Grove. Another feature will be a spinning demonstration by Mrs. P. O. Furlie of Forest Grove.

Remaining classes will exhibit work or demonstrate what has been accomplished by the groups during the term. Kenneth Beach, state supervisor of adult education for Oregon, will be present during the afternoon and speak briefly. Instructors of the various classes will be made available for weighing and periodical testing of each cow's milk, according to William F. Cyrus, county agent who assisted in forming the group.

Local Teams Open Season

Majority of the members of the old organization belonged to the old association which included dairymen from Washington, Yamhill, Polk and Marion counties. This old association has now been split into two groups.

Herd testing gives reliable information for the elimination of unprofitable cows and for economical feeding, Cyrus states. The profit and loss for each cow is accurately ascertained through the monthly record of the value of her product and the cost of the feed consumed during the year.

Room still remains for a few more days of testing in the county group, according to Cyrus. Half-day herds are those with not to exceed 20 cows, while whole-day herds are those with more than 20 cows. Official herd testing under the requirements of the breed associations may be carried on in conjunction with cow testing work in their clubs. These women will be put their entire herd of registered Jerseys on official herd test.

Opening of the Federal Housing campaign office in Hillsboro, announced last week for Monday, has been temporarily delayed. Bronnleeve announced. However, the office will be opened as soon as possible.

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Many County Men Receive PWA Jobs

Total of 18 county men were placed on PWA projects during the month of March through the Oregon State Employment service, which has replaced the Federal Re-employment service. The local SERA placement also reported that 11 other men had been placed since April 1 in addition to numerous placements.

Three PWA projects are now under way in this county. They are the Hillsboro postoffice job, construction on the Rex hill section and the westside Pacific highway and the Buxton-Trehorn cutoff.

Scouts Plan Large Honor Court Here

Scouts of Portland troop 85 will be guests at the Hillsboro district court of honor next Thursday evening at the court house. Approximately 20 of the Portlands will be up for advancement in addition to a number of scouts from district troops. Plans are being made for one of the largest courts of honor ever held here.

Durham Approves SERA Gym Project

Project for construction of a \$75000 gymnasium and community hall at the Durham school was approved Tuesday evening by the 80 persons attending a special school district meeting. The group hopes to obtain a \$5000 labor project from the SERA.

Dairy Group to Conduct Herd Tests

Washington County Dairy Herd Improvement association was organized at Hillsboro Friday night with 22 dairymen included in the membership. Major objective of the organization is to improve dairy qualities of herds by providing the means for weighing and periodical testing of each cow's milk, according to William F. Cyrus, county agent who assisted in forming the group.

Former Body Divided

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Schools Enter Home Contest

Winners in the various high schools will be determined by May 3 and county elimination contests will be completed by May 17, according to the schedule. State contests are set for May 25, semi-finals in the national competition for June 4 and the finals on June 15. Subject for the speeches will be "Better Housing and the Home" and the written essays may not exceed 400 words by length. A boy and a girl champion will be determined at Washington, D. C., and will participate in a coast-to-coast broadcast.

Women's organizations in Hillsboro have been asked by R. J. Scarsce, Hillsboro chairman, to appoint Better Housing chairmen in their clubs. These women will be asked to promote interest and give information regarding the federal housing campaign.

Bankers, architects, builders, building material dealers, Better Housing chairmen and others interested in reviving the building trades and associated industries have been invited to a series of "Better Housing" meetings at Portland April 24, 25 and 26. The meetings will be held at the Hotel.

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Neil Richardson to Leave Today on World Voyage

Destined for a trip around the world as a cadet officer on the Dollar line "President Johnson," Neil Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Richardson of Hillsboro, leaves today (Thursday) for San Francisco to make connections with the ship. His appointment calls for two trips this year and at least one more in 1936.

The youth will travel from Portland for San Francisco as the guest of the captain of the freighter "Barbara C. The "President Johnson" leaves the California port on April 26.

Each of the trips around the world will take 110 days. The ship will call at 14 different countries and at 22 ports during the voyage. Leaving San Francisco the liner goes to Hawaii, then to the Orient and India, through the Suez canal to Italy, France and Spain, then to New York, Cuba, through the Panama Canal and back to San Francisco.

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The Spirit of Eastertide



"Join all ye bright celestial choirs, to sing our risen Lord." Lilies, and rays of morning sunlight playing through stained glass windows on the cherubic, upturned face of little Billie Lee, capture the beauty and symbolism of Easter as the lad's voice rises in the joyous, "Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!"

Easter Services to be Conducted Friday, Sunday

Two Easter season events, in addition to the usual services at local churches, will be conducted this week-end. The first will be the union Good Friday services at the Methodist Episcopal church and the other will be the Easter morning "outdoor service," sponsored by the local Rotary club, at 6 a. m. Sunday on the steps of the Hillsboro union high school building.

Good Friday services will begin at 12 noon and continue until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Scripture readings, vocal solos and instrumental music and devotional addresses by Reverends Charles Reed, Harry Downey, Andrew Carrick, Delmar Kiser, L. Putnam, Henry Young and W. A. Sprague will be given. Services will be given in seven periods of approximately 25 minutes each.

Soloists will be Miss Doris Webster, Mrs. Charles M. Reed, Mrs. W. Gardner, and Claire Beeler, and (Continued on page 8, column 4)

Legal Action Follows Fire

Legal action arising from the fire which destroyed the Tourist and Home restaurant at Gaston April 3 was started Friday against Ben Stark and the Sun Insurance Office, Ltd., by August and Carrie Schoenfeld, the restaurant's owners. The restaurant and its fixtures were leased to Stark and the furnishings were not included in the insurance claim.

They ask that their property be included in the insurance and that the defendant company be restrained making any settlement to Stark while the suit is pending. If the plaintiffs cannot share in the insurance, they ask that they have judgment against Stark for \$500 to cover property loss.

Four suits to collect contributions alleged due under the state workmen's compensation act were filed in the circuit court Friday by the state industrial accident commission. Defendants named were Louie F. Schultz and Chester E. Evanson, partners in a meat market; Delmar Kiser, wood dealer; Henry W. Henry C. and Robert A. Hunt, partners in the H. W. Hunt Logging company; and Carl A. Carlson, owner of the Carlson Lumber company.

Thrift Reports Received Here

Theft of a white gold wrist watch and a white gold diamond ring sometime during the past week was reported to the sheriff Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. J. Holm of near Stimson mill. Stolen property was valued at more than \$100. Quantity of stolen goods was reported in the drawer with the articles taken, but were not bothered.

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City Firemen Will Sponsor July Fourth

Local firemen will conduct the annual Fourth of July celebration in Hillsboro this year, according to informal approval given Tuesday afternoon by the city council. Recommendations by the fire department's proposal he accepted was made by the municipal commission Friday night and a poll of councilmen Tuesday assured favorable reception of the sponsorship.

Commission Approves Plan of Department; Council Favors Proposal

That the council grant to the Hillsboro firemen all rights to Shute park and adjoining property owned by the city for the purpose of a Fourth of July celebration was the recommendation submitted by the commission to the mayor and council. The group also proposed that no charge be made for the use of the park.

Goodwill Stressed

Committee representing the fire department assured the commission Friday night that, if granted permission to sponsor the Fourth of July event, they would conduct, as far as possible, a goodwill celebration. Numerous free entertainment acts and services were proposed in the tentative program.

Free attractions, such as foot-racing, horseshoe pitching, old time fiddlers' contest, patriotic exercises, dancing, baseball games and such other amusements as can be obtained are planned by the firemen, according to their proposal to the commission. Although many of the usual concessions will be provided for the event, the commission demanded that there be no gambling or games of chance designed to take money from visitors without giving them fair value therefor.

Death Takes F. W. Connell

Frank W. Connell, 44, prominent county dairyman, died at the Dr. Coffey clinic in Portland at 10:55 a. m. Wednesday after a month's illness. He was taken to the clinic from his home at Connell station, north of Hillsboro, April 5.

Funeral services will be held from the Donelson & Sewell chapel here at 2 p. m. Saturday. Interment will be in Fir Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Connell was born at the home place February 18, 1891, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Connell. He is survived by the widow Mrs. Hulda Guerber Connell, and a daughter, Jean Ann Connell, at home. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Connell of Hillsboro, a sister, Mrs. Grace Abendroth of Portland, and a brother, Arthur W. Connell of Hillsboro route one, also survive.

Mr. Connell attended the Jackson school, finished Hillsboro high in 1906 and was graduated in civil engineering at Oregon State college in 1910. He was married to Miss Hulda M. Guerber in Portland November 24, 1917.

He was associated with his brother, Arthur, in the farming, dairy-farming and stock breeding business and had taken an active interest in agricultural, civic and church affairs. Offices were held by him in the Holstein association and he was twice sent to the state fair as representative of the state Holstein association. He had served as clerk and director in the Jackson school and as a member of the board of trustees of the Oreno Presbyterian church.

Valley Project Outline Asked

John Thornburgh of Forest Grove has been appointed by Governor Martin as a member of a committee to represent the Willamette valley in effectuation of a plan for broad development of the Willamette valley watershed. The committee will inform the public and assist in the development in connection with the state planning board.

Annual Dinner at Laurel Wednesday

LAUREL—Annual chicken dinner for the business men of Hillsboro, their families and friends, will be given by the Laurel community club at the hall Wednesday evening. Tables will be set at 6:30 and 7:30.

A short program with numbers from Hillsboro and Laurel folks will follow the dinner after which there will be dancing.

All are invited to the program and dance for which a small door charge will be made.

Thatcher Dairyman Purchases Outstanding Hagg Herd Sire

Recent purchase of "Madrid's Tristram's St. Mawes," proven herd sire, by L. T. Sills of Forest Grove, places three of the outstanding Jersey bulls of the Pacific northwest in the Thatcher district. The bull, formerly owned by David Hagg & Sons at Reedville, is credited to Sills as having been the basis for the success of the Hagg herd.

Previous to the purchase of Hagg's bull by Sills, Mrs. Thomas Williams had "Tristram's Oxford St. Mawes," a medal of merit bull and half brother of the sire of "Madrid's Tristram's St. Mawes." In the same locality, D. G. Lilly has "Old Bullseye," the Island-bred bull formerly owned by A. C. Gribble of Canby, for his herd sire.

Sills, secretary of the county Jersey breeders' association and a grade B shipper, has a herd of 55 purebred Jerseys at his dairy north-west of Forest Grove. Obtaining of the Hagg bull is seen by Sills as an opportunity to improve his herd. "Famous names in the Jersey world are scattered so thickly on his pedigree that the record he bull made at Hagg Bros. herd is not surprising," stated Joseph Belanger, former assistant county agent and now agent at Morrow county, in a recent article on "Madrid's Tristram's St. Mawes." The herd sire is line bred to "Poppy's St. Mawes" and "Rosemary's Olga Lad" with the Grand Coin line as an outcross.

Daughters of the bull are noted for their splendid constitutions, deep bodies and quiet dispositions, and for their high production tests. Belanger said, "Practically all of the more than 40 daughters of 'Madrid's Tristram's St. Mawes' at the Hagg dairy have better production records than their dams, according to Sills.

Peter Zehr Fatally Hurt at Beaverton

Fatally injured when jacks slipped on the house under which he was working, Peter Zehr, 53, of Beaverton died Monday afternoon while being taken to a Portland hospital. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. today at the Pegg chapel in Beaverton.

Mr. Zehr was the brother of Chris Zehr and Mrs. Lena Mapes of Beaverton, Mrs. Maude Flora of Oplam, U. and J. E. Zehr of Nampa, Idaho.