

State Capitol News Letter

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Activities of Kellaher Interest; Officials Must Pay Way

SALEM—Interest in the pardon-peddling activities of Dan Kellaher as revealed in charges made by Ralph W. Moody, assistant attorney general in the course of the Banks' hearing here, has completely overshadowed the possible fate of L. A. Banks, former Medford publisher now doing a life term in the state prison here for murdering Moody three months ago, in connection with the hearing before Governor Martin Friday afternoon when he charged that Kellaher while serving as state parole officer had entered into a contract with Banks to secure his release from prison for a consideration of \$50,000. Copies of the contract signed by Banks and Kellaher as well as a number of letters relating to the deal were produced by Moody in support of his charges.

Neither Moody nor the governor would comment on rumors that revelations in the Banks case would be followed by a thorough investigation into Kellaher's interest in other pardons and paroles while in the employ of the state prison.

Governor Martin has Banks' plea for a pardon under indictment, but it is freely predicted here that he will refuse to extend executive clemency to the prisoner. In addition to the argument presented at the hearing by Moody in opposition to Banks' indictment was presented from Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital, who declares that Banks is incurably insane and advises against his pardon.

County officials are not entitled to mileage expenses in traveling from their home to the county seat or from the county seat back to their home, according to Attorney General VanWinkle. Legitimate travel expenses, in the opinion of the attorney general, are limited to expenses necessarily incurred while employed in the transaction of county business. Officials are presumed to reside at the seat of government and those who do not must stand their own expense in going back and forth between their homes and the county seat.

With the state's application for a federal grant of \$1,575,000 toward construction of the new Capitol in the hands of Public Works administration officials, efforts of the board of control and the State Planning Board are now centered in completing tentative plans for the new building and in perfecting plans for financing the state's share of the cost that will not violate the constitutional inhibition against indebtedness. The application to the PWA specifies a fireproof building of approximately 3,000,000 cubic feet capacity, to be located on approximately the same site as that occupied by the old building and costing approximately \$3,500,000. The governor has said that he will call the legislature into special session as soon as the federal grant is approved and the terms of the gift are definitely known here.

Human nature does not change greatly with the years. Tastes and problems are pretty much the same today as they were several decades ago. This is revealed by a review of the records of the library. These show that the popular books 30 years ago were "Lorna Doone," "The Virginian," "The Hoosier School Master," and "Treasure Island." Incidentally every one of these titles are being read today, according to Miss Harriet C. Leonard, state librarian. Debate topics of that period are strongly reminiscent of the problems that agitate the world today; corrupt practices at election time; fireproof building; old age pensions; workmen's insurance; child labor; injunction in labor disputes; liquor legislation; income tax; forest preservation; rural schools; ship subsidies; food adulteration.

In an opinion this week the state supreme court held that loan companies lending money on automobiles must qualify under the Motor Vehicle Finance act rather than under the former act. Loans under the former act are limited to \$500 with interest charges limited to a maximum of two per cent a month.

Office space actually occupied by state boards, commissions and departments in Salem increased 85 per cent during the past ten years, according to a survey made by W. (Continued on page 2, column 2)

Vacation Nears End for Local Students

Slightly more than a month of vacation remains for students of the Hillsboro union high and elementary schools, opening dates having been set for September 9. Many of the other schools in the county will open their doors for the fall term on the same day. A group of large number have set September 2, Labor Day, to begin instruction. Arrangements have been made to give physical education instruction at both Hills and local elementary schools during the coming school year. Two instructors, a man and a woman, have been hired for this work.

James Whitelaw Attends Convention at Seattle
James Whitelaw, local Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealer, attended the August Chevrolet Roundup at Seattle, Wash., Tuesday, M. E. Coyle, president of the Chevrolet company, and W. E. Holler, vice-president, were in attendance.

Five Killed Train Crash at Cochran

Two Bridge Workers Hurt When Trestle Collapses Tuesday Morning Cause Undetermined

Engine, Two Cars Plunge 104 Feet Into Creek

Five men were killed and two others were severely injured at 10:55 a. m. Tuesday when a 104-foot Southern Pacific trestle collapsed two and a half miles west of Cochran and hurled a freight engine and two cars into Little Blue creek. Four of the victims were members of the Tillamook-bound train No. 687, while the other three were bridge carpenters who had been working on the trestle.

The dead were E. N. Johnson, 53, engineer, of Wheeler, A. Walker, 44, fireman, also of Wheeler; A. J. Booth, 38, sliding brakeman from Wheeler; Clyde A. Curtin, 35, head brakeman of Portland; and Barney Front, 25, Salem bridge carpenter. The bodies of the engineer and fireman were located by rescue parties, but the other three men were buried under tons of twisted wood and steel.

Local Man Injured

Carl Reamy, assistant bridge foreman of Hillsboro and John Strawn, bridge carpenter from Newberg, were taken from the wreckage severely injured and were moved to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. Reamy, whose condition was reported as critical, was badly crushed and suffered a fracture of the left leg. Strawn had four broken ribs on the left side and was battered, but his condition was not considered critical.

Eye witnesses of the tragedy included J. P. Ward and L. A. Gale, both of Portland, and engineer and fireman, respectively, of the "help-er" engine at the end of the 35-car train; and two passengers, Verle Hays and Howard Schneider, Hillsboro boys on their way to the Brix logging company camp at Englebright. They reported that the engine reached the middle of the trestle and then the structure collapsed all at once. The engine, tender and two cars plunged into the stream, but the balance of the train was stopped by automatic air-brakes.

Holzengel Speaks Before Rotarians

Club to Sponsor "Mut Dog" Show at County Fair

History of the local post office from 1912 until the present date was given by Postmaster Fred Holzengel at the Rotary luncheon Thursday. He first came here from Sherwood in 1912, passed the civil service examination and took office with the local office.

Four Major Farm Sessions Scheduled at State College

Four major agricultural events, some affecting all western states and some Oregon and the Willamette valley, are scheduled for successive dates in the middle of August, all centering around Oregon State college at Corvallis. The list follows:

August 12 and 13—Annual convention Western Farm Economics association.
August 14-16—Western States Agricultural Research conference.
August 19 and 20—Silver anniversary convention of Oregon Reclamation congress.
August 21 and 22—Annual Willamette valley irrigation tour.
The first event will bring agricultural economists from educational institutions throughout the western states to OSC to discuss in general the relation of economic theory to present agricultural programs, land planning, production control, marketing agreements and research programs.
The second conference is called by the United States department of agriculture for official research leaders in the 11 western states. It is to be the technical half of a regional conference, the general session of which will meet in Corvallis 10 days later. The summary of results to date on the new type of research determined upon nationally at regional conferences last March.
This research contemplates greater emphasis on the study of adjustments in farming by regions and the study of the type of farming areas from the standpoint of

Tualatin Valley Loan Institution Quatered Here

Removal of the Tualatin Valley Federal Savings & Loan association from Tigard to Hillsboro was authorized last week by the Federal Home Loan bank. The financial institution will be quartered in the same office and under the same management as the Washington Savings & Loan association. The Tualatin Valley association was organized at Tigard on April 10, 1934, for the purpose of serving that community in home financing and accumulating savings. It was found, however, that the Tigard community could be better served by operation of the association at Hillsboro, the county seat.

The association is chartered by the federal government and the secretary of the treasury is investing funds in the institution for home construction and refinancing present mortgages. All federal savings and loan associations are insured against loss up to \$5000 per individual for savings account. A dividend of three per cent on savings was declared for the last six months.

J. M. Person, who is jointly manager for both the Tualatin Valley and Washington Savings & Loan associations, stated that what he expected on account of the growing housing shortage and, with additional federal funds, is the hope that local needs for home financing can be met. The federal chartered association should not be confused with federal relief agencies, according to Person, and while the association invites applications for loans it should be remembered that only sound mortgages will be accepted.

Arrange Plans for "Opening" Post Office to be Opened to Public Inspection

Tentative arrangements for an opening and "dedication" program for Washington county's first federal building, the new Hillsboro post office, were made Monday night by a chamber of commerce committee. Definite arrangements and date cannot be made until the mission is received from Washington, D. C. Opportunity will be given to all to inspect the building.

John M. Brown of above Managing brother of the late Miss Mary Brown, who served as Hillsboro's postmistress from November 1875 to June, 1896, has been invited to give a short talk on the history of the Hillsboro post office. John Ryan, veteran mail carrier, will be invited to give some of his early experiences as a rural mail carrier.

Postmaster Fred Holzengel will preside at the opening and President H. L. MacKenzie of the chamber of commerce will speak on behalf of the business interests of the city. Personnel of the post office will be introduced and will be present to explain the building and the postal work to the public. A representative of the postal department may also be present.

MacKenzie Motor Changes Location

Formal opening events scheduled here Friday and Saturday.

Formal opening of MacKenzie Motor company's new sales room and service shop on the southwest corner of Third and Washington streets has been announced for Friday and Saturday. H. L. MacKenzie, proprietor, has new quarters with modern conveniences and up-to-date equipment will be open for inspection all day and evening. A band will play Thursday and a musical program for Saturday night. Free motion pictures are also scheduled.

Bank of Beaverton Dividend Ordered

Second dividend amounting to 10 per cent on savings department was authorized in the Bank of Beaverton liquidation Friday by an order signed by Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters. Funds to be distributed on the second dividend totaled \$426,444, while \$218,875 was authorized in first dividends.

Personal Property Tax Receipts

Payment of current personal property taxes in Washington county totaled \$27,112.00 for the seven months' period ending July 31, according to a report filed this week by Miss Gladys Elmsler, tax collection deputy. Total on all years collected from January to the end of July was \$451,442.

Collections during each of the past seven months are reported as follows: January, \$2387.01; February, \$9839.54; March, \$1840.69; June, \$2821.13; July, \$3920.20. Deeds issued in the county accounted for an additional \$348.60.

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Plans Shape County Fair This Month

Everything is in shape for special entertainment at the county fair on Thursday night, August 29, by the suburban graziers and on Friday night by locals of the Farmers' Union, according to C. D. Minton, fair manager and board president. The fair will be held here August 29, 30 and 31. He says that from reports he has him this promises to be very good.

Mrs. Robert Warrens of Gales Creek is again in charge of the floral show. It is hoped to have the Beaverton Garden club participate this year along with the garden clubs of Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

Rotarians Sponsoring Dog Show; Interest Keen

Replies from members of Oregon's congressional delegation to the Washington County Farmers' Union, protesting against the importation of farm products into the United States in the face of crop restrictions imposed upon American farmers were read here Saturday evening during the regular monthly meeting of the county organization. Other business included a discussion of plans for the Washington county fair on August 29, 30 and 31.

That he had always supported a high tariff on agricultural products because of personal knowledge of the struggle, labor and worry of farmers was the declaration of Senator Charles L. McNary, republican, in his communication.

Opinion that numerous occasions he had gone before the secretary of state and the tariff commission and opposed treaties where importation of agricultural products was being considered, McNary expressed a belief that congress had fairly protected western producers of agricultural commodities to date and pledged himself to continue activities along that line.

That the tariff against inconsistencies and confusions in the agricultural program of the present administration were caused by a lack of a co-ordinated plan and continued to be the divergence of views among the president's advisers was expressed by Senator Frederick Steiwer, republican. He also expressed a hope that the majority party would permit the enactment of legislation to repeal agriculture out of the field of experimentation and provide for the rehabilitation of the farmer on a sound basis.

Representative Walter M. Pierce, democrat, from Deschutes county, will continue to prevail and aid in carrying this nation through perilous times, was expressed by William G. Hare, prominent Hillsboro banker and native son, in paying tribute to the country and to the Harris at the Harris bridge dedication and plaque unveiling at Farmington Sunday. He eulogized the character of the pioneers that built this country out of a wilderness and said "it was time we harken back to the sturdy, rugged individualism of the pioneer."

Youth Held Here on Forgery Count

Numerous arrests made during past week by authorities

Alleged to have raised the denomination of two Forest Grove creamery checks and to have forged endorses, A. M. Yeager of Houlton was arrested at St. Helens Sunday by State Officer Howard. He was brought to the county jail here and booked on a charge of forgery by material alteration. H. V. Yager had raised a check for \$2.51 drawn to Mrs. J. Kelsey of Hillsboro route 5 to \$20.51 and a voucher for \$2.76 drawn to J. A. Gillette of the same route to \$20.78. The report of Deputy Busch, who investigated Yeager had been working on a farm south of Corvallis.

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Sperry Trophy Again Offered for Fair Event

(By L. E. Francis, Ass't. County Agent)
Sperry Flour company is awarding a trophy for the champion 4-H club showman of the Washington county fair again this year. This will be the third year that the Sperry company has awarded a trophy for this contest.

In the showmanship contest the club members are judged on their ability to train and show their animals. Showmanship events are scheduled for the Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein and Brown Swiss breeds of dairy cattle, and for hogs and sheep.

Contracts Ready Soon

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Growers need not hesitate to sign the new contracts for fear of adverse decision on the constitutionality of the AAA, according to Chester C. Davis, administrator. It is impossible to wait until a decision by the supreme court to launch the new program, because fall grain for 1936 will be planted in the near future. He gave assurance, however, that farmers signing a contract will be paid for corn.

Pioneer Memory Honored at Meet

Harris Bridge at Farmington Dedicated Sunday; Reunion Held

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Jurors Plan Crash Query

Trial Dates Mill Strikers Not Yet Set in Courts

Investigation of the accident at Gaston July 15 in which Ralph Egger and Lester Winger were killed will be conducted during the August session of the county grand jury. The two boys were fatally hurt when a light gravel truck, driven by Vincent Ober of Seaside, went out of control on the Laurelwood road east of Gaston and overturned.

Local Physician Studies Latest in Surgical Technique

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Four-H Clubbers Set Many Events for County Fair

Plans for a record number of entrants in 4-H exhibits during the 1935 Washington county fair, to be held at Shute park August 29, 30 and 31, are now being prepared by O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent. Demonstrations in sewing, cooking, canning, room improvement, homemaking and camp cookery are scheduled in addition to the usual exhibits, dollar dinners, style revue and judging contests.

Program Suggested Ordinance on Milk Grades Revisited by Hulit

Details of a plan to provide sewer facilities for that part of Hillsboro not now served and to construct a disposal plant for the entire city at a combined estimated cost of \$184,000 was presented to the city council Tuesday night by John W. Cunningham, Portland consulting engineer. Although no definite action on the project was taken by councilmen, the question of the need of a treatment plant was discussed at length and a special meeting tentatively called next week for further study of the matter.

Improvement Suggested

Sewer improvement proposed to serve all built-up streets in the area west of the Southern Pacific tracks on Adams avenue, according to the report. The general slope is toward the westward into Dairy creek and Cunningham suggested that the trunk sewer for the district be placed south on Connel and Dennis avenues to Cedar and feeding into an intercepting sewer running easterly. Cost of this improvement was estimated at \$23,000.

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Verbort Farmers' Union to Meet Wednesday Night

Verbort local of Farmers' Union will meet in C. O. F. at Verbort 8 p. m. Wednesday, August 14. Menus will be served. The committee for the county fair are urged to be present and all other members.