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State Capitol News Letter

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Call for Special Meet
Legislature in Near
Future Expected

SALEM—It may now be predicted, with a reasonable degree of accuracy, that the state legislature will be called into special session some time before the middle of October. Just how much before will depend upon developments connected with the capital construction program.

Federal authorities at the national capitol are pounding state officials on the back and demanding action. However, even now the PWA grant for the new building will be disappointed unless the state gets busy without unnecessary delay.

An amended application, corrected to meet flaws discovered in the original document, is now on its way to the PWA at Washington. As soon as word is received that the grant is available Governor Martin will issue his call for the gathering of the lawmakers. Already preliminary arrangements for the session are well under way. Plans have been completed for the use of the Marion hotel and the Salem armory as legislative halls, with the senate meeting in the hotel dining room and the house in the armory. Purchase orders have gone in for desks and chairs and the necessary supplies.

In the meantime negotiations are proceeding on a larger site for the new capitol. While Governor Martin has declared, and most emphatically, that the Willamette campus is "out" of the picture, a group of Salem business men, interested in keeping the capitol near the center of the city, are continuing their efforts to secure the campus for state house purposes. The governor has declared his preference for an hill site and has at least two likely locations in his mind as ideal sites, either or both of which he may commend to the legislature for their consideration unless legal obstacles arise which might prevent.

In view of the developments in connection with the proposed new building the governor has taken pains to make it clear that the final decision rests with the legislature. While he recommends a number of recommendations to make it will be up to the lawmakers to accept or reject these as they see fit. This applies not only to the proposed larger site for the new capitol but to the cost of the new style of architecture and other details.

In at least 20 Oregon cities committees have been appointed to raise funds to purchase a first aid car and equipment, according to reports received by Governor Martin. Interest in this project was stimulated by the recent tour of the state by the Portland first aid car which visited 32 cities and communities in a tour covering 7000 miles.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in securing competent instructors in vocational agriculture to meet the demand from Oregon high schools, according to O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education. The best salaries paid by other states is attracting many of Oregon's higher teachers. Adams points out, eight vocational agriculture teachers resigning this year to accept better jobs.

Tourist travel in Oregon continues to record substantial gains over the 1934 season. August registrations of foreign cars were almost 2700 above those for August a year ago. For the first eight months of this year a total of 73,513 out-of-state cars visited Oregon compared to 68,732 for the same period a year ago.

Schools all over the state will go into the new year in much better condition financially than for several years, according to reports from C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. Many districts have taken advantage of the new law to reduce their warrant debt by the issue of interest-free general obligation notes being a very low rate of interest. Other districts have been able to retire large blocks of outstanding bonds as well as reduce their outstanding warrants.

Reports that truck operators are working their drivers harder than the 12-hour maximum permitted by the Oregon law are being investigated by E. A. Landis, state superintendent of transportation. Landis points out that California now is in charge of the new law.

Perfection Bakery Adds
New Route, Employees
Perfection Bakery has added three new employees to its staff and has started a new bakery route. Charles Riggs, former Hillsboro resident, is in charge of the new route which serves Aloha, Garden Home and the southern part of the county as far as Yamhill. The other new employees are bakers, Charles Everts and Wilbur Heinrichs, both of Hillsboro.

Alexander Shows Nine
Cars on Argus Display
Advertising placed in the Argus brings real results, according to W. S. Alexander of the Used Car Exchange, who has been an Argus advertiser for many years. Alexander has had a representative of the Argus last week that he made nine used car sales direct from a display advertisement in the Argus. On Friday and Saturday after the August 29 paper, Alexander also a consistent user of Argus classified advertising to keep his houses rented.

State Orders Relief Office Door Locked

Action Follows Complaint
That Help Yards Unable
to Obtain Employees

Office Force Slashed
New Work Group Has
Many Projects Ready

Acting under orders from the state relief committee, relief activities in Washington county came to an abrupt stop Saturday noon with the closing of the relief office in Hillsboro, which has been in continuous operation under state direction since April, 1934.

The office was ordered closed for an indefinite period, following a meeting of the state relief committee in session, to consider the employment situation and complaints by orchardists and hoppyard owners that not enough help could be obtained to harvest the crops.

WPA to Complete
In addition to direct relief for unemployed persons in need, the local office was operating 12 work projects in an effort to complete work begun on several school houses. The school repairs, however, will be completed by the Works Progress Administration, as soon as this program is initiated in this county, according to plans announced some time ago by WPA officials.

Besides projects used by the Washington County Relief Administration for distribution and production of goods needed by the unemployed, school repairs at Meacham, Banks, Waits near Galesburg, and Hillsboro union high school were suspended. Federal Housing Survey with headquarters in Hillsboro also was closed.

Under the drastic reorganization ordered by the state relief committee, the Hillsboro relief office retains only four employees, which include Miss Alice Maxwell, executive secretary; Miss Mary Louise Higby, home visitor; W. J. Mills, county auditor; and Margaret Munson and Harriett Campbell, home visitors, and Julia Tatom, stenographer, were suspended.

Some of the visitors, if not all, will be re-employed as the case load increases following the closing of seasonal employment.

The positions of works assistant and auditor, however, are not in the plan for reorganization, which does not include the relief office. The only aid being given by the local relief office will be to the farm and furnish considerable employment.

The distillery, he pointed out, is awaiting the grant of a government permit before entering into construction here. The meeting passed resolutions pledging support to the project.

Mrs. J. F. Kamna, chairman of the Farmers' Union fair program, extended thanks to all local farmers for their cooperation which, she said, was responsible for success in winning the prize. Cedar Mill band was especially named for its part in the entertainment. John Plass, president, also extended thanks to those who assisted in preparing booths and exhibits.

Chehalem Boys' 4-H Team Takes First at Fair for Tubers

Immediate Organization for
Potato Growers Licensed
by AAA

Seek Surplus Limits
Heavy Tax to be Levied
On All Over-production

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California Fruit Added to Tables of Relief Clients

Washington county relief clients will be afforded the opportunity this winter to judge the difference between the Sun-kissed prunes of California and the tasteless prunes of Washington county, providing they can get possession of home grown prunes, according to H. W. Well, chairman of the Washington County Relief committee.

The committee has been notified of a shipment of half a ton of the dried fruit from the supply recently purchased by the federal government in California. According to newspaper accounts, California fruit growers managed to convince the relief administration in Washington, D. C., that California was the only state in the west where prunes are grown in any quantity.

Just as a matter of contrast, relief clients also may be issued Washington county prunes chosen in the relief canneries from choice fruits gathered in local orchards.

Application for approval of a project to construct a \$30,000 hospital in Hillsboro was forwarded this week to the WPA headquarters in Portland. The hospital, according to preliminary plans, would be a one-story building with a frontage of approximately 150 feet. The building would be a fire-resistant, using metal lath and plaster inside and stucco finish on the exterior. Provision would be made for a modern operating room, two wards of five beds each and rooms to accommodate at least 15 beds.

A tentative location would place the building in the vicinity of Fourth avenue and Lincoln street, it is understood.

The \$30,000 to be expended for the building is to be raised by a bond issue and subscriptions.

Preliminary plans were rushed through in an effort to get government approval before funds, earmarked in Washington for use in Oregon, are exhausted. If the project receives approval, detailed plans will be prepared, a definite location designated, and an election called to vote bonds to care for a part of the local contribution, according to those interested in the project.

J. D. Annand, Portland architect, has been in charge of preliminary drawings and plans. A similar project at St. Helens has been approved, according to Dr. A. O. Pitman, who is active in the attempt to procure the hospital.

Washington county's prune harvest is getting into stride this week among the valley orchards. Approximately 95 per cent of the crop is expected to be harvested by the end of the month. The crop is reported to be of excellent quality.

Sheedwood cannery, operating three eight-hour shifts employing approximately 600 persons, expects to make a capacity pack of 150,000 cases.

The Ray-Maling cannery in Hillsboro began packing prunes Wednesday morning after a few days delay due to a heavy pack of corn, due to increased acreage this year.

City Moves to Remove Waste Evil

Portland Engineer Installs
Sewage Disposal
Plant Operates Soon

Tests Made to Determine
Effects of Cannery

Immediate installation of a demonstration plant employing the activated sludge method of sewage disposal was assured Hillsboro with preliminary work under way Wednesday morning under the direction of A. C. Forrester, Portland engineer, who has been working with the city council for some time in connection with the sewage problem.

The experimental plant, according to George McGee, city engineer, is owned by Forrester and is being erected on the property owned by the city at the site of the present septic tanks east of the Carnation condenser. Three men are employed leveling ground for the tanks which are being brought here from Portland, McGee said.

Method Odorous
The equipment consists of four aeration tanks and five settling tanks with the accompanying machinery and pump. Sewage will be taken from the main sewer at this point and diverted to the tanks. The sewage, as it enters the tanks, is being trickling filter method of handling is odorless and the resulting fluid perfectly pure.

Purification is accomplished by bacterial action resulting in a natural manner in the digestion tanks. Chemicals are not used, and bacteria sometimes are artificially introduced to hasten the efficiency of the process.

Every effort is being made to place the disposal plant in operation during the next three or four days in order to take full advantage of the condition of sewage coming from the Ray-Maling cannery during the height of the canning rush there. Wastes from the cannery, introduced into the sewer, present one of the problems to be solved in whatever type of disposal plant finally is selected by the council.

The other type of disposal plant under consideration by the city council is known as the sedimentation and trickling filter method which employs digester and settling tanks and in addition a rock filter bed through which liquids from the settling tanks are run. Bacterial action purifying the water takes place in this filter bed after which the water is released to the river.

The Forrester plant, McGee declared, will handle approximately 5000 gallons per day while the total to be handled by any new plant installed would have to be more than 100,000 gallons to accommodate the present situation.

Hillsboro Townsend rally is to sponsor a gigantic rally of Washington county clubs in Hillsboro September 29, according to the advisory committee of the local club, and recommended to the club at the regular meeting Wednesday. Tentative plans were known by the committee in that this rally will be held in the high school, and Representative J. W. Mott is to be invited to speak.

Another Townsend club's was a last Thursday evening with the organization of the Oregon club by the Hillsboro club, with fifty-one charter members. This is the fourth club organized by the local group. The club is going to Oreno consisted of Rev. Henry Young, speaker, Robert Kelly, H. I. Patton and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Buckland. R. L. Putnam, president of the local club, has been invited to speak at their next meeting Tuesday night.

Grant for Wolf Creek Sea Road Asked by Court

Down to the sea in automobiles by speeds limited only by existing laws, will be an assured fact from Washington county providing officials in Washington, D. C., put the stamp of approval on a WPA project submitted for the Wolf Creek highway, according to H. D. Kerker, county commissioner, who has been interested with the county court in having construction begun on both this highway and the Wilson River project.

The Wilson river project was submitted for approval last week and the details on the Wolf Creek route completed and dispatched this week, under an agreement reached by Washington county and the state highway department, Kerker said.

Agreement in question covers the purchase of right of way for both roads. In conference with the county court of this county agreed to purchase the Wilson river right of way to the Tillamook county line while the state would purchase right of way for Wolf Creek. Highway engineers have been working on the highway and the state highway department, Kerker said.

The road as planned, will be four traffic lanes with completed and hard surface throughout. Completion probably will be made two lanes at a time, the others being added as traffic demands. Wayside stands, filling stations, store buildings and other improvements will be included in the project.

Multnomah county commissioner, interested in construction of both roads, are urging the projects as a means of finding employment for some 7000 men for a year which is supposed to be the life of WPA.

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High School Shows Gain First Week

Freshmen Overflow Classes
Setting New Record for
Opening Enrollment

Grade Pupils Fewer
Attendance 33 Less Than
Last Year, Noser Says

Overflows of the halls and assembly like floodwaters over the dam, the largest class of freshmen in the history of Hillsboro union high school descended on that institution with the opening Monday. Registration for the whole school is well over 500 with 152 freshmen on the rolls.

Some reorganization was necessary to take care of the large number of newcomers, but by today classes in the next two weeks are getting into the proper groove and it is expected that by Monday the school will have settled into its regular routine, according to B. W. Barnes, superintendent.

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Argus Makes Staff Changes

Davis on News and Coman
Advertising Manager

Leon S. Davis, formerly managed of placements and labor under the SERA, joined the staff of the Hillsboro Argus Monday morning as city editor. Ed Coman, who has been a member of the news staff for more than three years, has been appointed advertising manager, while Francis Barr has been named as field representative and will work on circulation, advertising and news.

Health Association Plans 1935 Program

Forest Grove Women In Charge Of
Annual Dinner Arrangements

Plans for the annual doctors' dinner on November 4 and the 1935 adult and child health programs were outlined Monday evening during a meeting of the Washington County Public Health Association in Hillsboro. Announcement was also made of the regional institute in Portland September 17 and 18 of Oregon workers in the campaign against scurvy.

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Condition Assault Victim is Serious

George Barrett Unable to Give
Coherent Account of Attack

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