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Eliminations, Too Bad

Some candidates in the "Hillsboro Merchants' Popularity Contests" have had to be eliminated because of being ineligible under the rules as clearly printed with the announcement of the contests. In fairness to the sponsors, the candidates, the judges and this newspaper it is necessary to adhere to the rules.

To eliminate anyone from the prospects of winning such an enjoyable and worthwhile prize is no easy matter for the judges and those in charge. It might even be likened to the father, who in punishing his child for being naughty, says: "This hurts me worse than it does you, son."

One, who stood well up in the contest, had to be cut off the list because of being too young under the rules, which clearly state that the candidate must be an unmarried woman between the ages of 18 and 30. Another rule eliminated two girls because of the provision that employes or relatives of employes of sponsors are ineligible.

What Other Editors Say

Once "Poorer" Student Testifies

This writer went to O. S. C. (O. A. C. then) a good many years ago. He practiced about as severe economy as everyone in that large institution; the first two years, until he found ways to make a little more money. The first year cost less than \$250 and his second under \$300. His meals cost 36 cents a day, day after day, those first two years. He lived in an unheated room at \$7 a month. He did not spend one cent at the movies the first year. Not many of the very poorest students nowadays live on as little as he did then. So he understands the problem of the poorer student from personal experience.

The writer paid the fee, and gladly. He had to have some entertainment. He could get it at the games, the lectures; one of the programs was the only Shakespearean stage play he had ever seen, the very best in entertainment and at a price his meager purse could stand. And in the retrospect of more than 15 years since graduation he knows that those extra-curricular activities, debates, student newspaper, etc., were of much more benefit per hour spent than his classroom work.

The fee will drive no one from school. A Baker student at Corvallis said in a letter to the Democrat-Herald the other day that most of the poorer students are paying the fee now because they have jobs about the college and are required to, and that most of those who don't pay but could, shirk their responsibilities.

The support of these necessary student activities by the democratic process of a general fee is sound and right. This bill does not require that it be collected. It leaves that to the regents, who can and doubtless will waive it in the case of any who are actually unable to pay. So there will be no serious hardship, and the unfairness of making students who pay voluntarily carry the load for others who should pay and now don't will be remedied.—Baker Democrat-Herald.

Public Forum

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There is no question but that a strictly national system of pensions would be more economical and uniform, and would eliminate the necessity for additional local taxes. Oregon would benefit greatly by a strictly national pension plan in that many in other parts of the nation would relocate here to spend their declining years, and our pension costs would be borne to a large extent by the populated sections of the industrial east.

The rejection of this sales tax measure will not leave the state without a pension law, as the 1933 law will still prevail. It is true that the same forces who were able to involve us in a special election and have the sales tax measure placed on the ballot were successful by their tricky methods in diverting the one million dollars appropriated by the 1935 regular session for old age assistance to unemployment relief, thereby leaving the old age pension fund without means, but review of facts will reveal that another special session of the legislature, however distasteful, will cost the people of Oregon considerable less than the three or four million dollars which would be collected yearly by this sales tax measure. This does not take into consideration the convenience and cost of expensive record keeping systems to business and industrial farmers.

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State Capital News Letter

BY A. L. LINDBECK

Interest in Election Light; Change in Primary Gains

SALEM—Except for those actively supporting or opposing the measure on the state ballot, little interest is being manifested in Friday's special election according to reports reaching Salem from over the state. Based upon these reports and the heavy slump in registrations political observers predict a light vote, probably not more than the 250,000 cast in the last special election in May, 1934, when five measures went up for consideration.

Only one of the four measures on Friday's ballot is given more than an even break for approval. That is the September primary proposal, which has the almost unanimous vote of the newspapers over the state as well as the leaders of both major political parties.

The sales tax, it is pretty generally conceded, is slated for another overwhelming defeat. Only the optimistic 423 cast in the last special election hold out any hope of its success and these are counting strongly on Governor Martin's eleventh hour statement in support of the measure to swing the undecided, indifferent voters into the measure.

The proposed constitutional amendment permitting the legislators to fix their own rate of pay is not expected to pass. While most voters admit that the lawmakers in this state are under paid they do not take kindly to the proposal to lower the adjustment of the pay to those who will benefit thereby.

Vocal sentiment throughout the state seems to be pretty well divided on the student fee bill.

Of the more than \$12,000 in liquor tax revenue received among Oregon counties and cities by Secretary of State Snell \$1031.27 went to Washington county and its several municipalities. The county itself shared in the distribution to the extent of \$773.28, and the several cities and towns received the following amounts: Banks, \$7.12; Beaverton, \$38.76; Cornelius, \$16.50; Forest Grove, \$63.32; Gaston, \$7.73; Hillsboro, \$105.53; Oreono, \$1.36; Sherwood, \$12.01; Tualatin, \$6.58. The apportionment is made on a population basis.

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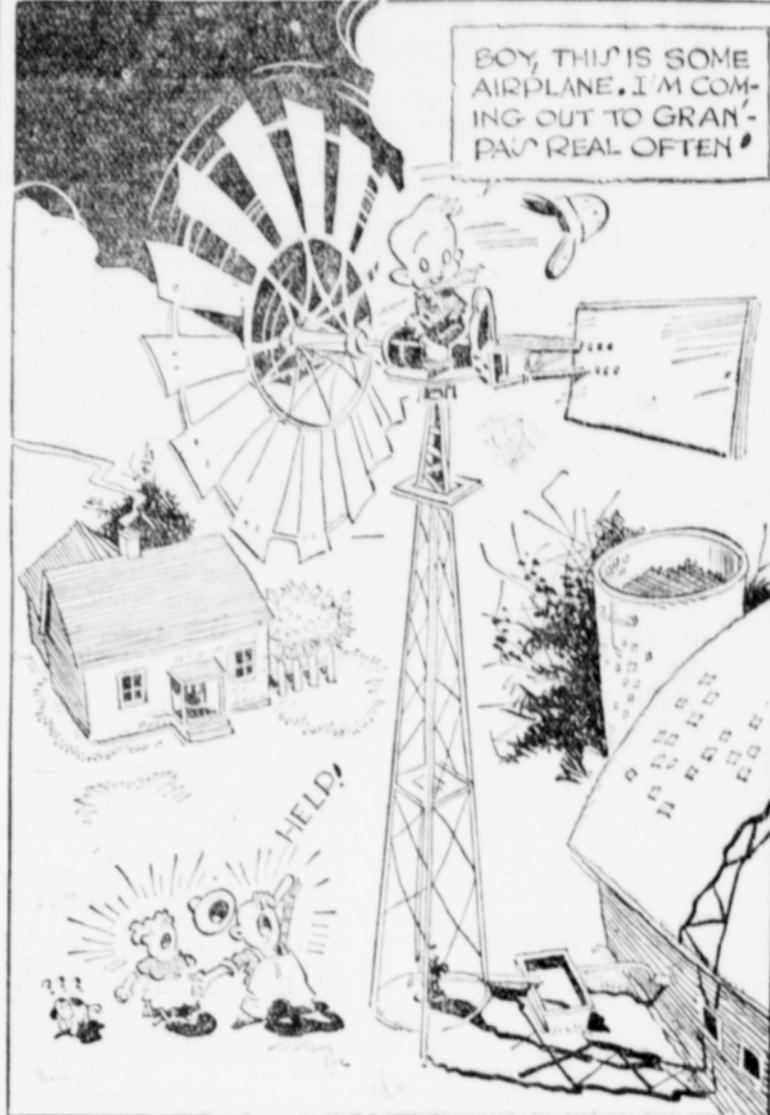
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Library Adds to Non-Fiction

Three outstanding new non-fiction books now available at the public library are: "Old Jules," by Mari Sandoz, "Discovery Through Mexico," by Harry Carter, and "The First Atlantic Monthly," by Ernest Frazer. The first is a biography of an American by adoption, born in Switzerland, and educated in medical school. Jules Sandoz settled in Nebraska, determined to found a community there, and pursued his vision for forty years against staggering odds. The book is a vivid picture of American pioneer experience.

Questions Utility Plan

Editor of the Argus—At the hearing before the Hydroelectric Commission on the utility district Saturday, incident to the embarrassment of being stopped by the commission on account of exceeding my word limit, I inadvertently read section 54 of the original bill which was eliminated in the printed bill.

Agent Assists New Lane Farmer

EUGENE—County Agent O. S. Fletcher recently assisted S. J. Sullivan, a newcomer from California, in working out a cropping system for the 1000-acre farm he has purchased near Cottage Grove. Reports of the forthcoming county farm outlook conference are expected to aid newcomers as well as present farmers in planning the most profitable systems for their conditions.

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How to Make a Teacher

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CAUGHT IN THE WILD

By Robert Ames Bennett

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(Continued from last week)

He rubbed in the mess and gave the weak solution of polish lye time to act. After that came the rinsing. He waded out and sat down in the water up to his neck. Thus protected from the swarms of stingers, he stripped of one garment at a time, washed it clean of ashes, and tossed it upon the edge of the beach. Before coming out, he took a luxurious swim in the clear river water.

First Ramill and then Husky rather gingerly copied Garth's method. Like him, both wound up with a swim. Neither, however, ventured far out into the vast slow flood of the Mackenzie.

With the landing came the comedy. The odds ended their bathing before Garth. He tread water and watch them. Both had wrung out their clothes and flung them well up the beach. The moment they splattered ashore, the waiting swarms of blood-suckers buzzed to the feast.

Husky cursed, snatched up his half-dressed and dashed back to dress under water. Mr. Ramill, however, had no desire to put on wet clothes. He beat at the zizzling pests with his tattered union suit. It enabled him to get into the leather trousers and coat without being stung more than half a hundred times.

Garth's mirth was mixed with admiration for the mine investor's nerve. Along with this he felt a glow of satisfaction over the results of what his rigorous training had done for the once-faded back in air. Though still heavy-set, the portly gentleman had become something of an athlete in appearance. His flabby muscles had been hardened; his loose jaws were now firm. His paunch had disappeared.

Byrd gives an account of the second Antarctic expedition in "Discovery." This and the two other books, "Skyward" and "Little America" give a complete account of his expeditions. Frank's book is about an automobile trip partly retracing Cortez's route. The book has 67 reproductions of photographs.

Two good fiction books are "Last Civilian," by Ernst Glaeser, story of Germany and the Nazi doctrine; and "Victorious Fray," by John Masfield, a good sea story.

If you are interested in the reading course service offered by the Oregon State Library ask to see the pamphlet listing courses.

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Edited by Hillsboro Union High School Student Body

Try-Square Club Starts on House

Senior division of the Try-Square club met Thursday afternoon after the exams were over, and started construction of their home. At 6 o'clock the boys went to the school cafeteria where a pot luck dinner, prepared by amateur cooks, was enjoyed.

Miss Brogden Advisor

Miss Virginia Brogden was chosen advisor for the Sub Deb club. Mrs. Ide first organized the club and has served as advisor for three years, but her many duties compelled her to resign. The club's purpose combines social enjoyment and the duty of every student member to study the constitution, laws, and the members are high school girls.

Books Added

Recently a number of new books have been added to the school library. These books were carefully chosen by the members of the faculty and consist of only the best quality.

Student Body has Balance

Treasurer William Allison reports a balance on hand in the student body treasury of \$350.27.

Entertains Philos

Marjorie Meek entertained Philo girls at a party at her home Wednesday evening.

Plan Hilhi Conference

A number of Girl Reserve have been working very hard this last week preparing decorations for the Salem conference to be held on February 2. About 12 girls from Hillsboro will attend.

Mrs. Harold Williams, nee Florence Logan, visited at Aurora, and says that farms in that vicinity are hard to obtain because of the many new-comers from the middle west.

Miss Fort, Miss Nex, Miss McDonald and Mrs. Abraham enjoyed a dance party with Mrs. George Jacobson nee Lillie Homedew, at her home in the country Thursday.

Miss Ermine Rennalls has returned to school after an absence of two months on account of typhoid fever.