

Silver Thaw Grips Valley Short While

Rising Temperatures Bring End to Long Cold Snap Locally

Traffic Unhindered

Storm Worst Around Port- land and Columbia

Despite forecast of warmer, more normal weather, cold and freezing continued throughout this week with a "silver thaw" which began Tuesday night and continued with some thawing Wednesday.

Weather forecasts for today (Thursday) was warmer with changeable winds and occasional rain.

Extends Eastward

The "silver thaw" extended eastward, coating Portland with ice which made traffic dangerous. The Columbia highway was closed for a time because of the icy pavements. In the Hillsboro vicinity, trees, streets and roads were lightly ice coated Wednesday morning, but no serious accidents were reported from skidding automobiles or falling pedestrians. Traffic continued about normal Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Check of the weather records kept by A. W. Moore, observer for the biological survey, shows more freezing days and nights this year to date than last. His records show 56 days with temperatures below freezing since the first frost, October 23, as compared to 42 days with freezing temperatures in the previous year, beginning with the first frost September 25, 1934.

The summary of freezing temperatures this year show 16 in November, 18 in December, 10 in January and 11 in February to date. A year ago there were 4 in October, 1 in November, 12 in December.

Pythians Will Award Jewels

Order's 72nd Anniversary Observance Wednesday

Celebration of the 72nd anniversary of the founders of the Knights of Pythias order will be observed next Wednesday by Knights' lodges all over the United States, and also in lodges of Canada, Alaska and Hawaii. The local lodge plans a big celebration. Of interest to members of the order is the announcement that President Roosevelt will be given the rank of page Wednesday afternoon at the White House, followed by an address on Pythianism by Senator Copeland of New York.

Visitors will attend from lodges of the district, including McMinnville, Gaston, Forest Grove, North Plains, and Hillsboro, as well as grand, past grand and past supreme officers.

Place of the Commercial Fertilizer Report Subject

(By Wm. F. Cyrus, County Agent)
Commercial fertilizers have an important place in growing crops. Just how much money is wasted annually on commercial fertilizers, improperly used, can not be estimated. Quantities of them are bought each year and used on soil types and on particular land where increased crop returns could not be expected, in the opinion of the Washington county farmers who prepared the soils report for the recent economic conference and which was approved by the farmers present.

Double-Vote Days and Cash Prizes Set in Contests

Contest Standings

4 p. m., February 12
District I—Hillsboro City

Lorraine Chase	190,900
Bette Havens	172,675
Velma Hines	162,300
Norma Toelle	90,100
Blanche Robinson	50,625
Roberta Robinson	36,600
Lucille Rood	25,875

District II
County Outside Hillsboro

Alma Raffety	133,850
Anna Glaske	126,650
Helen Sahlfeld	99,500
Helen Rutschman	98,750
Anna Marie Meyer	95,275
Tillie Hoffman	52,575
Wanda Finigan	28,950
Doris Heaton	19,100
Marion Cypher	12,075
Verna Mae Walters	7,400
Katherine Denney	4,800
Hilda Dober	3,900
Jean Jepson	3,950

Announcement of "double-vote" days Friday and Saturday and of the offering of \$75 in additional prizes marked the high point in the Hillsboro Merchants' Popularity contests this week. The 20 candidates in the two contests are rapidly piling up vote totals and are preparing for the final drive before the contest closes March 2.

McPheeters is Named to Fill Relief Vacancy

Health Forces Dr. F. Rucker from Committee

Appointment of L. T. McPheeters, Hillsboro insurance man, to succeed Dr. F. T. Rucker on the county relief committee, is virtually assured, according to R. W. Weil, chairman of the committee. Dr. Rucker tendered his resignation last week and McPheeter's nomination is with Governor Martin.

The resignation of Dr. Rucker came after he was taken to the Veterans' hospital in Portland, where he is in a serious condition following an abdominal operation. He has been in ill health for some time, according to his friends.

Dr. Rucker had served on the relief committee since October, 1934, when he replaced Francis Livermore of Beaverton and took an active part in the administration of relief in this county and in his own neighborhood of Sherwood.

McPheeters is a former Hillsboro banker and now chairman of the democratic central committee of the county. He is also reported as the probable appointee to the position of postmaster in Hillsboro when the term of Fred Holznaegel expires next month.

Activities of the relief committee still continue as heavy as earlier in the winter with little promise of a shrinkage in the relief load until spring brings a return of seasonal labor, according to relief officials.

Clearing of the relief rolls of WPA, has brought the local relief load to a mark probably considerably lower than a year ago, while more men will be taken care of through the federal work division by the calling of 20 more laborers to the Banks sewer construction job, it is expected.

Vote to Dissolve

Washington County Fruit Growers' association voted to dissolve at a meeting here Friday.

Grand Jury Set to Probe Liquor Sale

Intoxication of Minors Gets Attention of State's Attorney Here

Investigate Gambling

Group to Hear Evidence on "Spinning Wheel"

Sale of liquor to minors will receive considerable attention from the grand jury when that body convenes Thursday morning, according to G. Russell Morgan, state attorney.

"Flagrant and widespread violations of the law forbidding the sale of intoxicants to minors is going to be widespread. Most of the violations deal with sale or gift of beer to minors, he said.

Next of importance in the line of investigations by the jurors, are the cases pending against the "Spinning Wheel" road house near Tigard, raised by state officers January 19.

Three cases against the owner and operators of the place, will be laid before the grand jury. The first of these cases deals with sale of alcoholic beverages over the bar in violation of the permit to sell with meals. Two others deal with gambling charges.

One charge deals with the operation of a roulette wheel on the second floor and the other with the operation of alleged nickel in the slot machines, of which officers testified in a preliminary hearing last week that there were 20 in the building.

Jack Wooley, alleged proprietor of the "Spinning Wheel," with nine others, was bound over to the grand jury by County Judge Donald Templeton after a preliminary hearing February 4.

Henry H. Butts, 57, who was arrested at Shady Brook on a morals charge Thursday by Sheriff J. W. Cornely and Deputy Richard Busch, was bound over to the grand jury the same day in the sum of \$5000.

Orders were filed in the probate court: Martha J. Campbell, John C. Bechen, Peter Grossen, Mary A. Bisbee, John Sigrist, Louise and Dorothy Good, Otto Schindler, John C. Young, Lee E. Blatchley, E. Quackenbush, Victoria Airola Anderson, Frederick E. Buchtmann.

German War Vet Speaker

Tells of Communist Attempt to Control World

Describing the symptoms of communism as witnessed first in Germany after the World war and later in the United States, Dick Wullert, German war veteran, spoke Tuesday night before Hillsboro post, American Legion.

Wullert is one of 40 German veterans in and around Portland, who came to this country after the upset of democratic government in Germany and have since taken out their citizenship papers and declared allegiance to the United States.

He declared, in this respect, that the United States was the last great frontier of free people and pledged himself and his comrades to defend and uphold this right of freedom against any or all nations or factions seeking to overthrow the government.

Of communism, he declared that it was present and militant and cited the incident in Portland in (Continued on page 4, column 1)

Multnomah Court Upholds Milk Act

Oregon milk control law was upheld as to constitutionality, in an opinion given Saturday in Multnomah county by Judge Hall S. Lusk.

Popular Game May be Banned by Councilmen

"Time marches on!" Hillsboro's most absorbing pastime, pinball, may be headed in to the realm of the pre-historic within two or three weeks or perhaps sooner.

A movement now is underway in the local Parent-Teachers' association, according to Mrs. H. H. Stannard, president, to bring the matter before the city council for action. The council can, it is believed, put the devices out of business within the city limits.

Protest against the machines came to a head at a meeting of the executive board of the P.-T. A. and the matter will be presented to the association at the meeting Monday night, Mrs. Stannard said, along with a protest against the sale of cigarettes to minors.

This protest, according to reports, comes from the alleged practice of minors playing the game. This is said to have become more common.

Portland Radio Station Seeks Show Winners

Two Acts of Legion Contest Will Broadcast

Somebody in Washington county, with a special aptitude for entertainment, is to have an opportunity to "strut his or her stuff" to the huge radio audience of KGW, Portland broadcasting station, it was announced Tuesday by the Legion committee in charge of the local amateur contest to be staged about the middle of March by Hillsboro post.

The radio tie-up was made through an arrangement with the Portland station management by the committee, KGW having offered the Legion a spot between 7 and 10 p. m. on a night to be designated after the contest. Acts taking first and second prizes will go on the air under this plan with a special program.

In addition to the opportunity to broadcast, a total of \$35 in prizes is being offered for winners of five events. Prizes include \$15 for first; \$10 for second; \$5 for third; \$3 for fourth and \$2 for fifth prize.

Applications to appear in the contest follow:

Robert Whately, 15, Beaverton high school glee club, singer.
Joe Wenzel, Helvetia, five-piece German band. Members are Wenzel, Fred and Wilford Grossen, Clara Schabold and John Wenger.
Hillsboro quintet, singing and dancing. Rosanne Weil, Evelyn Ann Busch, Ann Peters, Helen Cyrus and Irene Darnell. All are members of the Ed Cheney dancing class.

Howard Stratton, Balm Grove, accordionist.
Marion Hagg, Reedville, 17, piano. Beaverton high school. Pupils of Mrs. Erma Taylor Sparks, piano teacher.

As still needed to balance the program and which entries will be welcomed, include: Impersonator, any stringed instrument, xylophone, comedian; whistler; or any novelty musical number.

Great interest is being aroused among the entertainers and their friends and some excellent talent is being booked for appearance on the night of the show, which will be given at the Venetian theatre.

To care for expenses of prizes, rentals, advertising and other items in connection with staging a show of this nature, the committee plans a ticket sale in Hillsboro and elsewhere in the county.

Purpose of the contest is to reveal and list talent of various kinds as well as to assist the broadcast stations in discovering talent suitable for feature acts broadcast over Portland stations or elsewhere. Much talent also is in demand both (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Portlander to Talk at Luncheon Meet

Allan McCurtain, Portland attorney, will speak at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon. He has given this talk before the Portland chamber of commerce and it is said to be very interesting.

Following a decision to continue monthly night dinner meetings to consider community problems, it was voted to appoint a program committee to arrange discussions for these sessions to make them of greater benefit.

A committee will be named to consider river pollution, following the receipt of two conflicting letters from the Portland chamber of commerce and the American Legion will present the program for the night dinner meeting March 9.

Dog Control Board Has Session Today

Members of the county dog control board will meet this afternoon (Thursday) in the county court offices at 2 p. m. to sign contracts with cities making collections of dog licenses, it was announced Tuesday by Donald Templeton, county judge.

Measles Near Epidemic in This County

Health Authorities Seeking Better Enforcement of Quarantine

Hillsboro Board Acts

Chairman Declares Rules to be Applied Here

Measles, which have reached almost epidemic proportions in Washington county threatening the welfare of children in the schools, occupied attention of the health authorities this week.

As a result of conferences between Margaret Dixon, county nurse, C. H. Nosler, superintendent of schools, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, and Dr. J. B. Dinsmore, local health officer, drastic action was decided on to check the spread of the disease.

Enforce Quarantine

Lax enforcement of the quarantine laws which forbid children with infectious diseases attending school, or returning after recovery without certification from the health officer or doctor, is charged and measures are being taken to enforce this rule, health officials said.

However, both doctors and health officials admit that in the case of measles, the disease is spread broadcast by children before the trouble becomes apparent by breaking out of the rash. A similarity between common colds and measles in the early stages make early diagnosis of the disease difficult, doctors point out.

In country districts, some schools already have contracted the disease almost 100 per cent, while in Hillsboro public schools numerous cases have been found and it is hoped that the disease may be brought under control before running into an epidemic of much size.

While many children, doctors declare, are not very ill with measles, there still is the danger of complications which in many cases result in mastoid, pneumonia or diseases of the kidneys. Parents therefore are being warned to watch all illnesses carefully and adhere to the rules and regulations of the health department.

The following statement was issued Tuesday by Dr. Dinsmore, local health officer:

"School and health department of Washington county, after careful consideration, have decided that until further notice any child who for any reason finds it necessary to be absent from school for three or more days must have a written permit from a medical doctor before being re-admitted to school. Also no member of the family in which there is a contagious disease existing is permitted to attend school without the same permission being granted.

This ruling applies to all grade, high and individualized schools in Washington county.

The school board of Hillsboro grade schools, according to M. P. Cady, chairman, expects to enforce this rule to the letter and asks for full co-operation of the parents during the period of the epidemic, pupils, who are excluded (Continued on page 4, column 1)

Farmer Union Seeks Fire Aid

Dillon Tells Why Hillsboro Makes Charge

Plans for the formation of a North Plains fire district for the protection of the rural portion of the community were under discussion by the West Union local of the Farmers Union warehouse, it was learned Tuesday night.

Wilbur Dillon, Hillsboro fire marshal, explained how farmers might obtain fire protection from the Hillsboro rural department by paying \$13 for the first hour of any call and \$3 an hour thereafter.

He told the gathering that it was difficult for Hillsboro firemen to respond to rural fires without some form of compensation because of the cost of upkeep of apparatus, and the necessity of men leaving their jobs in Hillsboro to make a trip to the fire.

He suggested that the community might set up a fire district, or a large unit might include the county, a small levy being made by taxing to pay the cost of equipment and upkeep.

The president appointed a committee to investigate and report back at the next meeting, March 5.

N. R. Baker talked on business at the Firm Union warehouse. It was suggested that those interested in entering the baseball team should report to the committee (Continued on page 4, column 1)

Beaverton Speedsters Draw Fines in Court

Two arrests last week by a deputy of the sheriff's office for speeding drew fines in Justice George Thyn's court at Beaverton. Lloyd VanOsdol of Aloha paid \$10 and cost for driving 60 miles per hour through the fog and Carl Fred Walther of Portland paid \$20 for speeding at 75 miles an hour.

A Valentine of Beauty



Valentine's Day, Friday, will bring messages of love, beauty, fun, and ridicule, but few will be prettier to look at than this one. Eleanor Whitney, film player, with a heart bigger than herself, makes a very lovely valentine.

Tipsy Horseman Gives Jitters to Sunday Traffic

Even the fact that John E. Clark, Hillsboro route 2, could travel a straight line Sunday night didn't save him from a \$10 fine and costs in Justice A. W. Havens' court Monday morning.

Clark, according to deputy sheriffs who made the arrest, was riding a horse down the yellow line on Baseline street and had progressed from Tenth to Third avenue when apprehended.

The officers were puzzled as to what charge to make, whether driving while drunk, or just drunk in a public place. The latter was decided on when it was learned that driving while drunk applied to motor vehicles only. Clark plead guilty.

Dean Mentzel, driver for the Laurelwood dairy, was fined \$5 and costs Saturday when he plead guilty to speeding with a truck. He was arrested after a chase from Beaverton to Aloha by a state patrolman and charged with going at 45 miles per hour. Another charge, that of operating the truck without PUC plates, still is pending.

Greatness of Nation Cited

Forest Grove Man Speaker; Rotarians at Newberg

Decrying legislative panaceas and regimentation, W. A. Williams of Forest Grove, in speaking before the Hillsboro Rotary club Thursday, held that the need of the country was men who were ready and willing to begin the reformation of their own hearts.

He flayed those who would change the system of private initiative and individualism that has made this country so great and substitute foreignisms. Williams pointed out that under this system of constitutional free government this country had developed to a point where it had doubled the number of home owners of all the other countries in the world, four times the number of automobile owners per 1000 and a standard of living far greater than any other nation and such that it is by far the greatest consuming nation on earth.

Through individualism the American worker has a higher standard of living than in any other country, he said.

So much thought is given to the unemployed that the stability of the far greater millions of employed is endangered, declared the (Continued on page 7, column 1)

U. S. Law Entangles Helvetia Resident

Libel proceedings in federal court against more than 300 gallons of wine allegedly owned by Carl Bohren of Helvetia, have been brought by federal officials with the issuance of a summons for the defendant, according to a report this week.

The action charges Bohren with retailing the wine without having paid a federal tax required by law. Officers of the alcohol tax unit of the internal revenue bureau allege that they seized three gallons of blackberry wine and 323 gallons of white grape wine at the Bohren farm.

Bohren is said to have told the officers that he was not aware of the need of a permit for sale.

Local Canner Finds General Business Good

Company Here to Increase Frozen Food Pack

That business conditions over the nation are markedly improved, is the opinion expressed by B. E. Maling, of B. E. Maling, Inc., on his return from New York, Boston, Chicago and other eastern cities this week.

However, he characterized the market as highly competitive in all lines with businessmen all declaring that profits are exceedingly small despite a large volume of sales. Maling declared that another apparent condition was a tendency everywhere in the east to speculate on the stock market despite the effects and painful memories of the stock market crash of 1929.

Everywhere throughout his trip, Maling said, he found business pessimistic over governmental affairs and openly expressing antagonism toward President Roosevelt's spending policies. They all sense new taxes in the offing, Maling said, and foresee the taxes falling heavily upon preserved fruit product.

Maling called attention to a peculiar situation in the preserved fruits market where, he said, California peaches have dropped 50 cents per case with the market completely indifferent to further purchases of this fruit or any other canned or preserved fruit product. However, he expressed full confidence in the future.

He said he was at a loss to find an answer to the drabgy market, which seems also to have extended to other foods. One dealer, who handled dried prunes, said canned or preserved fruit product, almost gone and laid the trouble to advertising programs which advocate keeping the alkalinized balance of (Continued on page 7, column 1)

Arthur Ireland Director Again

Arthur P. Ireland of Forest Grove was re-elected to directorship in the Dairy Cooperative association from western Washington county February 4 in Portland.

The Co-op, owned and operated by 2,000 dairymen in the Salem and Portland milk sheds, did a total volume of \$2,114,746.93 in 1935. The members' equity in plant and equipment increased from \$102,332.95 in 1934 to \$129,316.91 in 1935. During 1935 the organization handled 80 million pounds of milk. For the same period, 812,244 pounds of cheese and 677,712 pounds of butter were produced.

Verboort Boy Nine Years Member County Club Work

Ignatius Evers of Verboort received his nine years 4-H achievement certificate at the annual Verboort achievement program in the Verboort hall Friday, according to L. E. Francis, assistant county agent. Ignatius has the honor of having the longest period of service of any club member in Washington county. He also won an award of \$150 for having the best record book in his club and a \$1 award for having kept the best secretary's book among the Verboort clubs. Both awards were made by his leader, Cecil Heyndericks.

Twenty-three other members of the Verboort dairy, sheep, poultry, and corn clubs, the Greenville dairy and corn clubs, and the Dairy creek corn club also received their achievement pins at this meeting.

Marvin Heyndericks was presented with two scholarships to the 4-H club summer school at the Oregon State college, which he will attend at the Oregon state fair.

City Accepts Latest U. S. Fund Offer

PWA Demands Immediate Move on Part of Council for Sewer Here

Placed on "the spot" by the federal bureau of public works in Washington relative to immediate acceptance of the last and final offer of government assistance for the construction of sewers and disposal plant in Hillsboro, the city council, in a special session Tuesday noon, agreed to accept.

Washington was immediately notified that the proposition had been accepted, and it now remains for Hillsboro to meet requirements as to ordinances and rates with other details, when these conditions are met and final government approval is given the plan for raising revenue, the money will be available and work can commence.

Contractors Ready

Meanwhile the construction companies are awaiting word to commence. However, delay in construction is of value to both Hillsboro and the contractors as surface water and mud will not be the handicap, which it would have been had work been started in December or January as first believed possible.

It is believed that within two or three weeks, the final details will be in the hands of PWA administrators for final approval.

The task of setting up uniform and fair rates for sewer connections in both districts, to meet requirements both for private homes and business houses, has been complicated and difficult, but the council now feels that the work is rounding into excellent shape.

In addition to the ordinance covering rates and ratings for business houses, residences of various kinds of value to both Hillsboro and the contractors will be drawn dealing with proper sanitation within the city limits, designed to abate nuisances found existing in a checkup made last summer by (Continued on page 4, column 2)

WPA Education Teachers Meet

County Program Reviewed by State Department

Problems relating to adult education classes in Washington county were discussed at a meeting Monday of WPA teachers and Kenneth Beach of the state department of education in the office of O. J. Kraus, county school superintendent.

Ten teachers and O. V. White, Forest Grove, supervisor for 18 county, were at the meeting called by Kraus at the request of Beach. The meeting voted a display of work similar to the style show given in May last year under the direction of the SERA.

The show will be held in Hillsboro March 16 and in Forest Grove March 19. White said. Each class in each of the two cities will furnish a part of the show.

At present an estimated 500 persons are enrolled in the numerous classes being held in all parts of the county, according to White. Music and two classes in spinning and weaving seem to be the most popular.

With a minimum for classes set at 10 students, Miss Helen Wilcox with her music class in Hillsboro has an enrollment of 35, while Mrs. Lois Furlie of Forest Grove, teacher of spinning and weaving, has a class of 30 here, and her two classes in Forest Grove average 10 each.

Band and orchestra classes also are popular. Carl Berggren of Aloha (Continued on page 5, column 2)