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## Board Seeks Lower Rate for Busses

### Three High School Boards Tendered Contracts for Two Years

### Meet Again Monday

### Look for Way to Reduce Cost Moving Students

High school boards of Tigard, Hillsboro and Beaverton Tuesday night were offered two-year contracts for transportation of students outside of the districts. The action was taken at a meeting of the non-high school board with the members of the other boards in the office of O. B. Kraus, superintendent of schools.

All three high school boards requested time in which to give the proposition more consideration, and acceptance or rejection of the plan is expected at the next meeting of the non-high board, which is set for Monday night at 8 o'clock.

### Saving Made

By issuing two-year contracts, instead of the one-year contract now used, a slight saving in transportation costs is expected to result, it was explained to board members. The high school boards can effect this saving, it is believed, through the added security offered by bus owners in a long term contract and consequent less cost per student.

Another saving, the non-high school board members feel, will be made by reason of the fact that negotiations for contracts need not be entered into each year.

Other high school boards were not present. Banks having been requested to attend the meeting Monday while a contract already has been submitted to Forest Grove which probably will be accepted by that body.

Of three other high schools, Gaston and Verbena schools have no students from outside their districts, while Sherwood, newly organized, probably will have none or very few, Kraus said.

At present there are 15 large busses employed in transporting pupils from the non-high district and five passenger automobiles.

The matter of bids from all bus operators, discussed at a previous meeting of the non-high school board, was not brought up Tuesday night.

## Depositors to Get Dividend

### Large Dividend Promised from Shute Assets

Depositors of the defunct Shute Savings bank of Hillsboro are promised another dividend on or after August 7, according to Mark Skinner, state superintendent of banks. This will be the fourth dividend for the commercial deposits and the fifth for the savings department.

Payment of the commercial dividend will be \$19,221.51 while the savings dividend is to be \$9,176.34, Skinner's report states. This will make 35 per cent of savings paid in dividends and 45 per cent of the commercial deposits.

## Air View of Valley and Wilson River

### Highway Reveals Additional Progress

Admiral Byrd may have traveled the air into the Antarctic but it was left to an Argus reporter and party to penetrate the Coast mountains in Byrd's airplane to find the Wilson river highway and note the wilderness yet to be summited before the east side of the mountain can be set west.

Included in the party which set out to see the mountains from the air, were K. E. Tillotson, resident engineer for WPA; G. Russell Morgan, district attorney; R. H. Busch of Cady Motor company; Herb Staples, president of the Hillsboro Men's Breakfast club; Leon S. Davis of the Argus news staff; Mrs. Herb Staples, and Miss Patty Lomax of the Argus.

The expedition left the Hillsboro airport at 10:30 Thursday morning, flying directly toward Round Top mountain, passing through the gap there into the Wilson river valley and following the Devil's Lake fork toward its junction with the plane was in the air, it was circling the field again to land.

Flying through air almost clear of smoke, under a cloudless sky but with wisps of vapor circling the peaks toward Seaside, the plane climbed above the fields and farms

## Proverb Contest Deadline Tonight

Winners in the Argus proverb contest will be announced next Thursday in the Argus. Deadline for submitting the proverbs is 5 p. m. today (Thursday). Prizes are \$5 in cash for first, \$3 for second and \$2 for third.

Contestants should bear in mind that the rules require that the proverbs entered must be original and that they should pay their own subscription for one year or secure one new one-year subscription to the Argus. Some apparently overlooked this fact and consequently, according to the rules, cannot be considered in the judging. In case of tie, judging is extended to neatness and presentation of material and time of filing in the Argus office.

Many persons have entered the contest and it looks like the judges would have a big job in selecting the winners.

## Wheat Prices Help Farmers in Dry State

Nebraska farmers lost their corn crop in the drought of recent weeks, but received a premium for a good crop of wheat, according to District Judge J. N. Fitzgerald of Omaha. Judge Fitzgerald, who has been a guest for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hare, left Monday afternoon for the return trip home. He is one of Hare's law school classmates.

The Nebraska farmer in the corn and wheat belt of that state, uses his corn crop to feed cattle and hogs. Judge Fitzgerald explained the fact that his corn is gone will be a telling blow to the feeder stock industry, hurting the farmer, the stock raiser, the stockyard company and the packers.

And, worst of all, Judge Fitzgerald laughingly said, "I'll hurt you because I'll not have my juicy, corn-fed steaks."

However, the sting of the corn failure, the judge related, is somewhat cushioned by the price of wheat and the corn crop which

## Public Seeks Gift Tickets for Fair Week

### Committees Perfect Plans for Various Events

Business concerns that are giving tickets for the fair gift distribution, report increasing demands from customers. The entire amount to be distributed will be \$250, \$100 first, \$75 second, \$50 third, and \$25 fourth.

Participants must be on the fair grounds by 9 p. m. September 5. Gifts will be merchandise certificates which can be exchanged for any and all kinds of merchandise at any of the business houses participating.

Gift distribution is for the purpose of advertising and creating interest and attendance at the county fair, September 3, 4 and 5.

Committee from the Hillsboro Rotary club, J. M. Person, chairman, Deck and Will Enschede, are busy preparing for the "Mutl" dog show at the fair Saturday afternoon, September 3. Chairman Person, states that some new features will be introduced and prizes offered winners. Only boys and girls from Washington county can enter dogs in this contest. Rules and regulations will be announced later.

Committee from the Business and Professional Women's club, Margaret Cady, Marion Hathorn, Gertrude Ide, Rowena Ketcham, are

## Hills Sell Feed Store at Aloha to Petzold

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hill have sold their feed store at Aloha to Fred Petzold of McMinnville. Ed Grauer is managing the store for Petzold. Future plans of the Hills have not been determined and will await their return from a Southern Oregon vacation trip in August.

## Buck Deer Seen Near Hillsboro

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## U.S. Savings Amount Tidy Sum Locally

### Hillsboro Investors Place \$118,630 in Bonds, Postal Savings

### April Banner Month

### Popularity of Government Securities Grows

Residents of Hillsboro and its territory are preparing for the future, records of United States savings bonds and postal savings in the local post office disclose.

During the time since March 1, 1935, when the savings bonds first were offered for sale to July 1 of 1935, purchases amounted to a maturity value of \$34,475. These bonds are in denominations of from \$25 to \$1000 with the \$100 maturity value being the most popular, according to L. T. McPheeters, postmaster.

The \$100 bond costs \$75 and matures at a value of \$100, drawing approximately two and nine tenths per cent interest during the 10 years of its maturity.

### Savings Total High

Postal savings total on June 30 was \$94,155, making a total in bonds and saving of \$118,630 laid aside by local folk for future financing of plans, education or whatever becomes necessary in an emergency.

During the six months period which closed June 30, savings bond sales in Hillsboro post office amounted to \$25,124 in bonds at maturity value. The largest month during this period, and the largest since the bonds were placed on sale, was in April of this year when bonds totaling \$11,200 at maturity value were sold. McPheeters said.

National sales of bonds since March 1, 1935, have amounted to half a billion dollars at the close of the fiscal year June 30, according to a report made to the post office here by the treasury department. To date there have been issued in the United States approximately 1,700,000 savings bonds. Individual ownership of these bonds is restricted to \$10,000 maturity value issued in any one year.

Attention is called to a savings feature of the bonds, which is that if a bond in \$100 denomination is purchased, it can be cashed each month for 120 successive months, and if each bond is held to maturity in an ownership of \$12,000, the owner will receive \$100 on the first day of each month for 120 months. The cost would be \$9000.

These bonds may be redeemed at any time after 60 days from date of issue and the redemption value is never less than the purchase price.

Cashing of Veterans' compensation bonds still continues. Postmaster McPheeters reported this week, although the number of such bonds being presented is small in comparison with those cashed the first week after delivery.

Veterans who now are cashing the entire allotment are exceptions, he said, most of the offerings are one or two bonds. Apparently, the remarks made at the post office by the veterans themselves, the bonds are being applied to debts and necessary expenses.

## Council Pays in Water Suit

### Meeting Held to Authorize Immediate Payment

Settlement of a judgment against the City of Hillsboro in favor of the Portland Water & Gas company, was made at a special meeting of the city council Thursday afternoon when payment of \$7,500 was authorized in compromise. The total amount due was about \$200 more than this sum.

The judgment was obtained by the water company in federal court in Portland last February on a suit brought by the company a year ago this July to collect water hydrant rentals, which the city had refused to pay since 1933 and for periods preceding that.

Contention of the city council was that the water company had not lived up to its franchise, both in quantity of water delivered and in pressure at hydrants throughout the city. It also was contended that the city had been compelled to pay out \$9000 to purchase a pump for the fire department in order to get sufficient force to give proper protection in case of fire.

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## Auto Thieves Shun County, Records Show

Stolen cars in Washington county are not long missing, records at the office of Sheriff John Connell disclose. Neither are there many cars stolen. Up to date there have been two cars stolen since January 1, both within the last two months.

The latest theft was a Chevrolet coupe taken from Lewis J. Smith Friday night at Gaston.

Records reveal that in 1933, when the depression was probably at its worst, 10 cars were stolen, while only 6 were taken in 1934 and 4 in 1935. All have been recovered within a short time except one.

This one was a Dodge sedan stolen in 1935 from E. G. Beaman of near Thatcher and recovered in Texas. The remainder of the cars were recovered in this state while most of them were found in the county or in Portland. One machine stolen was a motorcycle, which the sheriff's forces recovered from a dealer in second hand parts where the thief had disposed of it piecemeal.

Fewer heavy cars are stolen, the lighter, cheaper makes being favorites with the thieves, perhaps because they can be started more easily without keys, or owners are more careless in leaving the machines with the keys in place or in places from where thieves can get them with more ease than in recovered automobiles, officers have made five arrests and of this number two were convicted and sentenced to terms in the penitentiary; one served a year in the county jail one was turned over to federal authorities for prosecution for driving a stolen car into another state; and one was turned over to the juvenile authorities.

## Young Reports Clubs Remain Firmly United

### Delegate to Townsend Meet Finds Harmony

By R. L. Putnam

Rev. Henry Young, delegate to the second Townsend national convention in Cleveland, Ohio, July 15-19, declared in his address before a large gathering at Shute park Monday evening that "it was the largest non-partisan political convention ever held in America. There were over 15,000 registered delegates from every state and Alaska. Furthermore, he pointed out, it was orderly at every session, free from any roosticism, or tobacco smoke even, as requested by Dr. Townsend.

Though a convention of much greater proportions that the first one held at Chicago, nine months ago, when 4,000 delegates attended, still in purpose and decorum, it was the same. The speaker admitted there were several very tense moments during the sessions, but there was no fighting, splitting of ranks, or any of the things that are the bane of the nation in this great movement. No record of history compares with that of the Townsend movement from the standpoint of its phenomenal growth.

Dr. Townsend does during this campaign have a personal contact with the members of the house and senate of the U. S. from both major political parties." Anything that Dr. Townsend does during this campaign will be personal and not representing the organization

## Funeral Held Here for Merle Ireland

Funeral services for Merle Winfield Ireland, 34, of Hillsboro, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Donelson & Sewell funeral chapel with Rev. H. A. Deek officiating. Commitment was in the Lincoln Park Memorial Mausoleum, Portland. She died last Wednesday night at the home of her aunt, Miss Angie Harrington.

Miss Ireland was born November 6, 1915, in North Plains, coming to Hillsboro with her parents, two years ago, where she had made her home since. She was a graduate of the Hillsboro high school and one of the popular young folk of Hillsboro.

More than a year ago she became ill and had been under a doctor's care almost continuously since. With her mother she spent last winter in Southern California for the benefit of her health. After returning home she enrolled at Behm-Walker Business college in Portland, but was unable to continue her studies because of failing health.

Her parents, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Jessie Hanson of Bagnio, Philippine Islands.

Miss Ruth Jones was soloist at the funeral services, and schoolmates of Merle Ireland, who were: Richard Abts, Lawrence Crowley, Vernon Cook, Neil Richardson, Lloyd Selfridge, and James Grogan.

## 38c Advertisement Sells Dairy Cows

Ten head dairy cattle, fresh and fresh soon, government tested—Roy B. Hils, Shady Brook road, 3 miles north on North Plains.

This 38c advertisement, published in the Argus on the classified page, one time, sold the cows at once. Roy Hils has used classified advertising in the Argus over a period of many years and such experiences as this convince him and hundreds of others that classified ads in this paper, reaching thousands of readers, pays good dividends.

## Bids Asked for Work at Union High

### Board Advertising for Price on Correcting Echo in Auditorium

### Group Makes Trip

### Officers Inspect Work at Salem, Corvallis

Preparing to correct the acoustics of the union high school auditorium in Hillsboro, the high school board will receive bids August 5, at 8 p. m. for the work, it was announced this week. Cost of the job is expected to be between \$1000 and \$2000, members of the board said.

Since the auditorium was built, audiences have been having trouble in hearing either music or speaking from the stage because of the echo.

### Echo Measured

Reverberation at the present time measures 21 seconds, which is hoped that by proper methods this can be brought to one and a half or two seconds, which is normal for similar auditoriums.

Two methods of accomplishing this are quite common. The first is used in all theatres where heavy draperies are hung along the sides in various places. Another method is by installing panels of absorbent material in the ceiling and along the sides. Various types of wall board generally are used, with the exception of the board of harder external finish.

By this method, sound is absorbed and the echo deadened to the point where voices and musical notes carry clearly to the farthest portions of the room. Several auditoriums in this state have been remedied to correct this defect.

Members of the high school board including F. L. Brown, chairman, John Kamma, T. P. Goodin and L. C. Lomax, clerk, made a trip last week to Corvallis and Salem to inspect the work where this correction had been made.

In Corvallis they inspected the Corvallis high school auditorium where the acoustics were recently corrected. In Salem they viewed the supreme court room where a similar situation was met. Both jobs they found were satisfactory.

Investigations have revealed that contractors who make a business of such corrections, have many jobs ahead which will serve to delay the completion of the Hillsboro work until after school has begun. However, the remodeling will be completed in a reasonable time after bids have been received.

## Car Mechanic Suffers Burns

### Man Scorched as Handful of Gas Explodes

Suffering from a severe burn on his left hand, Jack Wood, truck mechanic on the Wilson river highway, WPA project, was brought to Hillsboro Monday noon for treatment.

Wood was attempting to play good samaritan to a "pal," he related, and their car stopped at the outskirts of Forest Grove, where he attempted to start it again.

While his companion remained in the car, Wood filled a wine bottle with gasoline, opened the intake of the carburetor, filled his hand with the gas and held it over the carburetor.

The motor backfired and the handful of gasoline caught fire, burning his entire hand before he could extinguish it by rubbing the hand in the dirt, possibly after treatment.

The pair were on their way to Portland, but Wood declared that he did not know his companion by any name except Mike; that he met him at Glenwood post office and knew him only slightly. The man was brought to Hillsboro with Wood by William Gordon, but disappeared down the street when Sheriff Connell was notified of the accident.

C. M. Reid, 56, Portland, suffered a bruised head, cuts on his left hand and a severe burn on his left hand.

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## County Farmers' Union to Meet Here Saturday

Washington county unit of the Farmers' Union will meet at the Veterans' hall, West Main street, at 8:30 p. m. Saturday. This will probably be the only meeting before the county fair and it is imperative that all locals be represented, according to Mrs. Mary Horner, secretary, as it will be necessary to make arrangements for selection of booths, etc.

### Pictures of Local Boys Appear National Magazine

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## Smiling, Landon Accepts Charge



Hand upraised in acknowledgment of 60,000 cheering voices, Governor Alfred M. Landon is pictured here just before he began delivery of his speech formally accepting the republican nomination for president of the United States. Speaking in front of the state capitol at Topeka, Kan., Landon pledged restoration and maintenance of a "free, competitive American system" if elected in November, and emphasized that the "common sense" theme would characterize his campaign.

## Club Exhibits Big Feature of Autumn Fair

Marked increase in the number of 4-H exhibits and exhibitors is shown by a survey of Washington county fair figures of past years, states L. E. Francis, assistant county agent. One of the first county fairs participated in by 4-H members was in 1928. At that time nine boys exhibited six head of dairy cattle and five classes of corn. Since that time the exhibits have grown in size and variety until at the present time the 4-H club department of the county fair is one of the largest with exhibits for last year of 79 head of dairy cattle, 34 head of sheep, 12 head of hogs, 8 corn and 6 potato exhibits, 15 garden entries, 21 poultry exhibits.

This year preliminary estimates indicate that there will be about 90 head of dairy cattle, 40 head of hogs and 20 head of sheep. The number of crop exhibits depends largely on weather conditions and the season, consequently, an estimate of entries in this department cannot be made.

Home beautification exhibits will be made again this year for the first time since 1931. Various handicraft clubs in the county will be displaying work in their projects, and miniature farm buildings will be on hand.

## Many Attend Annual Picnic

### County 4-H Members Gather at Roamer's Rest

One hundred and fifty 4-H club leaders, members and friends attended the annual Washington county 4-H picnic at Roamer's Rest, Sunday, according to L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

The traditional ball game between members and leaders was held in the morning with the club members again taking the honors. Following the luncheon a series of contests was held for the various groups of boys and girls with prizes of watermelons and candy bars being awarded to the winners.

The attendance at the picnic this year, states Francis, was considerably smaller than usual due to the fact that there were a number of other picnics being held in the county and also because of the rush of harvest.

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## Firm Plans New Home for Laundry

### Windishars Purchase Lots from T. E. Torkelson on Washington

### Construction Begins

### Mission Style Building to House Industry

Purchase of the Thomas E. Torkelson property on Washington street between Second and Third avenue, by the Home Laundry company of Hillsboro and preparation for construction of a building there at once, was announced this week. R. H. Windishar of McMinnville is president and Jack Windishar of Hillsboro is local manager.

The building will be of hollow tile and white stucco Mission style construction, one story and 47½ by 181 feet, containing rooms for all equipment and offices, including a dry-cleaning establishment.

### Begin at Once

Construction will begin at once and workmen now are engaged in tearing down the old house and clearing away rubbish. Mohr Brothers have the contract.

Windishar, in outlining his plans, said that the building here would be very similar to the one used by them in McMinnville as a laundry. They expect to be occupying the building within 45 days, he said.

Material for the construction of a four-room house at Reedville has been purchased here from the Pool-Gardner Lumber company, it was announced this week. The house is being built by H. C. Clasen and will be wooden construction throughout.

Both lumber yards in Hillsboro report considerable construction being planned but not yet contracted for and considerable more construction, both in homes and in business places is expected before the summer is over.

Several houses already are under construction in Hillsboro to be completed next month or early in September and a great deal of remodeling has been done during the spring and summer.

### Tells Story of Kidnaping and Theft of Money

John Epler, Cornelius farmer, missing since he wrecked his car on the Columbia highway near Warrenton the morning of June 30, was safe at home last Wednesday night, according to Epler himself.

Attempting to obtain a ride into Portland at 2 o'clock in the morning after placing his car in a garage at Warrenton, Epler declares that he was kidnaped by two men who robbed him and carried him to a point near Pendleton, where they released him.

From his pocket, he says, they took \$10 in cash, all the funds he had, and left him penniless to work his way home.

Without funds, he said, he attempted to get work and has been working since as he gradually managed his way along toward Hillsboro.

His family despaired of ever seeing him again, relating to Sheriff John Connell that Epler must have met with a mishap somewhere along the route into Portland the morning of the wreck.

On his return, Epler was sun-tanned and apparently none the worse for his experience. Apparently he had not reported his adventures to the authorities.

He was last seen by his family when they left the wreck of the car, which struck a telephone post. The family went on ahead and were to have met him later, they told officers, at the home of relatives in East Portland.

### Betzer Injured

J. R. Betzer was injured last Thursday while working at the cannery when a case of canned goods fell on him. His ear was torn, requiring several stitches, and he received other cuts and bruises about the head. Dr. C. T. Smith attended him.

### Adrian Hornecker Repeats Offer to Exhibitors

(By L. E. Francis, Ass't County Agent)

Adrian Hornecker is again awarding a purchased Chester White gilt as a breed special for the boy or girl who exhibits the best Chester White junior gilt at the Washington county fair. This is the second year that Adrian offered this award to the 4-H pig club members. Last year it was won by Merrill Mead of the Bald Mountain pig club.

Adrian's award is one of the principal inducements for club members to participate in pig club work and has played an important part in the large and rapid increase in pig club work in the county during the past two years.

### Argus of Yesterday Small Compared to Newspaper Readers Receive Today

(By Leon S. Davis)

Comparison of this copy of The Argus with that of the same date 15 years ago would be somewhat of a shock to the readers, and some comparison made this week between copies of this paper of today and 15 years ago, reveals a vast change, not only in makeup of the newspaper but the size, contents and service to the patrons.

Side by side, the newspapers are alike in only one thing—the name. Column upon column has been added as the service has been increased and Hillsboro has expanded, reaching out more and more toward a metropolitan front.

For instance, 15 years ago The Argus carried 473 inches of heavy dry advertising framed in rather black borders in which prices were mentioned in about three different ads. The issue on which the comparison is being made, carried nearly 1000 column inches of advertising in which price, quality and various matters of particular interest to buyers were pleasingly displayed.

Fifteen years ago the grocery stores did not believe it worth while to tell the readers of this newspaper what goods were on sale and worth the purchaser's time. They didn't even advertise. Now grocery store after grocery store puts its merchandise right in the front window pages furnished by The Argus.

Weil's department store and Goar's Women's shop carried the largest advertisements then, featuring a price now and again. Fifteen years later, price and quality feature the advertising by these same establishments.

Comparing the front pages of today and then, the reader would discover that the old front page carried five advertisements and only 88 inches of reading matter made up of real estate transfers, church notices and a column of state industrial survey notes sent out by a company in Portland for publicity purposes.

Today the front page of The Argus averages 25 news stories totaling 132 inches of reading matter. Important local and county events are grouped on this page

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