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## Employers to Register for Security Law

Application Blanks Leave Local Postoffice Monday; Must be Returned by November 21

Approximately 150 employers of industrial labor in and about Hillsboro entered the first lap of the new social security program Monday with the delivery through the postoffice here of employers applications to be filled out and returned to the postoffice not later than November 21.

The blanks, when completed, contain the name of the firm, number of employees, address, and a brief history of the business. When returned to the postoffice, according to L. T. McPheeters, postmaster, the blanks will be forwarded to Portland postoffice, which is the central collection station for registrations.

When the blanks have been sorted, each will be numbered and the employer informed as to his number. After this record all will be kept with the government under that number for his share of contribution.

The next move is the registration of all employees, the blanks being distributed early enough to allow the employer to file his application with the postoffice not later than December 5.

While there is slightly more detailed answers to be made by the employer, the form still is simple and easily completed. It asks the name, age, birthplace, name of father and mother, type of employment, etc. When these blanks have been completed and filed with the central office, the employer will be numbered and given a registration card.

If assistance is required in completing the blanks, aid may be asked of the local postoffice.

All blanks can be returned either directly to the postoffice, handed to the mail carrier, or placed in an envelope and mailed without postage, McPheeters said this week.

In some cases the employee blanks will be gathered by the unions or other labor groups and turned over to the postoffice by the officers of that organization.

All classes of industry with the exception of a few, come under the meaning of the new law. The exceptions include persons self-employed.

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## PEP Reports High Average

The establishment of an all-time high in average residential consumption of electric energy is announced by R. R. Easter, division manager of the Portland General Electric company.

Over the year 1935, the average consumption of 1129 kilowatt-hours during the 12-month period ended September 30, he reported. This compares with an average consumption of 1046 kilowatt-hours during the comparable year of 1934. The previous high was 1035, established in 1932.

"Domestic consumption in the Peppo area, which extends from Vancouver to Turner and from Escadada to Grand Ronde, is approximately double the national average.

"The two factors chiefly responsible for the high use in this area are low rates and the wide distribution of energy--Peppo's rural lines total nearly 3000 miles.

"We know of no other area in the United States the size of the Peppo-served territory that has equally low rates, rural as well as urban," Easter said.

## County Firemen Meet

Washington county firemen met Tuesday evening at Beaverton and heard talks given by state police officers on investigation of arson cases.

## Report on Scouts at Conference Shows Hillsboro Area Leading in Membership

Five Hillsboro men attended the fall planning conference of the Portland Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America at the Multnomah hotel Wednesday. They were Hillsboro district committee, Jack Searcy, finance officer; Henry Schainick, assistant district commissioner; Paul Patterson, chairman of the court of honor, and Jake Well, member-at-large.

Comparative reports issued at the conference from the headquarters of the council showed that Hillsboro showed an increase of 72.7 per cent in scouts for the past year, increasing from 66 scouts to 114. This increase in membership has doubled the next district while a report from all districts displayed for the first time a three per cent decrease. This report does not include 24 Cubs, younger boy branch, which has been organized in Hillsboro during the past month under leadership of M. M. Romig, cubmaster.

Hillsboro also showed a rating average for the year that led the other fifteen districts of the council. The average was 78.4 per cent while the next highest district was the Evergreen with an administrative center at Camas with an average of 77.4 per cent. The rating aver-

## Holiday Season Scheduled to Start Next Week

With the first rains of winter at hand, Hillsboro this week has started plans for the annual Christmas opening, which is scheduled this year for Saturday, November 28, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The Christmas opening will be heralded with appropriate decorations, and Christmas windows displaying the hundreds of gifts which promise to make this the greatest Yuletide season since the first signs of trouble began in 1929.

Plans underway by the retail trades committee of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce include full Christmas lighting on opening night with strings of colored lights blazing along Main street, and the other parts of the business district.

Special advertising is also planned for the event, carrying the Christmas message to all residents.

This year two visits have been scheduled with Santa Claus, the old fellow setting aside December 12 and December 19 as dates for his visit to Hillsboro to meet the children in the usual place on the house corner for the distribution of candy. Ralph Wilson again is chairman of the committee in charge of this part of the holiday activities.

Retail trades committee is urging avoidance of the Hillsboro store to take advantage of the Christmas opening with special displays and window decorations attractive to the crowds of visitors expected during the pre-holiday sales.

## State Highway Commission Begins Suits

Condemnation proceedings to obtain right-of-way for the Wolf creek highway near Multnomah county line, have been started by the state highway commission in circuit court here this week.

Proceedings involve two tracts which separate sections of the highway now nearly complete.

The first suit is against Limer Rosander involving 90 acre and the other against O. E. Cook in the William Ponder donation land claim, for possession of 197 acres.

One other condemnation already has been completed involving the Pointer private cemetery. The state highway commission won the suit in circuit court here this week.

Proceedings to clear the right-of-way for further construction.

Work on the new camp advancing rapidly near the county line on Wolf creek, and a pioneer road has been thrust through to the camp site. About half the lumber already is in place, according to Kenneth E. Tillotson, resident engineer for WPA.

Trucks carrying the material are using the new grade in part and will be able to continue this route until the winter rains begin. After that time the camp will be reached through Westimber and a CCC road which has been surfaced to the site.

Work on the Wilson river road is being curtailed in preparation for winter by shutting down of some of the WPA machinery. It also is understood that the WPA has been ordered to stop certification of men for forest jobs, the crews remaining about the same as at the present strength.

## County Court Will View New Highway

Members of the Washington county court, with others from Hillsboro and the Forest Grove chamber of commerce, will drive to Tillamook Thursday morning to join with the Tillamook county court and the Tillamook chamber of commerce in an inspection trip over the west end of the Wilson river road.

The party will drive to the construction camp on the Tillamook side for dinner, completing the inspection as far beyond the camp as the condition of the new highway will permit. Returning to Tillamook, the party will have a short meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms there and the party will return home.

"Nutritional disturbances are the basis for a good many of the problems in connection with finishing turkeys for market," stated H. E. Cosby, poultry department, Oregon State college, at a meeting in Hillsboro chamber of commerce Thursday, attended by 43 turkey raisers, according to L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

Cosby said that for the turkey raiser to operate successfully on the small margin of profit he must make use of feed grains selling at the best prices. In switching the various grains, the raiser must be in the ration it is necessary to give consideration to differences in nutritional value. It is also essential to give careful thought to adequate mineral and protein to have the birds developed normally.

## P. G. Chancellors Visit K. P. Lodge

Past Grand Chancellors of Oregon will conduct the meeting of the local lodge, Knights of Pythias, November 30, at the K. P. hall. It is expected that there will be work in the rank of page exemplified by the visiting Past Grand Chancellors.

Members of the lodges at North Plains, Forest Grove, Gaston and Yamhill have been invited to attend, and a large crowd is expected. This will probably be one of the most outstanding meetings of the season, as many well-known past grand officers will be present.

## Ralph Prael Dies Monday After Mishap

Local Farmer Struck Down in Attempt to Push Automobile to Nearby Filling Station

Struck down as he pushed his car across the Dairy creek fill, a mile west of Hillsboro, Ralph Prael, 41 farmer, died at 5 a. m. Monday in St. Peter's hospital of hemorrhage and shock, according to a report filed with Fred Sewell, coroner. The accident happened at 1 a. m. Monday.

The car, which struck Prael was a Ford coupe driven by William Davis of Cornelius, employee of the Consolidated Lumber company.

Mrs. Essie Brooks was at the steering wheel to guide the car across the Ford creek fill, according to a sheriff's report.

According to the story told by Lester Straw, companion of Prael, their car, a Chevrolet sedan, ran out of gasoline at the foot of the hill toward Hillsboro, and stalled. The two then got out on the road, leaving two girl companions in the machine, and began to push it toward the Ward Downs gas station at the east end of the fill.

Straw said that they managed to push the car onto the bridge over Dairy creek when they heard the Ford coming over the hill. He stepped to the right away from the tail light, he related, and there by saved himself. Prael was on the same side where the impact was the greatest.

When the Ford struck, it pinned Prael to the car, crushing both legs; crumpled the springs on that side and smashed the left rear end of the Ford. Straw then ran for help to the Downs filling station, requesting the sheriff and a doctor.

Prael was dragged under the Ford and his automobile was thrust forward 50 feet beyond the point of impact. Straw reported that he was knocked to the sidewalk across the bridge and that he and Davis dragged Prael from under the Ford and to the side of the roadway.

Davis also was injured, suffering a deep cut across the temple when he was thrown forward across the steering gear of his car. Other passengers in the Prael car suffered bruises and shock. Prael was pronounced dead at the scene.

Claude Cook of Hillsboro, who arrived shortly after the accident, came to Hillsboro for Sheriff J. W. Connell, while Joe Robinson, who was in a short distance behind the Davis machine, assisted in taking the injured persons to the hospital.

"Entire investigation of the accident has been turned over to the coroner," Straw said.

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## Legion Plans Special Meet

Efforts are being made by the entertainment committee of Hillsboro legion, and members of the local post are being instructed to bring one or more former service men with them as guests. Besides the usual business meeting and entertainment, there will be a special feed.

Major George Sandy of Portland will be present with a motion picture projector and a number of interesting pictures.

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## Annual Firemen's Ball Thanksgiving

Hillsboro firemen's annual dance will be held in the Shute park auditorium Thanksgiving night, November 26. Many people throughout the community look upon this annual dance as their opportunity of showing their appreciation of the work done by the fire boys during the year and purchase tickets even if it is impossible for them to attend. Firemen will conduct an advance ticket sale.

Committee in charge of arrangements include Glen Burge, Jay Phillips, Gene Rossman, Graham Young and Jerry Batchelor.

Music for the gala occasion will be furnished by Ivan Koerber's 12-piece dance band, which played a summer engagement at Rookway and for several weeks has been playing at Corvallis. The orchestra broadcasts twice a week over KOAC at Corvallis. Next Wednesday night the group will play a guest engagement at McElroy's Spanish Ballroom in Portland. Numerous special features are planned by the orchestra.

## Uniform Plan Asked for Tax Delinquencies

Several matters of importance to residents of Washington county are being considered at the annual convention of the county attorneys of Oregon in session last week in Portland, according to G. Russell Morgan, district attorney of this county, who attended.

First of these Morgan said, was a request for an interim legislative committee to study the delinquent tax situation over the state and plan a uniform system of foreclosure procedure.

Another resolution was asking the legislature to amend the laws to allow the state the same number of peremptory challenges as the defendant. At present the law only allows the district attorney half the number of challenges of this kind as the defendant.

## Hilhi, Vikings to Battle Here on Turkey Day

Highlight of Turkey Day in Hillsboro will be the annual clash of old rivals on the gridiron when Hilhi meets the Forest Grove Vikings to settle the matter of the best county team. Other years have brought plenty of fireworks when the two teams met and this year will be no exception.

The game will be played on the high school field in Hillsboro Thursday morning at 10:45. This Friday at 3 p. m., Hillsboro meets Tillamook here.

Comparative scores this year show the teams well matched with plenty of yards packed into both backfields. The Vikings are carrying a big threat in their backfield star, Walt, who is a left-footed punter, while Schult, also in the backfield, and Armes at end are rated as two of the fastest ball carriers in the county.

To offset this, the Blue and White, (Continued on page 4, column 1)

## Three Youths Feted Monday at Luncheon

Achievements of three outstanding 4-H club boys of Washington county and Oregon, and one leader, were disclosed Monday noon at the chamber of commerce luncheon to members of the businessmen's group when the four were introduced. The boys were Clayton Nyberg of Tualatin, Joe Berger and Donald MacIntosh of Hazeldele, and Nyberg club leader, Ray Kincheloe.

Nyberg was named as one of the outstanding club boys of Oregon this year, while Berger and Kincheloe were members of the North-west champion demonstration team, which brought to Oregon the Plummer trophy.

Francis Chairman

The boys and the club leader were introduced by L. E. Francis, assistant county agent in charge of club work in this county, who gave each boy a record of achievement. He also told how the Plummer trophy, which is a silk flag of the United States, was brought to Oregon four times in three years by demonstration teams from Washington county and once by a team from Tillamook.

"I believe that the honor for a great deal of our success in club work is due our leaders. Without the leaders there would be no club work anywhere. My part in the work mostly consists of signing up the members, seeing that they bring their materials, and then leaving them in the hands of their leaders."

O. M. Plummer of Portland, manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, and a number of club boys, were the speaker, devoting his entire time to an exposition of club work and its achievements.

He called attention to the fact that the first budget through the state legislature for this type of work was \$117,000, and Senator W. G. Hare had something to do with the passage of the bill, he declared.

Oregon in club work, is far ahead of the rest of the United States, he told his audience, although there are two other outstanding states in this work. These are Minnesota and Oklahoma.

In all three of these states, he said, are found leaders who have (Continued on page 5, column 1)

## Wheat Checks Being Mailed

(By Wm. F. Cyrus, County Agent)

Wheat checks totaling \$9389.37 are being distributed to Washington county farmers this week. This is not the total amount that will be paid out on the 1936 program, but about one-third of the checks due here were delayed because of technicalities, but are for the most part of their way now.

Wheat control program ended January 6. Payments now being received represent payment made to the farmers who seeded wheat in the fall of 1935, with increases provided by new wheat program which was discontinued. A check-up of acreage seeded for 1936 harvest was made in the summer.

Checks totaling an estimated \$400,000 are still due and will be coming out in a few weeks. This will be only a fraction of the individual cases are ironed out. This will bring the total payment to Washington county farmers covered by the program since 1933 to \$97,387.82.

Corn-hog payments in this county totaled \$51,923.75 for the two years. This makes a total of \$149,311.57 for the two programs. Two hundred and fifty-six farmers cooperated in the wheat program and 354 farmers in the corn-hog program.

Individual payments under the new soil conservation program will not come as much as under the old program. The total amount for 1936 will be divided among about 700 farmers. Complete figures as to the amount to be received in this county will not be available for two or three weeks. Amount, however, will be only a fraction of the amount that would be available if we had a normal acreage of red clover in 1936.

## Local Churches Join in Services

Churches of Hillsboro all will join in union services Thanksgiving eve, November 25, at 7:30, in the Foursquare church. Hillsboro Ministerial association prepared the program.

Services will open with a hymn by the congregation, followed with a prayer by Rev. A. M. Hawthorne. Rev. R. L. Putnam will read the Thanksgiving proclamation of the President Washington, and a more modern one just issued by President Roosevelt.

Scripture reading will be by Rev. R. Hicks, followed by the treble choir of the Christian church and a solo to be furnished by the Foursquare church. Sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. F. Shackelford. Services will close with a hymn by the congregation and the benediction.

## New Grand Jury Convenes, Adjourns to December 3

Body Views Scene of Prael Death on Dairy Creek Fill; Continue Probe Next Month; Trial Alleged Firebug Begins Here

Called immediately into action Monday, a grand jury selected that morning from the new jury panel spent all day Monday probing the death of Ralph Prael and several other minor matters, according to G. Russell Morgan, district attorney. Testimony was taken from several witnesses and the jury viewed the scene of the accident and adjourned.

Deliberations will be continued December 3, when that body convenes again for the regular term. Several other cases then will be ready for presentation, Morgan said.

## Hilhi Nonsense Friday Night Pleases Crowd

Hilhi Follies of 1937 were presented amid laughter and applause to an audience which filled the high school auditorium in Hillsboro Friday night. The program, including a variety of school talent taken from the faculty, various clubs and all the classes, was staged in the most approved variety show fashion.

The high school band opened the program with the overture, playing again during a short intermission. G. Hatrick acted as master of ceremonies and with F. Oliver, in a short, nonsensical skit, opened the show.

Second number was Betty Mayes in a role of a hopeful grand opera singer. Title of the song was "Grand Uproar." A comedy magical act followed with Tom Stretcher in the role of Hindu magician and Franklin Oliver as assistant.

The Girl Reserves vocal trio, including Ethel Hendren, Shirley Kelley, and Mary Caldwell, sang several numbers pleasingly, while the skit by E. Schulerich and Walter Foelker was amusing in spite of the fact that now and then the actors suffered lapses from dialect.

Faculty part in the program was a "Meller Drammer," the theme of which was "The papers or the child." Byron Goodman, cast in the role of the villain, was very convincing while Miss Louise Nix, playing the heroine, ably carried her part to the final climax in which Wesley Claudens, clad in tightfitting plaid trousers appeared on the scene and vanquished the villain with a fly spray gun.

Jean Person, added to her reputation as a tap dancer, with a pleasing dance, which was followed by a sketch presented by the high school glee club and entitled, "Opera Singer at Home," in which the various trials and tribulations of an opera singer were presented in music, including a family quarrel set to music and the arrival of the doctor to care, musically, for the baby which had a pickle crosswise in its tonsils.

Ann Peters, Evelyn Briot and Irene Engledinger presented a musical novelty in the way of a piano trio which was followed by "Blues and Better Babies Show," presented by members of the Blue-H Club members, bringing their offspring to the show, were a riot in awkwardness, while the antics of the athletics dressed in baby clothes added a grotesque touch.

The Senate club presented a rather elaborate sketch entitled, "Bessie--or Life on the Farm," in which Bessie, the cow, saved the day when the hog failed on a stormy night along a stern and rock bound coast. The theme line of the play was, "Bessie, the best darned cow a farmer ever had."

The farm theme gave way to a skit by the master of ceremonies and Ethel Hendren, to be followed with a black face act by Martin Ryan and Ted Gardner. Lavelle Jackson and her popular acrobatic appearance, better known as club, and the follies closed with four couples waltzing to the music of the "Blue Danube."

## George Easterday Master of Grange

George Easterday was elected master of Hillsboro Grange Saturday. Other officers are Mrs. D. B. Burkhalter, overseer; Mrs. Claud Cook, lecturer; Arthur Baker, steward; Irving Chase, assistant steward; W. William Prinson, chaplain; C. O. Churchill, treasurer; Mrs. G. C. Chase, secretary; Ray Chase, gatekeeper; Mrs. William Smith, Ceres; Mrs. George Easterday, Pomona; Mrs. R. Horn-ecker, Flora; Mrs. J. R. Forsythe, lady assistant steward; J. R. Forsythe, Henry Young and R. Horn-ecker, executive council members; and Mrs. Jack Hess, musician.

Officers will be installed December 12, and county Grangers will have increased their levies, either due to improvements already made or to planned improvements.

In Hillsboro, the public school levy decreased while there is a slight boost in the union district levy. Valuation in Hillsboro for school purposes is placed at \$2,415,682.60 as compared to \$2,387,351.69 a year ago, while the levy this year is 7.3 mills as compared to 7.9 mills last year.

## Guernsey Cattle Movies Stated Here on Tuesday

Motion pictures of Guernsey cattle on show circuit will be shown in Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms at 8 p. m. Tuesday, announced Jack Robinson, American Guernsey Cattle club field man. Recent Guernsey cattle sales have attracted wide interest and prices for some of these sales have been higher than at any time in the past five or six years. Local breeders will be interested in developments in affairs connected with their breed and Robinson will discuss these phases.

## Record Dry Period Ends with Rains

Precipitation Brings Relief to Parched Soils Still Unseeded; Moisture Big Aid to Pasture Grass

The greatest drought ever recorded in this section of the state came to an end Monday with light rains sweeping the valley, and dampening parched fields. Hundreds of thirsty acres of farm land, unplowed and unseeded, still remain to be turned and planted before winter shuts in.

Many farmers, discouraged in the long wait for sufficient moisture to make plowing easy, have used tractors to turn the lumpy soil, and employed rollers and other machinery to reduce the fields to dust into which seed has been planted.

Fields planted in early October, yet have not disclosed signs of life, and many farmers fear that a portion of the seed, at least, will be lost.

Rains which usually have assisted in the walnut harvest, made it necessary for the harvest crews to hand husk the nuts, the husks having dried to the shells before falling.

Roads, too, have suffered by lack of moisture, the gravel surface loosening and being pushed aside by traffic until work with main-tainers has proved unsuccessful.

Pastures have failed in the usual fall growth of grass, necessitating additional feed for dairymen who have pastures. Streams are low and shallow wells have suffered accordingly. In places the soil is without moisture for several feet deep.

Greatest, perhaps, of all the evils faced during the continued dry weather, has been the fire hazard in wooded tracts and forests, where rubbish on the ground and summer growth has been tinder dry.

Rainfall for this section of the state is reported as 5.9 inches below normal, with Portland weather bureau reporting precipitation of 1.88 inches since September 1.

Other dry Octobers have been recorded in 1895 and again in 1917, but neither of these periods have been as dry as the one just closing. Agricultural reports issued during these two previous dry autumns disclose that crop yields have been materially cut, wheat suffering a loss of as much as five bushels to the acre in these years.

The average monthly precipitation reports from 143 stations in Oregon to the central station in Portland show an average rainfall for October this year of 13 inches or 1.75 inches below normal.

For the section in which the county is located, the deficiency has been 3.60 inches with an average for the section of 35 inches. Heaviest rainfall during the period was in 1917, when more than an inch of rainfall was recorded in 24 hours.

Such potato yields as have been reported in this county, show short (Continued on page 5, column 1)

## Rites Held for County Pioneer

Francis Howard Tompkins, a retired farmer of Washington county, died at his home in Hillsboro early Monday morning.

He was born in California, the son of Oscar Tompkins and Prebela Jane Barrett, on January 12, 1865. In 1868 the family came to Oregon and settled in Washington county. Ten years later they homesteaded nine miles north of Hillsboro, where he lived until he retired in 1928, since which time he had lived in Hillsboro.

He is survived by three brothers, L. N. Tompkins of Hillsboro, Edward and Wilbur of Shady Brook, and two sisters, Mrs. A. Watson of Portland and Miss Anna A. Tompkins of Hillsboro. He was a nephew of Mrs. Esther Cornelius of Hillsboro.

Funeral services were held at Young's Funeral Home, Hillsboro, Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in the Harrison cemetery.

## County Utility Assessments Show Loss in Comparison with Figures Years Ago

Due to a fall in the valuation of railway property in Washington county, utilities assessments this year are more than \$30,000 less than last year, figures compiled this week by J. E. Carpenter, assessor.

Total value of utilities property was \$2,913,929.88 as compared to \$2,944,681.92 a year ago. Total assessed value of the county is \$24,262,894.88 this year as compared to \$24,534,926.92 a year ago, a considerable loss due to removal of timber through the harvest-increased their levies through tax foreclosure, it is pointed out.

Summary of county school valuations and levies shows that a large number of the rural schools have increased their levies, either due to improvements already made or to planned improvements.

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Hillsboro union district valuation is placed at \$5,065,388.21 and a levy of 11.7 mills this year as compared to \$5,066,700.63 valuation and 11.5 mills levy a year ago.

Both the high school and grade school levies took a raise in Forest Grove, the figures show. The public school valuation for 1937 is \$1,334,387.02 and the levy 8.1 mills as compared to a valuation of \$1,332,470.31 and levy of 7.8 for 1936. Valuation of the union district there is \$5,075,688.32 with a levy of 9.2 mills for 1937 as compared to a valuation of \$5,292,261.41 and a levy of 8.4 mills for 1936.

Due to the WPA projects conducted in Banks for both the high school and the grade school, the new levy takes a substantial jump. Banks public school levy is 10.3 mills on a valuation of \$351,136.88 as compared to a levy of 3.7 mills for 1936 on a valuation of \$364,161.07. The union high school new levy is 7.7 mills on a total valuation of \$1,228,746.90 as compared to a levy of 3.8 mills and a valuation of \$1,143,506.57 for 1936. (Continued on page 5, column 1)