



New County Health Unit Passes Test

Budget Meeting Approves All Items; Beaver-ton Group Opposes Fund for Doctor and Nurses

Opposition and support for the county budget, subjected Saturday morning to the annual public hearing, came from the women. Women attending the meeting outnumbered the men about two to one.

With the exception of the new county health unit, the various items of the budget passed without comment or opposition, with the exception of an item for Bang's disease testing among cattle. This item set up \$3,749 for inspections and brought out questions from one or two men present as to the exact nature of the new state law on testing. There was no opposition.

The budget for 1937 calls for a total of \$417,884.50 to be raised by taxes of which \$27,822.47 is to the general fund, \$34,909.70 county school fund, and \$194,951.83 to the road fund. The amount is \$24,813.40 more than was raised by taxes last year.

The health unit however, brought opposition from the Taxpayers' League of Beaver-ton with Mrs. Anna Kruger, president, voicing the league's ideas on the matter.

Opposes Unit

In her opening talk against the item, she declared that she could not see the use of a health unit. "I pay my own doctor and hospital bills," she declared, "and I cannot see why I should be called on to help pay for others. I think that the new department will grow into a millstone about our necks."

She also declared that the government did not owe the people a living; only the right to earn a living. She moved that the item be stricken from the budget.

Britt Nedry, principal of the Tigard schools, then took the floor and said that he was speaking for the people of his end of the county.

"I believe," he said, "that we should consider this from the standpoint of the children, and not from an angle of dollars and cents. Because disease has not been discovered soon enough, we have suffered terrible epidemics in the county resulting in many deaths."

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Thieves Steal Wide Variety

Cows, harness, auto tires, axes and chickens figured in a series of robberies over the county reported this week to Sheriff John Connell.

Cattle rustlers, apparently operating with a truck, invaded Middleton's farm on the morning of November 26, stole a cow and set of harness from the F. M. Dodge barn and an 18-month-old Guernsey heifer from C. A. Sanders, neighbor of Dodge.

The heifer was taken to the Sanders pasture after the thieves had cut the pasture wires.

Saturday night thieves attempted to raid the William Hesse farm in the Scholls neighborhood, but were routed when the Hesse daughters returned home from the picture show and heard some one in the granary. They aroused the family and four sacks of chicken feed were recovered from a hiding place in the ferns about 200 yards from the barn.

Saturday night someone stole an ax from the Boyd woodyard on Cedar street. O. E. Scott of near Manning also reported this week that four tires and two wheels from a model T Ford in his barnyard had been stolen the middle of October, and Elmer Jones of near Hillsboro reported the theft of a milk can from the stand near his house on November 14.

Last Minute Rush to File Applications for Social Security Plan Seems Likely

With some 800 applications for benefits under the social security law scattered around Hillsboro among employees, the local post office is wishfully hoping to avoid a last minute rush to file by persons who have delayed.

At present only a small portion of the total number of application blanks have been returned and final date for filing with the postmaster is 6 p. m. Saturday night. L. T. McPheeters, postmaster, points out that the deadline is not a hard one.

To help employees, who have difficulty in completing their applications, the post office maintains a clerk in the post office lobby to assist with the work. This clerk, McPheeters said, is on the job all day and will be on the job all of Saturday afternoon until 6 o'clock.

What penalties, if any, are provided for either employees or employers who fail to make application is not known, other than that failure to take advantage of the government offer will prohibit these persons from sharing in the benefits of the savings system later on.

Nearly all of the 180 applications sent employers were returned on schedule, and where returns were

Past Supreme K. P. Officer and Ten Past Grands Here

Perhaps the most outstanding meeting in years of Phoenix lodge, K. P., was held Monday night when a past supreme chancellor of the domain of North America and many past grand chancellors of Oregon attended and assisted in the work. A large crowd was in attendance, and the lodge meeting was followed by refreshments and a good fellowship meeting.

Past grand chancellors present were William M. Calk (1899), James W. Maloney (1903), Gus C. Moser (1909), Frank S. Grant (1914), Leslie E. Crouch (1918), also past supreme chancellor; Fred J. Johnson (1919), all of Portland; Cliff S. Finlay, Dallas (1922); Edison I. Ballagh, St. Helens (1927); Ira W. Carl, Portland (1932); Carl A. Brodersten, Forest Grove (1935); John L. Foote, St. Helens (1936); R. A. Bennett, Portland, present grand vice chancellor, also attended.

Rank of Page was conferred upon Willard G. Hughes by the following past grand chancellors: Frank S. Grant as chancellor commander, Edison I. Ballagh as vice commander, R. A. Bennett as prelate and Leslie E. Crouch as master-at-arms.

Lodges represented were Glencoe No. 2 of North Plains, Delphos No. 39 of Forest Grove, Yamhill No. 98 of Yamhill, Calathene No. 21 and Ivanhoe No. 1 of Portland, Avon No. 62 of St. Helens, Damon No. 4 of Pendleton and Marmon No. 96 of Dallas.

Council Seeks More Funds for Sewer Project

Move to extend the Hillsboro sewer project was initiated through a resolution passed at the December council meeting Tuesday night authorizing a request to the Public Works administration for \$18,000 additional funds to extend the industrial sewer through the industrial area in the west end of town, and to make several extensions needed in the residential district.

The industrial sewer is needed, it was pointed out to the council, to gather industrial waste from the cannery and other points, and conducted to special tanks in the sewage disposal plant, separate from the domestic sewage. This sewage now flows into the new plant and it is feared that during the busy season, the acids in the industrial waste will upset the operation of the plant.

Official approval was placed on the disposal plan by the council after a discussion of various phases of the project by Frank McQueen, engineer and designer. He told the councilmen that a recent inspection by the state board of health had brought the comment that the effluent from the plant was in the best condition of any plant now in operation in the valley.

McQueen also announced that he was planning to carry his fish pond demonstrations further and plant a series of trout in the tanks, trout being more sensitive to impure water than gold fish.

The plant is operating perfectly on its present load, McQueen said, and will do just as good a job when the entire load of city waste is turned in. The plant is designed to accommodate a population of between 15,000 and 20,000, he declared, and will work perfectly until overloaded.

Lease of the airport property to Ralph E. Hiatt for farm purposes (Continued on page 3, column 1)

Huge Tree Crushes Bridge at Quarry

Winter opening of Jackson quarry was delayed a day this week when a tree four feet through fell across the bridge on the quarry road. Work at the quarry began Wednesday.

Weakens by fire which burned through the base, the huge tree toppled Saturday night, crushing the bridge stringers and deck, according to J. W. Barney, county highway engineer. A bridge crew was immediately set to work making repairs.

Not made, most of the persons called the postmaster to explain that they had no employees or were otherwise exempt.

All over the United States hundreds of thousands of employees are flooding the post offices with applications for the benefits which will be paid in the form of an old age pension when the applicant becomes 65 years. In case of death, there also will be benefits from the savings.

The government officials responsible for the program point out that the new system sets up an enforced savings account which will insure all persons working in industry, an income in the latter years of their lives.

Rohli Football Squad Today

Hilli football squad will be luncheon guests of the Rotary club at the Veterans hall this noon (Thursday) when the Rotary club cup and other trophies will be presented to winning members of the team. B. M. Goodman will be chairman.

County Farm Union Meeting Saturday

Otto Fowler of Corvallis will address the Washington county Farmers' Union meeting Saturday at the Veterans hall in Hillsboro. Fowler is affiliated with the Oregon Seed Growers' association and will talk about the production and sale of clover, grass and vetch seed.

Farm Union Market will be open in the forenoon, with pot luck luncheon and afternoon meeting as usual.

President John Plass has issued a call for the legislative committee to be present at the meeting.

Veteran Clerk Paid Honors at Luncheon

Chamber of Commerce Pays Respects to Ed Luce Monday; Will be Deputy Under Tupper

Guest Monday noon at the chamber dinner, Hillsboro business men crowded the dining room to honor Ed C. Luce, veteran county clerk, who retires January 1. He was introduced by H. A. Kuratli, deputy under Luce for a number of years, and later county clerk with Luce as deputy for five years.

Monday, Arthur Tupper, county clerk elect, also made official announcement of the retention of Luce as deputy, the first announcement of personnel for the combined office of clerk and auditor so far made. Other deputies and clerks to be hired have not yet been decided on, Tupper said.

In making his introduction, Kuratli said that he had worked shoulder to shoulder with Luce for nine-and-a-half years in the clerk's office. "The public," Kuratli declared, "never has had a more honest, more efficient, or more faithful servant."

Luce opened his talk by declaring that his voice was not what it once was and probably had been seriously impaired by telling the public over and over: "No, or 'I don't know.' He said these answers were necessary in reply to the innumerable questions not related to the duties of the clerk.

He declared that as far as public service was concerned, there was another present with a longer record, this being B. W. Barnes, superintendent of the high school.

One of his first recollections, he declared, was the log house in which he lived on Baseline street with his father and mother.

Luce also talked of the changes and improvements made at the court house, mentioning that he was the first in the county to use a machine for writing directly into record books. The machine was installed in 1903 by the late George Morgan, clerk at that time.

Among the many questions aimed at the county clerk, he related, was "How old are the Sequoia trees in the court yard?" To this he always replied, he said, that he could not remember when the trees were not so tall.

He was working in the court house, he declared, when the first automobile was brought to Hillsboro. This was a "one horse" machine owned by the late Dr. Linklater and operated by Dr. Linklater and Orville Wilkes, mechanic.

Many letters from land seekers came to him during his time in the clerk's office, he remarked. One wanted a homestead close to the highway. In reply, Luce wrote that few homesteads remained, and that these were so rocky, steep and remote that only the buzzards could light on them.

An interesting sidelight on his career relates to the number of estates filed with the court for probate, research revealing that since the establishment of records in 1847, there had been 4,318 estates probated.

"This just goes to show," he remarked, "how much chance a party will have."

Autos Skid on Icy Pavement

When his automobile skidded on the icy bridge over Dairy creek west of Hillsboro Wednesday morning, Charles O. Vandivier, formerly of Hillsboro and now living at Beaver-ton, narrowly escaped injury.

The car skidded, turned and struck the railing with the rear end, broke the planking and backed down a 20-foot bank to the field. Vandivier started the motor, drove the car to the Downs filling station, and re-entered the highway to proceed on his way. The tank of the car, according to a sheriff's report.

Later a car driven by W. E. Folsom skidded in the same place, crashing into the railing. The driver was not injured.

Other cars experienced similar difficulty on the Rock creek bridge, and a car owned by Carl S. Aslin of Washougal, Wash., skidded into a telephone pole and rolled into the ditch. The driver apparently escaped injury while the machine suffered scratches and bent fenders.

The suit is brought against E. E. Kesler and Frank Pockrus, operators of the Monroe Transfer company, owners of a truck alleged by plaintiffs to have struck their passenger automobile in the rear, throwing them into the windshield.

Two other suits for damages as the result of an automobile accident, were filed by Howard E. and News Belle Tucker of Hillsboro against Erin H. and Brandon Hall. The accident is alleged to have taken place between Fourth and Fifth avenue on Baseline street in Hillsboro October 25.

Tucker is suing for \$344.50 for damages to his automobile and injuries to his sons Charles, B. and Donald, 2. Mrs. Tucker is asking \$5076 for injuries to her self and expenses incurred as the result of the alleged injuries.

The complaint alleges that Brandon Hall was driving the car of Erin Hall between 3 and 4 a. m. October 25, falling asleep and allowing the car to cross to the wrong side of the pavement, crashing into the Tucker machine.

Holiday Season Announced Here; Santa Plans Visit

The Christmas holidays were officially ushered into Hillsboro Saturday evening with a blaze of gay lights, inviting show windows full of Christmas gift suggestions and displays of Christmas merchandise.

This year stores have taken particular pains to create attractive Christmas windows full of appropriate merchandise for gifts for the busy shopper, with the result that Hillsboro again demonstrates that it is the shopping center of Washington county.

Most of the Christmas windows were unmarked for the benefit of large crowds which thronged stores and sidewalks all day and well into the evening.

Center of the decorations this year as last, is the big evergreen on the court house corner which blazes with colored lights as a background for the cheery lighting of the streets.

At this point Saturday afternoon, December 12, Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive on page 7, column 2

Valuable Cows Electrocutted When Poles Fall

When a fence row fire burned the base from two electric line poles at the Arthur Connell farm northeast of Hillsboro November 25, allowing the poles to fall into the Connell pasture, six registered Holsteins of the prize Connell herd were electrocuted.

The fire is thought to have started from burning ties along the United Railway right-of-way, creeping through the dry grass to the fence row. The cows, becoming curious after the poles fell, thrust their heads into the power lines, according to Ralph Esser, manager of PEP company in Hillsboro.

The cows were valued at several hundred dollars.

Fires during the fall, Easter said, have damaged dozens of poles carrying high tension power wires and in several instances the fallen lines have created dangerous situations.

Never, in the history of the company in this valley, Easter declared, has there been so many fence row fires with resulting damage to electric and telephone poles. Nearly every day has brought reports of damaged lines, keeping the repair crew on the jump.

Much of the trouble, it is pointed out, comes from fence row fires which have been allowed to run without supervision.

Among the fires creating dangerous situations, was one near the highway on the Banks highway two weeks ago in which two poles burned through, dropping lines carrying high voltage into the road.

Another at Glenwood, on the Gales creek line, dropped a large pole (Continued on page 5, column 2)

Teachers' Meet Set This Week

Teachers of Washington county will assemble in Tigard union high school Saturday morning for a county institute. O. B. Kraus, county superintendent, announced Wednesday. A full program has been prepared.

The institute will open with music by the Tigard high school glee club under the direction of Miss Frances Nash, to be followed at 9:35 a. m. with a business meeting of the Washington County Teachers' association. There will be an election of officers and delegates to the convention of the educational association.

Departmental sessions open at 10 in two divisions for the high school and elementary grades. At 11 there will be an address, "Shaping the Curriculum for the Life of Today," by Dr. Floyd C. Wilcox of Linfield college.

The meeting will adjourn for the day at noon. Merle Davies of Beaver-ton is president of the county teachers' association.

Portland Couple Demand Damages

Suits aggregating \$20,000 for injuries received in an automobile accident October 25 on the east side of the county were filed this week by Arthur L. Mason and Jeannette Cramer Mason of Portland. Both allege severe bruises, other injuries, and much mental anguish as a result of their experiences.

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Police Find Modern Version of Myth

State police have discovered a modern Damon and Pythias, those two friends of ancient times, one of whom assumed a place in jail for the other.

H. W. Marshall of Newport, casting himself in the role of Damon, recently pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving following a crash with another automobile near Rex in this county. He was sent to jail and later paroled.

His friend, William Lund, also of Newport, was arrested and lodged in the county jail Monday by state officers to answer to the charge for which Marshall pleaded guilty.

Investigation, the officers declare, revealed that just previous to the crash Lund was behind the wheel of the automobile. Marshall took the blame and declared that he was the driver. Lund is free under \$100 bond to answer to the driving charge.

Campaign Begins Washington county democratic central committee has been called in for meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms in Hillsboro tonight (Thursday) at 8, according to Ed L. Moore, chairman. Plans will be made to strengthen and expand the organization in this county, he said.

County, State Tax Levy to Show Decline

County Road Levy Climbs; Towns Seek to Boost Collections for Next Year, Figures Show

With few exceptions, tax levies in the larger political units of the county all show increases for 1937, according to figures released this week by J. E. Carpenter, county assessor.

The state and county levy shows a decrease of more than two mills in the total. For next year the state and county general levy is 12.7 mills and the road levy 8.1 mills, making a total of 20.8 mills as compared to a total of 22.1 mills for 1936. This year the state and county general levy was 15.5 and the road levy 6.6 mills. For next year there is a reduction in the state and county general levy and a rise in the county road levy.

Levy Not Made Hillsboro, up to date, has no levy for 1937, although the annual city budget meeting revealed a possible increase over the 16.6 mills levied for 1936.

Forest Grove is outstanding among the towns of the county for reductions in levy with the 1937 figures set at 11.8 mills as compared to 19.1 for the present year. Heaviest increase is registered at Tigard where the levy climbed from 4.7 for this year to 22.9 for the coming year.

Beaver-ton has a levy of 21.6 as compared to 20.5 mills this year. Cornelius increased from 17.5 mills this year to 17.7 next and Gaston made the second largest increase in the county with a jump from 4.6 mills this year to 19.5 mills for next.

Sherwood's levy decreased from 19.3 mills this year to 18.6 next, while Banks climbed from 30.9 mills to 33 for another year.

General decrease, though slight, is found in the three county water districts. Garden Home district dropped its levy from 9 mills in 1936 to 8.5 for next year, and Weston for levying 8 mills for next year as compared to 8.8 mills this year. West Slope cut its levy from 5.5 mills to 5.4 mills.

Among the union high school districts, the levies all are higher with Banks' jumping from 3.8 mills this year to 7.1 mills next. The Banks district carried on a considerable improvement program under WPA.

Tigard high school levy is 15.2 mills for next year as compared to 14.8 this, while Hillsboro increased for another year from 11.5 mills to 11.7. At Forest Grove the new levy is 9.2 as compared to 8.4 mills this year.

The non-high school district the levy has been lowered one mill, from 8.7 this year to 7.7 next year, Carpenter points out that this cut is impressive because of the fact that the county's non-high school district was taken out to create the new Sherwood union high school district.

Among the public schools, the Aloha-Huber district has managed this year to bring its levy up to a low point. The levy for 1937 is 1.4 mills as compared to 2.3 mills for this year. The nearest school among the larger school districts, is Reedville where the levy is 4.1 for next year and was 2.5 mills for 1936.

Hillsboro schools show a decrease from 9.9 mills in 1936 to 7.3 mills in 1937. Largest decrease probably is found at Beaver-ton where the levy has been cut from 15.2 mills to 9.6 for next year. Tigard decreased from 7.2 mills for 1936 to 6.7 for next while Sherwood cut its levy from 8.1 to 6.3 mills.

Like the union high school district, Banks public school increased its levy, climbing from 3.7 mills this year to 10.3 mills. Cornelius likewise has an increase, the new levy being 8.2 mills as compared to 5.8; while Forest Grove boosted the levy from 7.8 this year to 3.1 mills for next.

Penney Store Paying Bonus

Employees of the Penney store in Hillsboro will share this year in a Christmas bonus with 25,000 other associates in all Penney stores, offices and warehouses, according to P. A. Anderson, local manager.

All regular employees, who have been with the store a year, will receive two weeks extra pay while those employed for shorter periods will receive proportionate amounts.

This Christmas bonus is not a part of any permanent bonus plan but is an additional remuneration for the loyalty and service which has played a part in making 1936 the most successful year in the history of J. C. Penney company stores, Anderson said. In the Hillsboro store eight associates will share in the bonus.

"I personally, was very happy to learn of this decision by our board of directors," Anderson said in commenting on the plan. "The Hillsboro store has enjoyed a splendid year, and our success is due to the work and loyalty of our store group. I am sure that the customers, like myself, will be happy to see these good friends of theirs receive this substantial recognition of their efforts."

County Girl Wins Gold Medal Award

Kathryn Cawse, prominent 4-H girl in this county has been awarded a gold medal for the most outstanding 4-H club member in Washington county for 1935-36. It was announced this week by O. B. Kraus, county superintendent of schools.

The medal was received from H. C. Seymour, state club leader, for winners of the contest sponsored among 1,000,000 club members of the nation by Montgomery Ward company. The prizes are sponsored by the national committee on Boys' and Girls' club work of Chicago.

Dr. J. O. Robb will speak Friday before the Hillsboro high school students on tuberculosis and the value of the Christmas seal sale.

As F. R. Headed for Peace Parley



President Roosevelt is shown here aboard the Cruiser Indianapolis bound for South America. On arrival Monday at the Argentine capitol he was given the greatest reception ever accorded a president. Shown, left to right, are the president's son, James, the visitor, Captain Paul Eastold, naval aide, and Colonel Edward N. Watson, military aide. The trip included a stop at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Record Drouth Continues Here, Many Wells Dry

Broken only by fog and rainfall of 36 inches spread over two days in November, the record breaking autumn drouth continues into December, surpassing any similar dry fall in the memory of old timers of this section.

Temperatures

Table with 3 columns: Date, Min., Max. Rows for Nov 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Dec 1, 2.

Light rains of two weeks ago failed to penetrate deep enough into the ground to moisten seed grains, which have been lying in the fields since September and October. Hundreds of acres of farm lands are lying idle awaiting moisture enough for plowing.

Farmers also complain of dry wells, usually filled at this time of year by rainfall through late October or November.

Woods continue dry and hazardous to fire with several brush fires escaping in the past two weeks, burning considerable territory before being brought under control.

Cold nights, with freezing temperatures continue without a break, increasing the chill even in the middle of the day. Smoke from many fires keeps the sun half obscured during the day.

Legion to Discuss Plans Here Tuesday

Matters of importance, including discussion of the annual American Legion amateur contest, will be before the Hillsboro post, American Legion, meeting Tuesday night, according to Jake Well, commander.

Members of the post are urged to attend and bring a buddy with them who is eligible to membership in the post. Reports show the membership climbing well above the number enrolled at this time last year.

Further Progress Reported on New Agricultural Conservation Program

Further progress is reported on the 1936 agricultural conservation program in Oregon, although plans for 1937 have not been announced, according to N. C. Donaldson, executive secretary. The state committee has completed its work in setting the total county soil-depleting bases and forwarded its recommendations to Washington for the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment administration.

As soon as approval has been obtained, the state committee will certify to each county committee the total county soil-depleting base for the county. It will then be the duty of the county committee to adjust the individual farm soil-depleting bases to whatever extent may be necessary to make them balance with the total county soil-depleting base. When this has been done and the work checked by the state committee, the individual applications for grants can be made out.

Plans for the 1937 agricultural conservation program involve a number of problems. One of the problems, according to AAA ad-

County Group Will Continue Making Plans

County Planning Commission Votes to Continue After Meeting Friday in Court House

Holding a clinic for the purpose of determining what is needed to rejuvenate the Washington County Planning commission, C. W. Reynolds, executive assistant, and C. J. Humphrey, field supervisor of the state planning commission, met with the county body Friday afternoon.

Result of the consultation was the appointment of three committees and a determination of the planning group, 12 of whose members were present, to continue efforts along county planning lines.

Committees Named Committees named by Ide were: Water Resources—Herman Kerker, R. G. Scott and Vernon Burdingham. Schools—Albert Kemmer of Beaver-ton, Oscar Hagg and I. Gibson, Basic Maps—E. L. Johnson, Walter Uphaw of Tigard and W. F. Cyrus.

Humphrey told the planners that the WPA projects were only a small part of the work, and that the state commission was primarily interested in the basic facts and development of the county.

Reynolds also promised the group the assistance of a man from the state setup to assist the local group in prosecuting their plan to clear several miles of the Dairy creek channel, data for which already has been mostly gathered and property easements procured.

Several members of the county planning group expressed doubt as to the effectiveness of the organization as an auxiliary to the county court.

With W. G. Ide, chairman of the county commission, presiding, Reynolds was the first speaker who pointed out the ways in which the commission could be of assistance. He said that the meeting Friday came from a desire expressed by several of the counties to hold public meetings with members of the state setup, and that five or six already had been held.

The state and county planning groups, he said, were formed to help the various political subdivisions of the state and county solve their problems.

In suggesting problems to be solved, Reynolds pointed out that this is a critical time in forestry. Our tax situation