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Quartet Held for Nut Theft Near Gaston

Two Enter Plea of Guilty Before Judge Peters; One Man Arrested in Colorado to be Returned Here

Two of four men arrested this week in connection with the theft of seven bags of walnuts from the George Withycombe farm, east of Gaston Tuesday 27, pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon to their part in the robbery.

Peter Knight, woodcutter in the mountains above Mountaineer, pleaded guilty before Judge R. Frank Peters to larceny, and William S. Atkins, former resident of Cornelius, pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property. Sentence was postponed until January 1.

Philip Spiegel, Portland junk gatherer, a third man among the suspects, is free and will answer later while Earl Murray is under charge at Innes, Colorado, and awaiting extradition. Deputy Sheriff Harry Johnson left Hillsboro Monday night to bring him back to face the court.

According to a confession alleged to have been made by Spiegel, who pleaded guilty, Knight, Spiegel and Murray made the trip to the walnut orchard and took the nuts. On the way back the truck chock refused to work and they attempted to get it repaired in Cornelius.

When the clutch again refused to work, they awakened Atkins and asked his help. He agreed to assist them and took his car, he related. Spiegel is alleged to have sold the nuts in Portland but denies that he was implicated in the theft.

Hearing Waived Tuesday, Dayton Mays of North Plains, arrested Tuesday on a charge of larceny, pleaded guilty and was bound over to the grand jury under \$100 bonds. Complaint is said to have been made by Mrs. Minnie Blake of North Plains, who alleges that Mays invaded her home and stole her watch. She is said to be Mays' mother-in-law.

George Heppner has brought suit against Charles A. Boyer and Thomas P. Mills, alleging permanent injuries sustained in an alleged assault on his person. He is asking \$2500 general damages and \$7500 punitive damages.

Orders filed this week in circuit court include liquidation Bank of Beaverton, allowing taxes and city liens to remain delinquent on certain property; Liquidation Bank of Beaverton, to make partial payment of taxes on real estate; Liquidation Shute Savings bank, allowing...

Retailers Plan Bargain Event

Retail trades committee of the chamber of commerce is actively engaged in promoting another of the Hillsboro bargain days for Saturday, January 23. It was announced this week by Ed L. Moore, secretary of the chamber.

Most of the leading business firms of Hillsboro have been participating in the bargain days and consider the plan one of the most efficient employed anywhere. As usual there will be special advertising announcing the event.

The committee has decided that there will be another gift distribution with a more pleasing method of distribution and more attractive gifts.

A meeting of the retail trades committee has been called for Monday night, Moore announced Tuesday.

County Nurse Completing Busy Year, Report Discloses; Asks Co-operation

Submitting her annual and final report of activities, Mr. Margaret Dixon-Logan, county nurse, reveals a busy year just closing. She retires at the close of this month.

Figures show 244 days on duty with the hours of those days divided among many activities. A few figures from the report show 296 hours spent on visits in behalf of patients; 126 hours spent visiting schools and 104 hours spent in public health meetings. There were 136 schools visited during the year with an individual inspection of 606 school children and conferences with 150 parents.

492 Given Test Tests for tuberculosis were administered to 492 school children with 13 reactors to the tests, and 24 positive reactors to x-ray examinations. Fifteen persons were immunized for diphtheria, and 35 were subjected to the Schick tests to determine whether or not they were immune from the disease. Of this number 14 reacted to the tests. Eighteen persons were given small-pox vaccination and 65 were given typhoid serum for immunization.

Last Recorder Many Homes Built Here During Year

Residential Permits Total More Than \$36,000 for 1936; Much Remodeling Reported in City



James H. Davis, retiring county recorder, is completing 20 years of nearly continuous service for Washington county. He first was elected in 1915, serving two terms and retiring in 1919, when Fred Everest was elected, returning a year and a half later. Since then Davis has been continuously in office. For a number of years before taking county office, he was employed as manager of the telephone exchange in Forest Grove, later taking charge at Beaverton and then at Hazelton, where he has acted in the capacity of manager of that exchange since.

Tupper Begins New Duties as Clerk Monday

When the court house opens Monday morning changes wrought by the last election will be in force, effecting only the county clerk and recorder.

At that time the two offices will merge, the duties of the recorder becoming the responsibility of the county clerk and abolishing the county recorder, a part of the county system here for all the years since its establishment.

Arthur Tupper will assume the office of county clerk. Ed C. Luce, veteran in the office will step down to deputy clerk and James Davis, recorder, will become recording clerk.

With this machine, papers to be recorded are photographed instead of copied by typewriter, making the transfer to the pages of the books a short process.

Machinery, developing tanks, and lighting, all have been installed and the machine tested. Excellent reproductions are being made. It is reported, but the pages did not allow enough margin for binding, with result that another and larger machine has been ordered and will be installed immediately.

With the turn of the year, an additional deputy will be added to the office of Sheriff John Connell and Washington county will have its first night patrol under the direct staff of the sheriff.

Ben Cornelius, who has been serving as deputy sheriff during the absence of Deputy Harry Johnson, will be appointed.

37 New T. B. Cases Report on tuberculosis in the county shows 37 new cases; 3 suffering with childhood tuberculosis; 5 new suspects, and 11 new contacts. In addition the nurse made 10 visits to patients with pulmonary tuberculosis; 21 to cases of childhood tuberculosis and 45 visits in behalf of post-sanatorium cases.

In closing her employment with Washington county, Mrs. Logan said this week:

"The passing year has been one of change and preparation for the building of what is hoped will in time become an outstanding health department in this county.

"The building of this institution already has begun with the employment of Mrs. Dorothy Weinstein, nurse in the Hillsboro schools, and the appropriation of funds for a county health unit employing a full-time physician and two public health nurses. Continued support of all organizations and citizens is

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Three Men in a Boat Tell Tale Fishing Tragedy

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"Keep that... boat away from here. I've a fish on my tackle, you... amateurs!" The irate speaker was a chronic fisherman. His remonstrance, in true fisherman style, was directed at three men in a boat—Dr. R. J. Nicol, Al Hoffman and the Neustuca boatman.

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"Cut mine loose and save the fish," shouted Nicol. A knife flashed in the other boat. The fisherman stooped, slashed wildly and cut his own line. His shouted insults still assailed the ears of the Hillsboroites as their boat drifted swiftly around a bend, cutting off the silhouette of the irate Isaac Walton dancing a hornpipe in his boat. Hoffman, Nicol et al. may write a letter of apology.

Winter Arrives with Snow Fall on High Points

First real touch of winter came to the valley Saturday night when snow fell on the east range and along the Chehalis mountains and to the north. Snow was three inches deep in some places, according to reports.

In the valley, chill winds sent citizens shivering about their business while cold rains fell intermittently Monday. The sun shone nearly all day, with the mercury falling at night. Tuesday there were flurries of snow mixed with the rains.

Work Listed Weak Brothers constructed the five-room, Cape Cod house north of Hillsboro, Edgar Kamma. The house is in an attractive setting of small woods; has a full basement, and a garage framed into the south side of the house. Remodeling jobs included the Frank Pauli house on Main between Fourth and Fifth avenues into four modern apartments, and the Charles Johnson house occupied by A. W. Moore on Main street into three apartments.

In commercial work, they constructed the cold storage warehouse (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Ocean Nearly Claims Victims

Caught by a huge wave as it tumbled over the rocks at Depoe Bay Sunday, Henry Schainck of Hillsboro, PEP company employe, and his father-in-law, C. W. Wimmer of Ogden, Utah, narrowly escaped death in the ocean. Both suffered cuts and bruises.

They had been standing, they said, on the rock south of the inlet. The bay and about 25 feet above the water, watching the waves, which were running high. Suddenly they noticed a larger wave than usual rolling toward them, and realizing that they were about to get drenched, they crouched down.

The wave broke over the rock, engulfing them, sweeping them out as it receded in spite of the fact that they managed to get a fairly good grip of the jagged stone. Before they could scramble out of the way another wave struck and submerged them for the second time.

Both men were cut about the head, and Schainck required several stitches to close a long gash in his forehead. Wimmer was bruised and cut on the back of the head. Their fingernails were broken and the skin torn from the tips of their fingers in their fight to maintain a grip on the rocks, they said.

Late Purchasers Keep Stores Busy

Christmas trade this year kept clerks on the jump until late Thursday night, according to reports. All day Thursday the streets of the business district were crowded.

Check of the number of automobiles parked on the streets bordering the business district disclosed 450 machines occupying space at the curb at 3:30 p. m. after the crowd had begun to wane somewhat, according to Ed L. Moore, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

Chamber Meetings Resume January 11

Meetings of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce will be resumed after the holidays with the dinner meeting Monday night, January 11. This is the annual business meeting which includes the secretary's report of activities for the year.

Regular luncheons will be resumed with a special program January 18 and continue through the remainder of the winter and spring until the summer vacation.

PEP Plans to Complete System Here

Company Prepares to String 40 Miles of Line During Next Year Bringing Light to All Parts of County

Completing its program of electrification in the Tualatin valley by installing 40 more miles of line, the PEP company plans to have electricity available to every resident of Washington county in 1937 with the exception of the most remote places. Ralph Easter, manager of this division announced this week.

Approximately 60 miles of new rural lines were strung throughout the county during 1936, Easter said, resulting in an increase of 678 new customers, or an increase of 14 per cent in service over a year ago. There were 5855 users of electricity in the county at the close of this year as compared to 5178 a year ago. Electricity is now available to 90 per cent of the population of the county at the present time.

Three Crews Work

Records of the company reveal that during the year just closing, three field crews have set 1,500 poles. The increase in lines and customers is the largest for any year in the history of this division of the company. Easter points out that the present payroll of 45 employes is also the largest since the division was organized.

Two fields which have shown extensive advancement this year have been in rural electrification of home and electrification of kitchens. Equipment designed to cut the drudgery and make for more efficient and better meals, has been popular with the housewives of the county.

Review of the major equipment installed during 1936 shows 35 per cent more new electric ranges; 50 per cent more water heaters; and a much larger percentage of refrigerators. While these percentages are taken from company merchandising reports, there also has been a greatly increased sale of electric equipment by private dealers. As an example the service records show 17 ranges connected during the year.

Modern electric kitchens seem also to have taken the fancy of the housewife with the result that the PEP planning department has made plans for about 25 kitchens. These plans are made free in the Portland office on request.

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Pipe Company Has Good Year

Gates Pipe & Investment company is completing a good year with gross business better than in 1935. O. J. Gates, manager, reported this week.

Despite the fact that a number of manufacturing plants were compelled to work part time or close during the worst of the depression, the Gates company has maintained the best year in the history of the plant was in 1931 when 35 men were given employment.

Twelve men now find employment, and this year each of the employes received a cash bonus in addition to the annual gift of a turkey for Christmas.

Next year the company plans a complete paint job on the buildings at the plant, Gates said. This year new concrete walks were constructed along the front of the property after the grade had been brought down to the road level. A new light also was installed on the corner, a great improvement made to the property.

Farm Union Unit Election Saturday

Officers of the Washington County Unit, Farmers' Union, will be elected Saturday in Veterans' hall in Hillsboro.

Regular auction sale and market day will be held at the warehouse in the forenoon followed by lunch at noon served by the women of Middleton local. Business meeting will follow at 1:30 p. m.

Thumb-Nail Sketch of Roger W. Babson's 1937 OUTLOOK

BUSINESS: Eight Per Cent Gain for Year
CONGRESS: Will Not be Harmful to Business
REAL ESTATE: Sharp Improvement—Rents Higher
BUILDING: Boom in New Homes Year's Feature
STRIKES: Possibility of Grave Labor Troubles
LABOR: Higher Wages and More Jobs
FARM PRICES: Spotty—Total Farm Income Higher
LIVING COSTS: Clothing to Lead Sharp Advance
RETAIL TRADE: Big Year—Best Since 1929
ADVERTISING: Boost Quotas 10 to 20 Per Cent
STOCKS: Higher But Good Selection Vital
BONDS: At Ceiling—Watch Money Policy
FOREIGN: No European War in 1937
SUMMARY: First Year of Prosperity Since 1929

Babson Sees 1937 as First Prosperity Year Since 1929

Nearly Every Line Will Enjoy Good Gains in Both Volume and Profit; Prediction; Farm Outlook Declared Good

BABSON PARK, Mass., January 1, 1937—I predict that 1937 will be our first year of real prosperity since 1929! It will be a year of genuine business expansion, considerable real estate activity, constant labor troubles, shortages of skilled workers, rising prices and living costs, and brisk retail trade.

Albert Tozier Looks Forward to New Year

Albert Tozier, ill in his home in Portland, still declares that he will ring the bell in the Methodist church here for the 65th time to welcome the new year.

He welcomed new year with the same Methodist bell for the first time when he was a boy, and since never has missed a New Year's eve in Hillsboro.

Once he made a trip from New York City to be here for the new year. Another time he walked 30 miles from the old homestead at Dees to attend the ceremony. In 1909, the approach of New Year's found him 16 miles from the railroad in Idaho. He walked the distance through the snow to catch a train for Hillsboro.

This year, if he manages the trip, it will be another of those occasions when he must overcome a handicap to fulfill his wish to welcome another year.

Under the direction of a committee from the King's Daughters club of the Methodist church, a special program is being planned for New Year's eve, which will include music and various other features.

The program will begin at 8 o'clock with community singing to be followed by the special program. After the program will include refreshments, and a special devotional service. The ceremony of bell ringing by Tozier will close the evening. The local church is being assisted by Fred Engeldinger, Arthur Reiling was awarded fourth place for an attractive door lighting arrangement.

Gates Winner in Lighting Contest

First prize in the annual Christmas lighting contest, sponsored in Hillsboro by the Rotary club, was awarded to Roland W. Gates. The A. H. Busch display won second, and third place went to Fred Engeldinger. Arthur Reiling was awarded fourth place for an attractive door lighting arrangement.

The Gates house was outlined in colored lights. Mrs. W. G. Hare, of the peak and strings of colored light across the front and through the front shrubbery.

Honorable mention was given to the displays of Mrs. Helen Deichman, Keith Wilcox (window), C. T. Richardson, C. E. Wells, Rev. Henry Young, Herbert Deck, W. C. Christensen, Dr. H. D. Huggins, Fred Cronin and J. L. Anderson.

Special mention was given to the commercial windows of PEP company, MacKenzie Motor company and the Portland Gas & Coke company.

B. M. Goodman and James Wells, Rotary lighting committee members, expressed themselves as pleased with the results of the contest, which has become an annual event of each holiday season. Judges this year were Mrs. R. Frank Peters, Mrs. W. G. Hare, and Mrs. Ralph Easter. J. M. Person assisted the committee in the official tour of the city before the selections were made.

Local O. A. P. Club to Elect Officers

Hillsboro Townsend club will meet January 11 at 8 p. m. at the Baptist church to elect officers for the coming six months.

Townsendites met at the Methodist church Monday night and after a short business session the evening was spent in the group stunts, impromptu readings and games. Potluck refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mrs. T. A. McCourt. Fourth Monday evening of each month is to be a social night.

Rev. Hicks Speaker at Rotary; Wells in Office

A Christmas message was given at the Rotary club luncheon Thursday by Rev. Reginald Hicks of the All Saints Episcopal church. He urged those present to give themselves to God and the church. Charles E. Wells was installed as president succeeding Arthur Reiling.

Annual Meeting Farmers Mutual Insurance association, with headquarters in Hillsboro, will hold its annual meeting in the chamber of commerce at 1 p. m. January 11. Reports on the activities of the organization will be given at that time.

Year Dawns on New Era Over County

Great Progress Revealed in Review of 1936; Homes Lead in Construction for Period; Roads Begun

The old year passes, leaving behind the marks of a successful and progressive period. The new year dawns with prospects bright for greater prosperity over Washington county.

Review of the year reveals increased incomes in all lines; greater sales of merchandise, building material, automobiles and other items of commerce; higher prices for farm products; increasingly greater number of real estate sales; and a great deal of building of all kinds.

Farms Benefit In rural sections of the county, 1936 saw a great deal of remodeling of homes, farm buildings, and new construction of substantial houses and barns.

In the towns and cities, home building has been under way at a good pace, adding rapidly to the facilities to meet the increasing demands for homes made by a growing population.

The year just closing saw the start of the two short roads to the sea and baseball field, and a complete modern sewer system including a most modern disposal plant. The plant is in operation and the new part of the sewer lines will be in action before spring.

Prospects are bright for the completion of a lighting and grandstand project at the union high school in 1937, the preliminary work being started in 1936 by the Hillsboro Men's Breakfast club.

The year just closing also finds Hillsboro with many more new residences than a year ago, many fine homes being erected during the summer and fall at a total cost of nearly \$50,000.

Along Main street there have been several changes, including the modernization of a great number of the business places, and more of this work in prospect for another year.

Strikes Bother Employment in all parts of the county has been greater than for many years except for strikes which have crippled the lumber industry. First by strikes among the loggers, and later by a waterfront strike, the effects of which will be felt late into the spring of the coming year.

There has also been an increase (Continued on page 2, column 2)

City Councilmen Consider Sewer

Meeting in the last session of the old year and of the old city council, that body considered acceptance of the new Hillsboro sewer system and matters pertaining to proposed extensions in various parts of town at a special session last night (Wednesday).

Consideration also was given to the construction of a commercial sewer through the commercial district from the Ray-Maling cannery to the sewage disposal plant.

Retiring members of the council, present for the final session before the reorganization and induction of new members January 5, were M. H. Stevenson, J. M. Person and John L. Anderson. Members who will take office January 5 are Arthur Kroeger, Mrs. C. E. Wells and E. A. Griffith.

V. F. W. Sponsoring Dance Here Tonight

Washington county post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will sponsor its annual carnival dance at the Shute park auditorium New Year's Eve (tonight). Dancing will be from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. with music by McDonald of the Navy and the Musical Mariners.

V. F. W. committee includes Fred Cronin, Perry Batchelor, Lee Clark, L. Steele, George Lockett and E. W. Phapp.

Glenn Payne, former owner of the Hillsboro Pharmacy several years ago, has accepted a position in the Delta Drug store and began his duties this week.

Farm Purchasing Power Nearing Level Pre-war Normal; Trend Upward

Market prices at mid-December indicated that the general level of farm prices in Oregon has advanced somewhat during the past month, according to a review of the agricultural situation just released by the Oregon State college agricultural extension service. This trend is similar to that of farm prices in the country as a whole, and in line with recent trends in consumer purchasing power as indicated by industrial payrolls and business activity.

Compared with a year previous, the Oregon farm price index for November, at 84 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, was up 12 points, or approximately 16 per cent. This compares with a gain of 14 points, or 19 per cent in factory payrolls in the United States, and 15 points, or 17 per cent in general business activity from October, 1935, to October, 1936. Drought-made scarcity of some farm products has been a factor giving additional strength to markets and prices for farm products.

Price Advance Features Milk Industry Here

Feature of 1936 in the milk industry has been the advance in price and the increase in production, according to C. Richardson, manager of the Carnation Milk company of Hillsboro.

Milk Richardson points out, increased in price from \$1.50 and a fraction in 1935 to \$1.75 a hundred pounds at the close of this year. The price in 1934 was \$1.17 a hundred pounds. Production in this county has increased slightly more than 16 per cent. A proportionate increase in production of canned milk also has taken place.

Record Steady The year is closing with a steady record of production behind the Carnation plant, Richardson said. Plans for 1937 include the installation of a 40,000 gallon storage tank replacing a 10,000 gallon unit. Another small unit was retained.

Plans for 1937 include the remodeling of two rooms in the cannery building to increase storage capacity for another year.

At Christmas time this year the company presented each of the 50 regular employes with a bonus check, the first Christmas present of its kind given out by the company in the local plant, Richardson said.

In commenting on the dairy situation in this county, Richardson remarked that production apparently would continue to rise for the reason that the price of milk was stimulating the raising of heifer calves, and that dairymen with the result that herds would become larger in the future.

LaHaies Purchase Ely's Chateau

Mrs. and Mrs. Cyril LaHaie have purchased Ely's Chateau, roadhouse, east of Shute park, from Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Varner and will take charge New Year's morning.

LaHaie is a native of the county and was in Gaston before coming here.

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Argus Subscribers from
Jan. 1 to Dec. 30