

Deaths in County Traffic Accidents Total 11 for Year

Farmers Get Big Sum for Year's Work

Products Sold Local Cannery Bring Much Money to Local Community; Payroll is Factor in Better Times

Increased payrolls, increase in total paid Washington county farmers for produce, and an increase in the tonnage packed, marked the year 1936 at the Maling-Maling cannery and B. E. Raley company, according to a report released this week by B. E. Maling.

Plans for 1937, include an increase in the pack of frozen foods, installation of additional freezing equipment at a cost of many thousands of dollars, and a change in employment methods.

During the year the cannery required 17,000 tons of vegetables, fruits and berries to complete its pack of this amount 10,500 tons went into cans and the remainder into the refrigerators for delivery in the east.

This year, Maling said, the frozen foods pack will be nearly doubled, as the products find a ready market and have been moving out at a rapid rate during the year just closed.

More Frozen Foods Increase Here During Year

With the arrival of a new year, the Hillsboro postoffice reports the largest gross receipts in its history, L. T. McPheeters, postmaster, announced Tuesday.

Postal receipts for 1936 amounted to \$29,408.90 as compared to \$25,236.20 for 1935, and \$23,029.58 in 1934. For the month of December, receipts were \$4,454.76 as compared to \$3,355.45 for 1935.

Extra heavy Christmas season, for both packages and Christmas letters, is credited with the substantial increase shown during the holiday season.

Return to prosperity, bringing with it more commercial mail used in the transaction of business, has contributed to the increase made in the year's gross, McPheeters pointed out. Recovery in the lumber business, increased sales of manufactured products from the Maling cannery and the Carnation company, also have played a part.

Indication of the extent of increased advertising is found in a comparison of the gross revenue from third class mail matter. This matter includes all advertising sent out under a postal permit. This year receipts from this source showed \$101,709 as compared to \$88,663 in 1935.

Should postal receipts continue to increase at the rate set in 1936, Hillsboro would possess a post office of the first class within about four years, it is pointed out. Post offices to reach the first class office, must gross nearly \$50,000 a year. Added industries, business houses, and increases in population would put Hillsboro over the top rapidly, McPheeters said.

Bond Sales Climb

Postal receipts apparently are not the only revenue of the postoffice which has shown a good increase over the 1935 year. Bond sales have been climbing steadily during the last six months, the postmaster reports.

All sales of bonds for the year just closed, have a maturity value of \$47,000, the records show. Increase in the sale of savings bonds is expected during 1937 because of the desirability of the bonds as a means of establishing a good paying savings account, McPheeters said.

Farms Enjoy More Income During Year

Milk, Butterfat, Grain Back to Pre-depression Level; Dairymen Fear Attacks on Milk Control Law

(By Wm. F. Ceras, County Agent)
Gross farm income was larger in Washington county in 1936 than at any time in the last five or six years. Milk, butterfat, grain prices returned to pre-depression levels. These two groups of products constitute the major source of agricultural income to farmers of the county. While the farmer has been taking more money, he has also been paying out more money due to an advance in prices of the things that he has had to buy.

Butterfat prices are the real barometer of farm conditions in Washington county. With 16,500 milk cows distributed among 3098 farms of the county, a rise or fall in butterfat prices either for churning, factory milk, or grade "B" milk is readily felt throughout the county. The price of grains and hay is a large item in determining the cost of producing butterfat and, consequently, in determining the net income from the dairy herd.

Change Feared

In spite of increased feed costs when we have an increase in the price of dairy products, there is immediately prevalent a more optimistic outlook. Some concern is evident over the expected attack on the milk control law as the feeling exists generally that the operation of this act has resulted in benefit to the dairy producer.

Sanitary restrictions formulated by the city of Portland health department have become and are becoming more rigid. These restrictions are resulting in an increase in the size of grade "B" herds. Complying with the regulations laid down by the city of Portland for shippers who desire to produce grade "B" milk to be sold on the Portland market, now means an overhead investment which only a herd of some size can carry economically. If the present price is maintained, or even if it is increased somewhat, it is unlikely that very many owners would equip to produce this grade of milk.

Some large herds that are now producing grade "A" milk might switch, but the tendency is for the smaller herds to stay where they are.

Relief Demand Growing Here

Increasing relief load, and demands for assistance, are beginning to worry the Washington county relief office. Miss Alice Maxwell, executive secretary, said Tuesday.

Report covering the month of December shows 539 applications for relief and 426 actually receiving direct aid. Of those who did not receive direct aid, many were certified for WPA work.

Under a recent order, eligible persons are being certified to the works administration to fill the county quota to its maximum. Recently all persons 65 years of age or more were removed from the WPA rolls by orders received from Washington.

Miss Maxwell points out that large numbers of those applying for assistance are this old, or approaching this age, and consequently demands for public assistance through the relief office have increased.

Sheep Breeders to Meet January 13

Sheep breeders of Washington county displaying considerable interest in the approaching meeting to be held in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms January 13, at 1:30 p. m., according to L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

J. N. Shaw, veterinarian from the Oregon state experiment station, will discuss with sheep breeders some of the problems and difficulties they annually wrestle with during the winter in their farm flocks of sheep.

Lame lambs, weak lambs, and parasitic troubles will be discussed and sheep raisers will have an opportunity of asking questions concerning their own difficulties in their own flocks. The meeting is open to anyone raising sheep.

Hillsboro Youth on Way to Rival Old King Midas

Overtime in the shop may have brought fortune to Henry Hartly, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartly of Hillsboro.

Hartly is an auto mechanic and takes pleasure in working with gadgets and things around an auto. Manager of the Imperator, Fernon, Back in 1933, one of his jobs one day was to repair an automatic starter switch at the Lentz Auto Parts shop. The switch was troublesome and others like it had been. From that beginning he invented a new type of switch which will start your car as soon as the ignition key is turned in the lock, and which will not give trouble.

"Other switches on the market," he related this week, "depend on the stopping of the car generator before they cut in. My switch works on the vacuum of the manifold, insuring the starter going into operation as soon as the motor stops turning over."

For this invention he has been offered \$250,000 by a New York (Continued on page 5, column 2)

Feed Situation Grows Serious, Cost Climbing

Concentrates and other ingredients for dairy and poultry feeds continue to be more and more of a problem for the feed mills of Oregon, according to Howard Hadley, manager of the Imperator Feed & Grain company of Hillsboro.

Supplies at present are being purchased wherever they can be found on the Pacific coast, Hadley said. Vancouver, B. C., is the chief source of such products as soy bean, coconut and cotton seed meal white flouring mill products, such as bran, shorts, mill run, etc. come from as far east as Montana.

California points also furnish a source for some of the concentrates.

Supply Costly

Supplies reaching here from Canada cost about \$10 a ton more than the same products would cost unloaded at the Portland docks, Hadley said, and can be procured only when boats from the Orient can be diverted to the Canadian port.

While bone meal is produced on the coast, not enough of it is manufactured to meet the demands. Some soy beans are grown in California, but not enough to nearly supply the market demand.

Flouring mill feeds are hard to obtain because of the shutdown of coast mills, which are running only enough time to produce flour for the local market. Export, upon which these mills depend for the bulk of sales for their products, has been completely interrupted by the maritime strike. As a consequence, not enough bran and mill run is being produced to supply the needs, to say nothing of the demands from the feed mills, Hadley pointed out.

Get Short Supply

Washington county dealers obtained enough corn from the unloading of the one ship at the Portland docks to supply feed demands for four or five weeks. In the meantime further requests will be made of the unions to agree to the unloading of another ship to meet demands when the present supply is exhausted, Hadley said.

Meanwhile the cost of concentrate dairy and poultry feeds increases to the loss of the dairymen and egg producers.

Farmer Union Re-elects Plass

John Plass, president of the Washington county unit, Farmers' Union, was re-elected at the annual meeting held Saturday afternoon in Veterans' hall, Hillsboro.

Grand Jury Will Convene This Morning

Investigation of Poolroom Robbery Scheduled; Plan Probe of Several Walnut Thefts Last Fall

Washington county grand jurors are being called for the January term for this morning (Thursday), to begin work at 9:30, it was announced this week by G. Russell Morgan, district attorney. The term is expected to last at least two days.

Among several cases to be investigated will be charges against Arlin Beck of Gaston and Ralph Elliott of Beaverton. Beck is charged with burglary in connection with the loss of \$35 in cash from a Gaston poolroom, and Elliott is alleged to have committed the second offense of driving while drunk.

Several walnut thefts during the fall and winter, in various parts of the county, also will come in for a thorough probe by the investigating body.

Trial Dates Set

Trials before Judge R. Frank Peters in circuit court, set on the January calendar, include Chris Anderson and Earl Larson, who will appear Monday, charged with theft of auto accessories including spare tire, wheel and cap from Frank Friday of Forest Grove.

Melvin E. Meek, held on a reckless driving charge in connection with a wreck at Cedar Mills in the late fall, will face the court January 13, and Thorald Bagley of Gales Creek has been called for trial January 14. He is charged with driving while drunk.

The following orders were filed this week in circuit court: World War Veterans' State Aid commission vs. Floyd H. and Myrtle E. Gardner, default and decree; Liquidation Bank of Beaverton, authorizing release of mortgage; (Continued on page 4, column 2)

Stroke Fatal to Local Resident

Mrs. Anna Josephine Schulerich, 68, widow of the late William Schulerich, died at Smith's hospital in Hillsboro at 1:10 a. m. Saturday following a stroke of paralysis which occurred on New Year's morning at her home.

Funeral services were held Monday at 1:30 p. m. from the Donelson & Sewell chapel with burial in the Hillsboro cemetery. Rev. Henry S. Haller officiated. Burial ceremony of the Phian Sisters, of which organization she had been a member for many years, were held at the chapel. She also was a member of the Hillsboro Grange.

The following members of the Grange acted as pall-bearers: C. O. Churchill, George Easterday, William Smith, R. H. McAninch, R. Hornecker, all of Hillsboro, and J. W. Hughes of Forest Grove.

Mrs. Schulerich, whose maiden name was Anna Schmitt, was born in Mercer county, Ohio, October 30, 1868, and came to Oregon with her parents when quite young. She was married to William Schulerich on April 14, 1888, and for many years they lived in the South Tualatin community near Hillsboro, moving to Hillsboro in 1913. Since that time they had lived here with the exception of several years spent at Seaside for the benefit of Mr. Schulerich's health. Mr. Schulerich died at a hospital in Astoria July 25, 1931.

Mrs. Schulerich is survived by seven children: Mrs. Etta Cook, Frank and Herbert of Hillsboro; Mrs. Marguerite Stewart and Wesley Schulerich of Beaver; Miss Aim Louise Schulerich of Washington, D. C., and Loren Schulerich of Hillsboro. She is also survived by six sisters, five brothers, twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. A. Hendricks, is a resident of Cornelius.

J. N. Wiley was the soloist, and sang several of deceased's favorite hymns.

William H. Boulin Dies Here Sunday

William Henry Boulin, 68, died here Sunday and funeral services were held Tuesday with interment in the Chehalis Mountain cemetery.

Illness Thwarts His Plans

Albert Tozier Fails to Keep Tryst with Bell

His place at the bell rope of the Hillsboro Methodist church occupied by another for the first time in 65 years, Albert Tozier, ill and feeble, remained in his Portland home Friday night while the annual celebration of the New Year went on without him.

Since he was a boy, regardless of distance or circumstances, Tozier has made the journey to Hillsboro to ring the old year out and the new in at the Methodist church. As the years passed, his participation in the celebration has become a tradition around which has been built a unique watch party.

Last year, as the days passed Tozier began counting the time and mustering his failing strength for the occasion. Up to the last few hours before the time for his appearance here he planned the journey, even if his feeble hand was able only to ring out the first note.

Tozier first rang the bell to welcome a new year 65 years ago when he was a boy of 12. The bell then was new and he said to have come from a foundry in Portland. The same bell calls the faithful to worship from the church bell tower today.

Some of his journeys have been long ones. One trip was from South America. Another time he came from New York. Once he walked 30 miles from the old homestead at Dee, while on another occasion he walked 16 miles through Idaho (Continued on page 5, column 4)

National Farm Loan Group to Meet Tuesday

Regular annual meeting of farm borrowers of the Federal Land Bank, who also are members of the Washington County National Farm Loan association, to be held in the chamber of commerce rooms at Hillsboro Tuesday at 10 a. m., will be a meeting of special importance, according to J. M. Person, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Person says that an interesting program has been arranged to make the meeting both profitable and enjoyable and it is hoped all members will attend and take an active part.

Directors to Meet

There will be messages from land bank commissioner, A. S. Goss of Washington, D. C., and from E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. Specially prepared charts will be used in connection with the annual report to give stockholders a clear picture of the business affairs of the Farm Loan association.

At the meeting there will be election of directors for the coming year. Each member is entitled to one vote for each share in the association, but no more than 20 votes may be cast by any one member in accordance with the regulations of the Farm Credit administration. After the meeting, the newly elected board will hold a special directors' meeting for the election of officers for the coming year.

Present board includes Martin C. Larsen, F. L. Brown, J. A. Kirkwood, Charles Herb, W. T. Putnam and D. G. Lilly. Officers for the past several years have been Martin C. Larsen, president; F. L. Brown, vice-president, and J. M. Person, secretary-treasurer.

County Grange Council to Meet

Washington County Grange council will meet at the new Grange hall in Hillsboro at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday with pot luck dinner at 6 p. m. The afternoon work consists of conferences, election of officers and discussions. The evening work consists of floor demonstration and an address by a prominent man.

Because of the holidays, attendance at Legion meetings has been light and a number of matters now require the attention of the post, Weil declared.

New County Health Department Being Organized; McDonald Appointed Head

Washington county health department became a fact this week with the arrival of the county health physician and one of two health nurses. Wednesday, the department was partially established in the court house rooms on the second floor formerly occupied by the county engineer.

The health officer, appointed the first of the year by the county court, is Dr. D. C. McDonald of Portland, who has taken up his residence here. First of two nurses hired to assist in the work is Miss Clara Engebretsen of Portland. Miss Marjorie Taylor of Dilley has been employed as stenographer.

Served in Portland

Dr. McDonald served his internship in St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, and was house surgeon there for a year. He is a graduate of the school of medicine at Creighton university, Omaha, Neb. During the summer he served as physician for a CCC camp.

Under the new setup here, the health officer will serve as county physician, make medical examinations in connection with coroner's cases, care for the inmates of the

Auto Mishap Adds to Toll

Mrs. Julia E. Nixon Makes Eleventh Victim of Cars During Year; Attempts to Cross Highway

Death for the eleventh time in 1936, closed the old year with another traffic tragedy at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night. The victim was Mrs. Julia E. Nixon, 60, of Cornelius.

She was struck by an automobile driven by Allen Sheppard of Forest Grove as she attempted to cross the road from the south side next to filling station at the east end of the main street in Cornelius.

An immediate call brought an ambulance and the woman was taken to a Hillsboro hospital. She died on the way from a broken neck, fractured skull and broken limbs.

Clad in Black

According to the statement made by Sheppard to a deputy sheriff, the woman was clad in black and was virtually invisible until the car nearly was upon her. Efforts to stop then were futile, Sheppard related.

She was reported to have been on her way from her home to that of a neighbor and was accompanied by Arthur McLain.

McLain related that when they approached the filling station, coming down the south side of the highway, he crossed over to the other side, looked around, saw the Sheppard machine coming and then signed Mrs. Nixon to remain where she was.

Failed to Watch

Evidently she did not see the signal and stepped into the highway ahead of the approaching car, McLain commented.

After a preliminary investigation, Coroner F. J. Sewell said that there would be no inquest. Sheppard made a full report to Sheriff John Connel after calling an ambulance and doctor.

Funeral service for Mrs. Nixon, former resident of Amity, were held Sunday afternoon in the Christian church here. She is survived by a son, Victor of Amity.

Of the eleven traffic deaths during 1936, two were at the beginning of the year, one in May, two in June; one in September, two for each month, October and November, and the latest in December. Four of these deaths were persons standing or walking on the highway paving.

Two Injured

Clyton Busch, wood cutter, Portland, 35, and A. J. Foelker, Hillsboro, driver for the Home Laundry, were injured in an evening about 5 o'clock, when the Busch car and the laundry truck (Continued on page 5, column 3)

Legion Post to Convene Early

Hillsboro Post, American Legion, meeting Tuesday night will be brief and closed at 7:30 instead of at 8. Jake Weil, commander, announced this week. Following the meeting, which is scheduled to close promptly at 8, the Legionnaires and their wives will go directly to Forest Grove for the Washington county jamboree.

All Legion members are urged to attend the early meeting, bringing their wives with them to the Legion hall. Special efforts are being made by the Forest Grove program made sent an interesting program made up of numbers furnished by the high school and Pacific University students.

Because of the holidays, attendance at Legion meetings has been light and a number of matters now require the attention of the post, Weil declared.

Miss Engebretsen, is a graduate of a Portland hospital, student in public health work at the University of Oregon, county nurse of Douglas county four years, and superintendent of nurses at the Oregon Tuberculosis hospital at Salem for a period. Previous to her employment here, she was with the visiting nurses of Portland.

At present Dr. McDonald and his staff are engaged in arranging a schedule of work. The suite assigned for headquarters has three rooms, making a reception room, office, and examination room for the doctor, and an office for the nurses and the probation officer.

Grange Meets Saturday

Grange will meet in all-day session Saturday. The Grange council will meet at the Hillsboro hall Wednesday afternoon with pot luck supper at six.

City Council Affirms Appointments; Edwin Bowman Becomes New Recorder

Assuming for the last time their authority as councilmen, M. H. Stevenson, veteran of that body, J. M. Person and John L. Anderson, assisted the old council in completing its business before passing their togs to the three new members Tuesday night.

Before organization of the new council, reports of various city officials were read, various tag ends of business were transacted, and motion pictures in the chamber of commerce Monday night, according to Ed L. Moore, secretary of the chamber.

Participation of leading Hillsboro merchants is assured, and special low priced bargains will be offered by all. Announcement of these bargains will be made in the issue of the Argus, which will be in the mails January 21.

Feature of the event will be a special distribution of gifts at the chamber of commerce, where Third Avenue will be roped off and those attending may participate. The gifts, as usual, will be worth while, Moore said.

The bargain days are sponsored and authorized by the members of the retail trades committee, with Ed L. Moore acting as manager of the bargain preparation and announcements, as well as the passing out of gifts to those attending.

Annual Meeting

Annual meeting of the Tualatin Valley Federal Savings & Loan association will be held in the association offices in Hillsboro Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Appointments to the various committees of the council are: Finance, E. A. Griffith, Mrs. C. E. Wells, J. J. Wismer, Parks, A. F. Kroeger, L. C. Kramien, Griffith, Water and lights, Kramien, Mrs. Wells, Dr. J. O. Robb, Civic improvements, Mrs. Wells, Dr. Robb, Kroeger, Sanitation, Dr. Robb, Wismer, Kramien, Streets, Wismer, Griffith, Kroeger, Appraisals, Griffith, Mrs. Wells, Wismer.

Name Health Officer

Dr. D. C. McDonald, newly appointed head of the county health department, was appointed city health physician at the request of Judge Don T. Templeton, county judge, who pointed out that this (Continued on page 3, column 1)