

## Youth Under Suspicion for F. G. Holdup

### Warrant Issued Wednesday for Tom Beck, Convicted of Forgery and Now Free on Postponed Sentence

Warrant for the arrest of Tom Beck, Forest Grove youth, under suspended sentence for forgery since September 4, 1936, was issued Wednesday through Sheriff John Connell's office as a sequel to a holdup Monday morning at the Parson's eating house and beer parlor at Forest Grove.

Beck is said to have fled after an intensive investigation carried on Monday and Tuesday in Forest Grove in an effort to trace an automobile said to have been seen near the scene of operations. Descriptions of the bandit seem to fit Beck, the officers said.

### Seizes Money

From the front of the owner's dress, the youthful bandit, described as wearing blue overalls under a tan overcoat, took a roll of bills, also gathered about \$12 in silver from the cash register, making the total loot \$30, according to a report made by Sheriff John Connell.

According to the story told by the occupants, the man wore a white handkerchief over his face, his eyes seen only through slits in the white cloth. The mask was topped with a black hat worn low on his forehead.

As he entered the place, he is said to have had the gun, a nickel-plated revolver, thought to be about .32 calibre, in his hand. Completing his business, he ordered everyone to remain inside and fled into the night through the back door.

### Deer Hunter Fined

Three Cutrishts, Oliver, Amos and Ralph, residents of the ridges above Buxton, agreed among themselves Saturday that the county jail might well be more comfortable than the wintry climate of their mountain homes. They had no money, they said.

The agreement was reached after they pleaded guilty to game law violations and were fined by Justice J. E. Morbeck. Mrs. Burdette Anderson, W. S. Bowen, W. M. Adair, and the officers include Mrs. Schulmerich, president; Adair, vice-president; Bowen, cashier; and J. M. Bowen, assistant cashier.

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## Sherwood Bank Elects Officers

Officers and directors of the Citizens' bank of Sherwood were re-elected at the annual meeting, it was announced this week by W. M. Adair, vice-president.

Directors are Mrs. Ella Schulmerich, J. E. Morbeck, Mrs. Burdette Anderson, W. S. Bowen, W. M. Adair, and the officers include Mrs. Schulmerich, president; Adair, vice-president; Bowen, cashier; and J. M. Bowen, assistant cashier.

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## Small Fruit Growers to Convene at Sherwood; State Speakers Scheduled

Improvement of small fruit crops from both the quality and unit yield standpoint will be discussed with growers at Sherwood, Friday, February 6, at 10 a. m. The discussion at Banks will be practically the same, according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent. At Sherwood the program will be a little more completely covering the growing of some fruits since they are of more importance in the Sherwood section than in the Banks area.

At Sherwood the discussions with the growers will be handled by O. T. McWhorter, of the horticultural department of the extension service; J. J. Inskeep, county agent of Clackamas county; A. J. Rowell, R. A. Bailey of the Springbrook Co-operative, and County Agent Cyrus. The only change at Sherwood may be taken care of by someone else at Banks.

Program for the Sherwood meeting is as follows: 10 a. m.—The small fruit situation in Washington county; W. F. Cyrus; 10:20 a. m.—Improving small fruit crop yields by improving planting stock; O. T. McWhorter; 10:50, "Variations I have observed in our berry plantings and selections we have made;" A. J. Rowell; 11:20, "Fertilizers and fertilizer practices on small fruit plantings;" J. J. Inskeep; 1 p. m., "Controlling small fruit insect pests;" O. T. McWhorter; 1:30, "Spittle-bug control demonstrations in Washington county in 1936;" W. F. Cyrus; 1:50, "Quality improvements needed in our small fruit crops;" R. A. Bailey; 2:15, "What is new and what is standard in berry varieties;" O. T. McWhorter.

## Washington Checks Beaverton Bandit

Authorities of Puyallup, Wash., are checking a possible connection between Chester W. Clark and the murder of two officers in a bank holdup there in 1935. Clark is the man convicted of a holdup at the Bank of Beaverton in 1919, and who later escaped from Salem.

Clark was recaptured in October for a bank holdup at Los Altos, Cal., and now is serving time in California. He is said to have shot a bank official in his latest escape.

## The Argus Wins Again



Won twice by the Argus, this trophy designates the best weekly newspaper in Oregon. The cup again was awarded the Argus at the annual press conference held Friday and Saturday in Eugene. It was first offered in 1930 and won that year by the Argus.

## Hillsboro Argus Rated Best Weekly in Oregon

Rated within five points of perfect in general makeup and quality of news, editorial and advertising matter, the Argus, published by Mrs. E. C. McKinney and son, W. Verne McKinney, was awarded the Sigma Delta Chi trophy for the second time at the annual press conference in Eugene Friday and Saturday.

By virtue of the award, the Argus is rated the best weekly newspaper in Oregon. The trophy was won by the Argus in 1930, the first time the award was made.

## Norman Makes County Appeal in Flood Relief

Uncollected collections for Red Cross relief in Hillsboro amounted to \$74.75 last night (Wednesday).

With funds already beginning to roll in for aid to the destitute victims of the disastrous floods on the east and middlewest, Washington county chapter, American Red Cross, was in receipt Monday of an appeal for \$600 set as the county quota. W. F. Norman, county chairman reported.

"We are not planning a drive for funds other than a public appeal for assistance," Norman declared Monday afternoon. "The county chapter feels that a general response will be made without an organized campaign."

"I feel that the need for immediate action is pressing," Norman said Wednesday on receipt of information that conditions were hourly growing worse. "Every club and organization in the county has a splendid opportunity to assist in this great work and I might suggest that entertainments and other methods of raising funds be used."

Quotas for the various towns of the county, as announced by chairman Norman, sets the contribution for Hillsboro at \$150, Forest Grove quota is \$100, Sherwood, \$40, Beaverton, \$30, Tigard, Metzger and Aloha, \$20 each, while Banks and Gaston are requested to raise \$10 each.

Telegraphic appeal from Cary T. Grayson, national Red Cross chairman, states:

"In order to meet hourly increasing needs for relief, it is requested that you contribute to the Red Cross fund for flood relief."

## Ticket Sale for Dinner to Start

Ticket sale by the women of Helvetia Sunshine club, for the Hillsboro businessmen's dinner at Helvetia community hall Wednesday night, February 3, is scheduled to begin Saturday in the Hillsboro business district. It was announced Monday noon at the chamber of commerce.

Dinner is scheduled to be served in two sections, the first table at 6:30 p. m. and the second at 7:30 p. m. Following the dinner there will be a program furnished by the club and by Hillsboro. The Hillsboro number will include banjo music by Wayne Nickeson, who probably will come on his way to appear with Major Bowes on his radio program from New York City.

## Reserve Bank to Cash Vets' Bonds

Veterans cashing adjusted service bonds must now await longer for the cash when the bonds are presented for payment, according to a new order recently issued.

Previously, the bonds have been sent directly to the postoffice in Portland for cashing. L. T. McPheeters, postmaster, said this week. Now the bonds will be sent to the Federal Reserve bank in San Francisco with the result that a longer time will elapse before the cash is received here.

However, the new order does not make any change in the certification of the application for cash by the local postoffice, and veterans still must apply here with proper identification.

## Men Appear Destined for Grid Tonight

### All Clubs' Jamboree, High School Auditorium, Full Laughs; Skits, Music in Varied Program

Prominent Hillsboro women "ribbing" the menfolk's pinocchio sessions—a new twist in musical instruments—hilarity in a court room—painted women and rough miners whooping it up in the Malamute saloon—all are due for their inning tonight (Thursday) at the high school auditorium.

The event will be the All-Clubs Jamboree, starting at 8 o'clock, and staged to raise funds to send Wayne Nickeson to New York for an audition before Major Bowes.

Tickets may be purchased at a downtown booth today, or at the school tonight, according to the Hillsboro Breakfast club, sponsoring the event.

### Varied Program Planned

Numbers on the jamboree are to be given by various Hillsboro organizations co-operating with the breakfast clubbers in presentation of the program. The various skits will offer comedy, musical numbers and serious entertainment, those in charge announce.

A feature attraction on the program will be the banjo playing of Wayne Nickeson. James Wells, Breakfast club president, will be master of ceremonies.

### Pacific U. Music Slated

Between-the-acts music will feature the Pacific university orchestra, playing the season's song hits. "Sandwiched" between acts will be front-stage stunts by the high school Senate club, directed by Tennessee Weathered, and Cecil Hensley.

"The Shooting of Dan McGrew," a humorously interpreted by the Breakfast club, finds Davis Auld in the title role of Dan, George Wick in a Mae West hat and curves, in the lady known as Lou; William Boscow is the miner, and James Dierickx performs as the Ragtime Kid. Miners, gamblers and saloon girls include Francis Sturgis, E. C. Lovelitt, Roy Smith, Lawrence Crowley, Earl Morley, Frank Adkinson, Pete Yaquiere, Neil Stangle, Don Woodman reads the lines.

Quartet numbers for the act will be by Tom Bailey, James Wells, Francis Barr and O. A. Peterson.

### Pinechle Perhaps

"A Busy Day" is announced as the title of the number by the American Association of University Women. Appearing in the take-off on a well-known Hillsboro organization will be Mesdames C. E. Wells, C. T. Richardson, Paul Patterson, Tom Bailey, Ed Coman, Herb Staples.

Elaine Caldwell, president of the Business and Professional Women's association, will be in charge.

## Fewer Cases Flu Reported

Threatened epidemic of influenza in this county seems to be passing with a minimum of cases recorded, according to the county health officer. Report by the weekly week ending Saturday shows three persons ill with pneumonia and two with flu.

Dr. C. D. McDonald, county health physician, declared yesterday (Wednesday) that the epidemic did not extend into this county in nearly as severe a form as in Portland. While great numbers of persons have been confined to their homes with illness, the majority, in most cases, he said, seemed to be severe colds.

## Grange Installs New Officers

Installation of new officers was the chief order of business before Pomona Grange in session yesterday (Wednesday) in Sherwood. Charles Dickinson, past Clackamas county Pomona master, was installing officer.

On the program were Rev. E. B. Lockhart of Sherwood, Mr. Lilly of Clackamas, Scotch impersonations, and Harry Schmelzer, who spoke on the Chehalis Mountain 4-H potato club, declaring that it was the oldest in the county and probably in the state.

The meeting voted to sponsor two 4-H scholarships this year. The scholarships pay expenses of outstanding 4-H members to the summer school in Corvallis.

Officers installed included Harry Schmelzer, Schell, master; Leola Flint, Kinton, overseer; Charles VanKleeck, Tigard, steward; Leroy Mills, Washington Grove, assistant steward; W. A. Root, Tigard, chaplain; A. M. Kennedy, treasurer; Mrs. H. L. Hudson, secretary, both of Beaverton; Mary Foley, Tigard, Pomona; Gertie McKee, Washington; Flora; Ruth Reynolds, Winona, lady assistant steward. Not present for installation were Gladys Meyers, Tigard, lecturer; Sherman Rhodes, Aloha, gatekeeper, and Margaret Flint, Schell, Ceres.

Charles Haynes is the new member of the executive committee. New officers were elected October 28.

Card party scheduled for February 3 at the Odd Fellows hall in Sherwood has been postponed until February 17.

## Experts Tell New Settlers of Problems

### Many Attend All-Day Meet Held in Chamber Commerce Rooms; Homesekers from 12 States Present

New settlers in Washington county representing 12 states as far east as Ohio and as far south as Texas, responded to an invitation by W. F. Cyrus, county agent, to discuss problems of farming and attended the newcomers meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms all day Tuesday. There were 91 persons present, although a number had not been present in the morning.

Speakers included Roger W. Morse, extension chairman of state college, Corvallis; County Agent Cyrus, and L. E. Francis, assistant county agent. George Angell, associate editor of Oregon Farmer, was also present.

### Problems Cited

Cyrus, who opened the meeting, spoke on three related subjects during the day, discussing the farm problem in this county; various feed crops, and cash crops raised here. Morse spoke twice, his first discussion covering the Oregon dairy industry and the second, the

## Burning Car Nearly Traps Portland Man

William A. Henderson, Portland young man, recovering from a broken leg, Saturday morning narrowly escaped death near Soda Springs above Gales Creek, when a car which he was driving ran off the grade, turned over and burned.

Henderson, inside the sedan, managed to scramble through a window, dragging his crutches after him. A possible refracture of the broken leg, he suffered bruises and cuts about the face, was brought to Hillsboro by a deputy sheriff.

### Visited Friend

According to the story told by Henderson, he came to the county after midnight with a friend, G. A. Shelton, owner of the car. Shelton, he said, was on his way to see a woman friend who lived near Gales Creek.

After arriving at their destination, Shelton went inside, leaving Henderson in the car. About four o'clock Henderson became tired of waiting for his friend, so he decided to drive around a bit. He did and the car turned over.

### Consult Sheriff

Later Shelton came to Hillsboro and consulted Sheriff Connell concerning possible charges to be brought against Henderson, but after talking with Henderson, decided to forget the matter, Sheriff Connell said.

## Cannery Forms Fire Company

Another major safety step was taken this week in the Ray-Maling cannery with the organization there of a company fire department to operate in four sections under Ed Brandaw as chief. The organization was completed in co-operation with Wilbur Dillon, city fire marshal.

The big plant is equipped with automatic sprinklers, three fire plugs fed from the big canny water tank and enough inch and a half hose to carry water to all parts of the building. Fire doors segregate the various departments of the plant, and a full fire alarm system will be installed, Dillon said this week.

Under Brandaw are the captains, Joe Brugia, Bob Barrett, Louis Vehrs and Tony VanGrunsvend. Department 1 embraces the plant; two, the receiving porch and field sheds; three, the frester rooms, shop and floors above this section, while the fourth department is the warehouse.

In case of an alarm, the four captains will first see that the fire doors between the various departments are closed and place his own section of the department in operation pending the arrival of the Hillsboro firemen.

Cannery firemen will drill with the local fire department from time to time, and full instruction will be given in handling all manner of fires and equipment, Dillon said.

## Judges Praise Hillsboro Argus

Judges in the annual weekly newspaper contest among Oregon newspapers awarded first place to the Hillsboro Argus, declaring that: "This newspaper, in our opinion, is a real credit to Oregon journalism, with splendid general make up, readable type, comprehensive news coverage, general harmony of type faces and obviously an intelligent handling of editorial and news material. The Argus certainly is our choice for the award."

## Weather Varied; Ground Hog to Appear Tuesday

### Believers in Tradition Hope for Mist; Citizens Tiring of Snow, Rain, Cold and Other Abnormal Variations Found in Long Cold Snap Through Valley

Old Mister Groundhog will crawl out of his hole Tuesday morning in the annual and traditional test for spring weather.

According to the best weather prognosticators, if the weather is cloudy and the sun finds no peep-hole all day, the little old fellow will remain out and spring can be expected at anytime. But, if he sees his shadow, all bets on spring are off for six weeks.

Meanwhile, Oregon winter weather continues with temperatures modified, and the weatherman presenting the protesting citizenry with a variety of moods, including a little rain, freezing at intervals, snow, and rising waters in the river and creeks.

### Snow Returns

Rains Tuesday, and Tuesday night, turned to snow Wednesday morning, laying a white carpet over the valley to the depth of nearly half an inch, making streets and highways slippery. Freezing days and nights have been nearly continuous since Christmas.

During the early part of the week, the modified temperature and rain began melting the snow in the hills and mountains with the result that Tuesday the streams began to rise rapidly.

Frost mostly has disappeared from the roads, revealing increasing danger to macadam surfaces which bode considerable expense to the county road fund and will give state crews plenty of work relaying damaged oil surface on the secondary roads.

### New Member

R. G. Scott, farmer of the Sherwood neighborhood, assumes the responsibility of a member of the county fair board this year, bringing new ideas to the group which has struggled for the past several years to produce an attractive county fair on a short budget.

## Court Appoints Sherwood Man to Fair Board

Closing 10 years of service with the Washington county fair board, C. D. Minton of Forest Grove, has handed in his resignation and R. G. Scott, farmer of the Sherwood vicinity, has been named his successor.

Minton was elected to the board February 15, 1927, at the time B. K. Denney of Beaverton resigned, and has been active in fair work since. He has served at different times as president and manager.

Scott, whose appointment was made by the county court this week, has a wide acquaintance throughout the county and is active in farm organizations. During the recent election he was democratic candidate for state representative.

### Was Agent

He came to Washington county in 1909 and served as county agent in Clackamas county for two years. He also served, during the last year, as a member of the county budget committee.

Minton's resignation followed the recent death of Mrs. Minton and the increasing press of his business activities.

## Rites Held for Native Daughter

Funeral services for Mrs. Anton Evers, 45, resident of the Verboort section all of her life, who died January 20 in Jones hospital here following an attack of influenza and pneumonia, were held Saturday morning from Visitation church in Verboort. Burial was in the cemetery there. She was ill a week. Rev. Fisher M. Jonas conducted the service.

Mrs. Evers was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Hermens of Verboort, where she was born November 27, 1891. She was married to Anton Evers June 25, 1913, in the Verboort church and had lived since on the farm there.

Besides the widower, she is survived by four sons, Ernest, Francis, Robert, Willis; six daughters, (Continued on page 6, column 3)

## Laurel Poultryman Has Big Fire Loss

LAUREL—Fire, caused by an overheated pipe from a brooder house, destroyed a new chicken house on the B. B. Cooley place January 21. The prompt assistance of neighbors prevented the fire from spreading to the other buildings. The loss on the building was \$800, chicken houses on the place not only one of a number of up-to-date chicken houses on the place not fully insured.

The greater loss, according to Mr. Cooley, was on the contents of 230 choice breeding hens, only 90 of which were saved. They represented the work of four years of breeding and selecting for anti-paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley wish to express their appreciation to all the neighbors who worked so willingly to prevent the spread of the flames.

## Dundee May Lose Part of Co-op Plant

### County Nut Growers Seeking Way to Divide Processing as Plans Made to Re-build Burned Warehouse

Because 50 per cent or more of the walnuts and fiberts processed at the Dundee plant, the nut growers co-operative come from this side of Newberg, a movement is taking definite form to locate a plant in this county, it was learned here this week.

The Dundee buildings and a large portion of the 1936 crop were destroyed in a fire of undetermined origin. Full coverage of both buildings and crop by insurance is reported, with the buildings valued at about \$60,000. It is expected that growers, with part or all of their crop in the Dundee plant, will recover the value of their product.

### Begin Investigation

Meanwhile, the various directors of the co-operative from this county, along with several of the larger growers of nuts, are investigating ways and means of dividing the Dundee construction between some site in this county and Dundee. Rebuilding at Dundee would be on a smaller scale.

Meanwhile the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce has taken an active interest in the matter and already has offered a free site between the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific railway tracks, giving shipping facilities on both lines an ideal site for such a plant. The volume of nuts which could be expected at such a processing plant.

Walnut and fibert growers to the west end of the county are being interviewed by the industrial committee of the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce to determine the volume of nuts which could be expected at such a processing plant.

### Move Begun Here

Monday, machinery of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce was put into motion in the matter what Hillsboro could do to offer inducements to the co-operative to locate here. A committee probably will be appointed.

In the matter of sites, it is suggested that the city of Hillsboro owns a lot with a broadside frontage on the Southern Pacific right-of-way on Range street. The lot has an alley at the back and would make an ideal site for such a plant, the rear furnishing plenty of room for unloading.

### Large Contributor

Largest contributor of nuts to (Continued on page 6, column 6)

## Injuries Fatal Mishap Victim

Henry Rithaler, 66, Cornelius, struck when he ran in front of a stage in the early morning of January 19, died last January 20 in a Hillsboro hospital from his injuries. He suffered cuts and bruises about the head, a crushed side and two broken ribs.

According to the story related to Sheriff John W. Connell by the driver of the stage, S. G. Peterson, the man, hurrying to stop the stage at the road intersection near the Union Oil company plant at Cornelius, suddenly appeared directly in the path of the machine.

Rithaler, long an employe of the Oregon Electric railway company, had been in Hillsboro, and it had been his habit to catch the stage at the road intersection each morning. Tuesday morning the driver reported that he was not there and the bus traveled on about 25 feet before Rithaler appeared.

Rithaler was a native of Austria and has resided in Oregon since 1907, moving to his farm near Tigard in 1909. He is survived by his widow, six sons and a daughter including Peter, Salem; Jack and William, Portland; Phillip, Sacramento, Cal.; Henry, Cochrane; Walter, Cornelius; and Mrs. Elizabeth Handewick, Portland.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Lutheran church in Cornelius with burial in the cemetery there. Besides his widow, he is survived by six sons and a daughter.

## New Health Department Executive Will Discuss Plans and Objectives Monday

Organization and objectives of the Washington county public health department will be discussed by Dr. C. D. Minton at the noon meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday, Donald T. Templeton, county judge, will be chairman in charge of the meeting.

Dr. McDonald took charge of the organization of the new health unit in the county January 1, and now has the department in efficient operation. All members of the chamber, and others interested in the new work, are being urged to attend.

### Warm Clothing Needed

Purchase of expensive winter sports equipment is not necessary, he said, as all of this, except warm clothing, can be rented on the spot. He suggested that anyone planning a trip there should provide themselves with proper clothing to shut out the cold and prevent becoming wet and chilled in the snow.

The pictures, all clear and sharp shots of activities at the playground, not only brought a good understanding of the surpassing beauty of the snow fields, but disclosed the various interesting details of the sports, including demonstrations by the best ski jumpers in the state.

During the dinner meeting the chamber of commerce paid tribute to the Hillsboro Argus for its second capture of the trophy awarded to the best weekly newspaper in the state of Oregon.