

Joint Court Honor Makes Many Awards

Scouts of Three Districts Advance at Meeting Here Thursday; Large Group of Parents Attend Event

Fifty-seven Boy Scouts representing the Hillsboro, Tualatin and Forest Grove districts of the Portland area council attended the court of honor at the county court house Thursday night at which Arnold Leppin of Troop 247, Helvetia, received the rank of Eagle Scout.

A large group of parents and friends witnessed the ceremonies which were presided over by Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters, associated with Judge J. S. Barbur of Tigard; J. P. McGlasson, Forest Grove court of honor chairman; and W. G. Holford, chairman of the court of honor committee for the entire Portland area council.

Weather Bad

Influenza epidemics and ice-coated roads cut down a much larger total than that was prepared for advancements. This number included boys from Hillsboro, Aloha, Multnomah, and Tigard, who will appear next month.

The advancements included 33 scouts from the Hillsboro district, 14 from Forest Grove and 10 from Tualatin district. Eleven scouts were promoted to second class rank, twelve second class scouts received 21 merit badges, two were promoted to first class scouts, 26 first class scouts received 62 merit badges. Ted Gardner of Troop 216 of Hillsboro was made a star scout, and Richard Russell of Troop 213 of Forest Grove was made a life scout.

Judge Peters presented the eagle badge to Leppin; J. P. McGlasson the star to Gardner; and Holford the life badge to Russell. Judge Peters congratulated Leppin and complimented the Helvetia troop on the high quality of its scouting and indicated that the Hillsboro district was proud to claim Helvetia scouts in its district. Judge Barbur spoke briefly, outlining the advantages of joint courts of honor.

The joint court was organized and promoted through the efforts of Paul Patterson, chairman of the court of honor of the district.

Committee Meets

Following the court of honor, the Hillsboro district committee met, presided over by R. R. Easter, district chairman. Review of field conditions showed that the troops of the district, with the exception of 219 of Aloha, displaying marked efficiency and progress. Particularly outstanding has been the progress of the Sea Scout Ship Rainbows during the past month which is growing rapidly. Al Opiensky, skipper, is being assisted by R. L. Burnett, recently appointed field commissioner for senior scouting in the Hillsboro district. Burnett has a long sea record in the navy and last year was skipper of the National Sea Scout Flagship of the Boy Scouts of America, the Columbia of Portland.

A. M. Janssen of the troop committee of the troop at Aloha with (Continued on page 7, column 1)

Final Report Made on Sales

Final report on Christmas seal sales in Washington county shows a total of \$1085 and more than a \$100 gain over last year. The largest sales were in Hillsboro and Forest Grove. Outside of the larger towns, sales were carried on through the schools, Rose Cave, sale chairman says.

Money collected from the sales is used to assist in the fight against tuberculosis in the communities and in the state.

West Union, \$3; Cornelius, \$24.62; Laurel, Laurel View and Whitmore, \$19.23; Estacada, \$3; Tualatin, \$4; (Continued on page 5, column 2)

New Health Unit Outlined Before Business Group; Dinner Meet Set

Objectives of the new county health unit were outlined by Dr. C. D. McDonald, county and city health officer, and Miss Clara Engbrechtsen, county health nurse, at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon.

Judge Donald T. Templeton, who acted as chairman, explained that the unit would consist of a doctor and two nurses, one of whom is to be named when additional funds are secured from the government. Judge Templeton expressed the belief that the county was fortunate in securing such well qualified persons for the department.

Prevention Stressed
Dr. McDonald declared that the county was fortunate in having a woman as county nurse with such wide experience as Miss Engbrechtsen. He said stress would be placed on prevention of disease, as he found that cure was more difficult and more expensive than prevention. Dr. McDonald called attention to the seriousness of the common cold, saying the best advice was to go to bed when a cold comes on. Not only is this better for the person involved, but is less dangerous for others, he said.

A letter was read by Dr. McDonald from the Oregon Tuberculosis

Heaviest Snowfall in Years Stops Traffic



Wrapped in the heaviest mantle of snow to visit the valley since 1895, Hillsboro still was struggling to keep cross walks and streets in a passable condition today. Accumulated snowfall covered the ground to a depth of nearly 19 inches, blanketing cars and yards. The above pictures show the court house and automobiles parked at nearby residence of Mrs. Mae Whitelaw, local automobile dealer, Monday morning before shovelers began the task of digging out.—Pictures by Schramel's.

Bewildered Pair Struggle Hard to Make Right Plea

"Here's the case four men and some walnuts that nearly drove me nuts," declared G. Russell Murray, district attorney, as he tucked the case folders into the office files.

The whole affair began with the arrest of William Adkins, Pete Knight and Philip Speigle, Portland junk dealer, and later Oran A. Murray in Colorado.

Adkins and Knight pleaded guilty to theft and possession of walnuts from the Withycombe farm at Gaston. They were all in it together, they said.

Friday Speigle was found guilty of theft of walnuts from Joe McBurney farm at Gaston. Adkins and Knight, puzzled but willing, declared that there must be some mistake, if Speigle said the nuts belonged to McBurney, then McBurney's nuts they must be and not Withycombe's, they were strangers at Gaston.

Judge R. Frank Peters suggested that if they were not certain whose nuts they had been dealing in, they (Continued on page 5, column 2)

Traffic Mishap Proves Fatal to Louis Herboldt

Louis Herboldt, 68, injured Monday night when his car crashed into another a mile east of Beaverton, died Friday afternoon in the county hospital, making the second traffic victim of the new year. The other was Henry Rithaler, 66, of Cornelius, who was hit by a motor stage January 19.

Herboldt, who is said to have been driving out from Portland late at night, crashed into a car driven by Fred Davis, 43, Portland, injuring Davis, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Herboldt and himself. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Herboldt were taken to Portland hospitals, where Mrs. Herboldt is in a serious condition.

Pneumonia Developed
Herboldt suffered broken ribs and developed double pneumonia as a result of the accident and his physical condition. A warrant is charging reckless driving was issued against him on complaint of Dan Harris, driver of another car, which Herboldt is alleged to have struck the Davis machine.

Herboldt was born August 22, 1869, in Roumania and came to the United States 51 years ago. He had been a resident of Oregon for the last 20 years and had been in this county for the past 13 years, 15 years of which he spent in Hillsboro.

Until last summer he was proprietor of the Tualatin Valley Winery located just south of the Carnation Milk company in South Hillsboro. He sold his interests to Lee Bettinger of California.

Three sisters, Mrs. Pauline Hughes of Portland, Mrs. Helen Hughes of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Martha Ellner of Salem, survive. Funeral services will be held next Sunday afternoon at 1:30, from the Donelson & Sewell chapel, Past-Henry S. Haller of Pilgrim House will officiate. Interment will be at the Fir Lawn cemetery.

School Officials to Meet Here Saturday
Principals, superintendents of grade schools, and county superintendents of nine counties, will meet here in Hillsboro Saturday at 10 a. m. for an all-day session, according to C. H. Nosler, superintendent of Hillsboro grade schools.

The meeting is the first of a number of group sessions to be held throughout the state, and includes counties surrounding this, with the exception of Portland district.

Flood of Bills Introduced by House Members

(By A. L. Lindbeck)
SALEM—The predicted eleventh hour deluge of bills materialized Monday when 43 new measures were dumped into the house hopper. And then to give the procrastinating members still more time to get their bills into shape the house moved its dead line forward to Wednesday night. In the senate, where no attempt is made to limit the introduction of bills, the start of the second half of the session was marked by an unusual activity on the part of those with pet measures still to be brought forth.

Among the new house measures is one drafted by the League of Oregon Cities which would divert a portion of the gasoline taxes to the cities for the construction and maintenance of streets. The proposed diversion would start with five per cent of the net revenues from the gas tax for 1937 and gradually increase to 7 1/2 per cent for 1939 and subsequent years.

Representation Asked
A resolution introduced by Representative French of Sherman (Continued on page 6, column 1)

WPA Projects to Start Work Today
All WPA projects in the county, not snowbound, will be in full operation again today (Thursday), K. E. Tillotson, resident engineer said yesterday. The projects have been closed since Saturday.

Sewing rooms, closed Monday, were opened again Tuesday to permit the women to make their full time for the work period. In most of the other projects, the men were up on their work schedules and will have little, if any, work time to make up. The women, however, must work 120 hours per month and were compelled to resume as soon as possible, Tillotson said.

Groundhop Out; Back to Sleep
Crawling out from under a snug blanket of soggy snow Tuesday, Old Man Groundhog remained outside his burrow long enough to see his shadow. Impressed with this, according to tradition, he crawled back down his hole, pulled the covers up over his ears and went back to sleep for another six weeks.

Weather, say the old timers, will remain cold for more than another month. However, amid the snow banks of the past weekend, the pussy willows were unfolding silver catkins to the stormy breezes.

Pin Machines Taboo Here After Friday

Devices Declared Gambling Equipment by Portland Judge, Brings Action by District Attorney

Following the lead of other counties in the state, warning was issued all operators of pinball machines and punch boards throughout Washington county that the various games must be removed by February 5.

Decision to drive the machines and punch boards out of the county was made at a conference between G. Russell Morgan, district attorney and Sheriff John Connell. Warning is being issued through the sheriff's office in personal contacts with places where machines were known to be in operation, Connell said.

"I have long held the opinion that the machines were a game of chance and consequently came under the lottery laws," Morgan said in an interview. "With a court decision to back my opinion I cannot now see why the machines should longer be allowed to operate."

Held Illegal
"As for the punch boards, they definitely are illegal and if there are any in operation in the county we might just as well put them out of business also. I understand that there may be a few in operation, although I cannot say that I myself, have seen any of them."

Apparently there is no official check on the number of pinball machines in operation in the county, although the officials are of (Continued on page 5, column 1)

Legion Assists Hillsboro Drive for Flood Fund

With Washington county quota for Red Cross Flood relief in the east unlimited, total collections for the county to date approximately were \$1290 last Wednesday, with several large communities yet unreported.

Subscription of funds still were being turned in at the Argus office in a steady stream this week, while other communities were reporting good collections. A. J. Johnson of Forest Grove, treasurer of the county chapter.

Collections in Hillsboro were greatly stimulated Thursday when the committee of Legionnaires headed by Jake Weil, commander, brought in \$420.95 after the members of the committee had solicited the entire business district and the schools. The local grade schools contributed \$40.

Legion Helps
On the Legion committee were Weil, Arthur Kroeger, George McGee, W. Verne McKinney, William Christensen, E. A. Griffith, Paul (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Notes Declare for New School

Drifted roads, streets and sidewalks at Beaverton failed Monday to prevent 283 patrons of the Beaverton school district from casting ballots Monday assuring the construction there of a new grade building. The issue has been voted on three times, twice being defeated.

The vote Monday disclosed 186 for the new building and 97 opposing ballots. Approval of the proposal, introduced by the construction of a \$70,000 building under a Public Works Administration loan and grant, allowing 45 per cent of the total as a grant from the government, and \$38,500 as the cost to the district.

Proposed construction is of hollow tile and single story. A special meeting is planned soon to select a site which will cost from \$1000 to \$3000.

The city of Beaverton also has submitted an application for WPA aid in construction of a city hall to cost \$3800, of which the city would furnish material at a cost of \$1800.

Postoffice Reports Increased Air Mail
Hillsboro post office is keeping abreast of the air mail increase in this state, it was reported this week by L. T. McPheeters, postmaster. A recent postal report shows that 229,324 pounds of air mail correspondence was shipped out over the airways from Oregon in 1936.

This represents a gain of 13,323 pounds, or more than six per cent over 1935. Increases in air mail from the local office have been considerable, McPheeters said.

Roads, Highways Blocked as Winter Makes Violent Thrust Through Northwest

Garrett Names Commission to Manage Parks

Shute park, for the first time in a long period of years, will be under the management of a park commission endowed with special powers to finance and operate the park under the terms of the city charter.

The commission, with J. L. Anderson at its head, was appointed by Mayor J. H. Garrett Tuesday night and confirmed by the council. Anderson was appointed for three years and is chairman; E. J. McAlear, local attorney, was named for two years, and R. E. Wiley for a one-year term. The commission will work with the park committee of the council in an advisory capacity.

Restore Pay
Salaries of George McGee, city manager, O. O. Freeman, chief of police, and Wilbur Dillon, fire marshal, were ordered restored to the pre-depression level by vote of the council. These officials took two cuts of 10 per cent each. The first 10 per cent already was restored.

Under this restoration, McGee will receive \$25 a month more; Freeman \$15, and Dillon \$12.50.

Refund of \$18.75 each, were ordered for J. H. Naught and R. N. McClure, operators of pinball machines in Hillsboro. The council ordered the machines removed last March. The sum refunded represented the last three quarters of the city license.

Move to Condemn
First steps were ordered taken by the council to begin condemnation proceedings against partiality destroyed dwelling at Eight and Oak streets. The house was damaged by fire nearly a year ago and is considered a fire menace.

Proposal that further steps be taken in the city to promote safety by erection of slow and stop signs in various parts of town, was made by Mrs. C. E. Wells. She said that the saving of one life would be worth the effort and cost.

Mrs. Wells declared that speed of motor vehicles along Baseline street was unreasonable and dangerous. The matter was referred to the street committee, which includes J. J. Wismer, E. A. Griffith and Arthur Kroeger.

Several Acts Enter Contest

Invitations to take part were being sent this week to all amateur talent known to the committee in charge of the Hillsboro Post American Legion amateur show to be staged the last of this month. The committee is seeking 20 acts.

Five acts have been entered to date, Jake Weil, chairman of the committee in charge reported Tuesday night. Of this number, all but one are musical numbers of various kinds.

All persons participating last year can enter again this year with the exception of winner of first place. In this connection the committee points out that there was some difference of opinion last year among the judges as to winners, making it likely that winners this year, to be judged by an entirely new set of judges, may be selected from different types of acts.

Judges will be named from various sections to assure that there will be no partiality in selection of winners. Judging will be by excellence of the act presented, its presentation, entertainment quality and other details.

Prizes will be awarded to five places with \$35 in cash to be divided among the winners. First place receiving the largest slice of the prize money.

Numbers may include any act which is deemed to be entertaining, and may be any of the musical instruments singly or in combination; singing, comedy acts, etc. Persons wishing to enter should write or call on Jake Weil, chairman.

Helvetia Dinner for Local Folk Postponed Week

Dinner sponsored by the Helvetia Sunshine club for Hillsboro businessmen and their families, scheduled for last night (Wednesday) was postponed on account of weather and road conditions until next Thursday night, February 11.

More than 100 tickets were sold in the city the last of the week by the Sunshine club members. Others desiring tickets may secure them from Ed. L. Moore, chamber of commerce secretary, or Jack Rushlow, chairman of the community relations committee.

Dinner is scheduled to be served in two sections, the first table at 7 p. m. and the second at 7:30. Following the dinner there will be a program furnished by the club and the chamber of commerce.

New Crop Plan Offers Farmers Additional Cash
(By W. F. Cyrus, County Agent)

More money will be paid to Washington county farmers on the 1937 Agricultural Conservation program than was earned on the 1936 program. The new program provides larger soil building allowances and payment for a greater variety of soil building practices than did the 1936 program. With the farm operator's cooperation, it is almost certain that the number of participating farmers in Washington county will be increased two or three times that of last year.

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Further west the wind was checked by the trees and the snow lay in an even blanket on fields and roads to a depth above the running boards of most automobiles, making travel impossible except by truck or old fashioned, high wheeled cars. With the county snow removal equipment all pooled with the state to open the main highways, most of the secondary roads and streets remained closed until late Monday.

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Mails, Travel Stop as Snow Blanket Hits

Snow, which began falling early Sunday morning and which continued on through Sunday night and early Monday, blocked highways and tied traffic in a knot. The storm brought the heaviest snowfall since 1895 and was rivaled only by the snowstorm of 1919.

Hillsboro was without bus service from Sunday night until Tuesday morning. Mails were tied up in Portland and working men and women who lived outside the limits of Portland or the towns where they worked, were unable to get to their jobs until Tuesday. Mail delivery from Hillsboro generally was confined Monday to nearby points.

Snowfall Heavy
Recordings made by A. W. Moore, Hillsboro, weather observer for the biological survey, disclosed 19 inches of snow since the first of the year and a total of 13.25 inches for the Sunday storm. Total snowfall for the new year is recorded as 25.75 inches, as 6.75 inches of the last snowfall is credited to February.

In the 13.25 inches of snow, there were 1.69 inches of water, Moore said.

Driven by a stiff wind from the east Sunday night, the storm struck hardest in the east end of the county where drifts piled across highways and completely blocked traffic. Some drifts on the Canyon road were reported as more than five feet deep.

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Besides the various acts, the Pacific university orchestra played between acts and the Senate club of the high school presented two skits before the curtain. Wayne Nickerson played two numbers at the close of the show, in one of which he took two parts representing two banjos. Senate club acts were directed by Tennessee Weathered and Wayne Hensley.

The Breakfast club cast, including Davis Auld, George Wick, Wil-