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Roads Suffer Much Damage From Freeze

Oil Surfaces Over County Hard Hit, Survey Shows as Frost Leaves; Crews Continue Snow Battle

Freezing weather, which came before the new year and has been holding since, brought thousands of dollars worth of damage to the roads of Washington county.

This week J. W. Barney, county road engineer, declared that the full extent of the damage could not be estimated for nearly two weeks more, and would hazard no guess as to the amount of damage except that the roads suffered worse this year than on any other recorded occasion.

Damage is from frost and freezing. Barney said, the freeze catching the roads while they were full of moisture and the ground underneath susceptible to expansion with the freezing.

Oiled Roads Suffer
Particular and extensive has been the damage to the oiled roads of the county, and repair crews will find plenty of work awaiting more stable weather. In many places large areas of road surface have exploded under pressure, breaking the oil seal completely and leaving the surface loose and rutted.

Macadam roads have softened and the surface has broken in many instances leaving deep chuck holes and shoulders which give way with the first load passing over. Load limits should be carefully observed, Barney declared, or the great damage already accomplished may be vastly increased.

Meanwhile the engineer's office is awaiting the time when a full check of conditions may be made and repairs begun. At present the Durham rock quarry is the only crushing plant in the county in operation, the road crews depending on supplies already on hand at Laurel and Jackson quarries, to carry on the limited repairs being made at present.

Crushing Waits
As soon as road conditions become such that county trucks can again engage in heavy hauling, all rock crushing equipment which can be operated will be put in motion to furnish such rock as will be needed, Barney related.

There are between 60 and 70 miles of oil macadam roads in the county and a total of rock and oil estimated between 900 and 950 miles. While most of the oil is on secondary state maintained highways, the county also owns a few miles.

Crews Tuesday still were battling the snow banks between Buxton and Bacona where drifts 8 to 10 feet high resulted from the snow removal operation. The snow at Bacona is estimated at 5 feet on the

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First Meeting of Principals Held

W. H. Artstiff of the Forest Grove schools was elected regional chairman of the conference of elementary school principals, the first session of which was held in Hillsboro Saturday. Schools of eight counties were represented. David H. Schindler, Concord school, Milwaukie, was elected vice-chairman, and W. B. Schmebly of St. Helens, secretary.

The meeting opened with an address by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, who declared that the school principal exercises leadership through suggestion and encouragement, and

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Boy Scouts of Five Troops in Hillsboro District Take Part Anniversary Event

Boy Scouts from five troops in the Hillsboro district met in the union high school gymnasium Monday evening in capacity of a Scout rally, given under direction of William Johnson, field executive, and Henry J. Schmebly, assistant district commissioner.

The colors were presented promptly at 8 p. m. and immediately following, the boys were inspected by a committee composed of R. R. Easter, district chairman, R. L. Burnett, deputy commissioner, and Sea Scouts Keith Busch and Edwin Watt.

Preceding this event the troops engaged in competitive relay races, signaling, compass and first aid contests. The latter contest was judged by Paul Ringle and A. L. Brock. Red Cross first aid representatives, from the Hillsboro fire department,

Breeches Hold
A breeches ripping contest, sponsored by the Sweet-Orr company, makers of Boy Scout uniforms, was conducted by Jake Weil, district committee man. However, the troops were unsuccessful in their attempt to rip the breeches.

Troop 226, American Legion, Ben Faber, scoutmaster, won first place with a total score of 26 points.

Perfect Score



For more than 20 years J. E. Morback of Sherwood has served as the mayor of that town, working continuously to create a modern little city. He now looks with pride upon many accomplishments which place Sherwood among the more modern towns in Washington county. Recently, a new high school was constructed, which gives Sherwood a complete school system.

Mayor Morback Continues Long Term in Office

Re-electing the mayor of Sherwood has become a habit with the residents of the modern and progressive small city in southeastern Washington county, as is attested by the fact that J. E. Morback is beginning his 21st year as mayor there, making him, probably, the oldest in point of continuous service in the state.

He first entered office in 1916 and since that date Sherwood has made a steady and substantial growth which has resulted in paved streets, modern water system and complete sanitation. During all these years the only break in his active administration of Sherwood municipal affairs, was when he was confined to the hospital for

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Many Entering Legion Contest; Plan Audition

Fortune and possibly fame awaits the winners in the annual amateur contest of Hillsboro Post American Legion to be staged again this year the last week in February or the first week in March.

Already a long list of amateur talent is awaiting selection for the big show which will be staged in the Venetian theatre under direction of the Legion when three judges, taken from various parts of the county, will award cash prizes amounting to \$35 to the five best acts produced.

Many Acts Needed
While the Legion committee will stage only 20 acts for the final presentation, all performers of all kinds, are welcome to display their talents in an audition which will precede the big show, and from which the best acts will be selected for presentation.

The audition will be by competent judges in music, drama, and entertainment of all kinds, assuring those who enter the audition, absolutely fair treatment. One quarter of the acts thus selected

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Examination Scheduled for Bindery Operative
Civil service examination for position of bindery operative, both hand and machine in the government printing office, has been announced. The rate of pay is 66 cents an hour. Full information may be obtained from F. C. Holz-nagel, secretary of the U. S. civil service board of examiners, at the post office in Hillsboro.

Kelso Citizen in Jail Here on Indictment

Grand Jury Orders Four to Court for Trial; Lumber Worker Wins Adjustment in Accident Case

Returning four indictments, two of them secret, the Washington county grand jury completed its work Saturday night. Two of those indicted are already under arrest, including Victor Duback of North Plains, apprehended Saturday, and D. N. Littler of Kelso, Monday afternoon.

Duback is charged with threatening to commit a felony by offering violence to his wife. Littler was arraigned Tuesday morning before Judge Peters and entered a plea of not guilty. The case was set for trial later and a bond of \$2000 was reduced to \$1500. Duback was arraigned and given until Saturday to enter his plea.

Littler is under indictment charging obtaining money and goods under false pretenses through procuring a loan of \$1000 on property at Ridgefield, Wash., the property not being in his name.

Money Loaned Here
According to G. Russell Morgan, district attorney, Littler is alleged to have obtained the money from Mrs. Roxanna Loving of Gales Creek after representing to her that he had purchased a 170-acre farm which he intended to subdivide. The farm is located four miles from Vancouver.

In his settlement with Mrs. Loving it is related, he gave a security for the loan, a contract of sale signed by W. E. Skelton for five acres of land in the farm. Skelton is supposed to have paid \$500 down, leaving a balance of \$2000 due.

Investigation is declared to have revealed that the farm was purchased on a contract from the Federal Land bank for a small down payment and that the contract lapsed before the loan was obtained from Mrs. Loving.

Married Man
According to Deputy Sheriff Harry Johnson, who made the arrest, Littler is 43 years old, and has a wife and son.

Circuit court jury Monday night, after deliberating four hours, returned a verdict for Mickey Hall Patton, sawmill laborer, in an appeal taken from a final award of \$6,184.134, an average assessed valuation of \$4.84 per acre. The total assessed valuation of city lots amounted to \$3,790,890, an average of \$24.65 per lot.

The total taxes, penalty, interest and other costs due the counties on the rural lands at the time of foreclosure amounted to \$3,550,705, an average of \$1.98 per acre. The total of taxes, penalty, interest, and other charges standing against the city lot at the time of foreclosure amounted to \$3,582,669, an average of \$23.36 per lot. The grand total of delinquent taxes, penalty, interest and other costs resting against all these tax reverted lands as of time to foreclosure is approximately \$7,133,374.

Ball Machines Out of Order
Pinball machines, of which there were estimated to be more than 100 in operation in this county, apparently went out of operation Monday in accordance with the demands of G. Russell Morgan, district attorney, and J. W. Connell, sheriff. Punch boards were also included in the order.

Following the decision of the district attorney to clamp down on the machines, all operators in the county were notified that unless the machines were removed by Friday, arrests would follow. According to Sheriff Connell complete co-operation was accorded his office by those persons operating the machines.

Decision to have the pinball machines removed as gambling devices, followed a decision in a Multnomah county circuit court in which Judge Crawford declared the machines illegal. In Yamhill county, where an order, similar to the one here, was issued, operators obtained a temporary court injunction restraining the sheriff from making arrests for violations.

Whooping Cough Cases Increase
Close of the health reports for the week ending Saturday indicated an increase in the number of cases of whooping cough found by Washington county doctors. Eleven cases are on the record with a number of them located in Hillsboro.

Influenza, which seemed headed three weeks ago toward an epidemic here, was reduced to one reportable case. There was also one case of measles, two of chicken-pox and one of diphtheria fever.

However, in connection with doctors' reports to the county health department, there still are a number of doctors making reports to the state board of health and excluding the county unit, the state records show.

Plans for New Nut Processing Plant Continue

Directors of the Dundee Nut Growers' Co-operative Tuesday voted to rebuild the present plant on a larger scale. All stock was fully insured and there will be no loss to growers. The association carried \$50,000 of insurance on the buildings with a value of \$50,000 supported by appraisals made by a Portland company. The directors were informed. Directors also moved to establish a zone of stabilization allowances up to \$2 a ton for hauling from the various zones.

Withdrawal of Washington county members of the Dundee Nut Growers' Co-operative processing plant continues to be a live issue in this county despite a statement to the contrary issued last week by F. W. Meyer, president.

Last night (Wednesday), a meeting was held in the chamber of commerce at Forest Grove, to which all nut growers of this county had been invited. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing a processing plant in this county. It is understood.

Meanwhile a committee has been

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Values Placed on Foreclosed Tax Property

Tax reverted lands in Washington county have reached a total of 23,530 acres and 695 city lots, according to a survey just completed by the Oregon state planning board in an investigation of the tax reverted lands in the county.

Total assessed valuation of the property in this county is \$132,380 and charges against the property for taxes have reached a total of \$53,252. A considerable portion of the total acreage of tax reverted lands in this county lie in the cutover lands and hill lands abandoned by the owners because of poor production.

Washington county contains 467,770 acres of land with 228,056 acres in farms.

Comparison Made
Comparison of the county with the state disclosed that tax reverted lands in the state total 1,795,875 acres valued at the time of foreclosure at \$12,475,024. These reverted lands now total 2.95 per cent of the total area of Oregon, and the ratio of privately owned land to the tax reverted area is approximately 14 to one.

Of the total value of \$12,475,024 of tax reverted lands in Oregon, the average of \$1.98 per acre, \$64,134, an average assessed valuation of \$4.84 per acre. The total assessed valuation of city lots amounted to \$3,790,890, an average of \$24.65 per lot.

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The information, which contains complete details on tax reverted lands for every county in the state, was compiled for the special committee on timber taxation appointed by Governor Martin in 1936. The data is the basis of legislative recommendations by the group.

Woods Building Reported Sold
A deal was being closed this week in which H. W. Currin of Hillsboro will become the owner of the Woods building on Main street, occupied by the express company and W. G. Stappeler, Currin, who has been employed as salesman with W. G. Ide real estate business for the last seven months, plans opening a real estate office of his own.

Stappeler already has made arrangements with the E. L. Barber shop, operated by Elmer Barber and Lloyd Evans, on Main street east of Ireland, for quarters for his shoe shine equipment and hat cleaning machinery. He expects to complete his move Sunday.

Currin, who came here last summer from Lorraine, expects to model one side of his building to accommodate living quarters and his office. The express company will retain the other half.

Eccles Speaker
David Eccles, editor of Business Survey, will be the luncheon speaker at the chamber of commerce Monday noon. E. L. Moore, chairman, announced.

Demands for Funds Worry Legislators

Appropriation Bills Exceed State Budget \$1,250,000; Vocation Guidance Would Take Largest Sum

(By A. L. Lindbeck)
SALEM—Confronted on the one hand by special appropriation bills aggregating more than \$1,250,000—not included in the regular budget—and on the other hand by Governor Martin's warning against deficits and new revenue measures, the legislative ways and means committee has had put to know which way to turn.

Pinching and scraping wherever possible, the committee is paring a few dollars off the governor's budget recommendations here and there, but for the most part it is placing its "oaks" on the budget items as contained in the governor's budget. While some additional savings will be shown when the committee completes its work on the regular budget requests, it is not probable that the budget surplus, finally established at approximately \$342,000 when the experts finished their budget juggling act, will exceed \$500,000. Whatever the amount it must be stretched to cover the special requests, which have piled up since the session began and are still coming in.

Propose Spending
Largest of the special requests is one for \$250,000 to finance a vocational guidance program. Approximately a score of agricultural groups are interested in a so-called omnibus appropriation bill aggregating \$144,500 for the investigation of pests and diseases of plants, fruits, vegetables, bees, poultry, cattle, etc.

Governor Martin wants \$100,000 of the surplus for his new mining board and there are several bills for new state buildings, including \$200,000 for a tuberculosis hospital in Multnomah county, \$54,500 for the new tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles and \$180,000 to apply toward the purchase of a building in Portland to house state departments domiciled in that city.

More than 250 bills poured in on the legislative last week—174 in the house and 87 in the senate.

The senate rule against long-winded speeches became operative Wednesday. Debates on bills now, except for the author, are limited to five minutes. Speakers wish to save more time, however, can usually borrow some from other members who do not care to use theirs.

Urges Law
Governor Martin sent a special message to the legislature this week asking the passage of a transportation bill creating the new department of geology and mineral industry.

Representative Grant wants to bring the "insiders" into the act regarding its debt burden, a hopeful sign.

Portland, according to Mayor Carson, would never have had any relief problem if Portland had been out of debt at the beginning of its interest money at home. Oregon in 1936, he declared, sent \$10,000,000 in interest money east.

"The way to make this country hum is to be financially independent," asserted the mayor. "We must give up the temporary advantages for those that come in the long

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Heavy Snows Hamper WPA

Idle because of heavy snows and storms, both in the mountains and the lowlands, crews this week had resumed work on all projects with the exception of Wolf Creek highway where only a small crew was busy digging out of the drifts.

Although hampered by mud and snow, nearly a full force was at work on the Wilson river highway where rock is being applied to the completed surface in an attempt to keep the road open to complete the transportation.

Another crew of 75 men was to have begun work last week falling trees and slashing brush across the summit on the survey down the west slope to meet the crew coming across from the Tillamook side. K. E. Tillotson, resident engineer, said.

Because of the deep snow, it was decided that the crew would not be started until conditions would permit the crew to cross the summit without wading through snow banks.

At the Wolf Creek camp, about eight men remain all busy digging the camp out of deep drifts. The roadway into the camp, which lacks a mile of reaching the place, is still open, allowing supply trucks and men access that far. Teams complete the transportation.

Washington County Dollars Help



Red Cross activities among the flood sufferers of 19 states have taken on gigantic proportions supported by the donations from citizens in every walk of life. In the above pictures can be seen a Red Cross supply station in Cincinnati rushing blankets and bedding to the homeless, while below is the man who is directing the operations, National Chairman Cary T. Grayson.

Washington county, unmindful of proposed quotas, has contributed liberally to the work of relief in the grave emergency. Funds still continue to arrive and must still continue until national officials of the Red Cross signify that the fund is great enough for the task at hand.

As the floods recede, there then remains the large task of assisting the families that are immediately switched to a Santa Fe train for San Diego, arriving there in the morning.

In San Diego, the travelers will board buses for a trip over the city and across the border into Mexico to Tia Juana and Agua Caliente, returning in the evening to San Diego for dinner after which the party will return to the sleepers.

Return to Los Angeles
The following day the party will be back in Los Angeles, where the winners will be transferred to one of the large hotels, after which there will be a trip to Catalina Island and a journey there in the glass-bottomed boat, returning in the evening to Los Angeles.

The following day there will be sightseeing trips around the city and Hollywood, with a theatre party and a journey there in the glass-bottomed boat, returning in the evening to Los Angeles.

Arriving the next morning in San Francisco, the party will be transferred to a hotel, and after breakfast there will be a 40-mile trip. At night there will be an escorted dinner in Chinatown. The next day the party will be free to do as each desires until

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Helvetia Plans Dinner Tonight

With a large sale of tickets forecasting an excellent attendance, women of the Sunshine Club, organization northeast of Hillsboro, will stage the first Hillsboro dinner tonight (Thursday) in Helvetia community hall.

The dinner, the first to be served in the Helvetia community for Hillsboro businessmen and their wives, will be at two tables, one at 6:45 p. m. and the other at 7:30. Following the dinner there will be entertainment, Hillsboro furnishing a part of the program and the Helvetia women the rest.

Postponement because of the heavy snow and inclement weather, was announced last week. The event was to have been February 3.

Popular Chamber of Commerce Members Given Example of Action by Dictators

Accused of revealing secrets of the chamber of commerce brotherhood to their women folk with devastating results at the recent "All-Clubs Jamboree" staged by the Hillsboro Men's Breakfast club, Herb Staples, C. T. Richardson, Paul Patterson and James Wells, were arraigned before Commissioner Frankichkovitch and convicted Monday night at the chamber of commerce night meeting.

The prosecution was conducted by Ivan Awfulchitsky who read the indictments. The Commissioner's road confessions purporting to have been written by the accused and sentence was passed immediately after. Although the defendants were granted permission to speak for one minute in their own defense, the prosecution forgot to extend that courtesy.

Protest Made
In the good old American way, the amused bystanders, protesting the failure of Prosecutor Awfulchitsky to allow the accused their brief time in court. However, Commissioner Frankichkovitch explained that the defendants were accorded a perfect-

ly fair trial and further speech was not necessary.

Deputy Sheriff Dick Busch acted as officer of the court and dragged the defendants to their places before the commissioner, who was smoking a big cigar and scanning the embellished pages of a well illustrated movie magazine.

Argus Offers Trip South to Popular Girl

Nine Days of Travel with All Expenses Paid; Prize in Contest Sponsored by This Newspaper



Some popular and aggressive unmarried Miss of Washington county, between the ages of 18 and 30, inclusive, will leave Portland April 3 for nine days of fun and sightseeing in California and Old Mexico with all expenses paid. The contest opens today (Thursday) and closes March 27.

The trip is sponsored by the Hillsboro Argus under rules and regulations similar to the travel contest staged a year ago, with the exception that Hillsboro businessmen are not participating and the entire contest will be based on new and renewal subscriptions for the Argus, the winner to get the free trip.

Every point of chief interest in California will be visited and the winner, in company with other young women from the northwest, will also have a chance to see life in Mexico in some of the most colorful of the interesting towns.

Leave April 3
Leaving Portland on Saturday, April 3, the special railway cars, bearing the winners of this and various other contests, will begin the journey south, arriving in Oakland Sunday morning.

At Oakland, the cars will be switched to a southbound train, arriving in Los Angeles in the late evening, and from Los Angeles the Pullman cars will be immediately switched to a Santa Fe train for San Diego, arriving there in the morning.

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Court Action Seeks Way to Pay Interest

Operating under an ancient law said to be enacted in the days of the Civil war or before, test suit was filed in circuit court Friday to settle disposal of a sum of money which will remain after all claims against the savings accounts of the Shute Savings bank have been paid.

The suit is brought by George B. Ledford against Mark Skimes as superintendent of banks in Oregon. Both parties have agreed to the suit and stipulations covering all facts in the matter are being submitted to the court. After hearing argument, Judge R. Frank Peters will give an opinion. It is understood that the route to the supreme court already has been prepared and the matter will be taken there for final decision.

Information Lacking
Search of the law discloses little information as to other similar cases and it is said that the bank ing department is stumped as to the correct procedure in the matter.

There are 678 accredited claims against the savings accounts and all will receive 100 per cent of their deposits, leaving a small sum over and above all dividends and expenses, according to the details of the suit filed Friday.

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