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On Major Bowes Amateur Hour
Tonight--KOIN--6 P. M.
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Bargain Day--
Another Big Day Ahead for
Thrifty Shoppers Here
March 20. Be Here!

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New Sewer Lines Await U. S. Sanction

Prospects Early Use Fade as Government Delays in Final Approval; Tests of Seepage Being Made

Prospects are not bright for early use of the new Hillsboro sewer system, it was learned this week when George McGee, city engineer, declared that final government acceptance of the contract is being held up in Washington.

Meanwhile, the city is barred from collecting sewer rentals, except in the old district and residents of the new district must take the go-ahead signal to complete the connection of bathrooms, sinks and drains.

Records for the government have been completed and application made for the final grant in connection with construction cost, and this probably will be held up pending acceptance by Public Works Administration engineers.

Test Changed

A part of the trouble possibly hinges, McGee said, on the fact that the California test was substituted for the hydrostatic test in determining the efficiency of the new lines. The substitution was made, it is pointed out, because of the difficulty of applying this very complicated test to concrete pipe. The test is used only in Seattle of all the cities of the coast, and is applied there because of the tremendous pressure which develops in sewer lines as a result of steep hills.

Under the California test, which consists of filling the various sections of the sewer system with water after sealing at manholes, the water must remain at certain levels in the section under test for a definite time.

The new Hillsboro system passed this test with a higher rating than similar systems in other cities, engineers reported.

Check Again

At the present time a second check is being made of the system, to determine the rate of infiltration of ground water under pressure of water saturation. In other words, McGee explained, when the ground is full of water, we must know how much of this water finds its way into the lines through the cement tile surfaces and joints.

Directed by McGee, the tests are being made by Lewis Smith, assistant, and J. O. Reed, government engineer inspector sent here from Boulder dam when construction of the new sewer system was begun. About 100 tests will be required to complete these tests. Should the infiltration be too large, McGee said, the working of the disposal plant would be upset because of dilution of the tanks.

Retailers Plan Sales March 20

Planning a Bargain Day and Spring Sales event for Saturday, March 20, the retail trades committee of the chamber of commerce Thursday night in Hillsboro Pharmacy.

The plan, which has not yet been worked out in detail, includes a probable gift distribution similar to the one held on the last bargain day and possibly a special contest event. A bargain day page listing extra special bargains, will be published in the Argus.

Announcements will be made through the columns of the Argus as the plan unfolds.

Attend Convention

Charles Douglas, president of the Oregon branch of Radio Research club, and Kenneth Davison, both of Hillsboro, were in attendance Saturday and Sunday at a two-day convention of the Oregon group with the Seattle club.

Demands for Relief Forging Ahead of Money Allowed; Appeal Made for Shoes

Faced with a shortage of funds for a relief fund, which has been taxing the capacity of the Hillsboro office of the county relief committee, an appeal was made this week by Miss Alice Maxwell, executive secretary, for shoes and clothing.

"The strike and had weather," Miss Maxwell said, "has increased our relief load beyond the point where our funds can furnish anything other than subsistence. We now find ourselves faced with requests for shoes and clothing which we cannot meet."

"Some of this trying situation could be met if people would look through closets and store rooms for shoes and clothing not needed and which would give service to some of the families which are applying for assistance."

Should Call Office

"If those persons who have such articles would call me at the relief office, we can manage to collect the articles," she said.

Comparison of the present relief load with that of a year ago shows that in February, 1936, there were 348 applications for help as compared to 600 at the close of January this year. The load for the

Leaders Discuss Courts



Senate battle on President Roosevelt's proposal to revamp the federal courts and retire aged supreme court justices, is beginning to break over the heads of senate leaders. Above the Vice-President Garner, left, and Senator Henry F. Ashurst, Arizona, examining the president's message to congress. Ashurst is chairman of the senate judiciary committee.

Legion Seeking Probe Veterans' Indigent Funds

Investigation of a report that the indigent soldiers' and sailors' fund of Washington county, in violation of state law, was being administered by the county relief committee, was authorized Tuesday night at a meeting of Hillsboro post, American Legion.

Fund is raised by a tax levy for the purpose of aiding needy veterans of all wars, and its disposal is said to be directed under a state law through a committee of veterans which includes the service officers and the chairman of the relief committees of the various veterans' groups.

Committee of investigation included E. A. Griffith, post relief chairman, G. Russell Morgan, district attorney, and Wilbur Dillon.

Seek Understanding

A movement also was initiated by the post to organize an inter-veteran association-committee to settle differences between groups and obtain co-operation between groups in various patriotic enterprises. Committee includes W. Verne McKinley, chairman, Arthur Kroeger and L. E. Furrow.

Membership report disclosed that the post went over the top in membership Tuesday night with 62 members, two above quota. Most of the recent activity was the result of a notification from the state membership chairman that posts delinquent in membership were to be presented with a long-horned, evil-smelling billy goat. The goat maintains the property and care of the post until it is over the top.

Awards Made

The goat is moving from Sherwood to Metzger post and will come to Hillsboro from there, passing immediately on to Banks and thence to Forest Grove.

Thirty-one members of the post received membership awards given for length of membership in the Legion. 23 received three stars for 15 years, three with two stars for 10 years, and two with one star for five years.

Home Bakery Planning Branch Store in Aloha

The New Home Bakery of Hillsboro is opening a branch in Aloha Saturday, February 27, it was announced this week. Open house will be held in Aloha that day with free coffee and cake to all visitors. The bakery will be managed by Mr. Olson of Hillsboro.

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Should he be successful in his broadcast, he will be offered an engagement with one of the Major Bowes traveling troupes which now are touring the country.

The particular program on which (Continued on page 6, column 2)

Hillsboro Argus Sets New Record

The Hillsboro Argus set a new record today, when 121 different items under 20 headings appear on the classified advertising page. This is the largest amount of classified advertising ever carried in any one issue of the Argus.

The items cover nearly everything from dances to pets, while poultry, cattle and real estate have the greatest number of items under the various classifications. Nearly every item represented, classified advertisers have indicated, will draw the attention of several interested persons.

In Addition to the record number of advertisements on the classified page, "Washington County's Great Market Place," others that came into the Argus office after 9 a. m. Wednesday (classified de/classified) are under "Too Late to Classify," in the first section.

Stevensons Find Variety Weather on Southern Trip

Absent from Hillsboro for the last six weeks, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Stevenson returned Friday from California, where they spent most of the time in Los Angeles. They drove their automobile on the trip south.

However, they also toured into Texas by way of Arizona and New Mexico, finding cold weather and freezing temperatures. All the way south into Texas, orchardists suffered loss of crops, Stevenson said. While in San Diego, there was a snowstorm, the first recorded in half a century.

Stevenson also reported that at El Paso, Texas, they found weather so warm that it seemed uncomfortable in comparison with the colder weather experienced everywhere else.

In the imperial valley, the date orchards suffered from the freeze (Continued on page 6, column 2)

Amateur Acts Show Talents Friday Night

Washington county amateur entertainers will appear on the stage of the Venetian Theatre March 16, it was announced this week by Jake Weil, chairman of the committee in charge of the contest. Winners will share in \$35 cash to be paid over at the close of the show and after the three judges have given their decisions.

As soon as possible after the winners have been selected, all or part of the winners will be taken to radio station KGW in Portland for a quarter-hour Legion program to be broadcast under the auspices of Hillsboro post. The broadcast will probably be the last part of the week.

Audition Friday

More than 35 acts seeking a place on the Legion show will be given an audition Friday night in the chamber of commerce rooms in Hillsboro, beginning at 7:30. The audition, in charge of the contest committee, will be judged by persons qualified to know the fine points in the various forms of entertainment. Probably more than 20 acts will be selected. Acts which have failed to register previously, may attend the audition and enter Friday night.

The year's all acts will be rated 50 per cent on audience appeal and the remaining 50 points on accomplishment, presentation, etc. The committee decided Monday. This ruling will carry through both the audition and actual contest.

Asks Co-operation

In connection with the announcement of the date for the show, Chairman Weil has issued a request that other organizations contemplating public meetings, hold March 16 open to assist the Legion in making the event outstanding.

Every attempt has been made to have all parts of the county represented in the show. In the contest, with the result that acts from all over the county are entered for the audition. The list shows a variety of entertainment of all kinds and all ages. There are two yodelers, three readers, two pianists, two vocalists, two sopranos, two musical skits, two acrobats, two violinists, one toe and tap dancer, one harmonica player, a male quartet and a women's quartet and a harpist.

Late Entries

Latest entries include Miss Norlene Berge, Gaston, singer; Patricia Warrens, 13, Gales Creek, Irish harp; Kathryn Reule, 6, violinist; Doris Weber, 17, soprano singer; Hillsboro; Lavina Waefler, 17, Helvetia, guitar and Swiss yodeler; Carolyn Kalkwarf, 12, singer, Hillsboro; Louise Glascoe, 15, Forest Grove, tap dancer; Margaret Havens, 12, Hillsboro, singer; Virginia (Continued on page 6, column 2)

Local Banjoist On Air Tonight

Wayne Nickeson, Hillsboro banjoist, who left a week ago for New York, will be heard tonight (Thursday) on the Major Bowes amateur hour program sponsored by the Chrysler Motor company. The program begins at 6 over radio station KOIN.

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Fire Damages Dwelling Here

When the baby pulled a blanket against a hot stove in the H. C. Wyatt home, 417 East Jackson street Monday morning, several hundred dollars worth of damage was suffered to the house and furnishings.

The blaze crept up the wall and into the upstairs rooms. When discovered, about 10 o'clock, the upstairs floors were on fire and smoke was pouring through the roof in clouds. Almost the entire inside of the house will require refinishing as a result.

Owners of the dwelling are Mattilda Kuhns and Emma Patton. Owners of several automobiles, including those of insurance men, were given tags for parking within the fire zone in an attempt to stop a congestion of machines near the fire trucks. The covers, recently were acquired and received their first real test Monday.

Opening Announced

Formal opening of the "Black Hawk" inn will be held Saturday night with free gifts for all adults. Cyril LaHaie, owner, announced this week. The "Black Hawk" is Ely's Chateau, which LaHaie recently purchased from Elmer Varner.

Friends Can Give Aid to Contestants

Organization Helps Toward Winning Free Trip South; Girls to Enjoy Lunch in Movie Lot Cafe

Entering its third week, the Argus travel contest is beginning to attract wide interest over Washington county as the various contestants get their organizations underway for the big drive.

Friends Help

Several of the girls already have learned that friends in various communities will solve a lot of problems.

Candidates and Standing up to 12 Noon February 24	
Elizabeth Ott	159,750
Marjorie Meek	64,250
Lorraine Demmin	43,500
Wanda Parks	12,500
Vera McElroy	10,900
Helen Oliver	10,900
Rose Bernards	10,900

With the weather moderating, and signs of spring manifest on every hand, everyone knows that it won't be long until travel south will be a delight never to be forgotten. Some girls in this county are going to take that trip, and the delights will be to the one who displays the most energy.

Pleasure from Work

There never is an easy way to success in such matters and the real pleasures of life seem keenest to those who have accomplished the right to enjoy them.

Time and again it has been demonstrated in these travel contests, that success does not require super-salesmanship and that spare time, properly used, will bring the desired result. But the girls whose friends are willing to demonstrate friendship, usually is the one who can carry away the honors. It is pointed out that the contest is even in this day of easy travel, only a small percentage of girls ever get beyond the borders of their own state. Lucky is the one (Continued on page 7, column 5)

Farmer Objects Costly Repairs

When a son of Ed Wendt, farmer near Hillsboro, became suspicious that \$420 was an excessive charge for a radio tube, despite the fact that the farm radio was made to speak up like a politician at a rally, a search was begun by state policeman, Walt Hadfield, which brought the salesman into the hands of the law near Newberg last week.

The salesman, appearing at the Wendt home, explained carefully that he was checking the performance of radios for one of the large manufacturers. A bad tube was discovered and replaced by a new one. The new tube, the salesman said, was a very special make, guaranteed for nearly five years of service and was worth \$420.

A check of all catalogues and advice from nearby radio stores, failed to disclose any new tubes worth that much, and the police were notified. The son also had taken the number of the car.

Captured, Bert Heesacker, was employed by a Portland dealer after he had informed the dealer that he was the best radio tube salesman in the world. Restitution of the \$420 was made, the officer reported.

County Hog Raisers Discuss Problems

Sixty Washington county hog raisers met at the courthouse Friday when Prof. A. W. Oliver, Oregon State college, discussed problems in connection with hog management.

Keynote of Professor Oliver's discussion was that the fundamental principle for successful brood sow management, and care of young pigs, was a properly balanced ration containing the right amounts of minerals and the correct amounts and types of protein.

Laurel Plans Easter Service

Plans were launched Sunday in LaHale Sunday school to hold an Easter Sunrise service on Bald Peak. The proposal was approved and if weather permits, the service probably will be held, Bald Peak, the highest point along the Chahalem mountains, is just west of Laurel and is a state park.

From the peak visitors can view several counties and on clear days all the snowcaps of the Cascades are visible. The place can be reached easily by hard surfaced road with plenty of open parking space when the peak is reached.

Increased Farm Income Forecast with New Plan

More Than 2000 Washington County Farms Estimated as Able to Qualify for New Conservation Payments; Immediate Filing of Data Urged as Necessary

(By W. F. Cyrus, County Agent)

More than 2000 farms in Washington county can qualify for grants in 1937 under the agricultural conservation plan in the opinion of the county committee. Owing to the changes made in the program for 1937, as compared to 1936, practically any farm, even small ones, can earn some kind of payment.

In 1936, crop data was filed for 951 farms. Acreage amounted to 39 per cent on the county's total crop acreage. The committee feels that the number of farms and acreage will be greatly increased if farmers understand the program.

Helvetia Youth Has Tiny Engine Built of Scrap

Bruce Haverstick, 22, Helvetia, has demonstrated that he has something of a magic formula which goes like this:

"Take little bits of this and that, including two shotgun shells, parts of a watch, magneto and carburetor, some cheap dust, a piece of radio tube, fit together and presto--an airplane engine 3 1/2 inches tall and weighing 3 1/2 ounces.

Now put some gas in the tank, connect the spark coil with the spark plug, whirl the propeller blade and put-put-put, the magic is complete. It runs.

Could Do Better

"I probably can do better than this," young Haverstick related Monday when he displayed his toy at the Argus office. "You see I just threw this together in a couple of days and it might be better."

"This is a two-cycle engine and they're hard to start and hard to keep going. I should have made a four-cycle engine."

From there he launched into a rather technical discussion of gas combustion engines and what made them tick.

"Where did you get the plans for this engine," he was asked.

"I didn't have any. I just built it the way I thought it ought to be built," he replied, and that seems to be about all there is to it.

Has Troubles

Of course some late work was required to turn the cylinder and piston and this was done with a wood lathe. Two difficulties then presented themselves. One was piston rings, and these finally were made of brass which does not give as tight a seal as cast iron.

Another difficulty is encountered in making a needle valve with fine enough adjustment to produce correct carburetion. Tools capable of doing finer work probably would solve this, Haverstick believes. Fuel is composed of gasoline and oil mixed, which must be in the right proportion to produce correct combustion and yet oil seal the piston rings.

The other trouble was to manufacture a tiny spark plug. This finally was overcome by building the plug into the cylinder head with chalk and then baking it to harden the chalk and keep it from saturating with oil and gasoline.

The engine has a bore of fifteen thirty-seconds inches and a half inch stroke, developing a fortieth horsepower.

Anton Hermens Dies Verboort

Anton Hermens, 73, resident of Oregon and the Verboort section since 1883, died Friday night at his farm home. He was born January 24, 1864, in De Pette, Belgium, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1883. Surviving are eight children, 49 grandchildren, two brothers, three sisters and his widow.

Requiem high mass was read Monday morning at Visitation church, Verboort. Burial in Visitation cemetery. Conducting the mass were Father M. Jonas, celebrant; Father Theodore Bernards, Deacon; Father Maher, sub-deacon. Father J. T. Costello, master of ceremonies.

Twice Married

Anton Hermens was twice married, the first time to Anna Marie Joosten, June 4, 1889, in Verboort church. She died December 12, 1912, and September 7, 1920, he was joined in marriage to Mrs. M. Crunican at McMinnville. No children were born to the second marriage.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus council of Hillsboro, and the Catholic Order of Foresters, members of which served as honorary pall bearers, including Frank Heesacker, Albert Jensen, Bert Heesacker, Charles Herb, Peter and Albert (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Morgan Asks Dismissal of Pinball Writ

District Attorney Files Answer to Injunction in Circuit Court; Declares Devices Gambling

Enjoined by a temporary writ from enforcing an order to remove all pinball machines in Washington county by February 5, G. Russell Morgan, district attorney, Saturday filed an answer to the injunction asking that the court dismiss the action.

The temporary injunction was granted by Judge R. Frank Peters in circuit court on an action filed by William M. Martin, operator of pinball machines in this county. Judge Peters did not set a day for a hearing in the case but intimated that he would set a time for arguments immediately on his return from Washington, D. C., sometime next week.

Skill Alleged

Martin, in his application for a restraining order, sets forth that the machines depend on skill for operation and that the element of skill is greater than the element of chance.

This Morgan denies. In his order to drive the machines from the county, Morgan stated that their operation depended on the element of chance and therefore made them gambling devices and therefore unlawful in Oregon.

New Laws Asked

Meanwhile in Salem, the legislature is struggling with the laws designed to ban the various types of nickel-in-the-slot machines. One law passed the senate and was presented to the house for action and another passed the house but was killed in the senate.

Trial of Ingwald Romesmo, 35, Portland, charged with drunken driving, ended yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon with a circuit court jury returning a verdict of not guilty. Romesmo was arrested following an auto accident on the Redville-Oreco road August 8, 1936, when his car, and one driven by L. T. Woodward, collided.

Immediately following, Judge Zimmerman began the selection of a jury for the trial of Chris Anderson and Earl Larson, indicted (Continued on page 6, column 4)

Person Plans New Residence

Plans for a dwelling to cost about \$6,000 were announced this week when a building permit was issued to J. M. Person for a residence on North Fifth avenue between Edison and Jackson streets.

The new home will be a four-bedroom house, constructed in old English style without basement. Features include a native stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling in a living room which occupies a wing. A balcony will overlook a semi-sunken garden on the west side. The house faces the east will be used in the garden landscaping. Forced air heating system will be used with the furnace set in a utility room in which the floor will be sunk a short distance below the ground level.

Publishers' Group Has Meeting Here

Members of the Yamhill-Washington County Publishers' association met Friday night in Hillsboro for dinner and discussion of problems. Robert Hall, head of the University Press, Eugene, was a speaker, and made constructive criticism of several of the weekly newspapers of this district.

Arno Rae, secretary of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association of Eugene, was present and discussed legislative matters. The meeting was held in Ely's Chateau.

Tualatin Grangers Honor Outstanding Achievements of Clubs Sponsored There

An outstanding record of 4-H club achievement was cited at the annual achievement meeting for the Tualatin 4-H clubs, sponsored by the Winona Grange, Tualatin, Monday, reports L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

Eleven boys are in six agricultural clubs in the community, all of which completed 100 per cent. Forty projects were carried.

Outstanding among the records was winning four judging contests in the county with high point judge in three of four contests, a record which never before has been made in this county. The dairy club won the Calif. Manna trophy as the outstanding dairy club at the Washington county fair.

Corn Prizes Won

First, fifth, and sixth places were won by members of the corn club at the Commercial National bank corn show in Hillsboro and second place at the Chicago International corn show. Outstanding 4-H boy of the county was Clayton Nyberg, who also was named as one of (Continued on page 6, column 7)