

North Plains Blaze Burns Businesses

Post Office, Pool Hall and Confectionery Razed in Fire; Loss Estimated at Several Thousand

Loss estimated at nearly \$4,000, occurred in North Plains Thursday when fire leveled three business places, including the post office, Charles E. Kelley confectionery store, and the Shadden & Lewis pool hall.

The post office building was owned by A. L. Troutman, postmaster. Kelley owned the building and equipment, and the Shadden & Lewis pool hall was owned by Richard Hundley.

The post office was immediately moved into the storeroom of the hotel building, where regular schedules have been re-established. The other businesses are still considering re-entering business.

Kelley probably suffered the heaviest loss. The building was two-story, with living quarters above occupied by the family. Loss was estimated at \$3,500, with \$1000 insurance. Virtual sale of the property was reported, with the transaction to have closed this week.

Partly Insured More than \$500 was set as the value of the Hundley building and as far as could be learned, Hundley carried no insurance. The Shadden & Lewis equipment and stock was valued at \$1000, with \$650 insurance.

First hint of the fire was when flames broke through the roof of the two-story pool hall. The upper floor was used for storage. The post office on the east and the confectionery on the west, caught quickly, and by the time fire departments arrived from Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove, all three buildings were wrapped in flames.

Although fanned by a northwest wind, the flames were not enough to crack plate glass windows on buildings across the street, and endanger the power line poles. In the midst of the excitement, it became necessary to cut off the power to prevent accidents should the power lines fall.

Water Cut Off As soon as the power was cut off, the water supply, furnished from a deep well and pump operated by electricity, stopped, and the fire department was without water except for such as remained in the tanks of the country trucks.

Farmers' Union Endorses Ross J. D. Ross of Seattle was endorsed for administrator of the Bonneville dam project by the county unit of the Farmers' Union here Saturday night at the Veterans' hall.

Albert Street of Kinton and J. E. Lewton of Forest Grove in urging the candidacy of Ross declared that the army engineers were favorable to the big interests. They cited the fact that the private utility was turning Ross to the public, and they, they said, shows where he stands in regard to public ownership. His accomplishments in Seattle were pointed out and the speakers declared that "if we did not want Bonneville power to be monopolized by big industry J. D. Ross was the man for the job."

It was decided to hold the next annual state picnic will be held at Champoug park Sunday. Max Gehlbach will be guest speaker. Program starts promptly at 1:30 p. m. Entry blanks now are being numbered on the program. Most of the day will be devoted to visiting and good fellowship. Coffee will be furnished by the state organization, but everyone is asked to bring their own cups, sugar and cream. Everyone is invited.

Washington County Pet Pooches To Strut Attainments at Fair

Dogs of all kinds, manner, breed, and description, again will parade for proud masters and mistresses in the annual Rotary club Mutt Dog show, featuring each year of the county fair. The smallest mutt will receive a prize, and besides there will be the usual prizes for both boys and girls for dogs in various classes. At the conclusion of the judging, a grand sweepstakes prize will be given to the boy or girl exhibiting a dog which qualifies.

Amusement Classes Classes in which dogs will be judged, and prizes awarded, include shortest haired, longest haired, shortest tail, longest tail, shortest ears, longest ears, smallest dog, largest dog, dirtiest, cleanest, best trick dog, blackest whitest, funniest, most elaborately dressed, fattest, thinnest, curliest haired, and the best mannered.

The Levels North Plains Business Houses



Loss of approximately \$4,000 was sustained Thursday when three buildings in North Plains Main street burned, including the post office, from which most of the equipment was rescued. Picture, taken soon after the fire, shows linemen repairing damaged power lines, while a group in the foreground can be seen sifting ashes to recover coins which could not be rescued from the post office cashbox. —Cut courtesy The Oregonian.

First Move Toward Swimming Pool Taken at Joint Meeting Park Commission and Clubs

First definite move toward a swimming pool in Hillsboro was made Tuesday night at a meeting attended by representatives from 12 clubs, civic, and patriotic groups of the city, and the park commission. Types and cost of various pools were explained by P. H. Huedepohl, swimming pool expert of the Jantzen Knitting mills of Portland.

At the close of the meeting those present voted to proceed with plans and investigations, and a committee of 10 members, selected from the various organizations, was authorized to be appointed by the park commission. This committee will make a minute study of finances, location, types of pool, and other details, and will report as soon as possible.

Clubs Represented Organizations represented included: Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Business and Professional Women's club, Service club, Men's Breakfast club, Coffee club, Rotary club, Firemen's association, Parent-Teacher association, Knights of Columbus, Farmers Union. Two or three other groups not represented have expressed a desire to assist in the promotion, it is said.

General method of finance, apparently favored by those present, was from the sale of season family tickets and subscriptions by those financially able and willing to assist. Construction could take any of three methods, including grant of 45 per cent of the cost by the Public Works administration; construction by WPA labor, the promoters furnishing the material, or outright contract by the city.

Medium Pool Urged Pool suggested by Huedepohl, as adequate for Hillsboro, would be 50x110 feet, and would include bath.

Clearing of the channel of Dairy creek to the forks will feed a large volume of water into the main channel, engineers declare, and attempts are being made to interest residents along the main channel in joining the district to complete the work, and prevent flood conditions on this end.

Sends Telegram The telegram from Senator Steiwer follows: "Secretary of War today announced the following flood control allotments for Oregon Willamette river basin for levee construction on the Clackamas, Molalla, Tualatin, Santiam, Mary's and McKenzie rivers, and on Muddy creek, of \$796,000 of which \$275,940 is relief funds. Appropriation for the Umatilla river is \$220,000 of which \$30,000 is from relief funds, and in the Columbia river basin in Columbia, Clatsop and Multnomah counties, \$1,498,041 of which \$493,158 is from relief funds."

Promoters of the Dairy creek project are of the opinion that the funds cannot be made available in time to accomplish a great deal before winter, and therefore actual construction is not expected before next summer.

Navigation improvements on the Willamette river, as recommended by the United States Engineers in their report on the Willamette Valley project, would yield annual benefits of at least \$534,000 per year, according to the report.

Plan Race Track A race track event for the younger generation, and the amusement of the older ones, is a bicycle-rooster race which is a three-day event—each afternoon. Boys between 10 and 18 years of age are eligible to enter.

Entry blanks now are ready, the fair management announced this week and can be procured from Ed L. Moore. Course for the race will be laid out on the carnival grounds in Shute park. Participants will ride around the track, stop, go to a chicken coop, get a chicken, ride around the track, put the chicken in a coop, get another, and continue the ride.

F. G. Girl Seeking \$35,000 Damages Injuries alleged received in a collision between a Forest Grove school bus owned by George L. Hendricks and driven by Russell Hines and a truck owned by D. A. Wilkinson, has been made grounds for a \$35,000 damage action in circuit court here.

The action is being brought by Goldie Wessels, 17, through her mother, Josephine Wessels. The alleged injury took place at an intersection in Forest Grove, May 6, 1937, while the girl was a passenger on the bus.

The plaintiff alleges injuries to her head, including cuts, contusions, concussion of the brain and injury to her back, all of which have resulted in permanent injuries.

Many Head of Dairy Cattle Get Test for Fair

Eighty head of 4-H dairy cattle were tested recently by Drs. E. W. Coon and R. L. Bean in preparation for one of the largest dairy shows to be held at the Washington county fair, reports L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

Strict regulations with regard to abortion testing requirements at the county fair, have resulted in a marked decrease in the number of animals exhibited during the past two years. Francis pointed out that this year more of the herds are eligible to exhibit than at any time since 1934, when there were 92 head of dairy cattle exhibited. This was the largest dairy exhibit in the history of the Washington county fair. Exhibits this year should exceed those of 1934.

The Carnation company Calif Manna trophy and the Sperry company showmanship trophy are both competing for the fair as possible, and a great deal of work is being done in preparing the animals for a good showing.

Accompanied by James Lewis, county commissioner, and J. W. Barney, county highway engineer, a party will leave this morning for Seaside over the Wolf Creek highway on a tour of inspection. The tour will be from Seaside to Tillamook, and return over the Wilson River road.

This will be the first traffic to cross the divide by way of Wolf Creek. A recent expedition from Tillamook visited Portland by way of Wilson river. Neither road will be open to public travel for at least a year.

Included in the party will be WPA officials from Portland, representatives of the sponsors, state highway officials, newspapermen, and others.

The party will drive to Bear creek camp on Wolf creek for luncheon, continuing on to Seaside for an evening banquet with the Seaside chamber of commerce. Friday morning, the party will continue on to Tillamook, where the chamber of commerce of that city will be host at luncheon at noon. Returning on the Wilson river road to Hillsboro.

Portlander Will Speak at Rotary Andrew Patterson, secretary of the Portland Rotary club, will report on the Rotary International convention in Nice, France, in June, at the Hillsboro Rotary club luncheon today (Thursday). J. L. Anderson is chairman.

Dr. E. W. Alquist, local veterinarian, discussed Bang's disease in cattle at the luncheon last Thursday. No cattle disease is so discouraging to the owners as this, he said. Testing in recent years, through the co-operation of the federal government, has materially reduced the number of reactors.

Rotarians and their wives, 32 in all, were guests of the Oregon City-West Linn Rotary club last Wednesday night at a dinner and program at the Oregon City Country club. Color was added to the gathering by the Territorial days garb worn by the Oregon City members. The local delegation was headed by T. G. Bronleewe, vice-president, who responded to welcome.

Surplus Turned to Ready Cash When Mrs. George Taylor, Hillsboro, spent 25 cents with the Argus for a three-line want ad, she sold 36 worth of fruit jars she didn't need, thereby turning a surplus into immediate cash. Several persons called before she received her own Argus, she said, and more came after the jars were sold. This is not an unusual experience; just a common report at the office desk made daily by persons who make use of the want ads to turn a surplus into cash.

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Annual Tour Irrigation Next Week

Four Projects Here Listed for Second Day; Visitors to Study Operation Cost and Returns to Farm

(By W. F. Cyrus, County Agent) Irrigation costs and returns will be studied on four farms in Washington county Friday, August 20. This will be the second day of the Willamette valley irrigation tour. This tour is held in response to the many requests for specific information about methods of applying water, installation of pumping plants for irrigation systems, the cost of operation and the returns that may be expected, says Arthur W. King of the Oregon State college extension service.

Any Washington county people interested in the facts relating to these projects, and the experiences of the operators, should attend the meetings at these four places as the problems are somewhat different in each case. Costs are different due to varying conditions, and the returns vary considerably as well as there being some difference in the crops to which the water is being applied.

Four Farms Listed The four farms to be visited, and the schedule, follows: 9:30 a. m., Bert Warren's farm four miles west of Forest Grove on Gale Creek road; 11 a. m., J. E. Reeves' farm, three miles south of Cornelius on golf course road; noon, lunch at the Hillsboro Grange hall, prepared and served by the home economic section, Hillsboro, Oregon; 1:30 p. m., the Freudenthal farm (Fir Grove Dairy), one and one-half miles southeast of Hillsboro on the River road; 3:30 p. m., Hans Thurnher's farm, four miles south of Hillsboro.

Standing of pinball games in Washington county will be determined following a hearing Tuesday at 10 a. m. before Judge R. Frank Peters in circuit court in which G. Russell Morgan, district attorney, is seeking to dissolve a temporary injunction granted last spring.

The restraining order was made effective February 10 on request of William Martin, operator of machines in this county. His action followed an announcement by Morgan and Sheriff J. W. Connell, that the pinball games would be confiscated wherever found in the county unless moved.

This action was taken after a ruling in Portland, handed down by Circuit Judge Crawford, to the effect that the machines clearly were gambling devices and therefore in operation illegally.

Hearing on the order was set by Judge Peters for April 4, and postponed awaiting disposal of similar cases in Marion county and an attempt at appeal to the state supreme court.

Last week the supreme court refused to consider the writ of appeal and movements were underway in various parts of the state to dismiss temporary injunctions and clear the way for immediate prosecution of operators.

Rites Held for Dorothy Kelly Funeral services were held for Dorothy S. Kelly, the wife of Robert H. Kelly, Tuesday, August 10, at 2 p. m., from the Donelson & Sewell parlors. After an illness of three weeks, she died at her home Saturday, August 7. Burial was in the Fir Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Kelly was born at Beatrice, Neb., September 9, 1894, and was educated in the schools at Nampa, Idaho. In 1920 she moved to Portland. From there she worked two years in the office of Adjutant-General George A. White of the Oregon National Guard, who is well known in literary circles, being the author of many books and magazine articles, several of which she typed for him. In 1929 she moved to Hillsboro where she worked in the law office of Mr. Tengue.

August 1, 1930, she was married to Robert H. Kelly and they made their home in Hillsboro. After working two years in the office of Hare, McAlear & Peters, she went to the office of Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters, where she remained as his secretary until her illness.

Mrs. Kelly was an active member of the D. A. R. and member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Hillsboro. Christian Science services were held with Dorothy Hagle as the reader.

She is survived by her husband, Robert H. Kelly of Hillsboro, her mother, Clara E. Shellabarger, who has been living at their home, and one brother, Clifford Shellabarger of Portland.

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Local Artillerymen to Aid in Big Maneuver

Battery Scheduled to Leave Hillsboro at 9:30 A. M., August 17; Advance Detail Leaves with Baggage Saturday; Several More Men Needed Before Camp

Battery "E", Hillsboro's new field artillery organization, which replaced Headquarters company, second battalion, 162nd Infantry, will leave Hillsboro at 9:30 a. m., August 17, by train for Camp Lewis, Wash., according to orders received by Captain Arthur Kroeger, commander.

All baggage of the battery will be sent to the camp Saturday by truck with a special detail of men, according to the order. The number of men to be included in the detail is not yet known. Captain Kroeger said this week, but probably will be known later.

With all vaccinations and typhoid inoculations completed a week ago, and the battery recruits equipped with new uniforms complete, the organization is ready to move at instant notice. Two field guns, with necessary trucks, probably will not arrive until autumn.

Need More Men Ten more recruits are needed to complete the personnel of the battery. Captain Kroeger said this week, while efforts are being made to locate a good cook willing to enlist. Some difficulty has been reported in connection with young men to fill vacancies in the ranks caused by the men joining the navy or regular army, or being rejected because of physical defects.

In Camp Lewis, the Hillsboro battery will be assigned to the 162nd Infantry. (Continued on page 6, column 3)

Autumn Bride Given Welcome Here Saturday

Buzzing with interest and complimentary comments, one of the largest Saturday night crowds of the summer, watched the autumn bride-to-be, and her groom, as they visited stores and business houses in Hillsboro, shopping for the house they are furnishing.

The young couple, and the couple acting as chaperon were masked to conceal their identity. Their names will not be known until the public ceremony in Shute park auditorium Saturday night, September 4, makes them man and wife. Rev. H. S. Haller of Hillsboro has consented to perform the ceremony.

View Auditorium When the young couple arrived in Hillsboro Saturday evening in company with their attendants, they were taken to the auditorium, where the ceremony will take place. From there they went to Hillsboro Pharmacy where they were guests of the Washington county fair board at dinner.

Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hesse, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Scott of the fair board; Miss Bernice Kummer and Miss Julia Tatum, representing the Business and Professional Women's club; Mr. and Mrs. Orange Phelps, Mrs. Emma McKinney of Hillsboro Argus, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Well of Wells' Department store, Rev. Henry Haller, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moore, and the guests of honor, Mr. Phelps and Mrs. McKinney are members of the letter contest committee, the third member, Francis Sturgis, being unable to attend the dinner.

After dinner, the couples were escorted to the various business firms in Hillsboro by the Business and Professional Women's club committee. A number of the businessmen presented the future bride and bridegroom with gifts and tokens.

At Well's Department store the bride was given a first fitting for her wedding gown, a gift of the store.

Utility Contract Fight Continued Continuing the attack upon the problem of a PEP company franchise in the city of Hillsboro, L. C. Kramien, city councilman, and George McGee, city manager, conferred with officials of Newberg this week concerning negotiations with the Yamhill Electric company for a franchise there.

In the hearing on the local franchise a week ago, councilmen charged that the PEP company was offering other towns different franchise agreements than in Hillsboro. R. R. Easter, manager of the local division, replied that he believed the company was submitting the same franchise applications to all towns in the valley.

Information gathered during the week indicated that this statement was true, but that at Newberg and at Sherwood, the city councils had opposed the franchise form in the light of approaching power from Bonneville dam.

Compromise Offer In Newberg a compromise offer apparently has been made by the city council.

Rides Scheduled for County Fair Added attraction at the county fair this year will be three rides now under contract, according to Ed L. Moore, manager. The rides include the largest ferris wheel ever brought to Hillsboro, a merry-go-round, and a tilt-a-whirl.

The rides are to be erected on the fair grounds just north of the boys' and girls' club building. Moore said. Gambling games, side shows and similar concessions will not be brought in with the rides.

Foot Path New Safety Idea Following a newly established order of the state highway commission, the reconstructed pavement between Hillsboro and Forest Grove has been provided with a pedestrian path. The path is of finely crushed rock, on the north shoulder of the road, and about five feet beyond the pavement. Proposals have been made several times in the past city highway commission establish foot paths along all highways for the accommodation of pedestrians, and to prevent serious accidents and deaths.

Stimson Mill Opens; Men in New Union

Agreement Reached Which Puts One Shift at Work After Long Shutdown at Scoggins Creek Plant

Closed nearly 11 weeks while mill workers and woodsmen were being signed to membership in the union Stimson sawmill on Scoggins creek re-opened Tuesday morning with a crew of nearly 175 men to operate the mill one shift only.

Trouble, expected through opposition of workers from the Glenwood local of the Timber and Sawmill workers' union, failed to develop, although four pickets from that local were on duty at the mill entrance, observers reported.

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Join New Union The mill crew, which manned the plant Tuesday morning, was composed of former employees of the mill who have organized a local of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Jack Lillard is chairman and headquarters are in Gaston. Mill workers first signed with the Glenwood group, which later voted in Tacoma to affiliate with the C. I. O. and abandon the A. F. of L.

Immediately following this action, union carpenters in the Tacoma vicinity, being refusing to work with lumber produced in mills manned by C. I. O. affiliates. This threat immediately spread to Oregon mills, it has been learned, and Stimson employes, nearing an agreement with the company, feared a further shut-down because of this fact.

Feared Boycott As a consequence, the local of the Carpenters and Joiners was formed. According to a report made to Sheriff John Connell Monday, one mill in Washington county already faces boycott because of employes' affiliation with the John Lewis organization.

Saturday Stimson employes crowded Gaston as the new union local met to formulate terms for an agreement with the Stimson company. Trouble was feared at that time because of alleged threats, but only four men from the rival union were reported in Gaston during the meeting.

Picketing at Stimson's mill was being carried on under an A. F. of L. banner Tuesday morning, although, according to union sources, the Glenwood union virtually is under suspension by A. F. of L. and no charter yet issued by C. I. O.

Woods crew at Stimson was not set out Tuesday morning, but more than 10,000 feet of logs was said to be in the pond awaiting milling. Shifts will be resumed as rapidly as membership in the Gaston local can be recruited.

Vacation Ends Here on Sept. 7

Vacation days are almost at an end, it was indicated this week with an announcement by B. W. Darnes, superintendent of Hillsboro union high school, that all students will report Tuesday morning, September 7, following Labor Day.

All students entering high school for the first time, or entering from other schools, are asked to register for their classes at the office before school begins.

Renovation of the school building, for the opening of the fall term, is about completed and everything is being placed in readiness for work to begin.

Laurel-Scholls Farm Union Meets Tonight Laurel-Scholls local of Farmers' Union meets tonight (Thursday) with State President George Potts, Vice-President Ronald Jones, and Herman Lafky as speakers.

Several important questions will be discussed, and all Farm Union members are urged to attend, including members of other unions, according to Walter Orr, president.

Suggestions Offered Farmers in Annual Conservation Check

Farmers taking part in the AAA program in Oregon can speed up the work of checking this year's performance by having the necessary information ready for the supervisors to check, says N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state committee at O. S. C.

It is suggested that growers prepare a list of 1937 crops grown on each field and indicate the fields in which they have performed practices which they intend to pay under the agricultural conservation program.

Such a listing will cut the time required to prepare the compliance forms for checking and auditing, will cut the cost of checking performance, and it may enable the AAA to make payments earlier than it could otherwise. It will also be of assistance if farmers will notify their community committee chairman or their county committee as soon as all practices are completed.