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Vote Tuesday!

People of Hillsboro are to ballot September 28 on whether or not they wish to enter the water business. This question has been hanging fire for several years and it will be a good thing for the community to have a definite decision on it one way or the other.

Regardless of whether you are for the proposal or against it, it is the citizen's duty to cast his ballot for or against governmental questions that are placed before the people. He should not determine the way in which he is to vote by mere hearsay, but rather should reach his conclusion only after a careful study of the question. He should read the arguments pro and con and then base his vote on his conclusions.

All Hillsboro citizens should go to the polls next Tuesday. The question to be decided is a very important step for the people of this community.

Dr. A. B. Bailey, Hillsboro native son and former mayor, was a man who made many friendships and he left many in this county to mourn his loss. For years, like his illustrious father, the late Dr. F. A. Bailey, pioneer physician, he treated the sick of this community. He drove over muddy roads and dusty roads and in all kinds of weather to help people in distress. His was a personality that won many enduring friendships.

Death of two young girls at St. Helens, reportedly as a result of eating berries that had been sprayed with arsenate of lead, emphasizes the need for extreme care in eating food that is not cleaned. Parents should impress strongly upon children the need for thoroughly cleaning berries or fruit before eating. We are too prone to pass lightly over a child eating unwashed food, but a tragedy such as this brings home the importance of it all too often.

As the result of convictions in Oregon courts for violations of the motor vehicle laws, 153 drivers' licenses were revoked or suspended during the month of July. More than a thousand convictions for various minor offenses were reported to this office during the same period.

Records in my office indicate that approximately 97 per cent of those who suffer revocation of their driving privileges are unable to secure reinstatement in less than three years. The majority of these cases come from drunken driving charges.

Oregon's Traffic Deaths

A Series of Weekly Articles on the Problem of Highway Safety by Earl Snell, Secretary of State

It is well also to remember that in any case where a judgment in excess of \$100 resulting from a motor vehicle accident goes unsatisfied for 30 days, revocation of the defendant's operator's license is mandatory. In such cases, proof of financial responsibility must be filed and maintained for a period of three years, even though the judgment is satisfied before the expiration of that time.

A number of Oregon residents have had their drivers' licenses revoked as the result of convictions for forfeiting bail in the courts of other states. In either of these cases, if the charge is one that would require mandatory revocation should the offense be committed in this state, the same procedure must be followed if the conviction or bail forfeiture would be in another state.

Carrying on with due consideration for the rights of others and strict adherence to the laws is not only common sense in each individual case, but will avoid serious penalties and do much to help eliminate Oregon's traffic deaths.

What's happened to the old-time movie serial which left the heroine tied to the railroad track for a solid week?

To err is human, which is the only proof that can be offered by some of the current crop of heavyweight wrestlers.

Many critics have reviewed the Spanish theatre of war but none have been so enthusiastic as to suggest a revival performance later on.

The report from the Russians' North Pole camp that high temperatures caused the ice to turn into slush is going to make a lot of kids lose faith in their geography teachers.

Our Yesterdays

Fifteen Years Ago

Argus, September 21, 1922—Banks fourth annual Hog and Dairy show opens with finest exhibit of purebred stock ever shown in Washington county.

M. P. Coody named chairman of county republican committee to succeed M. J. George of Forest Grove, when vacancy declared by reason of George's participation in independent convention that nominates Charles Hall for governor.

Thirty Years Ago

Argus, September 19, 1907—One of the immediate needs of Hillsboro and vicinity at the present time is a laundry. Thousands of dollars are sent out of this county annually for laundry which ought to remain in it.

Dr. Linklater's new frame store building north of the Argus office is complete and ready for occupancy.

Hillsboro Pharmacy received a ton of chittum bark this week. Market for the stuff is largely in the east.

Emmett Quick, sub-contractor on the P. R. & N., injured when horse falls on him as he was riding on an embankment.

Mrs. Mary Hogan, 76, suffers heart attack over roaring stove near Beaverton Wednesday evening. Meets horrible fate alone.

Churches

M. E. Church (Bethany)
On Germantown road. Sunday service every Sunday, 10 a. m.—John Place pastor.

Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church
Bible school at 10 a. m.; preaching service at 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7:45 p. m. Missionary meeting the last Wednesday of each month. All are cordially welcome.—J. F. Gibson, minister.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Services are held every Sunday at 11 a. m.; Wednesday evening services at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 11 a. m. Pupils up to the age of 20 years are welcomed. Free reading room open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 until 4 p. m. Sunday's topic, "Reality."

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Services are held each Sabbath (Saturday) as follows: Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m.; preaching service at 11; young people's meeting at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors are welcome at any service.—Dr. Walter Huntington, pastor.

The Orenco-Reedville Parish
Sunday school in both churches, 10 a. m. worship service in the Orenco church at 11 a. m.; worship service in the Reedville church, 8 p. m. Women's Missionary society meets at Orenco on the third Wednesday of each month and at Reedville on the fourth Thursday of each month.

All Saints Episcopal Church
Services for the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: Holy communion at 7:30 a. m.; church school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer at 11; young people's choir, 8:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal Thursday evening at 7, instead of Friday. The vagabond basket is again on its way. Treat it kindly and generously when it comes to you. It gives all it takes to the church. The new members are here, and may be obtained from Mrs. Earl Haworth. Get one and read it daily and use the prayers in it. A diligent use of it will deepen the spiritual life. Let us all pray fervently for the peace of the world, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom. A cordial invitation is extended to all Hillsboro to come and worship with us. A hearty welcome awaits you.—Reginald Hicks, vicar.

Christian Church
Lord's day unified study-worship service 9:45-11:45 a. m. Church school 9:45. Rally day will be October 3. Each class sets its own goals. Morning worship 10:45 a. m. Special music by choir. Sermon by Mrs. Putnam. Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Intermediate and young people. Evangelistic service 8 p. m. Song service assisted by young people's choir. Sermon by Mrs. Putnam. Choir rehearsal every Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Both male and female voices needed. Annual church day, October 3. The annual message by pastor will be in morning and annual meeting beginning October 2. Every member urged to be present. Your pastor will be away about 10 days on his vacation.—R. L. Putnam, pastor.

Congregational Church
Septennial service 10 a. m. Church school, Prof. Stalley, superintendent. 11 a. m. Morning worship with sermon: "Getting God into Our Program of Life." Solo and chorus. Lead, Kindly Light (Pugh-Evans). The choir, Mrs. G. Young.—T. Arthur Dungan, minister.

First Baptist Church
Prayer and Bible study hour Thursday 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11. The pastor will bring the concluding message in the series on scriptural trees and their relationship to men, as he speaks on "The Man Under a Tree or The Call to Service." B. Y. P. U. at 7. Evening service at 8 with an evangelistic message by the pastor. October 2 will be "Go to Church" Sunday. At the Sunday school hour there will be a program and then promotion of scholars.—Ortiz W. Weniger, pastor.

Brooks Free Methodist Church
Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. Hogen. Sunday: Sunday school 10, preaching at 11 and 7:45. Young people's meeting 7:15. All are welcome.—W. McCormick, pastor.

Pilgrim House
September 26, festival of harvest home, ecclesiastical thanksgiving for the safe return of the harvest of this year, at 10:30 a. m. Sermon, "Shine On, Harvest Moon." "Religion in the News" topics, given over to discussion on the week's calendar, which includes commemorations of St. Michael and All Angels (September 29), St. Jerome (September 30) and the Guardian Angels (October 2). Sunday, October 3. Worship 10:30 a. m. The holy communion, with administration, on the communion October 10. Pastor Henry S. Haller may be consulted any day, between 10 a. m. and noon, between 4 and 6 p. m. or by appointment, at the house office, 232 North Third avenue.

Trinity Lutheran Church
The service of worship begins at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:45. Sermon topic, "What Think Ye of Christ?" Matt. 22:42. You are welcomed to worship with us.

Whosoever Will—Hillsboro
Thursday 8 p. m. evangelistic meeting subject of sermon will be "Who Will be Able to Stand." Saturday street meeting (weather permitting) Sunday 12 p. m. The theme of the sermon will be "Starving Sheep." You are welcome to these meetings.—Melvin E. James, pastor.

Whosoever Will (Abscon North Plains)
Sunday morning Sunday school classes for all ages at 10. Devotional service following at 8 p. m. The pastor will speak on the thought of "What the modern church could do if they would accept the experience of Acts 2:4."—Melvin E. James, pastor.

Pentecostal Tabernacle
Sunday school Sunday morning at 10, Delmar Wyatt superintendent; classes for all ages. Come and bring the light of the sun to the victim of deep hunting season.

Portland wins first game in Coast league play-off from San Francisco 5 to 1.

services, Wednesday evening, prayer meeting at Cherry Grove, Thursday evening, Bible study, Friday evening, prayer meeting at Aloha, Saturday afternoon, children's church at 2:30; Service Saturday evening. All evening services begin at 7:45. Come and bring a friend.—J. F. Shackelford, pastor.

Beaverton Church of Christ
Bible school next Lord's day at 9:45. Mrs. Vernon Hopper, superintendent. Communion service, 11 a. m. Subject of the morning message will be "Out Into the Deep." Special music by the choir. Young people's society meets at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 8; subject, "The Royal House of Jesus." Mid-week Bible study and prayer service Wednesday, 7 p. m. Monthly meeting of the Missionary Society will be held Friday evening in the church auditorium at which time some musical numbers will be given, also a play by the ladies of the Bethel Congregational church.—George H. Hatch, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church
September 26 Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. C. C. Weber, superintendent. Church worship services 11 a. m.; 7:45 p. m. Sermons by the pastor. Special music, 2:30 p. m. Services in the county home, 7 p. m. Epworth leagues and forum. Welcome.—Rev. A. Hawthorne, pastor.

Highlights in the News
Thursday, September 16

Foes of Supreme Court Justice Black because of his affiliation with the "Left" await move by President Roosevelt.

Japanese armies claim victories in north China.

Report circulated that Colonel Lindbergh will renounce American citizenship and become a Briton.

Senate's Borah appeals for maintenance of "uncontrolled courts" as only guarantee that traditional American liberties will be preserved.

General Hugh Johnson, ex-N. R. A. administrator, declares that "we cannot have the democracy imagined by the constitution and straight toward as rigid a dictatorship as there is on earth."

President Roosevelt in constitutional day address renewed battle for reorganization of judiciary and demanded speedy reform. Declares that unless permanent social reform is quickly assured, America may well be caught in the tides of dictatorship that have engulfed other lands.

Announcement made President and Mrs. Roosevelt will leave Wednesday on trip to northwest, including inspection of Bonneville dam.

Japanese take Chochow, advance Chinese base near Peiping.

Chairman Hamilton of republicans says it is "inconceivable" that President Roosevelt "would knowingly have appointed a klanism to the supreme court."

Senator Copeland defeated for democratic nomination for mayor of New York.

Bill McBackin of Spokane county wins world championships in bucking bronco contest and steer roping at Pendleton round-up.

President Roosevelt plans major speech on the building industry and allied lines. Today the volume of home building is 50 per cent of normal and 40 per cent of the 1928 level. Hence, I think it is safe to say that nearly half of the building mechanics are unemployed.

Portland and wins into Pacific Coast league championship play-off.

Italy reasserts her flat demand for equality in Mediterranean pact.

National Commander Harry W. Colmyer of American Legion in New York memorial service asks investigation of U. S. Nazi organs and declares the U. S. "is no place for hyphenated loyalty."

Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and Charlie Chaplin in their moving picture industry, United Artists.

Japan plans bombardment of Nanking and warns all foreigners to get out.

Three men killed in Folsom, Cal., penitentiary riot.

Monday, September 20

President Roosevelt will be at Bonneville September 28. Motor trip to Hood River and Timberline lodge to follow speech.

Verbal clash between A. F. of L. attorney and U. S. labor board examiner feature sawmill row hearing in Portland.

Labor board declares teamster union strike in San Francisco bay region. Also organizes I. L. A. and Warehousemen's union sole representative for employes in warehouses.

U. S. Ambassador Johnson and staff take refuge aboard American patrol in San Francisco bay. Japanese threaten to bomb Nanking. League of nations votes down Spain's request for reelection to league council.

American Legionnaires in national convention in New York told that democratic governments face greater challenge for this existence than ever before in history.



ONLY YESTERDAY WHEN FENCE FENCES WERE LOTS OF FUN

Building Boom Faltering?

(By Roger W. Babson)
BABSON PARK, Mass.—August was the first month since May, 1934, that home building was lower than in the same month of the previous year. This is serious. Statisticians had pinned their prosperity forecasts on a boom in building.

It is well to understand why this is so. The average family can lay down only about 25 per cent of the total cost of their new house. If the cost of the house is \$5000—that was the average for 1936—they must have about \$1250 under way in "down-payment." If suddenly the cost of their house is lifted to \$5800, they have to put up \$1450.

Last year the average family's income was \$1900. It takes many months before they can accumulate that additional \$200. On a long-term mortgage, the monthly payment and taxes have advanced from \$48 per month to \$56 per month. This, of course, is the same as having their rent boosted \$2 per week permanently.

Unfortunately, labor is a commodity like copper, rubber, or wheat, it has its market. Its supply and demand is reflected in the wage scale. Most people would feel that with an industry operating at only 50 per cent of normal and with only half its working employment, the wage rates would be painfully low. This is not true in the building industry. Building wages dropped only 15 per cent during the depression. I am speaking of the quoted union rates. Of course, as soon as building started to revive the unions began boosting their wage scales. This June, new wage agreements became effective in New York City which gave bricklayers \$13 per day, painters \$9, and carpenters \$12. Such wage scales have no room for building industry's economic demand or the skill of their members compared with workers in many other lines. The building mechanic market today is not a "free" market.

Not All Labor's Fault
Ye laborers and their unions are not entirely to blame. I doubt if wages could have successfully been lifted if the government had not supported them by paying the "prevaling wage" on WPA and PWA jobs. What incentive is there for these workers to get off "relief" if the government will match every pay increase offered on private jobs? Then, too, the building supply concerns have had their finger in the pie. They have boosted material costs up more than 10 per cent since last September. The final result is that the farmer who gets 12 cents a quart for milk, the white collar worker whose salary is \$40 a week, and the factory worker who receives \$4 a day simply cannot afford to hire carpenters and painters and buy lumber and cement at current rates!

The federal government has spent a total of \$35,000,000,000 since 1933. Much of it has gone to solve unemployment. Of the present-day jobs, nearly half would "normally" be unemployed. The other half depend largely on building. These latter workers are re-employable, but not so long as the government spends billions to support their wage scales by public works and relief projects. In 1933 construction costs were suddenly jacked-up and it took building a year to absorb the gains. The current momentum of recovery may be strong enough to withstand the present market up during the next few months. But if prosperity is not to be nipped in the bud, selfish and shortsighted policies of the building industry during the last six months must stop!

An important spiritual and civic problem is involved in these home building costs. All connected with the industry have a very vital social responsibility. The best barometer of a nation's stability is the percentage of owned homes. No one ever hung the red flag of anarchy on his own hearthstone. Real prosperity will come only through more and better children. These come mostly in homes that are owned—not in rented apartments. Hence, we must keep down building costs at all hazards!

Customer: "Do you want these eggs turned over?"
"Yes, preferably to the Museum of Natural History."—Ex.

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Shoe Clerk: "Do you know what wears out most shoe leather?"
Pretty Customer: "No."
Shoe Clerk: "That's right."—Ex.

Waiter: "Do you want these eggs turned over?"
"Yes, preferably to the Museum of Natural History."—Ex.

County Record Good

(By A. L. Lindbeck)
SALEM—Four Oregon counties—Marion, Linn, Columbia and Clatsop—have neither bond nor warrant debt, according to a survey just completed by State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman. Five other Oregon counties have no outstanding bonds although they have some outstanding warrants, the survey revealed. These are Douglas, Josephine, Polk, Umatilla and Washington.

The debt load—bond and warrant—of the state's 36 counties was lightened to the extent of \$1,508,442 during the year ending July 1, leaving the counties with a net debt as of that date aggregating \$21,692,258.64. Practically every one of the 36 counties show an improvement in their financial condition during the past year. The net bonded debt was reduced by \$1,420,970 during the year, from \$21,365,054 to \$19,944,084. While outstanding road warrants of more than \$256,000 during the year this is more than off-set by a reduction in outstanding general fund warrants from an aggregate of \$2,183,798 to \$1,762,330.

Notwithstanding the decline in assessed valuation in 1936 none of the counties report road and bridge obligations in excess of the constitutional limit. Only three counties—Columbia, Crook and Grant—report a total indebtedness in excess of five per cent of their valuations. Only four counties—Clackamas, Malheur, Morrow and Multnomah—show an increase in ratio of indebtedness to assessed valuation during the year. The higher ratios in Clackamas and Malheur counties were due to increases in warrant indebtedness and declines in valuations. Morrow county cut its debt load by \$35,600 while Multnomah county whittled \$377,230 off its burden of debt.

Cos county, with a debt ratio of 5.47 per cent of its assessed valuations reports the highest percentage debt. Cos county, however, reduced its net debt by \$74,289 during the year. Wasco, Grant and Harney counties made the best showings with respect to reduction of their debt ratios.

When the state board of control referred to the state library as "libraries library" in minimizing the importance of this institution, the three high officials who constitute this board merely exposed their ignorance of the functions of this state activity. Records of the state library show that less than 15 per cent of its business is transacted with other libraries. More than 85 per cent of the books sent out from the state library go to individuals living in remote sections of the state not yet served by city or county libraries and to isolated communities and rural schools. During the year ending June 30, last, the state library sent out 149,010 volumes in 47,836 packages to individual borrowers. In the same period the library sent out 31,139 volumes in 642 traveling libraries to isolated communities without other library facilities and another 48,859 volumes in 2472 "little libraries" to rural schools dependent largely upon the state institution for their outside reading. At the same time the library selected and shipped textbooks covering 226 reading courses for persons throughout the state who are dependent upon this source for their "higher education."

Oregon was the first of 30 states to complete its share of the interstate pact for the supervision of out-of-state parolees and probationers. Governor Martin signed the pact last week under authority of an act passed by the 1937 legislature.

State officials and employes took full advantage of Constitution day to observe another holiday. All state offices were closed for the day.

Governor Martin and Secretary of State Snell inspected the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton Friday and Saturday and incidentally took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Round-Up.

The fate of the long pending telephone rate case now rests with the state supreme court. Upon the opinion of that tribunal may hinge a refund of more than \$1,000,000 in rates to patrons of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in this state.

Under the original order issued by Charles M. Thomas, then public utilities commissioner, rates of the phone company were to have been reduced by approximately \$360,000 a year. The reduction was to have become effective as of November 11, 1934. That was nearly three years ago. An injunction granted by the circuit court of Multnomah county on appeal by the telephone company prevented the order from being made effective. Later the lower court held the rate order to be confiscatory and set it aside. The utility commissioner appealed to the supreme court and after numerous delays the case was argued before the high tribunal this week.

The Oregon Blue Book, 1937-38 edition, will be ready for distribution about October 1, according to Secretary of State Snell. A number of new features will be included in the new edition, Snell said.

Applicants for jobs continue short of the demand for workers in seasonal crops, according to John E. Cooley, placement officer with the national employment bureau.

A compromise plan for the blocking of the state's scattered school lands submitted to the land board by W. B. Snider and R. N. Stanfield practically endorses the plan originally submitted by the "committee of stockmen." While the compromise proposal would limit blocks to a minimum of ten sections this requirement is nullified by discretionary powers which the report would vest in the land board. Snider and Stanfield were selected to work out a blocking plan after an all-day hearing before the land board failed to make any progress toward the solution of this problem.

Male drivers react more promptly to an emergency than do women drivers. Tests conducted by Secretary of State Snell reveal. The tests were conducted on a "reactometer" constructed by employes of the state department out of discarded automobile parts. During the six days of the state fair 3706 men and 1013 women took the test.

Vandals, who have been guilty of cutting and mutilating trees and shrubbery on highway right-of-way, will be prosecuted if their identity can be established. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, warned this week. Numerous cases of vandalism have been reported to the highway department during the past few months.

The board of control spent a day in Portland this week inspecting buildings and building sites being offered the state. Four buildings and two sites were inspected. The board expects to inspect several other properties before arriving at any decision on the proposal to acquire a state office building in Portland.

Oregon housewives in buying their cranberries this fall are warned by Arden A. Reed, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, to insist upon a full dry measure, which he explains provides a much more generous helping than does the customary liquid measure. Under the act of the 1930 legislature, Reed points out, it is unlawful to sell any dry commodity by liquid measure.

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