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Voters Veto Road Levy 122 to 82

Proposed Road Levy Out as District Number One Voters Make Decision at Saturday Morning Meet

Washington county's proposed two mill special road tax for 1938 met with defeat in its first public appearance last Saturday by a vote of 122 to 82.

Taxpayers gathered in the county court chambers Saturday morning, with nearly 300 attending the meeting, which had been called by the county court on petition of H. S. Chapman, W. J. Gushede, Russell L. Ide, Henry G. Hagg, Matt King and J. S. Stuckney.

Charles Haines of Middleton, named chairman of the meeting at the outset, being chosen over J. O. Johnson. B. G. Scott was named secretary of the meeting, which was called to order shortly after 10 by County Judge Donald T. Templeton.

Haines first views Before assuming his post as chairman, Haines addressed the packed courtroom, explaining that as chairman he would have to be impartial.

Judge Templeton explained the purpose of the special tax at the outset of the meeting and read the lengthy list of improvements which could be made if the tax were approved. The road works described, he said, were based on an anticipated income of about \$42,000 from the two-mill levy.

Templeton Explains Setup The regular road fund for 1938 amounts to approximately \$236,000, of which \$180,000 must go for regular maintenance work and \$46,000 for improvement and construction of roads.

Total mileage of roads in the county is nearly 1100, with an additional three to four miles of bridges, the county judge pointed out. With this large number of roads to be maintained, he said, it would be impossible to please everyone, but the money derived from the tax would be devoted to the places designated in the specially prepared list, which had been compiled after considerable research and investigation.

Main discussion of the meeting centered about a verbal battle between a group from the east end of the county favoring the tax levy.

Legion Dance on Saturday First dance in a series to be sponsored by Hillsboro post American Legion, will be held Saturday night at Shute park auditorium. Music will be furnished by McDonald of the Navy and his orchestra.

A feature of the dance will be an exhibition at 10:30 of the "Big Apple," popular new dance by Mrs. G. Bickel of Portland, Portland high school dancing instructor, and some of her pupils.

Heating system at the auditorium has been completely renovated and those in charge say that it will be plenty warm for everyone.

Committee in charge of the dances includes Wilbur Dillon, chairman, P. L. Patterson, Leon S. Davis, Jake West, A. J. Fooker, Dan as deputy, E. A. Hoffman, E. A. Griffith and W. Verne McKinney.

Germany of Today Discussed Monday by Portland Consul

Germany today is entirely different from the Germany of the time of the Versailles treaty, according to Robert Klosterman, German consul from Portland, who renovated the chamber of commerce luncheon gathering last Monday noon.

"Since the world war, many social, economic and political changes have taken place in Germany," he said. "Germany has lost and a half percent of its population and a half percent of its territory. Most of the land taken from her by the peace treaty was agricultural land, which is the most valuable to any country, and was particularly so in Germany, just beginning at that time to recover from the effects of the hunger blockade which was the principal reason for the allied victory in the World War."

Communism Was Threat Following years, Germany was at the very brink as deep as it could go. There were six million unemployed people and almost that many communists. There were even 100 communist representatives chosen to take places in the German Reichstag. Germany was faced with the unusual situation of having many thousands of young men from 18 to 23 who had never done a day's work in their lives, simply because they couldn't find work to do. Klosterman asserted, "This situation formed the most fertile field for communism and all other isms. It

Fuel for the Beacon



Dairy Problem Meeting Set for Wednesday

Dairymen interested in discussing feeding, breeding and herd size management will have an opportunity of asking questions and conferring in regard to some of their problems next Wednesday, at an all-day dairy meeting, according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent.

Beginning at 10 a. m. in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms, P. M. Brandt, head of the animal industry division of the Oregon State college, and Roger Morse of the extension service will discuss these dairy questions.

This will be the first of two such meetings to be held in the county. The second one, to be held on Friday, December 20, will deal with dairy cattle management, diseases, calf and heifer raising, development of irrigated pastures and pasture management. E. R. Jones, B. T. Sims and S. B. Hall will lead the discussions on that day.

Complete program for the meeting next Wednesday is as follows: 10 a. m.—Feeding Dairy Cattle. P. M. Brandt, "Breeding for Production." Roger Morse.

1:15 p. m.—Dairy Cattle Feeding Problems. P. M. Brandt, and "Management of Dairy Sires." Roger Morse.

Thanksgiving night dance, sponsored by the Hillsboro Firemen, attracted a crowd of nearly 400 couples, according to A. L. Brock, dance chairman.

Results of the dance were pronounced "very satisfactory" by Brock, with the turnout at the annual social highlight of the fall season somewhat larger than had originally been expected. Ivan Koeber's orchestra provided the music for the dance.

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Hillsboro 11 Tops Vikings by 6-0 Score

Blue and White Gridders Capture Annual Turkey Day Classic; Lone Score Made by Bronleewe

(By Ed Coman) Hills' gridiron stalwarts closed the 1937 season in a blaze of glory and a sea of mud Thanksgiving day, taking their ancient rivals, the Forest Grove "Vikings," into camp 6 to 0 on the Pacific university "skid-row." However, they failed to picture the real superiority of the Blue and White in line play, ball carrying and punting.

Twice before the Vikings and Hills have tangled this season, once in the season's opener at Hillsboro and again in the "big game" tilt of county teams at Forest Grove. Each time the rivals failed to connect for scores, but the third time was the charm and Hills came through in the game that really counted.

Punting, Returns Superior From the opening kickoff the punts of Bob Sturdevant, Hills' tackle, and the brilliant punt returns of Ray Lair, Blue and White half, gradually forced the Vikings back into their own territory. Near the middle of the opening quarter came the first of two breaks that eventually paved the way for the Hills scoring drive.

Tallman, Viking full, fumbled on the Grove 28 and Bob VanLom found on the slippery oval. Three Hills line players gained but little and then came the second break. Sutherland's punt landed in the end zone, took a crazy bounce and stopped dead in a gooey puddle on the Viking offense line. End Wineland kicked to temporary safety for the Grove. Lair taking the leather at midfield and scooting to the Grove 34 before he was swarmed under.

Then the scoring drive was on. Fullback Cronan carrying the brunt of the attack, plunging through big holes in the Viking line for consistent gains. Just at the turn of the quarter, Left Half Bronleewe at the Grove 45, left end to score striding up from the field strip.

Tsugawa's attempted pass for the extra point was intercepted. Thrills A Plenty The scoring was over for the day but not before the threatening (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Hillsboro Has Many Outstate Registrations

Non-resident motor vehicle registration for the present year shows that 1937 visitors have been much more numerous than in 1936, according to a tabulated report just received here by Leon S. Davis, chamber of commerce secretary.

Total registration for the first 19 months of this year reached 143,896, as compared with 128,646 for last year. Davis pointed out. The total for the whole of 1936 reached only 139,855—which is considerably below the figure already attained for this year. October had 9,839 registrants this year as compared to 6,412 for the previous year.

During October, there were cars in Oregon from every state in the Union except New Hampshire, with Puerto Rico, Mexico and Japan also sending motorists to Oregon highways.

Hillsboro Total Now 552 For the two-month period ending October 26, Hillsboro registered 52 cars, bringing the year's total to 552. State registration point in Washington county, listed only eight non-resident motorists for the corresponding period. States represented included Iowa, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Montana, South Dakota, Washington, Idaho, California, Missouri, Texas, Minnesota, New York and Colorado.

November figures just compiled by Davis show 17 cars registered, for Oregon, Wisconsin, Kansas, California, Washington, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Montana. State-wide figures are not yet available for November, it was stated.

Killing Frost Noted Tuesday

If there were any pumpkins left during the last few nights, they had frost on them, because the first heavy freezing temperatures of the season made their debut in Washington county this week.

First killing frost of the season was officially recorded on the morning of December 1, according to A. W. Moore, of the biological survey. Arrival of the cold snap put a definite end to the rainiest November in recent years, with a total month's rainfall of 9.07 inches recorded. The downpour of rain was recorded during the past week and then disappeared entirely after a last effort Sunday. The week's precipitation, Moore said, was .52 of an inch, recorded on the following days:

Wednesday	.36
Thursday	.06
Friday	.04
Saturday	.00
Sunday	.06

All told, there were only five clear days last month, with all the rest either rainy or cloudy. Highest temperature of the month was recorded with 63 degrees on November 1, with a mark of 60 being reached as late as November 29th. Low mark was 30 degrees late Tuesday. No killing frost was noted during the entire month.

Contrasted with the same month of a year ago, a great change is noticed. November, 1936, had only 8 cloudy days with 40 inches of rain during the entire month. A number of farmers, however, reported a dry period. The first killing frost then was recorded on the first day of the month, and 21 nights saw temperatures below freezing. High mark of the thermometer was 54 degrees on November 15, and low of 15 on the second.

Searcy Appointed on Banker Group

J. L. Searcy, Hillsboro banker, has been named as a member of an enlarged public relations committee of the Oregon Bankers' association. The committee now includes 17 from all sections of the state.

Suggested activities consist of arousing interest and co-operation of all bankers in public relations activities; enlist bankers to appear before farmer, school and civic groups to talk on banking subjects; contact farmer, school and civic leaders and arrange for special engagements and provide speakers; to arrange for interchange of speakers between adjoining counties or respective banker groups, to stimulate and coordinate banker groups, to stimulate interest and report activities.

Yuletide Spirit Has Invaded Hillsboro

Hillsboro plunged into the thick of Christmas preparations this week, following the successful conclusion of last Saturday's "bargain day."

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Leon S. Davis and his committee members speeded up plans for the Christmas lighting program. Nearly all local merchants have already signed to participate in this project, he reported. Multi-colored lights will be hung in front of each co-operating establishment, with all lights in operation by December 10 at the latest.

Plans for the annual Christmas season "party" for all school children of the Hillsboro shopping area continued under the direction of the chamber of commerce, sponsors of this year's event. The party is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, when the Venetian theatre will run an all-day free show for children, starting at 9 in the morning. A feature picture, a comedy and a musical educational shorts are planned for the program, and are being selected by Orange Phelps, theatre manager, and O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent. Free gifts will be given each boy and girl attending the party, it was announced. Tickets to the party and show will be distributed to every school child by delegations of Hillsboro business men during the coming week.

More than 650 people—two-thirds of them women—took part in the gift presentation event of Hillsboro's big "bargain day" celebration last Saturday, and almost that number crowded the city's stores during the day, according to estimates made later by Leon S. Davis, chamber of commerce secretary.

Special bargain offers made by the 28 co-operating retail firms combined with the gift presentations in the large crowd for one of the most successful "bargain days" events held in Hillsboro, in the opinion of a number of merchants.

Several firms, basing anticipated demand on past showings, found themselves completely sold out of their "extra-special" bargain offerings before the day was well under way. "Somebody should have told me" was the way one agreeably-surprised storekeeper phrased his reactions to the unexpectedly heavy sales of the day, as he looked at a shelf completely denuded of the supply of "specials."

Mercantile stores particularly were reported to have done the greatest volume of business they have ever done in many months. Food stores did not have quite the same ratio of sales increase. Explanation of this was given by the fact that the "bargain day" followed right after the Thanksgiving rush for food and staple supplies and found most homes well stocked for the week-end.

Coinciding with the "bargain day" was the holding of a special Christmas dinner at the county court house, attended by nearly 300, none of whom are city residents. Most of those who attended the meeting—and 95 per cent were men—seemed to have been accompanied by their families.

Two Day Soils Conference Opens Here This Morning

Thursday and Friday Set for Conclave in Chamber of Commerce Rooms, with Three Soils Experts from Oregon State College Handling Discussions

This morning (Thursday) marks the opening of a special two-day soils conference being held in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms, in which maintenance of productiveness of Washington county soils will be discussed, according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent.

A large turnout of farmers is expected to attend the conclave, first of its kind held here. This morning's meeting opens at 9:45, with talks by A. L. King, Oregon extension specialist in soils, and R. E. Stephenson, associate professor of soils at Oregon State college. Today's afternoon session gets under way at 1:15 with two more talks scheduled. C. V. Ruzek, of the O. S. C. soils department, will discuss "Using Lime and Commercial Fertilizers," and Stephenson will return to talk on "Maintaining Organic Matter in the Soil."

The conference will continue all day Friday, with five topics slated for discussion. Tomorrow's program, as announced earlier by Cyrus, is: "Conserving and Covering Crop Residues," "Soil Conservation and Using Barnyard Manure," C. V. Ruzek, "Irrigation Possibilities in Washington County," A. L. King.

1:15 p. m.—"Buying Commercial Fertilizer." C. V. Ruzek. Illustrated discussion—"Loss of Soil and Fertility by Erosion and Excess Crop Problems and Tillage Methods in Relation to Erosion." A. L. King.

All farmers are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Ruzek, Stephenson and King, all soils specialists from Oregon State, in their discussions of crop rotation, fertilizer application and value, soil management and numerous other topics of great concern to the modern agriculturist.

City Fathers Hear J. D. Ross' Ideas on Power

Five of Hillsboro's city officials attended a special meeting called by the League of Oregon Cities last Monday in the falling building offices in Portland of J. D. Ross, recently-appointed Bonneville power administrator, to discuss problems of Oregon municipalities in securing cheap power.

Mayor J. H. Garrett, Councilmen John Wismer and L. C. Kramien, City Manager George McGee, and City Attorney P. L. Patterson made up the Hillsboro delegation at the power conclave.

In response to the question of whether or not the city of Hillsboro would be better off to buy its power from Bonneville, Ross said that from an engineering standpoint it is more advantageous to unite in a big district for cheaper rates. If all electrical utilities of the area were owned by the people and the Bonneville plant loaded to its capacity, the present power rates would be more than sliced in half, Ross said.

"Bonneville power is for everyone who is logically within its proper service radius," Ross said. "If a project is worth a building, it will be able to pay back all indebtedness. In the case of Bonneville, the answer to the indebtedness lies in the widest possible use of its electricity. The bigger the load placed on Bonneville, the sooner its capacity will be reached. This will make it self-supporting, and as it pays back its indebtedness, rates will continually drop. By uniting in big districts and buying large blocks of power, the northwest will be hastening the loading of the power plant on the Columbia."

Simplification of rate schedules is in store for the near future, according to Ross, who said "It is desirable that the schedule of rates for light and power will be so simple that everyone can understand it. These rates will be at the gates of the cities, power districts and power companies, as the case may be. They will be wholesale rates. It is not intended that current rates be sold to individuals in city districts. It is intended that the people shall distribute their own current, either directly through district and municipal plans, or through their private companies, as they determine."

District Plans Required "To give you current wholesale at your gates for a few mills will not be the result of an order given to what they should be. Here is where your own part of the work begins. You will see that the price (Continued on page 3, column 5)

Thanksgiving Fire Claims Elderly Man

Tragedy struck once in the heart of Hillsboro either late last Wednesday night or early on Thanksgiving day as fire caused by an overturned oil lamp brought death to Henry Wood, 72-year old cripple, in his one-room cabin near First and Washington streets.

The old-fashioned oil lamp, knocked from its usual place, had apparently set fire to the interior of the little cabin, said Coroner F. J. Sewell, who was called to the place following discovery of the tragedy. Wood had extinguished the blaze with water before collapsing, but the length of the battle, he must have put up was shown by the fact that the floor had been burned through, it was stated.

Although Wood had been burned about the arms and head, death was not the result of exhaustion, suffocation and shock, the coroner reported. A cripple for over ten years, Wood always used iron leg braces and crutches, but was without them at the time of the tragedy. When found, the body was clothed only in night clothes. Sewell said Wood was a familiar figure in Hillsboro, having travelled about the streets in a wheel-chair.

Wood, who had been a merchant for most of his life before being forced to retire about eight years ago, was native of Vermillion, Illinois and was born there. He had no known relatives. His wife, Ida L. Wood, died in March, 1933. He operated a grocery store here for a time on Second avenue.

Bank Liquidation Yields Dividends

Commercial depositors in the Bank of Beaverton, now being liquidated by Mark Skinner, state superintendent of banks, will receive a fifth 10 per cent dividend as the result of an order given in circuit court this week.

Skinner has been authorized to pay first, second, third and fourth dividends of 10 per cent amounting to \$8.18 each, on all deposit claims filed and approved against the commercial department of the bank May 8, 1937, to November 4. The fifth dividend of 10 per cent amounting to \$19,612.04 on all deposit claims filed and approved up to and including November 4 was the last one authorized.

Ireland Apartments Completed

Lester Ireland has completed the construction of his home at First and Lincoln streets into an apartment house containing four apartments. Residents there now include Dr. W. H. Piercey and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bolt, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ireland.

Pending Bills to Affect 1938 Conservation Program Little

Work in Oregon toward putting the 1938 agricultural conservation program into effect will continue as planned and now under way, regardless of any expected action in Congress on pending agricultural bills, according to a statement by C. N. Donaldson, executive secretary of the state AAA committee, at Corvallis.

The pending bills will not supersede or displace the present agricultural conservation program, but will, if passed, add to or supplement the present program, it is explained by Donaldson.

New Organizations Formed With community meetings and elections having been completed in all parts of the state, new county organizations are now being completed preparatory to going ahead with the 1938 program in every county. As soon as the state goals on the total soil depleting acreage and total potato acreage is received, the state committee will set up county goals, after which the county committees will break down the totals into farm goals. As far as known now, none of this work will be materially affected by proposed additional legislation.

Meanwhile, the various county committees have issued invitations to all farmers who have not participated in previous programs to sign work sheets for 1938. All those who had turned in sheets in 1936 or 1937 will automatically be listed, but there is now opportunity for any others to prepare to participate in the program if they so choose. There is nothing compulsory about the participation, of course, and even after the work sheets are signed, there is nothing to compel the grower to apply the program on his farm if he believes it to his advantage to do otherwise.

Thousands of applications for payment under the 1937 program are now being handled at the state office, and some 500 have already been passed for payment. First checks will be issued and distributed from the accounting office in the near future.

Old Shoes for Red Cross

H. C. Varner, local shoemaker, is helping the Red Cross through the repairing of old shoes. He asks that anyone having old shoes that might be made serviceable with a little repair work turn them over to him and he will fix them up for the Red Cross.

1938 Budget Adopted; Levy Raise Made

Quietness Keynotes Tax Gathering on Monday; Raise Made When Over-Estimate Discovered

Washington county's 1938 budget estimates adopted Monday morning at the annual budget meeting in the county rooms of the court house amid scenes that unlike many previous years, can be described only as "peaceful."

Following the meeting the county court remained in session to discuss budget matters, and found that the tax levy was raised from the previously announced \$405,279.78 to \$417,504.78. Statement that the 1938 levy would be under that of the current year still held good, however, while estimated expenditures will be considerably increased over last year.

No dissenting voices were heard at the Monday morning meeting when the motion to adopt the complete budget estimate, made by H. R. Findley, and seconded by Oscar Hagg, was proposed by County Judge Donald T. Templeton, who acted as meeting chairman. Complete turnout at the meeting did not exceed 50 at the high point, and there were only 26 taxpayers in addition to the county court members when the meeting was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock. Two Items Draw Comment

All told, only two items on the entire budget drew any discussion. The county health unit and the Bang's disease inspection appropriation of the agricultural activities section holding the honors as comment-provoking figures. H. R. Findley, one-time budget committeeman the year the health unit was first listed as a separate department on the county budget, asked the members of the court if they believed the consolidation of once scattered health-guarding activities under the one health unit was a wise move. Judge Templeton, in answering for (Continued on page 6, column 1)

B. A. Mitchell Passes Monday

Bossum Ashford Mitchell, 58, prominent county nurseryman and resident of Oregon for 30 years, died at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Monday afternoon. He had been in the hospital for two weeks.

Funeral services will be held at the Oreno Presbyterian church at 10:30 a. m. Friday and interment will be in Fir Lawn cemetery, Hillsboro. Remains are at Hennessey, Geotseh and McGee Mortuary at Northwest 17th and Davis streets, Portland.

Mr. Mitchell was born May 5, 1879, at London, Ontario, Canada, and came to the United States January 10, 1899. He was married to Miss Essie Pickett June 6, 1912, at Salt Lake City.

Active in nursery circles for many years, he came to Oreno as an executive of the old Oreno Nursery company after which Oreno was named. After this company went out of existence, Mr. Mitchell founded the Oreno Nursery company. He had served as president and director of the Pacific Coast Nurserymen's association and of the Oregon Nurserymen's association and had been a member and director of the Portland Nursery club.

Deceased is survived by the widow; a son, Ashford Jr., of Vallejo, Cal.; a former marriage, and a sister, Mrs. Robert Elder of Deckerville, Mich.