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Local Plants Enjoy Good Year in 1937

Quarter-Million Cases Produced at Condensery; Total Payrolls High

Carnation's milk condensery here enjoyed a good year in 1937, according to reports. Thirty-five employes were kept on duty at the plant, with 14 milk-haulers supplying the daily flow of milk. No total payroll figures are released by the Carnation company on a yearly basis, but it was revealed that since its establishment here, more than $37,000,000 have been expended in this vicinity on raw materials and labor.

Last year's output from the local plant amounted to over 250,000 cases, company officials stated. In the course of the year, the Carnation plant draws upon an average of 475 farmers and their daily milk output for its raw matrials supply. In the spring this number runs as high as 500 farmers, and tapers to 450 in off months. It was estimated that herds numbering in the neighborhood of 5000 cows in Washington county are used to supply milk for the condensery's operations. May is the month of the plant's heaviest output, turned out while milk production is at its height. This tapers off beginning with mid-June to the low point for the year in late July and August, when pastures are dry and the dairy output is at a minimum.

Dairy Future Good

Increasingly heavy demands upon farm dairies of the county for fresh milk for Portland's supply is taking most of the milk out of the county, it was asserted, with the result that output at the local plant during the past few years is not quite so high as previously. Estimates as to the number of cows in the county run from 16,000 to 23,000, with the proportion of those used in producing milk for condensing purposes running from 22 to 33 per cent.

Future of the dairy industry in Oregon is a safe one, it was pointed out, since the country now consumes more dairy products than ever before, and the rate of dairy product use is increasing rapidly, due to advertising campaigns, health requirements, health education, and the development of new forms of products.

Total payroll at the Gates Pipe and Investment company in Hills-

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Loans Number 158 for Year

Annual meeting of the Tualatin Valley Federal Savings and Loan association was held at the home office in Hillsboro Tuesday evening. Board members re-elected were E. L. Johnson and Dr. J. O. Robb of Hillsboro, and George G. Hancock of Forest Grove.

J. M. Person, general manager, disclosed that there had been 158 loans made during the year in the total amount of $218,575.00 or an average of $1,383.38 per loan, which brings the total loans now in force to 312, totaling $342,704.99 or an average of $1,098 per loan. Included in the loans made during the year were 34 made for the construction of new houses, totaling $60,350, or an average of $1,775 for each new

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Large Crowd Attend Local Bank's Opening

Over 3000 Present During Commercial National's "Open House" on Saturday

Crowds estimated at more than 3000 poured through the portals of Hillsboro's newly remodeled Commercial National bank at its grand opening last Saturday afternoon to view the ultra-modern interior that gives the city the latest word in banking quarters.

Baskets of flowers in tremendous quantities from many well-wishers were arranged throughout the remodeled bank building quarters at its 3 to 10 o'clock opening. Two San Francisco banks, as well as banks in Bend, Portland, Woodburn, Gervais and others throughout the state and in Washington county, as well as a host of Hillsboro firms and individuals sent floral pieces to the bank for its "open house" event of the week-end.

Many Bankers Visit

Many men prominent in banking circles were present during the day, it was reported. Numbered among them were Frederick Greenwood, manager, George Greenwood, public relations director, and Mr. Munley, all of the Bank of California; Abbott Mills of the U. S. National bank in Portland; Mr. Cox of the Ladd and Bush bank of Salem; Mr. Wadsworth from Gervais, Leon B. Baketel, financial editor of The Oregonian, and bankers from Forest Grove, Beaverton and other banks in the county.

Everyone expressed pleasure with the new interior of the bank, which is hard to recognize as being the same building as the former quarters. Doubling of lobby area provided space which was crowded throughout the day by visitors and patrons getting their first glimpse of the new interior since its completion.

The opening was described as a "complete success" by William C. Christensen, president of the bank, and other officials. During the course of the day he and his fellow-officers and workers played hosts to hundreds of the guests, who were given special souvenir pencils by the bank management.

Pierce Freed in Lundstrom Mystery Case

Washington county's murder mystery Lundstrom case, now four years old, seemed even further away from solution this week as Ray Pierce, 59-year-old resident of the Warren district in Columbia county, was released after being held by county officers for nearly a month.

Soon after Pierce's arrest in December he was sent to the county hospital for medical attention, but was to be held for further questioning, by state and county officers, Sheriff John W. Connell had announced. He had been questioned in 1934, soon after Lundstrom was reported missing, but on both accasions no light was shed upon the case of the McKay creek woodcutter. A belated report in the early summer of 1934 was the first notification officers here had that Lundstrom was missing from his small cabin in the northern section of the county. This past summer a skeleton, later identified as Lundstrom's, was found and examination indicated he had been murdered.

Missing Girl Found

Patricia Miner, 13-year-old Forest Grove miss, reported missing from her home for nearly a week, appeared in Roseburg last Wednesday, was picked up there by a local probation officer, who notified Forest Grove's police chief. She had been the object of a statewide search early last week.

Burglars helped themselves to motor oil and incidentals last week when they broke into the Bargain Filling station, half a mile west of Reedville on the main highway. George Hesteynek, station operator, said entry had been made late Wednesday or Thursday morning via a pass key and the rear door. Listed as stolen: Three quart cans and one two-gallon can of assorted motor oil, 18 packages of cigarettes, one smoking pipe, nine candy bars, nine packages of gum. Selection of such a varied assortment provoked comments, puzzled sheriff's officers who reported the incident, but who held suspicions.

Contributing to the delinquency of a minor was the charge placed against Louis Williams and Gerald McAdams, booked in county jail last Friday. The two were arrested in Gaston by State Policeman Bill Zosel.

Thieves took 17 sacks of dairy feed, the four wheels and tires from a Ford car, undetermined quantities of gasoline and oil and an automobile lap robe from B. E. Barrett, of star route, Forest Grove, some time Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, a report to Sheriff John W. Connell disclosed.

Edwin Quier, 15-year-old Buxton

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County Bastile Suffers Attack

Jailer Fred Ennis started work this week returning the county jail to its normal appearances, after a trio of youthful prisoners had completed their attempts at dismantling the structure.

Donald S. Bryant, 19, and Carl Eilertsen, 24, of Clatskanie, and Tilpher Barstad of Woodburn, Pacific university students, were the three involved in the affair, which began when they were arrested at a Forest Grove dance by Deputy Sheriffs Cornelius and Ireland. The officers had to propel the prisoners into the jail, only to have one break away. He was captured in the shrubbery around the courthouse and returned to the jail, and the "remodeling" attempts began.

Table, Chair Suffer

Bryant, confined to the juvenile quarters, smashed a table and splintered a chair before setting fire to a mattress, state deputies said. He was finally brought under control by main force, and had recovered most of his lost composure the following morning when breakfast time arrived.

The three, togther with James Wiles, also of Clatskanie, who was arrested Monday in connection with the same dance-hall scrape, were hailed into Justice A. W. Havens' court Monday morning. Bryant, Wiles and Barstad plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery and were assessed $20 each. Eilertsen pleaded guilty to being intoxicated in a public place and was fined $10.

Bank Slates Eighth County Corn Contest

4-H Clubbers Preparing for Show This Week-end; Two Divisions Planned

Edward Schulmerich, late president of the Commercial National bank and founder of the Washington county 4-H corn club contest, will be honored at the bank's eighth annual corn show to be held in the new lobby of the institution Friday and Saturday, according to an announcement made by L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

Dr. R. E. Fore of the farm crops department of Oregon State college will be official judge at the contest, and will also be one of the main speakers at the banquet to be held in the Hillsboro Grange hall. Officers of the bank are sponsoring the banquet, at which the club members, their leaders and parents will be guests. William L. Teutsch, assistant state county agent leader, is to be the other principal speaker at the Friday evening banquet.

Orange Phelps, Hillsboro theatre owner, will again have the exhibitors as his guests at the Saturday matinee in one of his theatres, as has been his custom for a number of years.

Show Opens Friday

The show will open at 9 a. m. Friday and will be open all during the day. Exhibits will be ranked and judged Friday afternoon, followed by the banquet at 7 p. m., it was announced. The show will be brought to a close with the regular noonhour Saturday closing of the bank. J. L. Searcy, cashier of the bank, is in charge of the show, and has taken care of most plans and arrangements for the event.

Two divisions are planned in this year's show, one being for 25-ear exhibits and the other for the yield-per-acre contest, according to the contest plans made public by Searcy.

Interest among club members in this year's competition is very keen, Assistant County Agent Francis reported, with many boys endeavoring to either maintain honors won in past years ore to establish new records. Corn generally is of a superior quality this year and the show should be one of the best ever held, he declared.

Legionnaires Plan Amateur Show; Committee Named

Amateur entertainers from all parts of Washington county will be given an opportunity to again contest for cash and honors at the annual amateur show sponsored by Hillsboro Post, American Legion, it was decided at a post meeting Tuesday night. Date for the contest probably will be set for March.

Commander Jake Weil, A. J. Foelker, adjutant; Leon S. Davis, and another member to be appointed, will have charge of the show this year.

Special effort will be made, the committee announced, to obtain more adult talent, but every entertainer in the county, desiring to enter the contest, will be given an opportunity to present their act at the preliminary eliminations. Dates for these eliminations will be announced later.

Generous cash prizes again will be given winners, while arrangements probably will be made to obtain a special broadcast of the leading acts over one of the Portland radio stations. Persons wishing to present an act for the contest may register with any member of the committee.

Following a discussion of the handling of the county soldiers and sailors indigent fund through the local relief office, the post went on record as endorsing the present setup, and opposed to any change.

Arthur Kroeger, commander of Battery "E," 218th field artillery, urged the post to establish and drill a firing squad as the local unit of the national guard would no longer be able to assist the post due to the fact that rifles are not available.

Next meeting of the Hillsboro post will be held on Tuesday evening, January 25, and will be a joint meeting with the Auxiliary group. A pot-luck dinner will be served, it was decided.

Laurelwood Troup Gives Program at Monday Meet

Laurelwood Academy's troup of musicians and entertainers provided the attraction at the Monday evening meeting of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

The program included solos by Dan Foster; a comedy playlet, "Ask Nancy;" a saxophone solo by Verne Bliss; several readings by Everett Duncan; novelty piano duet by Miss Verla Ernsten and Sunny Smith; and several vocal trio numbers by Dorothy Garlock, Lucille and Wilma Nelson. Mrs. E. J. Kortzeborn introduced the entertainers.

Railroad Bills Hit

Requests sent to the chamber by seven state farmer organizations asking co-operation in opposing the several railroad bills now in congress because of the hardships they threaten to impose on farmer-shippers, were reported by Chamber President Paul L. Patterson. The data sent the chamber was referred to a committee which will make its report on the matter at a future meeting.

No definite announcement as to next Monday's program was made at the meeting. The dates for the rest of the month will be undetermined until Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor emeritus of the Oregon state system of higher education, who is slated to appear some time this month, has chosen his meeting date.

Guests present at the evening meeting included W. H. Wieber, brought by W. G. Ide; Dr. Watt Piercy, guest of Dr. J. O. Robb, and Harry Robinson, farmer from near Progress, a guest of P. L. Patterson, in connection with the community relations' committee program.

Townsend Club Retains Heads at Monday Meet

More than fifty persons attended the pot luck dinner and semi-annual election of officers of the local Townsend club at the Methodist church Monday evening. Present officers were retained for the ensuing months as follows: R. L. Putnam, president; L. A. Truitt, vice-president; Harold Carlile, secretary; Clifton Gillette, treasurer. Members of the advisory board are C. C. Bannister, Arthur Palmer, Henry Chanler, J. A. Hockersmith, William Bucher, John Rasmussen, J. F. Buckland, Mrs. Charles Tresham, Mrs. R. H. McAninch and Mrs. Ed Troxell.

C. C. Bannister, delegate to the district convention held Sunday in Corvallis, reported 92 delegates registered. He said there have been 3000 new members enrolled in Townsend clubs of the state in the last six weeks. Henry Young of Hillsboro was re-appointed county representative on the district advisory board. Arthur Moore of Monmouth continues as chairman of this board of fourteen members.

The committee appointed recently to arrange for a turkey dinner January 24 asked that the dinner be indefinitely postponed and that the committee would report at the next meeting. Action was taken by the club expressing the club's willingness to co-operate with other clubs of the state in supporting a legislative delegate in Washington, D. C.

Next meeting of the club will be at the Methodist church January 24 at 7:30 p. m. First half-hour will be given to a section by section study of "The General Welfare Act of 1937," which the Townsend movement is asking the present congress of the U. S. to enact into law.

Clothing, Shoes Sought Relief

Demands on the county relief committee for clothing are mounting day by day, according to a statement made this week by R. W. Weil, county relief chairman.

Serviceable clothing and shoes of all types and sizes will be very welcome to relief workers, who are attempting to supply as much of the demand as possible. Any donations should be brought to the relief office in the old post office building on West Main street, or further information may be secured by contacting Mr. Weil.

"The need is great, and funds are limited," it was declared. "That is why we appeal to the general public for help in carrying on the winter-time burden or supplying needy families in the county."

Schick Test Dates Set for Schools

Schick testing in the public and parochial grammar schools of Hillsboro will be carried on today and tomorrow, according to Miss Corinne Pennington, city school nurse. Consent slips distributed in all schools last week yielded a good response, Miss Pennington reported.

"We are glad to know that so many parents appreciate and realize the value of the efforts to prevent communicable diseases such as diphtheria, which is the subject of the Schick tests," she said.

Testing for diphtheria immunity will also be carried on at the Hillsboro union high school Wednesday, January 26, Miss Pennington declared.

County Firemen Meet Tuesday

"Rural Fire Protection" was the subject of a discussion led by Beaverton firemen at the January meeting of the Washington County Firemen's association held Tuesday evening in Cornelius.

Cornelius firemen discussed alarm systems by telephone and by box alarms before the group of 30 county firemen who attended the session.

Unemployed Registration to Continue

891 Register During First Week's Work in County; Saturday Cut

Registration of unemployed by the Oregon State Employment service will continue in Washington county for the major portion of the month of January, according to an announcement made here yesterday by C. L. Hulbert, senior interviewer in charge of the work here.

Three interviewers and a claim deputy, constituting the office force working here, will be located in the city council chambers of the Hillsboro city hall for registration work on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the next week and a half, he said. Registration will be conducted in Forest Grove chamber of commerce quarters on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the Saturday registrations there being discontinued, Hulbert reported. Office hours at both places are from 8 to 5 o'clock.

449 Listed Here

Hillsboro registrations taken on three days of last week totaled 449, it was reported, with 219 on Monday, 129 Tuesday and 101 on Friday. Forest Grove figures for the week reached the 442 mark, with 293, the highest registered at either center, being interviewed on Monday. County total was 891.

All last week, the complete claim forms were used and filled out by each applicant registering. Use of the regular registration for unemployment forms was started here Monday, with many of those who filled out claim forms the previous week returning to complete the work. Anyone coming in to file a claim from now on is requested to bring along accurate information as to previous employment.

"It will greatly facilitate the registration if applicants have wage and separation reports, formerly called 'termination' reports," Hulbert said. "If they cannot obtain this, or haven't received one from their former employer, they should have time book figures and accurate knowledge as to when they worked and on what date they quit."

It is also necessary that each person registering should have his social security number, preferably bringing the social security card with them.

Two weeks elapse after registration before any unemployment compensation checks are issued, it was stated. During that time, the employment service makes contacts

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FSA Borrowers Get $49,927

Ninety-seven clients took advantage of loan offers of the Farm Security loans in Washington county during 1937, according to Victor S. Madsen, county supervisor of the rehabilitation office of the FSA, under the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The 97 fund borrowers received a total of $49,927 during the year, for an average of nearly $515 on each loan, Madsen reported. Only a small portion of the loans went to immigrants from drouth areas, he said, with 29 clients from the drouth-stricken states receiving loans when they settled here.

Only one client thus far has failed to make any payment on his loan, Madsen said, explaining that this included all those in the county who have received funds from the Farm Security administration since 1935. This fact indicates a willingness to co-operate with the government in its aid to needy farmers, it was declared.

Small Fruits Meet Program Slated

Strawberry and other small fruit growers will be interested in the coming small fruits meeting scheduled for Sherwood and Banks, January 24 and 25. Programs for these meetings have been developed around the most frequent questions asked by growers, says County Agent W. F. Cyrus.

Topics to be discussed include: "Management of Cultivated Hill Soils to Prevent Erosion," "Summary of Fertilizer Demonstration Work and Fertilizer Uses on Small Fruits Crops in Washington County," "Farm and Crop Management Systems for Small Fruit Farms," "Buying Fertilizers," "Insect Pest Control on Small Fruits, Including Spittle Bug, Root Weevil, Root and Crown Borers," and "Diseases of Small Fruits and Their Control, Crinkle and Leaf Spot on Strawberries and Mosaic and Wilt on Raspberries."

Several of these discussions will be illustrated, he said. The meetings will begin at 10 a. m., and continue through part of the afternoon.

Chapman to Talk on Labor Problems

C. C. Chapman, editor of Oregon Voter, will speak on labor problems this noon (Thursday) at the Rotary luncheon.

"How old is the law," was the subject of an address by E. J. McAlear, local attorney, before the Rotary club, meeting for the first time Thursday at the chamber of commerce rooms for luncheon.

Heads Campaign

R. G. Scott of Sherwood has been named chairman for the 1938 President's birthday party in Washington county, which will campaign for funds to be used in the national infantile paralysis fight.

Venue Change Brings Damage Suit to Court

Change of venue last week week brought a damage suit to the Washington county circuit court from neighboring Columbia county.

Filed more than a year ago, the suit seeks to recover $2000 damages from Columbia county for Lillian Lawler, who was injured in the fall of 1936 on a county road there. The complaint filed in county clerk's office here alleges that the defendant received "severe and lasting injuries" when the car in which she was riding fell into a cave-in portion of the J. D. Brown road, throwing her from the car and down an embankment. The county "failed and refused to place an obstruction or warning of said dangerous condition," the complaint says, as a result of which the accident occurred.

Order Given Last Month

The complaint was originally filed last February 13, with two orders for extension of time being granted by the circuit court there before David O. Bennett, Columbia county district attorney, filed his answer. On June 2 the plaintiff's attorneys filed motion for change of venue to Multnomah county, because it was "an action for damages against Columbia county in which the taxpayers would be subject to challenge as jurors, and the inhabitants of said county would be prejudiced against such action." On December 14, Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman of Columbia county signed an order for change of venue to Judge R. Frank Peters' Washington county circuit court.

County grand jury will open a two-day session Monday morning, it was announced this week by District Attorney G. Russell Morgan. Quite a number of investigations are scheduled for consideration by the grand jury before they close their session Tuesday night.

Circuit court calendar for the coming week lists the trial of Wilford Davis, charged with manslaughter, for next Wednesday. Davis is alleged to have been the driver of the car which fatally injured Ralph Prahl on November 16, 1936.

James Boylen, arrested last week, was arraigned Monday morning in county court on a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, and after waiving preliminary hearing was bound over to the grand jury.

Seal Sale Returns Hit All-Time High

Although a half-dozen tardy districts remain to make final reports on Tuberculosis Association Christmas seal sales, county returns thus far have topped all previous records, according to Mrs. Zola Morgan, county sale chairman.

Receipts thus far have reached $1224, with the six districts, all of which are small, yet to be heard from, Mrs. Morgan said. This is an increase of 12 per cent over the $1092 figure reached last year.

Annual F.D.R. Birthday Ball Planned Here

Infantile Paralysis Benefit Dance Slated Saturday, January 29

Plans for the annual president's birthday party, held in nearly every city throughout the country on January 29, occasion of Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday, with proceeds going to combat infantile paralysis, are again under way in Washington county.

R. G. Scott of Sherwood, county demoratic central committee head, will act as chairman for this year's county campaign, it was announced last week.

National Body Formed

This year, for the first time, all of the proceeds of the birthday celebrations will go into the national fund. Proceeds from the past three celebrations have been divided on a 70-30 basis, with 30 per cent going to the Georgia Warm Springs foundation, where Roosevelt fought his way back to health after having been attacked by the disease. The remaining 70 per cent was used through local agencies. This year a new organization, the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is taking over the task. In his announcement, President Roosevelt said "The best results in attempting to eradicate the disease cannot be secured by approaching the problem through any single one of its aspects. I firmly believe that the time has now arrived when the whole attack on this plague should be led and directed, though not controlled, by one national body."

Scott hopes to get a budget from the county health unit here to cover needs in this county in the fight against infantile paralysis. This amount, he said, might cover cost of a small isolation ward of the county hospital, which, under the existing setup, would have to be a small separate building, as well as for special shoes required for victims of the disease, and transportation costs to and from Portland, where infantile paralysis sufferers can receive proper and expert orthopedic attention.

Committeemen Named

Named to serve on the committee making preparations for the party are Paul L. Patterson, chamber of commerce; Jake Weil, American Legion; Mrs. Fred Engeldinger, American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Emma McKinney, Pythian Sisters; W. F. Norman, Red Cross; George McGee, city of Hillsboro; Mrs. W. R. Maley, Daughters of American Revolution; Miss Berneta

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Two Directors Named Monday

Two new members of the board of directors were elected at the Monday meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company, held in the chamber of commerce quarters as the company brought to a close what was termed a "most successful year."

Ferd Langer of Sherwood and Arnold Berger, Hillsboro route one, were named members of the board of directors succeeding William F. Haase of Hillsboro and Fred Berger, Hillsboro route four, retiring directors. Other members of the board include Elmer E. Guerber, Hillsboro route one, Henry Kamna and J. J. Wismer, both of Hillsboro.

Assets Gain Greatly

Total assets of the company gained almost 30 per cent during the past year, it was reported, with total assets at the end of the year reaching $56,037 as compared to $43,397 at the end of 1936. This represents a gain of $12,643, officials stated. Total amount of insurance in force rose to $7,271,000 by the end of December, but fire losses for the year amounted to only a slight bit over one-tenth of one per cent, with total damage set at $7,679 for the 12-month period.

Assessments for the year remained the same, it was declared, with a 30 cent per $100 schedule employed. This rate, it was pointed out, is one of the lowest obtainable for fire insurance.

Names Still Make News, with Johnsons Making Most of It

(By Ed O'Meara)

"What's in a name?"

For some the answer might be "Nothing," but a check through subscription rolls of the Argus this week revealed much of interest in the nature and number of names receiving the first issues of 1938.

Most numerous of all the names is Johnson, with 31 of that clan represented on the Argus lists. Addition of those who spell the name with a "t" brings the number of the Johnson-Johnston group up to 36, giving it a wide margin over all others for the first place. Undisputed possession of second place goes not to the Smiths, Whites or Browns, but to the Vanderzandens, who total 21, although some vary the name by using a capital "Z" in the spelling.

Three in Third

In third place, three names are tied, with Smiths, Browns and Andersons all having 16, followed by the Nelsons and their 13 representatives. "Keeping up with the Joneses" is not a task of the Argus circulation manager, for those of that name rank in fifth position with an even dozen on record, a mark which is equalled by the Schmidt group. In order after them come Peterson 11, Berger 10, Davis, Vandehey and Meyer 9 each, Taylor, 8; Moore, Peters and Jackson 7; Kelley and Olsen 5.

Compared with name records in other sections, Hillsboro and vicinity, as represented by the Argus subscribers, do not follow true to form. For instancee, Portland's telephone directory shows the Smiths with a comfortable lead at about 525, while the Johnsons rank second with 50, Browns rank at 300, Andersons at 270 and Joneses clear with 450, Browns ranks at 300, Andown at 225. Predominance of any one Irish name could not be detected among the large number of Scandanavian, German, Dutch and more common names. A check at the University of Notre Dame, famed for its Gaelic population, reveals 23 Murphys and 19 Sullivans leading the list. Argus rolls show only four Murphys and three Sullivans. The Irish division wins out in the "Mack" section, however. The Scotch form of "Mac" numbers only seven, while the "Mc," which is attributed to those of Irish descent, reaches the 43 mark.

The first name on the Argus' subscription list is that of valentine Abadie of Hillsboro, and the last is that of Mrs. Marie Zyback of Long Beach, Cal.

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Michael Zahl of North Plains, who is in Kreisch, Roumania, receives his copy addressed to Danvs, Europa, Transelvanien, Romanien, and has to wait the longest of all subscribers to receive his weekly batch of news covering the whole of Washington county. Another copy travels to Weiston, Saskatchewan, Canada, and a third to Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Every portion of the state of Oregon is covered, with copies going to Baker and Pendleton in the eastern section, Terrebonne and Bend in Central Oregon, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass in the south, and Gold Beach and Astoria on the opposite end of the state's coast line.

Breath of Spring

Five half-ripe January crop blackberries are the first harbingers of spring in Washington county. They were brought in to the Argus office this week by W. J. Curtis, who lives near Tualatin, the town which suffered from the super-abundance of water during the high-water era two weeks ago.

The five berries, all on the one branch, hold a disputed position. Some maintain they are 1937 crop leftovers; others believe they are the first of the 1938 crop. Meanwhile, Curtis is trying to pick enough for a pie, but isn't too confident.

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Repeats Performance

Another of what seems to be a series of feed store burglaries in Washington county was recorded Saturday night when thieves broke into the Cornelius Feed company and took several sacks of flour. Evidences of considerable prowling were also noted, a sheriff's office report said.

Within the past six weeks, three other feed stores in the county have been burglarized, with clover seed, grain, and a number of electrical appliances being stolen.

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Dry Humor

"What is the general condition of county roads?" was the question asked County Engineer J. W. Barney yesterday. Two weeks ago many of the roads were under water, some as much as five feet of it. Last week those which had emerged from the water were frozen hard.

"This week," said Barney, "they're dusty."

Grangers Oppose Train-Length Bill

Members of the Hillsboro Grange passed a resolution at their meeting last Saturday morning, calling upon Oregon representatives and senators at the national congress to oppose the train-length bill, Senate Bill 69, because it will have the effect of raising freight rates.

Saturday afternoon and evening the Washington county grange council held its annual elections at a meeting in Gale Grange in Forest Grove. J. R. Forsythe of Hillsboro grange was re-elected president, with Mrs. Gertie Meek of Washington grange named vice-president and Mrs. G. C. Chase, Hillsboro grange, secretary-treasurer. Pomona grange will hold its meeting at Gale grange hall January 26, it was announced.

A special meeting for the first and second degree initiations was held last night at the Hillsboro grange.

Local Corn Show Influences Similar Projects in Oregon

(By L. E. Francis, Assistant County Agent)

Approach of the eighth annual Commercial National bank corn show calls to mind the state-wide influence this project has had in the development of the corn enterprise, and also the records made by some of the winners in this contest in former years.

In 1930 when the corn growing contest was started by the bank under the direction of W. F. Cyrus, then assistant county agent, corn growing in Oregon was in the pioneering stage. A small amount of a superior quality of locally adapted Minnesota 13 seed was distributed to each of the club members enrolled in the contest and from this small beginning the project has grown until now about twelve tons of first quality seed corn is produced each year by the 4-H members of Washington county. In addition to this local development the Commercial National bank contest set an example which has resulted in eight Oregon counties sponsoring similar corn growing contests, several of them getting their foundation seed from Washington county club members.

State Show Started

As a climax of the program to develop the corn growing enterprise in the state, in which the Commercial National bank's contest has been a major and initial feature, the First National bank of Portland sponsored the state-wide corn show last year.

At the state corn show the winner in district two was Elmer Bierly of Gervais, who with his two brothers, Ivan and Amos, made their start in the corn project in Washington county. From 1930 until 1935, when the Bierlys moved from the county, Ivan won first place in three of the shows and second in two. Amos placed first in one and second in three.

Joe Berger of Beaverton, who placed second in district two of last year's state corn show was the county's first place winner in 1932. In 1935 Lawrence and Gervais Jansen of Verboort placed first and third, respectively, and in 1936 Clayton Nyberg of Tualatin, one of Oregon's outstanding club members, won first honors.