

### Local Plants Enjoy Good Year in 1937

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 Here last year was over \$15,000, it was announced by company officials, who reported that the company enjoyed another good year in 1937. The plant produces steel water pipe which is used extensively throughout the northwest. The plant was established here in 1891 by H. V. Gates, and has been in operation here ever since that time. Originally, single-dip steel pipe was produced here. The process has not been developed to a double-dip procedure, assuring a better product, it was declared.

Labor union developments, which made their first appearance in Hillsboro during the past year, may play an important part in local business during 1938, one company official said. No difficulty of any kind is anticipated, but possible future developments in the struggle between C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. may have some bearing upon local conditions, it was stated. Aside from possible complications arising from that source, the business outlook for Hillsboro during the 12 months of 1938 is a cheerful one.

Hillsboro bank deposits took another jump forward during 1937, with the Commercial National bank reporting a net deposit gain of \$129,100.34 in its annual statement issued recently. Deposits at the close of business in 1936 amounted to \$1,598,344.67, as compared to the \$1,727,445.01 total for the year just concluded. Bank resources also showed a gain, going from \$1,720,204.62 for 1936 to a 1937 figure of \$1,870,541.60 for a gain of \$150,336.98.

The deposit gain is not so large as that recorded in 1936, but represents a healthy growth in Hillsboro financial life. Largest growth year for the Commercial National was 1934, when a deposit gain of \$332,697.09 was recorded. During the past five years, the total deposits of the local independent bank have leaped from \$826,940.06 to the \$1,727,445.01 of last year, representing an increase of \$900,504.95.

**Cannery Reports Good**  
 B. E. Maling Inc., enjoyed another good year in 1937, company officials report. Payroll for last year by the cannery amounted to \$450,000, while the cost of raw materials used in the cannery was \$1,400,000 with practically all of both sums spent within a 25-mile radius of Hillsboro.

The local frosted foods plant at the cannery had the best year in its eight-year existence, turning out in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 pounds of frozen fruits and vegetables during the year. Hillsboro's frosted foods plant is second largest in the United States, the only larger plant being located in New Jersey. The local plant was in operation several years before the larger one on the east coast. Amount of goods packed in the regular cannery division was approximately 10,000,000 pounds, it was stated.

Operation of the Maling plant here draws upon thousands of acres of orchard and garden tracts each year to supply raw materials for use in canning work.

### Health Unit Staff at Portland Meet

All members of the staff of Washington county's health unit attended a special health meeting held in the Multnomah county court house in Portland this week, at which 25 representatives from 10 Oregon counties were present.

Health officers, nurses and health clerks from the counties included were present for the convocation, which involved discussion of records and record-keeping, as well as plans for co-operation during 1938 in the hope of providing better service.

One case of scarlet fever was reported in Hillsboro during the past week, health unit workers revealed. The case was traceable to a recent flurry of the disease in the Orenco neighborhood, and did not originate in the Hillsboro vicinity, it was declared.

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### No Help



Ray Pierce, Columbia county resident, taken for questioning in the Sven Lundstrom mystery case last month, was released this week with no further information having been gained on the case.

### Pierce Freed in Lundstrom Case

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 boy, was reported missing from his home Tuesday. According to reports, he left home at 8:15 Tuesday morning, carrying a white canvas pack and riding a blue bicycle. At 9:30, he was seen going south through Banks. He has a friend in Newport and may be headed there, it was thought. The youth was described as five feet six inches tall, weighing 120 pounds, brown-haired, and wearing a leather helmet.

Liquor charges sent both Nels Edmondson, 40, of Oregon City, and James Baylou, 56, to the county jail last Friday. Baylou was booked on a charge of driving while drunk, and Edmondson with being intoxicated on a public highway. Arrests were made here by Night Marshal James Burns.

Dick Reed, 23, was booked on a charge of parole violation in the county jail Friday, the arrest being made by Deputy Sheriff Cornelius and Ireland.

**Windows Shattered**  
 Window glass tinkled again in Forest Grove Friday night as unknown missile-throwers smashed several windows in the home of Dale Russell. Union troubles were again blamed for the glass-breaking episode, the most recent of several similar occurrences in Forest Grove.

Williams and McAdams were released this week on posting of \$25 bail each.

### Cookers Available for Clients' Use

All resettlement clients in Washington county are allowed free use of two new pressure cookers for canning and preserving foodstuffs, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. Christine Hawver, home supervisor for the county.

The only requirement for use of the cookers, Mrs. Hawver said, is that they be applied for several days in advance of the actual need. They are of great assistance in canning meats, she pointed out.

Mrs. Hawver also urged that all resettlement clients send in their annual reports for 1937 by this week, in order that last year's county records may be completed in the very near future.

### Loans Total 158 for Year 1937

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 house financed. There were 19 new houses financed in the first six months of 1937 and 15 new houses financed in the last six months of the year. Assets at the beginning of 1937 were \$182,362.23 and at the close of the year were \$358,612.53.

"While it is true that construction of homes was slowed up during the final months of 1937," declared Person, "I am confident that there will be quite heavy construction during the late spring and early summer of this year. We believe that the fall of 1938 will see more

men employed in the construction of homes than at any time since 1929. Person stated that the association anticipated the largest savings and loan business ever experienced during the coming year, and in co-operation with the Washington Savings and Loan association of Hillsboro, which has been actively in the business since 1923, are laying the ground work to meet this increased volume. Board of directors as constituted for the new year includes E. L. Johnson, J. O. Robb, R. P. Rasmussen, J. M. Person of Hillsboro, Bert C. Rice, Emil A. Johnson, J. O. Johnson of Tugard, D. D. Bump, and George G. Hancock of Forest Grove.

### Letter Written from Shanghai Tells Incidents

(By C. E. Barker)  
 The following letter received by Mrs. Mary C. Utter from her son Darwin Hewin Utter, written December 5 and received December 29, is of special interest: Shanghai, China, December 5, 1937. Dear Mother:

"War still rages in China. It has moved away from Shanghai, but we feel the effects just the same. The Japs will not let the farmers bring in vegetables, and with no ships have come in with food, so prices are up and business is down.

"The Japs are still keeping people out of the Honkew district, but they claim that they will open it December 15 for foreign people to go back and live. Everyone who lives there though will have to have a pass with their picture in it, and will have to be in by 10 p. m. and lights will be allowed after 10 p. m.

"On November 27 they allowed foreigners, who could get an application from their respective consuls, to move their personal belongings, furniture, etc., out of their homes in Honkew, provided there was any house or effects left. I went to my apartment with a truck and found the doors wide open. The notice I posted inside the door, which was issued by the American consul, was torn off. The floors were strewn with pictures, papers, dishes, books etc. Silverware, some pictures, clothes, candied food, sugar, flour, beer and soft drinks were taken away. Lots of dishes, glasses, vases, etc. were also stolen or broken.

"I had bought a study couch only a couple of months before this trouble started and they took part of it and left the rest. All the furniture was there, but some of it damaged. Every apartment in the building was looted by the Japs and they didn't give a hang whether it was owned by American, British or anyone else.

"Have moved what was left over to the Embankment building, but haven't got settled down yet. I put in a claim for \$3,400 worth of stolen and damaged property, and then many things I did not put on the list.

"Not being satisfied with holding a part of the International Settlement, they had to stage a military parade right through the main streets, and they had trouble. Some one threw a bomb at them. Japs and foreigners mixed it up on several occasions.

"For several blocks around the department store where the bomb was thrown the Japs spread a coronation of soldiers. They even tried to chase the American marines away from their posts in that section. Col. Price hopped down there and made them scam . . . ."

### Winter Carnival Date Postponed

To avoid any conflict with the president's birthday party infantile paralysis benefit ball scheduled for January 29, the Hillsboro Breakfast club has postponed its annual "Winter Carnival," it was announced yesterday by Francis Sturgis, club president.

Plans for the carnival originally had it set for January 28, the night preceding the benefit affair. The affair will be held later on in the year, probably early in the spring, it was stated.

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### MICKIE SAYS—

"TH' BOSS SAYS, WILL I PLEASE SAY SOM'IN TAGSUFER TO SOME OF YOU SUBSCRIBERS 'BOUT A LIL' SOMPIN' WHUT YA HAVE OVERLOOKED? CAN YOU GESS?"



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### Bot-Fly Treatment Planned in County

Special bot treatment for horses in Washington county is promised in a coming campaign by Dr. R. J. Nicol, local veterinarian, in response to the large number of requests which have come in to him

### FSC Diverts Pea Surplus to Relief

Canned peas are the latest Oregon product to be purchased by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation in an attempt to improve market conditions. The AAA recently announced that it will purchase canned peas for distribution to persons on relief in an effort to reduce a prospective heavy carry-over that would affect the 1938 crop.

Secretary Wallace has also approved an extension of the time limit on the diversion program for hops to January 31. The FSCC recently stepped into the pea market, purchasing 45 cars of Medford fruit to ease market glut.

### Orchardale

(By Mrs. R. Hunger)  
 James A. Hanford took the junior chair over to the Hillsboro church Sunday to sing for them. Mrs. Charles Crowther's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Shearer, and daughter, Mrs. Russell T. Davies, and Billy and Marion Davies of Ocean Lake spent the week-end at the Charles Crowther home.

The Hunger brothers are now installing their planer in the mill. Subscribe to the Argus.

### Marriage Licenses

George Mason Snider, Beaverton, and Eugenia E. Myers, Beaverton, route one.

### Divorce Suits Filed


Juanita vs. E. A. Anderson, Mary vs. John J. Mockley.

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WERE ANY OF 'EM HURT, MUCH?

HELP!

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