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Petitions Ask Elections for Utility Unit

Seven-County District Files at Salem; Five Director Nominees Up

(By A. L. Lindbeck) State Capital News Bureau SALEM, Feb. 16. (Special)—The Oregon Hydroelectric commission has set Friday, April 8, as the date on which voters of seven northwestern Oregon counties will decide upon creation of a people's utility district. Preliminary petitions covering organization of the district were filed with the commission more than two years ago. In their report on the project, the commission made no recommendations either for or against the district.

Seven counties and 45 municipalities are included in the proposed district. Under the Oregon utility district law any of these municipalities or counties may vote themselves out of the district. In many respects the April election will be the first real test of strength of public power advocates in this state.

Petitions requesting a special election on the proposed formation of the Northwest Oregon Bonneville utility district, including parts of seven counties and almost 50 cities and towns, were filed with the state hydroelectric commission in Salem Wednesday.

In addition to Washington county, others included are Lincoln, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Polk and Yamhill. All contributed signatures to the petitions, with more than 4000 registered voters listing their names favoring calling of the election. If petitions comply with law, the commission must call a special election to decide whether or not the district will be formed on not less than 30 days after filing date of the petitions. The date of voting some time between March 31 and April 8.

Five nominations for district directors were made with the filing of special petitions, naming Peter Zimmerman, Yamhill; Oren Royce, Clatsop; Ernest M. Reynolds, Lincoln; R. W. Hogg, Polk; and G. W. Thielson, Clackamas. They will run for membership on the district governing board if the election is held.

Would Hit Budget The holding of a special election on the question of the seven-county district formation may result in an unexpected demand of about \$3000 on the Washington county budget, it was stated here this week.

As the result of the petitions filed, the special election will be called prior to the regular May 20 primary.

Rotarians Hear Miller Speech

Rotarians heard Dr. H. R. Miller, principal of Laurelwood academy, talk on education and its application at the academy during their meeting Thursday.

Laurelwood's unique set-up, wherein students are given opportunity to earn tuition by working on the various projects sponsored by the academy, was explained to the Rotary members. Laundry, a dairy, a bakery, a very likely a farm and domestic activities were presented as means of work for the students. Miller stated that during the past two years the academy has been self-sustaining, with funds exclusively from the tuition and the school being raised in the agricultural and industrial projects.

Several musical numbers were presented by academy students, including several saxophone and vocal selections. Mrs. E. J. Kortebein introduced the entertainers. B. F. Pile was meeting chairman.

O. D. Adams, state director of vocational education, will be the speaker at the Rotary club noon luncheon meeting today (Thursday), which will be held in the chamber of commerce quarters. C. T. Richardson will be program chairman.

Best Alfalfa Seed Found to be Most Economical

(By W. F. Cyrus, County Agent) Alfalfa seed is being offered the seed trade this season at prices ranging all the way from slightly less than thirty cents a pound up to something more than forty cents per pound. Preliminary reports on alfalfa seed production in 1937 indicate that almost 50 per cent of the total crop was produced in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and California. Trial plantings in this county during the last fifteen years have indicated almost without exception that seed grown in the northern states has produced stands that have been long lived and productive. This has generally been true regardless of whether the seed is of the Grimm variety or of some other strain. Certified Grimm seed from Oregon, Montana or Idaho has consistently proved superior in local variety trial plantings. With a good crop in the southern producing territory it is certain that some of this seed will be sold in the northern states and probably a small portion of it will move into this territory. If past history means anything this seed may prove to be expensive even though the purchase price may be less by ten cents or more per pound. The fact that it has been produced at a high altitude in the southern states has not proved that it has been satisfactory

Principals of Thursday Night Hilhi Operetta



Pictured above are the Hillsboro high school students who have been cast in leading roles for the operetta, "Blow Me Down," with an additional cast and chorus of 150, tonight (Thursday) at the high school auditorium. They are left to right, front row: Betty Sue Fristoe and Howard Davis, who take Mc-Nay Gremis Carlson, business manager, and Wilma Schildhauer; back row: Evola Noeck, Allan Sigler, Don Kerkman, Billy Lieder and John Christensen.

Tenant Farm Loans Not Offered Here

Many Washington county farmers are inquiring at the Farm Security Administration offices regarding tenant farm purchase loans under the Bankhead-Jones act, even though no loans of this type will be available in the county this year, according to Victor S. Madsen, county supervisor.

Operetta to be Presented at Hilhi Tonight with Huge Cast

Hillsboro union high school's annual operetta will be presented tonight (Thursday) at 8:15 in the school auditorium, with a cast of 150 students taking part in "Blow Me Down," a rollicking, tuneful comedy with a pirate setting.

Electrification Carried Into More Schools

Completion of another step in the Portland General Electric company's line extension to rural schools will be observed Friday night at the Shute school, when the company and the women's club there will join in presenting a motion picture and pie social.

Boy Scouts Attend Church Services

About 80 boys from the Boy Scouts and Cubs attended morning church services at the Congregational church in Hillsboro and evening services at the Forest Grove Congregational church last Sunday.

Mrs. Kemmer Dies Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Marie Kemmer, 77, who died at her home on Cooper Mountain Tuesday, will be held Friday at 10 a. m. from St. Cecilia's Catholic church in Beaverton, with Rev. George O'Keefe officiating. Interment will be in Cooper Mountain cemetery.

Campaign for 'Oregon' Park Nearing End

Drive for Memorial to Close Today; Governor Martin Urges Support

Oregon's state-wide campaign from February 7 to 17, to provide a memorial park for the Battleship Oregon in Portland's harbor sweeps into its last day today (Thursday), with drive workers still extending efforts to collect the desired number of donations.

Governor Charles H. Martin, honorary chairman of the campaign committee, in opening the drive said "Through providing an adequate berth for the historic 'Oregon,' the people of this and of other states have the opportunity of recalling the fundamental principles of American patriotism, by creating a historic shrine which will forever stand as a monument to these principles. We are not only honoring the beloved old 'bulldog of the navy,' but we are paying tribute to those who have fought for this nation. The 'Oregon' is a testimony to the fact that we still believe the principles upon which this nation is founded are worthy of preservation by fighting if necessary."

Coast Shrine Envisioned The state-wide committee, organized by Governor Martin, hopes to raise a fund sufficiently large to establish the "Oregon" in a permanent and beautiful berth or memorial park comparable with U. S. Constitution park at Boston. They appeal to every patriotic citizen, organization and society to contribute in bringing this about. The shrine will not be confined to Oregon, but has been extended to every state in the union to accomplish its aim. It is hoped that the historic old ship will provide the basis of which there are few, if any, on the Pacific coast.

Names of all contributors will be placed on a "Roll of Honor," which will be a permanent and available record and exhibit aboard the "Oregon," when she is placed at her new berth.

Hugh S. Rogers, Hillsboro committee chairman for the "Battleship Oregon" fund drive called a special meeting of heads of various organizations Thursday night at the chamber of commerce to make complete arrangements for the campaign to raise funds for placing the ship in a permanent berth.

Attending the meeting were O. B. Kraus, county school superintendent and chairman; Mayor J. H. Garrett, representing the city; B. W. Barnes, union high school superintendent; Jake Weil, American Legion; Fred Cron, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Fred Sewell, Knights of Pythias; Ed Coman, Breakfast Club; Mrs. H. S. Rogers, W. R. C.; Mrs. Fred Engeldinger, American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. R. N. Torbet, Daughters of Union Veterans; (Continued on page 3, column 4)

Hilhi Building Planned; School Meeting Called

Directors of Hillsboro union high school district decided at a Tuesday night session to call a special meeting of legal voters of the district for 2 p. m. Monday, March 7, to submit the question of financing for a proposed \$6000 Smith-Hughes building at the school, with voting to take place by ballot.

Purpose of the meeting will be to decide whether directors shall be authorized to issue \$6000 worth of warrants to cover several WPA project improvements at the school.

Liquor Commission Splits Beer Tax

Washington county and nine of its cities and towns received a total of \$1,017.05 from the state liquor control commission as their share of the privilege tax on beer collected for the last quarter of 1937.

Tuesday Holiday

Washington's birthday, Tuesday, February 22, is a legal holiday. The county courthouse, both Hillsboro banks and the state liquor store will be closed throughout the day in observance of the anniversary of the nation's first president. The post office will also be closed, with no mail deliveries taking place.

News Sure Monday

There will be no mail service on Tuesday, February 22, due to observance of Washington's birthday. All Argus correspondents are asked to get their news reports into the mail so they will be delivered not later than Monday, in order to guarantee their appearing in next week's issue of the paper.



Fourth grade pupils at Peter Boscow school, and their teacher, Mrs. E. L. Hurd, who recently made inspection visit to Argus, pictured looking over the newspaper press, which prints paper from rolls. Various phases of newspaper work were explained by Argus staff members.

Hillsboro Delegates to Salem Conclave Named by Hadley

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J. H. Garrett will be one of the Hillsboro representatives at the (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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Radio Club at Chamber; Rosson Coming Monday

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Witness Comes Three Weeks Late for Trial

Just three weeks after trials of James B. Elkins and Herbert C. West had been dismissed for lack of witnesses, Harmon W. Thompson, one of the two missing witnesses, appeared in Hillsboro Monday and conferred with county officials.

Portland newspaper reports quoting him as saying that he and witness Paul Churchill had been forced to leave Portland at the point of a gun, were incarcerated, Thompson said. They had been intimidated from appearing as witnesses, however, he added. Thompson is at present free under bail, but faces a grand jury indictment on a charge of operating a slot machine. Elkins and West were both released after their trials for assault with weapons had been dismissed in circuit court.

Assessed \$25 H. L. Griffin was assessed \$25 for a traffic violation when he pleaded guilty to reckless driving on the highway. Five dollar fines were levied in justice court during the past week on Morris A. VanLoon for using expired license plates; Jewel C. Kelly, operating an overloaded truck, and Ray Tomlinson, truck overload. Attention of truck drivers to the maximum load limits was termed necessary by county court members, who pointed out the damage done roads and highways by overloaded trucks.

Frank Greener, arrested by State Policemen Woodworth and Butterfield, was fined \$25 and costs in Justice of Peace A. W. Havens' court Monday on a charge of having an untagged deer-hide in his possession.

Wholesale Tampering Done Thieves tampered with at least half a dozen cars late Friday night when they were parked near the Court Monday on a charge of having articles were reported missing, according to Deputy Sheriff Hal Ireland and Ben Cornelius, who investigated.

One pair of new blue overalls, a wallet containing more than three dollars and several papers were taken from George Sipe's car, and seven gallons of gasoline were drained from the tank. Albert Kemmer reported a large green plaid robe taken from his car. A. B. Flint's car was tampered with and a side window broken, but nothing was taken except gasoline. Door handles on Otto Liebhold's car were sprung, but the thieves hadn't opened the car. Door handles on Art Schell's car were twisted out of shape, and gas was taken from the automobile owned by Otis Lindgren. Additional gas was drained from a car belonging to an unidentified person, the deputies reported.

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