

Hillsboro Argus

With Which is Combined the Hillsboro Independent Hillsboro Argus, 1934 Hillsboro Independent, 1933 MCKINNEY & MCKINNEY, Publishers Published Thursday - Entered as second-class matter in the postoffice at Hillsboro, Oregon

W. VERNER MCKINNEY MRS. E. C. MCKINNEY Editor Associate Editor

Official Newspaper of Washington County Selected as Oregon's Best Weekly Newspaper, 1930-36 Named an All-American Weekly Newspaper Eleven, 1930 Honorable Mention National Editorial Ann, Newspaper Production Contest, 1934-35; General Excellence, 1935

Third place winner in two national newspaper contests in 1937 - General Excellence and Best Editorial Page for weekly newspapers with circulations over 1,000.

Subscription Rates Strictly Cash in Advance Per year \$2.00 Three months \$.60 Six months \$ 1.15 Per copy \$.05 Outside Oregon \$.05 In other states \$2.50 Foreign countries \$3.50

Member: Oregon State Editorial Association and National Editorial Association First Audited Paper, Largest Circulation in West.

The Hillsboro Argus assumes no financial responsibility for errors which may appear in advertisements published in its columns, but in cases where the paper is at fault it will reprint that part of an advertisement in which the typographical mistake occurs.

National Defense

National Defense Week is being observed throughout the United States from February 12 to 22, sponsored by the Reserve Officers' association. The motive in bringing this to the public's attention is with the patriotic idea of reminding everyone that this great nation must not at any time, especially in these days of world unrest and greed, allow our country to become a sleeping giant.

The reserve officers are naturally strongly in favor of continued peace, for they know full well that a conflict which would involve the United States would throw them into the front line trenches immediately. All war veterans, and many of these officers are veterans, know full well the horror and futility of war. They feel that preparedness is our greatest protection against becoming involved in war.

These reserve officers fully advocate building up a strong sentiment for peace in this country, but they rightly insist that at the same time we must build a system of national defense that will be a positive proof, that we can live our national life unmolested.

They say in brief: We believe the United States should join in a positive drive against war and huge armaments; and our country has invariably led in these matters. However, too many countries in other parts of the world are building armies and navies of alarming size. They are casting about for new territories and possessions. We don't want them to occupy any of ours! That's why we are reminding the people of these United States, "A legal limit army, a navy second to none and an efficient air force of suitable size is necessary to provide adequate national defense for the United States."

The Portland News-Telegram has been performing an excellent editorial service in its demand for cleaning up the labor terrorism that has existed in Portland for several years. Its plea for complete public support of constituted authorities and of law and order should meet with co-operation from a long-suffering public.

Ohio aliens are worrying because of a new law that bars them from relief and are scrambling to take out citizenship papers. They are fretting because the process is such a long one. Why didn't they think of citizenship long before?

Public Forum

Why We Should Form District Editor Argus-When President Roosevelt spoke in the Portland auditorium during his 1932 campaign, he said: "The next great hydroelectric development to be undertaken by the federal government must be that of the Columbia river." The result of that speech is Bonneville dam and a law passed by congress giving the people until January 1, 1941, the opportunity to form utility districts so that the people can contract for power at wholesale rates just the same as private power companies. Fifty per cent of this power is held in reserve for us until that date. Less than three years is left to do this.

The president has appointed J. D. Ross as administrator to build the main transmission lines and sell this power at wholesale. Mr. Ross in addressing a large audience in the Hillsboro high school auditorium said that we were wise in forming the seven-county district as we could hire better engineers; the overhead would be less than if each county was by itself. The quickest way to get cheap power is to form the seven-county district. We will get to help you in any way possible after your district is formed to get this power to you. The private power companies can never sell you power as cheap as account of the heavy overhead. Have your present law amended so that you can issue revenue certificates that will not be a mortgage on your farms and homes. The financial interests consider them the best investment there is. These bonds are secured by the promise to pay them off from the revenue derived from the sale of power. You will never have to be taxed to pay them off. A committee has been appointed to amend the present law so that this can be done.

The only question before us in this special election is to form the district and elect five directors who will have the authority to contract with the administrator for this power on the same terms the private power companies can do. Washington has eighteen counties ready to sign up. Oregon has only one county and two small districts. Are we going to let this opportunity go. Don't let Washington beat us to it. - J. E. LEWTON, chairman Washington county unit.

Our Yesterdays

Fifteen Years Ago Argus, February 16, 1923 - Big snowstorm breaks over northwest. Motor transportation paralyzed, but trains running on schedule. All camps are "down" and hundreds of men thrown out of work.

Ernest Kraus, who settled at Blooming in 1877, dies February 12.

Thomas Duncalf, Cornelius resident 21 years, dies February 9.

Manager Phelps of Liberty theatre books many big pictures and is installing mammoth pipe organ for spring opening.

W. G. Ide of Portland, a colonization man of wide experience, selected to handle the land settlement work of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce.

Henry J. Henderling, Cornelius resident many years, killed in Butte, Mont., mine accident February 3.

Tax roll for current year's collection runs to total of \$1,094,536.

Thirty Years Ago Argus, February 13, 1906 - Three people killed in forest in Southern Pacific train wreck at Forest Grove Tuesday night. Broken rail given as cause for accident. Mrs. J. E. Bates and five-month-old boy of Forest Grove and John McDonald of McMinnville instantly killed.

Oregon Electric files 18 agreements for right of way through farms and tracts from a point on main line to Hillsboro.

Church Services

Christian Church Lord's day unified study-worship service, 9:45-11:45 a. m. church school, 9:45-11:45 for all ages in a growing school. Morning worship, 10:45, music by choir, sermon by pastor. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Intermediate high school and young people. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. orchestra and young people's choir. Sermon study of 11th chapter of John. Choir night, Wednesday, 8 to 9 p. m. rehearsal on Friday. Mid-week service, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. tonight; topic, "The Church Planning Her Worship-Program," with Miss Helen Smithery, leader. The following Thursday, 6:30 p. m. monthly pot luck dinner, followed by mid-week service - R. L. Putnam, pastor.

St. Francis Catholic Church, Roy Sexagesima Sunday: Holy mass will be celebrated Sunday at 8 a. m. This will be the only mass at Roy. The 10:30 mass will be said in Buxton Sunday school after the 8 a. m. mass. At 3 p. m. Novena devotion to "Our Mother of Perpetual Help" followed by Benediction of the most blessed sacrament. Study club meeting for all ages, 2 o'clock; boys and girls will be held Friday evening at the priesthouse. Next Friday evening the parish choir will rehearse at the school house. Our people and friends and neighbors are invited to the card party this Thursday evening at Moore's hall, Roy - Father Joseph B. Saal.

St. Thomas Church, Buxton Holy mass celebrated next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sermon will be preached from the Holy Gospel of the day. All Catholics located in and near that district are asked to attend and hear mass, also all our non-Catholic friends are invited. - Father Joseph B. Saal.

Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church You are cordially invited to attend the services. Sabbath preaching services, 11 a. m. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; C. E. 8 p. m. Missionary society last Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m. - J. F. Gibson, minister.

Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. C. C. Weber superintendent; 10:30 a. m. worship, 11; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.; evening worship, 7:30 o'clock. - Alexander Hawthorne, pastor.

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 topic, "Mind."

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

M. E. Church (Bethany) On Germantown road. Sunday service every Sunday, 10 a. m. Sunday school, 11 a. m. - John Place, pastor.

Assembly of God - Aloha Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. prayer meeting, 4:30 p. m. Wednesday, Sunday services held in the Huber hall, Wednesday night meeting held in the homes. - Floyd Huntley, pastor.

Beaverton Christian Church Bible school, 9:45 a. m.; preaching and communion, 11; subject of morning sermon, "When God Hides"; Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m.; sermon, 7:30 p. m.; subject, "Jonah and the Whaling Wednesdays." (Continued on page 6, column 2)

Report of the Land Use Committee

(Made at County Agricultural Economic Conference January 27)

Note - Third of a series of reports made by competent county farmers at the county agricultural economic conference in Hillsboro January 27. The fourth and last report will be printed February 24.

The land use committee considered the following questions pertaining to land utilization in Washington county:

- 1. The 1936 agricultural economic report. 2. Changes that should be made in the type of agricultural production in Washington county. 3. Important changes that are desirable from the standpoint of maintaining the productivity of certain areas, at least at their present level. 4. Available land that is suitable for agricultural development. 5. Minimum sizes of farm units. 6. Part II.

The 1936 Agricultural Economic Report In reviewing this report the committee wishes to call attention to the fact that the recommendations and information contained therein is for the most part applicable at the present time. There are some things that pertain to the immediate future, particularly regard to credit, where the situation may be somewhat changed but any change is only in relation to the probable future trend of interest rates. At least one year's period for loans secured by real estate will undoubtedly not be shortened. It is just as important as ever that a prospective borrower carry out a program of financial status before expanding his farm business on borrowed funds.

One change that the committee would like to suggest is in the recommendation pertaining to the amount of the purchase price of a farm a buyer should have. The report of two years ago recommended that he have not less than 33 per cent of the purchase price. The committee believes that under most conditions, this is too low and that he should have not less than 50 per cent of the purchase price plus enough additional cash to properly equip the farm and carry the family living through at least one year.

Minor Changes That Should Be Made in the Type of Agricultural Production in Washington County The following minor changes are suggested: a. The development of a farming system on our better hill soils aimed at lessening the erosion problem. This would mean the development of a rotation system placing more emphasis on legumes and perennial grasses. b. Increases in the acreage of the long-lived legumes and perennial grasses on some of the valley soils where the increase in the acreage of such crops would mean either an increased yield in forage, a smaller acreage, a higher quality forage, or a lessened cost per unit of production.

On hill soils, practically all of the melonvine soil type, late potatoes and strawberries are too important cultivated crops and it is in connection with the growing of these two crops that erosion has become a serious problem. The committee believes that erosion may be controlled without any material change in the acreage of strawberries. Prices for potatoes, with the yield we ordinarily get, scarcely warrants continuing the potato acreage on the acreage of the past years. This means that the potato acreage might be decreased and other crops substituted which would both increase the immediate return from this land and in addition aid in solving the erosion problem.

In the case of any other material changes suggested would be: First: Planting in rows laid out on the contour or at least at right angles to the general slope. Second: Cultivating in the fall so that furrows will catch the water and down the slope for the water to run down. Third: Keeping the strawberry acreage on any particular farm within the limits where the acreage can be rotated with other cover crop plowed under between

Politics Brewing

(By A. L. Lindbeck)

SALEM - With the deadline for filing less than two months away the political pot is beginning to percolate. Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, upon his return to Oregon last week from an extended trip into Mexico, confirmed reports that he intended to enter the republican primaries as a candidate for governor. Sam said that he would tour the state in the same old Ford that served him in his campaign four years ago and a friend has agreed to finance his campaign to the extent of \$40.

Reports from Milwaukie have it that M. S. Shrock of that city will also be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. On the democratic side of the fence Henry Olen this week plunked down \$100 in cold cash to get his name on the primary ballot as a candidate for governor. Olen has turned a deaf ear to all suggestions that he withdraw from the race and his action this week only confirms his repeated statements that he is in the race to stay. With J. F. Hosh of Bend already an avowed candidate and Howard Latourette expected to announce his candidacy any day now it begins to look like a mad scramble among the New Deal elements of the Jacksonian party that will insure the nomination of Governor Martin without much difficulty.

So far Justice Henry L. Bean is the only one of the three retiring supreme court members to announce himself as a candidate for another term. Justice C. G. Bailey is expected to seek re-election, but there is some question as to the intentions of Justice Hall S. Lusk, democrat, who was appointed to the bench by Governor Martin last July following the death of Justice J. U. Campbell. Attorney General L. H. VanWinkle, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for supreme court honors so far has refused to either confirm or deny the rumor.

Education Problem A survey just completed in Lane county revealed 1800 boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 22 years who are not in school, according to O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education. A majority of these boys and girls have never had a job and 82 per cent of the number have never had any training to fit them for a job. Adams said. In the opinion of Adams the answer to this problem of out-of-school youth is to start a school of vocational education offering courses in vocational agriculture, trades and industries and domestic science.

Dairymen Warned Governor Martin in an address before the Salem Chamber of Commerce this week warned the dairymen of Oregon of "sinister influences" at work to undermine the milk control law which he regards as vital to the welfare of the dairy industry.

Payroll at Peak Employment in hazardous industries in Oregon, including logging and lumbering, reached an all-time peak last October, according to records of the State Industrial Accident Commission. Payrolls in Oregon's hazardous industries reached an all-time peak of \$15,435,647 in September, but fell off to \$12,682,000 in December due largely to strikes in the lumber industry. Average wage paid to workers in hazardous industries during September was \$4.63 a day, dropping to \$4.39 in December.

Bank Reports Made Deposits in Oregon's 110 state and national banks at the time of the last call totaled \$306,434,137, it was revealed in an abstract released by the state banking department this week. This was the first time since the depression that reports the condition of Oregon banks has been made public.

May Move Statute The "Circuit Rider" statute, which occupied a prominent place on the state house lawn before the destruction of the old capitol by fire two years ago, may be moved to a new location in Wilson park after the new capitol is completed. This was revealed during a visit to the Capitol Reconstruction commission to Salem this week. Originally it had been planned to locate the statue to the south of the new building.

Coast Unprepared It would require 300 days under present conditions to mobilize the Pacific coast for defense against an invading foe, according to Major G. C. White, commander of the 41st division of the National Guard. General White said that the west coast is entirely unprepared for defense.

Miss Harriett Long, state librarian, left Friday night by airplane for Washington, D. C., to attend a session of the extension board of the American Library association of which she is a member.

Library Contract Let The new library building will have a marble exterior to harmonize with the new capitol. Contract for construction of the building was awarded by the Capitol commission Friday to the L. H. Hoffman Construction company of Portland on a low bid of \$712,941. Construction work on the building is expected to get under way about March 1.

Ross May Run John E. Coater, placement officer with the State Employment commission, is being prominently mentioned as a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress in the first Oregon district. Coater, who presided as speaker of the house of representatives at the 1935 session of the state legislature, was formerly county agent of Washington county. State Senator E. L. Ross the notion of endorsing the democratic primaries for the congressional post as also Clarence F. Hyde of Eugene, state representative from Lane county.

My Neighbor Says - If powdered borax is sprinkled generously around where cockroaches appear, it will quickly exterminate them. Save all meat skewers for spring house-cleaning time. They are excellent for cleaning corners and grooves in woodwork. Left-over buttered toast can be dried in a slow oven and then rolled and the crumbs are already buttered and are ready for use on escalloped mixtures. Four or five whole cloves and a teaspoon of sugar added to a quart of prunes soaking gives them a delicious flavor. Cook prunes in same water as they are soaked in.

President's Plan for Co-operation from Business Answered

(By Roger W. Babson)

BABSON PARK, Fla. - When Joseph Kennedy speaks to businessmen, they sit up and take notice. In Boston several weeks ago the able Ambassador to England spoke for the president of the United States. He said that business ought to stop complaining about the new deal and suggest a program of its own.

Criticism is always healthy. But criticism should be constructive, as well as destructive. Mr. Kennedy said. Since his comment was made however, the only slump-killing program that has been put forward by business men is the Capital Business conference of a week ago. But, because of lack of time for thorough discussion, their resolutions were incomplete and fragmentary. Hence, to start the ball rolling, I am putting forward a rough formula. I believe it would restore business confidence, break up the credit jam, release buying in heavy industries, and boost activity overnight.

1. Charities: America needs a spiritual revival. Each group must see the other fellow's point of view and try to apply the Golden Rule. This is the basic need of today. 2. Spending: Federal spending must be curtailed. Public spending represents a cost of production just as labor, materials and overhead. With the desire to "freeze" wages and yet cut selling prices, other costs besides overhead and materials must be lowered. Government expenses are the result of unproductive costs. They are the logical item to slash and the quickest way to cut them is by some real old-fashioned public economy. To cut

off spending abruptly now, however, would be deflationary and dangerous. Here is my thought: a. A five-year plan calling for a graduated halting emergency "aid" should be enacted now to be put into effect as soon as the current situation clears up a little. b. Local economies should be inaugurated on a similar plan and program. Local budgets as well as federal ones be balanced to avoid public bankruptcy. 3. Taxes: Along with reckless living and spending, taxes are the worst of our troubles. We can commit national suicide by taxation. An immediate tax reform program is essential. Consider the following: a. Repeal the vicious undivided profits tax. b. Broaden the income tax base by lowering exemptions. c. Ease up on certain taxes in the high income brackets. d. Cut out the capital gains tax which discourages initiative. e. Force all public employees to pay some income taxes as does John Q. Citizen. f. Make the government and municipal bonds subject to taxes as are all other securities. g. Put social security on a pay-as-you-go basis with annual assessment based on actual cost. h. Abolish that "tariffs" by scrapping local business taxes. i. Lighten the tax load on overburdened real estate. j. Allow money spent out of net earnings on new building, plant, machinery, to be free of taxes. k. Railroads: At the head of the list of sick industries stand the railroads. There are \$25,000,000,000 of carrier securities in the hands of savings banks, insurance companies, hospitals, colleges, and individual investors. The huge investments must be protected. a. Freight rates should be boosted temporarily - for say three years - about 12 per cent. Passenger fares should be upped 1/4 cent per mile. Pullman fares should not be changed, but should include cost of par-

lor chair or berth. Pooling of equipment and terminals should be hastened. Unprofitable branch lines should be cut off. b. The unwarranted 1937 wage increase for railroad workers should be cancelled immediately provided that 50 per cent of the laid-off workers are rehired now - 1 per cent a year from now at the latest. c. All receivership should be terminated by July 1, 1938. Nothing is so depressing as doing business with or working for bankrupt concerns. New capitalizations should be based on 1936 earnings so that further receiverships will not be necessary. d. Extend R. F. C. loans to prevent any more unnecessary railroad defaults this year. 5. Utilities: The heavy industries would get a vital stimulant from utility construction if the power companies were not tormented to death. My "formula" for enlisting the utility industry's aid in ending the "recession" is: a. End legislation so that power companies can be eliminated without receivership. b. Declare a moratorium on enforced rate reductions for two years. Publicly commend and encourage voluntary reductions. c. Announce that there will be no "loans" or gifts to municipalities to build tax-free public systems to compete with and destroy private companies unless existing systems refuse to sell at a fair price - fixed by an unbiased arbitration board. d. Until good business returns, sell power at wholesale from big government dams only to the private companies to retail under rates supervised by Federal Power Commission. 6. Building: This is the key log in the jam of the capital goods industries. We can hardly express my feelings over the tactics and wage demands of skilled building mechanics. New building under current labor and material conditions, is almost impos-

sible. Here are suggestions to lower costs: a. Cut financing costs even further in the New Housing Act by allowing 3 per cent mortgage money at 3 per cent interest amortized over 25 years on houses under \$5,000. b. Cut labor costs by government control of building workers to make up any drop in annual income from April 1, 1933 to April 1, 1939 over their 1936 earnings provided they cut their pay rates 20 per cent. c. Ask material concerns to reduce prices to equal reduced costs. 7. Labor: Forces have been started here that will be hard to stop. But a few kind words for employers will make them feel that the dice are not all loaded against them. I have in mind: a. Make labor unions liable to suit as are business corporations. Require them to file annual financial information as do employers. b. Give employers equal rights and responsibilities under the Wagner Labor Act with labor organizations. c. Do not interfere with wage scales. Let them rise or fall as economic conditions demand. 8. Agriculture: Take Secretary Wallace's advice as to agricultural legislation. Basically, however, solution of these current business problems will help farmers more than anything that government legislation can do for them.

There are other changes needed, but these are essential now. No other president has had the tremendous opportunity for national service which Mr. Roosevelt possesses. This entire schedule could be put into effect very quickly. Just the announcement that such a program is to be adopted would snap the nation out of the current morass in one lightning jump. These proposals are logical and practical. So here is one businessman's answer to Mr. Kennedy's suggestion!