

# Council Proposes Hospital; Seeks PWA Water System Aid

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### Special Vote Possibility On Hospital

Application for PWA Aid On Local Water System Slated by Councilmen

First moves toward agitation for a municipally-owned general hospital took place at Tuesday night's special city council session, when a motion was passed calling for a resolution setting a special election to decide whether or not citizens favor the move. The council also took another step toward solution of the water system problem. Need of a modern hospital in Hillsboro was pointed out by Dr. J. O. Robb, who declared that adequate hospital facilities here would keep many of the more serious cases which are now sent to Portland. He termed the existing hospitals excellent, when the limitations of equipment and space are considered, but declared that with growing population both in Hillsboro and entire surrounding area a fireproof and soundproof structure was an urgent need.

**PWA Aid Envisioned**  
Under present provisions of the city council, the municipality cannot take advantage of a possible 45 per cent PWA grant because there is no section allowing the city to operate a hospital. Hence, calling of a special election to change the charter provisions would be necessary, declared City Attorney P. L. Patterson.

The motion passed by the council, favored by Councilmen Robb, A. Kroeger and L. C. Kramien, calls for presentation of a resolution at the August 2 meeting which will provide for a special election, on the measure authorizing the city to run a hospital. Applications for PWA loans and grants are not acceptable after September 30, and a 15-day notice is required before an election can be held.

**Water System Topic**  
Council members voted 3 to 2 to resubmit an application to the Public Works administration for loan and grant of about \$400,000 to put in a new water transmission line from the headwaters of the Tualatin, a storage tank east of Forest Grove, and new distribution lines throughout the city. The resulting setup would be a system in competition to the existing People's Water and Gas company system. Robb, E. A. Griffith and Kramien favored resubmitting the application, while Councilwoman Anna Wells and Councilman Kroeger voted no on the proposition.

It was also decided that J. J. Cunningham, Portland engineer, be hired to make a complete appraisal of the existing water system. The council unanimously passed a measure requesting the water company to allow his access to records and property, with a view to bringing the data down to date.  
Reports of the water and light committee revealed that at the last meeting with Northwest PWA Director C. C. Hockley, they found that 1. No PWA money would be provided, at least with Oregon administration approval, for construction of a competing system; 2. (Continued on page 6)

### Demolition of Landmark Under Way

Razing of the old "Second street livery barn" on the corner of East Washington street and Second avenue, began this week with L. D. Rose, Hillsboro route 2, in charge of tearing down the ancient Hillsboro landmark.

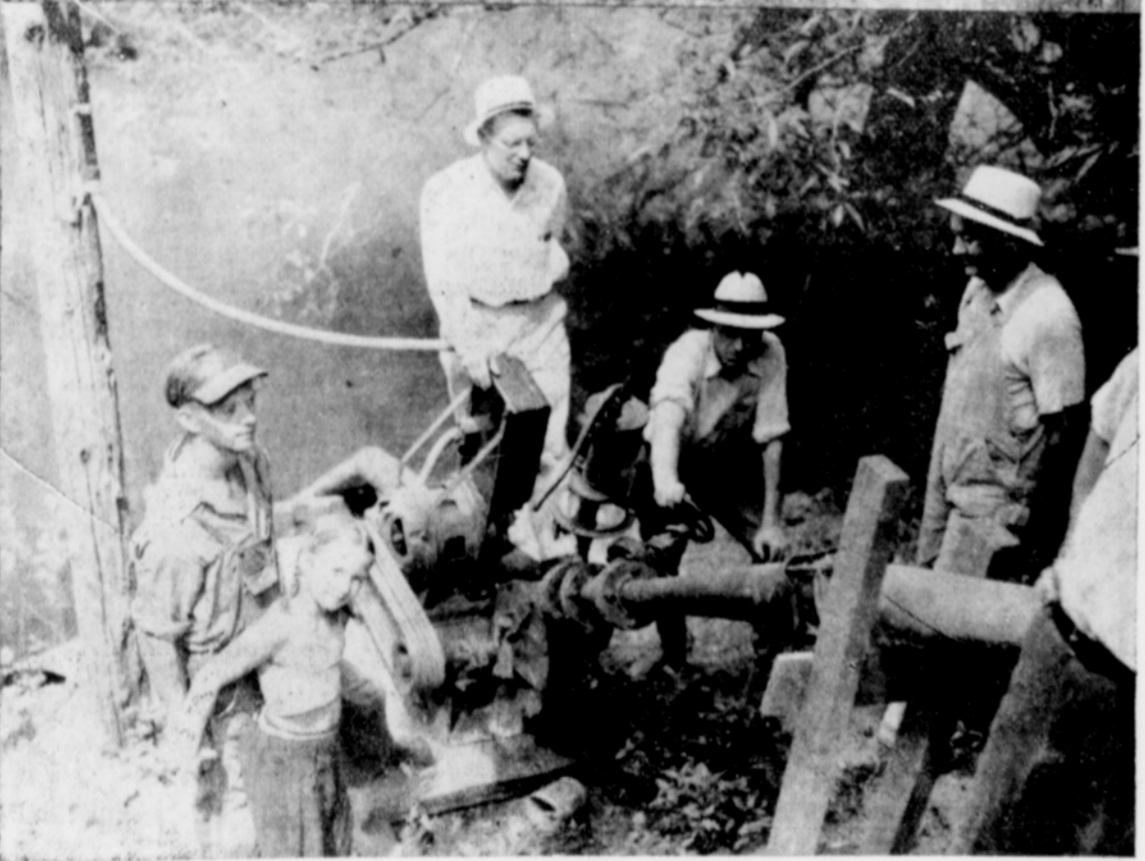
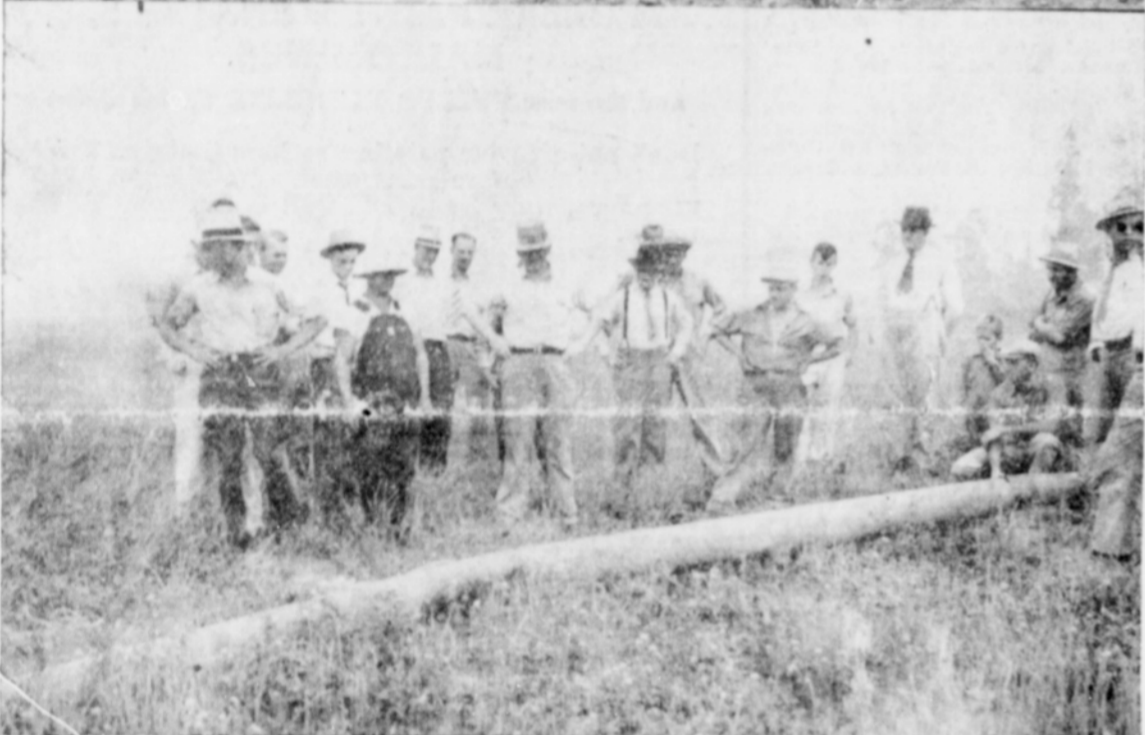
Rose was the contractor whose bid was accepted by Elmer Johnson and W. C. Christensen, co-administrators of the estate of Edward Schulerich, Hillsboro banker who died last year, which owns the building and property. Terms of the contract provide for complete razing of the building within 30 days, and removal of all debris.

The big lot, which is 77 by 126 feet, will soon be the location of a large, modern super-service station. Johnson and Christensen announced, with the Union Oil company planning to erect the structure. Construction on the station will begin soon after the present building is completely removed.  
Until recently the first floor of the huge old building was used as the Used Car Exchange. Closing of the Schulerich estate during the past week permitted disposal of the old structure.

### Hillsboro Bids Landmark Goodbye



Razing of one of Hillsboro's oldest buildings got under way this week as the one-time livery barn, later a garage, on Second and Washington streets crumbled beneath the wrecker's bar to make a room for a new super-service station to be erected there. The Argus camera caught the building just after the wrecking crew had torn off the old false front which made the structure loom so large.



**ROTARY HEADS**—(at top) A. L. Amacher, vice-president; J. M. Poynter, program chairman; T. G. Bron-law, president, and J. L. Anderson, secretary-treasurer, are the new heads of Hillsboro's Rotary club, pictured at a cool noon-day luncheon on the Weil lawn last week.  
**FOUNTAIN HEAD**—Irrigation project viewers saw this gushing stream of water as it poured from the hydrant on the Sotniker farm southwest of Hillsboro last week-end and gurgled down an irrigation ditch. Among those shown (left to right) are County Agent W. F. Cyrus, Frank Sotniker, L. J. Woods, Dr. William B. Chandler, Oscar Poe, John Blatt and Ralph Blatt.  
**FLOOD METHOD**—Interested irrigation inspectors see the flood irrigation system at work on the Freudenthal farm. Among those pictured (left to right) are Art King, state extension irrigation expert; Ray Steele, of soil conservation service; Hugh McGilvra, Ed Freudenthal, R. G. Scott, John Enschede, County Agent Cyrus, Bradford Fowles, Bill Roberts and J. Roberts.  
**POWER PLANT**—Sucking the water from the Tualatin river for use on the Loren Thurnher farm is this electric pump setup, and those shown inspecting it include Fred Thurnher (left), his niece, Ben Faber of the Portland General Electric rural service, Art King and Dr. Chandler.

**North Plains Youth Injured in Crash**  
Lester Pugh, 19, of North Plains, was injured seriously in an automobile-interurban train crash in Portland Sunday and was taken to Multnomah county hospital there suffering from a possible skull fracture.  
Pugh was one of five injured in the crash, and was said by investigating officers to be most seriously hurt. Edward Seward, Sandy was driver of the car. Effects of the collision crushed the light automobile against a telephone pole.

**Ex-County Man Agriculture Head**  
Ed J. D. Mickle, former Washington county man and for several years head of the foods and dairies division of the Oregon state department of agriculture, was named Tuesday by Governor Martin to succeed Solon T. White as state director of agriculture.  
While quit the post to become state coordinator for the U. S. department of agriculture conservation service, but will remain in command of the state office until August 1.

**Permits Withdrawn During Fire Season**  
No rubbish fires will be permitted in Hillsboro until further notice, Fire Marshal Wilber Dillon declared yesterday.  
Extreme dryness and low humidity of the past two weeks have created distinct fire hazards in many places, Dillon said, necessitating the revocation of all permits until later in the year. Only exceptions to the rule will be made where extra special precautions which comply with the firemen's demands are taken, he said.

### Industrial Accidents Kill Four

Dynamite Explosion at Cochran Claims Three; Portland Man Electrocuted

Four lives were snuffed out in Washington county last Thursday afternoon as two widely-separated industrial accidents took three men in a premature dynamite explosion at Cochran and a 22,000-volt wire electrocuted a wireman in Beaverton.  
Harold Olson, 54, Hans Anderson, 51 and Nels Erickson, 29, were all instantly killed in a dynamite explosion at 3:30 p. m. Thursday near Cochran, where they were working on a logging railroad extension. The men were part of a crew of six men handling the powder work and blasting for the Standard Logging company about 12 miles southeast of the main camp. The accident occurred as they were preparing for a large blast to clear the way for a new main line road when the dynamite exploded ahead of schedule. Three other members of the powder crew, escaped uninjured, including John Olson and Mica Slatovich of Portland and Lawrence Sieves of Timber. Remains of the three victims were brought to Hillsboro by coroner Fred J. Sewell.

**Funerals Held Friday**  
Harold B. Olson was born in Norway July 24, 1883. He filled the position of powder crew foreman, and had been living at Cochran since February 7, coming there from Portland. A single man, he had been in the United States for 32 years.

Hans Anderson was born in Selden, Norway, September 17, 1886. He also came to the United States 32 years ago and had followed the work of powder man.  
Funeral services for both Olson and Anderson, neither of whom is survived by any known relatives in this section of the country, were held from Donelson & Sewell chapel Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. Henry S. Haller of Pilgrim House officiating. Burial took place in the Hillsboro I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Nels C. Erickson, 29, was born in Sweden September 17, 1908, and had been in this country for ten years. He was a powder man and jack-hammer operator. He resided at 4809 N. Lombard street in Portland, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. N. E. Erickson. His remains were taken by the Pearson Funeral Home in Portland, where services were held Saturday afternoon.

**Shock Kills Worker**  
Leonnes L. Daubenspeck, of Portland General Electric company, was electrocuted when he accidentally touched a 22,000-volt wire while working Thursday afternoon in the company's Beaverton sub-station.  
Daubenspeck was working atop a ten-foot ladder when the accident occurred at 2 p. m. Thursday, according to Deputy Sheriff R. H. Busch, who investigated. First aid treatment was applied in Beaverton and he was then taken to St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. (Continued on page 7)

### Hillsboro's Merchants Win Tournament Acclaim



Shown above are the Hillsboro baseball stalwarts who ruled as favorites of the fans in the state tournament at Silverton this week. Until they dropped a 4 to 2 decision Sunday night to Edwards Furniture, the Merchants had won 16 straight games to compile the best mark ever recorded in Hillsboro baseball history. Those shown in the picture include (front) Fleskes, mascot and batboy; first row (left to right)—Frank Diericks, pitcher; Bert Fleskes, catcher; Ben Swank, outfielder; Walt Schiaffle, pitcher-outfielder; Ham Chiotti, outfielder; Art Knispel, first base; Bill Kemper, shortstop; second row—Doc Abrams, manager; George Holscher, third base; Herb Sahnov, pitcher; Roy Helser, pitcher-infielder-outfielder; Vernon Cook, second base; Carl Schwab, first base. Details of the Merchants' doings in the tournament are run in detail in the Argus sports section, page 4, this section.

### First 'Harvest Queen' Entries Made

**New Plan Has Fast Response For County Fair**  
Entries for "Harvest Queen" of Washington county to rule over the annual county fair on September 1, 2 and 3 began to come in this week, it was announced by Leon S. Davis, manager of the event.

Glennie Carlson of Scholls, petite blonde 1938 graduate of Hillsboro high school, was the first one to enter. Her name was submitted Monday, Davis said, with the backing of Future Farmers of America. Velda Kruse of Hillsboro, route 2, a junior at Hillsboro high school, is the candidate of the Laurel Farmers' Union. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krause.

**Queen Plan New**  
Selection of the "Harvest Queen" is an idea new to the county fair, and was announced just last week by the county fair board. Any young woman between 16 and 25 is eligible to enter the race for the post, with seven young women eventually to be chosen, one of whom will be named queen with the remainder as her attendants in the court.  
Meanwhile preparations went on apace at the fair grounds making ready for the most pretentious edition of the fair yet planned. Rebuilding work in progress there was completed on several of the (Continued on page 8)

**Annual 4-H Picnic Planned Sunday At Roamer's Rest**  
Washington county's 4-H club picnic will be held at Roamer's Rest, Sunday, July 31, according to plans made by the executive committee of the Local Leaders association, announced by L. E. Francis, assistant county agent.

Annual ball game between 4-H leaders and members will commence at 10 a. m. Speakers and program for the day will be decided on and announced at a later date. County 4-H picnic has always been one of the highlights in the program of 4-H club activities, states Francis, inasmuch as it is one of the few events which brings together club leaders and members from all parts of the county, as well as principal guests from the state club office and from other counties in the state.  
All 4-H club people and their friends are welcome to participate in the picnic.

**Wisner Files Petition for Mayor's Post**  
Hillsboro city politics began brewing this week with the announcement of several candidacies for posts in the November elections.

Nominating petitions for several candidates were filed with City Recorder E. M. Bowman during the past week, and were accepted by the men named.  
J. J. Wisner, present city councilman from Ward 3, southwest Hillsboro, has been named as a candidate for the post of mayor to succeed Mayor J. H. Garrett, who does not intend to run for that office. Hugh S. Rogers announced his intentions of campaigning for the mayor's post several months ago, but his petition has not been filed as yet.

William F. Haase has filed for councilman from Ward 3, which post will be vacated by Wisner upon expiration of his term this year.  
City elections will be held November 8, in conjunction with the regular fall elections. All city candidates must have their petitions filed not later than 30 days prior to the election, Bowman stated.

Dr. J. O. Robb, incumbent councilman from southeast Hillsboro, ward 2, accepted the nomination to run again for the post, and L. C. Kramien, who is councilman for the north district, ward 1, announced his acceptance of nomination. Terms of both men expire this year.

**District Scout Camp to Open**  
Scout camp for members of the Hillsboro Scout district will open Sunday, July 24, at Lee Falls, located near Cherry Grove off the Forest Grove-McMinnville highway.

It was announced this week by R. R. Easter, district chairman. Many members of the Hillsboro district are planning to attend this year's camp, which will last until Saturday, July 30. A staff of competent men and older boy leaders are in charge of the camp this year, headed by Paul H. Yearout, field executive, as camp director. Camp fee is \$1, with each Scout to provide his own food.

### Half Dozen Farms Yield Irrigation Method Results

Large Number View Pasture Growths on Week-end Tour of County Water Projects

(By Ed O'Meara)  
More than 100 farmers and others interested in results of pasture irrigation in Washington county took advantage of a series of visits conducted on Friday, Saturday and Monday under the direction of County Agent William F. Cyrus to view the irrigation work being carried out on six farms in the county.  
Flood irrigation was studied in Friday visits to the Loren Thurnher, Frank Sotniker and Freudenthal farms southeast of Hillsboro. Saturday morning's meeting studied the effects of sprinkler irrigation on the Hugh Callahan farm in Patton valley, where flood irrigation effects were noted Saturday afternoon at the Robert Warrens farm at Gales Creek and on Monday afternoon at the Elmer Guerber farm near Helvetia.

On the Loren Thurnher farm, the inspecting party saw pasture on six acres of land, covered with addition to an alfalfa field with lush growth of Ladino clover, in its second heavy crop of hay already in the shocks. Put in last year after the land had been leveled off and put into shape through use of a road grader, the pasture on the Ladino clover has been used to support the Thurnher herd both this year and last. Irrigation of the patch, which amounts to about \$2 per acre for each irrigation, has enabled the Thurnhers to pasture half again as many cows as the same pasture could support when not irrigated.

**Names** . . . . .  
Not Necessarily News  
City Councilman Art Kroeger wearing a new haircut.  
Ed Freudenthal being excused from a swimming party.  
Proprietor of Covell's, dish-ing out ice cream . . . R. P. Rasmussen presiding at a Cub meeting.  
E. A. Griffith mopping his brow—who was it?  
Bill Hare and Don Tompkins locking horns in a legal battle.  
George McGrath aiding an insurance adjuster over a grain fire.  
Jack Rushlow, just fresh from fishing, seeking someone to take as a swimming partner.  
Watching Hillsboro's baseball team at Silverton; Doc Abrams clear up in the air, making excited comments.  
Russell Tisdale, ex-local branch manager of First National bank, renewing acquaintances on a trip to the game from Albany.  
Claud Cook cheering son Vernon's second-basing antics.

**Death Claims Mrs. J. Connell**  
Death late last Friday night took Mrs. Berta M. Connell, 69, wife of Washington county's popular Sheriff John W. Connell, at Jones hospital in Hillsboro following an illness of three and a half months' duration. She died at 11:57 p. m.  
Mrs. Connell was a native of Oregon, born at Willamina in Yamhill county on April 26, 1869. She had lived in Hillsboro for the past ten years. In addition to Mr. Connell, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. E. (Helen Grimes) Slater, and a sister, Miss Anna McDonald, both of Hillsboro; also a stepdaughter and son, Mrs. Helen Patterson of Eugene, and John Connell Jr. of Hillsboro.  
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Donelson & Sewell funeral chapel. Rev. H. A. Dwick officiated at the requiem rites. Concluding services were held at the Portland crematorium.  
Mrs. Connell lived the early part of her life in Forest Grove and later moved to Portland, where she resided until coming to Hillsboro.

Pallbearers Monday were Charles Follette, L. C. Kramien and Herbert L. MacKenzie of Hillsboro and Wayne Hampton, Lee Jernigan and Gregory Hirsch of Portland.

**2 Acres Justify**  
According to plans, Thurnher will soon irrigate most of his ranch through use of the same system. (Continued on page 8)