Big Headline Events of 1938 Pass in Review

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cution trials, most important of which were those of Jack Estabrook. In company with Melvin Bozarth, Estabrook was taken into custody by Portland police February 20, as part of a statewide round-up of labor racketeers. They were charged with store bombings in Washington county, principal of which was the Memorial Day, 1935, bombing of the Fuegy store at Rock Creek, and lodged in the county jail here on the next day.

Indicted by grand jury on March 17, Estabrook was brought to trial on May 16. The jury disagreed and was dismissed, a new trial being set for June 20. Also failing to reach a verdict, the second jury was discharged and a third prosecution set for September 6.

Denied a motion for change of venue, Estabrook's defense counsel fought desperately to stave off a conviction, the trial passed its first week, new evidence was brought in, and one witness radically changed his testimony of the two previous prosecution attempts. Three days into its second week, the third trial ended, the jury went out and returned eight hours later with a guilty verdict. On November 23, Judge R. Frank Peters sentenced the convicted labor terrorist to 18 months' imprisonment in the state penitentiary and to a fine of $500. Estabrook's attorney, Kneeland C. Tanner, recently settled his bill of exceptions and filed notice the case would be appealed in the state supreme court, in which status the case is now resting.

Double Tragedy

Ironic tragedy visited Washington county during April and October—two parallel plane crashes, six months apart, in which brothers, Harold and Volney Briggs, met the same fate. Volney Briggs crashed on April 29 in an alfalfa field near Cornelius when the right wing of his speedy monoplane sheered off in the air. Harold Briggs crashed in a drizzling rain, October 24, in a corn field near Beaverton when his fuel supply gave out.

Heat Wave

Old Sol came forth with a blistering week for Washington county residents in mid-summer. Shade trees were no protection for those seeking relief from the sun's torrid rays; the temperature in late July climbed fom 85 to 90, to 95 and 100 struck a sizzling 105 and then dropped. Countless dollars in strawberry crops were lost in an earlier hot spell when the thermometer touched 91.

Late winter, spring and fall weather, however, was temperate. The county was blessed with a prolonged Indian summer and with many sunshiny days even into November and December. The corn crop was a bumper and others fared almost as well.

Elections

Washington county turned out en masse on November 8 to join the nation in a great republican swing. Candidates of the Grand old party were swept into state and county offices in Oregon on an overwhelming tide of ballots. Official canvass here showed the county vote to be 72 per cent of registration.

Hugh Rogers, Al Busch, J. L. Searcy and F. E. Cornelius were elected to city offices by a big majority. In the feature county race, H. D. Kerkman defeated H. G. Bond for judge. The county vote carried with the rest of the state in electing Charles Sprague as Oregon's next governor.

Rallies Held

Rallies of both parties, for the primary election in May as well as for the November balloting, held the interest of politicians and the general public to a greater degree in 1938 than in any off-year election in history.

Other features of the year were the annual county fair and "Happy Days" celebration, both of which attracted huge throngs to Hillsboro, the annual Shute park Easter-egg hunt, rejection at a special election of a proposed grade school here, capture of the Tualatin league basketball pennant by Hillsboro high school hoopsters, visits of Governor Charles Martin, Franklin T. Griffith, Senator McNary, Governor-elect Charles Sprague, Candidate Henry Hess and many other notables, record-breaking crowds at the annual Venetian Christmas party, and appointment of J. W. Barney as Hillsboro's new city manager.

A week-by-week headline review of the year, as gleaned from the Argus fiels, follows:

January 6—Storm damages to county roads estimated at $20,000 by County Engineer J. W. Barney; city council holds first 1938 session; John Plass re-elected president of Washington County Farmers' Union.

January 13—Crowds inspect remodeled Commercial National bank; Plans under way for President's Ball; Legionnaires plan amateur show.

January 18—Argus announces daily INS wire service during Portland newspaper strike; Anti-paralysis fight finds support here; Joe Berger, Stan Hergert take corn prizes.

January 27—Washington county farmers gather in county court for 1938 agricultural economic conference; Hillsboro civic and fraternal organizations campaign for President's Ball.

February 3—City fathers accept $103.38 bid for each $100 general obligation bond in refunding of old city hall issue; Repairs begun on flood-damaged Wapato dam.

February 10—Grade school teachers from eight counties gather in B. W. Barnes junior high school building for regional conference; Hillsboro national guard unit gets two new howitzers; Bang's test urged for all county cattle.

February 17—State hydro-electric commission sets April 8 as date on which voters of seven northwest Oregon counties will decide upon creation of a people's utility district; Construction as a WPA project of Smith-Hughes vocational training building at union high school considered at meeting of school directors.

February 24—Hillsboro high school hoop team captures county title, slated to play in district tourney; Jack Estabrook and Melvin Bozarth lodged in jail here.

March 3—Judge Donald T. Templeton announces he will not be a candidate for re-election in May primaries.

March 10—H. D. Kerkman and R. G. Scott announce intentions of running for county judge, state representative, respectively, Smith-Hughes building okayed in special school vote.

March 17—Elizabeth M. Ireland donates 12-acre camp site on McKay creek to Boy Scouts; George Biersdorf, Nick Schmidt file for nomination as county commissioner candidates.

March 24—Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland General Electric company, addresses capacity crowd at chamber of commerce luncheon; Opposition forces unite in stand against Hillsboro's inclusion in proposed power district; Jack Estabrook, Melvin Bozarth, Leon V. Wallingford, James R. Scott, Jake Minsky indicted on labor bombing charge.

March 31—Hillsboro's new stream-line fire truck taken out for a "trial spin"; Twenty-one amateur acts chosen as finalists in Hillsboro Legion's annual Venetian theatre amateur contest.

April 7—W. A. Tupper, H. A. Kuratli, Harold G. Bond file for county judge candidacy in May primary election, Jacob Kemmer, Archie Jesse for county commissioner; Governor Martin announced as future chamber of commerce speaker.

April 14—Power district proposal rejected here by 21,524 to 13,537 vote; Arrangements for annual Shute park easter-egg hunt announced; Earl and Everett Genzer, Buxton, win Legion amateur contest.

April 21—Governor Martin blasts labor racketeering in talk before record-breaking crowd at chamber of commerce; Fred W. Gaines, Beaverton, drowns in East Dairy creek at Meacham.

April 28—Plans put in motion for formation of rural fire protection district embracing territory surrounding Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Aloha and Beaverton; Wilbert Dillon named as manager for 1938 "Happy Days" celebration here.

May 5—Harold Briggs, amateur aviator, dies in plane crash near Cornelius; Democrats, Republicans plan party rallies; Al Rosser indicted by Washington county grand jury; Leon Davis named manager of Washington county fair; Tom Bronleewe elected as Rotary club president.

May 12—Portland chamber of commerce pays inter-city trade and commerce visit here; Republican rally in Washington county held; City clean-up week proclaimed.

May 19—First Estabrook trial opens; July 2, 3, 4 announced as dates for "Happy Days"; Revamping of Hillsboro telephone system begun.

May 26—H. D. Kerkman wins republican nomination for county judge over H. A. Kuratli; J. W. Hughes, George J. Davis, Richard G. Scott, Earl E. Fisher, Henry T. Hesse, Roy L. Antrim nominated as candidates for county offices; Washington county's third annual Jersey cattle show scheduled; Estabrook jury fails to agree, is discharged.

June 2—Second Estabrook trial set for June 20; Ninety-three Hillsboro high school seniors are graduated; John Kopplin of Gaston and Leon T. Sills of Cornelius take honors in Jersey show.

June 9—Strawberry crops hard hit by heat wave, temperature soars to 91 degrees; Council decides addition to police force needed; Plans for "Happy Days" get under way; B. M. Goodman resigns as Hillsboro union high school principal.

June 16—Howard Hadley elected president of Hillsboro chamber of commerce; Eighteen state highway department heads inspect Wolf Creek and Wilson River highway projects.

June 23—Second Estabrook trial under way; John R. Cox selected to replace B. M. Goodman.

June 30—Virginia Perkins named "Goddess of Liberty" for "Happy Days"; Fred Engeldinger elected commander of Hillsboro American Legion Post No. 6; Hillsborans crowd excursion boat "Cascade" on trip to Bonneville; Second Estabrook trial ends in jury deadlock.

July 7—Fires destroy Fir Grove dairy barn, R. Mulloy farm home; Throngs jam city during "Happy Days" celebration.

July 14—"Sportsmen Pilots" air squadron visits here; September 6 set for third Estabrook trial; Queen candidates sponsored for Washington county fair on September 1, 2, 3; Fire destroys Huber Mercantile company store.

July 21—Movement starts in city council for municipally owned hospital; J. J. Wismer files petition for mayor's post.

July 28—Judge Donald T. Templeton dies at Tillamook after emergency operation; Hugh S. Rogers files petition in mayoralty race; New telephone numbering system announced; Advance school registration starts.

August 4—County pays tribute at funeral of Judge Templeton; Mrs. Elizabeth Templeton supported as appointee to fill out county court term; Program arrangements for county fair opening announced; Hospital plan dropped by council; Al Busch files for council post.

August 11—Mrs. Templeton named new judge; Fair queen race ends first week with Zera Nyberg of Tualatin and Glennis Carlson of Scholls tied for first place; Rotarians consider city swimming pool, other projects.

August 18—August 19 and 24 announced as dates for county potato growers' vote on proposed potato marketing agreement; 834 awards listed for county fair winners; Zera Nyberg takes lead in "Harvest Queen" race.

August 25—William Erickson, 54-year-old tunnelman dies from gas fumes in tunnel work near Glenwood; Glennis Carlson of Scholls takes lead in Harvest queen votes; Mrs. Harry Moore of Metzger attacked by unknown assailant; Leon S. Davis named Washington county G. O. P. chairman.

September 1—Annual Washington county fair opens; Estabrook files for change of venue; Fire sweeps Yates aircraft building; Henry Gerrish indicted on morals charge.

September 8—New grade school proposed by board; Third Estabrook trial opens; Council sets city airport negotiations in motion.

September 15—School plan support grows; Estabrook trial in second week; Ed Setniker, Joe Berger named Oregon's representatives to national dairy show in Columbus, Ohio; Al Rosser moved from Washington county jail to Dallas hospital; Edward Greeley, Forest Grove, dies when hit by car.

September 22—Jury finds Estabrook guilty; P.-T. A. endorses school plan; Vote on proposed school bond issue set for September 27; Etta Mae Wells named on county health office staff.

September 29—School bond issue defeated by 434-148 in special vote; Fire destroys Buxton school; New chamber of commerce officers installed; Dell Clouser, Orenco, relates attack story; Charter amendment authorizing airport purchase drafted, to appear on November 8 ballot.

October 6—C. A. Sprague makes surprise visit to Republican central committee meeting here; W. G. Ide named leader in campaign to obtain funds for Oregon farm exhibit at World's fair in San Francisco; Electric storm causes power and telephone trouble.

October 13—Democrats, Republicans hold rallies to plan party strategy; Fire group organized at high school; Neal Bush gets charter for newly-organized Lions club.

October 20—Hillsboro tax levy set at 16.95; Orange Phelps honored with badge of service from Hillsboro fire department; Armistice Day events planned by American Legion.

October 27—Volney Briggs, amateur flier, duplicates brother's death when plane crashes near Beaverton; Sprague, Hess slated for political speeches here; J. H. Gerrish convicted on morals charge; Ray Lorenz dies in car-motorcycle mishap.

November 3—Washington county tax levy increase announced; Drainage plan approved by council; Election campaigns reach climax with countywide rallies.

November 10—Hugh S. Rogers ticket voted in at November 8 election; H. D. Kerkman elected county judge, Sprague, Holman in; Wolf Creek highway water district petitions filed; Armistice Day plans completed.

November 17—Mrs. C. O. Churchill elected Hillsboro grangemaster, Mrs. G. C. Chase re-elected secretary for the 14th time; Water district vote set for December 22; County election canvass shows 72 per cent vote cast.

November 24—J. W. Barney elected head of state association of county engineers; Five Hillsboro homes prowled; Ide gets $15,000 farm exhibit appropriation.

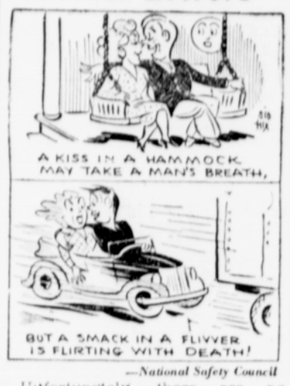
December 1—Total of state, county, city taxes here set at 58.4 mills; Estabrook appeals to state supreme court; Hillsboro football team trims Forest Grove squad, 13-7, in Thanksgiving Day grid classic.

December 8—Loren Bronleewe, Jerry Herbert voted most outstanding Hillsboro high school sportsmen, get Rotary, Men's Shop awards; E. B. Tongue—City of Hillsboro lawsuit revived at council meeting; Plans perfected for annual Christmas party.

December 15—Record crowds attend Venetian theatre Christmas party; G. R. Morgan, J. W. Connell get offices in state asscoiations.

December 22—J. W. Barney appointed city manager; L. L. MacIntyre to be county engineer; W. W. Weaver named as new police chief here.

Facts for Drivers



—National Safety Council

Unfortunately, there are no statistics on the number of accidents caused by one-armed drivers, but the fact that many such accidents have been caused is undeniable.

A strong argument against this practice is the fact that the driver is not doing the object of his affection any good by driving with one arm and keeping his eyes on her face rather than on the road. Instead he is exposing her and himself to an accident, with the possibility of injury or even death as a result.

A driver in California established some sort of record when he was arrested while driving without using his arms at all. He was sitting in the back seat with a young lady on each side, and was steering the car with his feet.

Nor must the young lady be sitting in the car to cause an accident. A mishap was reported to Secretary of State Earl Snell in which a young man, nervous and preoccupied as he tried to think how he should propose to his loved one, drove through an intersection and crashed into another car.

Love is only one of many things which take a person's mind and eyes off his driving, but all have the same result—accidents.

The good driver will make it an ironclad rule to keep his hands on the wheel, his eyes on the road, and his mind on his driving, according to Secretary Snell.

Retiring as County Judge

Pictured as she took the oath of office from County Clerk W. A. Tupper to serve out the term of her late husband, Judge Donald T. Templeton, is Mrs. Elizabeth Templeton, who will retire as Washington county judge on January 1. The post is being filled by former Commissioner H. D. Kerkman.

Commissioner Bean Makes Strong Plea for Allocating Funds to Cities for Streets

A strong case for the League of Oregon Cities request for the allocation of some of the gasoline tax revenues to assist in the maintenance of city streets was made by O. R. Bean, commissioner of public works of Portland, in an address before the Rotary club this noon (Thursday). George McGee, Hillsboro city manager, presented the speaker.

Commissioner Bean said the league did not wish to cripple the state highway program, that highway commission revenues had been increasing at the rate of about $1,000,000 per year, that debt service was decreasing and that the state was able to match federal funds.

Need Pointed Out

Great need of the cities for a share of the highway revenues coming from city automobile owners through license fees and gasoline taxes was cited by the speaker, who declared that the only alternative for securing street maintenance funds was through property taxes and this burden was already confiscatory. He declared that the report of the highway commission itself justifies an allocation to the cities.

The highway commission report shows an annual depreciation on Hillsboro city streets of $2111 on through streets maintained by the highway department and $9586 on streets that must be maintained by the city. What maintenance money is now derived comes from property taxes.

Paid Big Portion

Over one-third of the traffic in the state is on city streets, declared Commissioner Bean in quoting from the highway commission report, and more than one-third of the gasoline tax originates on city streets. Seven-eighths of all travel on city streets is by city residents and two-thirds of the city mileage is by city residents who never leave the city streets. More than 59 per cent of the total gasoline tax, he said, is paid by city residents and $1,750,000 of the license fees are paid by the same people.

Commissioner Bean held that an allocation of approximately $800,000 to cities would not be a diversion of highway funds, but that it is merely putting it back where it belongs.

Portland, he said, has more mileage in paved streets than the entire state highway system. Bean expressed the feeling that Portland would be willing to take less per capita for its maintenance than other Oregon cities in order the help a justifiable cause.

City streets have been paid for and maintained by abutting property and this has resulted in a tremendous amount of tax and street improvement delinquency, resulting in much of this property being taken over by the municipalities.

Annual requirement for maintaining city streets, according to highway commission figures, is more than $4,000,000, but Commissioner Bean says highway officials hold to the suggestion that the huge additional sum needed should come from property taxes. Present debt service on city streets in Oregon, he said, is $1,500,000 annually.

Rotary President Tom Bronleewe reported that the local club rated 97.2 per cent in attendance in November, one of the highest in the district.

O. T. McWhorter, former Washington county agricultural agent and now an extension service specialist, was a guest at the luncheon.

Pythian Installation Jan. 13—

Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will jointly install officers Friday night, January 13, according to tentative plans.

Argus Classified Ads Pay

Services Friday For Mrs. Spiering

Mrs. Marie Spiering, 36, resident of Laurel for many years, died Tuesday in Hillsboro after an illness of one month. Recitation of the rosary was rendered at the Donelson & Sewell chapel Thursday with funeral services at 10 a. m. Friday at the St. Matthew's church and interment in the Catholic cemetery.

Born Marie Boy at Bethany, January 27, 1902, she later married John Spiering and established her residence at Laurel. She is survived by her husband, John; her mother, Mrs. William Boy; five children, Robert, Leo, Martin, Lucille Lillian, all of Laurel, and an infant son, born at the Jones hospital December 27. Four sisters and one brother also survive.

Week's Weather

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	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Wednesday	43	35	.19
Thursday	45	35	.03
Friday	51	40	.01
Saturday	51	40	.00
Sunday	47	33	.00
Monday	43	27	.00
Tuesday	50	33	.40

Hillsboro's Red Cross Roll Call Brings in $782

Hillsboro's Red Cross roll-call drive has brought in to date, $782, the donations received during the past week including $1 memberships from R. C. Enschede, Mrs. R. C. Enschede, Lee Congdon, Esther Whitworth, and $20 additional from Weil's Department store, making two $25 memberships from Weil's store and employes.

The total amount from the county has not yet been learned.

Circuit Court Quiet This Week

Arraigned in circuit court Wednesday after having waived grand jury indictment, U. Grant Westenhaver, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. Westenhaver allegedly gave a minor some liquor.

Court Orders

Circuit court orders signed by Judge R. Frank Peters during the week were in the cases of State of Oregon ex. rel. Bernice Richlick vs. Frank Richlick; State Industrial Accident commission vs. John B. McLaren and Donald E. McLaren; Federal Land bank of Spokane vs. Alta Lanyon Lander et al, and Mary M. Miller vs. John M. Miller.

Other suits filed in circuit court were in the cases of Investment Service company vs. E. L. Hill; Investment Service company vs. Blanche LaVelle Duffy, C. F. Duffy and E. L. Hill; Hugh McKee and Elizabeth McKee vs. H. M. Nixon and Ella Nixon; Yamhill State bank vs. B. C. Schulmerich, and Margaret M. Miller vs. John M. Miller.

Probate Orders

Probate orders issued during the week by County Judge Elizabeth Templeton were in the estates of Sol I. Friedenthal, Willet Bronk, Frederick W. Oberg, Nevada Kelsey, John Martell, George D. Swinney, A. R. Cornelius, Josephine A. B. Cox, all deceased; Edward Berst, an incompetent; Emma Sophia Carlson, John Martell, deceased; Elizabeth Sue Fristoe and Charles Thomas Fristoe, minors; Alfred Guerber, Elmer L. Rice, W. L. Batchelder, Elmira A. Liebermann and James Earl Williams, all deceased.

Banks Resident Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Pauline Collins, 77, of near Banks, died at her home Saturday after a prolonged illness. She was a resident of Hillsboro for 16 years. Funeral services were held at the Donelson and Sewell chapel Tuesday, Rev. H. S. Haller officiating, with interment in the Fir Lawn cemetery.

Born in Illinois on Independence Day, July 4, 1861, Mrs. Collins came to Washington county in 1922. She is survived by her husband, Isaiah Collins of near Banks; two sons, Alva of Hillsboro and Arlie of McMinnville; one daughter, Mrs. Ermal Rosenow, Banks route 2, and three grandchildren.

Achievement Meet Set on January 19

Hazeldale and Reedville 4-H clubs held a group meeting at the Hazeldale school December 16 to outline plans for the annual achievement meeting of both clubs, which will be held jointly this year. Plans were made to hold this program at the Aloha Grange hall January 19.

A pot luck supper will be served at 6:30 p. m. in the basement. Every family is to bring a hot dish. Following the supper an entertainment will be held at 8 p. m.

Twenty-two boys will be present to receive their awards. Everyone is welcome.

A Portland burglar a few days ago entered the apartment of a young woman and stole $31 and a radio, and managed to keep the radio from squawking. A lot of us would like to have him do something for ours.—The Spectator.

Jimmie Roosevelt, who has graduated from private secretary to the president to vice-president of a large motion picture concern, was for a time in the yeast business, which may explain his rapid rise.—The Spectator.

Barker Musings

(By C. E. Barker)

Heaven stoops and kisses the earth;
We think of the Babe in the manger.
Our better selves take on new birth;
Love for a time, no stranger.

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Acceptable Christmas Presents

Aloha sets up a theoretical Christmas tree and hangs thereon the following present: Kind words of appreciation to the publishers of the Argus for giving us such a clean, fresh, newsy paper; swimming pool for Hillsboro; a new schoolhouse for Reedville; a dozen tenement houses for Aloha; strength to the right and left arm of our public officials; comfort and peace for the aged; a catnip mouse for the kittens; a smile for the children; charity for the disagreeable; forbearance toward the rude, forgiveness for all sinners; love for the good, true and beautiful;—For all the needy everywhere: Christmas trees loaded down with groceries, clothing, medicine, fuel, receipted bills, good jobs, financial comforts, choice books, good will and good cheer from honest neighbors. For the peace-makers, the outlawry of war; mercy for the merciful; love for the loving; comfort for the sorrowing; honest thinking and square dealing for the pure in heart; restitution for the wronged; succor for the distressed; and a heart big enough for all—the heart of Christmas.

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An eloquent young Gallilean was moving a multitude of poor folk with his words of compassion. A royal-robed robber from Herod leaned over to another and asked, "What's his racket?"

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News dispatches report recent discovery of a lost world in the Mountains of Venezuela. The unmistakable evidence that it is a lost world is the fact that the inhabitants there hold to the doctrine hidden in these lines:

"In men whom men condemn as ill
"I find so much of goodness still,
"In men whom men pronounce divine
"I find so much of sin and blot,
"I do not dare to draw a line
"Between the two where God has not."

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