

Will Make its Bow Here Friday Night: Spartans vs. Sherwood

Of Xmas Holidays Is the Argus Wish For All Subscribers

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Car, Bus Hit; One Dead, 10 Are Injured

Burton B. Cairns Dies In Pacific Highway Head-on Crash Friday

One man was killed instantly, two persons were sent to hospitals and eight others were treated for minor hurts Friday afternoon when an auto and a Portland-bound Oregon Motor bus collided head-on on the Pacific highway near Tualatin.

Death made its claim on Burton B. Cairns, driver of the car. Cairns was an architect in the San Francisco regional office of the farm security administration, according to State Officer H. G. Hoixie.

Passenger Hurt Most seriously injured was Garrett Eckbo, 29, of San Francisco, who was treated in the St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, for a possible skull fracture and compound fracture of the lower right leg.

Accident Given Fabey's account of the accident, corroborated by witnesses, said that Cairns' car skidded into the path of the bus and sent both vehicles crashing into the ditch from the impact of the head-on collision.

Passengers in the bus who suffered superficial injuries were Miss Una E. Smith, 75, McMinnville; Miss Hazel Fau and Miss Jean Larsen, Linfield college students, McMinnville; Mrs. Boyd Ramsey, Vancouver; Wash; Miss Norma Justin and Miss Virginia Stone, both of Bremerton, Wash., and Miss Eleanor Adams, Seattle.

Mrs. A. B. Flint, 67, resident of Little Rock, Ark., April 14, 1872, daughter of the late J. W. and Margaret York. They came to Oregon in March, 1877, settling first at Cornelius, and in February, 1879, moving to Reedville. She was married to Arthur B. Flint November 9, 1898, and lived at Scholls the remainder of her life.

Deceased is survived by the widower, four children, Mrs. Julia E. McNish of Reedville, and A. Flint of Kinton, Waldo B. and Margaret E. Flint of Scholls; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Jody T. York of Aloha and John A. York of Reedville, and two sisters, Mrs. Charity Baldr of Portland and Mrs. Alice Hughes of Oswego.

Mrs. Flint was a charter member of Scholls Grange and a member of Beaver chapter Eastern Star.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of W. E. Pegg of Beaverton.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Scholls Methodist church with Rev. F. R. Sibley officiating. Interment was in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Pallbearers were W. C. Christensen and J. W. Connell of Hillsboro, Charles Inlay and Henry Hagg of Reedville, Cecil Barnes of Beaverton and Ves Boney of Cooper Mountain, Bert Howell and Mrs. J. M. Sticher sang, with Mrs. Ina Sutherland as accompanist.

Annual International Good Will Drive



Ordinance for Revenue Bonds Passed by Council

An ordinance calling for issuance of \$180,000 in water revenue bonds for the triple purpose of purchasing, improving and operating the existing water system in Hillsboro was passed by the city council in special session Wednesday night. The ordinance will become effective in 30 days.

Of the total authorization, \$160,000 is explicitly named as the city's top appropriation for purchase of the company's fixed operating facilities. None of the bonds are to be issued, the law provides, until such time as a transfer of the company properties has been negotiated but the entire issue will be offered for sale on the effective date.

The \$20,000 cash thus realized in excess of the purchase appropriation would be used for immediate necessary repairs to the system and for opening operation of the utility. The council's original plan of authorizing \$200,000 was abandoned in favor of issuing only the amount immediately needed.

Negotiations relevant to purchase of the utility will be continued, meanwhile, between city officials and the Peoples Water and Gas company, according to City Manager J. W. Barney. If some agreement as to a fair purchase price for the company properties cannot be reached, filing of a condemnation suit in circuit court to set a price may be the city's only alternative, Barney declared.

Revenue bonds do not mean added tax burden to a city inasmuch as they are redeemed with income derived from operation of the utility to be purchased, it is pointed out by City Attorney Paul Patterson. The \$180,000 issue will be matured over a period of 21 years at the rate of \$8000 per year, he said.

According to an account by Gottlieb, smoke was first noticed in the cause of the fire was believed to be a defective flue. Gottlieb suffered burns on his hands and forehead when he went upstairs with a garden hose and attempted to extinguish the blaze before it spread out of control but was forced to abandon the house because of acrid smoke which choked him. Brock administered first aid to the burned fire victim.

Fire Destroys Jack Gottlieb Farm Home The farm home of Jack Gottlieb, three miles north of Hillsboro on the Jackson school road, burned to the ground early Monday morning with a loss estimated at about \$2000.

A. L. Brock and Lester Lackey of the Hillsboro volunteer fire department responded with the rural rig at about 7:15 a. m. but arrived too late to save the house, which was already completely enveloped in flames. A fruit house and woodshed adjoining the burning building were saved by a dousing of water.

Two Days Left To Enter Xmas Lighting Contest Adding to the gaiety of Hillsboro's Yuletide season, proud home-owners were busy this week stringing outdoor lights and preparing novel night exhibits for prize competition in the annual Rotary-sponsored Christmas home lighting contest.

Only two days remain for those intending to enter the contest to turn in their entry blanks and become eligible for competition in the cash prize event. The contest will officially close at 5 p. m. tomorrow (Friday).

Over 150 Grangers Assemble Here for Joint Installation

It was almost a county Grange conference here last Wednesday night when over 150 officers and members of seven community Granges assembled in the Hillsboro hall for joint installation of their new leaders. Seventeen officers represented each group.

Grangemasters who officially took over new duties for the coming year were E. W. VanHorn, Kinton; Walter L. Jaquith, Scholls; T. N. Nelson, Dixie Mountain; A. L. Whitaker, Hillsboro; H. R. Findley, Leedy; Oscar Hagg, Aloha; Mrs. John H. Dobbins, Beaverton; and Mrs. Sadie Loftis, Washington Grange.

Theodore Roy, Grange deputy of Multnomah county, conducted the installation ceremony with the assistance of Mrs. Roy and Claude H. Miller, Multnomah county Pomona master. The Russellville Grange drill team from Multnomah county staged a fancy drill following installation, and refreshments were served in the dining hall.

Another joint installation, at Tigard, will be held tonight (Thursday) with Sherwood and Tualatin granges participating. Charles Dickinson of Oswego was installing officer for an installation of officers in the Green Mountain Grange at Buxton Saturday night.

Legion Meet Off Hillsboro post, American Legion, will not hold a meeting next Tuesday night on account of the busy holiday season. Next meeting will be January 9.

Argus Day Late Hillsboro Argus will be distributed throughout the county on Friday morning next week instead of Thursday on account of the Christmas observance Monday. The Argus, like other local business firms, will be closed all-day Monday. People are asked to please turn in their copy as early as possible. Deadline for Classified ads will be at 8:30 a. m. Thursday.

Grand Jury Returns Five Indictments Five indictments, two open and three secret, were returned by the county grand jury as that body adjourned its regular December session Monday after an investigative meeting which extended over three days.

Delmer Lambert, 28, was indicted in the first trial bill on a charge of receiving stolen property. Lambert was named in the confession of two admitted walnut thieves as the man who bought their stolen sacks of orchard produce. Lambert is now at liberty on \$500 bail.

H. W. Poe, who was caught prowling in a blacksmith shop at Dixon's mill, recently was charged with burglary in a second bill. Poe was apprehended by mill employes after a night chase.

To Attend OSTA Meet Many of Washington county's grade and high school teachers are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' association on December 27, 28 and 29, according to County School Superintendent O. B. Kraus. Business sessions will be held on the first of the three days, Kraus said.

Pre-Holiday Activities Rush County

Street Entertainment Set For Saturday Afternoon By Hillsboro Chamber

With the traditional spirit of Christmas in the air despite the absence of traditional "white" weather, Washington county residents were joyously lost in a tangle of tinsel and gift wrapping this week as they prepared for the year's most loved holiday weekend.

Indication of extensive gift-giving on Christmas Day was seen in reports from crowded Hillsboro stores and shops Saturday that sales for that day had topped all previous records and that large stock turn-overs are contemplated for next Saturday.

Yule Program Set Announcement was made by Chamber of Commerce Secretary Leon Davis, meanwhile, that a gala Yuletide program will be broadcast over a loud speaker system from the chamber offices here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. In addition to Lucille Fisher and her children's chorus from the B. W. Barnes school, who will again be featured in a series of Christmas carols, two other attractions have been billed.

Tom Baker and his violin will entertain on the broadcast and a number of vocal selections will be rendered by a girls' quartet from the Hillsboro high school music department.

Sunshine Maybe? While weather observers were waiting for the year's first killing frost and declaring the probability that blue skies instead of snow might prevail on Christmas day, odds and ends of business were being closed up by Hillsboro stores and offices in preparation for a two-day closing on Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25. In keeping with holiday custom, the Hillsboro Argus will close its doors on those two days and will distribute its next edition on Friday, December 29, one day later than usual.

Chamber of commerce meetings are at an end until the night of January 8, the next two Mondays being Christmas and New Year's Day. Davis announced. The first meeting of the new year will feature a news review in pictures of activities in Hillsboro and vicinity during the year 1939. A main speaker will also be on the program.

Poultry Favored In addition to the worry of what to buy for dad and junior and sister, Washington county housewives found themselves confronted with the problem of what to prepare for a Christmas meal. Turkeys and chickens are the ever-favorite main courses for 1939 tables, it would appear from advance orders being received by county poultry raisers when ingredients for fruit cakes, plum puddings, pumpkin, apple and nutmeg pies and other culinary creations were taking their annual share of popularity in grocery stores.

With only two days left to enter the contest, Hillsboro home-owners were hurrying this week to get their decorations up and file entry blanks for eligibility in the cash prize competition of the annual Rotary-sponsored home lighting contest. (For additional details, see story on this page.)

Gifts for Needy Lest the county's unfortunate children and families be forgotten, the county welfare office was wrapping toys, clothing and foodstuffs donated by charitable citizens here for distribution before the Christmas holidays to the unemployed and needy. Toys and clothing collected by the Lions club here were loaded into a truck and delivered to the welfare office Wednesday night.

A word of caution concerning the dangers of fire around Christmas-time was issued Wednesday by Fire Marshal Wilbur Dillon. "We'll have a black Christmas instead of a bright Christmas," Dillon declared, "if Hillsboro residents are not extremely careful in wiring their trees and outdoor decorations."

Santa Denied False Identity At Xmas Party

Santa Claus put in his second grand appearance in Hillsboro Monday night, at the annual chamber of commerce Christmas party, but the party guests refused to recognize him as the sainted person he is called "Boss" or "Mr. Tipper" and treated him like any one of the other guests. Almost 100 chamber members and their wives were present.

Saint Nick was one of the party's popular personages, however, for it was his pleasant duty to stand beside a large Christmas tree and distribute presents to all attending. H. L. MacKenzie, chairman of the committee in charge of arranging the party, presided at the dinner table and during a novelty Yule program which followed. Tom Bailey and Al Busch were the other Xmas party committee members.

Among other special gift-receivers at the evening affair was Bob Busch, who was presented with a chamber of commerce present in recognition of his abilities as the "most skilled hunter" in this civic group.

On behalf of the chamber, R. W. Weil presented gifts to six girls from the B. W. Barnes home economics class in gratitude for their table waiting services at chamber of commerce dinners through the past year. Harry Bates, representing the Hillsboro Pharmacy, also gave each girl a gift. They were Molly O'Donnell, C. Kohlmeier, Irene Jones, Beverly Gray, Helen Holm and Joan Grass.

Davies Get Present In appreciation of splendid services rendered during the past year, chamber of commerce members gave Secretary and Mrs. Leon Davis a present on the musical entertainment program were Wayne Nickeson and "Happy" Hansen, professional guitar and banjo team, and Tom Baker, vocalist, who was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. H. C. Baker.

Vocal numbers were also rendered by a quartet and trio of students from the Hillsboro high school music department. They were Nancy West, Viola Bean and Vida Bean, who sang three semi-popular songs, and Evelyn Ann Busch, Neva Ziegler, Donna Mae Hurd and Marjorie Sigler, who sang Christmas carols. Louis Hurd accompanied the girls on the piano.

Red Cross Opens Drive to Aid Finlanders

America's Red Cross, already rushing aid to thousands of suffering people in Finland, this week announced opening of a fund for contributions towards relief of the Finnish people, suffering now as a result of the Russian invasion of their country.

"Thousands of helpless men, women and children of Finland will become increasingly in need as winter advances. There are emergent needs for medical and other supplies and assistance," declared Norman H. Davis, national chairman of the Red Cross. "Our organization has already made initial shipments of medicines, but needs funds for future increasing needs. The Red Cross will receive and administer contributions designated for Finnish relief, and all funds so designated will be applied wholly to that purpose."

War sufferers of all nations already involved in conflict are being aided by the Red Cross at present, but growing hostilities abroad indicate the probability of growing demands in the near future. The recently-named Hoover committee is co-operating with the Red Cross in aiding Finland, with the committee furnishing food, clothing and similar supplies while the Red Cross provides medicine and surgical necessities. W. F. Norman of Aloha, County Red Cross chairman, asks all roll call chairmen, to co-operate by accepting contributions for the Finnish relief.

Contributions from Washington county are being accepted at the Hillsboro Argus office, or with Red Cross chairmen in other communities. It was announced by Mrs. E. C. McKinney, local chairman.

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Electric Rate Reductions Effective on January 1

Savings Up to 30 Per Cent on Monthly Bills to Favor Low Use Customers

Rate reductions up to 30 per cent for Portland General Electric company customers in Washington county will go into effect on January 1, 1940, in accordance with a new rate schedule proposed by PGE officials and tentatively approved by the state public utilities commissioner Wednesday, according to word from R. R. Easter, Tualatin Valley branch manager.

The approved rates, also being offered by the Northwestern Electric company, will mean a total saving of \$700,000 annually to 153,000 residential customers served by the two companies. Northwestern Electric has no service in Washington county.

Other Reductions May 1 Including commercial rate reductions, promised beginning May 1, the total savings for customers of both systems will be increased to an aggregate of \$1,340,000, officials estimated.

In stamping tentative approval for the rates, State Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean reserved the right to make adjustments after further studies but definitely okayed January 1 as the effective date for new rates of both companies.

Washington county residents, including customers in Hillsboro and other municipalities as well as those residing on rural routes, would enjoy exactly the same rates as residents of Portland under the proposed system of rates.

Starting at 3.5 cents for the first 50 kilowatt hours as compared with 5.0 cents for the first 40 kilowatt hours under the present cost schedule, the new rates would bring the greatest savings to small consumers. With the minimum monthly bill reduced from \$1 to 85 cents, user of only 25 kilowatt hours per month would get a bill of .88 cents as compared with \$1.25 at present. The saving, 37 cents, would be 30 per cent.

Low Rate Restricted The seven mills per KWH rate listed under the proposed schedule, it is pointed out, applies only to use of electricity for hot water heating. If no electricity for this purpose is used over and above the first 325 kilowatt hours, the present rate of eight mills per KWH for such use would still be in effect.

The eight-mill rate is at the present time being enjoyed by users of electrically-heated water on a separate meter.

"The rate reductions mean more than just the initial savings," Easter pointed out in comments on the proposed lowering of monthly bills. "A pronounced increase in the consumption of electricity and a widespread tendency towards use of more electric appliances will follow with a resultant pickup of sales in this line."

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the PGE, declared in a public statement concerning the new rates: "It is our hope and expectation that the inducement of the lower rates will rapidly increase the average consumption of our domestic customers. The principle of the proposed rate is to increase the uses of electric service at lower unit costs and eventually restore the earning power of the company."

In comparison with the present downward cost schedule, the new rate system would mean smaller percentage savings to large consumers. The new and old rates and a schedule indicating savings for various levels of monthly consumption will be found on page 8.

Program Slated Hilhi Tonight

"Made to Order Christmas," a one-act comedy directed by Frank Roberts, will be presented at 8 p. m. Thursday at the Hillsboro union high school auditorium. The program is free and the public is invited. Lynn Michel is arranging the music.

Cast in the play includes Ned Ross, Jim Abts, Marjorie Sigler, Stanford Grey, Ceolla Gernhart and Frank Ryan.

Jim Abts is stage manager and the dramatic class is building the stage set.

The same program will be presented in assembly on Friday.

Social Security Benefits Under Amended Law to Be Paid After January 1, Peebles Announces

Monthly benefits to aged workers and to survivors of workers who die will be made after January 1 under provisions of the federal social security act as amended at the last regular session of congress.

The Portland office of the federal social security board will receive applications for these benefits from eligible persons in Hood River, Clackamas, Multnomah, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Columbia, Clatsop and Wasco counties, according to an announcement by James E. Peebles, Portland manager.

Law Explains These monthly benefits, Peebles explains, will be based entirely on work performed since January 1, 1937, at jobs covered by the social security act. All lines of commercial and industrial employment are under the law. Workers in these jobs are required to have a social account card. They also pay a tax of one per cent of their wages and salaries and the employer pays an equal amount.

The following groups of persons are entitled to these benefits: (1) Workers of age 65 or more who choose to retire and who have worked in at least six calendar quarters since January 1, 1937, and earned at least \$50 in each quarter.

(2) The surviving widow and children of a worker who dies after December 31 if there is a child under age 16 or under 18 and in school. The deceased worker must also have had the six quarters of employment stated above.

(3) Surviving parents who were wholly dependent on an unmarried son or daughter may receive benefits when each parent attains 65. The deceased worker must have been fully insured under the law at time of death.

Booklets explaining the old-age and survivors benefits plan of the social security act may be obtained without charge by addressing the social security board, Old Post Office Building, Portland.

Rains Damage Roads

LAUREL—The heavy rains of last week did considerable damage to several dirt fills that were made during the summer. The road crews were kept busy hauling dirt and rock to stop the washing. The recent rain is the first of the season to cause the water to flow in roadside ditches.



Mrs. Evert Richman, 74, and A. C. Wilson, 63, brother and sister, who saw each other for the first time Sunday after a separation of 49 years, referred to their respective family albums when they arrived at Mr. Wilson's home near Hillsboro and decided they wouldn't have recognized each other if they had met on the street. (Their story: Bottom column one, this page)

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