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City Schools Plan Gains Momentum

Rehabilitation Program To Be Sponsored by P.-T. A.; Talks Planned

Mounting public interest in Hillsboro's grade school rehabilitation program gained impetus this week with announcement that the Parent-Teachers' association, in response to favorable reaction of citizens at a P.-T. A meeting last week, will assume sponsorship of a campaign to translate the public wish into action.

A series of speaking programs before community service clubs and organizations is being outlined for the purpose of acquainting as many local citizens as possible with facts and figures being weighed in the campaign, according to Mrs. Paul L. Patterson, P.-T. A. president.

First in this series of school program talks was heard Wednesday noon by the Hillsboro Lions club. J. D. Annand of Tigard, well known architect and expert on school buildings, addressed the club with his recommendations for developing an adequate grade school system here.

Facts Reviewed

He reviewed the points brought out at the public meeting last week, emphasizing the need for a modern building to replace the 50-year-old David Hill structure and listing the repairs which health, safety and efficiency demand for the B. W. Barnes and Peter Boscow schools. Mrs. Patterson introduced the speaker.

Out of the whirl of public discussion that has developed in the current campaign for rehabilitation of Hillsboro school buildings have come a number of suggestions harking back to a plan which was voted down at a special election three years ago.

Support is still in evidence for the centralized grade unit which would abandon all three of the present grade buildings and combine them for the sake of efficiency — both from an educational and from a financial standpoint. Scattered cries are also being heard for a swimming pool.

Declared "Out"

Strong advocates of the rehabilitation program now being considered, however, are pointing out that the central school plan is "out of the picture" for a number of reasons. First, the plan was once rejected by Hillsboro voters and there is no indication that public opinion on this point has changed. Second, the central unit—as planned three years ago—would cost about $225,000, which is more than twice as much as the current program calls for. And third, at the time the central unit plan was voted down, the district taxpayers were only to pay something over $101,000 with the PWA furnishing the balance, but this federal money is no longer available.

Architect Annand, meanwhile, in compliance with a request by the District No. 7 board, is sketching a plan for a one-story school building which would fit Hillsboro's needs as a building proposed for replacement on the old David Hill site. A general picture of this building was drawn by public sentiment heard at the recent P.-T. A. meeting.

Lieutenant Bagley Commands Battery

First Lieutenant George Bagley of Hillsboro was recently named commander of Battery B, 41st field artillery at Camp Murray, Wash. Lt. Bagley was an officer in Battery E, 218th field artillery, local national guard outfit for several years and accompanied the local guardsmen to Camp Murray when they were called into federal service last September.

New Farm Practices for AAA Payments Described by Cyrus

Construction of liquid manure tanks, seeding of waterways on slopes, construction of dams in gulleys, removal of unprofitable fruit and nut trees and control of rodents, are new items included in the 1941 agricultural conservation program for which payments may be earned by farmers participating in the AAA program, according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent.

There are a few other new features, but those just named are a few that are of particular importance in Washington county. Practically all of the old conservation phases of the program have been retained. Making ground limestone available as a grant of aid, is perhaps the most valuable of the triple A program in Washington county, when viewed from a soil improvement standpoint, according to Cyrus.

"Probably some of this limestone was used where the results will not be particularly apparent, but in practically every case farm operators will in course of time note some benefit," he said. "They should bear in mind that much of the benefits from lime applications as well as phosphate applications will not be apparent from a casual inspection of the crop. Much of the improvement in yield and growth could only be detected and determined by actually weighing the yield of seed or forage. Also benefits are certainly derived from a change in the soil reaction so that fertilizing materials are more effective."

Grants of Aid

During the past two years phosphate as "treble" or "triple" phosphate has been put out as grants of

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Fountain Dedication—Skill Training Class

ABOVE—Mayor Hugh S. Rogers (right foreground) makes ceremony of accepting a public street fountain from the Hillsboro Rotary club Tuesday by taking a "purely imaginary" drink of water while Rotary President Tom Bailey and other Rotarians and city officials look on. Others in the picture are, from left to right: J. L. Searcy, William C. Christensen, Justice of Peace A. W. Havens, E. A. Griffith, A. L. Amacher, B. F. Pile, J. W. Barney and Herb Staples

BELOW—Four skill training classes for local youth, a phase of the national defense program, met for the first time Monday night at appointed "classrooms." Eager students in one of two auto mechanics classes are here gathered around an old tractor in the Roy W. Heinrich machine shop on Third avenue while Roy Heinrich, the instructor, explains fundamental principles of the combustion engine.—(Argus photos)

Hillsboro Recruit's Thesis Draws Praise

Much credit was reflected on Hillsboro recently when Melvin Gilman Davis, an enlisted U. S. navy recruit of only three months, was ordered to turn in a composition on discipline as punishment for "showing disrespect for a petty officer and skylarking in the mess line." The short thesis that he turned in was a shining example of logic and so impressed officers at the San Diego training station that it has been reprinted widely in daily newspapers, the most recent publication having been on the Journal editorial page of January 20.

Young Davis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis of this city.

City Acquires Two New Street Fountains

There'll be no dusty tonsils on Hillsboro's business streets . . . not if Hillsboroans will accept an invitation to slake their thirst with water.

Acquired through a civic improvement project of the Hillsboro Rotary club, two gleaming new drinking fountains for thirst-quenching service on Main street corners are the latest additions to public property here.

Through negotiations with Hillsboro city officials, the Rotary club "created two fountains where there was only one before" by agreeing to present the city with one pedestal if the city would purchase a second one just like it to replace the unsanitary street fixture on Main near Third avenue.

Bowl Engraved

The deal subsequently was closed and a new fountain was installed to complete the city's part of the bargain. The second fountain, engraved with the words "Presented to the City of Hillsboro by the Hillsboro Rotary Club—1941," is to be installed on the east side of Second avenue near the corner of Main.

Both fixtures are of the thumb-control type. Of durable construction, they are expected to render service indefinitely.

Mayor Hugh S. Rogers formally accepted the Rotary fountain Tuesday noon from President Tom Bailey, in the presence of other Rotarians and city officials. The mayor, in mock ceremony, took the first "official" drink of water even though the pedestal was not yet installed.

Aim Fulfilled

"Installation of modern, sanitary fountains for Hillsboro street corners has been a Rotary club project for years," President Bailey commented. Almost before the newness of the newly dedicated fountain had dimmed, however, Rotarians at the dedication were chatting among themselves about the possibility of putting up city rest rooms, perhaps on a Main street section of the courthouse block.

The Rotary committee in charge of the fountain project was composed of J. W. Barney, W. V. McKinney and B. F. Pile. The city has agreed as part of its bargain to keep the fountain clean.

Miss Martha Zanow of Portland was a week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Bertha Zanow.

Farmers' Union Opposes Five Proposed Laws

The Washington County Farmers' Union meeting here Saturday went on record in opposition to five proposed pieces of legislation in state and national governments.

The opposition was against: 1. The bill authorizing the state highway commission to purchase right-of-way along existing highways to build freeways. 2. Proposed change in our monetary system as advocated by Chairman Eccles of the federal reserve system. 3. Any state AAA agreement to limit production of farm products as long as we have farm importations from other states and foreign countries. 4. The lend-lease bill in its present form, and. 5. The Firemen's Pension bill, rural residents being of the opinion that any pension should come from the municipalities served.

Groundhog Yawns; Saturday is His Day to Perform

After a winter-long sleep disturbed by nothing more violent than a few days of freezing cold and one heavy windstorm, Old Mister Groundhog stirred uneasily in his earthen bed this week. Soon he will be yawning and stretching his furry legs.

For Sunday, February 2, is his day to venture out of hiding for a first peep at the world of 1941. John Q. Public, meanwhile, will keep a "weather eye" on Mister Groundhog, for if the burrowing creature should see his shadow, his hair will stand on end, his whiskers will curl and he will streak for the protective comforts of his subterranean home.

The upshot of it all, according to oldtime weather prophets, is that such a catastrophe will mean prolongation of winter for another six weeks. So John Q. Public is looking hopefully for a cloudy day.

Brother of Local Woman War Victim

War came close to Hillsboro this week when Mrs. R. L. Burnett received word that her brother, Jack Prince, an English sailor, lost his life when the merchant marine ship on which he was crossing the Atlantic was torpedoed and fired upon by machine guns 380 miles off the coast of Ireland December 3.

In November his ship docked at Montreal, Canada, and it was on the return trip to England that his ship was sunk. Thirty of the crew of 35 aboard were saved.

A younger brother was a member of the British Expeditionary force and was in that thrilling rescue at Dunkirk.

Paralysis Dances Due In County

Birthday Balls Set By Three Communities; Breakfast at Beaverton

With the "March of Dimes" already nearing its finish in schools and other organizations, the anti-paralysis campaign in Washington county will reach its climax during the next few days with dances and special events planned in the larger communities.

The opening salute in county bombastics for the benefit of the infantile paralysis fund will be fired at the Aloha grange hall tonight (Thursday), President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 59th birthday, with a dance in his honor. Two other dances celebrating the president's birthday will follow on Saturday night, February 1 — one in the grange hall at Hillsboro and another in the high school auditorum at Tigard, where a program starting at 8 o'clock will open the evening festivities.

At Tualatin on the same evening, an infantile paralysis benefit program is to be staged in the grade school auditorium. Tickets for the dances and programs are available in the respective communities through local chairmen.

Sunday Breakfast

A public breakfast under joint sponsorship of the Kiwanis club and the Beaverton firemen will be held from 7 to 9 a. m. Sunday in the Masonic temple at Beaverton with proceeds going into the anti-paralysis coffers.

Civic clubs and other organizations are combining efforts at Forest Grove, West Slope and other large communities to contribute their share to the fund by intensive solicitation in the "March of Dimes" campaign.

Unsolicited contributions by public-spirited citizens, meanwhile, have been coming in to Frank A. Smith of Beaverton, county chairman, and to other community chairmen. Donations in this city are being accepted at the Hillsboro Argus for Mrs. C. O. Churchill, local chairman and county chairman for women's organizations enlisted in the campaign.

Hall Decorated

The grange hall here has undergone a radical change in appearance with decorations put up this week and all seems to be in readiness for the birthday ball. Tickets are selling at 25 cents per person with admission to the balcony set at 10 cents per person. The Georgia Hess orchestra will supply music for the annual "shin-dig."

County's Rural Fire Problem Taken to Salem

Another step toward solution of the county's rural fire protection problem will be taken today (Thursday) at a meeting in Salem to be attended by Fire Marshal Wilbur Dillon, County Agent W. F. Cyrus, Judge H. D. Kerkman and possibly one other member of the county court.

Assembling in the state forester's office at 1:30 p. m., the county delegates will meet with like representatives from all over the state for the purpose of outlining some sort of legislation providing for a fire protection system for properties not already included in any municipal or rural fire protection district.

The meeting, called by State Fire Marshal Seth B. Thompson through arrangements made by Jack Hayes, deputy state fire marshal, is the result of action taken at a meeting of the Washington County Firemen's association here last week.

Letters Sent

Marshal Dillon of this city, in a conversation with Hayes at Salem, Sunday learned that letters have been sent out to all fire patrol and firemen's associations in the state asking them to send representatives to the meeting.

While word reaching here indicates that a bill touching on the rural fire problem is already being prepared for introduction in the legislature, several possible plans for delegating authority in the matter of rural fire protection were being considered by county representatives, according to Judge Kerkman. Foremost among these, he said, is a proposed system wherein the county would be given authority to levy a small tax on all unprotected lands to create a county-wide fire protection organization equipped with trucks and fire-fighting paraphernalia capable of rendering swift and efficient service to the farthest reaches of the county.

County Financial Reports Published

A strengthened financial structure for Washington county is reflected in figures of the county clerk and treasurer's semi-annual reports, which are being published in full in this issue of the Hillsboro Argus.

Cash on hand at the end of 1940, according to the treasurer's report, was $168,323.06 as compared with $109,929.70 at the end of 1939. The reports show that the county general fund was on a cash basis for the entire six-months period and that only $43.54 in interest was paid on indorsed warrants for the county road fund. (For full details, see pages 6 and 7, Section 2).

Herd Association Annual Meet Tuesday

The Washington county dairy herd improvement association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, February 11, in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms beginning at 10 a. m., according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent.

The program calls for morning sessions devoted to dairy industry discussions. During the noon hour there will be a luncheon with a program of interest to both men and women and the annual business meeting of the group will be held in the afternoon.

The local county testing association now numbers approximately 75 members with over 2000 cows on test, Cyrus said, which is a far cry from the situation of only a few years ago when local people were working jointly with other dairymen in Yamhill and Polk counties. Less than 300 cows were on test in this county then.

"Apparently Washington county dairymen are seeing the necessity of testing to definitely determine the production of individual cows in their herd and culling out those units that prove to be the less economical producers," the county agent stated.

Letters to members in regard to luncheon reservations for the meeting on the 11th will be in the mail in ample time for them to make the necessary arrangements, it was announced.

February Draft Quota for County Set at 31 Men

Washington county's quota in the state call for 980 men to report for military service between February 17 and March 18 will be 31, it was announced from the Salem selective service headquarters Friday.

Fourteen draftees will be sent by the Beaverton board and 17 by the Forest Grove board. In addition, Washington county will send two more men—one from each board—to replace men rejected at the induction center in Portland last week.

The quotas are yet subject to change, state draft officials said, and no definite date has yet been set for departure of the February contribution of men.

Men selected for induction into the armed forces can take essential personal equipment with them but they may not take motor vehicles, according to Lt. Colonel Elmer V. Wooton, state director of selective service.

The war department has ruled that men inducted into the service may not travel by private automobile from the induction station to the reception center. Local boards furnish bus transportation from local board headquarters to induction stations and the army furnishes transportation from that point to the reception center.

Personal equipment which can be taken should not exceed that which can be carried in a handbag or suitcase, it was announced.

The February requisition for men is the third received since the selective service act became effective, and comes out of the 2806 quota allotted to Oregon for the fiscal year ending in June. The first requisition was for 83 men in November and the second asking for 351 men, was filled last week.

Definite calls upon the various local boards for the men each must furnish to make up the 980 will not be announced until next week, it was indicated.

Court of Honor Gives Awards To 32 Scouts

Thirty-two Hillsboro district Boy Scouts received merit badges and promotions in rank at the court of honor session held Thursday evening in the circuit court room here. Ted Thornburgh of Troop No. 280 received the highest award, a bronze palm, awarded for having earned five merit badges in addition to badges required for his Eagle Scout rating.

Four men received Life Scout badges. They are Bob Halvorson, Troop No. 226, and Don MacKenzie, Paul Payne and Robert Weil, all of Troop No. 280. Lynn Hall, Troop No. 261, became a Star Scout, and two Scouts received ratings as five-year veterans. Stanley Hergert of Troop No. 216 and Bob Peters of Troop No. 280.

Awards Listed

Other ranks and awards received were as follows:

First class merit badges: Troop 216—Gordon Bronleewe, plumbing; Bud Hoeffel, mechanical drawing. 226—Bruce Campbell, handicraft; Wayne Faber, public health and personal health; Bob Halvorson, pathfinding; Clifford Hudson, zoology, leather work; Tony Weil, pathfinding, conservation firemanship. 247—Emil Yorkovich, cooking. 261—Robert Rasmussen, personal health. 280—Don MacKenzie, first aid, physical development, civics. 285—Bud Bickford (Hayes), first aid, public health music; Arthur Coussens, first aid, public health, pathfinding; Francis Plass, farm mechanics; Frederick Plass, farm mechanics.

Second class merit badges: Troop 219—Eugene Anderson, handicraft; Bob Dugan, poultry keeping. 226—Sammy Christensen, music. 247—Donald Guerber, pathfinding. 285—Henry Christensen, carpentry; Gene Kennedy, handicraft; Stanley Neitling, pathfinding; Sylvester Pranger, carpentry.

Second class scout: Troop 216—Kennard Helvogt.

Ordinary Sea Scout: Troop 280—Don MacKenzie.

Killed

David G. Lilly, prominent dairyman in the Forest Grove vicinity, slain Tuesday by an enraged bull.

David G. Lilly, Dairyman, Gored To Death by Bull

Gored by an enraged bull, David G. Lilly, 70, prominent Washington county Jersey breeder and dairyman, was found dead in a bull pen on his Hillside district farm Tuesday afternoon.

A hired man, going out in search of Lilly when he did not show up for his noon meal, discovered the badly torn and crushed body at 1:15 o'clock. According to Coroner Fred J. Sewell, who investigated the death, Lilly had been dead for several hours. He was last seen alive by his hired man at 8:15 o'clock that morning.

Funeral services will be held at the Forest Grove Undertaking chapel Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Gales Creek cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Brady of Forest Grove; a son, Dr. Virgil Lilly of West Virginia; a brother, Joseph Lilly of Washougal, Wash., and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Hines and Mrs. Esther H. Hundley of Gales Creek; also two grandchildren.

D. G. Lilly was known throughout Washington county for his dairying activities. He had been president of the Independent Milk Producers, with headquarters at Portland, since that organization was established, and he was associated with the federal land bank system.

David G. Lilly was born in West Virginia, March 31, 1870. He came to Washington county about 50 years ago and had resided in the Forest Grove vicinity for most of that time. He was married on December 23, 1899, to Pearl Newberry, who preceded him in death in 1936.

Four-lane Highway Gets Boost

Chamber Seeks Action; Bonneville Man Talks Industrial Survey Here

Widening of the Tualatin highway to four-lane width, a proposed project which was submitted to the state highway commission some time ago and then "forgotten about," was brought to light again here Monday with adoption by the Hillsboro chamber of commerce of a resolution asking that some action in this direction be taken.

On another horizon of development for the rich Tualatin valley area, a projected industrial survey of Hillsboro and other valley communities was described at the chamber meeting in a talk by John F. Durr, speaker for the marketing development section of the Bonneville power administration. The survey, when completed, will be used as a source of information for industries seeking plant sites in the northwest's cheap power area.

Development Seen

The process of decentralized development which was tacitly promised in Durr's talk was also made part of the chamber-adopted four-lane highway resolution, which pointed out that the Tualatin highway serves the principal population centers of Washington county, that recent population increases in areas along the highway may reasonably be expected to continue, that the present thoroughfare is extremely hazardous with its two-lane width because of poor visibility at various blind spots and that there has been heavy loss of both life and property.

A four-lane highway from Multnomah county line to the Yamhill county line is sought by the resolution, a copy of which is being forwarded to Senator Earl Fisher at Salem. City Manager J. W. Barney presented the resolution.

Survey Described

As described by Durr, the survey of available industrial sites in and around Hillsboro will include an industrial map of the city and environs plus detailed information under the following divisions: location (in respect to the rest of the valley), population (last three census totals), geography (elevation, area, topography, natural resources, agricultural products), major industries (already operating here), industrial areas and sites (with detailed descriptions of each), transportation facilities (water, railroad, highway), power and fuel facilities, water (source, distribution, quantities available, quality), sewage disposal, labor (employed, unemployed prevailing wage rates), labor unions, taxes and licenses, public safety (fire, police, hospitals) and climate.

The industrial survey will be unlike but supplementary to the local survey under direction of a local defense committee headed by C. T. Richardson, which will list and describe existing buildings, warehouses and plant equipment immediately available for use in national defense industries, Durr explained. Richardson was chairman at the chamber meeting.

Local Men Transferred

Lieutenants Keith Busch of Hillsboro and Edward Jannsen of Reedville have been transferred to Lowry field at Denver, Colo., as flying instructors from Barksdale field at Shreveport, La.

Many Pension Bills Brought Out For Attention of the Lawmakers

(By Vernon Williams)

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Jan. 29—The parade of pension bills to be trotted out for inspection by the lawmakers of this legislative session promises to be as popular as a bathing beauty contest. Pensions for the aged, pensions for the firemen, pensions for state employes, and pensions for city employes are in the house hopper or are being drafted. The big question is, where is the money to come from to pay the pensions? Portland firemen have a plan to tax premium payments of all foreign fire insurance companies doing business in the state. Liquor is scheduled to have a sales tax of about 10 per cent additional slapped on each pint or quart to boost up old age pensions, while state and city employes haven't yet decided which source of several they should tap for their pension fund, other than the contribution each will make from his salary.

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Much time is taken up in each legislative session in requesting that courtesy of the house be extended to the numerous visitors and relatives of members. "Mr. Speaker: I ask the courtesy of the house be extended to Mr. So and So, my sister, my sister-in-law, brother, father, wife," and many others, is the familiar and moth-eaten request at the opening of each daily session. And the same performance goes on in the senate each day. Some people, in past sessions, have had their names shouted out by several different members requesting the "courtesy of the house" no less than six or seven times during a session. Maybe they think it is good advertising.

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As reported in this column last week, the prize brawl so far this session broke out when the truck bill was given its first public airing before the house committee. Everyone and his brother were in attendance, speaking either for or against the bill. The railroads and county courts are lined up against

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Increased Use Of City Library Noted in Survey

Increases in the number of books on the shelves and in the number of books taken out by library users were noted in a year survey for 1940 released this week by Mrs. Geogia Smith, librarian.

Added to the shelves during the year, a total of 384 volumes included 143 non-fiction books, 115 books of late fiction and 126 reprint editions. The library now has 8,057 books available for circulation.

Use of books by adults increased from 23,759 in 1939 to 25,520 in 1940, a gain of 1,761. For children, the increase was 1,360—from 10,213 in 1939 to 11,573. Total circulation increased from 33,972 to 37,093 books, a difference of 3,121. A total of 2,147 book users accounted for this reading in 1940.

The library is now receiving 23 periodicals each month Mrs. Smith added.

Polk Clerk Here

Carl S. Graves, county clerk of Polk county and president of the state association of county clerks, Tuesday stopped in for a short visit with Clerk W. A. Tupper. He was called to Hillsboro as a witness in a circuit court case.