

Rural Fire Bill Passed By Senate

New Law to Provide For Protection of All Lands Passes Easily

With only four dissenting votes, the state senate Monday enacted into law the rural fire protection bill recently introduced in the legislature by the Washington county delegation. The bill passed the house by an overwhelming majority last week.

The law has three main provisions. First it will re-classify all lands in the state into two zones, zone No. 1 including all forest and so-called marginal lands and zone No. 2 including all other lands lying outside of municipalities and organized fire districts.

Second, protection costs in zone No. 1 will be defrayed with a flat fee per acre not to exceed five cents per acre per year. Third, protection costs in zone No. 2 will be defrayed by a millage based tax levy to be applied by the various counties.

Problem Solved

In Washington county, passage of the law means solution for a stubborn fire protection problem which beset the county firemen's association at a meeting here on January 23. Out of action taken at that meeting, the early beginnings of the new law were seen. Original questions raised at the local meeting were: "What organization should be held responsible for fighting fires in rural districts that are not legally under jurisdiction of any particular fire-fighting agency? How can cities collect for fire-fighting service in this territory after such service has been rendered? Who should be held responsible when fire originating on such uncontrolled land spreads into areas that are protected?"

Tax Next Year

The first tax on rural lands to pay for protection therein will be levied for 1942, according to County Judge H. D. Kerkman. Meanwhile, Hillsboro, Mar. 10, 3, board of supervisors, in session Thursday night, a complete list of the re-hired teachers follows:

New Contracts Approved for Hilhi Faculty

Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham, Virginia Brogdon, Alvin Bogue, Elsie Mae Cimino, Kathryn Crozer, Leslie Foster, Rebecca Hathorn, Marie Houque, Paul Hughes, David Legler, Lynn Michel, Louise Nix, Helen Parr, Syver Raud, Frank Roberts, Francis Stalley, Tennessee Weathered, Ruth Woughter, Mary Yoder, Joseph W. Smith, Annabelle Fisher, Fama Medler, Millard Woodson and Eugene Duncan.

John Durr, vocational agriculture instructor, was a non-applicant for contract renewal. His successor has not been named as yet.

Institute Draws 325 Teachers; Giersbach Stresses Organization

Approximately 325 grade and high school teachers from all over Washington county registered at the all-day teachers' institute held in the union high school here Monday.

Americans must all pull together in the present crisis in order to save the democratic way of life as we know it, the teachers were told by Dr. W. C. Giersbach, president of Pacific University, main speaker on the institute program. He emphasized the need for intensive organization for defense, but praised the separation of church, school and state, declaring that this separation should be maintained at all cost.

Laws Get Respect

"If Europe was as well organized as we are in America, there would be no chance for war," the university president stated, and later: "We have avoided troubles similar to those of European nations because we respect the laws of our government."

The afternoon speaker, Frank Bennett, superintendent of Salem schools, spoke along the same lines as Dr. Giersbach but emphasized the responsibility of teachers to impress children with the dangers of war and greed.

Dr. V. D. Bain, state director of curriculum and elementary education, briefly reviewed recent legislation as it affects schools. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of schools, who was scheduled on the original program for this talk, was forced to remain in Salem Monday because of educational bills pending in the legislature.

Art Exhibit Feature

Special feature of the institute was the art exhibit, which overflowed with examples of the different types of work done at schools in county grade and high schools. An art round-table was

Guerber Heads Fair Board; '41 Plans Laid

Elmer Guerber, Helvetia, was elected president of the Washington county fair board to succeed Harry Schmeltzer, Sherwood route 3, as that body met in the chamber of commerce rooms here last Wednesday night for its annual reorganization session.

Schmeltzer was elected vice-president and William C. Christensen of Hillsboro was retained as secretary-treasurer. The board laid preliminary plans for the 1941 county fair, which previously had been set down on the calendar for August 29 and 30, and re-appointed Leon Davis as manager of the fair.

Expansion Planned

Main item of planning business before the board concerned remodeling of the 4-H building. Hobby Hall, a new feature of the fair last year, drew so many entries that balcony space devoted to this exhibit section was inadequate. Moreover, the small section of upstairs space built into a dormitory for 4-H club boys was likewise crowded.

Some of the problems were seen in a proposal that the partition now dividing the upstairs portion of the 4-H building be eliminated, thus enlarging the hobby hall to include the entire upstairs. More adequate sleeping quarters for the 4-H club exhibitors could then be provided in some other building.

Guerber, the newly elected fair board head, was appointed as a board member last year to fill out the unexpired portion of William Enschede's term. On January 16, he was re-appointed by the county court to serve for three years.

John Schmeltzer Awarded 10-Year 4-H Leader Pin

A 4-H ten-year pin, symbolic of that period of service as a club leader in the Mountain Home community, was awarded by H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader, to John Schmeltzer as the highlight event of a chamber of commerce program here Monday noon.

Seymour, main speaker of the day, told local business men that Oregon last year distinguished itself with claim to seven top winners in national 4-H competition out of nine contestants, a record which has never been equaled by any other state in the union and which probably never will be.

The credit for this outstanding achievement, he said, falls back upon such community 4-H leaders as Schmeltzer, of whom there are about 2300 in the state. Last year these leaders actively guided 2,682 clubs in 30,578 projects, over 26,000 of which were completed. This percentage of completion, about 87.6 per cent, is admirable, he stated.

The projects represented a total value of \$373,000 and brought an aggregate profit of \$119,000 to the 4-H youngsters. Seymour said. Added to this profit total were \$90,000 in various awards won by the youths.

Prof. Torvund, assistant county agent and boys' 4-H club agent for Washington county, who acted as chairman of the day, gave corresponding statistics for the county. There were 1290 club leaders at the heads of 125 clubs last year, he said.

Schmeltzer, who named the various Hillsboro business firms that posted awards for local 4-H competition and expressed appreciation for this active interest in the 4-H program.

Workers Introduced

Introduced were Mrs. E. Ray Miller, president of the Washington county 4-H leaders' association; Kathleen McCrae, home demonstration agent and assistant in 4-H girls' clubwork in this county, and Ben Faber, who has been active in 4-H rural electrification clubwork.

In accepting his ten-year leaders' pin, Schmeltzer stated that the very existence of a 4-H potato club in his community has meant about \$1000 added income per year for county potato farmers because of improved crops resulting from 4-H studies. Schmeltzer served five years leading the Mountain Home potato club and has now completed five years more as leader of the Mountain Home forestry club.

Enschede Named Molalla Branch Manager of PGE

John A. Enschede, P. G. E. employee here for 14 years, has been appointed Molalla division manager of that firm. It was announced Wednesday by R. R. Easter, Tualatin valley division manager, following an official communication from the Portland office.

The appointment will be effective Monday, March 17. Enschede will take over his new duties on that date but says he does not expect to establish residence in the new community immediately.

Enschede was graduated from Oregon State college in 1927 and took employment with the P. G. E. company directly thereafter. During his long period of service here, he has worked in virtually every department of the business.

Giersbach to Talk

Dr. W. C. Giersbach, president of Pacific university, will be the featured speaker on the chamber of commerce program here Monday afternoon. He will discuss "Why Physical Education in Public Schools."

Miss Ruth Halvorsen of Lincoln high school, Portland. Alvin Schultz, of the Sherwood Lutheran school, used 12 children from his school to demonstrate a talk in the music round-table discussion.

Committees Listed

Committees for the music festival and track meet were appointed by John R. Cox, president of the Washington County Teachers' association. On the music festival committee are J. Clyde Hopkins, Sherwood, chairman; Edward Torgart, Garden Home; Mrs. Marguerite Doohar, Dilley; Mrs. Lucille Fischer, Hillsboro; and Miss Marjorie Warnick, Mountaineer. On the track committee are Melvin Vandenberg, Beedville, chairman; William Stafford, Banks; and Darrell Jones, Manning.

The county track meet was set for May 3 at Pacific university.

Main speaker for the round-table discussion on physical education was Mrs. Ruth Loomis, instructor of physical education at Pacific university. Her topic was "Why Physical Education in Public Schools."

Pilgrimage To Aloha Due Tonight

Hillsboroans to Dine On Ham at Annual Community Event

Baked ham and the compelling spirit of neighborly goodwill will draw Hillsboroans to Aloha tonight (Thursday) for the annual pilgrimage of the two communities. The traditional grange hall dinner schedules two table settings, one at 6:15 and one at 7:15 p. m.

Aloha chefs, recalling the record-breaking attendance of a year ago, are preparing a variety menu of culinary delights for no less than 400 persons, while advance ticket sales here indicate that the 1941 crowd of ham-eaters may far exceed this minimum.

Entertainment acts and dancing in the grange hall will supply additional enjoyment for those remaining after the dinner. High-light attraction of the entertainment fare will be a "demand" appearance of those popular prancers—the bouncing ballers of Beedville—a troop of six men who demonstrate the dainty art of dancing in the "thundering herd manner."

Danced for P.-T. A.

They are Oscar Hagg, Don McInnis, Lloyd Bramhall, Melvin Vandermoot, Arthur Schroeder and Charles Inlay, who established their prowess at terpsichorean ponderosity with a performance at a recent Beedville P.-T. A. program.

For those who appear at the early dinner time, movies will be shown in the hall upstairs while the second dinner session is going on. Other numbers on the later entertainment program will include elocution acts, accordion duets and other musical renditions.

Tickets for the annual community dinner, selling at 50 cents per person, may be obtained at the Hillsboro Argus office, the chamber of commerce or from Dewey Pearson at Lester Ireland and company.

Ted Emerson, lecturer of the Aloha grange, is in charge of the program for the community affair. Heading the ticket sale drive in Hillsboro is a committee composed of Mesdames M. W. Lundquist, Arthur Gaunt, Ralph Anderson, Harold Savik and George Englerth. Emerson and Harry Hudson are in charge of the Beaverton district ticket sales while Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Howard Sivard are heading sales in the Aloha community.

On the reception committee are Oscar Hagv, Aloha grange master, Harold Savik, Francis Coon and Mr. and Mrs. Hudson.

Representatives of the community event have publicized the annual dinner with "reminder" talks before Hillsboro service clubs during the past week.

Interest in Widening of Tualatin Highway Shown by Governor

SALEM—Monday, Governor Charles A. Sprague sent word to Senator Fisher that he would like to have a chat with him in the executive office. Governor Sprague is very much interested in the four-lane traffic on the Tualatin Valley highway, and he made a number of inquiries in regard to the traffic on this highway, and also the advisability of four-lane traffic at this time on said highway. The sentiments expressed in this conference were that the Tualatin Valley highway should be widened for four lanes.

Washington county line westward as far as Hillsboro for 1941.

It is, hereby, requested by Senator Fisher that it will be for the best interest of four-lane traffic on Tualatin Valley highway, that all citizens of Washington county interested in this project, write to Governor Charles A. Sprague at Salem, stating that this project should receive consideration by the state highway commission at this time, and that the Governor bring to the attention of the state highway commission the need for some action now on this project for four-lane traffic on the Tualatin Valley highway.

Leon Davis of Hillsboro, secretary of the chamber of commerce and former chairman of the Washington county republican central committee, was before the legislature the last of the week in behalf of legislation sponsored by the American Legion. Mr. Davis has taken a very active part in Washington county's affairs. The chamber of commerce and republican party elections for a number of years.

Carl J. Schamoni, assistant manager of the Moier Barber college, Portland, was at the Senate Monday on behalf of certain legislation before the senate. Mr. Schamoni, when a boy lived at Tigard for many years. About the time the Oregon Electric railway built their line through Tigard Mr. Schamoni's folks erected a large hall known as the "Schamoni Hall" near the vicinity of Tigard Station, where many social meetings were held.

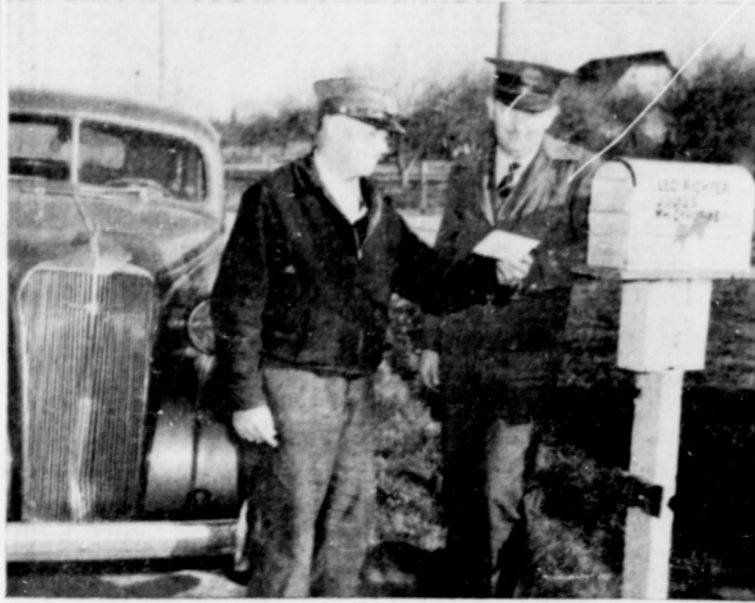
Mrs. Evelyn Goodell, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Hesse, sends word from Washington, D. C., that they presented a letter of introduction from Governor Charles A. Sprague to Senator Rufus Holman, who gave them a royal welcome to the U. S. Senate. They also had the pleasure of going through the house of representatives and enjoyed their visit very much during the sessions of both houses.

Delinquent Rental Action is Started

A resolution declaring the city's intention to assess delinquent sewer rentals and costs against the properties involved is published in the Hillsboro Argus this week in compliance with law regulating such procedure.

The resolution, bearing names of 90 property owners who are delinquent in payment of sewer rentals, sets April 1 at 3 p. m. in the city council chamber as the time and place for hearing of objections to the action. The legal is printed in full on page 3, section three.

On Route Five—A New Postman



When these two mail carriers covered a section of rural route No. 5 last week, it was unofficially the last trip for one of them and a "first time" for the other. W. E. Brown (left), carrier on the route for 24 years, recently retired, and John Ryan (right) will take over on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.—(Argus photo)

Postman's Retirement Transfers Carriers

St. Patrick's Day, Monday, will be a significant day for postal carriers in the Hillsboro territory—not necessarily because there are proud Irishmen among them—but rather because March 17 is the official date for a chain of route transfers occasioned by the recent retirement of Walter E. Brown, carrier on rural route No. 5.

Having reached the federal pension age of 65 years after more than 24 years in the postal service, Brown was notified of his retirement on February 28. The vacancy left by his exodus from service will mean route transfers for five other carriers and temporary carriers in this territory.

Ryan Succeeds

John M. Ryan, No. 1 city carrier since 1916 and claimant to the title "oldest carrier in the Hillsboro territory" in years of service, will take over Brown's route. E. W. Plapp, now city carrier No. 2, will replace Ryan on the No. 1 circuit; George Milne, now city carrier No. 3, will replace Plapp; Charles Ingram, sub carrier, now on the business loop, will serve in Milne's place, and Don Chapman, temporary carrier, will serve the business route.

Brown, whose long term of service as a carrier of Uncle Sam's mails officially started on September 17, 1917, when he received his permanent job as route No. 5 carrier, has seen that route grow from 19 miles and 115 boxes to 45 miles and 235 boxes.

He has seen the mails go through in all kinds of weather and despite all kinds of unfavorable circumstances—through flood waters, through mud that mired his horse and buggy, through blizzards and icy cold. He has seen the horse and buggy give way to the horseless carriage and watched the march of progress streamline delivery conveyances as well as the mail roads.

Walker Congratulated

When Brown's 65th birthday was but a few days past, he received a letter of congratulation from William Walker, U. S. postmaster general, along with orders to "quit." Retirement has not meant the end of an active life for Walter Brown, however. He has found plenty of "fences that need mending and gardens that need trimming" both at his own home near Shute park and at the family farm just outside the city.

William McNay is carrying route No. 5 temporarily until Ryan takes over.

Trainees Sought For Sheet Metal Defense School

Difficulty in obtaining youths for training as aircraft sheet metal workers in the national defense training school at Oregon City brought an announcement here this week from W. C. Wymer, in charge, calling attention to the opportunity held out to eligible youths by this training.

The training school has been quite successful in placing its boys with the Boeing aircraft factory at Seattle, Wash. Wymer reports, and has recently been assigned by the state board for vocational education to train an additional 100 boys.

To be eligible, an applicant must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years; must have been graduated from high school, pass a physical examination and be able to produce a birth certificate. There is no charge for the training, but applicants must furnish their own transportation. Anyone interested should contact the training school representatives in the courthouse at Oregon City immediately, Wymer said.

Entertain Court Five

Rotary's annual luncheon for members of the Hilhi basketball squad and coaches will be held this noon (Thursday) in the chamber of commerce rooms. C. T. Richardson is chairman.

I look beyond our times and sands
And see Hitler, posed between
The fire and frying pans
Don't you wonder, I do, if he
Will tell
When he hits, if its like Heaven
or H---.
H. M. G.

School Election Set for April 18

Vote on Bonds Scheduled; WPA Aid Offers Extension of Program at Minimum of Cost

The proposed rehabilitation program for Hillsboro schools will be submitted to District Seven taxpayers on April 18 in the form of a special election to vote on issuance of \$75,000 in bonds.

Date for the special election was set Tuesday night by the District Seven board at a meeting with E. J. McAlear, legal counsel for the district; J. D. Annand, co-operating architect and school building expert, and representatives of the Hillsboro Parent-Teachers' association.

The \$75,000 figure was originally established as the over-all cost of a re-building project on the site of the present David Hill structure, but through assurances by N. E. Likins, Washington county WPA superintendent, that the rehabilitation program here can be handled as a federal assistance project through his office, the proposed bond total is now declared to be sufficient to cover the entire cost of remodeling and re-building for both the David Hill and B. W. Barnes school units.

Plans Received

On the present David Hill site, plans call for construction of a new school building to replace the present 50-year-old structure and salvage of the existing building below the main floor level to convert it into a combination auditorium and physical education building. The present basement, walls and main floor, including toilet facilities, would be retained and salvage lumber used to complete a 1½-story structure of modern and efficient design.

This building would be attached to the new building by an extension of the front corridor and by a separate arcade leading to the gymnasium. The auditorium would have a seating capacity of 450 persons and the gymnasium would be adequate for primary uses as well as being available for public use. Between 10 and 12 classrooms plus offices would be included in the floor plan of the new building.

Improvements Extensive

At the Barnes-Boscow unit, remodeling of which would also be financed by the bond issue, the proposed improvement would be equally as extensive. A new auditorium-gymnasium building would be erected to replace the present wooden structure and a system of arcades would tie the auditorium.

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Medicos Form County Society; Charter Granted

Organization of the Washington County Medical society with 12 charter members was announced this week following completion of final details by Dr. A. O. Pitman, president.

The charter members are Drs. F. T. Burke, E. J. Kabeseman, R. M. Kines, C. E. Mason, D. W. St. John, W. H. Piercy, A. O. Pitman, J. O. Robb, F. T. Rucker, R. M. Waltz, R. S. Welsh and D. E. Wiley. Dr. Waltz is vice-president and Dr. Kabeseman, secretary-treasurer.

The medical society has been created for the purpose of exercising group control over medical economics in the county. The medical society will function as a medico-political and medico-economic unit and concurrently members of the society are now eligible for membership in the Washington county division of the Multnomah medical service bureau, which covers industrial medical contracts, according to President Pitman.

Organization of the county medical society into an association was started for some time ago. An application for a charter was filed with the state medical society on January 6 and the local charter was granted last week.

School Districts To Get Warrants

County school fund warrants totaling \$31,992.43 will be mailed out to district school clerks on Saturday, March 15, according to County Superintendent B. W. Barnes.

The checks will complete apportionment of funds for the 1939-40 school year and pay \$2.10 per school census capita on the 1940-41 school year, it was explained.

Top three checks will be received by Hillsboro, \$2752; Forest Grove, \$1798, and Tigard, \$1244, with Beaverton coming in fourth for \$1244. Other large checks will go to Aloha-Huber, \$1055; Tualatin, \$746.46; Metzger, \$567; Sherwood, \$512; Banks, \$512; Cornelius, \$508, and Garden Home, \$455.

Palm Drug to Locate on Finney Site; Pharmacy Sets Opening Date

Modernizing activities of two Hillsboro drug stores led the parade of new and remodeling construction on Main street this week while numerous other building projects were being pushed along in other parts of the city.

L. C. Kramien, proprietor of the Palm Drug store, announced Monday that his store, which is slated to be absorbed in a \$20,000 expansion of the Commercial National bank building, will take its new location in a modern building which will rise on the site of the old Finney building, recently leveled by wreckers. J. H. Freudenthal and sons, owners of the property, have already begun preliminary construction work for the new structure.

Grand Opening Set

The Hillsboro Pharmacy, meanwhile, nearing the end of extensive remodeling and enlarging work which, has been in progress for several weeks, will observe its grand opening on Thursday, March 20, according to Harry Bates, proprietor.

Both drug stores will boast modern streamlined styling inside and out. The Palm will have a 23-foot front of green and black vitrolite glass in a modern design similar to the front of the present store. Inside will be a modern "beauty bar" for toiletries, perfumes and cosmetics, a new fountain, fluorescent lighting throughout, open display for all merchandise, a 28x20-foot prescription room, a 28x20 stock room and an attractive set of cash counters. The overall building dimensions will be 28x100 feet.

Grand opening of the new store is expected to be within six weeks, Kramien said.

Space Increased

The Pharmacy has been widened six feet and completely rearranged for greater efficiency and space. An elaborate "beauty bar" with fluorescent lighting on display shelves will also be one of the features of this store. The drug department and prescription counter have been moved far to the front. Along the west wall will be eight booths for the restaurant trade.

A streamlined counter with 21 gleaming stools fitted with spring seats will skirt a modern kitchen being moved to the east wall. The Oriental room, an 18x22 banquet hall, is located to the rear of the kitchen. All woodwork in the new Pharmacy is being done in a mahogany finish and 13 fluorescent lighting fixtures have been installed to give adequate illumination over every inch of the store.