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Band Festival in Spotlight Saturday

County Tax Total Hits 7-Year High

First Quarter Receipts
Largest Since 1934.
Hemming Survey Shows

Tax collections in Washington county for the first quarter of 1941, which ended March 15, were the greatest in amount and in percentage of the total tax levy of any year since 1934, it is revealed in a survey for the seven-year period released Tuesday by O. R. Hemming, tax department head.

Total current tax collections on or before the first quarter deadline date amounted to \$508,143.74, an increase of \$3,666.86 over the same collections in 1940, and this in spite of the fact that the 1941 levy is \$30,222.62 below that of 1940.

Percentage Highest
Current collections for the first quarter of 1941 represent 4.7 per cent of the current levy of \$870,000.72. In comparison, current collections of \$500,978.93 by the first quarter deadline date of 1940 represented only 57.69 per cent of the levy for that year, \$1,000,223.34.

Taking into account delinquent taxes collected and additional tax receipts which were rebated for prompt payment, the county's tax collection total for the first quarter of 1941 was \$663,911.02, representing 68.63 per cent of the current roll.

Delinquent taxes and interest collections amounted to \$97,765.23, largest comparable sum in the past seven years. Last year's delinquent collections amounted to only \$93,495.91 on the same date.

Table Shows Trend
A table of first quarter collections for the past six years with percentage of the tax levy for each year follows:

Year	Collections	% of Levy
1941	\$508,143.74	60.64
1940	\$500,978.93	57.69
1939	\$416,948.52	55.42
1938	\$455,821.48	52.53
1937	\$488,577.62	52.78
1936	\$429,193.74	47.18
1935	\$399,664.62	39.19

It will be noted that the percentage of taxes collected on the first quarter date for each succeeding year has been on the increase since the low of 1935 when only 39.19 per cent of the current levy was collected.

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First Lady to Speak Tonight in Portland

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, wife of the president, will lecture in Portland today (Thursday) at 8 p. m. under sponsorship of Portland Post No. 1 of the American Legion at the municipal auditorium.

Subject of the lecture, being given for the benefit of Greek war sufferers, is "Peace." A 20-minute question and answer period will follow her talk. The event will be particularly significant in that it falls on "a day traditionally set apart by international radical elements to cause trouble and conflict." According to Thomas A. Sweeney, chairman of the program, May 1 will be dedicated here to signal a renewed pledge of loyalty to the United States.

Hillsboro Airport Approved as Training Field for C. P. T. C. Pilots

The Hillsboro airport Friday was officially approved as a training field for C. P. T. C. students and all indications point toward "smooth sailing" for the next year at least, according to Ed Ball, Hillsboro airport manager and CAA instructor.

The local field now has complied with three major federal requirements found lacking in a federal inspection some months ago: 1. That an airplane engine repair shop be located on the field; 2. That a full-time aviation mechanic be connected with the shop and airport; and 3. That a complete airplane be made available for instruction purposes at the airport's ground school.

Robert Herr, federal inspector for CAA ports, visited the port here Friday and advised Ball that he would report the field as fully complying with federal requirements.

Near "Graduation"

A class of 20 Pacific university and non-college C. P. T. C. students, meanwhile, are now in the final stages of their aviation course. Started in the air in March, the average student now has about nine solo hours and is looking forward to completion of the preliminary course during the first week of June, Ball said.

The Hillsboro airport and Pacific university probably will get no allotment for a summer class but expectations are that additional groups will be trained in the fall of this year and in the spring of 1942, Ball said, adding that the future of C. P. T. C. training after that is shrouded in uncertainty.

Aviation instruction in Washington county recently has taken the services of Les Lackey of Hillsboro, Ball reports. Lackey is now teaching flying at Vernonia and working on the Nehalem Flying club, which has purchased a new training ship.

Fire Threatens Old Landmark



It looked like the end for another old Hillsboro landmark last Wednesday evening when fire threatened the home of Mrs. Zella Banner, widely known as the old J. W. Sewell house, but speedy work of volunteer firemen here limited damage to the roof and attic. It is believed the blaze started from sparks on the roof. Mrs. Ed Schumacher is present owner of the venerable dwelling, built about 1890 by J. L. Barnard and later acquired by the Sewell family. It was originally located on the corner of Sixth and Main—(Argus photo)

Rural Lands Zoned For Fire Protection

Zoning of rural Washington county lands under Oregon's new rural fire protection law was outlined here Monday at a meeting of county officials with M. J. Gilson, deputy state fire marshal, and J. C. Moran of the state board of forestry.

The Washington county set-up will place in Zone 1 all forest lands not already protected by the state forest patrol and all marginal farm land, stump ranches and

inter-spaced forest lands. For the present, until funds are made available for a more intensive protection system this land will be protected by the Northwest Oregon Forest Protective association.

Protection Set
Zone 2 in Washington county will include all farm lands not already included in some existing fire protection district. Protection in this zone is to be rendered by the county court in cooperation with the rural and city fire departments and with the advice of the state fire marshal's office. It was decided that the most efficient means of handling the fire protection within this zone would come from utilization of the present county road organization with the county's eight road foremen charged with the duty of issuing burning permits and controlling fires within this area.

Fire permits for burning in forest lands will be issued through the district fire warden's office at Forest Grove after application has been made and approved at the county agent's office here, it was explained.

To Appoint Wardens
It was also agreed at the meeting that the state forester would appoint as state fire wardens such members of the county road organization as he might desire.

Employment Office
Opens at Cornelius
Oregon State Employment service announces the opening of an office in Cornelius today (Thursday), to be kept open throughout the berry season to provide a place for growers to register for the help they need and for pickers to register for work. This is the third year such an office has been maintained in Cornelius by the employment service and this year it will be located next to Hank's Super market. B. T. Christian, field representative of the state employment service, will be in charge.

Chamber of Commerce
Sets Two Programs
Chamber of commerce programs for the next two Monday noon luncheon meetings were announced this week. John Kovaly, Shell Oil company representative, will present a speaker and motion pictures on the program for Monday, May 5, and Mrs. Minnie Jones Coy, Jones hospital superintendent, and Sam Coy will present a program in observance of Hospital Day on Monday, May 12.

Faber Promoted
To Supervisor
Post by P. G. E.
Ben Faber, rural service representative for the Portland General Electric company here since 1934, has been appointed rural service supervisor for the entire area served by P. G. E. effective today, May 1. It was announced here this week.

H. R. Huzon, field engineer for the Hillsboro branch of the P. G. E. during the past 11 years, will fill the vacancy left by Faber's promotion. Carl Russell will take over Huzon's former duties with assistance of Don Shattuck, promoted from meter-reader to chainman, according to Ralph Easter, division manager.

Faber is not planning any immediate change of residence, at least not until the present school term is over, it was learned.

Nine Candidates Now in Race for Goddess Title

Bringing to nine the number of candidates sponsored thus far in the forthcoming contest to select a Goddess of Liberty and attendant for Hillsboro's golden jubilee edition of Happy Days, two more aspirants to the honor title were announced this week by Mrs. Wilma Hall, chairman of a contest committee named by the Hillsboro Business and Professional Women's club, sponsoring organization.

The new candidates and sponsoring groups are Gertrude Margaret Matinee, Royal Neighbors of America, and Barbara Elizabeth Moore, Hillsboro D. A. R. Candidates already named were June Ireland, Wanda Ellett, Betty Sue Frisette, Grace Layson, Doris Fowler, Caroline Kalkwarf and Rosemary Read.

Plans for the Candidates' Ball, annual kick-off event for Hillsboro's Fourth of July celebration were advanced meanwhile with engagement of Jimmie Whitmore and his 10-piece orchestra and soloist to supply music for the opening dance. Selection of the 1941 Goddess will be a feature of the Shute pavilion dance.

The candidates may get dance tickets at the Argus office.

Spring Dairy Show Planning Session Set

Final plans for the Washington county Spring Dairy Show, scheduled for May 17, will be outlined Thursday night, May 1, at a meeting in the county agent's office here, according to Palmer Torvond, manager of the show.

Representatives from each of the four major dairy breeds compose the planning committee working in cooperation with Torvond. The number of exhibition and production classes, as well as other details in regard to the show are to be decided.

Howard Robertson, president of the Jersey club; Ralph Christensen of the Guernsey club; Al Lindow of the Holstein club, and Albert Meier of the Brown Swiss club are serving along with others whom they have selected to help.

Urgency Cited
Anyone who has not notified his local veterinary regarding the show should do so immediately, says Torvond. This must be done so that arrangements to make the free abortion test for the individual animals to be shown can be made in plenty of time.

Plans are being made to hold judging contests for the 4-H club members, F. F. A. youths, merchants and dairymen, says Torvond, in outlining the program for the show. Anyone who has purchased cattle and has had the individual tests for abortion within 30 days of the show is eligible to make an exhibit.

Trophies Up Again
The four perpetual silver trophies awarded for the first time last year will be up for competition in the production class again this year. W. T. Putnam Jr. won the Jersey trophy; A. J. Evers, the Holstein trophy; and Albert Meier, the Brown Swiss trophy last year. No one in the Guernsey group was eligible to win a trophy offered in that class last year. The trophies are being presented by the Commercial National bank, the First National bank, Imperial Feed and Grain company, and the J. B. Inlay & Sons Feed company, respectively.

The Washington county show is a part of the annual spring Jersey Jubilee which is being held in various counties of the state. However, the Hillsboro show is unique in that all major dairy breeds are included.

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12 Bands, 3 Drum Corps to Strut Stuff in Hillsboro Street Parade

Sealing Business Bargain Here



A handshake sealed the bargain here this week as Frank Mitchell (right), sold his partnership interests in the Delta Drug store to Fred Engeldinger, now sole proprietor. Mitchell, although no longer a partner in the business, will remain associated with the firm as part-time pharmacist, thus continuing a career in the drug business which started way back in 1890, when he went to work as a boy for the same store which is now known as the Delta Drug—(Argus photo)

Veteran Pharmacist Sells Store Interest

Frank Mitchell, partner in the Delta Drug store here, announced Monday that he has sold his entire interest in the drug business to his partner, Fred Engeldinger.

The dissolution of partnership marks an end of 27 continuous years of proprietorship in the firm for Mitchell, who bought the business in 1914 following the death of Dr. S. T. Linklater. Engeldinger bought in as a partner in November, 1921.

The sale which makes Engeldinger sole proprietor of the store does not mean complete retirement for Mitchell, however. He will remain associated with the business as a part-time registered pharmacist.

Started 31 Years Ago
Mitchell's career as a druggist reaches back far beyond the year when he became owner of the drug firm here, however. As a matter of record, Delta Drug's golden anniversary celebration last year was a celebration as well of 50 years in the drug business for Mitchell. He was an employee of the Hillsboro firm less than one month after it was opened—in June, 1890, by W. E. Brock and Ed Sells.

Mitchell remained as an employee of Brock and Sells' drug store for eight years. During the 16-year period from 1896 to 1914, when he became owner of the drug firm, Mitchell was a druggist continually pursuing the drug profession, for eight years in Pendleton and for shorter periods in various cities of this state.

Early Pharmacist
The year 1941 is also significant in the career of Frank Mitchell. It marks off exactly a half century since he became a registered pharmacist in the state of Oregon. Incidentally, the file number on Mitchell's pharmacist license is 385, distinguishing him as one of the state's oldest pharmacists when consideration is taken of the thousands of file numbers that have since been used.

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Mass Concert on Courthouse Lawn, Program at Hilhi, Dance, Dinner Set

A kind of blitzkrieg that Herr Hitler did not originate, a "band blitz," will descend on Hillsboro Saturday. The clomp of marching columns will echo on Hillsboro streets and there will be uniforms, but not of the military type. There will be instruments galore, but not of war—instead of tanks and guns, there'll be tubas and drums.

It will be Hillsboro's third annual band festival, and growing interest in the musical event will see a larger number of band units participating this year than ever before. Twelve bands and three drum corps, some of them coming from distant communities, will join in the festival program.

The bands will represent Forest Grove, Beaverton, Sherwood, Tigard, St. Helens, Scappoose, Gresham, Sandy, Canby, Newberg, McMinnville and Hillsboro. Drum corps will come from McMinnville, Beaverton and Washougal, Wash. The 15 groups will include an estimated 700 bandmen.

Music to Fill Day
Starting at 1 p. m. when the uniformed marching groups will start from the Hillsboro high school on their winding parade route through the city, music and festivity will fill the day.

Following the parade, all bands will gather on the courthouse lawn for a mass concert. Later in the afternoon six selected bands will be presented in concert at the Hillsboro high school auditorium and the remaining six bands will be featured in an evening concert there at 7:30 o'clock. All concerts will be free and the general public will be welcomed, according to John R. Cox, high school principal.

A special dinner with school superintendents, principals, band directors and wives as guests will be spread in the chamber of commerce dining hall 6 p. m. The visiting high school musicians and drummers will be afforded special entertainment in the form of a dance to be held from 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. in the Hillsboro high school.

Swinging along behind high-stepping drum majorettes, the bands will follow a scheduled parade route, south on Sixth to Main, west on Main to Sixth, north on First to Lincoln, east on Lincoln to Second and south on Second to the courthouse lawn, where they will take places for the mass concert.

The Main street block between First and Second avenues will be cleared of parked cars and only one band will be permitted to pass through the exhibition block at one time, thus giving each group ample space in which to demonstrate fancy maneuvers by the marching musicians or drum majorettes.

Chief of Police W. W. Weaver and Officers Jim Grogan and Ole Nielson will be assisted by Skipper John West and a squad of Sea Scouts. R. L. Burnett heads a special committee in charge of parade arrangements.

Hillsboro businessmen on the committee in general charge of planning for this year's band festival are M. P. Cady, chairman, J. W. Poynter, C. T. Richardson, H. L. MacKenzie and Nye Bristol.

Council to Meet
The Hillsboro city council will meet for its regular May session Tuesday night in the city hall chambers.

Strawberry Picking Price Meeting Topic

Strawberry picking prices will be discussed by local growers at a meeting in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms Friday, May 2, at 1:30 p. m. This meeting is being called at the request of interested growers from all parts of the county. It is their thought that the growers should get together and discuss the prices they can afford to pay and can expect to pay to get the 1941 berry crop picked.

Alex Eischen will act as chairman of this meeting.

Ideas for City Promotion Advanced By Toastmaster Members Here

A wealth of publicity promotion ideas for the upbuilding of Hillsboro showered down on chamber of commerce members here Monday noon as the weekly luncheon program was taken in hand by five Toastmaster club speakers, L. B. Hall, Ben Faber, W. C. Christensen, Ed C. Coman and Don Woodman.

Faber likened the chamber of commerce to the spark in an automobile ignition system. This chamber, he said, must be the driving force to get programs of civic betterment under way. He called upon the businessmen to get behind the various programs which were suggested by speakers following.

Tourist Trade City
Coman advocated a two-point program to "get Hillsboro into the tourist business," which annually brings \$45,000,000 to this state, he said. The two main prerequisites to getting a fair share of this revenue for Hillsboro, he stated, are: First, to gain state-wide recognition for spots of scenic beauty and historic importance in and about Hillsboro and second, to create a distinctive slogan name for Hillsboro Coman showed for example, what could be done to make this city known as "The Rhododendron City."

Christensen outlined a five-point plan of action to develop better community relations. 1. To boost improvements in roads leading into Hillsboro. 2. and 3. Support the county fair and the spring dairy show to the utmost. 4. Secure more conventions of farm organizations here, and 5. Co-operate with O. S. C. extension service in building a more active program of farmer and 4-H activities in the county.

Woodman suggested spring and fall openings, possibly a style show put on by Hillsboro clothing dealers or an auto show staged by local dealers, and expansion of the annual Xmas program here to include caroling by high school vocal groups and selection of a Xmas "theme girl" with an appropriate title, such as "Miss Merry Christmas." Woodman contended that any program attracting juvenile interest and participation would also attract adults, thus building Hillsboro business.

The first speaker, L. B. Hall, Toastmaster club president, pointed out that this organization's purpose was not to turn out orators but to teach Hillsboro's ambitious men in the art of clear speaking. He said the club was rendering service to the community, in a sense, by preparing local residents to speak when called upon and thereby advertise the community with favorable representation.

Leon Davis, a Toastmaster as well as secretary of the chamber of commerce acted as toastmaster, introducing his colleagues, and A. L. Amacher concluded the program with criticism of the talks.

True to Tradition, Tigard is Tops



First place honors in the recent shorthand contest annually sponsored by Oregon State college were captured by this Tigard high school team. Standing left to right: Beulah Boyles, Jean Knowlton and Mrs. Nellie Elwert, instructor; seated: Daniel Boese and Vera Harrison. Miss Harrison also won the first place gold medal in individual competition of the state radio shorthand contest. The band here by Miss Boyles will take its place with a growing collection of laurels won in the annual competition by Tigard typing and shorthand students.—(Cut courtesy The Oregonian)

School for Fair Exhibitors is Planned by Davis

Laying groundwork well in advance for the Washington county fair, set for August 28, 29 and 30, Fair Manager Leon Davis announced Monday that arrangements are being made through the OSC extension service and the county agent's office here to hold an "exhibitors' school" here on May 28 for all persons intending to enter displays in the three-day annual event.

Persons taking advantage of the opportunity to attend the "school" will be given valuable instruction in how to set up attractive displays, how to construct and decorate booths and how to present exhibits to the public.

Invitations are being extended by Davis to all Farmers' Union and Grange groups in the county to have their exhibit committees present at the instruction session. The general public will also be welcomed, Davis said.