

Series of Fires Hits Hillsboro During Half Day

The Hillsboro fire department had its busiest half day in history last December 31, according to Fire Chief Wilbur Dillon, answering five fire calls between noon and 9:45 p. m.

A blaze which was believed to have started from an overheated stove, destroyed all the furnishings and the home of R. E. France, at 117 North Freeman avenue. The fire caused an estimated damage of \$3500.

Second most serious fire of the series was one which broke out at noon at the William Ziegler residence at 374 East Maple street. The fire started under the roof of the two-story home and caused a damage estimated at \$2300 by Fire Chief Dillon. It was partially covered by insurance.

Flames were shooting several yards high from a section of roof about 15 feet square when the fire department arrived on the scene, according to Dillon, but it was quickly put under control.

Local firefighters also answered calls to two chimney fires and one burning woodshed before completing their busy ten hours. A cold east wind was believed instrumental in causing the blazes.

An alarm at the France home fire was sounded just ten minutes after the department was called out to stop a small fire on a woodshed at 4 p. m.

Fire, which is believed to have started from a defective chimney, burned the roof of a county-owned home at North Second avenue and Grant street Monday night.

The residence had been occupied by W. E. Taylor and son, Mr. Taylor was taken to Jones hospital Monday after being stricken with an illness requiring a major operation. It was reported the damage was covered by insurance according to Fire Chief Wilbur Dillon.

An alarm, which proved to be false, was sounded shortly after the local fire department returned from the roof fire.

Vicinity Suffers Three Robberies

A series of three robberies was reported to County Sheriff J. W. Connell early this week, one being Monday afternoon and two occurring that night.

Herbert Schulmerich reported that prowlers broke into his home at the west edge of town sometime between noon and 7:30 p. m. Monday stealing a kitchen model radio.

Found by Schulmerich was one small tan-colored kitten which had apparently followed the prowlers into the house.

Henry Rahn of route 5 Hillsboro reported loss of two sacks of wool with a gross weight of 131 pounds, 16 Cotswold pelts, and two Hampshire pelts. The thieves were believed to have escaped in a southerly direction from the Rahn barn.

Robbers entered the Ray Watson home in Forest Grove Monday night and stole a revolver and shells, five watches, and a set of silverware. Entrance was made through a back door with a pass key.

Jannsens Back From South

REEDVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jannsen and son Wilbur returned December 28 from a two-weeks vacation trip. They spent Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Lieutenant and Mrs. Edward Jannsen, at Albuquerque, N. M., where Lieutenant Jannsen has recently been transferred from Barksdale Field, La. Mrs. Edward Jannsen (Carleen Wolf) returned with them and will visit her parents indefinitely due to war conditions. They report a fine trip and snow along the highway in many places.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hagg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hagg, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hagg and daughter Ida Lou joined a family group of 23 at a reunion supper party held New Year's evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson (Edith Hagg) in Portland.

Miss Thelma Graham spent the holidays at her home in Sherwood. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Williams and daughter Evelyn returned Saturday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stark at Cathlamet, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cook of Seattle, Wash., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Frost last Monday.

Mrs. Julia Kurtz of Coulee Dam, Wash., spent the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waddell.

Jerry Baumgartner has recovered from an attack of mumps. G. N. Allman has returned to Portland following a visit with his mother, Mrs. M. M. Allman, and his grandmother, Mrs. Hodges, at Enumclaw, Wash.

Oscar Hagg and Mrs. Otto George represented Reedville at the meeting called by the Red Cross at the chamber of commerce in Portland Saturday morning. Dr. and Mrs. Elmhurst of London, England, were guest speakers and described the transformation in agriculture since the war, also food rationing and the air raid shelters in use there. Dr. Elmhurst stated that America's aid to England has been an important factor in maintaining the splendid morale of the English people.

Mother Dies
Mr. and Mrs. James Teller left for southern Oregon December 23 and returned the 24th, after attending the funeral services for Mr. Teller's mother, Mrs. Lovie Germond, who died at her home in Coles Valley Center near Umpqua, December 22, following a long illness. Survivors are the husband, two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She had lived in that community more than 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nordlund, Misses Jacques Autry, Betty Corrieri, Dolores George, Doris Harrison, Dorothy Kirkwood, Margaret Lee, Mae, June and Noma O'Connor, Virginia Sampson and Messrs. Don Wieher, William Lindsay, and Ralph Wilson, were a group of local C. E. young people who spent New Year's day at Mt. Hood. They report five feet of snow at Timberline with bright sunshine and a perfect day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. LaRue were hosts at a reunion New Year's day with 21 members of their family present from Portland and Corbett.

Several Officers At Courthouse Finishing Terms

Several positions of county officers at the courthouse in Hillsboro will be open for contest in the 1942 November election, according to County Clerk W. A. Tupper.

In addition, two state representatives from Washington county will be elected. Henry T. Hosse, of route 2 Hillsboro, is completing his second term, and H. A. Kurath, of Hillsboro, is finishing his first term. State Senator Earl E. Fisher of Beaverton will hold over.

Finishing Second
Mrs. Maud W. Boscow, who completed an unfinished term as county treasurer, succeeding her husband, is finishing her second complete term of office.

One county commissioner, J. W. Hughes, who has served one term, will be up for election. Others completing terms of office in 1942 will be L. MacIntyre, county surveyor, and F. J. Sewell, county coroner.

Included in the list of county courthouse officers who are serving terms which do not end this year are: H. D. Kerkman, judge; B. W. Barnes, school superintendent; W. A. Tupper, clerk; J. E. Carpenter, assessor; James Lewis, commissioner, and J. W. Connell, sheriff.

Many Visit New Funeral Chapel

Several hundred persons visited the newly-finished \$20,000 Danielson & Sewell funeral home at the corner of North Third and Lincoln streets during a two-day open house on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Rev. A. J. Sullens delivered dedicatory remarks at a special program held Sunday afternoon to feature opening of the new mortuary which was built by F. J. Sewell and James Dierickx.

Mrs. Sewell played the organ. Mrs. V. W. Gardner sang vocal solos, and a mixed quartet composed of Mrs. W. S. Foster, Mrs. W. J. Enschede, W. G. Hulbert, and C. T. Richardson rendered several numbers as part of the musical program.

Many flowers, sent to the chapel from friends in Hillsboro and vicinity, presented a pleasing sight to visitors at the two-day opening. Much discussed was a colored art window at the front of the chapel which represents Alfred Tennyson's poem, "Sunset and Evening Star."

F. J. Sewell, county coroner and a partner of the firm, spoke briefly at the dedication program. He offered facilities of the chapel for community use for meetings and weddings.

Teachers' Committee Schedules Meeting
A representative committee of rural, primary, intermediate, upper grade, and high school teachers of the county will meet at the county courthouse Thursday evening to make final plans for the Teachers' Washington County Teachers' Institute, according to B. W. Barnes, county school superintendent. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p. m.

Reedville Folk Aid Fund Drive

REEDVILLE—Mrs. A. B. George and Mrs. Oscar Hagg, who are soliciting this community in the national emergency Red Cross drive, report receipts of \$80 to date. They expect to complete the canvass this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lamling, a boy, January 3, at Wilcox Memorial hospital in Portland. This is their first child. Mrs. Anna Langman is the baby's grandmother.

Mrs. James Kelly and children of Astoria were guests of Mrs. C. A. Kelly three days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gard, and daughter of Sacramento, Cal., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes last Wednesday.

Miss Marie Delia Garrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Garrow of Portland, became the bride of Vere A. McCarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McCarty of Condon, December 27, at St. Stephens Catholic church in Portland. The bride is a niece of Mrs. T. J. Nault, and has many friends here.

Mrs. William Heinrich, who has been seriously ill of complications following influenza, is now convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Frost and son Billy of Sacramento, Cal., arrived New Year's day to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frost. They plan to locate here.

Donald LaRue returned to Woodland, Wash., last Monday after spending the holiday week at his home here.

Red Cross Work
Twelve members of the recently organized Westminster guild were guests of Dolores George at her home Friday night. The girls will take up a course of study and will also do Red Cross work. They began knitting that night. Sunshine gifts were received by the girls. Mrs. Harry Elmoist is advisor for the group. Eloise Stiff of Goldendale, Wash., was also a guest.

Fourteen members of the local C. E. society met at the home of Dorothy Kirkwood last Monday for a business meeting and social which was presided over by future activities of the group.

Eye Injury Received By Wilkesboro Man
ROY—Louis Vanderzanden of Wilkesboro met with a serious eye injury Tuesday. A file he was working with broke and a piece of it cut into the eye. He is now in a Portland hospital and it is hoped to save the eyesight.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vandeyne, a girl, this past week. Mrs. Alice Dierickx and family drove to Ft. Lewis last Sunday and visited with Victor La Porte, who is employed as cook at the camp. He was formerly employed on the Dierickx farm.

School was resumed Monday. Several pupils were absent on account of chickenpox and colds.

New Year's Eve was passed quietly. The card party, scheduled for that evening, was also postponed.

Clarence Vanderzanden has a few days off from milk hauling. He accompanied another driver delivering a truckload of milk to Camp Lewis last Wednesday.

Raymond Vanderzanden left Wednesday to return to his school near Spokane. He was accompanied on the trip by his sister, Agnes. She will return to Portland after a few days' vacation.

Miss Agnes Pranger has gone to Seattle to the home of Mrs. E. Neketin (Clara Vanderzanden) where she will be employed for an indefinite time.

Helvetia
C. E. Korn is convalescing slowly at his home in North Plains. Mrs. Minnie Blake is keeping house and caring for him. Mr. Korn suffered from a stroke, which has left him partially paralyzed on the right side. Freda Korn, who visited her father for a few days, returned last week to San Francisco, where she is employed. Her sister, Mrs. Minnie Chaffee, who has been staying with her father, is in San Francisco for a few days having a checkup at the S. P. hospital. Mrs. Chaffee is an invalid.

Moves to New Home
Y. Inahara moved to his new home on the North Plains road Monday. The family has lived on the Fred Ruffner place, where he has the land leased.

Some of the Japanese in this vicinity are cancelling their leases for land, where they intended to plant strawberries this spring. In some places they have the ground plowed and ready for planting.

Local Boy Wins "Quiz Kid" Prize

Hillsboro has a "quiz kid," according to R. R. Easter, manager of Portland General Electric company's Tualatin valley division. He is Billy Ennsley, route 4, who won an electric clock in the first of a series of six quiz contests sponsored by PGE to acquaint its customers with the company that has provided electric service in Oregon for the past half century.

A total of 76 prizes were given to winners of the first contest, which ended December 15. These included two dude ranch summer vacations, eight radios, 40 study lamps and 26 electric alarm clocks.

Winner Named
Another contest winner in the Tualatin valley division is Ellen Marie Layton, route 1, Cornelius. Her prize was an LES study lamp.

PGE is sponsoring five more contests, the next one ending January 15, and the others the middle of each month until May, 1942. According to Easter, all except the two winners of each dude ranch vacations are eligible to compete for the 76 prizes given away each month for the next five months.

The dude ranch vacation winners are Priscilla Botkin of Gresham and David Wagstaff of Portland.

Future of Flax In County Unsettled
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Yields are higher than local growers are obtaining with any other crop. These present high prices make it advisable in setting up a plant at this time to provide for the short period of two or three years. If that is done then deductions for plant financing need not be made if and when the price of flax is not as favorable as at present, speaker said.

Most of the growers present indicated some interest.

All the people at the meeting Tuesday emphasized the necessity of completing the organization work very quickly if anything is to be accomplished this year.

Experience in the Willamette valley indicates definitely that early seeding is advisable and weather permitting, this seeding would probably begin the latter part of February. The advisability of early seeding makes it imperative that any effort directed towards signing sufficient members and acreage must be done immediately.

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Banks Mail for December Shows Gain; Red Cross Help Solicited

BANKS—The December mail in 1941 exceeded that of 1940 by 17 per cent, according to Postmaster Henry Atlee.

Seeks Donations
Mrs. Cecil Carstensen, head of the Red Cross in this community, was soliciting funds for that organization the first of the week. Those whom she is unable to reach should take their donations to her.

Organize Classes
Plans are being made to organize Red Cross knitting and sewing classes in Banks. Complete plans will be announced later.

Reports Safe
Mr. and Mrs. Max Dreesen received a letter Monday from Jim Miller, who was stationed in Honolulu with the air corps December 7. He wrote that he was uninjured. Letters from there are closely censored so he could not give out much information, but he did say that he was anxious to get more Japs and that he had two notches on his stick.

Ola Hopkins and son Lowell and daughters Mrs. Norman Hines and Mrs. John Burbank, of Tillamook, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Alice Parmley. They were Sunday dinner party guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parmley and family.

They were accompanied to Banks by Mrs. Lovella Hopkins, who spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shipley.

Mrs. Frank Lister returned home Monday from Spokane, Wash., where she spent several weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benefield and daughter Lillian Mae were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesel Ouse at Woodburn.

This week closes the end of the first semester in both grade and high schools and senior tests are being given to high schools pupils.

Mrs. Emmett Shipley was taken to her home Monday from the general hospital in Forest Grove, where she spent a week receiving treatments. She is improving but is still under the care of a physician.

Wanda Ruth and Laura Lou King are new pupils in the second and fourth grades.

Mrs. Katherine Ederer returned to her home here Sunday after spending a week in Portland with her son, Adolph, and family.

Lyle Wolford visited his home in Banks a few hours Monday afternoon.

Have Whooping Cough
Larry Gehrts and Lavonne Caldwell returned to school Monday

the home of Lola Meade on Green mountain.
Miss Jackie Cason of near Manning is a new sophomore at school.

Hauling to Be Stopped
County roads will be closed to log hauling trucks by order of the county court as soon as snow and ice start thawing, according to Irene Klum spent last week at Judge H. D. Kerkman.

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Other Bonds	2,897,581.36
Loans & Discounts—Money at Work in Oregon	62,714,982.16
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	240,000.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	2,754,805.77
Other Real Estate	1.00
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	21,067.35
Interest Earned	\$77,486.32
Other Resources	79,159.69
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$176,445,718.53
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$5,000,000.00
Surplus	5,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,847,647.58
Reserve for Contingencies	1,920,840.28
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, etc.	431,742.18
Acceptances	22,122.15
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