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Hillsboro Quintet Fifth in State

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Coach Don Kirsch's Spartan Team Sweeps Salem, Bend, Astoria in Flashy Backcourt

After suffering a sound first-round thumping at the hands of Eugene's Axemen—who later won the state championship—Hillsboro Spartans rallied to triumph in their last three state tournament games in championship style over Salem, Bend and Astoria last week-end to win consolation honors and fifth place in the annual prep hoop extravaganza at Salem.

The performance of Coach Don Kirsch's quintet was easily the best in state tournament history of Hillsboro teams. Three other Spartan quintets were able to win only one game out of a total of seven played in the consolation round.

Laird Injured The Spartans' first-round performance was anything but auspicious. Eugene's hard-running ball-snatching crew rolling up a 16 to 4 lead in the first eight minutes and winning with ease. Hillsboro chairman, Mrs. F. E. Tuttle, was reportedly lost the game on a short out of action except for a short time in Saturday's final game.

The Kirschmen bounced back from their Eugene lacing in flashy style on Thursday, trimming Salem's Vikings by two points 34 to 32. Hillsboro was outscored from the floor by a margin of 12 field goals to eight, but won on the free throw line, hitting 13 out of 25 attempts.

Against Bend the Spartans were trailing by one point at 11 to 10 after eight minutes, but started rolling in the second quarter and walked off the floor with a 24 to 15 lead at intermission. The Lava Bears closed the gap to 22 to 26 at the end of the third quarter but the locals were again able to stand off the invaders to win. Clark rolled in 17 points for Hillsboro, hitting seven field goals. Amacher had eight tallies.

Amacher Shines Amacher clinched himself a berth on the all-star second team, leading Hillsboro to an impressive 44-to-39 triumph over Astoria's Fishermen. The lanky Spartan center piled up 16 points on six field goals and four free throws and was sparkling under the backboard where he spelled doom to the Astoria hoopmen.

Coach Kirsch's hoopmen held record leads of 11 to 6, 19 to 17 and 21 to 17. Clark collected 11 tallies for Hillsboro. The triumph over Astoria was 23rd for Hillsboro in 30 games and marked the second of three over the Fishermen for the season.

Hillsboro's first appearance at the state tournament was in 1926 when Coach C. M. Goodman's quintet lost its opener to the year's championship team, Salem, 45 to 25, and was eliminated by Astoria, 33 to 17.

Sixteen years later in 1942 a Spartan quintet coached by Reece (Hap) Halburn won its opener over St. Helens, 37 to 24, then lost to Medford, 25 to 23, in an overtime game, and to Mt. Angel by 44 to 39 in the consolation game. Last year's prep hoop tournament, Omsundson's Spartan quintet lost to Astoria, 33 to 23, and then Vernonia, 39 to 25.

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Gain Made On Red Cross Funds Drive

Several Areas Past Halfway Mark; Aloha Close to Quota

Washington county slipped past the halfway mark Tuesday on its American Red Cross fund drive toward a quota of \$28,300, according to figures released by Chairman Mervin W. Brink of Hillsboro. One area, Aloha No. 6, under Chairman Mrs. F. E. Tuttle, was expected to meet its quota of \$500 before Thursday.

West Slope, A. N. Wetterberg, chairman, reported shortly before press time Wednesday that it was over the top on its quota of \$2,000.

West Slope High Total of Red Cross fund contributions for the county reported at local headquarters Tuesday was \$15,739.60. West Slope, No. 3, under Chairman A. N. Wetterberg was the three-quarter mark with \$1,900 turned in. Brink reported that Hillsboro area, No. 7, under Mrs. Maude Starnard, had contributed \$4,000 toward its \$4,000 quota. Forest Grove, area No. 1, Mrs. Marvin Emerson, was also credited with \$400.

Henry Hesse, chairman for area No. 2, Laurel, reported \$1,400 toward a quota of \$2,500. Beaverton area, No. 4, under R. Talbert, chairman, reported \$1,600 toward a goal of \$2,000. Tigard, No. 3, under Mrs. Vern Calway, was just over the halfway mark with \$425 toward a quota of \$2,500. Aloha No. 8, under Mrs. Guy Payne, reported \$507 toward a quota of \$650.

Chairman Brink pointed out this week that a large part of Washington county Red Cross fund collections will be used in the county in 1946 for aid to veterans, disabled ex-servicemen and other programs during the coming year will emphasize service to veterans, hospitalized men and occupation loans, outright grants and on such matters as fixing of papers for disability claims.

Mr. Joseph L. Davlin, regional Red Cross representative of the San Francisco office, has been assisting the various areas this week with the fund drive. He reported that a small 16x16-foot Red Cross cap-teen overseas served 6500 men daily including 500 gallons of cold drinks, 500 gallons of coffee, and 100,000 doughnuts daily. No. 7 never made for camp service food. She served two years in New Guinea.

Portable unit in a three-day visit to Forest Grove on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday took over 785 persons. Mrs. Hartwell Whitney, chairman, reported that the total of 553 persons were handled in Hillsboro by the mobile unit on Friday and Saturday, with 235 the first day and 238 the second. Mrs. R. L. Burnett was chairman.

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Milk Showdown Delayed; Farmers Still Seek Boost

The threatened milk strike, which would affect everywhere within a 100-mile radius of Portland, including Hillsboro, was called off last Friday on the promise of national OPA to have a decision by March 25 on the request of farmers for an increase of 20 cents a pound in the price of butterfat.

Henry expressed the belief that the only way this controversy can be settled without withdrawal of milk from the market. The farmers demand a 20 per cent increase a butterfat pound on the standard. Many costs have made the production of grade A milk unprofitable, and they contend that a lower grade of market milk can be produced by manufacturing with better returns.

Phone Company Plans Tualatin Valley Growth

To clear up a huge backlog of applications for telephones and for expansion of facilities to meet the increase of populations in the Hillsboro section of Hillsboro, Coast Telephone Co. has budgeted \$4,100 for 1946, according to Harold Kummer, district manager, Forest Grove. In the Beaverton area, where the population increase has been sharp, \$73,650 will be spent this year. Hillsboro area will have \$20,450 spent on major projects.

A total of \$13,500 is provided to cover the purchase and installation of 40 telephones locally, according to Barber. There is also provided an amount of \$3,650 for additional cable facilities in the Forest Grove section of Hillsboro. East Main street and E. Jackson street north of Fifth avenue and Oregon road as far east as the airport.

Applications Many "These cables, with their lateral leads of aerial wire, will provide facilities for serving the many new developments which we have received in this locality due to the construction of many new homes," Barber said. An additional \$1,000 is provided to cover the purchase of more central office equipment which has already been ordered and will be installed as soon as the manufacturing schedule permits. An item of \$1,500 on the budget is provided to cover routine replacements and general outside plant repairs.

On the Beaverton budget, \$40,000 will be used for cable and other outside plant equipment and an amount of \$20,000 for new central office equipment and \$2,000 for a building addition to house that equipment, Barber said. The budget allows for \$26,150 to cover the cost of purchasing and installing 750 new telephones. Many additional orders are expected by the company as soon as the manufacturing schedule permits. Instruments and materials can be secured, however, the present trend of conditions indicates that we will not be able to secure more than 750 telephones this year," Barber stated.

Cables Planned Planned are new cables east on the Bertha-Beaverton highway and the new cables west on the Clatsop Mill and west on Farmington road to Huber avenue in the Beaverton area. The cable running north to Cedar Mill will also serve Walker road and other intermediate areas.

It was announced that seven additional toll cities to carry the business between Beaverton and Portland have been budgeted for this year. Present plans call for Tualatin, Gresham, Gresham areas of the West Coast system where large growth has been reported during the past four years due to the population increase in the areas surrounding Portland.

Barber said "practically all of the equipment and supplies necessary to complete this year's budget have been on order for several months. Of course the completion of our budget will necessarily depend upon the availability of materials which we feel quite confident that the majority of the work can be completed this year."

The district manager pointed out that restrictions on the use of critical materials during the war prevented the building of new telephones except in extreme cases where they were necessary for the armed forces or for business concerns that were contributing directly to the war effort.

"Consequently," he explained, "we have been unable to fill many applications for telephone service during the last four years. Of course things are far from normal yet, but we feel confident that materials will be obtained within the next few months and of course we plan on building sufficient plant to take care of all present applications as well as those which we anticipate receiving as the country continues to grow."

Pair Plan to Open Machine Shop Here Fred Misener and Robert Fredlund have announced that they will open a machine shop, Hillsboro Machine Works, in part of the new building under construction by A. J. Unzer at W. Washington and Dennis avenue.

Both have been in the machinery business for approximately 35 years. Fredlund has been employed by Pole & McGonigle in Portland. Misener, who has been living at Huber, ran a machine shop at Forest Grove for 26 years. He is now a foreman at Pole — McGonigle.

They plan to handle all types of machinery and hope to be open for business by the first of May. Both plan to move their families to Hillsboro as soon as possible.

4-Year-Old Boy Killed By Auto Here

Willard Hughes Hurt Seriously in Truck Collision Friday

Gordon Lewis Berdan, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Berdan of route 1, Hillsboro, died at a local hospital shortly after he was hit by an automobile at the intersection of highway 6 and East Main street at about 1:35 p. m. Sunday.

Fred Owen Roberts of Milwaukee, driver of the southbound car, reported to officers that he did not see the boy until after the crash. Several witnesses said he was driving at a slow rate of speed. By slanting the car, the boy was struck by the bumper on the right front side, the wheels passing over his body.

The boy was rushed to the hospital in Roberts' car. State Patrolman Vernon Boyer, Deputy Sheriff Dick Beach, Newt Griffin of the city and D. L. Hays of Sheriff Swell investigated. The driver was not held.

It was reported at sheriff's office that three other boys were riding with two companions, Allen Hanman, 3, and Janie Yanti, 4, both of route 3, Hillsboro. The victim was staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Lavina Peterson of Hillsboro, while his parents were visiting in Oregon. He was born in New England in 1941 and had lived in the community for over three and a half years. Surviving are his parents and grandmother. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Donelson & Sewell chapel with burial at Forest cemetery.

Hughes Injured Willard Hughes of Hillsboro was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital in Portland for amputation for treatment of severe head injuries after a truck he was driving collided with a truck driven by Charles L. Waddle of Forest Grove a short distance east of Beaverville shortly before 5 p. m. Friday.

Waddle, driving a truck owned by Kiser Truck Service, was proceeding east with load of sawdust. It was reported at sheriff's office that the Hughes vehicle struck the front left hand corner of the sawdust box on the right side of the road. Hughes' truck traveled about 65 feet after impact, stopping with the right front wheel resting against the light company pole on the south side of the highway. Waddle received only minor hurts.

Hughes, who drove a truck owned by Harold Kummer of route 1, Hillsboro, was rushed to the hospital by Oregon ambulance where he was reported to have a fractured skull and jaw injury. Sgt. Walter Hadfield and Boyer of the state police, and Deputy Sheriff Albert Thomas of Hillsboro investigated the accident.

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Fires Now Threat To Timber Lands

If conditions result in uncontrolled fires endangering timber lands in the coming weeks a closure of fire season for the northwest district embracing Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties will be necessary, according to Edward Schroeder of Forest Grove, district warden. If a closure is announced, it will be necessary to secure a permit before any fires can be set on or near forest land, Schroeder said. Fire season closes May 15.

Schroeder expressed concern over conditions in the northwest area when several recent fires required attention of the state fire patrol men. He said the time of year has arrived when a few days of clear weather, accompanied with a few days of rain, will result in a fire season. "During this period the dead herbage material from the past year or years will dry out sufficiently so that a ground fire will spread over a large area in a very short time."

Fern Fires Dangerous The district warden said fern fires in some cases are justified from the farmer or grazer's point of view "but are one of the most destructive types of fire known to the forester." The problem in this district, he explained, is that there are no marked or natural boundaries between agricultural and timber land because of their intermingled condition. This results in a condition where fern fires that start on farm land quickly spread into adjacent logged off timber land if not properly controlled.

Schroeder said the state department of forestry is not concerned with the fire while it is on farm or grazing lands this time of the year if it is confined to the ownership upon which it is started. The policy is not to interfere with the use of the individual's property but to use every precaution to protect the adjoining owner who may not wish to have the land burned over.

The bureau's law is designed so the governor can close the fire season anytime after the first of February if conditions make it necessary, Schroeder explained. If such closure is made, any fire started without the required permit will be treated as a violation of the law with the same action to be taken as during the summer months," he said.

Prior to entering the service, Burdette was a member of the Montana for a number of years. He was born and reared in McMinnville, where his father, J. E. Burdette, is an attorney. Burdette will move here with his family from McMinnville.

City Without Water Wednesday Morning Hillsboro was without water from 7:30 until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Cause was a break in the main line at Cornelius shortly after midnight, according to J. W. Barney, city manager and water commissioner.

The city drew its supply from the 150,000 gallon storage tank during the night. Breakage was attributed to "old age" of the line.

Snow Falls Friday But Disappears Fast Snow—white white flakes of it—fell on Hillsboro and surrounding territory early Friday morning, covering the ground with a fluffy blanket. The seemingly last gust of Old Man Winter melted fast.

Official death as recorded by A. W. Moore, local weather observer, for the week ending March 19, was one and a half inches. The fall was a record of recent years for lateness. Ten years ago on April 1 a fall of two and a half inches was recorded.

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