

# Hillsboro Argus

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# Growth of City Hits New High

Building Permit Total for First Half of Year  
Nearly Half a Million Dollars; 48 New Homes

Hillsboro has registered growth to the extent of nearly half a million dollars in building projects during the past six months, according to a tabulation of building permits issued from the office of City Recorder Ed Bowman. Total amount of estimated construction for the first six months of 1946 in 113 permits reached \$485,645 despite a slump during June.

Forty-eight new residences are in the six-month building permit total and a large number of business buildings. Construction for the first six months in Hillsboro by far over-shadowed the similar period for 1945 when building permits totalled \$375,000. The figure of nearly half a million was accumulated during a period of uncertainty because of priorities and materials shortages. Recent shortages, which hit even holders of building permits on account of the June building slump.

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Contract for resurfacing 13 blocks of Hillsboro streets and for new pavement on two more was let to the Cascade Construction Co. of Portland Tuesday afternoon at a special meeting of the city council. Only one bid was received and the total of the contract amounted to \$14,562.

Contract calls for the work to be completed by September 15. The Cascade Construction Co. will put the material in place after the city has prepared the street surface, according to City Manager J. W. Barney.

Streets to be resurfaced are: South Third avenue between Washington and Eastline streets and between Oak and Baseline streets, North Third avenue between Lincoln and Jackson, North Second avenue between Lincoln and Jackson, South Second between Oak and Baseline, East Main between First and Second and Third to Fourth, Baseline 130 feet east of 10th, West Main between Dennis and Connell and East Washington between Third and Sixth.

Five-District School Merger Reversal Seen  
Possibility that the five-district northwest Washington county, voted Tuesday night, to dissolve the vote of the areas affected was announced Tuesday by Austin T. Scraftford, county school superintendent.

Elimination of the two areas would not make the consolidation practical, Scraftford explained. As a result, remonstrances have been filed by the remaining five areas for a revote on whether to continue the consolidation.

Academy voted against consolidation at the time of the June 17 election, cutting North Plains away from the other five districts building favorably for the merger. The district boundary board declared the merger of Mountaineer, Shady Brook, Meacham, Arcade and Pleasant Hill on Saturday and the North Plains were eliminated.

The board will set a date for a revote in the five districts as a result of the remonstrances and expects the newly formed area to be dissolved. It is also expected by the board that a new attempt will be made later to consolidate the original seven districts and perhaps include Leisyville.

Scout Meeting Attendance Good  
Total of 75 parents of local Boy Scouts taking the Yellowstone National Park excursion, June 4-6, 42 scouts attended a special meeting last Wednesday at the All Saints Episcopal church here to hear details of the excursion. The meeting was outlined by District Chairman R. R. Easter, District Camping Chairman C. Henry Nelson, and Scout Executive C. Brian Walker. Pictures of the park were shown through the courtesy of Easter and Carl Soderback of Beaverton.

Press Run This Issue 5600  
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State School Funds Received by County  
Washington county's share of the state irreducible school fund for 1946-47 school year amounting to \$11,325.86, was received last week, according to Austin T. Scraftford. The funds are being distributed to the various districts, he said.

Bedroom Suite Sold Fast Through Ad  
Spreddy results on an Argus classified ad to sell a three-piece bedroom suite, mattress and springs were reported by Mrs. W. H. Hall of Hillsboro. The articles were sold by 10:30 of the morning the paper came out. It was originally ordered run until ordered out, but one time was sufficient to bring results.

County Man Named  
Tommy Ramsdell of Beaverton was elected one of the grand cheminots of the 40 and 8 at its 25th annual grand convention, held in Portland Sunday in connection with the American Legion state convention.

Assessment Ratio for County is Reduced  
Washington county was one of 30 Oregon counties in which the tax assessment ratios compiled by the state tax commission this year received reductions in property assessments compared to true cash values. The 1945 ratio in Washington county was 49 as against 48 for this year.

Work Starts on 26 Homes in Birchwood  
Foundations for 26 new homes in the new Birchwood addition to Hillsboro have been graded and part of the basements are being set, according to an announcement this week by F. W. McLain, one of the promoters. Further work is being delayed by lack of cement for the foundations, he said.

University Gift Brings Citation  
Bequest of nine-sevenths of a \$700,000 estate to Pacific utility at Forest Grove brought the attention of the Whos Who in America citation to the late Frank L. Knight of Portland. The award was made in recognition of the largest gift in relation to total endowment in the United States of higher education from October, 1943, through September 1945.

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### THE WEATHER

(By A. W. Moore)

July 9	Max.	Min.	Prec.
July 9	81	69	0.01
July 10	78	69	0.01
July 11	77	69	0.00
July 12	74	64	0.00
July 13	72	64	0.00
July 14	70	62	0.02
July 15	68	61	0.03
July 16	75	61	0.00

Hillsboro, Oregon, Thursday, July 18, 1946



PLANNING FULL SCALE 1946 COUNTY FAIR—Plans for resumption of a pre-war program at the Washington county fair are being discussed by members of the board. Inclusive in the planning were (left to right)—Mrs. Leon Davis of Laurel, secretary for the meeting; Harry Schmeitler of Sherwood, board vice-president; Elmer Guerber of route 1, Hillsboro, president; A. H. Abts of Hillsboro, treasurer; and Leon Davis of Laurel, fair manager. Dates for the event have been set for August 29, 30 and 31.

## Miss Scotchorn Named as Home Agent Assistant

Miss Beryl Scotchorn, formerly of Milwaukee, has been appointed as assistant home demonstration agent for Washington county and took over her duties Monday. The assistant was authorized in the county budget approved for the coming year.

Miss Scotchorn is a native of North Dakota and moved with her family to Milwaukee in 1941. She was graduated from Oregon State university in June, 1945, and since that time has been employed as a demonstrator for Harper, McGee & Co. in Portland. Her selection as a home demonstration agent here was made co-operatively by the Oregon State extension service and the Washington county extension office.

Because of the continued and growing interest of the women of Washington county for additional service in home economics and in their 4-H club work, the county made an increase in the appropriation for this work in the current budget. The new assistant will carry on the programs and phases of home economics projects as assigned to her by Miss Faye Nichols, home demonstration agent.

## Teacher Situation Shows Improvement

Marked improvement in the teacher situation in Washington county this year was pointed out this week by Austin T. Scraftford, county school superintendent. Total of 16 vacancies are listed at the present time, while many times this number were recorded last summer. There are 10 vacancies in one-room schools, seven in two-room schools, and two each for graded schools and high schools.

One of the reasons for the improvement is due to the return of a number of teachers in order to obtain benefits of the retirement fund which goes into effect this year, Scraftford said.

## Attends Antelope Meet

Senator Paul Patterson attended the meeting of the Order of Antelope at Hart Mountain in southeastern Oregon Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He was accompanied by the officers for the coming year.

## Boundary Board Denies Petition

Petition of O. C. Halverson and Ross Furbus for transfer of their property south of Hillsboro from the new Farmington elementary district to the Hillsboro area was denied last Wednesday by the district boundary board. Action was taken on the contention that taking small parts of surrounding districts added to transportation problems.

## Court House Boasts New Flag Pole Again

Washington county court house has a flag pole again. A new 65-foot steel pole was hoisted into place Tuesday morning to replace the old wooden one which blew down in the high wind that swept the county last December 4.

## Price of Newsprint Increased \$6.80 Ton

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## Horse Show Planned At 1946 County Fair

Plans for a three-day horse show featuring riding clubs of this area during the 1946 Washington county fair at Hillsboro August 29, 30 and 31, were tentatively approved last Thursday evening during a meeting of the county fair board here.

Possibility of starting improvement this fall of the new fair grounds near the Hillsboro airport were also discussed. Although a definite schedule of events had not been prepared, it was decided to conduct the horse show on afternoons of the three-day event, according to Leon S. Davis, manager. Members of riding clubs in the county will be invited to participate. Plans for special evening events were also considered.

## Butter Sales Slow Locally; Prices Stable

Although there was no evidence of a buyers' strike in Hillsboro and sales of most food items were normal, the public acceptance of butter at 80 cents a pound for Grade A standard exhibits and commercial displays are planned. Grange and Farmer Union booths, which have been popular in the past, will be revived and several organizations have already notified the management of their intention to participate.

## Three Dances Planned

Three dances will probably be conducted during the fair, Davis declared. One of these will be the "Old Time" Dance similar to the one held at the last full scale fair in 1941. Prizes for the best square dance teams will be awarded.

## Connell, Barber Talk at Sunset

BANKS—Sheriff John W. Connell and Harley Barber, manager of the West Coast Telephone company in this area, were guest speakers at the Sunset chamber of commerce luncheon July 8.

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## Crucial Tilt Tonight for Legion Nine

Locals Meet Gresham At Tigard in Third Game District Series

Third and deciding game between the Hillsboro and Gresham Motor Co.-sponsored American Legion Junior baseball team and the Gresham Legion nine for the district title is slated for 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) on the Tigard diamond. The locals evened the series at one game each here Sunday afternoon by squeaking out a 7 to 6 win in 14 innings.

Hillsboro broke through with the winning run in the 14th frame after two over-circles in the 13th and after two batters were out. Tony Van Dungen drew a walk and Bob Seibler pitched over the top three. The Gresham catcher overthrew a steal attempt, but failed to cut off a runner. The ball got through the center fielder and Van Dungen romped home with the pay-off run.

Neither team dented home plate in the first inning, but in the second, Hillsboro came back in the last half with two scores. Gresham scored in the fourth and sixth. The visitors made one in the first of the eighth but the locals scored two more to go into the ninth frame with a comfortable 6-2 lead.

First Gresham batter was retired. Short Stop Amburn to First Base, A. Knicker to second base, and Eddie started Hawkins. Borzani and E. Stoltz singled to score one run. B. Stoltz flied out and Borzani scored after another out. Walter Vawter connected for a single to score E. Stoltz and Ambrose repeated with a bingle to score Vawter and Knicker. The score at 6-4. Wabbel Comes Through

With the winning score on third base, Wabbel replaced Van Dungen on the mound for Hillsboro and the next Gresham batter, O'Neil, went out short to first. Van Dungen was hit on the wrist by a batted ball in the seventh inning, holding up the game for nearly five minutes. Coach B. M. "Boss" Goetz replaced Wabbel and the injury upset Van Dungen's effectiveness during later innings, but expected him to be in shape for the ninth.

Hillsboro threatened to score in the 10th and 13th frames but was unable to put a run across. Gresham made one out, then the game on in the 11th when Vetter hit a double but was caught off second base. Wabbel to Frenz, and Frenz hit a single. Vetter connected for a double that would have scored Vawter if he had been on base.

Domenico turned in nine strikeouts, while Wabbel came up with seven for the locals. Stoltz rana up seven strikeouts and Roberts six for the visitors. Hillsboro batters turned for 10 hits, while Gresham turned in 11.

Winner of tonight's game will play the loser of the series between Silverton and McMinnville for the right to play in the state finals tournament. Gresham won the opening match between the teams 3 to 2 at Blue Lake park July 7.

## Blood Plasma Available Here

Supply of dried blood plasma has been made available for Washington county physicians and hospitals by the American Red Cross, according to Miss Corrine Pennington, supervisors nurse of the county health department. The plasma was prepared from blood collected by the Red Cross for the army and navy and has been declared safe for use in hospitals. The public may obtain the material only through these sources.

## Public Alert for Symptoms of Polio Urged in County

Appearance of the first case of the paralytic disease in Washington county this year brought a suggestion from the county health department Monday that the public be alerted for the disease, a condition that treatment may be applied early. This area has been fortunate in past years in having cases of polio in the average age group.

One of the principal symptoms to be watched for is any noticeable fatigue or listlessness, mainly in children between the ages of five and 10 years. Any stiffness of the neck or spine must be reported immediately.

Don't be alarmed if such symptoms occur in the average age group. Only three of every 1000 persons in the danger area suffer a recognizable attack of polio, and only one of these in ten, on average, will suffer permanent effects from the disease.

Now that a case of polio has occurred in the area, the average citizen should take the following suggestions: Avoid new contacts. Try not to mingle with crowds unnecessarily. Develop serious illness and, with good care, the majority will make a satisfactory recovery.

Don't set overtired. Extreme fatigue makes you an easier victim. Avoid chills. Don't stay too long in cold water. Keep clean. Wash hands before eating, keep flies and other insects away from food.

Help keep your community clean. Waste and exposed garbage must be removed as quickly as possible. Don't swim in polluted waters. Avoid removal of tonsils or adenoids prior to and during polio epidemic seasons.

No child need be denied all the care necessary, since the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis stands ready to give all possible aid. The county chamber of the foundation will pay all or part of hospital costs and medical and surgical fees for all patients in the county where need is indicated, regardless of date of onset of the disease or the age, race, color or creed of the patient. These services must be reported immediately.