

Grade School Bond Election Set for January 1947

'47 Banner Year For City, County

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\$58,000 Bond Issue Asked For Buildings

Barnes School Gym, Boscow School PE Plant Await Election

A special bond election to authorize an additional \$58,000 for completion of the local grade school building program will be held Monday, January 19, in the B. W. Barnes grade school in Hillsboro.

The election was called last week by the board of directors, school district No. 7, after bids were received for construction of the new B. W. Barnes school physical education plant.

Decision to ask for the additional funds was made on a unanimous vote of the five board members when it was learned the school district's building program would be stymied unless more money was raised. Without the additional bond issue, the entire school district would be left stranded without adequate physical education facilities, the board learned.

Three Projects Started
Of a \$50,000 building fund held by the school district this year, \$33,833 has already been allocated for construction of the new David Hill grade school, B. W. Barnes school cafeteria and the seven-classroom addition to Peter Boscow school. The balance of \$16,167 is not adequate to start construction of the Barnes physical education plant, the entire school district plant, and re-wiring of the Barnes school physical education plant.

The low bid of \$137,470 for construction of the Barnes school gymnasium was far above original estimates, it was pointed out. Funds available for the building are \$21,000 less than the cost of the structure. The remainder of the special bond issue would be used for renovation of the old David Hill school into a physical education plant and for the re-wiring of B. W. Barnes school.

The urgent need for the funds was pointed out by J. W. Poynter, superintendent of local grade schools, and Rev. Robert L. Warren, chairman of the city recreation commission. Both pointed out the need for proper recreation facilities for children of school age.

Rev. Warren also pointed out that all plans for the city's year-around youth and adult recreation program hinged on completion of the school building program. The commission plans to use the proposed Barnes school gymnasium and David Hill school PE plant for about 90 per cent of its recreation program. He pointed out that Superintendent Poynter has agreed to postpone the Barnes school gymnasium and David Hill school PE plant for about 90 per cent of its recreation commission.

City Bus Service Discontinued by Local Operators

The Hillsboro Transportation company, which started operations December 4 on a three-month trial basis, has discontinued its service Monday morning.

Stanley Fink, operator of the service, told local officials he discontinued the bus runs because of financial reasons. His total take for the first three weeks grossed just \$47.80, he said. He estimated that expenses for the service would run about \$450 a month.

John E. Meeker, chairman of the chamber of commerce new industries committee and leader in obtaining bus service for the city, said he would attempt to arrange for another city bus service immediately.

Holiday Traffic Accidents Kill 2 County Residents

Two elderly Washington county men were killed during the Christmas holidays when they were struck by automobiles during a heavy fog Christmas Eve and early Christmas morning, according to Gil Forsyth, deputy county coroner.

Dead are William E. Chitwood, 70, route 3, Beaverton, and Frank J. Babcock, also 70 years old, of Reedville.

Chitwood died in Jones hospital shortly after 8 o'clock Christmas Eve about an hour after being hit by a car a fourth of a mile east of the Witch Hazel store on Highway 6. Forsyth and Jim Dietrich rushed the stricken man to the hospital in a Donelson & Sewell ambulance.

Surviving are three sons, Harold V. and Frank C., Portland, and Virgil E. of Joseph, Ore.; a daughter, Mrs. Lorne Zinn, Winnipeg, Canada, and a sister, Mrs. Lavina Straight, Creighton, Mo.

Babcock died apparently instantly about 1 a. m. Christmas day when he was struck by a car driven by Elmer W. Olson, Portland, about half a mile west of Reedville, according to State Officers Frank Beebe and L. M. Heesler.

Olson told police he was driving east about 30 miles an hour when Babcock appeared suddenly out of the thick fog. He said he could not avoid hitting the pedestrian.

Babcock's body was turned over to Hennessey, Goetsch & McGee mortuary in Portland by Donelson & Sewell mortuary. He was born in Ohio June 2, 1877, and came to Reedville four years ago. Survivors include a son, Roy E., Los Angeles; a daughter, Juanita Sagers, Hood River; a brother, Roy A., Seattle; and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Springfield, Ohio.



USHERING IN THE NEW YEAR—Little "Peewee" Crofoot (see "Folks" on editorial page) was on hand to see what would be running off the newspaper press at the Hillsboro Argus for the year 1946. He said that he just dropped in for a spell to add his best wishes along with the Argus staff and correspondents throughout the county for a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Gifts to be Showered On Champion Babies

Two Washington county babies will start the new year in royal fashion, with a basketful of gifts from local merchants. Both will be crowned champions of the Ninth Annual Hillsboro Merchants' New Year Baby Derby.

Gifts from local business firms will be presented to the first baby born in 1947 to parents living in the city limits of Hillsboro, and to the first baby born in the new year to parents living outside the city limits but within the Hillsboro trading area.

The gifts vary from a gold ring to books of theatre tickets. Included in the basket will be a blanket, savings account and savings bank, flowers, pictures, shoes, record book, and other baby things of every description.

The baby must be born within the city limits of Hillsboro or trading area as defined below for the respective area in order to qualify for the 1947 baby derby.

The baby's birth certificate must be received by the Argus not later than 9 a. m. Wednesday, January 7. If no champion has been born by that time the date will be extended to 9 a. m. Wednesday, January 14.

Attending physicians or nurses must confirm the hour and minute of birth in each case, and may be required to notarize this since the prize will be awarded to the first baby born in each of the two areas in 1947.

Winners of the 1947 baby derby were two boys, Philip Paul Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hayes of North Plains, and Gary Lee Hellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hellman of Hillsboro. Philip was born January 2, and Gary Lee was born three days later. Two girls, both of whom were born on New Year's day, won the championships in 1946.

In case of a tie in either of the areas, the prizes from an area will be divided between the winners. Decision of the baby judges will be final.

Area I will include babies born to parents residing in the Hillsboro trading area, namely: Hillsboro, Beaverton, Buxton, North Plains, Manning and route, Beaverton routes west of Beaverton, Rock Creek, Cedar Mill, Laurel-Scholls and Bethany.

The list of prizes offered by local merchants is: Area I—Savings account, Commercial National bank; subscription, Hillsboro Argus; theatre pass, Hill-Venetian theatre; portrait, (Continued on Page 5)

Santa Claus Adds Weather Station to List of Local Calls

Hillsboro celebrated one of the most peaceful Christmas Eves in years last week as families gathered in gaily-decorated homes—and in most cases stayed there.

Little traffic moved on the arterial highways, few horns could be heard tooting on downtown street and few lights could be seen in homes where the birth of the Christ Child was being celebrated.

Singing of Christmas carols was at a minimum. Youngsters were tucked away in beds or dreaming beside firesides. Business men were resting from the holiday shopping rush. Housewives were tidying up and preparing for the Christmas turkey.

Outside, only Santa Claus moved with any certainty. Stealthily as ever, the old man made his calls. One special stop made by the bearded old gentleman was at the local weather station. It was foggy, and he wanted to be sure he was in Hillsboro instead of London or San Francisco.

Christmas Ship Donations Total \$1000 This Week

Cash contributions for Hillsboro's Christmas Ship relief program reached \$1000 by noon Tuesday, it was announced here by Orange Phelps, coordinator of the local committee.

All business firms, offices and organizations in the city have been solicited for donations, he said, and promised donations from several are expected to swell the total by several hundred dollars.

The citizens food committee received a check from the local bank Monday when state Christmas Ship headquarters announced the deadline for delivering all foodstuffs to the dock in Portland had been extended to January 15. It was originally expected that food would have to be at the docks before New Year's day.

The ship, which is to carry the Pacific Northwest's food and clothing donations direct to Europe, will be loaded in Seattle and Tacoma before coming to Portland to pick up contributions from this area. The ship, donated by the federal government, is expected to sail to Europe late in January.

Mayor E. A. Griffith repeated his plea for cash and food donations from Hillsboro and surrounding area. Local grocers cooperating with the relief committee are offering case lots of canned milk at cost. All food donated from funds collected in Hillsboro is being forwarded at cost by the Haley Canning company here.

Cash donations may be delivered to the Hillsboro Red Cross office at Third and Lincoln, to the Commercial National bank of Hillsboro or to the local branch of the First National bank of Portland. Checks should be made payable to the Hillsboro Christmas Ship Committee and delivered or mailed to the local Red Cross office.

All food donated by citizens of Hillsboro will be labeled as gifts from this city. Individual food donations may be labeled by donors and delivered to the Hillsboro fire hall during daytime hours, or to either local theatre during evening hours. Milk purchased at food stores for the Christmas Ship will be collected by the local committee from the grocers.

Three Extension Courses Offered County Teachers

Three extension courses for high school and grade school teachers will be offered in Washington county during the next four weeks, it was announced here by County School Superintendent Austin Scrafford.

First of the classes, to cover "Construction and Use of Visual Aids," will be given in the B. W. Barnes grade school in Hillsboro. The first session will be held from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Saturday, January 3, followed by afternoon or evening sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Afternoon classes will be held from 3:30 to 6:30 p. m. and if enough teachers are interested, an evening class will be organized.

Second of the sessions will be opened the week of January 12 in Forest Grove. This course is to be on "Diagnostic and Remedial Techniques."

The third class will be held January 26, 27 and 28 in the Tigard grade school. The topic will be "Radio Education."

Each course carries a registration fee of \$7. Two hours of college credit, which can be applied toward emergency teachers' certificates, will be given for the Hillsboro and Tigard courses. Three hours of credit will be given for completion of the Forest Grove course.

Dr. Curtis Reid, head of the visual aids department for the state and the film library, will conduct classes in Hillsboro. The Tigard classes will be conducted by James Morris, manager of the state-owned station, KOAC, Corvallis.

Teachers interested in the courses should contact J. W. Poynter, superintendent of Hillsboro grade schools, regarding courses given in Hillsboro; L. W. Marshall, superintendent of Forest Grove elementary schools, regarding courses to be given there; and Erroll Hassell, superintendent of Tigard grade schools, regarding courses given there.

Building Activity, Spartan Football Team, Imperial Fire Head Year's Top Events

The most memorable year in the history of Hillsboro and Washington county became just another yesterday Thursday. With the new year but a few hours old, reflection on 1947 through the front pages of the Argus show 1947 broke more records and established more precedents than any other year.

History-making events were recorded in construction of new buildings, athletic achievements, disasters, municipal government, youth farm activities, population growths and school enrollment increases.

The new all-time high in building activity, Coach Jim Davis' fighting Spartan football team, and the disastrous Imperial Feed & Grain Co. fire highlighted last year's news stories, according to a survey of Argus front pages.

City Building at All-Time High
In spite of rising costs of building materials the total estimated value of construction started in Hillsboro during 1947 exceeded the phenomenal million dollar mark. By December 17 the dollar total reached \$1,049,231. The new record exceeded the wildest hopes of most Hillsborites, and no end of the building boom is yet in sight.

Ranking second in achievements during the year was the rise of Hillsboro high school's little football team to win second place in the state grid play-offs. The team's rise from its also-ran standing when the season started to the status of second best in the state provided sports writers throughout the state with Horatio Alger yarns for weeks. Davis and his players won for Hillsboro and the county more goodwill and publicity than dollars can measure.

The Imperial fire, coming on the evening of July 9, was the biggest spot news event in the county during the year. The spectacular \$300,000 blaze, which destroyed Imperial's 70-foot high elevator and three warehouses, the Southern Pacific railroad depot and an unoccupied residence, was the most disastrous in the city's history. It made headlines throughout the state. The Argus carried over a full page of news copy and pictures of the event.

School Building Program Started
With enrollment continuing to swell and equipment far from adequate, Hillsboro's elementary school district launched its popular building program during the summer. A new David Hill school, a new cafeteria for the B. W. Barnes and Peter Boscow schools, and a seven-classroom addition to the Boscow school were started. With funds for completion of the program running low, the school board voted unanimously just a week before the year ended to ask the people to approve an additional \$53,000.

The city's parking problem was partially solved during 1947. The solution was the same used by Forest Grove and almost every other city in the nation—parking meters. The meters were installed last April.

Hillsboro's recreation problem was discussed at great length, especially during the last few months of the year. Indications that the city may take official action to set up a year-round recreation program were made November 4 when the city council authorized appointment by the mayor of a 10-member recreation commission. Rev. Robert L. Warren, who took over the pastorate of the local Methodist church in July, was named to head the commission.

Youth Club Members Take Honors
Washington county 4-H club members won three of the state's 12 trips to the national 4-H club congress in Chicago, in addition to one of two trips awarded to the state's outstanding club leaders. Grace and Jane Connell, route 1, Hillsboro, and Lloyd Koch, route 1, Sherwood, won the members' trips, and Clayton Nyberg, Tualatin, the leader's trip. Jane Connell was selected as one of the 10 healthiest youngsters in the nation.

Margaret Freudenthal, Hillsboro 4-H girl, was named national 4-H Holstein champion girl. County 4-H club members, Future Farmers of America and open class exhibitors won over 50 awards at the state fair in Salem, followed by a good showing at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland. A 4-year-old cow owned by Merton Sahnow, Hilhi FFA boy, was crowned reserve champion dairy cow over all breeds at the P. I. The Hilhi FFA parliamentary team won first place at the annual FFA state convention.

The net taxable value of county property jumped about nine per cent over the 1946 evaluation, the biggest gain since before the war. The new high in net assessments for the county was \$27,296,900, compared with last year's figure of \$25,024,235.

Following is a chronological record of events for 1947 as recorded on the front pages of the Argus:

JANUARY: 1—Mayor E. A. Griffith opens first elective term. Lyman Ross of Aloha elected president of County Farmers Union. City building permits for 1946 hit record total of \$697,261.86. 9—Philip Paul Hayes of North Plains and Gary Lee Hellman of Hillsboro win 8th annual Hillsboro Merchants' Baby Derby. Harry to head county Red Cross drive. Harry Schmetzler succeeds Henry T. Hesse as state representative. County opens annual March of Dimes drive. Hillsboro Recreation group organizing 16—Wallace E. Folsom new local VFW commander. Resources of Commercial National bank set at \$15,250. 27—Alice Olds Adkins, both of Aloha, and Arthur Fluke Jr. of West Slope, 23—County awarded national 4-H safety plaque. Hillsboro postal receipts for 1946, \$70,923.39, close to 1945 record. County jail rated high in state. 30—County has mass Legion Red Cross quota set at \$15,250. 31—Auxiliary Harry Schmetzler installed as head of county Pomona Grange. Bethany troop wins Boy Scout attendance cup. Eight county banks have total deposits of \$35,823,531.04, loans of \$6,837,296.93. A. W. Lindow of Bethany elected president of Oregon Holstein association. Mrs. O. O. Costello killed by auto in California.

FEBRUARY: 6—Ordinance providing for installation of parking meters for control of traffic on a six months trial basis in the Hillsboro business district ordered drawn by city council. City manager's annual report recommends yearly program for widening of city streets and installation of curbs. West Coast Telephone company rates boosted throughout Washington county. Polio drive breaks all records. Construction of nine more residences started in Hillsboro during January, with total value of building started in month reaching \$47,525. 13—Sixteen-year-old Albert Jack Green of Lake Grove lodged in county jail following confession to murder of Ralph Porritt, Vancouver music salesman, on the confession to murder of Ralph Porritt. Red Cross quota set at \$15,250. 14—Glen Ireland of route 2, Forest Grove, elected president of Washington county Dairy Herd Improvement association. Births in county during 1946 exceed deaths by 1025 to 444. 20—Hillsboro Recreation association approves planning committee recommendation that youth recreation program be set up under supervision of superintendent of local grade schools. Two Portland pilots killed when their planes crashed in mid-air about five miles east of Hillsboro. Bennett Oxford of route 3, Beaverton, killed when hit by car on Tualatin Valley highway near Witch Hazel store. R. R. Easter awarded silver beaver, one of top awards in scouting, for distinguished service to boyhood. County's 1947 Red Cross drive gets under way with W. E. Hurley of Hillsboro as chairman. Pay increases averaging \$600 a year approved for city's grade school teachers at district budget committee meeting and board of directors. 27—Extensive building program for local grade schools asked by local Recreation association, giving health and safety of children as primary concern. Farm, Home & Auto Supply store burglarized of more than \$1000 worth of goods in one of a series of Saturday night robberies. Commercial National bank of Hillsboro moved up from 1345th to 1252nd among the nation's 1500 largest banks. Cession of Hillsboro rural fire protection district recommended by group of interested individuals.

MARCH: 6—An accidental shooting, as fires in a private well, and a logging accident took the lives of four county persons during the past week. Hilhi's Spartan basketball team won their third successive trip to the state tournament after whipping Tigard 47-35 in the district play-off here. Lease agreement for installation of parking meters on six months trial basis authorized by resolution of city council. City manager authorized.

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