

Hillsboro Voters Approve School Bond Issue

Slayer Arrested By Local Officers

A 46-year-old La Center, Wash., man was being held in Clark county, Wash., jail Wednesday faced with a possible murder charge following discovery Monday of the slashed body of his wife in a local parking lot and his arrest in the Washington hotel a short while later.

Clifford C. Spears was arrested by local officers after Patrolman Kenneth Dyrud, acting on a tip from Clark county officials, found the body of his wife in a parking lot. The victim, Ella Mae Spears, about 60, was stabbed 17 times on the neck, arm and hand.

Spears, in a signed confession to the Clark county prosecutor, said he slashed his wife with a hunting knife in a fit of anger. He said he placed her body in the truck early in the morning and drove from their farm at La Center to Hillsboro, where he planned to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Bertha Werner, Monday afternoon.

In his confession Spears said he had made no plans to dispose of the body, the prosecutor said. He did not ask to attend the funeral after his arrest. He is being held for investigation of murder and no formal charge will be placed against him until the inquiry is completed to determine the degree of the charge, officials said.

Fire Starts Investigation
The tragedy was discovered following a fire which destroyed the couple's six-room farm home at about 8 p. m. Sunday. Investigation of the fire revealed that Spears had made two telephone calls from Hillsboro. Chief Deputy Sheriff H. M. Quarnberg, Vancouver, called Patrolman Dyrud here at 2:15 a. m. Monday, describing the Model A truck which Spears was driving.

Half an hour later Dyrud had located the truck, found the body wrapped in a bedspread, and reported the discovery to Quarnberg. Spears was arrested at 4:45 a. m. in his hotel room by Washington County Chief Deputy Sheriff Dick Busch and Hillsboro Chief of Police Melvin E. DeRock. They were accompanied by Quarnberg, who returned the prisoner to Vancouver after he waived extradition.

The light was burning in Spears' room when the officers entered. He was fully clothed and ready to "go out for something to eat."

Quarrel Preceded Tragedy
Spears told Quarnberg he inflicted the wounds on his wife after he "came in from milking about 6:30 p. m. and asked her if she had anything to eat."

"She told me, 'You'll have to get it yourself. I went into the pantry and got my hunting knife,' he continued. He had been drinking considerably lately, he said, but only "a little" at the time of the slaying. Both he and his wife had been drinking "quite a bit," he added, and they had had numerous quarrels.

Officers counted 10 knife slashes on the woman's left arm and hand, and apparently seven deep stab wounds in the neck, two on the right side and five on the left. The body was turned over to Washington County Coroner Fred J. Sewell and Deputy Coroner Jim Dierckx, who turned it over to Clark county officials.

Spears denied he set his home afire and investigators said the blaze may have started from an oil heater.

Spartans Meet Newberg Quintet Friday Evening

T. V. V. League Standings	W	L	Pct.
Newberg	4	1	.800
West Linn	3	2	.600
McMinnville	2	3	.400
Hillsboro	2	3	.400
Tillamook	1	4	.200
Forest Grove	0	5	.000

Still hanging in fourth place in Tualatin-Yamhill Valley League hoop play by virtue of Tuesday night's narrow victory over Forest Grove, Hillsboro's quintet takes on the unbeaten Newberg Tigers here Friday night in a crucial test. A preliminary between the "B" squads is set for 7 o'clock.

Hillsboro's half a game below the McMinnville Grizzlies who are once-beaten in quest of their fourth consecutive championship. Newberg, coached by Fred McMinn, picked up its fourth consecutive league win Tuesday at West Linn, 52 to 43, tumbling the Lions from the unbeaten ranks.

Forest Grove travels to Tillamook, Tigar to McMinnville and West Linn to Beaverton for other Friday contests. Hillsboro plays at Sherwood Saturday night in a non-league encounter and then goes to Tigard next Tuesday evening. Other league games that night send Beaverton to Newberg and McMinnville to Forest Grove.

Macchi notched his third league win at home Tuesday over Tillamook, 47 to 32. Tigard came back in the second half to edge Beaverton in a home game, 50 to 46.

Noble Van Dolah Indicted Monday
Noble Van Dolah, who was arrested last week with two of his cousins on charges of robbing a Forest Grove fur shop and a Beaverton slaughter house, was indicted on both counts Monday by the grand jury. He was charged with burglary and larceny.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges before Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters Wednesday morning. Trial on the larceny count was set for Wednesday, January 28.

The three men were picked up last week in St. Louis following the robbery of about \$1800 worth of furs from Upton's Fur shop in Forest Grove. Glen and Harley Van Dolah, brothers, pleaded guilty to the charge. The third man, guilty to his part in the horse hair theft.

Merchants' Stork Derby Honors Won by Millers

Mrs. Ralph A. Miller gave birth to an 8-pound 2-ounce girl at 11:40 a. m. last Thursday to present Hillsboro with its championship baby of 1943.

Baby Michele Dimes Miller was the first child to be born this year to parents living within the city limits of Hillsboro. She was born at Jones hospital. Her dad is assistant cashier at the local branch, First National bank of Portland.

As winner of the Area I baby contest Michele will receive a generous supply of gifts from Hillsboro merchants.

The new champion won the following prizes: Savings account from Commercial National bank; subscription, Hillsboro Argus; theatre pass, Hill-Venietian theatre; portrait, Hillsboro Studio; month's supply of baby's milk, Aloha Jersey dairy; baby set, Delta Drug store; hood, coat, McKelton's; Dorothy shop; bottle warmer, Bates Pharmacy; baby dish, Lester Ireland & Co.; man's tie, Men's shop; baby blanket, J. C. Penney's; stork cake, Baker's Bakery; diaper liners, Sprouse-Reitz Co.

The Area II contest was won on New Year's day by Barbara Jean Hellman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan P. Hellman, route 5, Hillsboro.

Beaverton Voters OK School Fund By Heavy Vote
A special school bond issue of \$240,000 was approved for Beaverton grade school Monday by a vote of 297 to 20, according to E. H. Masters, school district clerk.

The money is to be used for construction of a new 8-classroom school on a new site east of the city. The site, located near the Haswell Trading Center, was bought last year.

When the new school is completed, probably by fall, Beaverton will boast two grade schools with a total of 26 classrooms. The present school, meant as an 18-classroom building, is now being utilized as a 21-classroom unit.

Critically overcrowded conditions demanded action on the bond issue for construction of a new school, officials said. Present grade school normal capacity by 100.

Berry Growers To Hear Talks
Berry culture, including diseases, new varieties and fertilization will be discussed by four specialists from Oregon State University at a meeting to be held at 10 a. m. Monday in the Royal Neighbors hall in Banks, County Agent Palmer S. Torvund announced Tuesday.

George W. Walker, associate pomologist of the experiment station at Corvallis, will discuss some of the work being carried on with new varieties and other plant breeding work. Robert Every, entomologist, will discuss insect pest control and report on results of some of the new chemicals which have been tried during the past year on strawberries and other crops.

Soil fertility and fertilizers will be the topic led by Dr. R. E. Stephenson of the soils department. R. Ralph Clark, extension horticulturist, will report on the new certified plant rules for strawberries and report on other observations he has made on strawberry culture.

Doane to Head Softball Group
Frank Doane, veteran local sports booster, was elected president of Hillsboro softball association at a business meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms Monday evening. He succeeds Vic Fricke, who resigned after holding the post several seasons.

Doane has served as district softball commissioner for a number of years. Howard Ewer was elected vice-president, and R. Buckner secretary and Jim Anderson treasurer. Plans for the coming season were discussed.

Polio Hits Tigard Youth Day Before Dimes Drive Opens
A 13-year-old Tigard boy was taken to Good Samaritan hospital in Portland last week, Washington county's first victim of infantile paralysis since September, 1946.

The boy, Theodore Drahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Drahn, was diagnosed as a polio patient last Wednesday, just one day before the 1948 March of Dimes campaign opened.

Dr. C. A. Bump, Newberg, and Dr. Walter Goss, Portland, reported the disease affected the youth's arms, legs and throat. He had been ill since December 28 and was removed to the Portland hospital last Tuesday.

The boy is the oldest of three children. His father is caretaker of a filbert orchard at Box 299, route 1, Tigard.

Albert Kemmer, chairman of the Washington county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said the boy's medical care will be financed from county funds received from the March of Dimes campaign.

Dimes Drive Swings Into Final Week

Response of Opening Days Reported Good; Dance Tickets on Sale

The 1948 March of Dimes campaign swung into its second week today with cheerful prospects that the people of Washington county are joining the movement in unprecedented numbers.

Of all the March of Dimes cards returned to county headquarters in Hillsboro by Monday morning, contributions averaged \$1.66 each, County Chairman Reld Cottrell said.

Reports from chairmen of various drive committees throughout the county indicate the public is "keenly aware of the vital need for funds to push the fight on infantile paralysis locally and nationally," Cottrell said. "So far it looks as though the people of the county are joining the March of Dimes as never before."

Milk Bottle Filling Up
Of the scores of March of Dimes milk bottles holding collections throughout the county, the one held by Mrs. Etta Cook, elevator operator in the county court house, held the largest reported amount of money. Mrs. Cook had collected \$10.07 by noon Monday.

Ticket sales for the annual March of Dimes dance at Shute park auditorium January 31 were proceeding briskly. Dance Chairman Jim Dierckx, members of the local Lions club are conducting the sale, each ticket costing one dollar. Joe Dardis, popular band leader who made a big hit at the 1947 March of Dimes dance here, will make a return appearance for the campaign finale next week.

Three area chairmen were added to the county campaign roster last week as the campaign got under way. Jim Duncan, Beaverton insurance man and secretary of the Beaverton Junior Chamber of Commerce, was named head of the Beaverton-West Slope area. Earl Briggs, Raleigh realtor, has taken charge of the drive in that area, and Mrs. F. B. Emmmons of Metzger has been appointed chairman of the Tigard, Garden Home and Metzger area.

Reports Progress
Russell Ide, chairman of the Hillsboro campaign, reported excellent progress in the city up to Wednesday. Several local business firms had donated "substantial amounts" during the opening days of the drive, he said.

As the campaign was getting under way in the county, members of the Washington county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, met in Hillsboro with a representative of the county health department to authorize purchase of a car of braces for a young man who is confined in St. Mary's Boys Home, a victim of infantile paralysis. Payment of several bills for treatment of other polio victims was also authorized by the group.

Albert T. Kemmer of Beaverton, chairman of the county chapter, are: Mrs. L. B. Drayton, Forest Grove, vice-chairman; George J. Davis, West Slope, treasurer, and Mrs. Ruth M. Ross, Aloha, secretary. Members of the executive committee are: Lyman Ross, J. L. Seary, H. D. Kerkman, Ray Antrim and Austin Scafford.

Reports Due from Farmers January 31
Washington county farmers who have completed the 1947-48 Agricultural Conservation reports are urged by Arthur P. Ireland, chairman of the county AAA committee, to submit them immediately. The 1947 practices were to be completed by last December 31 and the reports should be made as soon as possible.

At a luncheon Friday Leslie Scott, state treasurer, and Earl T. Newberg, secretary of state, were guests of the state's 1947-48 winners. Davis, speaking on "College of Dairs," urged more specific education be given fair managers in Oregon.

In the afternoon Mrs. Leon Davis of Hillsboro discussed women's place in fairs. Among the five state champions present were Jane Connell, Hillsboro, health improvement; Tinnor and her sister, Grace, food preparation winner.

Cal Jack, Veteran Bank Employee, Retires After 47 Years Service

Cal Jack Jr., an employee of two local banks for the past 47 years, Saturday retired from active service. He began his banking career in 1900 with the old Shute Savings bank and served with the Commercial National bank of Hillsboro since 1933. He was assistant cashier at the time of his retirement.

A native son of Washington county, he was born on a farm near Jacktown and received his early education in the old Jacktown district school. He later graduated from the Hillsboro high school, where at that time he was housed in the seven-room David Hill school. Six of the rooms were used as a grade school and one room for high school purposes. He also attended Tualatin academy at Forest Grove and Portland Business college.

Served Term as Recorder
Jack figured prominently in the early history of Hillsboro and Washington county, having served as deputy county recorder for four years and county recorder for two years. He also at one time served as city treasurer when Hillsboro owned its own water works and electric light plant. Part of his job was the collection of light and water bills.

He began his banking career in 1900 as an employee of J. W. Shute, banker, in the old bank building at the location now occupied by the Venetian theatre. In 1910 the bank was moved to its new home at the corner of Third and Main streets, now occupied by the Hillsboro



LOCAL ARREST CLEARS MURDER MYSTERY—Clifford C. Spears of La Center, Wash. (right foreground), confessed slayer of his wife, is shown above with city and county officials shortly after arrest in Hillsboro. Shown (left to right): Standing—Chief of Police Melvin E. DeRock, Coroner Fred J. Sewell, Deputy Coroner Jim Dierckx, Patrolman Kenneth Dyrud, who found the body of the murder victim in the back end of an old panel delivery truck, Clark county Deputy Sheriff J. M. Hanson, seated—Clark county Chief Deputy Sheriff H. M. Quarnberg, Washington county Chief Deputy Sheriff Dick Busch, and Spears.—(Argus photo)

Busch, Ireland Open County Political Race

Washington county's 1948 political campaign was officially opened last week when three Republicans filed as candidates for the May 21 primary.

First to file for nomination to a county post was R. H. (Dick) Busch, chief deputy sheriff, who is seeking election as sheriff. Deputy Sheriff G. H. (Hallie) Ireland filed two days later for the same position.

Also officially a candidate now is Harry Schmeltzer of Sherwood, who has filed for re-election to the state house of representatives from Washington county.

The race for county sheriff was opened last week when Sheriff John W. Connell announced he is retiring from office after 24 years of service. Another office which is to be wide open for candidates is that of district attorney. G. Russell Morgan, who has served in that post for 18 years, has announced he does not plan to seek reelection.

Tupper To Be Candidate
County Clerk W. A. Tupper and County School Superintendent Austin Scafford have announced they will file for re-election. Other officials whose terms expire this year but who have not yet declared their intentions are: County Assessor J. E. Carpenter, State Senator Paul Patterson, State Representative J. O. Johnson, and Commissioner James Lewis.

Both candidates for election as sheriff are well known throughout the county and experienced in law enforcement. Busch was born in Forest Grove in 1897, attended Watts grade school and Forest Grove high school, and served as a first sergeant in World War I. He spent 18 months in France and England and was a member of the merchant marine for three years following his return to this country. The following seven years he spent working in logging camps on the Nehalem river.

In 1929 he went to work as service man at the old Service Garage in Hillsboro, and three years later was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Connell. He was appointed chief criminal deputy sheriff in 1937, a position he holds today.

He is a member of the Hillsboro American Legion post and Knights of Pythias lodge. He has held all officers' chairs in the lodge. He married Gladys McLeod of Hillsboro in 1935. They have two boys, Kent, 11, and Brian, 7.

Ireland was born in Hillsboro in 1895 and attended the local grade school. (Continued on Page 2)

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Ballad Contest To Go on Radio
A network radio broadcast ranging from the Canadian to the Mexican borders will air first, second and third place winners of the All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad contest in Forest Grove February 13, Chairman Ray Haas announced.

The 15-minute broadcast at the climax of the second annual competition will be aired over the Mutual-Don Lee network, embracing more than 40 Pacific Coast radio stations. The broadcast will be direct from the auditorium stage.

Lou Gillette of KALE, Portland, will probably act as master of ceremonies for the broadcast and contest. Albert C. Hingston, head of the Pacific university dramatics department and formerly in radio, will write the script.

In addition, the contest finals will be transferred for a playback broadcast over KALE the following evening.

Win Second Place
The Richard E. Byrd Explorer Post 636 won second place in an inspection at the Optimist Sea Scout meet in Portland Saturday and Sunday. The post is led by Morris Knispel. Don Cady is assistant leader.

Although he is retiring to take a well-earned rest, he may still be seen on Saturdays, greeting old friends and customers in the lobby of the bank which he served faithfully and well for so many years.

Postal Receipts Gain 13 Per Cent In Local Office

Postal receipts in the Hillsboro post office increased 13 per cent during 1947 over the preceding year. Postmaster L. T. McPheeters reported this week.

Receipts for the past year totaled \$86,186.89, he said, compared with the total receipts of \$70,023.39 in 1946. The 1947 figure represents a gain of 162 per cent since 1937, when receipts totaled \$30,608.31.

The increased receipts reflect a steady growth in population and business activity in Hillsboro and the surrounding area. McPheeters pointed out, and automatically placed the local office in a higher grade in the first class category. The office has held a first class rating since July 1, 1943.

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THE WEATHER
(By A. W. Morse)

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
January 14	47	25	50
January 15	44	24	50
January 16	45	24	50
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January 18	45	27	50
January 19	48	28	50
January 20	41	23	50

Phil Parrish To Speak at Big Banquet

First Citizen of 1947 To Be Announced at Gathering Next Week

Philip H. Parrish, editor of The Oregonian editorial page and nationally-recognized authority on foreign affairs, will be the principal speaker January 29 at a testimonial banquet in honor of Hillsboro's First Citizen of 1947.

The banquet, to be held at 6:45 p. m. in the Peter Boscow school cafeteria, will mark the first official announcement of the winner of the first annual First Citizen award.

The award, sponsored by the Argus, was open for nominations for three weeks. The selection is to be made by a secret committee from local service and veterans' organizations. No announcement of the winner will be made until the presentation is made at the banquet.

Speaker Widely Known
Parrish is well known throughout the nation both as editor of The Oregonian's editorial page and as an authority on international affairs. He was twice selected by government officials to take part in a survey of economic and political conditions in Western Europe the last two years.

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Building Fund Given OK by 101 to 10 Vote

Leisville Turns Down Consolidation Measure By Four-Vote Margin

Completion of Hillsboro's \$500,000 grade school improvement program was assured Monday when voters approved by a 101 to 10 vote a \$58,000 bond issue to provide physical education plants at both local grade schools.

Work on the program was started Wednesday morning, just 36 hours after the vote was canvassed by the District 7 school board, when contractors started tearing down the old B. W. Barnes school gymnasium.

A new physical education building for the Barnes and Peter Boscow schools will go up at the site of the old gym. The building, to cost \$137,470, is being constructed by Johnson-Sterner, Portland contractors who submitted low bid on the work last month.

Work Awaits Election
Go-ahead signal on the program was held up by the school board pending results of the Monday election because enough funds were not available to start the work.

In addition to the Barnes school gymnasium building, the election assures remodeling of the old David Hill grade school into a physical education plant and cafeteria and permits re-wiring of the Barnes school as ordered by the state electrical inspector.

Alteration work on the Hill school will be started as soon as students are moved into the new building, probably this spring. The wiring job is to be done immediately.

Merger Rejected
Hillsboro voters also approved 103 to 6 the consolidation of the small Leisville district with the local school district. Leisville, however, rejected the merger by a 15-11 vote.

The old Barnes gym, which is now in the process of being torn down, was built after the first world war when Hillsboro high school was situated in the Barnes school building. The new building will be one of the most practical structures of its kind in the nation.

In addition to housing physical education and manual training facilities, it is to have music rooms, storage space, auditorium facilities and a large school bus garage. To be constructed or reinforced (Continued on Page 2)

County 4-H'ers Win State's Top Electric Award
The state extension office has chosen Washington county to receive a merit plaque for reporting the most outstanding 4-H Better Methods Electric program in 1947. The plaque, awarded by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, will be presented to the county extension office at Hillsboro.

Joe Cox, assistant extension agent in the county, reported that typical jobs analyzed by the 4-H'ers included vacuuming, laundering clothes, sewing by machine, and wood systems.

One demonstration showed how time was saved over a year's period by using a vacuum instead of a carpet sweeper.

Helen G. Cornelius won the county medal in the 1947 4-H Better Methods Electric awards program.

Correspondent for Witch Hazel Named
Mrs. Edna Grant of route 3, Beaverton, has been named correspondent for the Hillsboro Argus in the Witch Hazel district. Mrs. Grant volunteered her services in response to many people in that area requesting that their activities be published in the Argus.

Mrs. Grant is the wife of Lloyd Grant, who operates the Polona West Frozen Food Lockers at Aloha, and is the mother of four children.

Residents of the Witch Hazel district may leave their produce at a grocery store or at Mrs. Grant's home, Box 864, the first home west of the store.

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