

School Plant Work Nears Readiness

Elementary Additions,
New Hill Structure
Enter Final Stages

All additions to the physical plant of the Hillsboro elementary school system, including the new David Hill structure, the seven-classroom section at Peter Boscow school and the new B. W. Barnes physical education plant, should be ready by the time school opens September 7, according to J. W. Poynter, elementary school superintendent.

The modernistic Barnes physical education plant was scheduled for completion August 1 but additional time will be needed and possibly the working force will have to be doubled in order to prepare the building for use by the time school opens, the superintendent reported.

Novel Features Listed

Most novel of the features contained in the new gymnasium is the combination stage-playing floor which will supplement the standard size playing floor and will be used also for stage productions. Through this type of construction, it will be possible to conduct boys and girls physical education classes simultaneously, Poynter stated.

Outdoor physical education gets a boost, too, at Barnes and Peter Boscow schools with the addition of three acres of playground space along the east side of the old playground. The total playground space available now is six acres. The new play area required 1700 yards of dirt for filling and a tiling set-up, Poynter reported.

Local Airport Studied As to Unit Placement

A survey of the Hillsboro airport relative to possible designation of a naval reserve air unit here was made Wednesday by Commander T. G. Bonard and Lt. Commander W. W. Jones and Lt. Commander T. G. Bonard of the naval air station at Seattle. Naval reserve officers must now go to Seattle to get in their required flying time. Commander Jones is in charge of naval reserve flying for the 13th naval district.

City and chamber of commerce officials met with the navy officers to give information on the field and offer co-operation. Lt. Commander William Forbis, Forest Grove naval reserve officer, supplied the officers with information on the field and other factors relative to the suitability of the Hillsboro airport. Forbis pointed out that weather at the local airport would average appreciably better than at the Portland-Columbia port.

If a regular unit was established here it would include approximately 150 men, 12 officers and 30 planes. The directive under which the survey was made provides for an active volunteer unit with weekend flying and requires office space, airplane tie-down area, gas service, fire and crash outfit, etc. It is hoped to have the local port designated for the convenience of the large potential of naval reserve pilots in the Portland area. It was pointed out that it would interfere with other activity at the airport and might result later in the construction of a control tower and other improvements.

Vet Groups to Ask Hike In Service Office Pay

The Commander's Council of Washington county veterans' organizations, in a meeting at the Hillsboro Legion hall Tuesday night, moved to ask the county court to take enough money out of emergency funds to bring the county veterans' service office to the budgeted level of last year's figure of \$4300. Under the budget adopted by the court for the coming year, the service office's office will get \$3300.

The action taken by the commanders' council followed a meeting at which 11 county veterans' posts were represented. They were Hillsboro, Sherwood, Tigard, Metzger, Forest Grove, Beaverton and Banks-American Legion, Forest Grove and Beaverton—Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Hillsboro—Disabled American Veterans.

Four speakers were heard during the general discussion. Deputy Commander Brink, commander of Hillsboro Post No. 6, American Legion, gave the background of the situation and told of the service office's duties.

Officer Need Stated

"With 7000 veterans in the county, it is imperative that we retain a service officer and pay him an adequate salary," Bush stated. Paul Doyle, commander of Beaverton American Legion, declared that the service officer actually brings income into a county by keeping people off county welfare rolls through obtaining of

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Radio Station To Aid Fire, Police Work

KGVG Installation
Expedites Operation
In Local Emergencies

A \$3,191 radio station, KGVG, has been installed by the city of Hillsboro. The Hillsboro fire department has been active in urging the city to purchase the radio station equipment. The firemen have tried for three years to obtain the service and recently installed their \$2,000 remote control set and three mobile units, which were paid for by funds raised by the department.

The new 250-watt FM radio system enables both fire and police departments to contact each other in case of emergency, thus expediting operations. The Motorola station is powerful enough to serve the entire county, according to officials.

The present operation is the main station, remote control setup, one mobile set in the police patrol car, and three mobile units in fire equipment. It can operate car-to-car or car-to-station.

Radio Utilized

Fire Chief Wilbur Dillon stated that the mobile radio played an important part in the Ben Faber house fire recently. When the chief received the call, he was making an inspection on the opposite side of town, and proceeded directly to the fire. When a call came concerning a tractor being on fire at Oregon, the firemen called back to notify the office that additional equipment was not needed. After putting out a fire, the firemen call back to the office and make their report.

City Manager J. W. Barney stated that it was hoped to have a county tie-up in the near future. He added that it is important for various agencies to have a tie-up. Barney also stated that the city plans to install a mobile radio set in one of the water department cars because their work takes them to outlying territories. In many instances, contact by radio would save time, and they would be able to consult the city manager's office at Hillsboro.

Blinker Inconvenient

Prior to the installation of the new system, policemen received signals from their office by means of a blinker erected on the corner of Washington street at Second and Third. This was inconvenient, stated Police Chief Melvin DeRock, because if a policeman was patrolling Main street or investigating a call other than on Washington street, he could not observe the "call" signal from the office. However, the blinker is still used to augment the radio service and for walking patrolmen.

Chief DeRock said that a policeman in a patrol car with a mobile radio unit could promptly check prowlers, suspicious characters, and other cases that occur in the evening. He said that the installation of such radio station installed in the county, and hoped that neighboring communities would soon join their units in a county network.

Sunset Highway To Be Completed By October 30

The final section of the Sunset highway, a stretch from North Plains to Barnes road, is scheduled for completion in October, according to A. G. Skelton, division engineer of the state highway commission.

Completion of the final link will mean that a shorter, faster route will be available between Portland and the beaches. Two contracts being expedited call for grading and paving of the four-mile stretch from Sylvan to Barnes road at a cost of about \$700,000, and the 11.7-mile section from Barnes road to North Plains, expected to cost approximately the same amount.

The road will be shortened, congested areas will be eliminated and provisions will be made for traffic separators. Although unfavorable weather has hindered the work, completion is expected by the deadline October 30. The new highway will by-pass Hillsboro and other valley communities, and will be only 87 miles from Portland over the new road and much of the highway's course will be straight.

Lions Club Donates \$150 for Recreation

The Bagley park improvement fund was increased another \$150 Tuesday by action of the Hillsboro Lions club. The money will be given to the city to be used for recreation purposes, according to President Lloyd Ramp.

The Lions club recreation committee will be available to assist in planning the physical layout of the park and assist with erection of playground equipment, according to Ramp. Decision to make the contribution was made by the board of directors. The Lions auxiliary previously indicated it would also contribute \$25 to the project.

Local Water Rates Go Up On August 1

Charges to Jump 50 Cents Per Month For Needed Revenue

A water rate increase of 50 cents per month on each meter will go into effect August 1 in Hillsboro as a result of action taken by the city utilities commission. The commission boosted the rate because of the feeling that it was necessary to carry the heavy debt load and still provide for the maintenance and operation of the system, according to City Manager J. W. Barney.

Aids Betterments

The rate increase also will make possible the reconstruction of sections of the distribution lines within the city, Barney stated.

For the year ending June 30, 1948, the total operating revenue for the department was \$102,400, the city manager pointed out. Maintenance and operations costs for the year were \$39,209, he added, leaving only \$1,847 for reconstructing the present distribution system and making such extensions as are necessary.

The small water lines in the city must be replaced with adequate mains in order to give proper service to consumers and insure improved fire protection, Barney asserted. The cost of this type of work has almost doubled since the war, he added, attributing the increase principally to labor and material price increases.

The 50 cents per meter boost will bring into water department revenue an additional \$10,000 each year, Barney said, and will enable the commission to carry on its rehabilitation work.

Former County Official, Grain Dealer, Dies

Charles B. Buchanan 74, of route 2, Cornelius, prominent Washington county grain dealer for many years and a former county commissioner, died at a local hospital July 17 after an illness of two years.

Funeral services were held at the Portland Mausoleum Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Clifford N. Trout of the Hillsboro Christian church officiating.

Born at Butteville, Ore., January 25, 1874, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Clark Buchanan, he came to Washington county with his parents when he was eight years old, settling on a farm near Cornelius. He attended Pacific university and University of Oregon, playing on their first football teams. He is believed to have played on the first Oregon team that ever played Oregon State in football about 1894.

Mr. Buchanan served as county commissioner from July, 1904, to July, 1908, succeeding the late E. J. Ward. He was also mayor of Cornelius for a time. He moved to Hillsboro with his family in 1914 when he bought the old Climax Milling company and operated it as C. B. Buchanan & Company. He also purchased the Hauk Milling company at McMinnville, which was operated as the Buchanan-Cellar Grain company. Mr. Buchanan sold his interests here in 1928, operated his farm for a time, then moved to McMinnville to engage in the operation of the grain business and sold out there in 1940. Since then he had lived at his farm near Cornelius except for a short time in Hillsboro.

Mr. Buchanan and Miss Grace McKean were married November 19, 1899, in Portland. Prior to entering the grain business he was engaged in dairying and hop growing on his Cornelius farm. Mrs. Buchanan died in 1937. Survivors include his son, Charles B. Buchanan Jr., route 1, Gaston; a brother, John Buchanan, Cornelius, and two grandsons, Barney and Jack Buchanan.

The attitude of the state veterans' department was expressed by William Gaarenstroom, state director of veterans' affairs, who attended the meeting. The policy of state assistance to counties for maintenance of a service officer was started last year, he pointed out. At that time, the state paid to the county 25 per cent of the budget item for the service officer. That amount was raised to 30 per cent this year. The policy of state aid was initiated after the counties had approved budgets last year, he pointed out, and as a result, most counties put the state money into the general fund and then gave the service officer a commensurate increase out of emergency funds. This year, however, the counties were informed of the amount they were to receive before budgets were drawn in order to allow them to include the state assistance in their respective budgets. Gaarenstroom explained.

Washington is first. Washington county is the first county called to his attention in which the state money is not being used for the veterans' service officer, the director said. There are no strings attached to the money when it is turned over to the county but it was not the intention of the department that the money should be used for other purposes, he said.

Work Begins on New Local Fire Station

Preparation of the ground for the new Hillsboro fire station began Monday. The project is scheduled for completion within 150 days. Removal of an oil tank and breaking up of a cement floor of the old building which formerly occupied part of the new station's site occupied workers Monday and Tuesday. The building will consist of two stories with dimensions of 80x90 feet.



CITY INSTALLS RADIO SYSTEM—Station KGVG, a 250-watt radio station, was installed at police headquarters in Hillsboro recently. Police Chief Melvin DeRock talks over the remote control set from his patrol car to Sergeant George McPherson.—(Argus photo)

Electric Line Accident Kills William Jacob, 37

A Portland General Electric company lineman, William Jacob, 37, died about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at a local hospital after coming in contact with a 2300-volt circuit on a pole near the Imperial Feed mill about two hours earlier.

After he had come in contact with the line, he was brought down by Wayne Patterson, crew foreman, who was working with Jacob.

A rescue squad from the local fire department and other P. G. E. workers in the vicinity worked steadily at resuscitation, with efforts continuing when he was placed on a truck and taken to the hospital. The pole on which Jacob was working had three transformers connected to the 2300-volt circuit.

Jacob was a member of the local Moose lodge. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Donelson & Sewell mortuary chapel, with Rev. Clifford Trout officiating. Interment will be in Fir Lawn cemetery. He was born April 1910, at Ogden, Utah. During the war, he served in the merchant marine.

Only survivor is his mother, Mrs. Helen Jacob of San Francisco, Cal. Jacob had worked for the local P. G. E. office since August of last year.

New York Giants Slate Hillsboro Baseball Tryouts

Washington county baseball players who would like to display their diamond wares before major league scouts will get that opportunity August 9-10-11 when the New York Giants will conduct tryouts at the Hillsboro ball park.

Announcement of the tryouts was contained in a letter received this week by City Manager J. W. Barney from Mickey Shuler, Giant Scout.

Each player must furnish his own uniform, glove and shoes and pay his own expenses. Shuler explained. If a player is signed to a contract after the three-day sessions and sent to a farm club his expenses will be refunded. The scout announced. The Giants will, however, furnish the balls and bats used during the sessions.

Regular games will be played each day. Shuler said, and every player who attends will be given a chance to display his talents.

"The tryouts may give a Hillsboro boy a chance to start a major league career," Shuler stated. "The Giants have an ulterior motive in that we are hunting for promising players but every boy attending will get good instruction and will have a lot of fun."

No age limit was stated in Shuler's letter, leading to the impression that tryouts are "wide open." Indications are that the Hillsboro sessions will be the only tryouts conducted in Oregon by the Giants.



SHERMAN GETS TROPHY—Leonard Sherman, Hillsboro model plane enthusiast, will go to Detroit in August for the International Model Airplane contest sponsored by the Plymouth Motor corporation. He is pictured receiving the trophy he won Sunday at Jantzen Beach from R. C. Somerville, left, general sales manager for Plymouth.



FIRE DEPARTMENT ORIGINATES RADIO ISSUE—Fire Chief Wilbur Dillon of Hillsboro is pictured above calling into the remote control radio system setup in the fire department's headquarters.—(Argus photo)

County Fair Slate Lists Centennial Day

Oregon's centennial, marking 100 years of existence as a state, will provide the theme for a full day of activity at the Washington county fair, it was announced Tuesday by Leon Davis, fair manager. F. L. Brown, Laurel, a representative of the Native Sons and Daughters and Washington County Historical association, is doing preliminary organization. The day has not been designated as yet.

Most of the county communities are expected to participate in the parade, which will have a centennial theme. Costumes of historical significance will be worn by parade participants, the fair manager said. All other events during the day will follow the theme.

Materials for the new Quonset-type building which will house the school exhibit, an innovation this year, have arrived and construction will begin soon on a site at the front of the fairgrounds, parallel to the building constructed last year, the manager said.

No Queen Contest

There will be no queen contest this year, it was decided at a board meeting Monday night. A feeling that the queen contest idea has been overdone brought abandonment of the plan by the board. Davis reported. Instead, 4-H club leaders voted to take over the advertisement of that presentation.

The scorecard for the agricultural booth has been changed to simplify judging procedure and to eliminate confusion in installation of booths, the fair manager explained. The schedule for booths has evolved from two years of training in booth construction and presentation of ideas.

100 Points Required

The card still requires 100 points for a perfect score, Davis stated. The emphasis is being placed this year on the telling of a story through depicting the life of the community represented and the effectiveness of that presentation.

Thirty points will be awarded for telling the community story, with respect to marketable products, the specialty of the community or (Continued on Page 2)

Argus Names News Editor

Joining the Argus staff as news editor with this week's issue is Eugene Olson, who formerly held a similar post on the Newberg Graphic.

He is a graduate of the University of Oregon school of journalism and lists previous experience, in addition to that with the Graphic, as sports editor of the Vancouver, Wash. Sun and reporter for the Eugene Register-Guard.

Olson is an army veteran and served overseas in the Seventh Army. He is married and has moved with his wife to living quarters in Hillsboro.

He replaces Arnold Seeborg, who was called back recently to air corps duty as a major.