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| July 28 | 74   | 54  | Partly Cloudy |
| July 29 | 76   | 56  | Partly Cloudy |
| July 30 | 78   | 58  | Partly Cloudy |
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IT WAS ALL SMILES for the MacKenzie Motors Legion nine of Hillsboro Sunday as Don MacKenzie hands Captain Jim Nierman the district trophy. Front row, from left—Coach Jim Anderson, Ted Clarno, Don McKichan, Bob Frantz, Marty Hankinson, Dick VanLom, and Harold Ruecker. Second row—District Commissioner Dr. A. M.

Abrams, Jerry LeBlanc, Mal McInnis, MacKenzie, Robert Hooker, Nierman, Pete Petersen, Ray Rothstrom, Toby Lewis, Jim Dahlstrom, and B. M. Goodman, coach. In front is Bobby Bud Girod, son of Tigard Legion Coach Lou Girod.—(Argus photo by Walt McKinney)

## Intruder Shot Fatally Monday In Thief Trap

Investigation was continuing Wednesday by county authorities in the fatal shooting of Franklin Eugene Miller, 26, who was shot about 10 p.m. Monday as he entered an old house on the John Sinclair place three miles north of Hillsboro.

Twenty-seven pellets from a 16-gauge shotgun in the hands of Henry Griffing, 77, entered Miller's body, according to Sheriff R. H. Busch. Griffing is not being held.

Griffing, who owned furnishings contained in the house, had been sleeping in the Sinclair home but decided to stay in the old house Sunday and Monday in an attempt to trap a thief who had been taking furnishings from the house.

Nothing happened Sunday night but just after he had gone to bed Monday night, he was roused when the door opened. Griffing said he saw a shadow in the doorway and he fired a flash-light. Griffing fired at the flash-light and Miller ran to a parked car near the house, yelling "I've been shot." Miller's wife was awakened in the car which had been backed into the drive, it was reported.

Griffing followed Miller to the car, still carrying the shotgun and the wounded man's wife told Griffing that she would take her husband to a hospital.

Later investigation revealed that she had first gone to the home of a brother-in-law in Banks and then proceeded to a Forest Grove hospital.

**Sheriff Called**  
Sinclair brought Griffing to the Hillsboro police station and Chief Melvin DeRock called Busch.

The major portion of the charge against Miller, it was indicated by a deep hole torn in the door casing of the old house.

Sheriff Busch Tuesday found a rug in Miller's home, route 2, Forest Grove, which Griffing identified as one stolen from the old house on the Sinclair place. Mrs. Miller disclaimed knowledge of the theft.

They went to the house Monday night, she stated, to pick up several articles which were in the house for later. They had discussed with Sinclair renting of the house a week before the shooting.

Coroner Fred Sewell indicated Tuesday that there were aspects of the case that "needed clearing up."

## Ancient Fire Truck Still Rates Chief Dillon's Nod

By Ernie Martz  
Well, wader there aren't many 25-year-old trucks around these parts that have less than 150 miles on them. The Hillsboro fire department is no exception.

The Hillsboro fire department is the owner of one of the three oldest fire engines in present use in the state, according to Wilbur Duff, an chief. The 1924 Stutz 500-gallon pumper was the most modern piece of equipment available when purchased by the local fire fighters.

The chrome-plated direct pressure pumper is still rated as one of the most efficient types ever built. It is powered by a 21-horsepower, four-cylinder Stutz engine. The pumper has a four-inch diameter, which is considerably larger than the standard three-inch diameter.

Built in Indianapolis, Ind., by a brother of the Fred Stutz who built racing car engines, the truck was bought by the Hillsboro department from the Howard Cooper corporation of Portland at a cost of \$800.

**Still Has Original Tires**  
Riding on its original 36 by 6 inch, 10-ply tires, Dillon figures the

## Church Pageant To Open Tonight At High School

The Methodist church production "The Eternal Light" will open Thursday (tonight) at the high school auditorium for a two-day run.

Directed by Miss Elvora M. Pemberton, the play will include a cast and chorus of over more than 100 in the scenes from the Old Testament.

Leads in the play are Rev. Kenneth Cooley, grandfather, Arthur Ward, Joseph, Jerry Mills, Parash, M. E. Haley, Moses, Gladys Busch, Miriam, Elaine Furry, Hannah, Muriel Horning, Mary, and Peggy Thompson, angel.

Others in the cast are Bill Brink, John, Kay Lehman, Judy, Melton Ingram, Judah, Don Ingram, Simeon, Vernon Hulit, Levi, Dick VanLom, and Dorothy Pence and Betty Weathers, court girls.

Marvin Hollar and Melvin Hollar, guards; Paul Aldinger, Benjamin, S. L. Smith, Aaron, Bob Pence, Nebulon, Marjorie Aldinger, Rachel, Jean Knight, Esther, Pat Kennedy, Jean, Donald Holzapfel, Joseph of the Nativity, Don Ingram, H. B. Knight and Bob Gabelman, shepherds; Bill Gabelman, Keith Wilcox, and Jim Burdett, wise men; A. A. Lewis, father, and Mrs. A. A. Lewis, mother; soloist, Sally Ratcliffe.

Adult chorus director is Elmer Ingram and children's chorus director Mrs. Eileen Huneger.

The play, which is sponsored by the Fremont club, will benefit the Methodist church building fund.

Doors open at 7:45 Thursday and Friday nights. Ticket time is 6:25 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Bates Pharmacy or members of the cast.

## Sheriff Named State Director

Washington County Sheriff R. H. (Dick) Busch has been named Oregon director for the National Sheriff's association, it was announced Tuesday.

All sheriff's officers and special deputies are eligible for membership in the national organization. Membership includes an accidental death insurance policy.

At Oregon director, Busch will solicit membership for the association and keep the national group advised as to developments of interest in Oregon. The appointment is for a one-year term.

## Second Playoff Game With Salem Set Here

The MacKenzie Motors Legion baseball nine will tangle for the second time with Salem, district 2 champions, at 1:30 p.m. on the local diamond Sunday for the right to enter the state Legion playoffs in Albany, August 6-9. The first game of the two-out-of-three series was played under the lights at Waters field in Salem last night. The site of a third game will be decided Sunday in the event of a split.

Hillsboro won the right to meet the district 2 champs by edging Astoria 4-3 Sunday after taking the first tilt 9-4 on the Tigard diamond Thursday night. Salem captured its title by virtue of twin victories over McMinnville.

Starting on the mound for Salem will probably be Jim Rock, big right-hander who has sparked the Salem crew through the season. Hillsboro Coach Jim Anderson will probably send either Jim Peterson or Southpaw Jim Nierman to the hill.

Completing the Hillsboro lineup are the Tigard hurlers off the injury list. Nierman has been bothered with a sore arm while an injured right ankle has kept the Tigard speedball from top form although he pitched four hit ball against Astoria Sunday.

In the outfield will be Jim Dahlstrom of Tigard in center, Ted Clarno in left, and Marty Hankinson in right. Rounding out the nine plate, Nierman at first, Ron "Beans" McKichan at second, Ray Rothstrom guarding the hot corner and Bobby Frantz in the short pasture.

The MacKenzie roster now includes four Tigard players and one from Forest Grove, who were picked up to strengthen the local outfit. They are Dahlstrom, Petersen, Jim Fitzwater and Toby Lewis, and McKichan from the Grove.

Completing the Hillsboro lineup are Jerry LeBlanc, Bob "Pancho" Holzapfel, Dick VanLom and Harold Ruecker.

## Hillsboro Ably Represented at Seaside Event

By Mary Hadley  
Editor's Note—Miss Hadley represented the American Legion Auxiliary and was chaperone for Miss Bates.

Miss Gloria Jean Bates, "Miss Hillsboro 1949" returned from Seaside Sunday after three days' cramming full of work and play. She did herself and all Hillsboro proud and every courtesy should be extended to her and all girls representing their town.

The title of "Miss Oregon" was won by Miss Beverly Faith Krueger, "Miss The Dalles."

There was a great deal of competition at the Miss Oregon Pageant this year in Seaside, probably due to the fact that girls are now being groomed to realize the importance of a scholarship towards their education as the last two chosen have received \$1000 scholarships at Atlantic City, N. J.

Miss Bates gave a wonderful interview naturally, having won awards in oratory and was complimented very highly on her piano solo, "Claire de Lune." She was the only contestant giving a piano solo.

Gloria and I wish to thank the people who so generously responded with telegrams and flowers. Her room looked like a florist shop. She also received flowers from the Hatchards in Seaside.

A number of local people entered the parade and the American Legion Auxiliary drill team made a fine appearance and impressed. In future years this is what we need and plenty of support at every performance. It gives the girls confidence. Let's give these girls the chance they deserve.

All contestants received prizes and Gloria received among other prizes, a set of dishes, which she says is "going to come in mighty handy."

Gloria's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bates and brother, Bob, attended all performances.

## New Zoning Rule May Get Reading At Council Meet

An ordinance which would nearly double the amount of business-zoned property in Hillsboro may get its first reading at Tuesday night's meeting of the council, it was indicated this week.

City Attorney Paul Patterson was directed to draw up the ordinance at a special council meeting last week. If the ordinance is ready Tuesday night, it will get its first of three necessary readings before becoming law of the city.

The council approved a planning commission recommendation that the 17-foot setback requirement along Baseline street be repealed and the ordinance will so stipulate.

In blocks which will become business zone under the new ordinance, but which are now partly residential, home owners will be protected through installation of a 15-foot setback requirement for any business which elects to build on the lot.

Construction may go to the sidewalk on Baseline street but on all intersecting streets of partly-residential blocks, the 15-foot setback will be enforced.

## Sunset Princess Ball Scheduled Saturday Night

Four princesses, who will make up the cast of Sunset Mother Mrs. Oscar Shiffer for the Banks B-B-Q August 14, will be chosen by ballot Saturday night during the princesses' ball at Banks.

Each organization which entered a candidate in the Sunset Mother race is eligible to sponsor two princess candidates.

Dancing is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. at the Sunset hall in Banks. Will Hudson's orchestra will play.

Already entered in the princess race are Lavonne Caldwell, Deloris Fine, Bertha Duncan, Norma Tolks, Donna Denzer, DeLoris Jones, Nancy Level, Marilyn Russell, Janice Meussen, Gladys McNewman, Frances Hermens and Frances LaHaie.

## Tourney Opener Slated Monday

Original plans of the playoff between the two top teams of both leagues in the Hillsboro softball association met a pitfall Tuesday night as rules of the state tournament will not allow two teams from the same league to be represented in the playoff scheduled for Portland later in August.

The present setup is to go ahead with the original plan and have the tourney and in the event two teams from the same league come out, the representatives, the top team from the other league will automatically take the second team's place in the district playoff.

The double elimination battle will get under way Monday night with Ruecker's Bowl, meeting Blooming and Farm Home and Auto meeting Verboort.

Admission to the tournament will be 25 cents.

**Draft Office to Close**  
The Washington county office of selective service in Hillsboro will close August 20 for consolidation into Portland. Drastic budget reduction brought the move. Future arrangements for registration of county men are not definite as yet.

## Weather Nips Attendance At Air Show

Rain Brings Delay; Spectators Acclaim Thrill-Filled Acts

Rain and threatening skies cut a wide swath in the attendance of the second annual Hillsboro Air Maneuvers Sunday as only an estimated 6000 showed up at the local field to see the talented troupe perform.

The show was delayed an hour due to the rain and a stiff wind hampered some of the maneuvers. One of the acts which was made particularly dangerous by the wind was the car-to-plane transfer done by Byron Smith. The act usually is done with the plane resting on the hood of the car and then Smith firmly attaches himself to the plane before the climb away from the car is made.

In Sunday's performance, a gust of wind pulled the plane away from the car and Smith was barely hanging on as the climb was started.

According to Dick Martin, who performed the show went smoothly and fans seemed pleased with the entire show. One of the top acts was the performance of Sammy Mason, who did everything but get out and walk with his Wasp Stearman plane. Mason is rated as one of the top acrobatic flyers in the nation.

**Powerless Flight**  
Something new in the show was the flying of the P-38 by Dick Martin with the engines not operating. The young pilot buzzed the field traveling over 400 miles per hour with the props motionless.

The always popular "How Not to Fly" by the performer of the show, Swede Ralston, was enthusiastically received by the crowd and he was joined this year by Mason who demonstrated the same tactics in another light plane.

The girls' air race was captured this year by Ruth Wikander from Hillsboro and second was Donna Siep from Chehalis, Wash. The third place spot was garnered by Genevieve Smith of Portland. Time of the race from Hillsboro to McMinnville to Scappoose and back to Hillsboro was one hour and five seconds. Miss Siep was the first place winner last year while the other two women were new faces in the honor department.

**Many Events Held**  
Other events on the program included the precision flying of Ralston and Martin in their AT6's, the delayed jump by Bill Bushman, saddle ride on the PT-26 by Smith, acrobatics by Nellis Walker, a triple parachute jump by three of the members of the show, a show of skill by Harold Seely from Forest Grove. Seely is a double amputee while Walker is a parapalytic.

Ralston and Martin plan to participate in a show in Washington next week.

**Abts Speaks on KEX**  
A. H. Abts of the Commercial National bank will speak on the KEX farm program at 6:45 a.m. Friday on "Farm Financial Prospects."

# Thousands Flock Here For Oregon Trail Fete; Colorful Pioneer Parade Viewed

Vehicles, Oldtime Costumes Draw Spectator Eyes

One of the largest throngs ever to crowd the streets of Hillsboro was on hand Friday to celebrate the Oregon Trails Centennial Day. People from all over Washington county and from outside the county flocked to the city to take in the pageant. Everything from a stockade to the husband calling contest had its part in the activities of the afternoon.

The parade route, starting on West Main street and progressing down Main to Fourth and west again along Washington and then up Second to disband in the blocked-off street between Main and Lincoln on Second was lined by a multitude of ray citizens.

As evidenced by the participation in the parade by local citizenry, the parade was a success. For over five blocks they stretched out in their frocks and suits of old. A suit of bold yellow and black squares worn by Charles D'Onofrio netted him the most unusual costume award in the men's division.

The same award in the women's division was garnered by Mrs. Bertha Zanol of Hillsboro.

**Swinging Around**  
Swinging around to the mechanical award division of the parade was a 1907 Buick owned and driven by Mr. and Mrs. L. Glaske of Orenco. In the show representing Bradford Streetwieser, took the top award.

Second prize in the division was awarded to Hamby Motors for their 1915 two-door model. Third prize went to the shining monster of the parade, the Pierce Arrow, representing Dean Graham Motor company.

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## Goetter Retires From Postoffice After 40 Years

William "Bill" Goetter will retire Sunday from the Hillsboro postoffice after over 40 years in the postal service, most of it in the Hillsboro office. Goetter has been assistant postmaster since April, 1924.

Acting Postmaster Robert Melquist has recommended that Fr. Holzmagel be appointed assistant postmaster as a replacement for Goetter. Holzmagel has been in the local office since 1912.

Goetter started in the postal service in December, 1908, and was a rural carrier on the Laurel office. In March, 1914, he transferred to work out of the Hillsboro office and became rural carrier on route 3.

In October 1916, Goetter, with John Ryan, became one of the first city carriers when that service was inaugurated. He was carrier then until his appointment as assistant postmaster in 1924.

Although Goetter's retirement will not become official until Sunday, Friday will be his last day at the postoffice. He will observe his 63rd birthday Saturday.

Goetter ranks third in point of service in the local office, his term being exceeded by Ryan and Holzmagel. Goetter probably has more time in the postal service than any other employee in the county, however.

## Contests Attract Large Entry List; Winners Reported

There was no dearth of entrants or spectators Friday during Washington county's celebration of the Oregon Trail centennial and liberal prize money was handed out to competitors by the sponsoring Hillsboro chamber of commerce and retail trades bureau.

Afternoon events after the parade went on ahead of the announced schedule and were concluded by 4 p.m.

During the afternoon program, John Hueserich won the log-bucking contest while Ben Berger was second and Albert Brim third.

Hot-calling honors were copied by Dale Vandemolen with Fred Danielson as runner-up and Joe Elliott coming in third.

Prize money for being the loudest husband-caller went to Julia McInnis while Hazel Horne was adjudged the weakest. The best husband-caller was found to be Clara Butler.

**Hines Catches Pig**  
Ernest Hines won the greased pig contest and Frank Peterson and L. F. Brown placed first and second, respectively, in horseshoe pitching competition.

Art Miltenberger was adjudged the best producer of oldtime music. The Grange entertainment followed the address by Dr. Howard Driggs Friday evening. After the various musical groups and individuals had performed, a first place tie between the Hillsboro Grange offering, Freeman and Mary Ellen Rowe, and the Dixie Mountain group was announced.

Driggs traced the history of the Star Spangled Banner, pointing out that the first verse is most commonly sung and yet it is a verse of "doubt." The true meaning of the anthem is in its second and third verses, Driggs said.

At Driggs' suggestion following his address, the assemblage rendered the last verse after the first had been sung.

"See that your parents don't go to their graves without telling their stories," Driggs said to younger members of his audience.

"All we ask of you pioneers," Driggs said to Native Sons and Daughters who had positions of honor for the address "is that you put your history to work."

Portland's Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee arrived during Driggs' talk and spoke briefly afterward. He expressed pleasure at being invited to the centennial and thanked a local group for visiting her several days previously to extend the invitation.

## Dedication of New Verboort Church Sunday

Ten months of construction work will culminate Sunday in dedication of the new Verboort Visitation church, an event which will be served with pomp and solemnity in the little Dutch community.

With the exception of a recess during two winter months, work on the new church has been continuous and steady and uninterrupted. Brick veneer treatment of the church exterior is planned for a later date.

An 11 a.m. mass will be held and Rev. Theodore J. Bernards, pastor of St. Joseph's church in Salem, will be the deacon of the mass. Father Bernards lived in Verboort during his youth. Rev. John Goodrich of St. Mary's home in Huber will be the subdeacon and preacher for the occasion and Verboort Pastor Robert S. Neugebauer will be celebrant of the mass.

**Death Brings Change**  
Original plans called for the church to be blessed before the 8 o'clock mass Sunday but the death of Bernard Kemper Monday night brought a change. Mr. Kemper's greatest interest was the new church and his single desire was to live long enough to be buried from it. His health had been poor for the past two years but he had been well enough to act as book-keeper for the new church and having completed his services in that field, he was anxious to see the church almost constantly, helping where he was needed.

To fulfill the wish of the deceased, and in order that the church might be used for religious services officially, it was blessed Wednesday at 8 p.m. before the recitation of the rosary for Mr. Kemper. The rosary also will be recited at Donelson & Sewell chapel in Hillsboro tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The funeral mass will be in the new church Friday at 9 a.m. and burial will follow in Visitation cemetery.

**Dinner Scheduled**  
After the 11 o'clock mass Sunday, ladies of the Altar society will serve a dinner. The Sodality girls also will provide refreshments. Entertainment events will be under the chairmanship of William Vandeyke and Al Peters. Ted Vandeyke is in charge of the \$350 worth of awards for those who purchased a brick for the new church. Also scheduled is a trapshoot under the direction of Jeff Vandeyke and Ervin Smith.

The altar boys will take part in ceremonies at the solemn high mass. There are 30 of them, including two seminarians, Stanley Vandeyke and Stephen Vandecovering.

The rose window in the front of the church, depicting the visitation of the Blessed Virgin with her cousin, St. Elizabeth, has been installed.

**Annual Picnic Set For Farmington**  
The annual Farmington reunion picnic has been set for Sunday, August 7, at the church grove in Farmington.

Previously, the picnic has been held on the last Sunday in July. The reunion committee, headed by Frank Schulerich, president, decided that due to conflicting events on that day, it would be advisable to change the date this year. A vote will be taken at the picnic business meeting on a permanent date for the reunion.

Church services are scheduled for 11 a.m. at the Farmington church to be followed by a picnic dinner at noon in the grove and games and a business meeting during the afternoon.

## Valley Circuit Schedules Final Clashes Sunday

The final round of the Tualatin Valley circuit scheduled for Sunday as all teams will meet in the state semi-pro tourney in Portland.

Hillsboro was scheduled to play Sherwood here but because of a conflict with the Legion playoff against Salem, the contest will either be postponed a week or played Sunday at Sheridan, according to Joe Jaross, business manager of the Merchants.

Turnout will be either Will Crandall, Lyle Carter, or himself to send to the hill. A win, and a triumph in the makeup game with Verboort will give the local aggregation a near-cinch for the runner-up position.

**Battle of Week**  
Verboort travels to Banks in what may well turn out to be the top game of the day as the host club will have a near-cinch to make a sure thing of the top spot with a win over the Verboort nine.

The Verboort club will almost certainly send its ace, Dick Waibel, to the hill and on the other side, Manager Lyda of the Pioneers can take his choice of Mel Love or Jim Hudson. Hudson has turned in some sparkling performances this summer and will probably get the nod from the chief of the Pioneers.

Cornelius will play host to Seaside and the seashore nine will be out to duplicate its feat earlier in the season when it swamped the Zups crew by an 18-5 count.

In the final game of the afternoon, Gaston will journey to Forest Grove where they will be out to get into the win column before it is too late. Homer Davis or Del Hansen will flip to the hero who goes to the mound to keep the cellar dwellers from getting into the win column.

## Tree Trimming Warning Issued

City property owners were reminded this week by City Manager J. W. Barney that a local ordinance requires that trees be trimmed to a height of eight feet over sidewalk and 11 feet over the street.

Because of heavy foliage and fruits and nuts on trees, many branches are bending low enough to be hazardous to both pedestrians and vehicles. The city manager stated, Property owners should either trim the trees or notify the city so that the job may be done by the city crews, Barney said.

Trees bearing nuts and fruits may be propped up to relieve the situation.



THIS NEW VERBOORT VISITATION church will be dedicated Sunday with appropriate pomp and solemnity. Under construction for 10 months, the church is of concrete and steel construction. Brick veneer will be added later.—(Argus photo by Ernie Martz)