

Linn County Treasury Found in Healthy Condition

General Fund Balance High; Teachers Meet

Albany—Linn county's treasury is in as good condition now as it was at the end of 1938, or perhaps better, the semi-annual report of County Treasurer Grover C. Nance shows.

Treasurer Nance reported that the county's gross balance, consisting of the sum total of balances in all funds, stood at \$267,329.72 at the end of last month, but most significant was the general fund balance totaling \$77,351.64.

The general fund balance at the end of 1938 was but \$54,824, a margin of \$22,527 in favor of 1939.

This showing is made in the face of the lower 1939 tax levy, a decrease in assessed valuations, and the fact that delinquent tax payments are diminishing as delinquencies are gradually wiped out.

The county's total income from all sources in 1938 was \$1,277,733.37, while that in 1939 was \$1,224,938.94, a net decrease of \$52,794.43.

It is true the treasurer pointed out that the gross balance of 1938 was \$415,236.01, which is \$147,896.29 greater than the current corresponding balance, but he cited the fact that the 1938 balance included \$272,718.67 of courthouse construction funds, leaving a working balance of but \$142,517.34.

Inasmuch as the 1939 balance includes only \$51,750.22 of courthouse building funds a working balance of \$215,779.50 is left. This is \$73,022.16 greater than the corresponding balance of 1938.

Reading Stimulated
Albany—A program designed to stimulate reading among pupils of elementary grades from the fourth up and also the secondary school was outlined by Dr. F. W. Parr of the state department of education before the upper grade teachers of Linn county, also the elementary school teachers of the county, at the Central school.

J. M. Bennett, county school superintendent, believed that the Linn county teachers are concerned primarily with reading in the fourth, sixth and ninth grades, where remedial work, it was agreed, is most needed.

Dr. Parr based his talk upon a state-wide reading survey recently completed.

Cases Are Settled
Albany—Judge L. H. McMahon in circuit court here has dismissed the cases of Alfred B. Malo vs. Fred Lafferty and J. A. Lawrenson vs. Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Express, each on motion of the plaintiff, based upon settlement, it was announced at the courthouse Tuesday.

Church Missionary Society is Guest
Silverton—Mrs. I. L. Stewart opened her home to the members of the missionary society of the First Christian church last night with Mrs. Martin Hamman, president, in charge of the business session.

Mrs. Carl Specht, program chairman, arranged for the presentation of the subject, "The World's Need for Faith." Mrs. Otto Dickman was supper chairman.

Plans were made for the January 17 annual brotherhood dinner, a national unity arrangement and a dinner with the arrangements for a no-host affair; also plans were talked for the observance of the Day of Prayer, also national in scope, at a date to be announced in February.

First Winter Snow Reported at Detroit
Detroit—The ground was white for the first time this winter, early Monday morning, but was almost gone by noon. Rain fell from noon Sunday until well after dark when a light snow began. The weather was very mild.

O. D. (Dunc) McClain spent the week-end with his nephew, Myron Goodman. Mr. McClain still has a harness on his neck to hold it firm as a result of an accident he suffered November 19 while employed as head sawyer at the Mitchell mill above Idaho. McClain had gone under the conveyor to do some clearing when a workman, not knowing this, threw in a big slab of wood. McClain was on the back of the neck. His glasses had been broken and he went to Salem to replace them. The ride down convinced him he was further injured and X-rays determined he had a fractured vertebra. He remained at the Salem General hospital until December 18 and must remain for another two or three weeks close to his doctor. However, he may remove the harness to rest and also at meal time which seems to him a big step in the direction of recovery.

Colonel Hopkins of Vancouver Barracks visited Mary Creek CCC camp Monday on his regular tour of inspection. The colonel was at one time the commanding officer at this camp and is always a most welcome visitor.

Third College Student Makes Initial Flight

Albany—Jack Looney, Tangent, Monday became the third Oregon State college student to complete his first solo flight as the civil aeronautics authority student pilot at the Albany airport, it was reported by Howard Burleson, his instructor. Looney is a senior in agriculture at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Burleson, who both are instructors in the class of 30 students here, report that three more students are also scheduled to solo this week.

The Burlesons said that of their student pilots the majority are now planning to continue flying after completing their C.A.A. courses.

Children Get Bible Course

Silverton—For the first time in the history of the local schools, an accredited Bible course will be sponsored with children of the fourth to sixth grades to be permitted to enroll with the written consent of their parents. Miss Clara Brager, a former teacher in the English department of the senior high school, will be the instructor. The classes will meet one hour each week.

The move is to be financed by each of six churches of town, the Christian, Methodist, the Christian and Missionary alliance, the Trinity Lutheran, the Calvary Lutheran and the Immanuel Lutheran.

Final plans were completed for the course at a ministerial session Friday night when the approval of the school board was secured. Children are to be excused from their regular class work to attend the Bible class, which will be conducted in one of the unused rooms of the Eugene Field building.

The work will be begun not later than the first of the second semester, which is February 1.

The sponsors want it understood that no children will be permitted to the Bible class unless the parents sign a statement requesting this.

Woodburn Chamber Naming Directors

Woodburn—The annual meeting of the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday evening, January 11, at the Legion rooms in the city hall. Four directors are to be elected, three for three years and one for two years to fill the unexpired term of T. J. O'Connor who has moved from the city. Those whose terms expire are John Ramage, Jess Fikan and Henry Miller.

R. H. Kipp, secretary of the Willamette valley project committee, will be the speaker and will talk on valley flood control. There will also be musical entertainment by the "Sophisticates," two young men from Hillsboro, Nick Wayne, a Major Bowes amateur, and a partner, Verne Hansen.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 by the American Legion auxiliary. A special invitation is extended to women.

Swegle Community Club Enjoys Quiz

Swegle—The Swegle community club held its meeting Friday and a large turnout responded. The business meeting resulted in purchasing of two more tables and co-sponsoring a chicken dinner with the PTA January 20. The committee selected from the community club was Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Emig, Mrs. Biggerstaff and Mrs. L. C. Marshall, to work with Mrs. Conklin, Mrs. Hensell, Mrs. R. A. West and Mrs. Starr, of the PTA group.

Elmer Lake conducted the quiz-ology. Mr. Biggerstaff's team defeated Mrs. Dickey's team, 31½ points to 24½ points. On the winning team were Biggerstaff, Ruel Smith, Marion West, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Sheets. On the losing team were Mrs. H. Dickey, Mrs. L. C. Marshall, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Conklin.

Following the quiz Mr. Finch and members of his studio gave a short musical program.

"Uncle" Lee Yoder Has 92nd Birthday

Yoder—"Uncle" Lee Yoder observed his 92nd birthday anniversary Tuesday at the home of his granddaughter and family, the Ray Mitlenes of Yoder, receiving many expressions of greetings and a number of callers. Mr. Yoder has made the Yoder community his home since the late 80's where he was in active business in lumbering for a number of years.

Christian Church Retains Zook

Silverton—As a result of the afternoon and evening annual meeting of the First Christian church members, officers were elected for the year and the pastor, Rev. Frank Wallace Zook, who has served a number of years, was retained.

Officers are: E. P. Loganhill, elder; George Elton, Marlin Conrad, Frank Bahr, Harry Sawyer, Merlin Prather, John Aycock, deacons; Mrs. Nettie Good, Opal Roop, Alice Esan, Maggie Terry, Myrtle Stewart, Emma Adams, Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Maude Morris and Lydia Dawes, deaconesses; J. W. Jordan, trustee.

Mrs. Laura Gelter, financial secretary; John Skipper, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Herr, clerk; Frank M. Powell, Bible school superintendent; J. J. Johnson, assistant superintendent.

Reports of all departments were given and were satisfactory. Rev. Zook's report included that of 40 members being added during the past year.

The Sunday school attendance reported by Frank M. Powell, superintendent, showed an average daily attendance of 240.38, believed to be a state record in numbers for the size of the congregation among the Sunday schools of the Christian denomination.

Smith to Head Flax Boosters

Albany—The Flaxarians held annual election at the monthly meeting Monday night in the city hall when they elected Walter Smith new president of the organization, taking the place of Arthur W. Holmes. Holmes declined taking the office again as he is the newly elected president of the Mt. Angel Business Men's club.

Peter Gores is vice president and Alvin Bean was elected secretary-treasurer. The executive committee consists of Arthur W. Holmes, A. J. Butch, Melchior Uedman, and Ed Stolle. The grievance committee includes A. J. Butch, chairman, Ralph Gillex, and Al Henninger. Those in the auditing committee are Peter Gores, chairman, Douglas Harris, and W. K. Cain.

No action was taken on the drum and bugle corps. This matter was left for the new officers to formulate at the next meeting which will be held February 12 when the new officers will formally take office.

Jefferson Petitions For Warning Light

Jefferson—Charles Ricks, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ricks, who received a broken leg and a severe scalp wound when he was struck by a car while crossing the highway here recently, is responding nicely to treatment and is getting along as well as can be expected.

A petition signed by the citizens of Jefferson was being circulated here Monday and will be presented to the highway commission asking that a warning light for motorists to slow down be placed at the intersection of the highway at Main street and the Selco road. This is a dangerous crossing for pedestrians and several accidents, one fatal, have occurred here. Automobile accidents frequently occur at this intersection also.

Alaskan Visitors Invited to Call

Monmouth—Mrs. Hazel Kirk Blackberry, assistant professor of physical education at the Oregon College of Education, is on a leave of absence to Alaska.

Mrs. Blackberry joins her husband, Alva H. Blackberry, in Juneau where he is the personnel training officer of the Alaskan CCC which is under the supervision of the forest service. He is a graduate of old Oregon Normal school and taught in eastern Oregon and was principal of Milwaukee junior high school. He left the latter position to obtain his B. S. at the University of Oregon and master of forestry at Oregon State college.

Mrs. Blackberry extended an invitation to all students and teachers who might journey to Alaska next summer to visit her in her Juneau home.

Many Labish Center People Reported Ill

Labish Center—Mrs. William Daugherty has returned to her home in this community after a season in a local hospital, with a serious facial infection. Latest report is that she is improving slowly. The infection was traced to a boil suffered by the patient.

Measles cases are reported to be on the wane after an epidemic which spread rapidly throughout the community shortly after the holidays. Most of the older children are immune as the result of an epidemic several years ago in this district.

Donald Klampe is recuperating from a case of pneumonia which kept him bedfast throughout the holidays.

Lebanon Strawberry Festival Date Set

Lebanon—Lebanon's 1940 Strawberry festival will be held May 31 and June 1, which fall on a Friday and Saturday, it was decided in a meeting of the Lebanon Commercial club Monday night. The dates immediately follow Memorial day, which is May 30.

Loss for Year Is Protected

Lebanon—This city's fire loss in 1939 was approximately \$8500, virtually all of which was covered by insurance, according to Chief M. J. Gilson. Eighteen alarms were answered. The largest single blaze was April 14 when the H. & H. Lumber company plant was destroyed with a loss of \$5900. Origin of the fire is unknown, as is that of the Grover residence which burned in January with a loss of \$1500.

The department also answered 13 rural calls. The total loss in these fires was not estimated. Among the largest was the \$17,000 blaze which razed the Grove Lumber company sawmill in the fall, and the Lebanon department also assisted in fighting the fire which destroyed the Bert Smith sawmill in Sweet Home last summer, at a loss of more than \$20,000.

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Future Farmers Are Competing

Woodburn—The Future Farmers chapter of Woodburn high school will send its parliamentary procedure team to Junction City Friday to compete with teams from the upper Willamette valley.

Woodburn chapter has won this contest the last two years and if they win this year they may keep permanent possession of the banner given by the Corvallis Lions club.

The Woodburn chapter has placed second the past two years in the state contest. The team consists of Leonard Coleman, president; Jess Owe, vice-president; Carl Schultz, secretary; Ambrose Asper, treasurer, and Robert Bellamy, reporter. J. S. Johnson is advisor.

Teams competing are from Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon, Salem, Silverton and Woodburn.

Hubbard Councilmen Given Assignments

Hubbard—At the regular session of the Hubbard city council, held Friday evening, George Grims and C. M. Crittenden, re-elected councilmen and John Berkey, newly elected councilman, were sworn in to office with Mayor Garfield Voigt presiding.

The following standing committees were appointed by the mayor: C. M. Crittenden, street superintendent; John Berkey, water superintendent; L. M. Scholl, street lights and city hall superintendent; Henry Dahl, fire department superintendent; Geo. Grims was elected president of the council and Geo. Knight was re-appointed as city recorder.

Two Sedans Collide; Occupants Injured

Dayton—Mrs. Neal Versteeg, 70, of Dayton, is in the General hospital in McMinnville with a severe cut over her left eye and suffering from loss of blood when the sedan driven by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fred Versteeg, was struck midside by a sedan driven by Owen Turner at the Carr corner Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Versteeg and her two daughters, Carol Jean, 8, and Rosalee, 11, received first aid. With Turner was his wife and baby, his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. McCandless, going to McMinnville at the time. Versteegs were enroute to Hopewell. Both cars were badly damaged.

Hollywood Family Night, 40c. The Saint in London. George Sanders, Sally Gray, George Sanders, Sally Gray, George Sanders, Sally Gray.

Drama Alive With Thrills. A Woman Is the Judge. Freda Inescort, Otto Kruger, Rochelle Hudson.

Also News - Musical.

Alaska Woman Making Visit

Jefferson—Mrs. Donald Morris of Juneau, Alaska, has arrived for a visit with relatives in this locality. At present she is visiting her mother, Mrs. Russell, in Marion, and the latter part of the week will be a guest at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Pate. Mrs. Morris will be remembered as Minnie Pate.

Mrs. Margaret Farrington of Long Beach, Calif., has left for her home after a three months' visit with her sisters, Mrs. Georgia Richardson and Mrs. Roy Chester. She also visited relatives in Spokane, Wash.

Charles Anderson of Coprum, Ida., is visiting at the home of his niece, Mrs. William Skelton and family, in the Parrish Gap district, and with other relatives here. Anderson is an old-time resident of this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Goin attended the annual meeting of the Lamberts Orchards in Salem Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McCain of Salinas, Calif., were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart in the Green's bridge district. The McCains are former residents of the Jefferson district.

Miss Anna Reibel of Yachats spent the weekend with Mrs. Minnie Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. David Carlson of Portland were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glasgow. Mrs. Carlson is a sister of Mrs. Glasgow.

Cases of influenza are numerous in this locality. Mrs. Georgia Richardson and daughter, Mrs. Bernice Geise, and Mrs. Evelyn Wall are the latest victims.

Health Workers Choose Chapin

Dallas—The Polk county health association held its annual meeting in the Chamber of Commerce room in the city hall Monday evening with Dr. C. A. Frazer of Independence, vice-president, presiding. A covered dish supper was served prior to the meeting. Mrs. H. D. Peterson was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Speakers during the evening were Dr. A. E. Bostrom of Portland; Miss Elsie Wilchen, acting secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, also of Portland; Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse; Dr. B. B. Starbuck; and Mrs. W. E. Knower. All more or less spoke on health conditions and problems. Miss Gillis gave an interesting report on her activities throughout the year and Mrs. Knower spoke on the Christmas seal sale, although no definite amount could be stated as to how much money had been collected from the sale of seals.

Election of officers took place with Rossen Chapin of Perrydale, being elected president; Dr. Frazer, vice-president; Mrs. H. H. Brant of Independence, secretary.

Elk and Spotted Deer Relics Seen

Independence—A perfect specimen of elk horns may be seen on display in the window of the J. G. McIntosh real estate office on "C" street. They belong to T. H. Cook, who recently sold his home here and moved to Vabets. Cook has several other specimens of deer horns and hides which he has succeeded in taking on various hunting trips. One very special hide is that of a spotted deer which he had tanned with the hair on and makes a very pretty floor piece. This deer was shot in the coast area on the Willson river.

Independence Host to Lodges

Independence—Valley lodge of Oddfellows No. 42, and Rebekah Cloverleaf lodge elected officers and installed in the Oddfellows hall. A supper preceded the meeting.

Cecil McKinley was elected to head the Oddfellows for the next six months, and John Kosanike was elected vice-grand. James S. Robble as secretary and Norman R. Kelley as treasurer for another term each.

The appointive officers are: Tom Ritchey, Tyler; W. F. Campbell, chaplain; R. S. N. G. Verd Morgan; L. S. N. G. P. R. Craber; inside guardian, Bruce Housley; outside guardian, Charles Housley; trustees, Frank Bush, Walt Huntley and J. E. Hubbard.

Cloverleaf lodge, Mrs. Mike Woolley, noble grand; Mrs. Angie Bradley, V. G.; secretary, Mrs. C. G. Irvine; treasurer, Mrs. Lena Jones; R. S. N. G., Mrs. J. S. Robble; L. S. N. G., Mrs. C. D. Calbreath; P. S. N. G., Mrs. Marie Kullander; inside guardian, Miss Margery Travis; outside guardian, Mrs. O. B. Travis; chaplain, Mrs. R. W. White; warden, Bessie Craven; conductor, Irene Seelye; music, Mrs. Wunder. The Oddfellows' visiting association for the county will be held here January 17, and all lodges in the county are expected to be represented. These consist of Monmouth, Dallas, McCoy, Ballston, Falls City and Independence. It will be an open meeting.

Past Matrons' Club Makes Future Plans

Monmouth—Mrs. Phillip Schwelzer opened her home in East Main street Monday afternoon to the Past Matrons' club. Adah chapter, O.E.S. No. 4, of Wolverson was co-hostess.

Plans for future meetings of the order were topics for discussion. During the business session election of officers was held. Mrs. O. D. Butler was chosen president; Mrs. Howard Morlan, vice-president, and Mrs. O. A. Wolverson, secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting, February 12, will be held in the ladies' room at Masonic temple in Independence.

Two Sodalties Make Plans For Future Events

Mt. Angel—The young men's and the young ladies' sodalties, and their regular meetings in the St. Mary's school in their individual meeting rooms. Prefect Ivo Bauman opened the young men's meeting and appointed committees for the initiation party to be held January 22. Committees for the party are: initiation, Gordon Bickler, chairman, Francis Walker, and Mike Welton; for the program committee, Joseph Hettwer, chairman, Art Schwab, and Wilbert Predeck, Harold Bourbonnais is general chairman for the party.

A committee was appointed to revise the constitution. Those appointed were Bill Sprauer, Bill Beyer, and Raymond Rothenfluch.

Miss Marguerite Gilles, prefect of the young ladies' sodality, appointed a committee of three to organize a basketball team for the YLS team. All girls wishing to play basketball are to meet in the parish gym on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening. The girls chosen were, Virginia Kehoe, Dorothy Brockhaus, and Pauline Salfeld.

Altar decorations for the month of January are Florence Hasing and Mary Jean Bauman, and Veronica Schindler and Lillian Diehl. Eastelle Bauman, Olive Klinger, and Louise Butsch were appointed the committee for the social affairs of the sodality. This same committee will decide on the leap year dance at the next regular meeting.

After the sodality's meeting both organizations danced in the auditorium.

More Help Needed For Hot Lunches

Turner—The Turner PTA held its monthly meeting at the auditorium of the high school Monday evening.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Lawrence Edwards, who turned the meeting over to Mrs. Edna Allen, program chairman of the PTA. The 'A' division of the first grade represented by Oran Kloistad, Dennis Riche, Eunice McGranahan, Vernon Credille, Edward Davenport and Wilma Miller gave a reading under the direction of Mrs. Sundlie. This was followed by songs and games played for the audience by the first and second grade under the direction of Mrs. Lovick.

The business meeting was opened with the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Edwards; Mrs. Harry Sorenson reported on the progress of the hot lunch kitchen and pointed out that more help was needed. Membership was discussed and a need for more members was voiced.

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