

Relief from School Tax Sought by Farmer Unions

Werner Again President of County Group

Liberty—Relief of property owners from bearing the burden of providing school revenue to educate children of persons without property in a change in the school property tax was asked in a resolution adopted at the tenth anniversary meeting of the Marion County Farmers' Union, held here Saturday. The resolution, with others approved, will be presented at the state convention to be held in Salem next month.

Other resolutions meeting approval requested that a survey be made to determine a fair market price and cost of production of fruits so that information may be placed before congress in an effort to place small fruits and prunes under the AAA program; closed cooperatives should receive financial assistance from the government and requesting a change in the AAA so that any farmer not participating in the program for production of vetch and grass seed could sell to the government as long as the AAA sets the price for such seeds. U. S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler's stand relative to the European situation was not endorsed.

Ernest Werner, of North Howell, was re-elected president of the county organization. Other officers named were Homer Smith, Marion, vice president; Mrs. J. K. Crabtree, Liberty, secretary-treasurer; George Potts, Jr., Ben Hall and Ralph Wilson, executive committee members.

Speakers were Harley Libby, state president; Warren Gray, head of the Farmers' Union Oil cooperative; Mrs. Jessie Williams, state junior president; Joe Owens, junior leader from Yamhill county, and Henry Johnson, Washington county. Luther Chaplin, Clear Lake, reported on PUD affairs.

The meeting was attended by 121 delegates and more than 400 members. C. K. Lawrence conducted the Liberty orchestra in several selections. Vocal solos were given by Monette Moling, Liberty, and Mrs. T. C. Mason, Ketter, with Jacqueline Judd, Liberty, accompanist.

Morning Star EC Club Entertained

Millersburg—The Home Economics club of the Morning Star Grange met at the home of Mrs. Robert Nevius with Mrs. Harry Winkley assisting hostess. A covered dish dinner was served. The occasion was also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham. Mrs. Lloyd Fisher won the contest prize.

The club will meet at the home of Mrs. L. W. Drager with Mrs. Ed Fisher assisting hostess, for their next meeting.

Present were Mrs. Floyd Fisher, Mrs. Ed Fisher, Mrs. Harvey Beeson, Mrs. Dolly Farlow, Mrs. James G. Gourley, Mrs. Elizabeth Trux, Mrs. L. W. Drager, Mrs. Gilbert Groshong, Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, Mrs. Mervin Case, Mrs. Dale Gronso, Mrs. Harold Westcott, Mrs. Lloyd Hilliker, Mrs. Robert Marsh, Ardy Harnisch, Mrs. Ivan Tourney, Mrs. Kenneth Arnold, Mrs. James E. Arnold, Mrs. Marion Howe and the hostesses, Mrs. Nevius and Mrs. Winkley.

Railroad Iron Allegedly Taken

Albany—William E. Robinson of Portland was bound over to the Lane county circuit court grand jury Saturday after being arrested by Albany police Friday on a vagrancy charge. Officers allege that Robinson confessed to taking 1500 pounds of iron from the Oregon Electric railway toolhouse near Burkhart and Water streets.

Robinson reportedly signed a confession before Justice of the Peace Victor Olliver, stating that he had loaded the iron into a pickup truck belonging to himself and Charles Avert, now in Marshfield, and had taken the loot to Portland where he sold it to the Alaska Junk company.

Robinson alleged he received \$15 for the iron. The railway company had placed a valuation of \$50.86 on the missing articles.

Robinson denied having an accomplice. Had was set at \$300. He is in the county jail awaiting a hearing.

Three Weeks' School Holiday is Ended

Silverton—The Silverton schools opened today after a 21-day vacation, several days lengthened by several hundred pupils, and a number of teachers and employees of the school being ill with the flu. The crest of the epidemic seems to be well passed in Silverton. Ray Goates, coach, is the latest victim.

Club Dates Changed

West Stayton—The annual Christmas party of the birthday club was held at Mrs. Henry Snoddy's home. The next meeting coming on New Year's day was postponed until the following week. A no-host social afternoon planned for the home of Mrs. Jennie McClellan was postponed until the regular meeting January 15, which will be held in the McClellan hall.

Dallas Contributes Many State Leaders

By William Blackley

Dallas—This community, with a population of a mere 3554, has, in the opinion of the writer, established a record which will be hard to surpass, much less equal, during the past ten years in the number of ranking state offices bestowed upon a number of its citizens. By ranking office, I mean the highest elective state office of any type of organization, civic, patriotic or fraternal, which has the right to function in Oregon.

The parade began in 1930 when Mrs. C. N. Blythe, the present head of the county welfare office, was elected state president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

Farmer Union Meets Tonight

Jefferson—A meeting will be held at the Marion Farmers' union hall Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of adopting by-laws and articles of association, and election of officers for the proposed cooperative warehouse to be erected in Jefferson. Homer Smith, acting chairman, urges the farmers in Marion and Linn county who are interested to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mangis and daughter, Patricia, of Glendale, spent the holidays with Mangis' grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Warner, in Jefferson, and with Mrs. Mangis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weddle in Salem. Mangis is employed on state highway work at Glendale.

Because of the prevailing ill health in the community, the regular January church night meeting at the Methodist church will not be held.

Mrs. Ed Laschinger of Portland was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ammon in the Scarehill district.

Wanda Gorman is spending the winter with friends in Pasadena. She was employed in the post office there during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vasek, who have been living on the Clarence Davis farm, have moved into the bungalow on the Ella Jones farm which they have leased. A Mr. Harr of Woodburn has moved into the house vacated by the Vasek family.

W. C. Chilton has returned to his work in the timber at Trail, after spending the holidays with his family here.

Independence OES Seating Officers

Independence—Installation of officers of Adah chapter, No. 34, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held Monday night at an open meeting in the Masonic hall at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Hugh Van Loan of Monmouth will be installed worthy matron; Dr. Maurice J. Butler, worthy patron; Mrs. John Foreman, associate matron; Paul E. Robinson, associate patron; Mrs. Homer Dodds, secretary; Mrs. Howard Morgan, treasurer; Mrs. Van Cridder, conductress; and Mrs. C. A. Pratzke, associate conductress.

Mrs. Van Loan has named the following appointive officers, who will also be installed: Mrs. Hugh Van Den Bosch, chaplain; Mrs. Fred Hill, marshal; Mrs. Richard Van Den Bosch, organist; Mrs. Marion Prish, Adah; Mrs. Gussie Gelf, Ruth; Mrs. Ralph Kietzing, Esther; Mrs. Lloyd Hughes, Martha; Mrs. Clarence H. Harwood, Electa; Mrs. Dole T. Pomeroy, warder, and John Foreman, sentinel.

Eight courtesy girls have been appointed and will add color, marches and floral degree work to the ceremonies this year. They will be Mrs. Walter L. Smith, Mrs. Carl DeAmmond, Mrs. Harry Kester, Mrs. Marian Hendrix, Mrs. Lora Riddell, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Jr., Miss Aurelia Schweizer and Mrs. Homer Link.

The past matrons will have charge of the refreshments with Mrs. Philip Schweizer, chairman.

Mutual Telephone Stockholders Meet

Quincy—The Fairfield Mutual Telephone association held its annual stockholders' meeting Friday evening, W. P. Collard was re-elected president and Arthur Goffin, secretary-manager. Two directors were elected, Arthur Goffin for a three-year term and W. R. Massey for a two-year term. The reorganization for the coming year was set at \$5 and the financial condition of the company was reported as being good.

Aid is Invited

Brush Creek—Two residents of this section for more than 37 years, Mrs. M. J. Madsen and Mrs. Ole Hattberg, will entertain an annual affair of many years standing, for the members of the Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Aid society Wednesday afternoon in the church social rooms.

Kirkwoods Are Ill

Wheatland—Mrs. Walter Kirkwood who has been ill in bed for more than three weeks with influenza is slowly improving. Kirkwood who was taken ill at the same time has almost completely recovered. Their daughter, Mrs. Robert Gilchrist, of Portland is with them during their illness.

Mayor Butler Takes Charge Independence

Independence—The city council of Independence held its regular meeting at the city hall Friday evening, transacting regular business and approving December bills. After the close of the meeting members of the old and new council adjourned to the residence of Dr. M. J. Butler where he was sworn in as mayor by B. F. Swope, city attorney, and three new councilmen, Dr. George D. Herley, H. M. Ambsberry and Melford M. Nelson, as well as John E. Black, new city recorder, were also sworn in. Dr. Butler was confined to his home with arthritis.

The new council was called to order by Dr. Butler, who made the following statement:

"Gentlemen of the council, I appreciate this honor conferred upon me, being elected to the highest and most responsible office of our city, and with your assistance I believe ready to do the best of my ability. I congratulate myself upon having a council so competent, and I believe ready to handle wisely and justly the affairs of the city. It is a satisfaction to have those in the council who have had long experience in running and guarding the city affairs."

"If in your judgment you find it necessary to initiate and add improvements, it will meet with my most hearty approval. These questions will present themselves, and I believe ready to do it if they fail to do so, it will be my duty to remind you of them and I will continue to do so."

"When questions do arise before the council let them be free and full discussion and when final action is taken let it be the unanimous voice of the council. Together, then, we shall serve the highest interests of our city."

"It will be my earnest effort to serve you as mayor of this city to the very best of my knowledge and ability."

The new mayor re-appointed William Noble, chief of police; B. F. Swope, city attorney; George Wood, fire chief, and A. L. Thomas, and Mrs. E. E. Addison, members of the city library board for a term of four years. These appointments were approved by a vote of the council.

The following council committee appointments were made by Mayor Butler: M. M. Nelson, Dr. George D. Herley and W. A. Barnum, streets and sewers; M. M. Fulmer, M. M. Nelson and F. E. Calbreath, police; W. A. Barnum, H. M. Ambsberry and Dr. George D. Herley, finance; F. E. Calbreath, M. M. Fulmer and Melford Nelson, fire and water; H. M. Ambsberry, W. A. Barnum and M. M. Fulmer, city parks; Dr. George D. Herley, F. E. Calbreath and H. M. Ambsberry, health and ordinance; Dr. George C. Knott, health officer and Dr. C. A. Fraitsch, E. E. Addison, M. M. Nelson, Ralph H. Kietzing and Dr. George D. Herley, boxing commission.

W. A. Barnum was elected president of the council after which the matter of improvement in street lights were discussed. The fire and water committee were instructed to cooperate with the Mountain States Power company and ascertain the cost of better lighting on Main street to the city limits, both north and south and on Monmouth street to the city limits, and one block on C and B streets as well as improved lights in the residential districts.

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Salem Heights

"Kid" Night Held at Dotsen Home; Wrecking License Is Obtained

Mrs. George Palmer and son, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. C. E. Forbis, have returned to their home in Portland.

"Kid" night was held at the Delbert Dotsen home in the form of a belated Christmas party. Twenty-two boys and girls were in attendance and exchanged Christmas gifts. After a full evening of games, Mrs. Dotsen served refreshments.

Eleanor Strud spent part of the holiday vacation at Yoncalla, Ore., returning New Year's day.

Frank Snook and several partners have obtained a license to operate a wrecking yard back of his house.

Endeavorers Hold Rally

Perrisdale—To keep the monthly rally and executive meeting a regular event, the Polk county Christian Endeavor held their fun night at the Falls City Christian church Friday evening.

The first event of the rally was an all important executive meeting with President Don Gruber in charge. The treasurer's report was given by Lucille Harris Hazel Ward, society president, told of a growing "Handy Helpers" club, to supply funds for state C. E. convention representatives to Klamath Falls in April, by the Falls City Christian Endeavorers. New business taken up was plans for the 60th Christian Endeavor birthday celebration rally in February, deputization team work and "Clarion" newspaper items. A social time was held after the executive meeting.

A friendship prayer circle was formed with Bonnie Morgan in charge of songs and chorus, and closed with sentence prayers by all the group.

Those who attended the executive meeting were Don Gruber, Violet Larson, Rev. O. D. Harris, Verle McKinney, Hazel Ward, Lucille Harris, Bill Viles, Maretha Murphy, Hazel Ward and June Rowland.

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Parole Problem Interests Club

Albany—Interest of the Albany Rotary club in the local parole problem was aroused by District Attorney Harlow Weinrick this weekend when he spoke before the Albany club. The outcome of his explanation of the problem was the adoption of a motion empowering the club president to select from the club membership a liaison agent to act as a medium between the district attorney and the club.

It will be the function of this go-between to ascertain to whom among the club members would be available as sponsors for parolees and to apprise the district attorney accordingly from time to time as circumstances might demand.

This action was taken after District Attorney Weinrick had told the club that under present conditions the parole system is not functioning as could be desired. Weinrick stated that a large number of men, including practically all first offenders, are paroled from the bench following conviction in circuit court.

Excepting on rare occasions these men are paroled to the sheriff, a deputy sheriff or the district attorney, the prosecutor went on. The parolees are required to report regularly to the official, but beyond that the parole has practically no significance other than it permits the convicted person to remain out of confinement and shift for himself.

Because they have so many men reporting to them, Mr. Weinrick pointed out, the officials can devote little or no time to rehabilitation work.

The retiring master, Alfred Lee presented Mrs. Benson a gift.

The group held a no-host supper preceding the business session.

The Juveniles, Grace Reinhardt, advisor, also held their first meeting of the new year, Friday evening, in the fireplace club room.

Other officers inducted were: Overeier, Jerry Howard; lecturer, Helen Knauf; steward, Lester Beugli; assistant steward, Harold Loran; chaplain, Sarah Mauding; treasurer, Ira Loran; secretary, Milton Knauf; gatekeeper, Ile Murray; Ceres, Josie Mires; Pomona, Grace Mulkey; Flora, Edith Beugli; lady assistant steward, Lucille Mulkey; executive committee, George Benson, E. A. Beugli and Alfred. Mrs. Mauding has served as chaplain since the Grange was organized.

Assisting Mrs. Benson with the installing ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hadley, Mrs. Mike Hannan and Virgil Tschanitz.

The newly completed dwelling is modern in every detail and commands a sweeping view of the surrounding country. Cecil Price of Monmouth was the contractor. The Williamsons plan to take possession of their new home at the close of the school year in the spring and will develop their ten-acre tract.

Mr. Williamson, who is interested in an apary, has a good start with a number of hives of bees highly developed.

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Albany Morals Much Better In Last Year

Albany—Albany's conduct during 1940 was slightly better than it was in 1939, if the comparison of Chief of Police Perry Stellmacher's reports for the two years yields a correct indication.

According to the chief's report the total of fines collected from law violators during 1939 was \$1878.48, which is \$369.73 more than the \$1508.75 collected last year. Total of arrests for all violations last year was but 414, while the 1939 total was 451.

Furthermore, the total of crimes reported to the police, 193 for 1940, is 12 less than the 1939 total. Cases cleared likewise shrank from 88 to 44.

Winslow Home Changes Owners

Aumsville—Mrs. W. K. Winslow and her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Winslow, moved to Salem Friday. Mrs. Winslow has lived in Aumsville all her life. She was born on what is known as the old Carlson place, then owned by the Darbys.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow sold a country home which they sold to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ham. They have resided in their present home on Main street for several years. Winslow died last fall. Mrs. Winslow has been a faithful worker in the Christian church, the PTA and all local activities and will be greatly missed by her many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Eastburn and Mrs. Eastburn's sisters, Mrs. Mary Vaughn and Mrs. Rosie Redmond, who purchased the Winslow home, are moving in on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Norris of Salem have purchased the new home Dave Eastburn built the past year and will move to Aumsville very soon.

Bank Liquidation Almost Complete

Albany—With the exception of a few minor matters remaining as yet unsettled, liquidation of the Albany State bank was completed Saturday when Circuit Judge L. G. Levelling signed an order confirming the sale of all remaining assets, with exceptions noted, to S. E. Key of Seattle, for an aggregate of \$2707.

Judge Levelling approved the sale after being informed by A. A. Rogers, state bank superintendent, that Key's bid of \$1675, for the commercial department assets and of \$1032 for assets in the savings department was best of four received recently at the bank superintendent's office.

It was expected that a final dividend distribution to depositors in this bank will soon be forthcoming.

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