School District Consolidation Meeting Called for Woodburn

Woodburn—Two important school meetings are to be held here this week, the first meeting on Friday evening for the discussion of the proposed consolidation of a number of school districts in the surrounding areas with the Woodburn school district. The second meeting is an election January 11 to authorize a warrant indebtedness for the purchase of a new 65-passenger school bus.

The public meeting on the school merger is to be held at 8 p.m Friday at the high school and residents of the districts involved are urged to attend. Districts in which petitions are being circulated for consolidation with the Woodburn school district are Hall, Belle Passi, West Woodburn, McKee, Johnston, Union and Grassy Pond.

All information relative to the merger will be available at the meeting. The present plans call for an election on the matter within 30 days after the public meeting.

The ballot on the purchase of a new bus for the Woodburn area has been set for Saturday, January 11 with the polls open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the proposition calls for a warrant indebtedness of $5000 for the purchase of the $7000 bus with the balance of $2000 taken from the district reserve.

Locals Install New Officers

Buena Vista—Farmers Union met at the Community hall with 50 seated for supper after which the meeting opened by President Harold Withrow.

The auditing committee report was read by V. Bride with a balance of $103.49. Committee's were appointed for the year: program, V. Bride; social, Cecil Hultman; flowers, Orville Wells; membership, Lindsay Ward; publicity, Mrs. Leland Prather. Delegates to state convention are Harold Withrow, the president and alternate, Jonas Grabler.

Mrs. O. G. Wells reported $7.44 balance in the penny march fund, and gave a report on the way she had spent the money throughout 1946.

The new officers of the Luckiamute local were guests and a joint installation of officers was held with Mr. Bowen, editor of "The Farmers Union" paper officiating. Officers of Luckiamute are: President, Ira Ray; secretary-treasurerer, Mrs. Seeley; doorkeeper, Mr. Riddle, and conductor, Mr. Lemmon.

Buena Vista president Harold Withrow; vise president, Cecil Hultman; secretary-treasurer, Me Drozdoff; doorkeeper, Mr. Vander Santen; conductor, Perry Wells. Mr. Bowen talked about the hospital and stated they had rented rooms in the Hamilton building and purchased a modern X-ray machine and other supplies but hadn't secured enough personnel yet to open in February, as had formerly been announced. He stated there are 4200 farm families in state membership of "Farmers Union," and that the state convention would be in Albany Feb. 18, 19 and 20 and urged as many as possible attend at least one day. The next local meeting will be Feb. 7, with a no-host supper.

Turner

New Year's day brought a poor beginning for Mr. and Mrs. Chet Stewart. En route to Portland on New Year's eve they had a car wreck at Milwaukie. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were treated for minor bruises and cuts in a Portland hospital.

Leo Klokstad's family were guests of relatives in Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. R. Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hogsed were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Poitras New Year's day. Additional guests were Don Terpenning of Marion and Eddie Hatfield.

Mrs. Nellie Kirk from Portland, a cousin of Mrs. Roy Stinnett, is visiting the Stinnett families this week.

"Granddad" Hatfield has been ill for several days. He is in the nineties, when it comes to counting years, living alone in a small cottage near his son Roy. His son, Charlie is staying with his father.

Ravens Will Return to Persian Gulf Isles

Woodburn—Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Henry spent Sunday at Washougal, Wash., where they visited a nephew, Vern Raven, who with his wife and two small sons, has recently returned from Bahrein Islands in the Persian Gulf. The Ravens while in the islands stayed at a hotel near the Pyramids and have many interesting stories to tell of life in that country. They also showed movies of scenes with the Arabs in which the children of the Ravens participated. The family will return to the islands the first of February.

Gates

Mrs. George Ditto, while visiting at the home of relatives in Salem, Christmas Day, had the misfortune to fall and facture her arm.

Little Carol Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ball, who has been ill for several weeks was returned to the Deaconess hospital in Salem for medical care.

Miss Dorothy Thomas is making an extended visit near Kent, Wash., at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. F. Sayers.

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tilmon Raines were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cline and two children from Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Lovis Cline of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Jo Toeffer and three children from near Stayton.

Mrs. Georgia Shane, former teacher in the Beal high school is spending the holidays in Los Angeles, Calif. Miss Shane made the trip by ari.

Mt. Angel Starting Card Party Benefits

Mt. Angel—The first of a series of three benefit card parties sponsored by the St. Ann's society will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the auditorium. The other dates are Wednesday, January 22, and February 5th to which the public is invited.

Pinochle, '500' and bridge will be at play with high score awards. Supper will be served by the committee appointed.

This week's committee include Mrs. Robert Zollner chairman, Mrs. Henry Zollner, Mrs. A. Weyers, Mrs. R. O. Appleby, Mrs. Frank Aman, Mrs. E. Aicher, Mrs. Bernard Wolf, Mrs. Emil Wolf, Mrs. William Worley, Mrs. Emil Zack, Mrs. Gerald Zollner, Mrs. Wilbert Aman and Mrs. Henry Annen.

Linn County Clerk's Business Increases

Albany — During the six months ending December 31, the Linn county clerk's office issued 254 marriage licenses. This is 70 more than were issued during the first half of the year and for the entire 12 months period, constituting the calendar year in contrast with the fiscal year ending June 30, the total was 470.

During December 43 licenses were issued. This is three more than were issued in December 1945.

Linn Official Leaves Duties

Albany—County Commissioner H. A. Renninger stepped out Tuesday from a position which he had held for 20 years, returned to office five times by the voters of Linn county, each time in the face of opposition that was at times extremely active.

Commissioner Renninger turned over the duties of his office to Wayne Downing of Lebanon, who was elected November 5 on the republican ticket to succeed him. Commissioner Downing took the oath of office Tuesday at the hands of County Clerk R. M. Russell. This was the only county office in which a change of personnel was effected by the November election.

Renninger had engaged in logging and farming here after he arrived in 1891 from his native state, Michigan.

He ran for the office of county commissioner on the republican ticket in 1926 and had been re-elected ever since until last year when he was not a candidate for re-election.

When he entered office Linn county had 38 road districts, each supervised by an elective supervisor, and each more or less deeply in debt, with roads in primitive condition, many without gravel.

The new commissioner immediately embarked upon a program of consolidating all these districts, and the elimination of the elective system by substituting the appointive system whereby the court selected as supervisors the best men available. There are now seven instead of 38 supervisors.

Roads and the financial situation began improving immediately and the county was soon free from road debt. Meanwhile the county's bonded debt was also retired and Linn county became the first debt-free, cash basis county in the state.

Silverton

Mrs. R. A. McClanathan left for Portland Monday for a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, the "Buck" Weatherills.

Mrs. A. M. Hauger entered the local hospital this week for minor surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mais left Monday for Seattle to spend some time as guests at the home of Mrs. Mais' son, Helmer Erickson.

Mrs. Clinton Weiby has received word of the serious illness of her grandfather, H. F. Prien of Malison, Wis. She will entrain from Portland early next week for the middlewest to spend some time with her relatives in Malison.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dickover were holiday visitors, returning shortly after New Year's, to Everett, Wash., with the family of a son of Mrs. Dickover, the A. A. Fishers, and her sister, Mrs. Harry Harrison of Kirkland. The Dickovers made the trip and returned with Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Franklin of the local Christian and Missionary Alliance, who attended a conference of their church at Grant Falls. Miss Wauna Needles of Silverton was also present at the conference.

Mrs. Charles Amos is being cared for at the family home following a fall as she entered the house, sustaining a fractured right arm, New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Minnie Preston was an all-day guest of Mrs. Conrad Dahl at her country home who was entertaining her sister during the holidays, Mrs. W. J. Kubberness of Portland, formerly of Silverton.

Willing Workers Form

Woodburn—The women of the Woodburn Christian church recently organized the "Willing Workers' society with the following officers: Mrs. Gordon Seely, president; Mrs. L. Meisenheimer, vice president; Mrs. W. O. Green, secretary-treasurer. The first regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Meisenheimer Friday.

Temperance Union Collecting Fund

Silverton — Rev. Arthur Charles Bates will talk on "Christian Citizenship," at 3 p.m., following the business meeting of the WCTU, in the monthly session Friday in the social rooms of the First Christian church.

Mrs. M. G. Gunderson is president; Mrs. Minnie Preston, vice president; Mrs. S. B. Torvend, seceretary, and Mrs. Minnie Rue, treasurer. Mrs. Gunderson announces that a special fund that would be contributed to at the meeting is for the WCTU legislative director, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smart, lawyer, stationed at Washington, D. C., in the interests of the national WCTU program.

Merchants Talk About Parking

Woodburn — A meeting of Woodburn retail merchants has been called for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Legion rooms at the city hall to discuss the proposed city ordinance restricting vehicle parking in the business district. All persons interested in the ordinance are invited to attend.

The ordinance considered by the council at the December 17 meeting would restrict motor vehicle parking to two hours on Front street between Arthur and Harrison streets and on Arthur, Garfield, Hayes, Grant and Lincoln streets from Front to the east line of First street between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on all days except Sunday and legal holidays. Parking in alleys between Front and First streets from Arthur to Harrison would be prohibited at all times.

The ordinance has passed the first and second readings but was held up by the council and referred to the ordinance committee for a conference with the business men.

The meeting was called by Bud Forgard, chairman of the retail trades committee of the Chamber of Commerce and he stated that uniform closing hours for local business houses will also be discussed.

Sunnyside

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Taylor gave a New Year's Day dinner. Guests were Helen Brantner, Tommy Brantner, Shirley Brantner, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rea, Craig Taylor, Bruce Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Taylor.

Mrs. Allie King of Yakima, Wash., visited Mr. and Mrs. Kehne Waln and Mrs. George King. Mrs. King is an aunt of Mrs. Waln.

Norman Alexander, Jr. spent the holidays in Seattle on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Shirley Lovett of Seattle, niece of Mrs. Norman Alexander, is spending her two week's Christmas vacation in the Alexander home.

Streets Occupy Council Session

Silverton—The first council meeting of the new year was Monday evening at the city hall with the mayor of the past two years George Christenson, being re-elected by his fellow aldermen for the ensuing two-year-term. Robert Borland is city manager. Dr. R. J. Van Cleave served as temporary mayor for appointment of Christenson.

Retiring members are Jonas Byberg and Tom Anderson. New aldermen being placed are Clinton Weiby and Alvin Legard. Alfred Adams, serving by appointment to replace Ernest Boesch who moved from town, was elected by vote of the people to continue in the service. Hold overs were Dr. R. J. VanCleave, Clifton Dickerson and Reber Allen. Mayor Christenson was also re-elected as alderman by vote as a member of the council.

The new set-up group were "cordially invited" to drive their cars then to walk over a portion of South First street, should there be any doubt as to the bad condition of their street, and then assist the property owners in grading, surfacing and making a level on which sidewalks could be built. A petition signed by all residents on the street was presented, and a delegation represented the group. Talking for the street improvements were Jim Dunn Fred Krug, Walter Geren, Otto Frank, R. Holstrom and J. D. Drake. The petitioners were promised legal aid in getting their street in order.

Another delegation from South Silverton in the Cowing addition, asked for the opening of Madison street to Peach street with surfacing improvements. Speaking for this move were E. J. Coover, E. N. Christiansen, Vic Grossnickle and A. Olson.

Ohelers Lockers were granted by vote their request to establish a ten-minute-limit loading zone of two-car length in front of their North Water street place of business.

The survey for taking out trees on curbs and corners was reported and orders for action was deferred till a later date.

Yamhill Farm Union Convention Jan. 18

Dayton—Newly installed officers presided at the January meeting of the Dayton local Farmers Union with 20 members present.

Captain G. Hall of McMinnville gave readings of James Whitcomb Riley's poems. Captain Hall and Riley were boyhood friends.

Announcement was made at the business session for the quarterly county meeting to be held here all day Saturday, January 18 with a program to be prepared by the county official board.

Church Board Names Leaders

Silverton—The annual business meeting of the First Christian church was held Monday afternoon and evening in the social rooms resulting in the adoption of the budget advised by the executive board and election of officials and workers for the coming year.

As elders will be Otto Dickman, Ira Loron, James C. Bonner, L. R. Neal, M. B. Ford, John Jordan and Harry Vetter. Deacons to serve are Milton Knauf, Emanel Kellerhals, Jr., Henry Jackson, Delbert Harrington, E. Z. Kaufman, Allen Huddleston, Ralph Peoples and Charles Devis.

Deaconesses include Mrs. Steven Enloe, Mrs. Delbert Harrington, Mrs. Lynn R. Neal, Mrs. Si A. Gay, Mrs. Orval Egan, Mrs. Andy Tokstad, Mrs. Ben Gifford, Mrs. George Elton, Mrs. Dan Geiser, Mrs. Will Egan, Mrs. Henry Jackson and Mrs. Emanuel Kellerhals, Jr.

Mrs. Flora Hoblitt was elected as clerk, Miss Ina Harold as financial secretary, Lynn R. Neal as treasurer, Ira Loron as trustee, and M. B. Ford as Bible school superintendent.

Retained as chairman of the board of directors was Ralph Peoples. James C. Bonner will serve as vice chairman.

Valley Fire Fighters Invited to Albany

Albany—Frank Dooley was elected president of the Albany Volunteer Firemen's association at the annual meeting of the volunteers Monday night at the city hall.

Corliss Nitcher was named vice president, Charles Rawling, secretary; Harry Warner, executive board member representing the regular fire department and Merrill Tycer, executive committeeman representing the volunteers.

Albany's regular firemen announced more than 100 visiting firemen are expected here Wednesday, Jan. 15, when the Willamette Valley Fire Fighters association will assemble for a business session.

Lebanon Elks Club Sponsoring Campaign

Lebanon—The local Elks club will sponsor the March of Dimes opening here on January 15, according to Karl Caswell of Scio, who serves as Linn county campaign director.

Four serious cases of polio developed in Linn county during 1946, according to Caswell, two at Foster, one at Lebanon and one in Tangent. All were hospitalized, two in Portland and two in Eugene.

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