

ELECTRIC CONDUITS COLLAPSED AND STARTED SCHOOL FIRE



These conduits for electric wiring, temporarily attached to the overhead structure, collapsed and started a short but spectacular fire at the new South Salem high school building. Damage was about \$1500.

Fruit Growers Talk Markets

Wenatchee, Wash. (AP)—Apple marketing and merchandising problems Tuesday occupied the attention of more than 1,200 fruit growers and fruit industry representatives in the second day of the three-day Washington State Horticultural Assn. meeting here.

Monday the delegates considered fruit diseases and insect pest, dealing for the most part with the codling moth and apple scab.

Dr. Rod Sprague of the Washington State College Tree Fruit Experiment Station here, said apple growers in the Okanogan County area are becoming bothered more and more by apple scab.

Growers in the infected area were advised by Dr. Sprague to spray early with recommended fungicides.

IN RUNNING



E. L. Rogers, county commissioner, who has announced his candidacy for re-election.

E. L. Rogers To Run Again

County Commissioner E. L. Rogers, resident of Oregon for 45 years, announced Tuesday that he would seek re-election in 1954.

Commissioner Rogers joined the county court in May 1946 when he was sworn in by County Judge Grant Murphy. He succeeded Commissioner Jim Smith who died a few days preceding the 1946 primaries. Rogers was a candidate for the office and was unopposed.

Rogers was re-elected in 1951, so he will be seeking his third term next year.

County work was not new to Rogers when he became a commissioner in his own right. He served as foreman in connection with road and bridge work and during the last year of Commissioner Smith's term accompanied him on his tours over the county.

Rogers and his fellow members of the county court, Judge Rex Hartley and Commissioner Roy Rice are responsible for the handling of county business which operates on a budget slightly under three million dollars.

Rogers lives in the Quinaby district where he served as Oregon Electric company agent for about four years. He and his wife have four children, all living in Oregon. The commissioner is a member of the Salem Lions club, BPO Elks and IOOF.

Short Spectacular Fire At South Salem High

A brilliant electrical display in the new South Salem High School startled residents in the area late Monday night as a series of large electrical conduits pulled loose from their supports and crashed to the floor, shorting out the wires.

Apparently something gave

South Salem Rejects Bonds

South Salem — A \$30,000 bond issue for a new fire hall and equipment was defeated Monday at the regular election of the Liberty-Salem Heights fire district.

The bond issue lost by a vote of 123 against and 79 for the issue. Two hundred and five votes were cast, making this the largest regular fire district election since the beginning of the district.

The fire code was approved by the voters with a vote of 131 to 70, and the annexations carried by 133 to 43. This area is just south of the present boundary and roughly between Sunnyside road and U. S. 99E.

Five directors elected to the board were Walter Schendel, Donald K. Griffith, Louis E. Kurth, Theodore Thompson and Lyle Suttler.

Judges serving were Mrs. Ernest Free, Mrs. Nina Browning and Mrs. Louis Kurth.

Other elections held in the South Salem area on Monday were Vista Heights water district and Salem Heights water district.

In the Vista Heights water district, two directors were elected—Lawrence Rich and William Troth—with 31 votes cast. Serving on the election board were Mrs. John Douglas, Mrs. Myra Taylor and Mrs. L. L. Bennett.

In the Salem Heights water district, Elbert Dickson was elected director over two who appeared on the ballot and three write-ins. He will fill the office of treasurer. One hundred eighty-four votes were cast.

Approved by a large margin of vote were the annexations, one in the South Village area and the east and west Browning Ave. area. Judges were Mrs. O. B. Gorton, Mrs. Hale Mickey and Mrs. R. R. Ritchie.

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New Minister At Silverton

Silverton — The Rev. Paul W. Henry appeared before a record attendance group of parishioners welcoming their new pastor in his first sermon Sunday morning at the First Methodist church. His sermon topic was: "Days of preparation."

Rev. Henry succeeds the Rev. Douglas Harrell who left during the past week for his southern California assignment.

Rev. Henry comes to Silverton from a pastorate at the Portland Woodlawn church. He received his early education in the elementary and high schools of South Dakota, his native state. Rev. Henry received his B.A. degree from Western Maryland college, Westminster, Md., and his B.D. degree from Drew university, Madison, N. J.

While at Drew, he served as pastor at the Grace Methodist church in Newark, and a circuit of four churches near Baltimore, Md., during the six years previous to accepting the pastorate of Woodlawn in Portland, two years ago.

Mrs. Henry was born in West Virginia, grew to womanhood in Baltimore, was an instructor of Latin and French before her marriage, and is a talented vocalist.

The two daughters of the Henrys are Paula, 6, and Christie, 2.

being consigned to Los Angeles and on arrival there were finding virtually no established market. They said they were realizing only \$1 to \$1.35 a hundredweight, a figure at which they said they cannot stay in business.

Low Prices Irk Spud Growers

Prineville (AP)—Central Oregon potato growers met with the Powell Butte club Monday night to talk over the low return they are getting for potatoes. They came up with no solution.

However, Roy Snabel, chairman of the Oregon-California Potato Marketing Agreement Committee, gave them a suggestion: He proposed that standards be raised, with 6 ounce substituted for 4 ounce as the standard minimum.

There was no agreement among the 75 growers present that this would be the best solution. However Snabel is expected to advance it again at a meeting of the marketing committee at Klamath Falls late Tuesday.

Growers said carlots were

Milk Case Postponed

Oregon City (AP)—A circuit court hearing in the case of Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman accused of illegal milk sales, was postponed Monday.

Deetz had been ordered to show why he shouldn't be stopped from selling raw milk directly to consumers. The State Board of Agriculture contended this was a violation of the state milk control laws because he did not have a distributor's license.

Deetz' attorney, Glenn R. Jack of Oregon City, withdrew from the case at the last minute. Jack said that as attorney for the Oregon Independent Milk Producers Association, he could not get involved in a case which directly challenged the milk control law.

Circuit Judge P. K. Hammond postponed the case until December 21 to give Deetz time to find another lawyer.

Harpooned sperm whales are highly dangerous. One charged and sank the American bark Kathleen in 1902.

Father Finds Son in Car Dead

Lexington, Ky. (AP)—George Renfro, who came here yesterday hunting a son he hadn't seen in two weeks, found him in the trunk of an auto, shot to death.

The victim was William Delmer Renfro, 26-year-old unemployed Madison county farmer. Police said after the back of Renfro's head was torn away by a shotgun blast, the body was stuffed in the

victim's own car. The elder Renfro made the discovery after visiting a grocery to check on the son's whereabouts. When he came out of the store, he noticed the auto parked on the street.

Police said an acquaintance of Renfro's son had tipped the father to the car's whereabouts.

The murder had police baffled 16-day. "We're working on this case without any clues," commented Lt. Stanley Hadley.

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