



LIBRARY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Institution Wants Money for Coming Year

Annual meeting of the county board, branch county library and librarians was held in Tuesday. Preceding the business, at which Miss Cornelia, state librarian, presided, were complimented with a luncheon by the Dallas library with Miss Hout and Miss Hout as gracious hostesses.

County library project was discussed and there was hearty expression in the sentiment wherever these libraries are installed, they have been a boon to the people of the districts thoroughly appreciating the great advantage of having a reading matter thus at their disposal.

Branch of library work is its infancy, but Miss Hout during the next year to greatly increase the number of book stations in rural districts, where distance makes frequent trips to a mill.

Last year, a levy of two of a mill was made in Polk raising approximately \$2600, and feels that it needs more for next year, and would like the levy increased to three of a mill.

County budget meeting will be held on December 22, when it is expected these who are particularly interested in the county library project will be present.

In attendance from Independence at Tuesday's meeting were: Miss Skinner, librarian, Mrs. E. H. Spurr, Mrs. Ecker Hirschberg of the local library, Mrs. G. C. Skinner and McLaughlin. Senator I. L. Starr of Eola, and C. L. Starr of Dallas, a Normal regent, Miss of the Normal, and Judge Asa were also in attendance.

MAN FINED HERE FOR BAD CHECK

Boggie of Lebanon paid a fine and costs of about \$17, after being assessed by Justice R. on Tuesday, after Boggie had been found guilty to a charge of cashing a check without funds for

COMPLAINANT WAS G. C. SKINNER

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MITCHELL OFFICIALS MAIN HERE OVER NIGHT

Officials of Cobb & Mitchell arrived in Independence Monday en route from Falls City, Mo., where the big mill is located. They arrived here on Tuesday with the expectation of staying here until the repairs to the road between Independence and Valselt caused by the heavy rains of the week were not finished in time for the fair of traffic until Tuesday and they remained here over the night.

In the party were: C. N. vice-president and A. C. of the Cobb & Mitchell and allied interests; D. J. sales manager of the company; and L. Starr, secretary of the company and its tax

INDEPENDENCE ORGANIZES COMMUNITY DANCING CLUB

A community dancing club with a membership enrollment of nearly 100 couples was brought into existence last week with much enthusiasm, culminating in an enjoyable dancing party in the high school gymnasium on Thanksgiving night.

The organization is a permanent one for the season, with Mrs. M. C. Williams as chairman and C. G. Irvine as secretary-treasurer, and a general committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George Carbray, Mr. and Mrs. Perle Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Craven, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Williams.

Arrangements have been made for dancing parties on December 14th and New Year's eve and possibly others will be held. Guild's orchestra will furnish the music.

The Thanksgiving party was attended by fully 75 couples and it was such a thoroughly enjoyable affair, that many folks who had a notion that they were past the days of such frivolity are now enthusiastic students of Terpaichore and Prof. White, who is conducting a dancing academy, is having a very strenuous time of it, in order to meet the demands for rejuvenation.

A Corvallis orchestra was engaged for the last dancing party, but due to flood conditions did not put in an appearance. This only delayed the affair for a few minutes until local talent could round up their instruments. Among those who graciously responded to the call for assistance were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker, Perle Hedges, Ed. Wuzler, Willard Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guild.

And how they did tune up the boys and girls. Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler led the grand march, and this was followed by a variation from the foxtrot to the quadrille.

ROY SMITH WINNING DAIRY HONORS IN VANCOUVER

Roy Smith, son of Charles Smith of Independence, is making a very notable success as a dairyman at Vancouver, Wash. A Portland paper under a Vancouver date line says:

"Roy Smith, Vancouver dairyman, operating the Columbia and Hollywood dairies on the Blagen farm, west of the city, won second place in a milk test conducted by Dr. Mack of the Portland milk bureau. The milk tested out 97 percent, with 4.1 butter fat, 1600 bacteria and nine pounds solids. Recent tuberculosis tests made by the state and county veterinarians show but 1.3 percent of Clark county cows afflicted with tubercular germs. "There are 70 cows in the herds owned by Smith and he intends to work gradually into purebred Guernsey stock, importing 40 head direct from the island of Guernsey. Recent auction sales conducted in different parts of the county indicate an active demand for purebred stock and dairymen are eliminating scrubs from their herds as fast as possible."

FOSTER SELLS HOME, CAR; GOSE TO CALIFORNIA

O. L. Foster has sold his residence property and household goods on Second street, between B and C streets, and formerly owned by M. C. Williams, to Mrs. George Graves, and his automobile to G. P. Looney, and accompanied by Mrs. Foster departed Tuesday for Los Angeles. If he finds conditions favorable he will locate in the California city, and if not he expects to go back to Nebraska, his old stamping ground.

RIGGS OPENS ELECTRIC ESTABLISHMENT HERE

C. T. Riggs has opened an electrical supply house in Independence, being temporarily located in the Rol Walker plumbing establishment on Moomouth street.

Mr. Riggs states that he will carry a full line of electrical supplies and fixtures and do electrical work.

Mr. Riggs is from Oklahoma. He came to Ballston last December, where he made his headquarters with a relative until he came here.

There will be an unusually interesting communication of Lyon lodge, A. F. & A. M. next Wednesday night. The master's degree will be conferred by a team from the Salem Grotto lodge, and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the lodge ceremonies.

MANY CHANGES IN CREAMERY

Independence Concern is Installing Very Latest Equipment

The plant of the Independence Creamery is being enlarged and remodeled to meet a continued growth of business, and when the work which is now underway is completed it will be one of the largest and most modern creameries in the state.

Two ripeners, each with a capacity of 1500 gallons of cream, are now being installed. They are of the very latest design and will not only increase the capacity of the plant but will make it possible to improve the butter product which is already ranking at the very top. The installation of these huge ripeners or storage vats makes it necessary to make many changes in the interior arrangement of the building.

While these changes are being made the creamery will continue operating as usual, the purpose being to get the plant in readiness for a material increase in business the coming spring.

FISHBACK CHILDREN HOLD THANKSGIVING REUNION

At the family home on Monmouth Heights on Thanksgiving day the Fishback children held a reunion. There was thanksgiving, feasting, vocal and instrumental music and readings making it a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. Twenty were present, including Pearl Fishback, Harmon Scott of Lynden, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Fishback, Elton Fishback, Lettie Fishback, Will and Clem Fishback of Salem, H. R. Fishback of Portland, Len Fishback and wife of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fishback of north of Monmouth, Miss Ina Fishback of Monmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson and sons, Earl and Raymond of Elkins, Miss Allison Franch of Monmouth and Miss Amanda Hartrampf of Hillsboro.

At noon a delicious dinner was served, and the afternoon was delightfully spent with vocal and instrumental music, and recounting family reminiscences.

FOREST BROWN GETS SIX MONTHS IN MARION JAIL

Forest Brown, a former Independence resident who has been making Salem his abiding place for the past several months, has been sentenced to six months in the Marion county jail. He was found guilty of having intoxicating liquor in his possession.

Brown was arrested on Armistice day in Salem after a spirited flight of several blocks. When an effort was made to intercept him he hurled a bottle to the pavement. He was held on three counts, two by the city and one by the county. In the Salem police court he was recently fined \$100 for resisting an officer, \$50 for throwing glass in the street, and now he has six months in the county jail for meditation.

HURLEY GETS IMPORTANT FEDERAL APPOINTMENT

Independence friends of Julian A. Hurley are pleased over the announcement that he has been appointed assistant attorney general of Alaska with headquarters at Anchorage, at a salary of \$3000 per year. Mr. Hurley will take up his new duties the first of the year.

Mr. Hurley is an Independence boy. For several years he has been located at Vale, where he has been practicing law. He is a brother of Gus Hurley of Portland, at one time publisher of the now defunct Monitor.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS SORG WERE IN SALEM LAST SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sorg were in Salem last Saturday.

CRAVEN COACH; GYM TO BE USED

Basketball is Becoming of Absorbing Interest to Local Fans

Very satisfactory progress is being made with the American Legion basketball aggregation which is being rounded into shape, according to Manager A. L. Kullander. Alva Craven of Monmouth, a former star performer, has been engaged as coach, and the high school gymnasium has been leased for three nights weekly—Monday, Tuesday and Thursday—and practice work is progressing very satisfactorily. The playing force has been increased by three recruits—Oren Seaman, Bill Harris and Clifford Walls—and there are now enough to make two teams, and some real fast work is being done.

It is expected that the season will be formally opened on the local court on Saturday night, December 17th. Negotiations are still under way for games and several have been scheduled. It has not been definitely decided who will be the first contender.

Local fans are quite enthusiastic over the team which will represent Independence this season. The gym is a very desirable place for exhibitions and it is expected that the local boys will be in shape to make a great record.

BRANDTS ENTERTAIN HIGHLAND SOCIAL CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Brandt opened their pretty country home to the Highland Social club on Saturday evening. Dancing flames greeted the guests from the large open fireplace as they arrived. Mirth reigned on high as the evening passed in games of skill and fun. Both instrumental and vocal music was furnished by the guests. The hostess served cake and sandwiches.

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Dell Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison and son Carl, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Stapleton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stapleton and son Dean, Mr. and Mrs. William Peyree and family, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Seely and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Brandt and daughter Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Oren McElmurry, Mrs. Rose Evans, Miss Elva Fischer of Salem, Messrs. Perle Alexander, Paul Scott, Henry McElmurry and George Stapleton.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC BRIDGE DAMAGED BY FALLING TREES

Three trees were blown across the Southern Pacific bridge at the Luckiamute yesterday afternoon during one of the most severe wind storms experienced here in some time. One bent of the bridge was damaged to a considerable extent and the trolley line torn loose. Foreman Harris started out with a crew at once and repairs will be made as soon as possible. There will be some delay to train service.

A smokestack at the Independence Creamery was blown down, one of the decorative balls on the Masonic building blown off, light and telephone wires were torn loose. The storm lasted only a short time, but its effect was felt in many localities. Add a p

A part of the tin roof of the Masonic building was torn loose and but for the skylight obstruction it seems probable that the entire roof would have been taken off and rolled into the river. Workmen started repairing the damage at once and it is not believed that a great deal of damage will be done to the interior of the building by rain.

There was excitement in Monmouth for a few minutes. Bricks were hurled from the First National bank building to the sidewalk and pedestrians had some narrow escapes. Cars left standing beside the curb were started in motion by the velocity of the wind, and there was some damage to the front of the building occupied by the Monmouth Herald.

STATE INCOME TAX IS ADVOCATED BY PATTERSON

Senator I. L. Patterson of Polk county, a tentative candidate for governor, is quoted by the Oregonian as being a strong advocate for a state income tax of a sufficient amount to pay all state expenses and thus relieve real property of a part of its burden. Senator Patterson says:

"There should be a state income tax calculated to raise enough money to pay for all state taxes to the end that not a dollar need be raised for state purposes on the land. Property taxes can be levied for county, municipal, school and road districts, as at present, but an income tax should take care of state taxes. This system would reduce the present tax on real property probably 20 percent."

"My idea of a state income tax is not to raise more money so that there will be more money to spend, but, on the contrary, to finance the state by the income tax alone. This can be worked out in a way that there need be no army of men necessary to collect the income tax. The income tax should have a minimum so low that everyone in Oregon who has an income will pay his just proportion. As it is now, thousands of individuals with incomes do not pay a cent of direct taxes."

"Many men and women who are retired and are living on their income, have their investments in tax-exempt securities. Why should they not pay for the protection which they receive from the state?"

MR. REED WILL TALK TO TRAINING SCHOOL PUPILS

Tuesday, December 6th, at 2:30 p. m., at the training school, Edwin T. Reed of O. A. C. will deliver a lecture on "What shall we play and sing?"

Mr. Reed has been presenting this talk at various gatherings throughout the state during the past fall, and the afternoon promises to be a most entertaining as well as instructive one. A group of singers from the Normal school will "illustrate" various types of songs while an accomplished pianist will show the difference between various classes of instrumental music.

This lecture is open to all. Mr. Reed being anxious that there be a generous sprinkling of men among his hearers. There are no admission fees, the lecture being one of the regular numbers of the Parent-Teacher association and a most cordial invitation is extended you to be present and hear the subject of popular music discussed by one who has given the subject much thought.

From 2:30 to 3 Miss Benita R. Stroud, the state public health demonstrator, will talk.

I. H. S. ORCHESTRA AT CORN SHOW

Fine Display of Corn and Corn Products Are on Display

With a large number of exhibits of corn and a fine display of culinary art with corn products as the main ingredient, the Independence corn show is ready for the public in the display room of the Independence Garage. Indications yesterday pointed to more than an hundred entries, and the culinary display is particularly pleasing.

Paul Carpenter, county agent, put in appearance yesterday and has been busy getting the collection tagged and placed in position for show purposes. Considering that this has not been a good corn year, the showing is an exceptionally good one, is the expression of Mr. Carpenter.

The show opened this morning and will continue all day and tonight and Saturday and Saturday night. Judging will take place this afternoon with R. G. Larson of the farm crops department of the Oregon Agricultural college officiating. Mr. Larson will be glad to give his reasons for his decisions.

This (Friday) evening the high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Levy will give two selections: "La Marsario," dance antique, by Morse, and "Lion du Dal" by E. Gillet." The orchestra is accomplishing a great deal in a musical way and these numbers will be a real treat.

Craven & Walker have generously placed at the disposal of the show for the two days a Victrola, which will be brought into frequent use.

This is being nationally observed as music week and the corn show committee is endeavoring to mix music and corn.

MONTANA MAN BELIEVES INDEPENDENCE IS A COMER

Believing that Independence is a comer, H. H. Hansen is arranging to open a battery service station and motive electrical equipment establishment in the Huggins Motor company building on C street. Mr. Hansen has leased the Mattison residence at the corner of Monmouth and Fifth streets and has moved his family here from Salem.

Coming to the Willamette valley from Montana, last spring, Mr. Hansen has finally decided upon Independence as a desirable field for activity. He states that he has had 15 years' experience in the electrical business, a part of which time was spent in large repair shops in Chicago and eastern cities.

Mr. Hansen is a specialty man on motor vehicle equipment, and his plant will include equipment for rebuilding and recharging batteries of all kinds. He expects to be able to open for business in a very short time.

FIRE AND WATER DAMAGE WHITEAKER BUILDING

The Whiteaker building, adjoining the Beaver Hotel block on the south and the first floor occupied by Oliver Smith as a cigar store and billiard room, was damaged by fire, smoke and water to a considerable extent, last evening.

Smoke in copious quantities was seen issuing from the second floor rear. An effort was made to locate the blaze and use chemicals, but the smoke was so thick that Fire Chief George Wood found it necessary to have the water turned on and before the fire could be extinguished the building was literally flooded with water.

Mr. Smith's stock of goods was badly damaged, and the fixtures were injured by the drenching to which they were subject.

The origin of the fire is believed to have been due to a defective flue. The second floor of the building had been vacant for the past couple of months, being formerly occupied by C. B. Stephens as a photo studio.

C. A. McLaughlin lost two cows during the recent high water; Mr. Burch one cow, and F. R. Arrell a heifer.

