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FORMER GARFIELD PIONEER DIES

Funeral Services for Henry Epperson Held Tuesday

It was with sorrow that word was received Saturday last of the death on Friday evening, November 24th, of Henry Epperson, for many years a resident of the Garfield district.

Mr. Epperson, who for the past three years had made his home near Dufur, had been in poor health for sometime and a week previous to his death had undergone a serious operation at a Portland hospital. Owing to his weakened condition, his remaining strength was not sufficient to withstand the shock, although for a day or two hopes were held out for his recovery.

The deceased was 60 years old, having been born in Iowa and at the age of six years, with his parents immigrated to Oregon, having resided in this county the majority of the time since and leaving behind a host of friends.

Up to within recent years, Mr. Epperson had always taken a leading part in the local development, being especially instrumental in getting the present railway up the Clackamas Valley, having personally purchased the right-of-way over the majority of the route.

The deceased is survived by a large family and many relatives, among them the widow and seven children, being Mrs. Henry Epperson, Calla, John, Eva and Kate of Dufur; Olin and George Hampton of the same place and Cecil Hampton of Pendleton.

He is also survived by two sisters and three brothers, being Mrs. R. G. Palmateer of Garfield; Mrs. Nancy Myers of Vancouver; Marion Epperson of Centralia; Ira Epperson of Vancouver, B. C. and George Epperson of Barton.

A large throng of sorrowing friends and relatives paid their last respects to the departed on Tuesday afternoon, when impressive funeral services were held at the Estacada M. E. Church, Mr. Walter Givens officiating. Interment followed at Lone Oak Cemetery.



SPECIAL ROAD TAXES VOTED NEARLY ALL LOCAL ROAD DISTRICTS INCREASE LEVY

Two Districts To Hold Meetings

As usual, the building of good roads in Eastern Clackamas County during 1917 will be continued and, as usual, the bulk of the expense will be cared for by special road taxes, voted directly by the taxpayers.

On last Saturday, November 25th, all but two of the local road districts held their annual meetings and with one exception voted the levy outlined at the former budget meetings.

But a small number of taxpayers attended the Estacada meeting, but voted a 10 mill levy, amounting to about \$1700., which sum will be largely used to pay off outstanding road warrants, excepting a small amount to be paid for the planking of Second Street.

Lower Garfield District No. 10 voted a 7 mill levy, which will amount to over \$2,000. the majority of the money to be expended on the main road leading from English's corner through to the George Armstrong place, known as the Zion Road.



District No. 49 in upper Garfield voted its regular 10 mill tax and went on record as favoring the appointment of Elmer Davis as supervisor, to succeed Ralph Lemon, who is now working in the central part of the state. This tax will amount to about \$5,000 and will be expended on the Davis-Diver, Fall Creek, Rawlins and Kemp-Lemon Roads.

The Currinsville district, No. 4, voted a 3 mill tax, amounting to about \$1700., which will be used to improve the Main, Saling, Taylor, Steinman and Heiple Roads.

A 5 mill tax was voted in Springwater district, No. 33, the resulting \$3500. or more to be placed on the Kahle-Closner, Reid-Stormer, Shibley and Genserowski-Keller Roads and on the hills near the Kilgore and Mahr properties.

Viola district, No. 55 voted the full 10 mill tax, amounting to over \$2,000., which will be spent on the Creason, Oregon City, Jubb, Hively, Mattoon, Clear Creek and Portland-Springwater Roads.

In Barton district, No. 58, the meeting voted down a tax, being the only local district to date which has failed to vote a special levy.

The annual meetings in Districts Nos. 9 and 43, being George and Eagle Creek, will take place November 29th and in the George district it is likely a full 10 mill tax will be voted and altho Eagle Creek last year made no special levy, it is hoped that the next meeting will result in a special tax.

With the exception of a change in District, No. 49, the present road supervisors were retained for the coming year.

According to last year's statistics, of the 58 road districts in Clackamas County, 28 of same voted special taxes, being largely the rural districts, with Eastern Clackamas districts leading in the voting of the higher levies.

Statistics also indicate that in many districts where no special tax is levied, the county is expending many thousands of



dollars in building hard-surfaced highways, which is contrary to the rule that the "Court helps them that help themselves."

Business Men Meet at Lunch

The first of the Estacada business men's luncheons was held Tuesday noon, at Mrs. Adams' restaurant, where after partaking of a fine dinner, several matters of importance to this community were discussed.

It has been a hard matter in the past to keep up interest and attendance among the Estacada business men, but the innovation of having a dinner, luncheon or supper first, seems to promise a way to hold the business men together.

Messrs. Givens and Standish were in charge of Tuesday's gathering and Messrs. Wright and Ewing will take charge of the next meeting, which will occur within a couple of weeks.



TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE MEETS MONDAY

Program Includes Election of Officers and Discussion of County Budget

On next Monday afternoon, December 4th, beginning promptly at 1:30 o'clock, a meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League will occur in Estacada and every taxpayer in this community is urged to be present.

Through the courtesy of A. E. Sparks, the Family Theatre has been donated for the gathering and in order to allow of everyone returning home at an early hour, the meeting should start promptly on time.

This league, which during the year of its existence has done much good, is not an exclusive organization or one necessitating any dues or initiation fees, but is organized to draw the taxpayers of this part of the county into a working unit. Its principal objects being the creating of more interest and knowledge in local, county and state matters.

For the past year, the officers have been John C. Miller of Barton, President; R. M. Standish of Estacada, Secretary; and Fred W. Bates of Garfield, Treasurer. These men have worked hard to make the league an important and live factor in community development and now another set of men should be elected to carry on the work.

This meeting is the most important of any during the year, as the annual county budget and its appropriations will be discussed and the taxpayers of this part of the county are urged to go on record for or against such appropriations as they may desire. This meeting also hopes to result in obtaining a goodly number of taxpayers to attend the annual budget meeting in Oregon City on December 9th.

Mr. Taxpayer, not only you and your wife should attend this meeting, but you should personally aid in having a good delegation of your neighbors there, for it is the saving or wasting of your tax moneys that is involved.

