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## Will Macadamize Seventh Street

With all members present except Dr. Hawe, the city council met Tuesday evening in adjourned session.

George D. Rogers of Portland was the only property-owner filing a protest against the proposed macadamizing of Seventh street between First avenue, north, and the Baseline road. As Mr. Rogers represents but 151 of the 1200 feet abutting on the street to be improved, council decided to go ahead with the work and the recorder was instructed to advertise for bids, all bids to be made to the recorder on or before 8 p. m. of Tuesday, Aug. 14. The macadam is to be crushed rock and sand, bound with asphalt, 18 feet wide. S. L. Show asked that when the street is improved, better drainage facilities be provided.

In view of the fact that so many citizens responded to the president's appeal to plant war gardens, which would perish without irrigation, council decided to reduce garden sprinkling rates to 20c per 1,000 square feet, with a minimum charge of 50c per month. If people use only what water is actually needed, there will be enough for everybody, but if any is wasted it may be necessary to again prohibit sprinkling.

City Engineer Kirkwood, who has been drawing a monthly salary since the beginning of work on the "sewer," was put on day's pay, at \$6 per day, when his services are needed.

Water and light committee was authorized to fence the water supply on Clear Creek and to install a telephone at the dam, if the committee thinks such steps advisable.

Purchasing committee was instructed to advertise for cordwood and street commissioner was instructed to flush Council Creek, after which council adjourned.

## Rebekah Convention Largely Attended

More than one hundred men and women, members of the various Rebekah lodges of Washington county, gathered at I. O. O. F. hall yesterday morning to attend the annual convention of district No. 15, comprising Gaston, Banks, Hillsboro, Scholls and Forest Grove.

The meeting opened at 9:30, with the district chairman, Mrs. Marian Moore of Banks, in the chair. Mrs. Sylvia Bernard of this city, past noble grand of Forest lodge, gave the address of welcome in rhyme and a right catchy and artistic welcome it proved to be. Mrs. Josephine Case of Hillsboro responded to the address.

Mrs. Mary Lankester of Astoria, state president of the order, was presented and introduced to the convention.

The election of officers was then held, with the following result: Mrs. Bertha Ortman, Forest Grove, chairman; Mrs. Florence Burt, Hillsboro, vice chairman; Mrs. Rhoda Hesse, Scholls, secretary. The appointive officers are Mrs. Payton, Hillsboro, marshal; Mrs. Sohran, Banks, conductor; Mrs. Sylvia Bernard, Forest Grove, chaplain; Mrs. Mary



## News Snapshots Of the Week

Under the supervision of Secretary of War Baker the nation held the biggest lottery in history when nearly 10,000,000 men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one learned the order in which they become liable to serve their country in the national army. Soon after the crown council was called by the kaiser, in which the crown prince took part after being summoned from the front and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg resigned his office, Dr. Georg Michaelis succeeding him, it was generally believed that another peace movement would be launched by Germany. Internal troubles in Russia gave comfort to the enemies of the youthful minister of war, Kerensky, and it is said he favored moving the capital from Petrograd to Moscow. Through the mobilization of the national guard over a hundred thousand men are now awaiting the call to go to camps. The \$640,000,000 aero war program came up before congress; anti-aircraft guns are now being placed on many of our army planes.

Banks, of Banks, inside guardian; Mrs. Alice Parsons, Forest Grove, outside guardian.

These officers were installed at the close of the meeting by President Mrs. Lankester.

A fine chicken dinner was served at noon by the ladies of the local lodge, fully 150 men and women being served with good substantial dinners.

Shortly after dinner there was a nice program, including two songs by Mesdames Bernard, Graham, Benfer and Carmack.

Mrs. Sabin of Hillsboro gave a recitation so well that she was recalled for another and when Mrs. Payne of the same place rendered her vocal solo the audience served her the same way.

The Hillsboro Rebekah degree staff then initiated a candidate and the members proved very efficient in their work, their marches and tableaux, especially, being very pretty.

President Mrs. Lankester complimented the staff members upon the excellence of their work, told how much she enjoyed being at the convention and awarded Mrs. Anna Templeton of this city a certificate of merit for her perfection in giving the unwritten work of the degree. Several other members of Forest and other lodges came within one word of being letter perfect in this work.

Past President Mrs. Woodburn of Columbia lodge, Portland, and Past President Mrs. Greer of Hillsboro also made short talks.

The report of the retiring secretary shows 419 members in the district, as follows, Forest Grove, 111; Hillsboro, 104; Banks, 95; Scholls, 59 and Gaston 50.

Quite a number of the visitors remained for the regular meeting of Forest lodge, at 8 p. m., when the local degree team initiated a candidate. This team was also highly complimented by the president who awarded Mesdames Bertha Ortman and Sylvia Ber-

nard certificates for reciting the unwritten work. Ice cream and wafers were served at the close of the meeting.

## Official Numbers Finally Arrived

Nine days after being mailed from Washington, the official list of numbers of men drafted for military service have arrived at the office of Adjutant General White, at Portland. Four days is the usual time for mail to make this trip.

As all men registered have been drawn, in order to decide the order in which they are to be called for examination, the Express will not attempt to again publish the names until after the exemption board—Sheriff Applegate, County Clerk Kuratli and County Physician Wood—makes out the official list for posting.

In all counties that must furnish men on the first draft, the procedure will be as follows:

From the list already made out by the board and posted, as just explained, showing the names of all men in that county in the exact order in which they are to be called, the board will take the names of twice the number of men needed in the first draft and will notify them by mail to appear for physical examination. The names, of course, will be taken in the order of their liability for service.

The first one-third of the men will be notified to appear for physical examination on the fifth day after the mailing of the notification. The next one-third will be notified to appear for examination on the sixth day; and the last one-third on the seventh day. All must appear for examination by the seventh day.

Every man who intends to apply for exemption or discharge, regardless of the ground on which they claim it, must appear for physical examination on the day named in the notification.

## Albany College Goes It Alone

All hope of a consolidation of Albany College with Pacific University of this city for at least another year was shattered by the Presbyterian Synod at Eugene last Thursday, when the delegates voted by a strong majority to give the college trustees another year in which to pull the Albany institution out of the slough of debt. Fourteen of the twenty trustees reside in Linn county and they were unanimously opposed to either closing or merging the College.

Several of the endowments were made on condition that the College was not to be moved except by unanimous consent of the trustees and the resolution adopted by the synod provides that if the trustees do not make good in one year, steps will be taken to secure from the courts or legislature authority to move the College. In the event this is not done, it is intimated, the next synod will authorize the closing of the college.

## Postoffice Is Moved

During Saturday night, Postmaster Wirtz and his assistants moved the postoffice fixtures and mail to the new location, just north of Verts hall, lower Main street, and Sunday morning the postoffice force was working smoothly at the new stand. The new place has more room and more light than the old, but those of us who live and have our places of business north of First avenue, north, do not feel particularly elated over the change. Two hundred new boxes have been ordered for the postoffice, but all have not yet arrived.

Harold Robinson and Clarence Lenneville left Friday morning for Grass Valley, in eastern Oregon, where they will work in the harvest field.

## Ray Williams Writes of Training Camp Life

Presidio, San Francisco, July 28, 1917.

My Dear Mr. Benfer:

Guess you think I've forgotten my promise to write, but letter-writing has had very little place in the work here. From reveille (5:20) until taps (10:00) the time has been very much filled up. Formations start at 7:30; after rollcall (5:40) we eat and police camp, make up our bunks, clean our equipment and fall in for drill. From then until 12:30 there is no letup—physical drill, company, battalion and field work constantly. Skirmish, trench, bomb drill, court martial and straight soldiering keeps us going. One hour for noon. The afternoons, until 4:30, are constant rounds of sketching, lectures and conferences on gas defense, camp and trench sanitation, anatomy for first aid work and bayonet fighting. This last takes the form of digging trenches 5 to 10 feet deep and then either defending or capturing them, dummies being placed as men. Blisters and arnica are in order afterwards. Fire control, estimating ranges and target firing comes in "spare time." After 4:30 we have time to shave and clean up for retreat, at which time "colors" is sounded and we "present arms" at 5:30. Supper until 6 and then study until 9:30. And there is plenty of it mapped out.

At present we are all "marking time," as the major is making our recommendations. Quite a number of the original 3,200 have resigned or been rejected; others have been "made" provisional second lieutenants in the regular army; another group to the aviation. From the 2,000 or more remaining 700 or 800 are to be commissioned. No one has the last hint as to who will be chosen. The officers are fine men and absolutely impartial.

Each day in the squads of eight men the leader (corporal) changes. His work consists of drilling the squad in bayonet, semaphore and wigwag signals rifle practice and marching. His work is watched and graded. Each 32 men have a leader and each half company and then the company has a captain. These officers change every day and the ability of each man is noted on his efficiency record. At lectures we are questioned on the topic at hand and our answers are noted and graded. At inspection we are closely watched and our conduct entered into the record. We have to be in our bunks at "taps" and a non-commissioned officer in charge of quarters takes check to see that we are all in.

The food is excellent, the quarters fine, the weather beautiful and a dandy bunch of fellows, all of which makes it pleasant. We have number of rich men in the company; Ghirardelli, the chocolate man, is one of them. We are called "short-cuts" by the regular army officers. We are all wondering how we will make out with the national army, but all of us are certain that the drafted men will all be ready to do their part.

Just now the main topic and worry is the question as to who will get commissions. We expect to know in another week. Camp ends Aug. 11th or 14th. As to our destinations, no one knows; nor when we go. But, rather than France, seems more in our minds as to ultimate destination.

Hope to see you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Ray Terry Williams,

Student, R. O. T. C., 2d Co.

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