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City Dads Amend Speed Ordinance

One of the most important acts of the city council Tuesday night was the changing of the traffic ordinance to conform to the state law. To do this, the new ordinance permits a speed of 25 miles per hour outside of a prescribed district—First Avenue, between 3d and Main streets; Main street, between Third Avenue and Third Avenue, north; Pacific Avenue, between 2d and A streets; A street, between Pacific Avenue and First Avenue, north; First Avenue, north between College Way and A street; all of College Way and Council street; North Avenue, between College Way and Main street; First street from Second Avenue to Main street. On the streets and avenues mentioned, the speed is to be not more than 15 miles per hour and the same speed limit is put on trains inside the city limits. This ordinance was passed and becomes effective July 11th.

Another ordinance, which was given two readings and comes up for final passage at the July meeting, fixes the salary of the city recorder at \$25 per month, with 15c per folio of 100 words for certain classes of copying, of which there is at present little to do. The recorder has been allowed certain fees when acting as a magistrate, but, under the new plan, these will go into the city treasury.

The finance committee reported the monthly bills amounted to \$1,307.86 and these were allowed. City Treasurer Sparks was authorized to take up two \$500 street improvement bonds and to pay \$1,750.00 interest on water bonds.

Purchasing committee was authorized to purchase sand for the sanding of some of the paved streets and instructed to procure some speed warning signs.

Recorder was instructed to write and ask the Southern Pacific company to oil its right-of-way on South A street, to lay the dust.

Complaint of W. P. Scheetz that his property was damaged when Pacific Avenue was washed was referred to street committee.

Chairman Coon of the purchasing committee reported the purchase of some slab-wood at \$1.75 per cord, f. o. b. Cherry Grove, and some cordwood, delivered in the city, at \$4.00 per cord.

S. G. Morgan, chief engineer at the light plant, reported that he had been offered more money than the city was paying him and asked a raise of \$10 per month. It was granted, making his salary \$105.00.

Recorder Dyke, who had been asked to ascertain the earnings and expenses of the light plant for the past three years, reported as follows:

1815—Earnings	\$10,018.55
Expense	7,945.60
Profit	2,072.95
1916—Earnings	\$10,963.35
Expense	7,122.72
Profit	3,840.63
1917—Earnings	\$10,955.69
Expense	10,323.47
Profit	632.22

The plant was not charged with lighting the streets, which would probably have cost the city, if the current were purchased, \$2,500 per year. To off-set this earning, interest on the investment should be charged and this, at a fair estimate on the value of the plant, should not be more than \$600 per year. It is estimated that enough extensions and repairs have been made during the past three years to more than cover depreciation.

Recorder was instructed to ask the North Coast Power company to install cut-out switches, in order that its wires through the

city might be made harmless in case of a fire.

All members were present except Councilman Mertz.

Masonic Chapter Elects

The grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, assembled in fifty-eighth annual convocation, elected the following officers at Portland Monday:

Max Bollack, Oregon City, grand high priest; J. H. Richmond, Portland, deputy grand high priest; Thomas M. Baldwin, Prineville; grand king; Frank W. Settlemyer, Woodburn, grand scribe; Walter R. Bilyeu, Albany, grand captain of the host; David P. Mason, Albany, grand treasurer; James F. Robinson, Portland, grand secretary.

Judge W. H. Hollis of this city was appointed grand orator and the chapter voted to purchase \$3,000 worth of Liberty Bonds and donated \$500 toward the Masonic Home to be erected in the near future.

May Entertain Some Vancouver "Huskies"

Eight directors of the Commercial club, including President Hoffman and Secretary Reder, met at the Rogers Library Monday evening and discussed the question of inviting a number of soldiers from Vancouver barracks to visit Forest Grove some Sunday in the near future. This action was in response to a suggestion along that line from J. H. McCoy of the Portland Y. M. C. A. McCoy is taking the matter up with the soldiers and if they conclude to come, as many of them desire, a program and lunch will be prepared for them.

The question of filling up some of the empty houses with families now living in Portland was discussed at length and Members Littler, Inlow and Reder were appointed a committee to confer with real estate agents in an endeavor to ascertain just how many houses could be secured on a year's lease and the prices asked by the owners. When this committee reports, President Hoffman, and Messrs. Graham and Scott will confer with L. J. Wentworth, district superintendent of the Emergency Fleet corporation, who is interested in securing homes for ship workers. The one big stumbling block to the scheme is the question of securing cheap railroad rates.

C. A. Littler was elected a director, in place of B. J. Simpson, who has moved to Bay City.

Pioneer Woman Dead

Mrs. Sarah V. Scholfield, aged 71, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Ward, at Gaston, yesterday morning. Deceased is the widow of Benjamin Scholfield, who died at Cornelius June 24th last year, and came to Oregon from Missouri with her parents when one year of age. She was married to Benjamin Scholfield Oct. 22d, 1863, and has lived in Washington county since childhood. She is survived by five children—Mrs. Ruth Cornelius of Astoria, William T. Scholfield of Staff, Mont., Mrs. Rebecca Goodin of Cornelius, Mrs. Mary J. Ward of Gaston and Mrs. Harriet E. Yoder of Adams, Oregon.

Funeral services will be held at the Cornelius M. E. church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Rev. Crozier officiating, with interment in the Hillsboro cemetery.

Judge John H. Stevenson of Portland, a native of Washington county, has consented to deliver a patriotic address at the Balm Grove Fourth of July celebration.

Rev. Ebert, A. G. Hoffman, C. A. Littler and Thos. E. Isaacs went to Portland this morning to negotiate for a new organ for the M. E. church.

Good Program for Commencement

Following is the program for the postponed High School Commencement exercises, which will be held at the M. E. church next Monday night:

Processional
Invocation..... Rev. J. H. Ebert
Chorus, "To Thee, O Country"
..... Glee Club
Oration—"The Flag, the School and the New Patriotism" Helen Reeher
Piano Duet..... Edith Darland, Russell Beals
Oration—"The Weaver of Dreams"
..... Margaret Martin
Vocal Solo..... Kathryn Collier
Oration—"World Federation"
..... Albert Snyder
Violin Solo..... Frances Benjamin
Graduation Address..... The Rt. Rev. Walter T. Sumner
..... Bishop of Oregon
Chorus—"Gipsy Life"..... Glee Club
Presentation of Diplomas..... Chairman W. P. Dyke
Presentation of Scholarships..... Supt. H. E. Inlow
Benediction..... Rev. A. B. Patten

There are twenty-seven girls and ten boys in the class, their names having been published in the Express of May 30th.

The public is invited to these exercises.

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Thomas Roe of Wapato had business in this city Tuesday.

Vic Fuqua has closed his Sheridan store and moved the stock to this city.

Carl Hoffman of Ostrander, Wash., visited relatives in town several days last week.

Miss Jessie Greer of this city has been elected as a teacher in the primary department of the Newport schools.

President Wilson has signed the Smoot-Sherwood pension bill, which provides that the minimum pension for civil war soldiers shall be \$30 per month.

Mrs. Benfer went to McMinnville yesterday to attend the graduation exercises of the high school, her niece, Laurene Benfer, being one of the graduates.

Remember that there will be a demonstration of the Universal Combination Range at the Goff store on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Chester Wright, a resident of Forest Grove for a number of years, now living near The Dalles, received a message recently stating that his son, Ralph, had died in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Todd and daughter, Elizabeth, returned last night from Oregon City, where Mr. and Miss Todd have been in a hospital for five weeks, following operations for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herb of the Greenville district Monday had the misfortune to lose two children, boys of 13 months and four years, respectively, from grip. Both the parents and one other child were also quite ill, but are recovering.

Two dozen Forest Grove Rebekahs will go to Portland Saturday night to pay a visit to Columbia lodge No. 3, which has a class of candidates to initiate. On June 29th the degree staff of the local lodge will probably go to Gaston to put on the degree.

The ladies of the Belgian Relief committee cleared \$48.15 from their motion picture and musical entertainment last Monday night. The show was good in all respects and worthy of the patronage given it. The ladies have a display of goods made for Belgian war sufferers on display in the window of the Goff hardware store which shows what these industrious women are doing to relieve suffering.

Woman's Club Picnic

Mrs. B. F. White, retiring president, was hostess to the Woman's club at a picnic on her lawn last Monday afternoon and the affair, which was well attended, proved one of the most interesting meetings of the year just closed.

The members brought refreshments, to which the hostess added coffee and dessert, and a very appetizing lunch was enjoyed. Following the lunch the ladies indulged in outdoor games until 3 o'clock, when the last business meeting of the club year was held. Mrs. White gave a resume of the year's work and made some suggestions, including one to the effect that the club might with profit be made a distributing center for war work. After her report, the retiring president turned the gavel over to Mrs. Eva Abbott, the newly-elected president. Mrs. Abbott regretfully informed the members that she would not be able to accept the position and Mrs. Charles Hines was elected to the position. Mrs. Hines gave a short talk, outlining some of the problems confronting the club. She called attention to the danger threatening the public health through the use of second-hand books in the schools and it was the opinion of the members that these books should be frequently fumigated to make them safe.

The recording secretary was instructed to write Mrs. A. B. Todd, who is at Gladstone, with a sick husband and daughter, a letter of sympathy.

After the members had thanked Mrs. White for the good time enjoyed, the meeting adjourned.

Had to Dig Up

Ten local business men, who guaranteed the expenses of the annual P. U. commencement concert, Monday dug up \$3.05 each, as the loss was just \$39.50. This loss was, no doubt, due to the scarlet fever scare, as this annual event has heretofore paid expenses. The total receipts were \$73.55 and the total expenses, including printing, per diem and expenses of Portland musicians, were \$104.05. Those who attended the concert didn't lose so much as those who remained away, as the affair was of a high order.

Spence Re-Elected

C. E. Spence was easily re-elected master of the state grange at the meeting held in Salem last week.

The 1919 meeting will be held in either Hillsboro or Forest Grove, the decision between the two towns to be made by the granges of Washington county.

Guernsey Picnic Postponed

The Guernsey Breeders' picnic that was to have been held at the farm of W. A. Goodin of Cornelius has been postponed indefinitely. The postponement of this meeting has been made necessary on account of unavoidable reasons.

John Ellis, living east of Wapato lake, was seriously injured yesterday when his auto truck turned over on him near the Shotwell farm, in the Spring Hill district. A boy who was riding with Mr. Ellis jumped in time to escape injury and summoned aid to get the injured man from under the truck. He was found pinned down in such a way that escaping oil almost drowned him. He suffered several broken ribs and a fracture of the collar bone and may be injured internally.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Demorest, Mrs. M. R. Johnson and daughter, Alice, and Mrs. R. W. Reder returned Tuesday afternoon from an auto trip to Camp Lewis, where they viewed the eclipse and inspected the soldier camp. Lieut. Ray T. Williams showed the members of the party all the courtesies his limited time would permit.

YOUR UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

The President of the United States will send a card this week to each family in Washington county asking them to pledge their share of the War Savings Stamps to be paid on or before Dec. 31, 1918. Each school district has been allotted a certain sum to raise and School District No. 15, which is Forest Grove, has been given to subscribe \$53,500, or 10,700 Stamps, maturity value \$5.00 each.

The President will call upon each family to send a representative to the Central school June 28th and there pledge its share. Many will want to pledge before that time and they can do so, at the postoffice or at either of our banks.

About \$14,000 worth is now being held in the district. The balance must all be pledged by the 28th of June.

One thousand dollars is the limit individuals can hold. A limit club has been organized and the following have joined it:

J. A. Thornburgh.
Mrs. Wm. Pollock.
Wm. Pollock.
S. G. Hughes.
E. F. Burlingham.
M. R. Johnson.
W. J. McCready.
Fred Uhlman.
Good Investment Co.
Carnation Milk Co.
Charles Adams.
E. S. Parcell.
H. B. Johnson.

Name of all subscribers will be posted in the postoffice window.

A grand meeting was held in Banks last night, with addresses by Capt. Powell of the British army and W. J. McCready of this city, and another will be held at Balm Grove on the 19th at 8 p. m. addressed by Rev. A. B. Patten.

PROCLAMATION

Make this war a personal matter. Do not depend on others to do the fighting or to finance the government. Do your share. It is as much your war as your neighbors.

Buy no unnecessary article. Practice economy and self-denial. Unnecessary buying means a waste of material and labor; means that you are competing with the government for labor and material.

Invest your savings in War Savings Stamps.

The President of the United States has called on the people of the nation to indicate their self-denial by pledging themselves on June 28th to purchase War Savings Stamps for the remainder of the year.

In order that the citizens of this city may not fall behind other communities in responding to the call, I hereby proclaim Friday, June 28th, as War Savings Day for the city of Forest Grove, upon which day all persons shall give their pledges for the War Savings Stamps at such time and places and in such manner as may be appointed by C. S. Jackson, the War Savings Director for Oregon, acting under authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, and pursuant to the Proclamation of the President of the United States.

GEO. G. PATERSON,

Mayor of Forest Grove, Ore.

Flour Rolling In

C. E. Wells, county food administrator, informs the Express that the people of the county are responding nobly, with but few exceptions, to the call to turn in surplus flour. Forest Grove has done very well, he says, and little Mountindale has turned in 50 sacks. A few people are holding out, but they are known and some arrests may be made soon. It is now expected the car will be in this city and Hillsboro by the end of the week. Dealers will be notified.