

Riverton News

Miss Freda Johnson arrived home from Albany Thursday evening to spend the Fourth with family and friends. Freda returned Sunday and expects to stay with her work there until time for school this fall.

Roy Johnson, who is in the armed forces, spent the week-end of the Fourth with his wife and his mother. Mr. Johnson also returned to his work Sunday, having only a two-day leave.

The many friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Baumgartner wish to take this opportunity to express sincere sympathy at the loss of Mr. Baumgartner's father. Grandpa Baumgartner used to live in the home now occupied by Ira and his wife and all the old time residents of Riverton knew and loved him very well. We will all miss him.

Tiny Smith was home for a few days recently. He and Mrs. Smith are leaving this Thursday for Portland where they will visit with their families before going on to another government job. This one will last about a year and the Smiths will probably not return to Riverton until it is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Smith were dinner guests last Saturday at the George Shelton home.

Ronald Holbrook and his fiancée, Miss Virginia McNair, were week-end guests at the home of Ronnie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Holbrook. The young couple returned to Seattle Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Wilson and daughter, Betty, of Eugene, Oregon, were guests of Mrs. Bart Gasner last Tuesday. Mrs. Wilson and daughter went on to visit with her other sisters before returning home. She planned to stop at Mrs. Ellie Pendarvis' home, at Reedsport, on her way.

Charlie Panter has enlisted in the Navy for foreign construction service. He left on the 2:30 bus last Sunday, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Willie Panter, the occasion being Mrs. Panter's birthday.

Erwin Plaep was home on leave recently. He spent several days with his parents before going on to visit a sister before returning to his duties in the service.

Warren Smith spent the week-end of the Fourth with friends and relatives in Riverton.

Miss Alice Church, who we told you last week had left school to find work in Portland, is now working for the Willamette Iron & Steel Company there. This is a shipbuilding company and Alice is on the night shift as a typist.

Miss Sherrill Hatcher was a guest with relatives in Riverton recently. Mrs. Shirley Hatcher and daughters visited at the Kight home last week.



By A. L. Lindbeck

Only one of seven initiative measures for which preliminary petitions were filed with the secretary of state's office made its way to a place on the November ballot. That was the measure sponsored by the Oregon State Teachers' association which seeks to divert all surplus income tax revenues above \$7,750,000 a year into a special state school fund.

This measure, however, together with the six referred measures will give Oregon voters a total of seven ballot measures to pass judgment on come general election time. The referred measures include:

A proposed constitutional amendment increasing the pay of legislator from \$3 a day for 40 days to \$8 a day for 50 days.

A proposed constitutional amendment repealing the article providing for a rural credits loan fund.

A proposed constitutional amendment providing that gasoline taxes shall be used exclusively for roads and highways.

A proposed constitutional amendment permitting the legislature to restore voting rights to persons convicted of felonies.

A legislative act providing for a tax on cigarettes, the proceeds to be used for old age assistance and vocational education.

A legislative act restricting or prohibiting net fishing in coastal streams and bays.

When the deadline for filing of initiative petitions arrived it was found that five measures had failed to qualify for a place on the November ballot. These included:

C. H. Agers' proposal to exempt homes from taxation up to a true cash value of \$2000.

John H. Waterhouse's proposal to repeal the milk control act.

Dan Hay's "hot cargo" bill prohibiting secondary boycotts.

E. C. Allen's proposal to tax corporation dividends to create an unemployment compensation fund for the benefit of service men at the close of the war.

A measure sponsored by the Old Age Beneficiaries, Inc., providing for the complete revamping of the state public welfare organization.

Still another proposed initiative sponsored by the Senior Citizens Annuity committee and providing for a state old age retirement plan, was withdrawn by its sponsors several weeks ago.

Vacationists who desire to leave the beaten path and penetrate deep into Oregon's forests this summer must first secure a permit. A proclamation closing all national forests as well as adjacent privately owned forest lands to entry except with the requisite permit was issued by Governor Sprague this week. The proclamation prohibits smoking in hazardous areas. Persons desiring to build camp fires in other than designated, improved camp grounds must equip themselves with fire fighting equipment including axe, shovel and water pail.

The contest for the House Speaker-

ship has been considerably enlivened this week by the injection of the name of Earl Engdahl, veteran Umatilla county legislator, into the race. Engdahl is not actively seeking the honor but is said to have been urged to become a candidate by a group of veteran House members.

A member of the House since the session of 1935 Engdahl is recognized as one of the ablest members of that body with several important committee assignments including a place on the all-power ways and means body.

Three other candidates are in the race for speakership, all of course, contingent upon their election this fall. They are Wm. McAllister of Medford, John Steelhammer of Salem and Herman H. Chindgren of Clackamas county.

County assessed valuations are up an aggregate of approximately \$25,000,000 over the 1941 figures it was announced by the state tax commission this week. Most of the increase is accounted for by a substantial increase in personal property assessment. Utility assessment made by the tax commission will also show an increase of more than \$6,500,000, bringing the grand total for all taxable property in the state up to more than \$995,000,000.

The experience rating system which went into effect on July 1, 1941, has resulted in a saving of nearly \$1,500,000 in unemployment insurance premiums to Oregon employers in the past it was revealed by the Unemployment Compensation commission this week. In spite of this saving in contributions the commission's trust fund has now grown to approximately \$20,000,000 or well above the required "ceiling" of \$15,519,907.

Oregon selective service registrants who are in class 1-B will be given an opportunity to enter military service in August, according to Colonel Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Because only a limited number of 1-B men will be taken into service Wooten has suggested that men in this class who are anxious to enter service appear before their draft boards and volunteer for induction.

A total of 21,518 Oregon youths aged 18 to 20 years, inclusive, were added to the selective service lists in the recent registration, according to a tabulation of local draft board figures compiled by the state office of selective service. The 20-year olds will be subject to immediate induction into military service but the other age groups will not be called up until they reach their 20th birthday unless Congress changes the selective service act by lowering the age requirement.

A survey to determine the extent of duplication that exists between rail and bus transportation services has been instituted by Utilities Commissioner O. R. Bean at the request of Joseph B. Eastman, federal transportation co-ordinator. It is expected that if duplications in the service are discovered the rail service will be ordered discontinued in order to relieve equipment for more urgent war needs.

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B.P.W. Holds First Meeting of New Year

The first meeting of the new year with Miss Ida Oerding, newly installed president of Business and Professional Women's club in the chair, was held last Monday night at the home of Mrs. Florence Hallock. The meeting opened with singing the National anthem and was followed by the pledge to the flag.

The committee chairman for the coming year were announced. Program, Bertha Smith; finance, Clara Bosserman; membership, Viola Newton; music and arts, Clara Stauff; publicity, Eva Stevens; social, Florence Hallock; war activities, Hazel Hanna; health, Lela Elrod; research, Inez Chase, international relations, Martha Mulkey; education, Inez Rover; public affairs, Edna Robinson; courtesy, Annie Robinson; parliamentary, Harriet Osika; publications and radio, Dale Claver; scholarship loan, Ellen Braxton; legislative, Ruth Beyers; transportation, Hattie Lee Hollimon.

It was voted to purchase the program kit from National Headquarters. Coming issues of "Independence Woman," will contain further discussion of the program for the entire year. Members are asked to keep their copies beginning with the June number.

A new feature of the August 3 meeting will be the big surprise. The committee in charge will be Hazel Hanna, chairman; Edith Dunn, Idyle Godard, Ruth Beyers and Lois Fenn.

A letter from Cheri Mae Hartwell was read. She is studying at the University of Colorado, at Boulder, Colo. Her secretarial duties are being taken over during her absence by her mother, Mrs. Irene Hartwell.

There will be potluck dinner in the yard of Mrs. Inez Chase's home at the next meeting, July 20, at 6:30 p. m. Every member bring a plate, cup and silver, and bring whatever you choose in the way of food. The following were present: Florence Hallock, Ida Oerding, Lois Fenn, Saima Caughell, Irene Hartwell, Inez Chase, Annie Robinson, Ida Owen, Bess Maury, Clara Stauff, Viola Newton, Inez Rover, Edna Robinson, Gladys Gano, Eva Stevens, Bertha Smith, Idyle Godard, Ida Oerding, Hazel Hanna, Florence Barton, Ellen Braxton, Clara Bosserman, Hattie Lee Hollimon, Jennie Price, Mabel Wernich and Dorothy Bishop.

Huge Crowd Saw The Street Sports

Thousands lined the block here Saturday afternoon, between the First National Bank and Sentinel buildings, the hotel block and Liberty Theatre, to witness the races and street sports, more really than could see what was going on.

Prize winners, all paid in defense savings stamps, in the various events scheduled by Chairman Ray Jeub and his committee were:

50 yard dash, boys under 12—Bob Taylor, 1st; Clinton Pearl, 2nd.
50 yard dash, girls under 12 — Mona Pingleton, 1st; Levona Neeley, 2nd.

50 yard dash, boys 12 to 16—Homer Anderson, 1st; Lynn Black, 2nd.
50 yard dash, girls 12 to 16—Marilyn Freeman, of Myrtle Point, 1st; Betty Kent, 2nd.

Three-legged race—Gordon Hamilton and Geo. Johnson 1st, Frank Oerding and Ken Rackleff, 2nd.
50 yard dash for men—Jerry Walker, 1st; Ira Russell, 2nd.

There were either no married women in the crowd, or none of them could throw a rolling pin, for that event had to be eliminated.

Potato race for girls—Barbara Cole, 1st; Marilyn Freeman, 2nd.
Potato race for boys—Bob Taylor, 1st; Fred Murphy, 2nd.

With his face dripping with berry juice, Gordon Hamilton won first place in the pie-eating contest, with Jack Blum, a close second.

Marriage Licenses

July 3 — Robert Vernon Northup and Elsie M. Fick, both of Sacramento, Calif. They were married here last Saturday by Rev. Chas. G. Brown at the M. E. parsonage.

July 3—Chris F. Richert, Jr., of Bandon, and Vera Benedict, of Coquille. They were married by Justice Harold A. Olson at his office in North Bend last Saturday.

July 3—Donald William Foster and Dolly Wood, both of Langlois. They were married by Justice W. B. Hayes at the office in Bandon on the 3rd.

July 4—Wassen G. Fich, of Vancouver, Wash., and Lillian Eaton, of Battle Ground, Wash.

July 8—John Wilkens and Lela Davis, both of Portland.

Probate Court Cases

L. J. and Lela G. Simpson, of Empire, were on Tuesday appointed guardians for Jeraldine and Barbara Simpson.

Non High School Budget Meeting

On Wednesday, July 1, the Non High School District passed a resolution whereby \$88,322.88 tax will be assessed against the Non-High School District.

This is 6 percent higher than the levy for last year, as the Non High School District is making an effort to get on a cash basis. Most of the regular school districts have been for some time on a cash basis, but the situation is somewhat different with the Non High District since it has been operating only since 1932, and thus has not had the accumulation of delinquent taxes as have the districts which have been organized for a longer time.

Transportation contracts were let as follows: Coquille school district for hauling children from Coaledo district; Walter Cox, on the Four Mile Bandon run; and a contract for tuition and transportation to the Langlois Union High School District for hauling children from the former New Lake district. The Hauser-North Bend route was extended to begin at Lakeside. The Catching Inlet and Ross Inlet routes were combined, in order that there might be brought about a saving in monthly payments.

There was a canvass of votes which revealed an unanimous vote for the election of W. M. Hillar, Empire, as director from Zone 1. The board reorganized by re-electing Mr. Hillar as chairman and E. L. Detlefsen, Coquille, as vice chairman.

The audit of the Non High School books was awarded to Keith Leslie, C. P. A., Coquille.

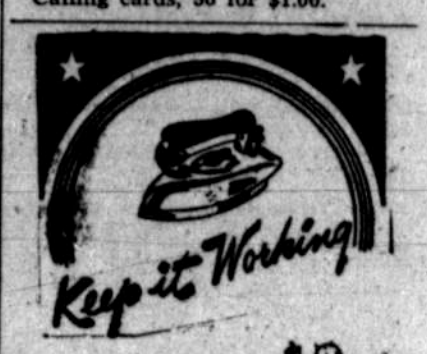
District Budgets

The school clerks of the numerous districts have filed their budgets in the office of the county school superintendent. They are placed in that office, then checked before being turned over to the county assessor.

The budget is now being made on a new form in conformance with the new law. This law requires, among other things, that even third class districts must fill out their expenditures

for the last three years and for the six months of the current year. The school clerks, in general, are finding the budgets to be quite complicated. The necessity for filing by July 15 has also made the work of the clerks more strenuous.

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