

State And County Expenses Are Lower

The Budget For 1932 Is
\$186,601.25 Less Than
that of Last Year

SAVINGS EFFECTED

Little Or No Road Construction
Work Is Contemplated

A comparative study of the total tax levy to be made in Washington County for the year 1932 as compared to the 1931 levy offers proof of the most convincing kind that a determined effort on the part of State and County officials and by the people themselves to reduce the taxes has not been made in vain.

The total levy of 1931 in Washington County was \$660,963.69 which figure does not include the 5-mill special road tax. The levy for 1932 is \$474,362.17, a reduction of \$186,601.52. This saving comes as a direct result of reductions in state and county expenditures and has been made despite the fact that the budget for 1932 showed an increase in High School transportation and tuition of \$23,268.00, which increase was only partially offset by a reduction in the county school fund.

The saving of \$186,601.52 represents a decrease under the 1931 levy of slightly over 28% which saving will benefit every tax payer in Washington County and includes the total levy for Washington County including State tax, County general, market road, County road, county school, county school library, and High School tuition and transportation funds.

However, to those who pay taxes on property located in Road District No. 1 of Washington County, which includes the entire county outside of incorporated cities, the above mentioned saving does not tell the entire story. At the annual District road meeting held in November, the people of road district No. 1 rejected the special road tax which in 1931 amounted to \$120,000.00. With the elimination of the special road tax we have a still further saving to those whose property lies without the boundaries of incorporated towns which together with the saving in the general levy represents a total reduction to those people of approximately 40% per cent.

At the budget meeting on December 28, 1931 the Washington County Tax Reduction league introduced a resolution which was adopted by the assembly which called for reductions of \$108,000.00 over and above those which had already been made by the budget committee. The County court in preparing the 1932 levy gave serious consideration to the resolution and after consulting with the committee of the Tax reduction league which made the resolution made cuts in the budget totaling \$50,000.00 over and above those which already had been made. If it were not for the fact that the amount of delinquent taxes has assumed unprecedented proportions it is entirely probable that further reductions would have been feasible, but the County court, in common with probably all other citizens, is anxious to see the county remain on a firm financial basis, and does not wish to resort to the issuance of bonds as a means of financing county enterprises. Under existing conditions with the large existing delinquency and with the possibility that it may increase with the coming year, the Court felt that the further reduction of \$50,000.00 was all that could be made without seriously impairing the ability of the county to carry on in the future.

With the above mentioned reductions in effect in the county, insofar as its road program for 1932 is concerned, will be obliged to confine its activities to the maintenance of the present roads, little or no construction being contemplated, and all county activities must necessarily be curtailed until that time when more favorable economic conditions will permit a resumption of that program which has necessarily been halted.

REBEKAH LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Beaverton Rebekah Lodge held installation of officers last Tuesday evening. The following officers were installed: Anna May Rogers, Noble Grand; Edna Sheets, Vice Grand; Sarah Chamberlain, Secretary; Louanna Underhill, Treasurer; Myrtle Hardman, Chaplain; Torborg Benson, Warden; Hazel Miller, Conductor; Cella Hulett, R. S. N. G.; Alice Wheeler, L. S. N. G.; Cora Foster, R. S. V. G.; Adaline Frost, L. S. V. G.; Elizabeth Myers, Musician; Eva Price, Inside Guardian; Mrs. Rose Stevens, Past Noble Grand; and Bertha Wilson, Outside Guardian.

The officers were installed by Mrs. Cella Hulett, District Deputy President, ably assisted by the following deputies: Andrew Denholm, Marshall; Mary J. Ware, Chaplain; Nettie McElroy, Warden; Sarah Chamberlain, Treasurer; Torborg Benson, Secretary; Marjorie Lewis, Musician; Sanford Rogers, Inside Guardian; and L. F. Humburg, Outside Guardian.

After the meeting the crowd retreated to the dining room where delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee were served.

At the next meeting January 17, the President of the Rebekah Lodge assembly will make her official visit and the Initiatory degree work will be put on.

KIWANIS VOTES TO MEET AT DRIFT INN

Presentation of a Past President's badge and of a little token of appreciation to retiring President Adams was probably the biggest feature of the Kiwanis meeting this week. Expressions of regret that these evidences of the kindly regard in which the past president is held by the club, could not have been offered at the big New Year's party, were heard of every side. However, Past President Leonard took the matter in the spirit in which it was offered.

Another matter was that of programs for the year's meetings. W. L. Cady, chairman of the program committee, handed out a questionnaire to learn what sort of program the members desired. He stated that he would ask each member to take charge of one program during the year, and that he would ask the members according to their names arranged alphabetically, beginning with Adams, Anderson, Barnes, Benson, Bielman, etc.

The meeting was held at Drift Inn, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raynard serving the meal, which was so good that when the vote was taken, the club voted unanimous approval of continuing the meetings there.

C. E. RALLY TO BE HELD AT HILLSBORO

Paul Brown, the Pacific coast field secretary for Christian Endeavor will be in Washington county and will hold a rally with all Christian Endeavor folks and others interested on January 13 at the Hillsboro Christian church at 7:45 p.m. A large delegation from all parts of the county is expected at this rally. James C. Henderson and Viola Ogden, state C. E. president and secretary, respectively, will be in attendance at this meeting, and will show slides of the various phases of C. E. work, including the state C. E. convention at Marshfield and the golden jubilee C. E. convention at San Francisco last July. A fine program has been worked out for this rally. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Washington county C. E. executive business meeting will be held at the Hillsboro Christian church on January 11 at 7:45 p.m. A good attendance is expected.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IS GIVEN

Irene Frost and Corretta Adams entertained a few of their friends New Year's Eve at the Frost home near Aloha. While the guests waited for the stroke of twelve, they played games, danced and had refreshments.

At the stroke of twelve a skit was put on by Forrest Jones as Old Year and Richard Young as New Year. It was greatly enjoyed. More games followed.

Health Statistics Are Tabulated For School

Some 8th Grade Members
Are Preparing for State
tests at Mid-term

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

Three New Students Are Reported
In Local Grade School

Final reports of health inspections made by doctors and nurses have been compiled, and notes sent home to parents. Statistics of the report may be of interest to those interested in school affairs.

Number of pupils inspected, 257.
Number without defects, 71.
Number with defects, 186.
Number 10% or more underweight, 17.

Number with defective eyesight, 20.
Number with defective hearing, 33—largely due to "impacted earwax."

Number that are "mouth breathers," 14.
Number with defective teeth, 78.
Number who have never been vaccinated, 198.

Mr. D. C. Howard met with his Garden Club Wednesday. This is quite a large club, and the members seem to be extremely interested in the beginning and working out of their respective projects. Mr. Howard talked about the meaning of the "4-H" symbol and the boys recited its meaning—head, heart, home and health. Especially did he stress the importance of citizenship as an interpretation of the heart division.

The members of the club were given posters to be placed on their premises indicating that a "4-H" boy or girl lives there. Though it isn't really time to begin planting gardens it is time to be planning them and arranging for fertilizing and breaking of the ground and the leader also discussed this with the boys. The boys were instructed as to the method and importance of keeping reports of their activities.

As the middle of January nears, certain members of the eighth grade class are taking on an extremely serious attitude. Why? Well, they want to take the state tests at mid-year. So anxious are they to pass these tests that they are putting in extra hours before and after school for review of the subjects to be taken.

Cooking clubs met this week, but we were unable to obtain details of what was done.

This week's change in names on the school registers include Norman and Dolly Rinehart, Norman and Della Jacobson, who moved away; and Orville and Chester Haskell and Vesta Walker, who are new pupils in the system.

The sixth grade spelling contest has ended, with Jennie Welsh's side victorious. They will celebrate this afternoon.

Fourth grade people are studying ideal lunches.

First grade people get "Brownie" stamps for good work.

Third grade pupils study multiplication tables in and out of school hours—because they want to.

Second grade youngsters bring the new Christmas dolls and toys to school to show.

Many old coins are being shown in the fifth grade room—brought by

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES



REV. AVA S. ADAMS

Rev. Ava S. Adams of Seattle has arrived in Beaverton to take the pastorate of the Nazarene church, and filled the pulpit last Sunday for the first time.

Miss Adams was born in northern Arkansas and spent her early years on a large farm in that country. When sixteen she came to Washington with her parents. She graduated from Foster high school near Seattle. She then attended the Nazarene University at Pasadena, Cal., and in addition to this, during her first pastorate she completed a four-year theological course by correspondence.

Miss Adams is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene and has spent nine years in the ministry of her denomination, six of these having been spent in the pastorate and three in the evangelistic field, the latter taking her into California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Idaho.

Ms. Adams comes to Beaverton from Eugene, where she has just closed a very successful pastorate, and announces that she is here to serve the community to the best of her ability.

LOCAL ODDFELLOWS HOLD INSTALLATION

Beaverton lodge No. 252, I. O. O. F. held their regular annual installation of officers Monday evening of this week. Hugh Lewis, District Deputy Grand Master and a charter member of Beaverton lodge, acted as principal installing officer, ably assisted by Fred Strickland, D.D.G.M., R. Beamish, D.D.G.W., Harley Taylor, D.D.G.T., Sanford Rogers, D.D.G.S., L. F. Humburg, D.D.G.C., and L. J. Foster, D.D.G.H.

The officers for the ensuing term are: O. M. Taylor, P.G.; C. J. Stevens, N.G.; L. J. Foster, secretary; Hugh Lewis, treasurer; Harley Taylor, R. S. N. G.; Raymond Heard, L. S. N. G.; E. R. Sheets, warden; Jay Frost, conductor; J. Rowe, outside guardian; Tom Miller, inside guardian; M. E. Underhill, Vice Grand; D. D. Drorbaugh, R.S.V.G.; J. M. Thompson, L.S.V.G. C. J. Beach, R.S.S.; J. H. Hulett, L.S.S.; L. F. Humburg, chaplain.

Sanford Rogers officiated at the piano during the installation ceremonies.

After the installation the committee to locate a place for the "Three Link" association to meet here reported their success in locating an assembly hall insofar as they were able to secure one at the present time.

Lillian Jacobs, Cathryn Van Kleek, and Vance Boswell.

New Members Are Installed By Council

Several Applications For
Rebonding of Property
Read and Accepted

TO BUY SPEED SIGNS

Committee Chairmen Are Appointed
For The Coming Year

The installation of the two new Council members, Essex Marsh and H. M. Barnes, was the feature of the Council meeting Monday evening. The retiring Council passed on the bills and finished up a few details of old business, and then the new members were sworn in and the new Council proceeded with the usual business.

J. Lewis sent a note to the Council to the effect that he would not be able to serve as a member of that body. This was considered as failure to qualify rather than as a resignation, as he had not yet been sworn in. After some consultation with City Attorney Myers, the Council called J. R. Talbert to take his chair, as the charter provides that in case of the failure of any elected member to qualify, the retiring Councilman shall remain in his office.

Several applications for rebonding of property in the city were read, discussed, and passed. The Council directed City Attorney Myers to prepare an ordinance directing the issuance of refunding bonds for the city.

After considerable discussion it was decided to authorize the street committee to buy at least two speed limit signs, to be placed on the Canyon road on the east and west limits of the town. The committee is to buy two additional signs if it is possible to obtain the four for the sum of \$20.00.

Rather than have a separate committee appointed for each of the regular departments, it was decided to have the entire Council act on each committee, with each individual member acting as chairman of some one of the committees. These chairmen were named as follows:

Water committee, G. P. Fordney.
Lights committee, H. M. Barnes.
Streets committee, H. A. Alexander.

Finance committee, W. H. Boswell, chairman, to be assisted by H. M. Barnes.

Committee on sanitation, Essex Marsh.

Committee on sidewalks, J. R. Talbert.

The meeting was attended by a number of citizens of the town—so many, in fact, that the seating arrangement came close to being inadequate.

WOMEN'S CLUB HAS VISITORS PRESENT

The Whitford Women's club met at the home of Mrs. H. F. Eliander on Wednesday afternoon with six visitors and twelve members present. Each member responded to roll call with a New Year's resolution.

The annual Christmas tree which was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Eliander furnished many novel surprises in the exchange of gifts. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

C. OF C. HAS FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

The Beaverton Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting of 1932 in their rooms in the bank building Wednesday evening of this week. This is the first meeting under the direction of the new president, L. R. Richey.

Past President Schultz reported a meeting of the bus companies with the public utility commissioner, a meeting scheduled for Saturday of this week, and urged that a representation from the chamber be present at the hearing to urge the desirability of the Garden Home buses coming into town instead of stopping at Lombard street according to their present practice.

The matter of deciding on some special objective to be worked for during the coming year received considerable of the attention of the meeting. President Richey stated that at a meeting to be held January 29 there would be a questionnaire handed out, and wished all members to be prepared to supply their views of what problems confronting the whole community might best be taken up and worked out.

The chamber adjourned to meet again in two weeks, on Wednesday, January 20.

NEW DURANT TO BE SHOWN AT ERICKSON'S

The Otto Erickson company is all set for the greatest year in the history of the organization, according to Roy D. Drake, who is in charge of the Durant car and International truck lines for the local coast.

According to Drake, the 1932 Durant production and sales program is exceptionally attractive from the standpoint of the buyer. It offers the public one of the greatest values in the history of automotive production.

Drake would not disclose the specifications of the new models and he refused to announce the prices. He did say, however, that the new Durant would be in the same price range with the car that is today leading the world in sales.

Drake also announced that the motoring public will have opportunity to view the new Durant models at the Otto Erickson and Company show rooms at the same time as the coming Portland Automobile show the latter part of this month.

MEETING OF "THREE LINKS" TO BE HELD

The Three Link association will meet here in Beaverton on Friday evening, January 22. This association holds an open meeting quarterly with some of the I.O.O.F. lodges in Washington county.

Beaverton lodge No. 252, I.O.O.F. and Beaverton Rebekah lodge No. 248 will be host and hostess for the meeting this month.

Committees from the several lodges in the county are busy preparing a program for the occasion which promises to be well worth hearing.

The meetings of this association are open to the public, there being no ritualistic work done nor any charge for admission. There is, however, a silver offering taken to help defray the expense of the meeting. Everybody interested in fraternal work of any sort is cordially invited to be present.

CARL LIERMAN HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Carl Lierman, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lierman, celebrated his 13th birthday last Thursday, December 31, with a party for a number of his boy friends. Games and refreshments provided the fun for those present, who were as follows:

Hastings Denney, Gene Brown, Jimmie Miller, Carl Beach, Francis Fluke, Bruce Clement, Alfred Galoway, Richard Smith, Bob Engelke, Jack Marsh, David Mason, Le Roy Kilander, Bill Dodson.

Carl was the recipient of many nice gifts.

SILENTLY PASSING

Mrs. Mabel Harrison of Portland, wife of Rev. C. H. Harrison, who is state superintendent of Congregational churches, died at the Emanuel hospital January 1st after a few days' illness. The remains were taken to Mrs. Harrison's old home in St. Johns, New Brunswick, for burial.

Number Of Accidents Occur In This Vicinity

Two Accidents Occurred At
Intersection of Cedar St.
and Canyon Road

STATEMENTS MADE

Car In Accident On old Canyon
Road Is Sold For Junk

A very serious automobile accident occurred at the intersection of Canyon Road with Cedar street Friday evening, New Year's night, at about 6:00 o'clock. A Packard car driven by M. King of Aloha was approaching from the east and a Ford travelling north along Cedar St.

The driver of the Ford insists that he stopped before getting very near to the crossing and seeing nothing in the way started up again. King, seeing the car coming onto the highway says that he "stepped on it" to get in ahead of the Ford.

His front end was clear, all right, but the rear wheel caught the bumper of the Ford and snapped it off, one connecting iron being broken at the bumper and the other at its junction with the frame of the car.

The Packard went entirely out of control, skidded and turned around, coming to a halt with its wheels in the air headed back the way it was coming from. The occupants, A. J. Gerrow, Mrs. Dickson, and Mrs. King, were all very badly cut and bruised. These three were taken to a Portland hospital.

King, the driver of the car, seemed to have escaped injury. In the reports of the accident on the Canyon road at Beaverton New Year's day the following statements were made:

"I was driving west on the highway. Car No. 2, driving north across the highway, struck my left rear wheel. I drove about 18 inches off the highway to try and clear Car No. 2." Mat King.

(In these statements Car No. 1 is the car driven by the man making the statement, Car No. 2 the other car involved in the accident.)

"While going north on the Cedar Mill road I came to complete stop, shifted to low, and started to cross highway; Car No. 2 so far away as to appear safe, and driving on wrong side of road, collided with front of my car and rolled over several times. Driver admitted he speeded up." Louis Curletto.

Statements regarding accident on Monday noon at same place:

"I was going from Portland to Hillsboro, traveling about 25 miles an hour. Car No. 2, coming from Hillsboro, went to turn across highway, and hit Car No. 1 on the left front wheel, damaging both cars." John A. Campbell.

"In turning off highway onto Cedar St. was struck in front by a car driven by John A. Campbell. My car completely turned around. Both cars damaged. No one hurt." Wayne Lytle, Cornelius (age 19).

A car driven by Jess Riley of Beaverton, and one with G. E. Abbott of Hillsboro at the wheel collided in an accident which occurred just west of Beaverton. No one was injured.

In an accident at Beaverton junction on December 27 at 12:30 p.m. Harold J. Cooke attempted to cross to the old Canyon road; a car driven by Fred Lesser of Hillsboro is said to have cut in ahead of the Cooke car; the car driven by Cooke overturned, pinning the driver beneath. The car was sold for junk to Stipe's Garage. Lesser is said to have admitted that he was at fault.

BEAVERTON GRANGE TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Beaverton Grange will meet Saturday for their regular session. The afternoon meeting will be given over for the installation ceremonies, which will be conducted by Deputy S. H. Edwards of Corvallis. It is desired that a good crowd be present.

W. Cracker Explains The Word "Vacancy" To B. Tonian

"Well, I see that the new city council has been sworn in and have taken their places and duly prepared themselves to be sworn in for the rest of the year," volunteered W. Cracker.

"Yes," said B. Tonian, "Except that I hear that one Mr. Lewis refused to be sworn in and therefore refused to appear and he was sworn in, thus leaving a vacancy in one of the places of honor."

"You seem to forget, retorted W. Cracker, "That the charter provides that when a new councilman fails to qualify that the old one remains in his place. That leaves Doc Talbert."

just as much a Councilman as he ever was; and therefore I maintain that there is no vacancy. The Council is complete and there will be no vacancies except in event of some alderman being murdered or being driven to insanity or resignation by their constituents."

"Then you mean that the Council can't appoint anyone to take Talbert's place?" queried B. Tonian. "Of course not," answered W. Cracker with a faint indication of a smile on his face. "If a man is sitting in a chair, you can't very well say that the chair is vacant, can you? That would be an insult to Doc Talbert."

The Holidays Are Over



The End Of The Dry Cycle Is Foreseen For Oregon

Oregon's climatic dry cycle, which has continued with more or less severity for 10 years and which has been acute the last two years, appears definitely broken. A check up of the year's rainfall together with present conditions throughout the state shows the most favorable moisture condition from an agricultural standpoint in the last decade, report men of the soils department of the Oregon State college Experiment station.

Weather records at Corvallis show that the rainfall there for 1931 was 39.50 inches as compared with 23.69 inches in 1930 and 24.45 in 1929.

The present normal for the calendar year at the experiment station is 40.92, having been lowered somewhat by the long succession of dry years.

More significant, in the opinion of the soils men, is the fact that for the rainfall or crop year starting last September 1, the total to January 1 this season is 21.41 inches compared with 9.10 inches last year. While these figures would not apply throughout the state, the comparative difference exists elsewhere, indicating a much better moisture supply for crops than for many years past.