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School Warrants And Taxes Are Discussed

Suggests School Taxes Be Paid Before Others, If Money Is Scarce

SCHOOLS IMPORTANT

Relation Between Crime and Lack of Education Is Shown

C. E. Mason

Tuesday of this week an Oregonian headline and front page article stated that the teachers of Portland had a "payless summer" facing them. We see such statements coming from cities all over Oregon. Teachers for the past two years have been paid not in cashable warrants as heretofore, but in warrants that either cannot be cashed for want of funds, or may be cashed at a liberal discount of 5% or more. Schools in the state of Oregon are really facing a financial crisis because taxes are not being paid. This should not be allowed to go on, and the people of every community should make a supreme effort to pay school taxes at least, though other taxes are left unpaid.

In our own Beaverton community at present we have approximately \$18,000 in outstanding warrants which cannot be paid for "want of funds". Unless there is a very marked improvement in the tax situation our warrant indebtedness does not stand much chance of being reduced below that figure, but may advance to a still greater amount. This presents rather a discouraging outlook for those in our own community who are vitally interested in education. We cannot view the situation with complacency for many reasons. If for no other reason, the relationship between education and crime would lead us to do our utmost for our schools. Crime costs America \$16,000,000 yearly in the maintenance of prisons, officers, etc. Of the vast army of crooks and inmates of our prisons only 3.1% of all attended college, 11% attended high school, 74.3% attended grade school in whole or in part, and 11.6% attended no school at all. These figures from a report of the U. S. Dept. of Justice would teach us that there must be a direct relationship between illiteracy and crime. The surest way to help check crime, and the growth of criminal instincts in our youth, is to give them a chance to become educated.

Let us maintain our schools at all costs in our Beaverton community. A number of tax payers recently have paid school taxes and have not paid other taxes. There may be many in our district who, like these few, can pay a part of their taxes, and who do not at present know that they can pay school taxes only. In such cases it is legitimate to pay your school tax alone, and allow other taxes to wait. This should be done.

There is no other department of our local government so vital or important as our school system. Will interested tax payers please give this mature consideration, and make every effort, even at a sacrifice, to pay your school tax?

There is no wish to imply that other taxes should not be paid; but our schools are of far greater importance than good roads, for example. Select the most important thing first and use your money for that purpose. The less important matters can be paid later. We need money for our schools right now and every patriot should respond.

NEW MEMBER CHOSEN FOR FAIR BOARD

R. M. Banks of Banks and H. T. Hesse of Scholls were appointed members of the Washington county fair board by the county court Monday of this week. Mr. Banks is to serve for three years, and Mr. Hesse for one. C. D. Minton of Forest Grove, and Ed L. Moore, secretary, of Hillsboro, are the other members of the board.

CARNATION CONDENSERY IS RE-OPENED

After being closed two and one-half months, the Carnation milk condensery at Hillsboro resumed operations Wednesday with C. T. Richardson manager. Machinery in the plant has been repaired, and two new machines have been installed during the period it was closed.

A large crowd attended the dance at Aloha Saturday night.

THIRTY COUNTIES NOW HAVE AGENTS

More counties in Oregon than ever before will have the services of county agents this year, reports F. L. Ballard, county agent leader, following completion of county budgets throughout the state. Thirty of the 36 counties have definitely arranged for agents, with Columbia county still endeavoring to raise the necessary match money by private subscription. Gilliam and Sherman counties have added agents, while Jefferson has joined with Crook in engaging one.

Because of the vital connection between the extension agents and the work of the Agricultural Adjustment administration, one or two other counties are contemplating engaging agents, following decision of the AAA not to continue the practice of supplying emergency agents as was done during the wheat campaign.

Partly because of the responsibility placed on the agricultural staff of the Oregon State college in bringing to Oregon the benefits under the various federal efforts in behalf of agriculture, the complete staff of the extension service, experiment stations and instructional division held a state wide conference at Corvallis last week.

Fears that the program of the AAA would bring an "army of federal agents" to put the plans into effect and enforce their provisions have not been borne out, largely because the national administration turned to the existing forces connected with the land grant colleges to meet the emergency.

Meanwhile the college forces have been called upon to direct three projects under the CWA, one concerned with surveying rural home building conditions; one with a survey of delinquent tax and mortgage foreclosure conditions, and a third with the past experience with subsistence homesteads in this state.

C. W. A. FUNDS PROVIDE CITY SERVICE

Material for a complete reference bureau and library on municipal government will be compiled and made readily available by the Bureau of Municipal Research of the University of Oregon, it was announced by Herman Kehrl, director of the bureau and executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities. Funds to provide for six assistants to complete the work have been obtained from the Civil Works Administration.

All cities in Oregon are requested to cooperate with the bureau so that the compilation may be as complete as possible. Copies of budgets, methods of raising revenue, especially other than taxation and other information will be sought from all municipalities.

The bureau will analyze all city budgets and compile comparative data. In this way each city will be able to compare its expenditures, income, and other items with other municipalities and the information is expected to be of great value.

Statements will be obtained from all county assessors on the delinquent taxes of the cities, and tax indebtedness will also be included in the studies. Records for the past 10 years will be used.

The project is hailed by officials as one of the most valuable ever made, and many cities are expected to reap substantial benefit from it.

NEWS-TIMES WINS NEWSPAPER TROPHY

The Washington County News-Times, of Forest Grove, published by Hugh McGilvra, was awarded the Sigma Delta Chi fraternity trophy as the "best weekly newspaper in Oregon" at the annual Oregon Press conference held at the University of Oregon this week.

Honorable mention was awarded the Newberg Scribe, published by Don Woodman; the Hillsboro Argus, published by Verne C. McKinney; the Redmond Spokesman, published by Joe C. Brown, and the Myrtle Point Herald, published by R. L. Tucker. A certificate of merit was presented to the Hood River News and its publisher, Hugh G. Ball, last year's winner of the trophy.

(Editor's note: Hurrah for Washington County! With the first prize and an honorable mention, it is the only county with more than one paper mentioned, and, lest we forget Don Woodman of the Newberg Scribe received his early training in the office of the Beaverton Review.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Janssen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Welch at the Masonic and Eastern Star home Sunday, in honor of Mrs. Welch's birthday.

R. Frank Peters To Run For Circuit Judge

Wishes to Succeed Judge Bagley, Who Wishes to be Supreme Court Judge

WELL KNOWN HERE

He Is A Native of Washington County, Born on a Dairy farm

Word has just been received from the County Seat that R. Frank Peters of the firm of Hare, McAlair & Peters will be a candidate for circuit judge to succeed Judge Geo. Bagley, who has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for a judge of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Peters is well and favorably known in this vicinity. He is a native son of Washington county, a graduate of Hillsboro high school, Pacific University of Forest Grove, and the University of Oregon law school. He was a member of the Oregon Legislature from Washington county from 1929 to 1933, and is now a trustee and the treasurer of Pacific University, the chairman of the Hillsboro school board, and also chairman for the Boy Scout Court of Honor for his district.

Born on a Washington county dairy farm, he knows what it is to milk cows, drive horses, and do other of the various farm activities. Since 1910 he has been engaged in the practice of law and is recognized as one of the best if not the best, counsel in this section. His genial smile, his hearty hand clasp, his readiness to render service where ever and whenever it is required, have won him many friends both within and without his profession.

LADIES' STUDY CLASS IS WELL ATTENDED

The Congregational ladies missionary study class was well attended Thursday morning; twenty-five were present. Mrs. J. F. Felsher had charge of the devotional service, and gave an interesting resume of "The Woman of India" by G. S. Dutt. Mrs. Myrtle Haines had a paper on "Turkish Girls at Work and at Play". Mrs. W. J. Crane's talk on "In and Out of Turkey" was well given.

A pot-luck lunch was served at noon. The afternoon was spent sewing for the needy. One box was filled and delivered.

WHITFORD WOMAN'S CLUB HAS MEETING

The Whitford Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. B. F. Templeton on the Progress Road, last Wednesday. All members but two were present. Each responded to roll call on various subjects which brought forth friendly discussion. The hostess served a delicious lunch during which much visiting was indulged in. Mrs. W. F. Spriggle presented an interesting stunt with Mrs. J. Johnson as winner in the contest.

Card of Thanks

We wish to make known to our many friends our appreciation of their kindness in our recent sorrow. Mrs. Mabel Harrison and family

OBITUARY

WILLIAM HENRY MEIERJURGEN

After 30 years' residence on Hillsboro, route 1, William Henry Meierjurgan, 63, died Sunday. He was born February 22, 1870, in Germany and came to the United States in 1888.

Surviving are his widow, Anna; two sons and two daughters, William Kenneth, Hillsboro, Patience May and Wilma, at home, and Herman Roscoe at John Day, Or. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hillsboro.

FERDINAND POSE

Ferdinand Pose, 90, cut kindling wood Sunday night for exercise, as was his custom. Monday morning he was found dead in bed. He had been living for four years with his daughter, Mrs. Louise Brunner, near Oregon City.

He was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1899. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Beaver Creek Congregational church near Oregon City.

WILLIS G. CLARK

Willis G. Clark, aged 83, of Aloha died of brain disease at 3:00 a.m. Wednesday morning at his home.

Mr. Clark was born at Hebron, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood, receiving a good education in the common schools. For a time he taught school, but later went into the business of stock buying.

In July, 1884, he married Lizzie Haskins. After about twenty-two years of married life he came to Oregon for a year, stopping in Portland. On his way back to Pennsylvania, he worked for a time on an irrigation project in Montana.

In 1907 the family came to Oregon to make their home and after a stop of two years in Portland, they moved to Aloha where they have continued to live ever since. He, following the contracting and building trades most of the time for the past few years.

One son has passed to the Great Beyond. Two daughters, Mazie Hays and Hazel Gee, and the widow survive with six grand children and one great grand child.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock today, Friday, January 26, at Pegg's chapel, with interment at the Hillsboro cemetery. Rev. Redmond will conduct the services, and W. E. Pegg will have charge of the arrangements.

COUNTY HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Mrs. Saldie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, will talk on "Public Health and How to Get it Across," at the meeting of the Washington County Health Association to be held January 29th at 8 p.m. at the city hall in Cornelius. Mrs. Lottie Behrman, health chairman for Cornelius, and Mrs. Alice Brock will be hostesses.

A short executive board meeting will be held at 7:30. Mrs. Dunbar will give the work of the County health association and what local health committees can accomplish for their communities.

The remainder of the program will be given over to reports of the Tuberculosis Seal sale by Mrs. George Bauman, County chairman, tuberculosis cases in Washington county by Miss Dixon, county nurse, adoption of the constitution, and reports on immunization by localities in answer to roll call. A short meeting of local chairmen will follow.

SALES TAX MAY GIVE SCHOOL RELIEF

In order that the taxpayers and voters of Washington County might have more detailed information as to the workings of the proposed sales tax for school relief, the following explanations are given:

1. Three-fourths of the net revenue, estimated at three million dollars for the entire state, and, about \$101,000 for Washington County, will be apportioned to the various districts on the estimated basis of \$400 per class-room unit; that is, in most districts it will be \$400 per teacher actually employed. This income to the districts would be a direct off-set on the special district school-tax. Since the anticipated revenue is given as \$101,000 for the county, and since the assessed valuation is about \$24,000,000 the average reduction per district would be about 4.5 mills. Naturally, the millage reduction will vary from district to district. This ranges from a fraction of a mill to as much as seven or eight mills in others.

2. One-fourth of the net revenue estimated at one million dollars for the state and about \$22,000 for Washington County, will be deducted from the county school fund levy. This means about one mill reduction in the county school fund levy. In other words, the county school levy will be reduced from 4 mills to 3 mills. This also will be an off-set on property tax.

3. In addition to the above reductions, there will be a reduction of an average of slightly over one mill in the tax levy of the union high schools of the county, due to the \$400 per teacher received by the union high schools.

4. In the Non-High school district there will be a reduction of .9 mill, due to an off-set of about \$8500 on the levy of said district.

To determine the total tax levy reduction on any given piece of property, add the local district reduction in mills to the one-mill county school reduction. To that add the reduction of one mill if the property is in a union high school district, or .9 mill if the property is in the non-high school district. For example, a piece of property in the Oreoco Dist. No. 38, local district reduction is 3.2 mills. Add to that 1 mill for county school fund reduction and .1 mill for union high school reduction (U.H.S. No. 3). Total tax reduction is 5.3 mills. Another example: North Plains Dist. No. 70 has a reduction of 6.7 mills in local school levy plus 1 mill for county school levy, plus .9 mill for non-high school levy, a total reduction of 8.6 mills, all as an off-set on the property tax in that district.

This information was tabulated from the records of the county school superintendent's office and is given for study to the voters of the county.

This tabulation does not include so-called joint districts, which are partially in Washington County and partially in an adjoining county.

O. B. Kraus,
Co. School Supt.

SERVICES ARE HELD AT MASONIC HOME

The religious services sponsored at the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Forest Grove Sunday by Beaverton Lodge No. 100 A. F. and A. M., and Beaver Chapter No. 106 O.E.S., consisted of the following program: two numbers by the men's trio, R. C. Doty, W. H. Boswell, and E. G. Webb; solo by little 4-year-old Janet Nielsen; solo by Dr. J. R. Talbert. Mrs. R. C. Doty served as accompanist for the singers. Rev. Chas. Clarke gave the sermon.

The members of the home family were treated with little favors of candy, which were placed at their places in the dining room as a remembrance from the two organizations.

HILLSBORO TO HAVE A NEW POSTOFFICE

The new postoffice at Hillsboro will be erected at Fourth and Main streets, F. C. Holzner, postmaster, indicated when he announced the bid of the owners of the site. The lot has 99 feet on Main street, and 150 feet on Fourth.

Original plans called for 27,000 square feet of land, but at that time \$80,000 had been allotted for site and building. Since then the allotment has been cut to \$56,700. Mrs. Martha Collins was the owner of the principal block of property involved, but the bid was submitted by Mrs. Ruth Prassey Longfellow. No date for starting construction of the building has been set.

Local Kiwanis Club Celebrates Anniversary

Initiation Ceremonies Are Held for Dr. Mason, New Member

ANGELL IS SPEAKER

Next Meeting Will Be a Joint One, Held At the County Seat

The nineteenth anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International was celebrated by the Beaverton club at the Beaverton community building Wednesday evening January 24 with more Beaverton people present than have before ever attended a meeting of this sort here. Nearly 50 plates were laid and with the exception of the speaker and his wife, everyone was from this town.

The program was in charge of L. R. Richey, chairman of the Kiwanis education committee. The principal address was delivered by George Angell, past president of the Portland Kiwanis club.

Before the principal address initiatory ceremonies were held for Dr. C. E. Mason who was duly obligated into the club. The first part of the initiation was conducted by L. R. Richey who reminded Doctor of his surgical ability and that lack of suitable instruments kept him from carrying on his work. Mr. Richey then presented the Doctor with a 30-inch meat saw, a big butchers carving knife, and a 10-inch cleaver. The club responded with roars of merriment. Charlie Clark, pastor of the Congregational church here, administered the obligation, and placed the decoration on the new member.

Not the least of the success of the evening was due to the exhibition of a Beaverton industry just getting under way. Mrs. V. L. Conklin and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Davis who live in what is known as the Hocken house displayed a fine exhibition of articles made from the wool of Angora rabbits. Mrs. Davis explained the interesting features of the exhibit to all interested, while Mrs. Conklin busied herself spinning the wool into yarn on an old fashioned spinning wheel—not the big spinning wheel that in our grandmothers day was used to make yarn from the carded wool, but the smaller size, the so-called flax wheel, run with a treadle by foot, but whose spindle revolved fast enough to make the fingers fly.

Next week Beaverton Kiwanis joins with Tigard Lions Club, Forest Grove Rotary Club, and Hillsboro Rotary in a joint meeting at the county seat Thursday at 6:30 p.m. A special and interesting program has been prepared.

At the close of the meeting, an announcement was made about a card party to be given in the Beaverton Community building for the benefit of the building fund. This is the building occupied by the Kiwanis club.

MISS WEST LEADS BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Thirty young people were in attendance at the Bible Study class at the R. B. McMinn home, Saturday evening. Miss Ruth West had charge of the program, and took her Scripture reading from the 11th chapter of Genesis. W. E. Garnett was in charge of the lesson study.

An added feature of the meeting was the organizing of an orchestra with Mrs. W. E. Garnett as leader. The orchestra will be composed as follows: violins, Ione Widing and Charles West; guitars, Miriam Doty and R. B. McMinn; saxophone, Curtis Gumm; baritone sax, Melvin Gumm; mandolin, Arnold Garnett; trombone, Bob Denney; and piano, Lois West.

CO. I.O.O.F. CONVENTION TO MEET HERE

At the meeting of Beaverton Lodge of Oddfellows, Monday evening, March 29 was set as the date when the Washington County Convention of Oddfellows will meet at Beaverton. It is expected that Grand Master of Oregon, Geo. P. Winslow will be present.

This convention will be made up of delegates from all the lodges in this county and rather a large gathering is expected.

