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Statehouse Gossip

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While Governor Martin took a much-deserved four day vacation after he had killed more than five per cent of the bills passed by the legislature with his mighty veto pen, speculation was again rife as to what changes he would make upon his return to the capitol the first of this week. But our guess is little will be done at the moment.

Even should the Governor begin at once to place men of his own choice into administrative seats, it was predicted the major changes he would make could be counted on the fingers of both hands. Other than board of control changes, there are few others remaining which could be altered by the Governor alone.

And speaking of vetoes, immediately after his disapproving the so-called Grange Power bill, which eventually would put many of the private utilities out of business, the state tax commission issued a statement showing that utilities and railroads in Oregon pay nearly seven million dollars taxes a year to maintain governments. This is 17 per cent of all taxes paid, or one-sixth.

As the federal congress passed the largest single appropriation measure in the history of the world—the \$4,800,000,000 relief bill—Oregon's own relief investigation got under way and will continue for the next month. E. A. McCormack of Eugene is chairman and offices are being maintained in the Oregon building in Portland where all complaints will be received and considered.

While complaints are numerous, observers at the State Capitol declare nothing irregular in the administration of the more than \$10,000,000 relief funds the past year would be found. The administration in Oregon has been declared among the best in the United States. Complaints will always be heard. What the investigation will accomplish however would probably be recommendations for a more thorough check on funds so that the government could check more readily.

The Oregon legislature should be complimented upon what it did not do. For emphasis let's refer to the Washington legislature where the entire 66 day session appears as a comedy of errors, delays and wholesale expenditure of public funds. And the mess may not be straightened out for some time.

The Oregon assembly itself killed outright 400 of the 941 bills introduced, while 67 others died in committees. This is better than half of the total, showing many petty and radical proposals thrown into the discard. And of the laws enacted, only 163 were additional statutes, 219 amended or correct present laws 19 repealed old statutes, while 48 constituted the more than \$13,000,000 appropriation items. Not so bad at all.

D. O. Hood, who accepted the job as budget director during the legislature, left last week for New York on personal business. He stated before he left his full time job was completed, but he would continue on part time basis until he had completed the budgetary control set-up for the Governor, the property control system requested by the legislature, and the standardization of state salaries.

Instead of abolishing the budget department, the business has been increased. Instead of two employees or officials, it now will have five in addition to Mr. Hood. Carl Cover was named by Hood as chief clerk, but the attorney general ruled the Governor was the only one with power to make such an appointment. Whether or not the choice stands was not known.

Some members of the news staff at the State Capitol have made many guesses as to new appointments—but to date they have only been guesses. Unless there are definite trends, your writer will not venture pure rumor. To date all predictions in these columns have been borne out accurately and there is no desire to deviate now.

The Governor already has gone quite a distance in perfecting his administration. Appointments made by him included Frank McColloch, as utility commissioner; two new members to the liquor control board; five or an entire new game commission; five or an entire new game commission; four new members to the state relief committee, giving him control; and he was now desiring a new highway commission to replace Carl Washburne of Eugene, who desires to resign.

Appointments by the board of control to date have consisted of a new secretary and purchasing agent, Dan Frye of Salem, and the reappointment of three institutional heads—James Lewis, warden at the penitentiary; Dr. R. E. Lee Stiner, superintendent of the insane hospital at Salem and Dr. W. D. McNary as superintendent of the hospital at Pendleton.

The board, of which the governor is chairman and the secretary of state and state treasurer are members, still

TO CONSOLE HAUPTMANN



Dr. D. G. Werner, pastor of the Advent Lutheran church of 150th street, the Bronx, New York, pictured for the first time after he had been selected as the religious adviser to Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the convicted murderer of the Lindbergh baby. Doctor Werner will console Hauptmann during the latter's stay in New Jersey state prison at Trenton.

Washington-Yamhill County Tennis League Formed

Formation of a two-county tennis conference was started at a meeting in Forest Grove on Friday. James Miller, local representative at the meeting, said today. A schedule for six schools in the league was worked out. Schools included in the Washington-Yamhill county league are Newberg, McMinnville, Banks, Forest Grove, Beaverton and Tigard.

The schedule is: April 5, Forest Grove at Beaverton, Banks at Newberg and McMinnville at Tigard. April 12, Beaverton at Newberg, Banks at McMinnville, Tigard at Forest Grove. April 17, Tigard at Beaverton, Forest Grove at Banks, McMinnville at Beaverton, Forest Grove at Newberg, Tigard at Banks. April 24, Banks at Beaverton, McMinnville at Forest Grove, Newberg at Tigard. April 26, Beaverton at Tigard, Banks at Forest Grove, Newberg at McMinnville. May 1, Newberg at Beaverton, McMinnville at Banks, Forest Grove at Tigard. May 3, Beaverton at Banks, Forest Grove at McMinnville, Tigard at Newberg. May 8, Beaverton at McMinnville, Newberg at Forest Grove, Banks at Tigard. May 10, Beaverton at Forest Grove, Newberg at Banks, McMinnville at Tigard.

Plans were also laid for an individual championship tournament here May 17 and 18. Each school could enter a doubles team and singles players. Arrangements for girls' games and mixed doubles in the tournament were also considered.

County C. E. Convention Rally Scheduled April 7 At Forest Grove

Something different in entertainment for members of Christian Endeavor societies is planned at the rally to be held at Forest Grove Christian church Sunday, April 7. Members will have the opportunity of having the best pot luck dinner given at a C. E. rally.

The state convention booster is expected to attend and boost for the convention which will be held at The Dalles, the middle of April. A number of local C. E. members are planning on attending the convention this year. Miss Dorothy Howes of Forest Grove heads the local rally committee.

Funeral Services Held For Katherine Kotewa

Funeral services were held Monday from the Battle Ground Catholic church for Mrs. Katherine J. Kotewa, 50, who died at her home in Heilison, Wash. Mrs. Kotewa was born at Beaverton, Ore., in 1885, and lived in Portland for 20 years. Before going to Heilison 14 years ago, she was a resident of Tigard, Oregon. Surviving her are the widower, Jacob; two sons, John and Frank, of Heilison; three daughters, Mrs. Owen Moore, of Portland, Eleanor and Clara at home; her mother, Mrs. Victoria Kosmalki, in Beaverton, Ore., and four sisters and one brother.

What do They Say? Mark Twain said a cauliflower is a cabbage with a college education. Pete Van De Hey says "A dill pickle makes me smile." Cecil Barnes says "I'll take Mobilgas!"

Former Councilman Better

The friends of Frederick Koshland will be pleased to know that Fred is recovering from an attack of the flu. Mr. Koshland was a member of the town council during 1933 and took an active interest in beautifying the parking opposite the Cady building on Front street, also was sponsor for the new band stand east of the postoffice for future band concerts for Beaverton.

Easter Cards Browns Pharmacy.

Hazeldale Club to give Program and Basket Social Saturday Nite

Hazeldale Community club will sponsor a program and basket social at the schoolhouse this Saturday evening at 8 p. m. The proceeds will be used to furnish the new kitchen. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be sold at a small charge. A fine program has been arranged including a talk on "Radio from the Inside" by Art Kirkham, chief announcer of KOIN. Dale McFarlane of Aloha, will sing, and the Reedville Boy's Quartet will present a group of songs. Al Jelderke will auction the baskets.

J. R. Talbert District Chairman of Housing Act

Preliminary plans for an organization of the merchants and allied interests of Beaverton, was held Monday at the local Kiwanis hall. Another such meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1st, to further discuss plans whereby local folks may take advantage of the Federal Housing campaign which starts April 1st.

Dr. J. R. Talbert has been appointed district chairman for Beaverton and T. G. Brownlee of Hillsboro, chairman for Washington county. C. E. Mabee of Aloha, is in charge of the house to house canvass to acquaint persons with the plans of this project. Circulars explaining how this money may be obtained are now available.

Persons desiring to apply for these funds to repair, paint or construct a new home, can get full information from Dr. Talbert of Beaverton, who will explain the necessary steps to secure this government aid.

Farm Problems Subject For Newcomers Meeting Saturday at Hillsboro

Newcomers to Washington County will again meet to discuss farm problems Saturday afternoon, March 30, at 1:30 p. m. at the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Two weeks ago approximately 40 newcomers met and discussed farm crops with D. D. Hill of the farm crops department of the Oregon State college and Wm. F. Cyrus, county agent. At the request of those present this second meeting is being held.

At the meeting this coming Saturday, berry and tree fruit crops, varieties, cultural practices and markets will be discussed by county agent Cyrus. Henry Hagg, prominent local dairyman at Reedville, will discuss dairying. L. E. Francis, assistant county agent, will also participate in the program as well as possibly one or two other local people.

All newcomers to the county are welcome to attend the meeting.

Beaverton Woman Observes 85th Birthday Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hughson of Beaverton, entertained thirty-three relatives with a potluck dinner Sunday honoring her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis on her eighty-fifth birthday anniversary.

The house was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape and daffodils.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, of North Plains, Maude Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis and Bill Dietrich, of Portland; Bill Guyton, of Forest Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Davis, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Francis Livermore and Anna Hyland of Beaverton. The following grandchildren: Myrtle Livermore, Robert, Vincent, and Myrtle Davis, Harvey and Delores Hugson, all of Beaverton; Genevieve Guyton, Harold and Lois Shearer of Forest Grove; Arthur, Pat and Margaret Davis of North Plains. Great grandchildren Eddie Davis, Ronald, Davis, Betty Mahler and Lois Livermore.

Harvey Hughson entertained the guests with selections on his guitar, during the afternoon which was enjoyed playing cards and checkers. All departed in the early evening wishing Mrs. Davis many more happy birthdays.

County P. T. A. Take Part in State Safety Campaign

The executive board of the Washington County Council P. T. A. met at the home of the president, Mrs. Allen Knight, at Forest Grove, Friday March 22. The plans and material have been received for the state-wide campaign for safety.

Other business of the board was transacted and in co operation with the program committee, of which Mrs. Robert Nixon of Forest Grove is chairman, a very interesting and valuable program was planned for the meeting at Sherwood, April 13. Mrs. Knight served a delicious luncheon.

Yamhill County Agent New Agricultural Head

Solon T. White, Yamhill County Agent for several years, was appointed Wednesday by Gov. Martin to succeed Max Gehlar as director of the state department of agriculture. He will take office April 1st. Mr. Gehlar resigned from the position January 14.

Now Deaf May Hear Through the Skin



Prof. Robert H. Gault of Northwestern university demonstrates his tractor on Harry Goddard, who is deaf, as Mrs. John A. Wolfer looks on. Doctor Gault's device, representing eleven years of research, works on the vacuum tube principle of the radio. Amplified sound waves are transmitted to the finger tips through a metal disk, enabling the deaf to hear through the skin.

Kiwanis Club Start Work on Tree Planting Here

The Kiwanis club has begun the tree planting on Second Street and Watson Street. One hundred trees will be planted in this unit and it is hoped that the club will be able to raise funds to continue the planting on Watson street as far as the town limits, Allen Ave. Also to plant shrubs at the east entrance to the town. The trees will probably be planted early next week and if you wish trees for your own use you may obtain them at wholesale price from the Washco Feed Co's store, only while the trees are being hauled to Beaverton, after the trees are here the full retail price will be charged. These trees are the Prunus Bilianna, commonly called Japanese flowering plum.

Gillette Amidon Passes Away at Modesto, Cal.

Word reached Beaverton Thursday of the death of Gillette Amidon, of Modesto, Cal., due to flu and other complications setting in. Mr. Amidon and Miss Vivian Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris, formerly of Beaverton, now of Sacramento, Cal., were married December 27th. Mrs. Amidon's brother Robert Harris and wife, accompanied by Benny Germerique, left Friday by motor for California to attend the funeral services.

Rebekahs will Convene at Forest Grove Wednesday

The district convention of Rebekah Lodges will be held Wednesday April 3d in the Forest Grove Grange hall. Hosts for the occasion are members of Forest Lodge No. 44.

Oddfellows to Convene at Tigard Friday Night

Oddfellows of Washington county will meet at Tigard tonight (Friday) for their semi-annual convention. L. M. Erickson of Tigard, is president of the convention. Different lodges of the county are expected to participate in the work of the convention.

BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS

Bankruptcy petitions filed Tuesday in federal court were: Otto Erickson, implement dealer, Beaverton, liabilities, \$26,156, assets \$21,375 Otto Erickson & Co., Beaverton, liabilities \$24,180, assets \$9,291; Len A. Pierce, truck driver, Independence liabilities \$493, assets none.

Tax Facts

Those who advocate government ownership of railroads and utilities should study the following facts:

In 1934 in Oregon, electric companies, joint utilities and electric railways paid \$2,649,073.96 in taxes or 6.37 per cent of the total tax load.

Steam railroads, express companies and tank car companies paid \$3,157,899.27 or 7.60 per cent of all taxes.

Telephone and telegraph companies paid \$970,737.56 or 2.33 per cent of the total bill.

Privately owned water and gas companies paid \$569,116.07 or 1.37 per cent of all taxes.

The total utility tax payment was \$7,346,626.86 or 17.67 per cent of all taxes paid.

Should all public utilities be placed under government ownership and operation they would be removed from the tax rolls. Who then would be forced to carry the burden? The home owner, the building owner, the farmer.

Metzger Wins Declamation Contest Championship Three Consecutive Years

Metzger school walked away with the declamation championship for the third consecutive year, when they were awarded the trophy, in the finals held at Hillsboro, March 15th. They also took the pennant for medium sized schools while Hillsboro stood first for larger schools and Tualatin View for the smaller.

County champions were as follows: Division I—Dramatic, Naomi Canby of Buxton; Humorous, Lee Mooter of Metzger. Division II—Dramatic, Cloyce Bump of Hillsboro; Humorous, Delores Anderson of Hillsboro. Division III—Dramatic, Alister Smith of Tualatin View; Humorous, Lois Brannock of Cornelius; Oratorical, John B. Ream, Jr. of Metzger.

Other place winners were as follows: Division I—Dramatic, Pauline Vershun of Metzger, second, and Joan Lowell of Beaverton, third. Humorous, Donald Miller of Tualatin View, second, and Robert Meyers, of Beaverton, third. Division II—Dramatic, Shirley Hewitt of Tualatin View, second, and Oleta Wright, third. Humorous, Bobby Williams of Metzger, second, and Evelyn Kidder of Tualatin View, third. Division III—Dramatic, June Boswell of Beaverton, second, and Maelyn Stewart of Metzger, third. Humorous, Ardis Ellingson of Hillsboro, second, and Bertha Baggenstos, of Bend, third. Oratorical, Kenneth Kidd of Tualatin View, second, and Veldon Boge of Beaverton, third.

Bethel No. 18 to Install Here Saturday Evening

Bethel No. 18 of Beaverton, will be installed and installed Saturday evening at 7:30 at the Masonic hall, by Victory Bethel No. 2 Daughters of Job, All Masons and Eastern Star members and others eligible to Eastern Star membership are welcome to

Miss Genevieve Carter Bride Elect Given Shower

A bridal shower was given Miss Genevieve Carter at the Congregational church Saturday afternoon by members of the Beaverton Grange and the Ladies Aid of the church.

Table decorations were of pink with a centerpiece depicting a bride in bridal array. Mrs. Doy Gray and Mrs. C. Hastings poured.

Miss Carter was the recipient of many lovely gifts. Grange members presenting her with a combination toaster, waffle iron and grille. Mrs. Christensen, master of the order, presented the gift, paying a high tribute to Miss Carter and her mother.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday when Miss Carter will become the wife of Clarence Palm of Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. M. C. McKecher entertained with a dinner Wednesday honoring Miss Carter. Guests included Mrs. Louise Carter, and daughter Genevieve, Mrs. John Dobbins and Mrs. Walter Van Kieck.

McCready Lumber Co. Offers Special Prices

The McCready Lumber Co. offers many special prices on material for those who plan to build, repair or paint.

In the near future a canvasser of the Federal Housing administration will make a special call on every resident and business man in Washington County. See Mr. Peck for an estimate on materials needed before applying for loan. He will be glad to advise.

Third Party Predicted in 1936 Race

Roosevelt Popularity Shows Signs of Slipping—Vote Depends on Recovery

According to all signs, the Presidential campaign of 1936 is likely to make that of 1932—which was considered exceptionally bitter—look like a tea party. Issues are forming, forces are appearing, that are entirely unprecedented in American politics.

It seems inevitable that there will be a third party in the field—and it seems equally inevitable that that party will be of the extreme left. It may be led by Huey Long, backed by Father Coughlin, and use as its appeal the "Every man a King" thesis. It may be led by a Townsend Plan advocate, promising prosperity for all through governmental largesse to the aged. It may be led by someone who stands for something we haven't yet heard of.

Few think that the third party candidate would win—the Electoral College system of counting votes for the Presidency makes that practically impossible, as Roosevelt the first discovered, and as La Follette the elder did after him. The third party's importance lies in what effect it will have on the vote obtained by the regular Republican and Democratic party candidates—and therein is an opportunity for endless conjecture.

Backers of the President pooh-pooh the third party, say he is certain to win a sweeping victory in '36 whether the movement materializes or not. Opponents of the President hold that the third party would draw millions of votes that would otherwise go to Mr. Roosevelt, would thus indirectly cause the election of a conservative Republican, who would have support of most business men, together with the party's established following.

It was that aspect of the question which General Johnson spoke on in his amazing speech of a fortnight ago. Whatever you think of the General's views, you have to admit he has courage, he isn't afraid to speak his mind. In his speech, he made a bitter attack on Long and Coughlin and all they stood for. Then he turned and lashed the conservatives who might encourage them in order to draw support away from Roosevelt and split the liberal-radical camp. General Johnson said that such political opportunism pushes the American democracy steadily toward "a licking or a dictator." It is an interesting fact that, following the speech, the General's views were heartily endorsed in many substantial quarters—including newspapers, public men and industrialists.

A question of the hour is, How does Mr. Roosevelt's strength compare to what it was a year ago? The answer made by boiling down the opinion of a legion of observers, is that he is slipping—but that he still has the confidence of the bulk of the voters. That of course, doesn't answer the question of how far he may slip—or have regained or added strength—by next year. That, in turn, is going to depend on the state of recovery.

At the present time, the recovery program has failed in various important particulars—and, in addition, it has become confused with the reform program. Unemployment soars. More people are on relief than ever. Industry is sitting still, and many leaders seem pessimistic. A belief is prevalent that the President's program has lost direction—that it is whirling around in circles, is going nowhere.

It is that fact which supports the hopes of third party radicals—they feel that the people, if they see the failure of a more moderate program, will go for one that is really left-wing. And the conservatives, strangely enough, base their hopes on exactly the same thing—they believe that a Roosevelt collapse would send voters scurrying back to the right-wing of economic thought.

What is right? Guess as much as you like—but don't bet on it.

State 4-H Club Leader Visits County Groups

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state 4-H club leader, visited all girls' clubs in the county this week, at which time she outlined club activities and showed various sewing and cooking exhibits.

Visitations made in the eastern end of the county were: Wednesday Sherwood, Tualatin, Durham, in the morning; Bend and Tigard in the afternoon. On Thursday Miss Cowgill called on clubs at Hazeldale, Aloha-Huber, Beaverton, Garden Home, and Metzger.

Washington county 4-H club leaders will gather at the Hillsboro Junior high school Saturday, March 30th for an all day meeting. Club problems and programs will be discussed. A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon.

Tobias Larson, Claremont (California) Courier. The administration, in bringing forth these codes, announced the purpose of doing away with "chiseling." The Federal government is now the biggest "chiseler" of all.

Largest results are obtained by a small classified ad.