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Going Back And Work Mother Earth

Babson Believes In Back-To-Farm Movement

Savannah, Ga., March 1—Naturally I get many letters from readers of this column. Just recently I received a most interesting letter from G. C. Konkler of Mena, Arkansas, telling of his personal experiences. He had lost his city job during the depression and had to decide between going back to the land or going onto relief. He chose the former and drifted to the enterprising town of Mena in the Ouachita Mountains, just a stone's throw from the Oklahoma line—there he and his family started again with absolutely nothing—just as did the Pilgrims when they landed on the shores of Massachusetts Bay in 1620.

Of course, his family had no money for movies, radio, or gasoline. They built their own hut out of cast off boxes and other waste materials on the outskirts of the town. He got a job for one dollar a day and the family lived upon it and saved money from the first week. They lived on oatmeal, milk, tough meat, and greens. They slept on straw and made their own furniture—but they were healthy and happy. The children made their own clothes and went to school. When Spring came they planted a garden in which they all worked.

Answer to Steinbeck

Then the father decided to rent a cheap vacant store—to sell goods when the chain stores were closed and the other merchants were at the movies. I will not go into more details, but in view of all the sensational and sentimental publicity being focused on tenant farmers as a result of John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath," Mr. Konkler's story interested me very much. Hence, I wrote three leading people in Mena to see if what Mr. Konkler wrote me were true. They replied that every word was true.

I then asked Mr. Konkler to expand his ideas. Both he and I believe that the small farm offers a real opportunity to thousands now working on relief jobs. Developing and working the land would bring them more happiness, health, good living and sound security than most of them will ever achieve in any other way. Today, too many families are just one pay check better off than they were several years ago. Surely any thinking person must know that something more durable must be tried to remedy conditions. All, so far, have been merely shots in the arm to ease the pain.

Relief Killed Movement

In 1932, Mr. Konkler drove a \$150 Ford 500 miles into the mountains of Arkansas. He found thousands of people out of jobs. Families, how-

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Welfare Commission Monthly Report on Relief Expenditures

In order to show the people of Washington County the extent of the Public Welfare Program in our own locality, the Washington County Public Welfare Commission is submitting monthly a report of the amounts disbursed for old Age Assistance, Blind Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, and General Assistance. These programs are the programs in operation in this County directly under the jurisdiction of the County Welfare Commission. These amounts do not include administrative expense which is paid entirely by the State or show the cost of any Federal programs such as Government commodities and WPA projects, which are paid entirely from Federal funds. The only relationship that the County Welfare Commission has with other Federal agencies in operation in the County is one of certifying nature or service to determine eligibility and making referrals. The following report is for the months of December, 1939, and January, 1940, and shows a comparison of costs.

The total amount disbursed for all programs immediately under the jurisdiction of the County Welfare Commission for December totaled \$22,217.55 and for January, 1940, totaled \$21,906.48, showing a total decrease of \$311.07.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE			
No. Cases	Amt. Dis.	Decrease	
Dec. 1939	77	\$14,920.00	
Jan. 1940	76	\$14,616.50	\$303.50
BLIND ASSISTANCE			
No. Cases	Amt. Dis.		
Dec. 1939	18	\$419.00	
Jan. 1940	18	\$419.00	
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN			
No. Cases	Amt. Dis.	Incr.	
Dec. 1939	77	\$2,558.00	
Jan. 1940	74	\$2,576.00	16.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
No. Cases	Amt. Dis.		
Dec. 1939	416	\$4,329.55	
Jan. 1940	403	\$4,296.98	23.57

Always have your Prescriptions filled at Brown's Pharmacy on Broadway in Beaverton.



JAMES H. POLHEMUS



FRANKLIN T. GRIFFITH

Polhemus Succeeds Griffith as President of P.E.P. Company

James H. Polhemus, for the past four years Executive Vice-President of Portland General Electric Company and its affiliates, Portland General Electric Company and Portland Traction Company, has been elected President of Portland General Electric Company to succeed Franklin T. Griffith, who becomes Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Griffith's resignation as President of Portland General Electric Company was submitted at the meeting of the Board of Directors February 7, the day after his 70th birthday, and Mr. Polhemus assumed his duties as of March 1.

Mr. Griffith, who has been associated with the company and its affiliates for 46 years as attorney, general counsel, and president, will continue active in its affairs as chairman of the board.

In announcing his retirement as President and the choice of Mr. Polhemus, Mr. Griffith issued the following statement: "In 1936 Mr. Polhemus was persuaded to surrender his position as Manager of the Port of Portland and to accept the position of Executive Vice-President of Portland General Electric Company with the expectation that he would be given an opportunity to familiarize himself with the executive duties and responsibilities and, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, to succeed to the presidency when a vacancy occurred. Mr. Polhemus has familiarized himself with the operations of the company and is qualified to assume the duties of president."

"I have for some time felt that I should be relieved of the active duties of president, particularly in respect to operations, and I think the present an opportune time to turn the operations of the company over to the direction of my successor. I expect to devote my time to other phases of the company's affairs which, of late years, have multiplied to such an extent as to make necessary the executive changes at this time. I believe the changes in executive positions will be of material advantage to the company in many ways."

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Plan Farm Conservation Meetings Soon

Farmer to Draw up Tentative Program

Every farmer participating in the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program will have an opportunity to sign a Farm Plan and Estimate Sheet in the near future, stated John W. Kamna, chairman of the Washington County Agricultural Conservation association.

These farm plan and estimate sheets are being presented to show the respective farmer what is necessary in order to earn his maximum 1940 conservation payment. A tentative farm plan should be drawn up by each farmer showing his various crop acreage already seeded for harvest in 1940, and the acreages of these crops that he intends to sow in the spring of 1940. If each farmer is equipped with this information before attending his local community meeting, he may take care of this requirement in a very short time.

According to the 1940 conservation procedure it is necessary that each farmer sign one of these farm plan and estimate sheets before he is eligible to earn any benefit payments, and present plans include a meeting in each community, at which time the farmers can fill out these farm plan sheets.

All farmers who are listed under the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Association Program will be notified as to the date, time and place of their respective community meetings.

This type of procedure is for the farmer's benefit in that he will know definitely when he signs his farm plan and estimate sheet whether he is earning a payment, how he is earning it, and if he can earn any additional payment and how this can be done, stated Kamna.

Teachers Conference Held At Tigard Sat.

A Washington County Teachers conference was held Saturday in the Tigard Grade school commencing at 9:05 o'clock with assembly singing, followed by a short business meeting. Mrs. Susie B. Emmons, Supervisor of Multnomah County Schools, gave a most interesting talk on "The Teachers Place in Community Life."

The high school teachers were addressed by Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette University on the subject of "Needs of Modern Youth." Principal Thomas R. Fowler was chairman of the meeting.

Other department sessions were the elementary principals with Principal Cecil W. Loos, chairman; intermediate teachers, with E. Erroll Hassell, Miss Eunice Maurer and Mrs. Hazel E. Sharp in charge; primary teachers, Mrs. Margaret Adair, Mrs. Cora Cuthill and Mrs. Marcia Erickson in charge and the rural teacher under leadership of Mrs. Susie B. Emmons as speaker and A. Vernon Ayres, chairman.

The conference was closed with an address by Mr. Baxter on "America's Greatest Teacher."

Clarence Zurcher Heads Ticket Sale

University of Oregon, Eugene, March 1—(Special)—Heading the ticket committee for the annual Senior ball which was held on the University of Oregon campus February 24 was Clarence Zurcher, Beaverton. The ball closed the winter term social season at the University as it is the last all-campus function before final examinations.

Zurcher, a graduate of Beaverton high school is a senior majoring in business administration at the University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Zurcher and is affiliated with Delta Upsilon.

Pat's Beauty Shop Opens for Business

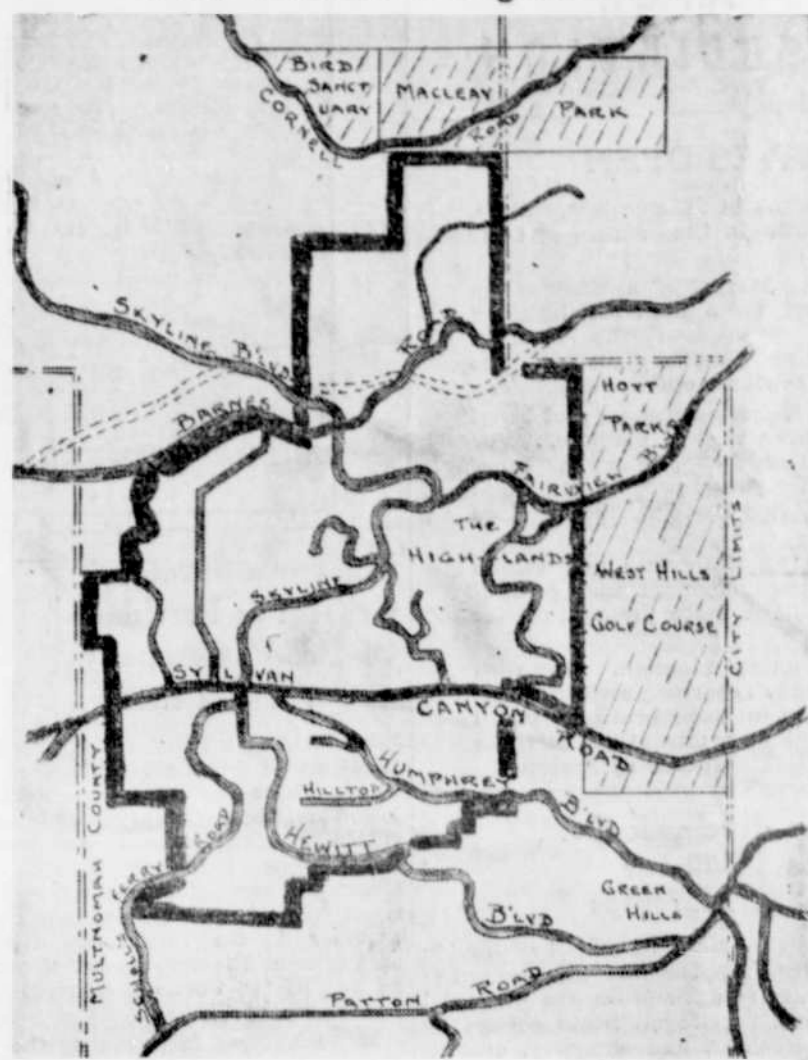
Pat's Beauty Shop, which opened in the Enterprise Building, at Short and Canyon highway, in Beaverton, this week, are offering a free Helen Curtis rinse with each shampoo and finger wave.

They have the latest permanent waving machines and the world's fastest hair dryer. Pat Johnson is the owner and Miss Elma Nyland manager. The prices are reasonable and the work of the highest type. Phone 7503 for an appointment.

Purse Snatched

A young man snatched a purse from the hands of Louise Riggs, Beaverton, while she was walking at SW Broadway and Columbia street, the victim reported Wednesday to Portland police. The purse contained \$10 cash.

Fire District Organized



This map shows the boundaries of the recently authorized fire district for Sylvan. It will be known as Rural Fire Protection District No. 4.

Courtesy Oregonian

High School Students Invited to Participate in Oratorical Contest

Washington County high school students are invited to enter the national American Legion oratorical contest, according to Fred Engeldinger, commander of the Hillsboro post. Full particulars regarding the contest have been submitted to the speech departments of the various high schools. There are thirty-four topics suggested that are of patriotic importance.

Each school is to have a representative selected by March 9th, with intentions to enter the contest filed with the county contest committee by March 10. County finals will be held in the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce rooms on March 15.

Young Republicans Retain John D. Hare

Young Republicans of Washington County retained John D. Hare, farmer near Hillsboro, as president at their first 1940 meeting Monday. Miss Evelyn Piper was named secretary, Bob Coyner treasurer, and Lee McIntyre, sergeant at arms. The club was organized in 1938 and its activities have been confined to Hillsboro, but plans now include efforts to make the organization county-wide in membership and activity. For this purpose four regional vice presidents were elected: Leonard Adams, Beaverton, Hugh McGilvra, Forest Grove, Roger Hawley, Tigard, and Minor Hesse, Scholls.

On the speaking program were Talbot J. Bennett, Francis Sturgis, W. G. Hare, and Leon S. Davis, chairman of the county central committee. Visitors included Elsie Scott Kenney, of Portland, Oregon young republicans national committeewoman, and her husband Paul E. Kenney, active in young republican work.

Hillsboro Sponsors Second Festival

Second annual Yashington-Yamhill county high school band festival has been set for May 4, according to Leon S. Davis, secretary of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. The event is not competitive. Each school participating is requested to furnish certain numbers on the program with the combined bands participating in some features of the joint program. For variety high school choruses and orchestras will also be asked to participate. The bands will parade in the afternoon with the program in the evening. The event is expected to be larger than in 1939 and will contribute toward observance of National Music Week.

County Bankers Meet Schedules Tuesday

The Washington-Yamhill Bankers' association will meet Tuesday at Newberg with dinner at 6:30 p. m. Speaker for the evening will be Ralph Thom, assistant manager of the Bank of California, who has selected as his topic "The Northwest School of Banking." Among those attending the session will be A. K. Parker, president and Elwin H. Greenwood, secretary Oregon Bankers' association, W. M. Evans, Tigard, and Jay Gibson of Beaverton.

Dairy Groups to Back Program Sales Promotion

Oscar Hagg Elected President of Group

An industry-wide attack on the problem of increasing consumption of dairy products was agreed upon by Oregon's two leading dairy organizations in joint convention at Oregon State college. Both the Oregon Dairy Manufacturer's association and the Oregon Dairymen's association agreed to back Legislation for this purpose and both arranged for committees to work out details of a bill to be presented at the next legislature.

The so-called "Iowa plan" was referred to by both organizations as being the most practical for this state. It provides for the raising of promotional funds through a small uniform assessment, similar to the Washington law, but is said to be simpler in administration.

Increase in production of dairy products is certain to continue, speakers declared, which, coupled with an actual decline in per capita consumption of some products makes more sales effort essential if prices collapse is to be avoided, it was said. Greater organizations also urged better financial support of the dairy research work at Oregon State college, where, according to resolutions adopted, the physical plant of the creamery-laboratory is in a "deplorable condition." The producers urged adherence to a six-year plan of improvement for the department.

The dairymen also favored taxes on butter substitutes and elimination of butter substitute advertising in Oregon schools; opposed reciprocal trade agreements that "lower the level of income for dairy farmers;" favored efficient federal-state butter grading, and asked Governor Sprague, in making appointments to the state board of higher education, to consider the necessity of adequate research work.

Oscar Hagg, Reedville, was elected president of the dairymen, succeeding George Fullenwider, Carlton, president for eight years. Other officers are: E. L. Peterson, North Bend, first vice president; J. F. Bonebrake, Roseburg, second vice-president and Roger W. Morse, O.S.C. secretary treasurer.

The manufacturers elected Andrew Tacchella, Portland, president; U. S. Long, Tillamook, vice president; G. H. Wilster, O.S.C., secretary, and F. F. Moser, Corvallis, treasurer.

Two Different Types PUD Petitions Being Circulated in County

Two types of petitions are being circulated in all parts of the county this week to put the PUD issue on the May ballot, following a report released last week by the Hydroelectric commission that the proposed Bonneville power district "could be operated at a profit."

One type of petition is for municipalities and the other for the remainder of the district called a "parcel of territory" excluding Forest Grove and a small residential section adjacent.

The proposed district would embrace virtually all of Washington county, including cities of Beaverton, Banks, Hillsboro, Cornelius, Gaston, Sherwood and Tualatin. About 445 valid signatures are necessary on the "parcel of territory" petition, Ray Antrim, president of the County Bonneville Power Utility district said.

Poison Barley Used to Eradicate Squirrels

The use of poison barley early in the spring for the eradication of ground squirrels will materially limit the number which will need to be treated later in the summer, says Palmer Torvend, assistant county agent. Because of the mild winter, ground squirrels are already appearing and in order to make for a cheaper and more effective control, these squirrels should be poisoned before the young are born. Poison barley for this use has been prepared for Washington county under the supervision of the U. S. Biological Survey in cooperation with the county agent's office, reports Mr. Torvend. Farmers may obtain this material from various local feed dealers or at the county agent's office.

Data collected by the Biological survey shows that ground squirrels usually live in colonies and, therefore the spreading of a tablespoon of poison in or near the mounds provides quite an effective method for treatment. However, this poison is prepared especially for ground squirrels and is not effective when used on other kinds of rodents.

Fire District Plans Ready For Sylvan

Organization of the recently authorized fire district in the Sylvan area, to be known as Rural Fire Protection district, No. 4, has been completed, it was announced last week.

A board of directors has been elected, with F. J. Butz as president; Paul Steinmetz, vice president, and William H. Hemphill, secretary. Other members of the board are L. B. Menefee Jr., and J. Gilbert Robbins.

The district, which covers section adjacent to Canyon and Barnes roads, has boundaries approximately the same as those of the Sylvan water district, except on the north.

Arrangements have been made with the city of Portland whereby the city fire fighting equipment will answer calls from within the district. This was made possible by an act passed by the last legislature, whereas formerly city equipment could not answer fire calls from outside the city limits.

District No. 4 is the first fire protection district on the west side to be in actual operation, though several other fire districts are in process of formation.

The rapid increase in population in the close-in west side suburban districts has created an urgent need for better fire protection, and the city service to rural districts will be of great advantage.

Don Davis President Young Democrats

Don Davis was reelected president of the Washington County Democratic club at an organization meeting of the group at Aloha last week. Other officers include Louise Berry, vice president; Gladys Savik, secretary, Evelyn Michoff, treasurer and Eva Davis historian. E. Wayne Stevens was guest speaker.

24 members have been added to membership since December 1, 1939, and it was decided to continue the drive till April 1.

Jury Finds C. H. Shores Guilty of Embezzlement

Deliberating 8 hours a jury Wednesday returned a verdict of guilty against Claude H. Shores, 40, and his wife Myra, formerly of Forest Grove, charged with larceny by embezzlement.

The couple were indicted at a July 1939, session of the grand jury and charged with unlawfully taking \$400 while Shores was employed by J. B. Inlay & Sons of Reedville, as manager of the Quality Feed and Seed Co. at Forest Grove. Shores was named in four true bills and his wife in one. Circuit Judge Peters set March 23 as the time for imposing sentence on Shores.

Equipment Stolen

Theft of three logging blocks, a swivel and clevis, all WPA project equipment has been reported to the sheriff's office. The material was being used in construction of a Wilson river highway bridge near Glenwood, police said.