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LANE TAXPAYERS FOR GOOD ROADS

Favor Submitting Tax Levy if Bond Issue Fails to Carry at May Election.

The taxpayers' budget meeting at Eugene Monday voted almost unanimously to adopt the report of the special road committee recommending a bonding issue of \$2,000,000 for the construction of a system of market roads in Lane county.

The bonding issue will be submitted to the people at the primaries in May.

The vote followed a good natured but thorough discussion on the different methods proposed to use to pay for the building of the roads. From the beginning of the meeting there was no question as to whether the county should have good roads and should continue building, but the question was on the methods to be used to raise funds to pay for same.

After the vote to adopt the bonding method, the meeting also went on record as favoring submission of a special levy program in the event the bonding issue fails to carry. This would be submitted at the fall election.

Efforts of O. E. Crowe of Lorane to have a direct tax plan placed on the same ballot with the bond issue were withdrawn after it was shown that both measures might be defeated if put in that manner.

A. C. Dixon of Eugene put the motion to adopt the recommendations of the special county committee which met several weeks ago. Following a comprehensive discussion as to the merits of the bonding plan, and the direct tax plan, the vote was taken.

H. P. Markuson of Junction City put the motion to submit the direct tax levy plan at the fall election in the event the bonding issue is defeated.

E. J. Adams, chairman of the special committee which recommended the bonding program, explained the road situation of Lane county during the morning session. He said the county could go on as it has in the past, levying 6 per cent additional each year and applying such money as is thus made available to tinkering up the road system. He declared that "any man who favors this method is against good roads, for it is manifestly inadequate to our needs." Continuing he said: "It can levy a maximum direct tax of four and a half mills, or it can issue bonds. The special road committee, he said, had considered all these methods and had recommended a bond issue.

"Allowing for automobile licenses, Mr. Adams pointed out, the \$2,000,000 in 25-year bonds will cost the taxpayer \$48.48 on each \$1000 of assessed valuation in order to pay off interest and principal, or an average of \$1.67 per year. As compared with this, a direct levy program of four and a half mills for six years, plus amounts available from the regular levy plus 6 per cent increase each year, and raising a total of \$1,402,764—instead of \$2,000,000 as contemplated by the bond program—would cost a total of \$27.17 on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

"In my opinion," he said, "if a special levy is voted by the people the money so raised will come within the provisions of the state law requiring that 70 per cent of all road funds shall be turned back to the districts, including incorporated towns, in which the money is raised. Thus we should have only a small portion of the total amount raised by the special levy for use on purely county road work."

There was a good attendance from all parts of the county present at the meeting Monday.

Charles L. Scott went to Salem Wednesday to attend the funeral of the Rev. Edward Gittins who died at his home in Salem. Rev. Gittins was the Methodist minister in Springfield several years ago.

HOME OF MRS. OLSON ROBBED SUNDAY NIGHT

While Mrs. Emma Olson and family were at the Methodist church last Sunday night, her home was broken into and looted. The robbers evidently did not find much of value that they wanted to carry away. 50 cents in cash and a few small articles of jewelry and keepsakes being all that was missed.

The 50 cents was taken from a dresser drawer. Clothes and papers all over the house had been ransacked and were strewn about. Silverware in the kitchen was untouched.

Upon returning from church Mrs. Olson noticed at once that the house had been robbed and went to neighbors for help. Night Policeman Hinson was called but could find no trace of the culprits.

TWO AUTO ACCIDENTS NEAR HERE LAST WEEK

On account of a heavy fog last Saturday night, two auto drivers were not able to see the turn in the road to Thurston in time to safely turn the corner and ran into the ditch.

No one was hurt. The driver of one car was Bert Weaver and the other driver is unknown.

Mrs. Eugene Kester of Portland arrived today to visit with her husband, Dr. E. Kester, and other relatives here for a few days.

Mrs. C. F. Eggmann is convalescing from an operation from appendicitis, and was brought to her home yesterday.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM GOOD

Happiness Reigns Supreme at Christian Church—Number of Gifts Distributed.

(Contributed by a member.)

Found—Christmas eve at the Christian church, the reason why Old Santa is always pictured laughing, happy and gay. It is because he is continually working, making things for others to make them happy and glad.

"Others" was our motto and as a result the following gifts were distributed:

A barrel of home canned fruit, a large knit shawl, many handkerchiefs, wool socks and stockings and some magazines were sent to the Old Peoples home at Walla Walla, Wash.

A complete set of baby's clothes was sent to the babies home in Portland.

A large box of clothing was sent to the orphans home in Denver.

Fifty dollars was given by one class for the support of a native missionary in Africa for one year.

Besides these gifts, which are conservatively valued at \$90, a cash offering of \$21.07 was received which is to be sent to the babies home at St. Louis, Missouri.

The needy families of our own town were not forgotten in the distribution of gifts.

The idea of a "White Christmas" was entirely new to most of us, but was readily accepted by all with enthusiasm. The children surprised us by their earnestness and willingness to give to others with no thought of receiving in return. So the usual Christmas tree with its sparkling trimmings was not to be seen. Santa Claus with treats of candy, oranges and nuts for the children, did not appear. Instead, a pure, white cross was set against a solid background of green fir boughs, above which hung our motto, "Others."

The Scripture lesson was read by Fred Bosserman, from a Bible for the blind which his friends had presented to him. A solo, "The Holy City" was very effectively rendered by Henry Schwarz. All lights in the building were out and the cross was illuminated for the first time during the evening, as he sang. The little folks in their recitations, Holly Berry song and Christmas stocking song, and the juniors in the Star drill and messenger dialogue proved that after all,

The News wants you to have the happiest and most prosperous year of your life and as a Starter wishes you a Happy New Year.

The News will post on its windows the score by quarters of the great football game between University of Oregon and Harvard on New Years Day. This is a great event. Watch our windows for the score.

they are our best entertainers. Two anthems were sung by the choir and enjoyed by all. The tableaux by the intermediates given while a quartet, hidden from sight, sang "Holy Night, Silent Night," was beautiful and very effective. But nothing was as impressive as the last number on our program. The children, each carrying a little gift, marched to the platform as the choir sang "White Gifts for the King," and placed their gifts at the foot of the cross. The superintendent of the school gave a talk. Not one of those present will ever again be willing to return to the old method of observing Christmas, for we find we are so much happier when making others happy.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS PROVE FATAL

As a result of using wood alcohol "whiskey" to celebrate Christmas there are 128 dead and 148 blind or seriously ill. Most of the casualties are in the eastern and New England states. Fifty-five of the deaths are from the period since prohibition went into effect.

Federal officers and state and city officials are endeavoring to arrest those responsible for the manufacture and distribution of the poisoned liquor.

New York's list totaled 52 dead and 100 blind and the combined list from Hartford, Chicopee, Holyoke and Springfield, Mass., were 57 dead.

LOCAL YOUNG MEN GO TO PORTLAND SCHOOLS

Four well known young men of Springfield will soon leave for Portland where they will attend school. Bill Hill and Winifred May will enter the Benke-Walker business college, leaving about the middle of this month. They will take a general business course.

Verdon May and Ivan Male will leave tomorrow to enter the Adcock automobile school, taking a course in automobile engineering.

All except Male were in the service during the recent war. They will be greatly missed in Springfield where they have had an important part in social and athletic affairs and in the activities of the American Legion. Their many friends wish them the best of success in their new school work.

MISS LINDLEY WEDS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Coming as a surprise to their many friends is the announcement of the wedding of Miss Flora Lindley of Springfield to Ernest Funke of Florence. The young couple were married at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. N. Lindley at 12 o'clock noon on Christmas day by Rev. Baird of the Eugene Bible university.

The bride was very becomingly arrayed in a gown of white satin and georgette crepe and wore a beautiful long, flowing veil wreathed with orange blossoms. She carried a large bouquet of white American Beauty roses in her arm.

Miss Lucile Smith acted as bridesmaid and Gilbert Watkins of Eugene was best man.

After the ceremony was performed the guests enjoyed a delicious dinner.

The afternoon was spent in merry-making after which the young couple left on a honeymoon trip through California. They will be at home to their friends in Florence after the New Year. Guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family of Santa Clara, Clara and Ernie Miller of Santa Clara, Mrs. J. H. Smith of Natron, Mrs. Alma Landers of Idaho and Mrs. D. G. Driscoll of Creswell.

Fred Hinson recently sold his 20 acre farm at Upper Camp Creek to Charley Jack who has been living at Lower Camp Creek. Mr. Jack is moving to his new place.

E. E. Morrison spent Tuesday in Salem on business.

CHAMBER STARTS THEIR NEW WORK

Members of Committees Are Selected—Will Start Work at Once.

The first meeting of the board of directors of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce met in a called session Tuesday night at the city hall. President M. C. Bressler of the Chamber presided as chairman of the board. The following committees were appointed:

House committee—M. C. Bressler, H. B. Freeland, W. H. Clark.

Finance committee—Alex McKinzie, Wm. Long, John Conway.

John E. Edwards was elected secretary of the Chamber.

The board of directors also confirmed the selection of the following committee members, the chairman of each committee having been elected at the meeting of the Chamber at its organization meeting a week ago Tuesday:

Trade, commerce and industrial—Welby Stevens, O. B. Kessy, B. A. Washburn.

Legislation, taxation, highways, fish and game—W. F. Walker, chairman; I. D. Larimer, Henry Adrian.

Publicity, conventions, civic, educational and social—E. E. Morrison, chairman; Lawrence May, S. H. Tyler.

Members of the board of directors are Welby Stevens, W. F. Walker, E. E. Morrison, John Winsenried, Dr. W. H. Pollard.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF ALL PERSONS

Here are the important questions that will be asked of all persons in the taking of the census which begins tomorrow:

Age last birthday.

Each person ten years of age and over will be asked whether he is able to read or write.

Each person will be asked his birthplace as well as the birthplace of father and mother.

If foreign born the date of coming to the United States will be asked, and, if naturalized, the date of becoming a citizen; also mother tongue or native language.

Each head of a family will be asked whether his home is owned by him or rented. If owned, whether the home is mortgaged or free of debt.

Each person will be asked his occupation and whether he is an employer or employee or is working on his own account.

The answers to the above questions give valuable and vital information to the government concerning the health, welfare and progress of the persons under its protection.

Two basketball games at Thurston last Saturday night resulted in a complete victory for Thurston. The Thurston high school won from the Springfield high school 17 to 10. In a fast game between the Thurston community team and the Springfield alumni ball tossers, Thurston scored 25 to the alumni's 19 points.

Return games are to be played on the local floor Saturday night. The American Legion team will play the Thurston town team.

METHODISTS HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE—DISTRIBUTE GIFTS

A Christmas program and tree were enjoyed at the Methodist church Wednesday evening. A large decorated tree was one feature of the program. A program by the Sunday school was given.

Many gifts for the poor and needy in this vicinity were later distributed.

NOTICE TO A. L. MEMBERS

There will be a special meeting of the American Legion in W. O. W. hall Monday evening, January 5 for the purpose of electing officers to fill several vacancies. The question of forming a ladies' auxiliary to the local post will also be considered. Every member is requested to be present.

—W. P. Tyson, secretary.

