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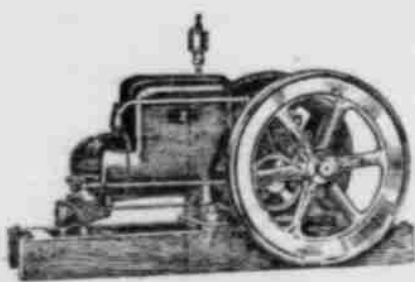
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MANY VISIT CITY SCHOOLS

ALL GRADES ATTRACT LAST FRIDAY

National Educational Week Observed— Fire Drills Featured at All Schools —Coe Primary Wins

Last Friday many Hood River parents discovered the schools of the city for the first time. Stimulated by an appeal on the part of City Superintendent Cannon and citizens in general, a stream of persons flooded through the day at the various schools. Teachers conducted their work as usual, and no time was spent in discussing phases of the work with the parents, who were invited merely to inspect with their eyes and to listen. The work was conducted in as nearly normal a manner as possible. Still, the school officials declare, the list of visitors was far short of what it should have been. The visiting day was promulgated as a feature of national education week.

At each school youngsters were selected to act as reception committees. At the high school alert boys and girls piloted patrons to the various schools desired to see. At the high school, not only did the visitors listen to recitations but a laboratory was visited and they saw the students busily engaged in their manual training and domestic science departments.

An interesting event of the day was the fire drill conducted at each school. Honors for clearing their building went to the youngsters of the Coe primary school, where fifty lots of the first and second grades were out of the building within 35 seconds after the gong had sounded. At Park Street the 400 grade and junior high students left the structure in the remarkable time of 40 seconds. It required 60 seconds to clear the large high school structure of its 300 students. The fire drill was conducted by Fire Chief Volteroff and Fire Marshal Morgan. They were accompanied by the various school principals, Earl Weber, James Heaton and City Superintendent Cannon.

BUDGET BOARD SETS TENTATIVE FIGURES

The pruning shears were applied last Thursday wherever possible by the Hood River County budget board, composed of members of the county court, Judge Hasbrouck and Commissioners Blackman and Sheppard, and E. O. Blanchard, C. H. Castner and J. H. Ferguson. It required 60 seconds to clear the large high school structure of its 300 students. The fire drill was conducted by Fire Chief Volteroff and Fire Marshal Morgan. They were accompanied by the various school principals, Earl Weber, James Heaton and City Superintendent Cannon.

Since last summer the city and county have maintained a joint traffic safety department, employing two bicycle messengers at a salary of \$150 per month each, the city paying a third and the county the remainder. It was decided by the budget board that but one man could be retained throughout the year, an extra officer being employed from May 1 to November 1.

Expenses of several offices have exceeded budget allowances of last year. In the office of the county clerk, it was shown, the voting of the \$250,000 highway bond issue, furnishing the county with funds to pay a half of the expense of grading and rock-surfacing the valley trunk of the Mount Hood Loop road, the added expenses entailed in carrying out numerous formalities and the expenses to far more than normal. The office, however, will probably drop back to former figures the coming year. The unusual gist of criminal prosecution and the necessity of handling the proceedings of the bond issue and suits for condemning rights of way on the Loop Highway, the total of which cases will reach about a dozen, it is said, have left the office of District Attorney Baker a sad plight. Mr. Baker's salary, paid from the state fund, is only \$100 per month. Records of criminal cases in the past, the salary being based on such data, have been light. At the present, however, Mr. Baker is forced to utilize practically all of his time on county business. The budget board provided for an allowance in the tentative budget of \$1,000, to care for part of the expense of office rent, stenographer and general miscellany.

Tax Assessor Wickham, when discussing with the budget board expenses connected with his office, took occasion to score a legislative enactment that calls for his office gathering various horticultural and agricultural statistics from ranchers and orchardists. The extra work materially increases the cost of operating his office, Mr. Wickham stated. He declared, however, that he was unable to see any practical benefits derived by the county. He characterized the law as one secured for the benefit of canning interests or fruit buying corporations.

The recommendation of County Fruit Inspector Armstrong, who has been paid at the rate of \$2,500 per annum the past year, for an extra \$200 for mailing bulletins to growers, advising them of proper dates for the application of sprays, was considered not an emergency by the board, and was disallowed. Mr. Armstrong also asked that the county pay his expenses for tires, gasoline and oil in the operation of his automobile. He showed that he had traveled 9,500 miles in nine months of work the past year and that mileage, where allowed, was figured at eight cents per mile.

The office of County Engineer Cruikshank lacked more than \$200 of using the \$1,500 allowed in last year's budget. The figure for the coming year was cut to \$1,200.

A request of the county library for \$3,000 was cut to \$2,750. An interesting statement was made by A. W. Orthank, representative of the board, who stated that the institution had met with difficulty in keeping within reasonable limits for fuel. He laid the heavy coal expense up to a propensity of the women to wear too light garments.

"They wear, during winter months," said Mr. Orthank, "clothes that are only suitable for the summer, and yet the demand that the windows of the library be kept open. All of this runs up the fuel bill."

The apparent economy of citizens of Parkdale, who were granted full allowance for their branch library, won an expression of gratification from the

budget board. One member of the commission went so far as to state that he thought the county board should be furnished with free transportation to Parkdale, in order to learn the economy characterizing the efforts of the branch body.

Heavy pruning was necessitated in the recommendations of County Road Master Nichols, who included among his items \$15,000 for two new trucks. Mr. Nichols recommended the scrapping of two trucks received from the state, through the War Department, following the armistice. He declared the old trucks as a serious liability because of their heavy expense.

Recommendations for the county general bridge fund too, were subjected to the pruning shears. The items included \$8,500 for construction of a permanent concrete "load-in" viaduct on the road to the Columbia river boatlanding. Annually freshets of Hood river cause the highway to cave in. It was decided by the board to eliminate this expense for the coming year. With a wooden bridge constructed in 1912 over the east fork of Hood river near Winans City declared the by State Highway Commission unsafe and incapable of repairs that would render it efficient, the county court faced the alternative of replacing the bridge or building a new county road. While the estimated cost of the proposed road was \$5,400, the bridge, which, it is said, will cost \$6,400 but will serve the general public to better advantage, was favored. The bridge, it was cited, makes available the Devil's Punch Bowl, a scenic attraction on the west fork of Hood river.

It came out at the budget meeting, however, that the Oregon Lumber Co. is contemplating the construction of a large dam just below the Punch Bowl for the purpose of developing electric power. In such case, it was declared, the scenic attraction would be ruined by the backing up of the stream.

The request for an appropriation of \$725 for the maintenance of the office of water master, as created by recent legislative enactment, met with disapproval by various members of the budget board. It was thought by several that this expense can largely be eliminated by placing the duties of water master as an adjunct of the office of county engineer and paying him by the day for such duties as he is called on to perform.

When the budget commission meets December 27 it will be necessary to prune \$3,258.36 from the total figure of \$261,448.34, the aggregate of appropriations called for in the tentative budget. Under the six per cent limitation law the county's total for 1922 cannot exceed \$268,188.38. The tentative figure of the road fund for the coming year is \$50,000. Unless some other items of the budget can be eliminated or decreased, the deduction will probably be made in the road fund.

HOOD RIVER WILL APPEAR IN MOVIES

W. A. Wallace, a motion picture man, has been here the past week filming various activities of Hood River business and industry. The pictures will be presented at the Rialto December 21 and 22. A feature of the home movies will be a guessing contest. Each purchaser of a ticket to the show will be given a coupon. He or she may cast a vote for any man, woman, boy or girl of the valley, and the fortunate person securing the greatest number of votes will be rewarded by the J. C. Peeney Co. with a present of material value. Be the popular one a boy or man, he will get a suit of clothes. A school girl will receive a woolen dress and if the vote of popularity falls to an adult woman, she will get a silk dress.

Mr. Wallace has filmed all the stores of the city. Public institutions have received attention, and scenes of orchards will be shown in his pictures. Children of the schools, in their various activities, will appear in the movies.

COMMUNITY TREE PLANS MADE KNOWN

At a meeting of a committee Monday night at the Commercial club definite plans for a community Christmas tree at the Columbia Gorge hotel for children of the town and vicinity were outlined. Manager Thiele will equip a mammoth tree in the big dining room and will be host to all the youngsters. The local committee will provide a gift of Christmas goodies for each child and will furnish automobile transportation for all whose families do not have cars. Mr. Thiele will serve hot chocolate and sandwiches to his young guests.

Monday night's committee was composed of the following: John Baker, C. H. Vaughan, C. A. Bell, A. M. Cannon, and Mrs. Glendora Blakely. Hugh G. Hall and Joe D. Thomson, were delegated to give the community plans to full local publicity.

The chief task of the committee will be that of securing automobiles to transport the children to and from the hotel. All citizens who wish to aid in providing a red letter hour for the city's youngsters should telephone at once to Mr. Baker, who will register them. The cars will assemble at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon before Christmas at the county library, where all youngsters wishing transportation are asked to assemble. Parents of little fellows in families having no cars are asked to accompany them. The invitation is extended to all children of the city and valley 12 years of age and under. The financing of the Christmas tree treat will require but a nominal sum, and contributions, it has been decided, will be limited to \$1. All wishing to help with the Yuletide undertaking and the resultant joy it will bring are asked to leave their contributions with Mr. Vaughan at the Butler Bank.

STORES TO CLOSE MONDAY, DEC. 26

All Hood River stores and places of business will close Monday following Christmas day as well as the Monday following New Year's, according to Henry Connaway, president of the Business Men's Association.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHARITY BEGUN

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE STARTED

Over Half of Total of \$7,500, Goal to be Utilized in Bringing Relief Locally

With a goal of \$7,500, the community chest campaign for relief in all districts of Hood River county. A considerable nucleus, according to members of the committee, has recently been raised. The committee makes the following explanation of a division of funds:

"More than half of the money raised in the community chest budget is to be expended for public purposes in Hood River county. A brief suggestive outline of the work of the participating agencies is as follows:

"The \$750 membership dues which go to the divisional Red Cross is to keep up the general work of the organization. The Red Cross is relating itself particularly to the work of relieving epidemics, suffering incident to destructive fires, floods, etc. In any emergency this great organization would be available for local relief."

"The home service team of \$3,250 is expended in part for the maintenance of the public health nurse and social worker. The local chapter of the Red Cross is now paying \$75 per month of Mrs. Blakely's salary and furnishing a car and its upkeep and operating expense. No other provision is made to maintain the public health nurse besides the item in the county budget. The continuation of this work makes the raising of the budget imperative."

"Also, the home service department is giving soldier and civilian relief. A number of soldiers have borrowed money from the organization. Some have been able to provide sanatorium treatment for themselves in this manner. In addition the Red Cross has provided nurses and hospital treatment for numerous persons when no funds were otherwise available. All this work has been done after a careful investigation by Mrs. Blakely."

"An incident. The other day an ex-serviceman came to ask help. He was discharged from the army 65 per cent disabled. He expects money as compensation from the government. He bought a truck and has been working. He has paid \$500 and owes \$275. He has been ill and the note is due and non-renewable. If he can keep that truck in spite of disability he will be a productive citizen. He came to the Red Cross. To whom else could he go? In this manner without any advertising, the Red Cross is spending more than \$200 per month in Hood River county."

The Public Welfare Committee is an open association of business, fraternal and church organizations, which is relieving temporary distress. This organization, which functions through the office of Mrs. Blakely, finds work for the unemployed, it furnishes food and clothing to the needy and gives the assistance which is intended to help the recipients to independence as quickly as possible. This committee has relieved the county court of endless work and saved the people a charity. All the work is volunteer. No one is paid. The chairman is C. A. Bell. It is planned to make this committee county wide and the \$1,000 raised may be drawn on by the various committees."

"The Near East Relief asks \$1,500. This work is well known. Oregon has helped to save several hundreds of thousands of children for Armenia from the ruthless Turk. The war is not over in the near East. We must give the children of Armenia and Syria food and shelter. If we fail to be kind to the little ones of Christ's own land and yet profess to keep Christmas, God have mercy on us!"

"The Salvation Army is doing a state work. Let's their home for unmarried mothers, their men's industrial home and their relief missions people come from all over the state, Hood River county included. It is fair that we help in their work as every other county is doing."

"The Young Men's Christian Association is also a state institution. Its technical school where young men may receive technical training at nominal expense has more students than all the privately endowed colleges of Oregon combined. The 'Y' is doing a big piece of state work among the boys in its rural work, several counties have complete organizations, and in the great boys' conferences, three of which were held in Oregon this year. The employment department and the general services of the Y. M. C. A. are available to all men. It is not simply a Portland institution. When one knows of the work it is doing for foreigners, the ship meetings being held, the tens of thousands of boys and men to whom it gives willing service each year, one realizes that 'the damned Y' is a vital and permanent part of our life."

"The community chest is the scientific way of giving. This one drive is the only drive of the year. One man unsolicited has given a \$50 bond. Together, once for all, our best!"

THOMAS LACEY TO CLEAR HIGHWAY

Thomas Lacey, who has just returned to his home here following completion of draining and repairing 45.17 miles of state highway between Nerbberg and the Multnomah county line, has been instructed to take charge of clearing the Columbia River Highway, in Hood River county, of snowdrifts and debris left in the wake of the recent storm. Mr. Lacey says he will use four trucks on clearing the drifts. One will operate west from Hood River, one will work west from Wyeth and two will work from Lacey's camp, where a supply camp will be established.

"I will not try to approximate the time it will take to clear the Highway," said Mr. Lacey Monday, "until I have spent at least two days in actual work."

Mr. Lacey states that he will give preference in employing his crews to local men with families to support. Resident Highway Engineer Collier reports that the Highway between here and Mosier will be opened by tonight.