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Contest of Queens to Close Soon

One Girl to Get Trip to Exposition with Expenses Paid

Time for the closing of the Miller Mercantile queen contest competition nears the deadline this week according to information released by L. H. Dewey, Vernonia manager of the store. The contest has been in progress since the early part of May and its close will have been of practically two months duration. The closing date was announced this week as July 10.

The weekly count made Wednesday of each week for this publication as usual reveals vote standings of the 10 highest in the competition. However, the next count is to be made Monday of the coming week and will be the final tabulation to determine the winner. The publication of vote standings this week therefore does not indicate the final result. That information will be released on the coming week.

The winning girl will leave on her journey to San Francisco probably Saturday in the company of the winners from other stores in the Miller chain and will enjoy the trip with no expense worry, that matter being fully cared for by the Mercantile company.

At the present time it is thought that a number of votes are still being held by those who have made purchases at the store but have not cast them in favor of any one candidate.

Mr. Dewey, in a statement issued this week, urges that every contestant be active in seeking the votes yet outstanding. He also expressed appreciation to customers of the store for their support to the contestants in making the contest a success.

66 Donate to Fund for Junior Band

9 Uniforms Purchased for Majorettes; Transportation Provided

Merchants and individuals in Vernonia via the channels of contribution were responsible for a total fund of \$121.50 for the financing of expenses of the Vernonia Junior Band, it was announced this week.

Part of the funds have been used to purchase materials for nine uniforms for band majorettes and the remainder will be used for the financing of transportation expenses during the summer.

The expenditure of funds for uniforms was as given below according to Mrs. Myrtle Laver who was in charge of selecting the material and supervising the work. Funds were used as follows: \$33.75, hats; \$3.00 buttons; \$19.95, dress material; \$10.00 labor on dresses. A portion of the material remains yet should it be necessary to have another uniform made.

The names of those contributing are as follows:

Judd Greenman, Dew Drop Inn, Heath's Strvice Station, Lynch Auto Parts, L. J. Grenia, Ross Duncan, Harry King, Mrs. O. H. Graves, Howard A. Reher, Roland L. Treharne, Oscar Kaphammer, A. L. Kullander, N. Soden, V. O. Williams, Mrs. R. F. Nance, O. E. Edwards.

Brownies Barber Shop, Val Dickinson, J. C. Lincoln, Don Dolan, A. E. Jones, W. C. Kilby, Squeeze Inn, Ed Bafford, Frank Lusby, Vernonia Laundry, Vernonia Bargain Store, Nehalem Market and Grocery, Ben's Barber Shop, Peggy Hatfield, Thomas Variety Store, Red Ranes, Ira Baucom, C. W. Bennett, Miller Mercantile Co.,

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Vernonia Is Eligible For City Delivery Service by Increase

The release this week of the report of business for the fiscal year ending June 30, of the Vernonia post office and the consequent knowledge that a new rating had been attained, due to an increase in business, brings the information that this city is now eligible for an additional service to its citizens.

The increase of business transacted gives this office a new rating in the second class in which it has been placed. The office is now rated as second in the second class division. This office was formerly rated at third in the second class.

According to Emil Messing, postmaster, the new rating attained from the increase brings the possibility of an additional carrier for delivery of postal material to residences. At the present time two carriers serve in distributing light postal material such as letters, newspapers and magazines. Should it be possible to attain the additional service which the new rating brings to likelihood, another carrier would be engaged to act as deliveryman for parcels or the heavier postal material. According to Messing, the procedure in securing the service is to bring every possible pressure to bear on higher postal authorities and congressmen.

Repair Crew Leaves Here Saturday

Workmen Change Point of Activity to Hebo After Extended Stay

The State Highway Bridge Repair crew left Saturday for Hebo following an extended stay here while repair work was in progress. Repairs were made to a number of bridges on highways in the Upper Nehalem Valley, including the building of a new bridge on the Beaver Creek road near Treharne.

The remainder of the work occupying the crew was mainly that of repairing railing and decking of other bridges and painting. The crew's activities took them as far as Jewell and at one time to a point near Clatskanie. Headquarters for the work were maintained here with transportation being provided to and from the points of activity.

Care for Strawberry Plants Given

The period following strawberry harvest is just about as important to the plants as before harvest, according to information contained in a new OSC extension circular 328, entitled "After-Harvest Care of Strawberry Plants."

This mimeographed circular, written by O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist, and William F. Cyrus, county agricultural agent of Washington county, gives detailed information on the care of a strawberry patch to protect it against insects and diseases and to insure the kind of development needed to bring most profitable future crops. Fruit bud formation in the single crop strawberry is believed to take place largely following harvest and until late fall.

Information contained in the circular includes suggestions regarding cultivation, results to be expected from fertilizers, irrigation of strawberry fields, elimination of crinkle disease and strawberry crown moth. Copies may be had free from county agents in strawberry producing counties.

Holiday on Tuesday Is Quiet

Many Spend July 4th in Other Cities, Visiting; No Accidents Reported

July 4th for residents of Vernonia was quiet in all quarters judging by the lack of reports of accidents or injuries which often mark the Independence Day commemoration. No injuries were reported from automobile accidents or burns from the shooting of fireworks as is often evident on the day. If injuries were suffered no reports were made.

Vernonia was minus a considerable portion of its population due to residents here spending the time with relatives or friends at other places, at beach resorts or at celebrations staged by other cities. To many people the holiday came at a time making possible an extended weekend journey or visit. Mill and camp activities were at a standstill giving those so engaged the additional time for recreation.

A check of business firms open for business Monday, July 3rd revealed that part had closed and part had remained open for service to patrons. Grocery stores were among those remaining open.

Activity in the operating department of the Oregon-American mill resumed the morning of July 5th but a longer period of shut-down will be maintained by logging camps. Reports have circulated that some camps plan to reopen operations on the 10th of July. Continued cool weather has delayed the necessity of shut-downs due to lowering humidity, which when dropping to a certain point stops activity.

3 Fined in Court of Recorder

Disorderly Conduct, Driving Charge Are Basis for Assessment of Fines

Charges were made against three individuals in the City Recorder's court this week by Loel Roberts following the arrest of the individuals by A. C. Lolley, City Marshal, this week.

Two were booked on charges of disorderly conduct and the third on wreckless driving.

Glen Smith was meted a fine of \$10.00 on the conduct charge and James Jones a sentence of five days in the city jail for the same charge.

Chester Robbins was judged guilty on the charge of wreckless driving and was fined \$15.00.

Postmaster Releases Figures Of Office for Year Ending June 30

One Recruit Chamber Named Here To Meet For Army Tuesday

Numerous Vacancies Are Available to Those Who Make Application

Sergeants H. H. Stevenson and Joseph G. Lamont representing Major H. D. Bagnall, U. S. Army Recruiting Officer, were in Vernonia again Wednesday to check applications of those wishing to enroll in the army.

One application was taken at the time of their contact here—that of Jefferson Ensworth. He is applying for service in Hawaii and, if possible, will be active in sports, especially football. Vacancies are apparent now in the army for typists, stenographers, mechanics, and draftsmen and assignments are available to a number of stations.

For the convenience of those wishing to apply, the details will be cared for by J. W. Nichols at the office of the Oregon Gas and Electric Company. Sergeants Stevenson and Lamont will be in Vernonia again within a short time to contact other individuals wishing to enter the army, it was revealed.

Differences of Gasoline Are Discussed

Degree of Economy Depends on Kind of Motor, Weather, Said

The chief difference between so-called third structure gasoline and the regular, or premium, fuels is in volatility and anti-knock properties, rather than in any difference in purity or ability to deliver more miles per gallon, according to engineers at Oregon State college, who held a radio round table discussion on this subject recently.

"Many people think that third structure gasoline is inferior from the standpoint of containing impurities, but this is not the case," said George Gleeson, head of the chemical engineering department. "In fact, quite the reverse is true. It contains less sulphur and gum-forming material than the regular grades, and is about on a par in this respect with the premium gasolines."

What grade of gasoline will be most economical or more satisfactory will depend on the kind of motor and the kind of weather, it was brought out. Most engines will not start as easily on third structure, and neither will they warm up so quickly. Then, of course, this grade has definitely less anti-knock properties, making it less suitable for modern high compression motors.

Noon Luncheon on Sked for July Gathering; to Discuss Business

Members of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce are due to convene on Tuesday of next week at the Masonic Temple for the regular July business meeting of the group. The meeting will be held during the noon hour and will feature a luncheon to be served by the Nehalem Social Club.

Several matters of business are to be discussed made of committee activities during the time since the last meeting. Reports will be made on attendance at the Lower Columbia Associated Chamber of Commerce meeting held at St. Helens on June 23, on the Northrup creek tour of the same date and on the Wolf Creek dedication held June 30.

Several new matters are to be considered at the same time. Among them will be the discussion of possibilities of obtaining funds for the purchase of the land at Arcadia to be used as a state park, the eligibility of the Vernonia post office for city delivery and the publication of a pamphlet advertising the Upper Nehalem Valley as to agriculture and pasture advantages.

Recent information made available is that the Oregon State Park Commission at times furnished funds for the purchase of land to be used as a state park. An attempt to make Arcadia a state park is one of the features of a 10-point program of the Chamber for 1939.

DANCE SLATED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 15—

Announcement is made this week of a dance to be staged on the evening of July 15 at the I.O.O.F. hall. An eight-piece orchestra has been organized in Vernonia and will play for dancers on that evening. The orchestra is under the management of Harry George.

NEW TYPE LAWN MOWER DEMONSTRATED—

Several members of the City Council witnessed the demonstration of a new type lawn mower Thursday morning. The mower is capable of cutting grass of considerable height as well as trimming close to the ground. Councilmen are considering the purchase of a mower for use on the lawn at the Memorial Cemetery.

DANCE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 5, SATURDAY—

Bill Byers announced plans this week for the staging of a dance on the date of Saturday, August 5th. An attempt is being made to secure a widely-renowned orchestra to give dance lovers a maximum of entertainment on that date. Announcement of the orchestra to play will be made as soon as it can be engaged, Byers stated.

STATE PENSION CONFERENCE SLATED FOR JULY 16—

Mrs. C. O. Thomas, assistant secretary of the State Conference Committee of Age Retirement and Youth Employment makes announcement this week of a pension conference to be held at Salem, July 16th at St. Joseph's hall. Pension-minded individuals and representatives of pension and other organizations will consider the problem of retirement pensions, aged assistance and the possible reduction of real property taxes.

Postmaster Emil Messing released to The Eagle this week figures of his office for the fiscal year ending June 30 to show that the Vernonia post office business during the year had shown a sizeable increase over that of the past year.

Considering first the gross postal receipts for the period a figure of \$12,288.32 is reached of which 90 per cent is considered the net revenue of \$11,051.48. The figure is derived from stamps, box rents and newspaper postage. The figure revenue of \$11,059.48. The figure

Money order receipts and fees charged when considered also revealed a sizeable gain over the previous year's business. Domestic money orders accounted for a figure of \$285,281.72. Last year's figure was \$266,724.16. Fees charged for writing were also increased due to the larger amount of the orders and accounted for a sum of \$2,569.29, as compared with \$2,326.35 as collected at the office last year.

From the standpoint of international money orders, however, a decrease was shown. For the fiscal year ending last week the total amounted to \$735.74 against \$867.75 for the year ending June 30, 1938. Fees collected for writing the international orders were of a smaller figure also. The 1939 figure was \$8.50 and the 1938 an even \$10. To arrive at a total of the money order business transacted an addition of the amounts and fees charged, totals \$288,595.25.

Still another interesting item of the fiscal year's report was that of postal savings. Deposited in postal savings with the office during the 12-month period was a total of \$95,258.00. Cash paid to depositors by the local office employees amounted to \$82,467.00. In determining the amount remaining on deposit it was found that the figure was \$112,127.00.

License Fee Charges Under Average Said

National Safety Council Figures Reveal Oregon as Low in Comparison

Oregon stands well under the national average of license fees charged operators of motor vehicles, figures released by the National Safety Council reveal, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today.

According to the council, in a typical state it would cost an operator 98 cents to qualify for a license which would see him through the first year while in Oregon the cost is 50 cents. Thereafter, in the typical state, it would cost 65 cents a year to keep a license while in Oregon the cost is 50 cents, this state charging \$1 for a two-year period.

In the typical state a chauffeur would pay \$2 for the first year against \$1 in Oregon while renewals would cost \$2 per year against \$1 in this state.

Original driver's licenses cost from 25 cents for an indefinite period in a few states to \$3 in some states, the council's report shows. Some states charge for the examination required of those taking out licenses for the first time and in one state this fee is \$2 which, added to the \$3 for the license itself, makes a charge of \$5 for the original license. In Oregon no charge is made for the examination. Four states, Florida, Louisiana, South Dakota and Wyoming have no laws requiring licenses for drivers, the report shows.

Oregon complies with the National Safety Council's requirements for standard driver's license laws, the report indicates, this state meeting the three most important

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Pauline Dial	42,150	Lois McDonald	11,450
Myrtle Stacey	40,650	Irene Bergerson	9,550
Aimee Turner	39,000	Floreda Graves	8,400
Billie Bergerson	30,800	Dorothy Ovesen	8,300
Erma Kent	17,550	Jean Ryves	7,950