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District No 47 to Vote on Kindergarten Question August 11

Voters Must Have Property Qualifications to Participate

Legally qualified voters of Grade School District No. 47, Jt., will have the opportunity of deciding for themselves the question recently arisen regarding the establishing of a kindergarten in connection with the common school, is the announcement made this week.

The election has been set for the date of Friday, August 11, at 8 p. m. at the Washington grade school. The kindergarten question was given public mention some time ago at the election held to pass the budget, and to name directors to fill vacant positions on the board. No definite action was taken, however, at that time.

As has been explained by the school board the kindergarten will be primarily for the children of parents who will be able to provide their own transportation. At the present time it is impossible for the district to care for the added expense of transportation as the necessary funds are not available. School buses now in operation are crowded to capacity to provide transportation for those children attending the grades and to provide for those children who would enroll in the kindergarten would necessitate additional buses, it was stated. In voting on the question it was urged that this feature be kept in mind before decision is made.

Practically no added expense will be encountered, it was explained, as an amount sufficient for maintaining the added feature, if favorably voted upon, has been provided in the budget recently passed. Under present conditions it was urged that voters not fail to understand that no transportation can be provided.

Only taxpayers are qualified to cast ballots in the election.

ROSS WARRENSFORD TO HAVE OFFICE HERE

Ross Warrensford, Columbia County agent for the Northern Life Insurance Company announced this week that he would, in the future, be in Vernonia one day of each week for contacts relative to the business. No office location has yet been established but will be soon and will be announced at that time. Warrensford's headquarters at the present time is St. Helens.

COMPLIMENT EXTENDED ON CONTEST

G. O. Miller, General Manager of the Miller Mercantile concern, this week extended his compliments to the local branch and to L. H. Dewey, local manager. Miller, in a communication, stated as follows: "I think you have done the best job of any of our stores for the size of the town and the stock." Almee Turner, the local winner, left Saturday for San Francisco and will return Friday evening of this week.

LIQUOR COMMISSION HOLDS HEARING HERE TUESDAY

Three representatives of the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission were in Vernonia Tuesday for a hearing regarding a license issued to the Shamrock Cafe for the sale of beer. No action was taken at the hearing regarding the revocation of the license and will not be until the results of the hearing are considered by the liquor commission.

Visits Treharnes

Miss Anna Runkle, Miss Elizabeth Bateman and Miss Minnie Bateman of Smithton, Pennsylvania, visited here Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday forenoon with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Treharnes. The visitors were former school acquaintances of Mr. Treharnes.

Automobile, Stage Collide Wed.

Intersection at Bridge, State Streets Scene of Serious Accident

An accident involving an automobile driven by Paul A. Lee of Salem and the Oregon Motor Stage occurred Wednesday shortly after noon at the intersection of State and Bridge streets. Lee suffered the most serious injury to his person, receiving a badly bruised arm which necessitated the use of a sling until recovery. No bones were broken.

As near as could be determined both parties were equally to blame for the encounter. The automobile was brought to the Vernonia Auto company for repairs which a hurried estimate placed in excess of \$300. No estimate was obtained of the damage to the bus.

Delegation to Meet with Highway Group

To Seek Change of Road from County to State Jurisdiction

The Oregon State Highway Commission, through a communication to Lester Sheeley this week, announced the date of their next regular meeting at which time an attempt will be made to have the commission place a portion of the Vernonia-Timber road under state control. The meeting will be held in the Public Service Building, Portland, Thursday, July 27.

A delegation from this county is slated to meet with the commission seeking the change so that it may be possible to obtain a paved road from the end of the paved portion at the Stoney Point Rock crusher to Sunset Camp. Should it be possible to obtain the paved surface it will at that point, Sunset Camp, connect with the now-traveled Wolf Creek highway.

Columbia county was responsible for the hard surface in use to the rock crusher but lack of funds made it impossible to complete the gravel road extending from that point.

MIST MARKET ROAD OILING DUE THIS WEEK

The completion of sufficient work to make possible the oiling of the Mist Market road was announced this week. About 15 men will be employed in the work which will require from 10 days to two weeks time for completion.

Peddler Objects to Sentence for Solicitation

Note: The following letter is one received by City Recorder Leol Roberts a short time ago. It is written following the assessment of a fine for violation of an ordinance prohibiting house-to-house solicitation. It is reprinted here as an example of problems often encountered by city officials.

Dear Sir: "Not knowing who to write to, I am picking on you; will you please mail me a copy of your ordinance pertaining to soliciting orders from house to house. I am making a collection of these ordinances and am interested in learning how closely yours resembles the so-called 'Green River' Nuisance Ordinance. This ordinance was conceived in

Elementary Districts to Be Examined

Recent Legislation Creates County Reorganization Committee

The recent state legislature passed an act creating in each county of the state, except those organized as a county unit, a county reorganization committee composed of the county judge, the county assessor, chairman of the Non-High Board, the county school superintendent who acts as chairman, and three other members of district boards to be appointed by the designated members.

This reorganization committee shall organize and begin the examination of existing school district boundaries within the county and determine what boundaries stand in the way of providing satisfactorily for the support and operation of the schools and the education of the children. It shall prepare plans for the revision or elimination of boundaries and the adjustment of all contiguous districts so that the boundaries of all school districts, including those which are not altered, shall fit together and form a comprehensive school district plan as determined by standards established by the state commission; provided, however, this act shall not apply to union high school districts, but shall apply to elementary school districts within a union high school district.

The county reorganization committee shall, through the standards established by the state commission, give due attention to the nonvenience of children attending school, the educational necessities including the welfare of teachers and school officers, the economies of transportation and administration, the use of available buildings, taxable resources including reduction in disparities in valuation per pupil, local governmental boundaries, the needs and reasonable desires of communities, the suggestions of the state commission, and any other matters which, in its judgment, are of importance.

Each county reorganization committee shall prepare and file with the state commission a plan for the reorganization of school districts within the county. The report is subject to review, modification, and acceptance by the state committee.

The designated members have nominated the following and ask them to serve on this committee:

C. L. Wilburn, Route 1, Rainier; Henry John, Vernonia; Oscar Lindberg, Route 1, Clatskanie.

The designated committee members are J. B. Wilkerson, county judge; Fred Watkins, county assessor; Mrs. Addie McAdam, chairman of Non-High Board, and Wm. B. Schnebly, county school superintendent.

District 47 Seeks Bid on District 49

Attempt to Be Made to Sell Beaver Creek Property, Stated

The wish to receive bids for the purchase of property is announced this week by Grade School District No. 47, Jt. The announcement is made through publication of a legal notice which states that bids are desired for the purchase of the buildings and grounds of School District No. 49, Jt., Beaver Creek.

That district has been consolidated with District 47 and its children are now transported to Vernonia by bus for school attendance.

The property in question is owned by District 47 and is, therefore, not listed on tax rolls. The property consists of the school house, wood shed and one acre of land, cleared.

The legal states that bids should be in the hands of Lee Schwab, Clerk of District 47, on or before August 11. The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Many Present For Irrigation Demonstration

Arthur King, OSC Engineer, Explains System to Farmers of Valley

Arthur King, Oregon State College Engineer, Wednesday explained to a number of farmers of the Upper Nehalem Valley the sprinkler irrigation system now in use at the Matthew King farm a short distance from Riverview on the Mt. St. highway.

A count made at one time during the afternoon by George Nelson, County Agricultural Agent numbered 39 farmers present. Many others came to view the system and departed but were not present during the count, it was stated.

As was intended when the demonstration was planned, a system somewhat different in operation was to be installed for use during the day but at the last moment before the Wednesday date it was impossible to obtain the necessary equipment. However, a thorough explanation and demonstration of the plant purchased recently by Matthew King was made to those present.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION TO MEET SATURDAY

The announcement is made this week of a meeting of the Columbia County Livestock Association to be held at the Natia Grange hall. The gathering will convene Saturday evening, July 22 at 8 p. m. and will consider any business that may be brought before it, states W. E. Crawford, secretary-treasurer.

Charles VanAlstine to Fill Council Position After Monday Action

Grade School Building Gets Repairs

Industrial Arts Quarters to Be Enlarged; Woodwork Will Be Varished

Extensive refitting work is being undertaken at the Washington grade school during the summer vacation months to prepare the building for use with the opening of the fall term of school, it was revealed this week by an examination.

W. E. Crawford, recently named as janitor of the school, is supervising the work. As an improvement the industrial arts room in the basement is being enlarged with a space approximately 30 by 50 feet in size. A cement floor has already been poured and walls will be constructed soon.

The main floor hallway is being sanded and when completed will be varnished and waxed to prevent excessive wear. Plaster work has been given a coat of whitening and the woodwork will be varnished and painted. The remodeling work is being cared for by W. E. Crawford, George Nutt, C. C. Brown and Geo. Kirk.

COUNTY BRAND INSPECTOR GETS APPOINTMENT

Complying with a new law, J. D. Mickle, director of the state department of agriculture, recently appointed Dr. Ray Rankin of Clatskanie as county brand inspector. According to the announcement, livestock owners, before shipment is to be made, must furnish the brand inspector a list giving brands, age, sex, color and flesh marks. Inspection is to be made only as outlined by law and not in trucks and failure to personally inspect subjects the offender to a \$100 fine.

BIG EDDY TO BE SCENE OF POMONA PICNIC

Mrs. Inez Langdon, Pomona Grange lecturer, announced this week the date of a picnic to be held at Big Eddy park for the Columbia County Pomona Grange. The picnic will be held July 30, those present to bring a basket lunch. Coffee will be furnished by the committee.

JEWELL-BIRKENFELD ROAD TO GET OIL SOON

Word this week makes known the intended oiling of the road between Jewell and Birkenfeld to a point two miles this side of Birkenfeld and approximately three miles from Mt. St. The information was released by the County Judge and it was thought that the work would be done sometime in August.

Request Issued City by Riverview Water System

Councilmanic changes were considerable Monday evening at the second monthly meeting of the city council when one resignation was tendered city fathers, was accepted, an appointment to fill the vacancy was made and voted favorably.

The resignation was that of Roy Raymond which was made following the presentation of a resolution signed by a number of city property holders making the request for the resignation. The remaining members of the city governing body accepted the action. In order to fill the vacancy then existing Charles VanAlstine was named for the position and was given a favorable vote to fill the chair. VanAlstine will take the position formerly held by Raymond on all committees, it was stated.

The Monday evening meeting also heard the written request of Andrew M. Parker that the city purchase the Riverview water system for \$500. That price was intended to include the pipe and water supply now in use. The matter was referred to the water committee for investigation and further action.

Further business of the meeting was the decision to purchase 30 cords of wood for consumption at the city hall from J. E. Tapp at a price of \$2.50 per cord.

KOY-KOAC Case Decision Is Delayed

The Federal Communications Commission has deferred final action on the radio KOY-KOAC case, pending disposition of applications for increases of power on the 850-kilocycle frequency. O.S.C. officials have been notified, KOY has had an application pending for more than a year to use the KOAC frequency, a request which is being vigorously opposed by the college, licensee of the state-owned station.

KOAC has an application pending for a permit to increase the power from the present 1000-watt limit to 5000-watts. The 1939 Oregon legislature appropriated funds for this expansion in the interests of better radio service to the entire state. It is understood that station KPFR at Bismark, N. D., has also applied for permission to increase power.

The commission indicated in its order that a further hearing may be necessary in cases such as that between KOY and KOAC, on issues relating to interference problems created by pending applications for increased power.

DANCE SCHEDULED AGAIN FOR AUGUST 29

Following the staging of a successful dance last Saturday evening by Harry George and his orchestra the announcement has been made that another dance is to be held on Saturday evening, July 29 at the I.O.O.F. hall. The same orchestra will play at that time.

FIVE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

Five additional contributions to the subscription fund for the Vernonia Junior Band were announced this week. Three individuals and two organizations were responsible, Fred Tausley, E. E. Garner, M. Gibson, the A. F. of L. and the Hy-Van Hotel.

door bells.

"I remember some years ago, Vernonia got lots of FREE advertising from the newspapers in Oregon, boosting your city, and all you had was about half a dozen buildings; but I still remember the sign that you greeted people with—DRIVE SLOW, SEE OUR CITY, DRIVE FAST, SEE OUR JAIL.—And you had about two blocks of oiled pavement. Kid stuff, eh. I was hoping that you might have acquired some metropolitan ideas, but I'm afraid you're hopeless. Don't spend that \$2.50. I coming to see you soon and I expect to collect it."

Very truly yours,

W. Hodgson, Northwest Sales Manager, White House Home Products Corporation.

"P. S. Don't forget to mail me a copy of the ordinance. The \$2.50 should cover expenses."

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"TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS for what??? This man John Armstrong was taking orders for merchandise, which, at the time the order was taken was outside of the State of Oregon, this is Interstate Commerce, which is a legitimate occupation, regardless of any city ordinance, and the judge knows

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a small jerk-water town, who have since done a lucrative business supplying copies to other small towns at \$5.00 per copy; so, if yours is a copy of the Green River Ordinance and you have not paid for it, I would think that you would be guilty of 'error and omission.' Or would you? However, let your conscience be your guide.

"Well, old timer, here's what I'm trying to say; one of our 'dealer's' is in your fair city, on or before May 4th, and, was picked up by your police force, (imbued with a sense of civic duty, maybe?) hauled to the City Hall, charged with collecting, and fined \$2.50. Two dollars and fifty cents may not sound like a lot of money to you, but it is one h— of a lot to the poor devil trying to support a family and keep off the relief rolls, carrying

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