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O-A Starts Logging Activities

First Logs Brought to Pond Wednesday; Many Repairs Needed

The Oregon American logging camp, Camp McGregor, began logging operations Monday of this week following the shutdown since the inroad of fire.

A good deal of repair work to bridges and other equipment is necessary before logging operations can commence on full schedule. A number of donkey engines and other machinery were destroyed by the fire a short time ago. Bridges are being repaired or rebuilt as the case may be, it was stated.

The first load of logs was brought to the O-A pond at the mill Wednesday.

Columbia Gets Rating of 6th in Contest

Rankings Given on Basis of Improvement in Number of Accidents

Columbia county was sixth in its group in the county traffic accident improvement contest for July, it was announced today by Earl Snell, secretary, who sponsors the contest.

Standings in the three groups, which are designated according to population density, were as follows:

Group I—Yamhill, Benton, Portland (the only city included in the county contest), Marion, Clatsop, Columbia, Clackamas, Washington, Multnomah (outside Portland).

Group II—Jackson, Coos, Tillamook, Hood River and Lincoln tied, Lane and Linn tied.

Group III—Wasco, Umatilla, Union and Douglas tied, Klamath, Baker, Josephine, Deschutes.

Rankings are given on a basis of improvement in the number of accidents, fatalities and injuries, for July this year as compared to July, 1938. Counties which reported no traffic fatalities to the secretary of state's office this July were Baker, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Josephine, Lake, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Wheeler.

Fatalities for the month of July this year totaled 31, a reduction of 14 percent from the total for the same month last year. A reduction was affected in the injuries too, there being 590 persons hurt in July this year compared to 642 last July, a decrease of eight percent.

Conference of Janitors Due September 16

Designed to Give Most Practical Help in Care of Buildings

A janitor's conference will be held at the St. Helens High School Saturday, September 16th beginning at 9:30 a. m. School janitors, custodians of public buildings and anyone interested in this work are invited to attend.

The conference will be directed by the State Department of Vocational Education and is designed to give the most practical help possible on the proper care and maintenance of public buildings.

This is the first vocational conference of this type in Columbia County, but the value of such a meeting is well proven by the interest and response to such activities elsewhere. The conference leaders provided by the State are competent and experienced in this work and it is hoped that school janitors and custodians of public buildings will plan to attend and all others interested in this work are invited.

Vernonia Bakery Lease For Year's Time Announced this Week

George Shaber to Spend Year Away from Business Is Statement

The Vernonia Bakery, owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Shaber, has been leased to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Boss of Portland was the announcement made this week by Mr. Shaber. The new owners have already taken possession of the business and will fill bread and pastry orders formerly cared for by the Shabers. The lease is effective for a year.

No announcement was made this week of any changes that are to be made in the products of the concern by Mr. Boss. He stated that he would maintain the same procedure for a time that has been followed in the past, until details of the change have been completed and more time is available.

Mr. Shaber stated that he planned to remain here for at least two months, spending some time at the coast.

Tree Trooper Fire Fighting Gets Praise

Over 4,000 CCC Enrollees in Lines of Forest Fires

More than 4000 CCC enrollees, well organized, trained and equipped were on the forest fire lines in Oregon and Washington during the past month. This was one of the largest mobilizations of the tree troopers for forest fire fighting of record in this region, according to the U. S. forest service.

"Tribute must be paid to the thousands of men from the CCC camps who did valiant work on the fire front, says F. H. Grundage, associate regional forester, Portland. "They showed the same resourcefulness and stamina that was typical of the pioneers. It is most encouraging, in these times, to know that our American young men can give a satisfactory account of themselves in meeting an emergency."

CCC enrollees of the North Pacific region were in action on forest fire from the Bear Creek fire on the northern Olympic peninsula to the Checto fire in southern Oregon, from the Saddle mountain fire on the Oregon coast to the pine lands of the Blue Mountains. In the face of what was said to be the worst fire conditions for 22 years, the enrollees performed like veterans. Lines were held and fires controlled in most cases without benefit of favorable weather, and in spite of winds, low humidity, high temperatures and highly inflammable forest material.

According to the forest service, the CCC corps has written a most commendable page of forest fire history in Oregon and Washington during the past month.

LICENSE EXAMINERS DUE HERE SEPTEMBER 25

An examiner of drivers and chauffeurs will be in Vernonia at the city hall on September 25, was the announcement this week by Secretary of State Earl Snell. All motorists wishing to secure permits or licenses may contact the examiners on that day.

FREE DANCE SLATED HERE SATURDAY EVE

Announcement was made here this week of a dance scheduled for Saturday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall featuring Don's Orchestra of Clatskanie. The dance is free to those wishing to attend it was stated by Mrs. Grant Layer, member of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Temperature Reaches 102 Degrees in Aug.

Rainfall Totals .77 Inches During Month of August; Many Smokey Days

A check with the Cooperative Weather Reports maintained daily for Vernonia by Harry Culbertson this week revealed a maximum temperature during the month of August of 102 degrees. The recording was made on the ninth day. Seven other days during the period were accorded temperatures of over 90 degrees.

During the month of August last year, 1938, a maximum of 86 was noted on two different days.

Precipitation for last month reached a total of .77 of an inch with rainfall recorded on August 25, .14 of an inch; August 27, .10; August 28, .07; August 30, .15; and August 31, .31. August, 1938 accorded only .25 of an inch of precipitation.

Smoke was evident to a greater degree than usual on nine days and four days were exceedingly smoky.

Records of Attendance Shattered

Fair Officials Plan for Next Year; Night Shows Draw to Capacity

Attendance records were shattered at the 1939 Oregon state fair which closed Sunday night at Salem when more than 103,000 persons paid admissions to the grounds, Fair Manager Leo Spitzbart reported following preliminary check on the week's crowds.

While attendance, receipts and exhibits all went to new highs, the pari-mutuel wagering at the horse races was down, with a total of \$94,424 wagered during the six-day meet.

Night crowds at the fair this year was exceptionally large, with the All American revue, a new feature, drawing capacity grandstands. Fair officials already are making plans for a similar attraction next year, as popularity this year of both the horse show and the revue showed that there is a place on the fair program for two big night entertainments.

"This fair has been the biggest and best in all the history of Oregon state fairs, but even so we are making plans already to set another record in 1940," J. D. Mickle, director of the state department and of the fair, states.

Even before all the exhibits were out of the grounds this week, a WPA crew had moved in to start building projects designed to improve further the attractive fair plant.

EAGLES ATTEND DISTRICT MEET IN ST. HELENS

A number of members of the Vernonia Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles were in St. Helens Sunday to attend the northern district convention. Initiation of candidates was held in the afternoon, several being candidates of the local Aerie. J. D. Perry, state representative, was chairman of the committee arranging for the convention.

Trimmers Installed At Mill

Greater Demand Will Be Created for O-A Lumber by Machinery

Three new trimming machines have been installed in the mill of the Oregon American Lumber Corporation it was announced last week. The three machines in the dry sorter will double-end trim all of the product through that department.

Two of the machines were installed and in operation the forepart of last week and the third was to be in use by the end of this week. A greater demand for the mill's product will be created, it was stated, and the move will be one in keeping with latest production methods. The machinery was installed at a cost of several thousand dollars.

NYA Program Expanded Says Administrator

First Step Launched to Employ 40 Men, Women; Interview Due

An expanded National Youth Administration work program for Columbia County was announced today by State NYA Administrator Ivan G. Munro.

As a first step in launching projects that will employ an average of 40 young men and women, Munro revealed formation of a Columbia County local advisory committee consisting of William B. Schnobly, County School Superintendent; Mrs. Maude Purvine, County Home Demonstration Agent; and Mrs. Eva Tice, Administrator of the County Public Welfare Committee.

Munro said that young men and women between the ages of 18 and 24, who want NYA work and training, may secure applications from the three members of the advisory committee, and from Dr. F. G. Rankin and Mr. Charles L. Miller, both of Clatskanie.

Largest project so far proposed will employ about 25 young women to help cook and serve meals in school cafeterias in 17 Columbia County School Districts. Munro said that Mrs. Purvine will supervise employment on the project, and has worked out a course of training in meal planning and food preparation.

For that project, and for several projects for young men, Assistant District Supervisor Warren J. Pollock will interview applicants on Tuesday, September 19, in the Court House in St. Helens between 9 a. m. and noon, and in Clatskanie City Hall between 2 and 4 p. m.

INSTRUCTOR CHANGE MADE AT HIGH SCHOOL

The close of the first week of classes at Vernonia high school brought a change in instructor set up, it was announced this week. Miss Doris Eckstrand tendered her resignation due to ill health. Her position has been filled by Mrs. Justine Prescott. Mrs. Prescott has experienced eight years of teaching, the last four of them being at Gardiner. She comes highly recommended to local school authorities.

BOY SCOUTS TO BEGIN MEETINGS SATURDAY

Announcement was made this week that regular meetings will be held this fall to start Saturday evening. The Legion hall will be open to the boys and as many as possible are urged to turn out for the first session which will be held at 7:30 p. m. Meetings will be held regularly each Saturday thereafter.

Grange Hall Meeting Draws Large Crowd To Hear Dr. Bostrom

Activities at High School Broadened

Purpose to Find Student's Special Interest; 222 Enrolled

The announcement of a change in the curriculum of the Vernonia high school was made this week by Wallace McCrae, principal; that is intended to determine for each student enrolled that student's special interest for a subject in addition to regular classroom work.

This year has seen the increase of activity periods both in number and length of period, it was stated. Activity periods have been employed before but have been widened in scope this year. Two of the periods are instructed by each teacher making 16 activities of varied natures.

The length of periods has also been changed from 35 minutes last year to 50 minutes for this year.

The activities and instructors having charge are: Harold McEntire, outdoor club and library; E. R. Mills, library and science club; Miss Freda Beck, timberline and photography; Leslie Skusie, radio club and flit club for girls; W. F. MacDonald, industrial arts; Miss Jane Wilkinson, dramatics and reading; Maagn McCoy, athletics; Mrs. Justine Prescott, handwork (girls), outdoor club (girls); Miss Connell, orchestra and glee club.

The number of activities offer a wide range to students, it was stated. Enrollment in the school has increased to 222.

Construction Of Theatre Advancing

Seating Capacity Will Accomodate 500; Opening Due in October

Jay Targart, who for some time has managed the Joy Theatre here, stated this week that construction work on the new theatre in Tigard is progressing rapidly. At the present time the foundation and framework have been built and placed in readiness for concrete and plaster.

The building will be completed in a style similar to the Joy Theatre here with stucco fronting the structure. Space for two stores will be provided. White stucco trimmed with red tile will be the colors used.

Seating capacity sufficient to accommodate 500 persons will be provided and the latest deluxe equipment will be placed in operation. The opening date has not as yet been definitely set but will be in the middle or latter part of October.

TWO WIN PRIZES AT STATE FAIR

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Wheeler of Scappoose and Mrs. Pearl Becker of South Scappoose won first and second prizes for New Zealand rabbits and awards for vegetable displays and the latter prizes in the weaving divisions at the State Fair at Salem, to bring renown to Columbia county.

LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES DUE

The last day for payment of the first one-fourth of this year's taxes in Columbia county comes this Friday, was the statement this week of County Tax Collector H. E. Veazie.

Expense, Benefit to Derive from Health Unit Explained

A number of people were privileged Saturday evening to hear an address by Dr. Edward Bostrom, representing the Oregon State Board of Health, on the cost and advantage to be gained from a county health unit.

During his talk Dr. Bostrom explained that the cost of a unit would be well worth the expenditure when the advantages of medical treatment were considered. As he explained, one year's expense to the county could easily have been paid by the expense entailed last winter during the time of the scarlet fever epidemic in Vernonia. In addition much of the trouble experienced at that time could have been avoided.

A health unit would employ the services of one full-time doctor, two full-time nurses and a secretary at an expense of \$10,320 total. Of this total \$3,320 would be provided by the State Board of Health. The county portion of funds would be \$4,780 in addition to the amount expended now, it was explained.

A number of meetings regarding the unit have been held throughout the county, one being scheduled next Wednesday at Clatskanie.

4-H Club Members Strive for Trip

Basis of Choice of Boy and Girl's Leadership, Achievement

Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland this fall, sponsored by the First National Bank of Portland, 4-H Club members of Columbia county are completing special projects and preparing entries for county and state 4-H competition. As for the last three years, choice of the boy and girl from each county in Oregon for this three-day visit in Portland will be based on outstanding leadership and achievement in 4-H Club work.

According to local 4-H Club leaders, the reports of last year's trip brought back by Thurman Deauille and Rose Koutok, winners of the 1938 award from this county, have heightened the competition to fever pitch. The trip includes daily visits to the exposition grounds, sight-seeing in Portland and special entertainment by the state-wide bank, which pays all transportation and expenses. Last year 74 boys and girls of Oregon enjoyed this visit to Portland and the same number is expected this year.

H. C. Seymour, Oregon 4-H Club director, has again been appointed general chairman of the judging and awards. Local judges will be the county agent and W. B. Schnobly, county superintendent of schools. Dates for the visit this year are October 11, 12 and 13.

CENTER LINE, SAFETY LANES REPAINTED

The yellow center-of-the-road division line was repainted through the city Wednesday afternoon by the State Highway crew. The line will prove of great value during winter months when fog may be experienced. Safety lanes across Bridge street were also repainted on the same day.

FINE MADE FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT

George Harris, itinerant, was fined \$10 in the Recorder's Court Wednesday afternoon by Loel Roberts. The assessment is being "worked-out" it was stated.