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Active Participants Have Opportunity Of Cash Award

Now one of the boys and girls who are active in The Vernonia Eagle subscription campaign will be more fortunate than ever—by the time the reports for Wednesday, May 22, are in, one of the candidates will be \$10 richer, in addition to being a winner of one of the cash commissions or a brand new bicycle at the close of the campaign on June 1.

The \$10 cash prize is a new campaign. It is separate from the original campaign in which the bicycles and cash commissions are offered to the 16 candidates. Full details of this new offer will be found on the large announcement elsewhere in this issue of the Vernonia Eagle.

The prizes offered in this campaign (particularly with the new \$10 cash prize) are well worth the efforts of the entire family. Parents should get behind their candidate and help them with actual work and advice to the end that their own entry will win one of the major awards.

The Eagle is especially anxious that parents should come to the office with their children to receive full details of the campaign and to learn how they can best help to get one of the prize bicycles for their own family.

The campaign is expected to get underway in earnest this week, and since it will run only 15 more working days, it is essential that candidates utilize their spare time to do their work. Help them all you can.

Names of active candidates in the campaign appear in this issue—“Choose your favorite now.”

All subscribers, both paid up and in arrears are reminded that Saturday, June 1 (the last day of the campaign) is their last opportunity to renew or subscribe to the Vernonia Eagle at the sharply reduced price of \$4.00 for three years. Candidates will receive full credit for both past due and advance subscriptions.



Weed Interested In Valley Future

In running as candidate for the office of Judge of Columbia County, Oscar G. Weed has a rich experience in rendering service to the people of the county, a background that will prove of great value in filling the office for which Mr. Weed's name will appear on the primary election ballot Friday, May 17.

Born in the Nehalem Valley in 1881 of the valley's earliest settlers, Oscar Weed's interests lie in the future of Columbia County, his home. He taught four years in the schools of Columbia and Washington counties following his attendance at Philomath College.

He served as Justice of the Peace for twelve years before becoming Columbia County sheriff which office he held for eight years. He has been a member of the high school board in Vernonia for a number of years.

PUD to Reduce Rates, Said

The power company propagandists have published another leaflet with more false and misleading statements, which in all fairness to the people of this community should be answered.

1. Rates will be reduced. The opponents say, “Not one family can hope for a single cent's rate reduction.” Oh, yes, they can. In Vernonia, a home paying \$4.38 for 100 kwh will get that amount of current for \$2.50—saving \$1.46 a month. A store using 375 kwh is now paying \$19.73—with a PUD will pay \$9.00, saving \$10.73 a month, or \$128.76 a year. A mill using 1500 kwh will save \$532 a year.

2. The opposition says: “Those who have no electric service now would not have any under a PUD.” They would. That's one of the big reasons for voting a PUD; that's why the United States is investing \$500,000,000 in the development of the Columbia River, to enlarge and extend electric service to hundreds and thousands of families that do not have it now. Nehalem Basin will get its share if we vote a PUD on May 17.

3. They claim that the reports of the Hydroelectric Commission prove their contentions, but it does not. It proves exactly the opposite. In a separate sheet, we are giving you the facts. If you do not have a copy, write or call for one at our address below.

4. They say: “The PUD would go broke if it reduced rates.” Another brain storm—utterly without foundation. The Hydroelectric Commission reports show the PUD in Nehalem Basin will earn a profit of \$7,111 a year for the first four years and \$2,368 a year for the next 26 years. That makes a total profit of \$90,012 for the period. In all, the Commission reports that the PUD would be to the good a total of \$295,742. Where do they get the idea about going broke? Ask them to show you. With that much to the good, rates can be reduced 20 to 40 per cent, or something like \$150,000 for the period and still have money left.

5. They say: “The PUD would have to pay \$60,000 for junk.” Do they mean to tell us that their properties are “junk”? Maybe they are. The first thing our board of directors will do if the PUD is voted will be to find out if the power companies' properties really are worthless. And they will not take the ravings of a wild power company's propagandist on such vital questions. They will get an appraisal by a reputable engineering firm. What they find the properties are really worth the PUD will pay and not one penny for anybody's junk.

6. They say: “The men now employed will lose their jobs.” No; not a single man will lose his job. Every PUD formed here and elsewhere makes it a fixed policy to take over every man this is now employed. Moreover, since the PUD will immediately begin to extend and improve the service more men than ever will be employed.

7. They juggle the figures of the Hydroelectric Commission and make it appear that the PUD would “lose \$22,098 per year in cold cash.” The Commission's report says the PUD will make a profit of \$7,111 a year.

8. They say that the “highest possible profit which the Commission could figure is \$2,368 a year.” This must be a deliberate misstatement. The “highest” net profit given by the Commission is \$7,111 a year. With such statements as a basis, a completely false conclusion is built up.

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Commencement Program Friday Grade School Term Ends Today

54 Will Receive Awards

Pleasant Hill, Kist Students to Participate in Exercises

Graduation exercises of the eighth grade students of Washington school will be held Thursday night, May 1, at eight o'clock. In addition to the 54 boys and girls from Vernonia, 6 from the Pleasant Hill and 1 from the Kist schools will receive their diplomas that evening. According to Superintendent Condit, Mist and Natal will hold their exercises jointly in the new gymnasium at Mist; Keasey has no eighth graders this year.

Secret Weapon Said “Dud”

Portland—Puds new “secret weapon” in the form of an announcement that Bonneville's Administrator had set specific consumer rates for the proposed Lincoln County and Upper Nehalem districts apparently turned out to be a dud.

Instead of creating the expected sensation, those opposing Puds welcomed the announcement as further proof of their repeated charges that Professional Puders are playing politics. The last minute announcement of a “guessed at rate” was for propaganda purposes only, they declared and is one of the oldest tricks employed by Pud promoters in Washington state to swing votes their way.

Pointing to the fact that all operating Puds in Washington state have not reduced rates in any instance, they asserted that the Bonneville Administrator has authority only to sell power to Puds but has no authority to set their rates.

Rates they declared must be set by Pud commissioners and then only on a basis of known costs and actual conditions.

At the present time they state, neither Bonneville nor still to be elected Pud commissioners have any method of knowing how much it will cost a district to buy utilities, nor how much actual revenue the districts would produce in real money nor how much it would cost to operate them under political management.

Under such circumstances they declare it would be impossible for anybody to announce specific rates without real facts to guide them and therefore branded the announcement as another “Pud promise” and a repetition of the old ruse so successfully used by the late Administrator Ross.

So far as concerns the Upper Nehalem “objective rate” they point out that it would be 50% higher than the 3 cent Forest Grove rate that the people had been promised until recently, and that such a rate would make it impossible to operate the district without heavy losses on one hand and would provide practically no savings to small users under the best of conditions.

“If Bonneville or anybody else really could give the people low rates and guarantee them, then why didn't they make such an important announcement weeks ago instead of on the election's eve?” asked anti-Pud spokesmen. “If its Public welfare they are working for, then why didn't they give us real facts and figures in time for all to examine them instead of making us another hot promise so close to election time that its hard to catch up with them?”

FIRST LISTING OF THE BIKE CANDIDATES

Each active candidate in this campaign is sure of winning a prize bicycle or a cash commission as only as many candidates will be allowed to be active in this campaign as there are prizes and cash commissions.

The candidates are separated into two districts. Those living outside the city of Vernonia are in District Number One, and those living inside the city limits of Vernonia are in District Number Two, but any candidate may secure subscriptions from anyone, anywhere.

There are two first prizes—the high candidate in each district will receive one of the District Capital prize bicycles. The other prize bicycles will be given to the candidates, regardless of which district they are in, having the next highest number of votes. The active candidates who do not win one of the prize bicycles will each receive a cash commission equal to 20 per cent (one fifth) of all money he or she has turned in for subscriptions.

Following is a list of young men and women who have been nominated to work in the campaign, and the 16 candidates will be those on this list who remain active by reporting on each of the report days.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

BODELL, Robert—Pittsburg	10,000
COBURN, Paul—Riverview	10,000
DAVIS, Calvin—Stoney Point	10,000
DUNCAN, Bill—Rock Creek	10,000
POWLER, Harold—Riverview	10,000
HOLCE, Winfred—Mist	10,000
KENT, Robert—Wilark	10,000
LINDSLEY, Lee—Keasey Rt.	10,000
LANE, Lewis—Wilark	10,000
TURLEY, Richard—Timber	10,000
WIKSTROM, Norvin—Mist	10,000
WILKINSON, Donald—Stoney Point	10,000

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO

BELONGIA, Leonard	10,000
DE HAËT, Ruth	10,000
GLASSNER, Betty	10,000
HOBIN, La Vonia	10,000
JONES, Hazel	10,000
McKAY, Betty	10,000
PLYMALE, Johnnie	10,000
STOLEN, Vern	10,000
WATSON, Joy	10,000

See next weeks Eagle for accurate list of candidates and vote standings of each. “Your subscription can mean first prize bicycle for your favorite candidate.”

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New Mill To Build Here, Said

Cedarwood Timber Company Moving Plant Here from Timber

Coming as good news to Vernonia people who dislike to see spaces left vacant by a departed business concern is the announcement of the Cedarwood Timber Company's moving from Timber to the site formerly occupied by the Bennett (Lindsey) Sawmill. The concern moves here Thursday of this week to begin the manufacture of shakes and shingles. If enough shingle bolts can be obtained, two shifts of men will be employed; eight men directly or indirectly will work for the concern. L. E. Thompson, manager of the Cedarwood Timber Company, states that the company wants all shingle bolts available.

Calvin Davis Named Pres.

Election of student body officers in the high school was held last week but owing to a tie in two of the offices, namely secretary and yell leader, results were not published at a sooner date.

Officers to serve the students next school year are: President, Calvin Davis; Vice President, Clifford Bergerson; Secretary, Jean Ryves; Treasurer, Lillian Hedman; Business Manager, Edgar Culbertson; Yell Leader, Margaret Haiman.

Proposed Extension Reality

Mail Delivery Service to Be Extended on Oregon American Hill

Becoming effective June first will be the proposed extension of mail delivery service to include the O. A. mill property on the highway. Up to the present time mail delivery has been granted only to the Oregon American office and to the company houses located on the hill which overlooks the city.

All houses will have to be numbered and there will have to be walks in front of the houses to receive the delivering service. When these requirements are made, delivery service will go as far as house No. 1, the house in which the George Drorbaughs live. After June first until walks are built the service will extend to Zeiner's Store.

Bert Tisdale who is the regular carrier on the present O. A. route will also deliver mail for the extended route; one auxiliary carrier has been added.

Safeway Consolidation Sale in Progress

Safeway store at Clatskanie was closed recently and a consolidation with the Vernonia store resulted in the Consolidation Sale now in progress at the Vernonia unit. Prices have been lowered considerably following the deal mentioned. District Manager R. J. Mathieson stated Wednesday that the rumor that the local Safeway would be closed is completely unfounded.

41 Seniors To Get Diplomas

Dr. O. R. Chambers Slated to Deliver Address of Evening

Forty-one seniors will receive diplomas at the commencement exercises to be held Friday night at eight o'clock at the Washington grade school. Dr. O. R. Chambers of the Oregon State College Psychology Department, will deliver the address. Dr. Chambers is one of the most sought-after speakers the Oregon State System of Higher Education has offered for commencement addresses; Vernonia townspeople and members of the graduating class should consider themselves fortunate in having obtained the services of such a well-known and able speaker for the occasion Friday night.

PROGRAM

Professional, Miss Alvenia Connell; (Will the audience please remain seated during the professional) Invocation, Rev. W. O. Livingstone; Greetings to the Class of 1940, Mr. Howard Rundell; Lift Thine Eyes (From the Oratorio “Elijah”—Felix Mendelssohn), High school sextette; Valedictorian address, Miss Joanne Nichols; Presentation of Awards, Mr. Wallace McCrae; Presentation of Wilkerson Trophy, Mr. J. B. Wilkerson; Introduction of Speaker, Mr. Wallace McCrae; Commencement Address, Dr. O. R. Chambers; Presentation of Diplomas, Mr. O. G. Weed; Benediction, Rev. H. R. Scheuerman; Recessional, Miss Alvenia Connell.

Names of the seniors of the 1940 class are listed as follows:

Dorothy Acord, John Baker, Bessie Baker, Helen Bennett, George Bishop, Frances Childs, Bernice Dass, Elsie Duncan, DeLores George, Le Verne George, Warren Hershey, Myrtle Holce, Maxine John, Phillip Keasey, Erma Kent, Andy Killian, Eunice Larson, Jean Lewis, Jack McDonald, Christine McKenzie.

Homer Michener, Phillip Millis, Charlie Moulton, Ervin Mullins, Joanne Nichols, Florence Ohler, Patricia Pemble, Melvin Powell, Heidi Reich, Wilton Rogers, Helen Romvedt, Melvin Rose, Zelma Shapley, Myrtle Stacey, Raymond Thacker, Francis Tomlin, Lylath Van De Bogart, Claude Veal, Lyle Walker, Reginald Watson, Ross Wilkins.

Chamber to Meet Delegates

Next Tuesday evening, May 21, at seven o'clock at the Masonic Temple at a dinner, the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce will meet jointly with representatives from towns vitally interested in the completion of the Rainier-Apiary-Vernonia-Forest Grove highway. O. T. Bateman, secretary of the local organization, has written letters to business groups in Longview, Rainier, Forest Grove, Buxton and Banks inviting them to be present at the Tuesday meeting.

To the Vernonia business men the question of the highway is of great importance if rumor has any basis that the new road will go through Pebble Creek rather than through the center of Vernonia.

Larry Marshall Named To Honorary Society

Larry Marshall, sophomore in forestry at Oregon State College, was one of nine new members initiated into Xi Sigma Pi, forestry honor society, recently. Xi Sigma Pi aims to promote the forestry profession. Experience, scholarship, character and leadership are the basis of membership selection of this national honorary for foresters.