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Four Win Bikes at Close of Contest Saturday Evening

Decision Announced Following Complete Count of Votes by Judges

With 15 excited candidates impatiently awaiting announcement of final results, The Vernonia Eagle subscription campaign came to a close Saturday evening.

Near midnight the winners were announced and with happy faces wreathed with smiles, the boys and girls came forward to claim their shiny new bikes and prizes.

The winners:

District No. 1 Capital Prize (outside Vernonia), Calvin Davis, 219,250 votes; District No. 2 Capital Prize (in Vernonia), Johnnie Pymale, 382,000 votes; Third prize, Betty McKay, 317,875 votes; Fourth prize, La Vonia Hobin, 205,000 votes.

The first extra prize of \$10 in cash offered to the candidate securing the most points on new and (and only new) subscriptions handed in between Saturday morning, May 18 and Wednesday night, May 22, was won by La Vonia Hobin with 73 points.

The second extra prize of \$10 in cash offered to the candidate securing the most points on old and new subscriptions handed in between Saturday morning, May 25 to Saturday night June 1, was won by Johnnie Pymale with 244 points.

All the other candidates received cash commissions of 20 per cent of their total collections. The other candidates and their votes were:

Betty Glassner, 166,250; Harold Fowler, 156,500; Lee Lindsley, 123,500; Leonard Beiongia, 103,250; Joy Watson, 77,500; Robert Bodell, 51,000; Ruth DeHart, 48,250; Richard Turley, 32,000; Bill Duncan, 19,500; Paul Coburn, 14,750; Donald Wilkinson, 14,750.

Land Facts to Be Discussed

The letter below is one being sent every farmer of the valley this week by George A. Nelson, County Agricultural Agent as an invitation to attend a meeting at the Vernonia grange hall this Friday evening.

Dear Farmer:

The importance of proper land use in Columbia county as well as in every county in the United States cannot be over emphasized. Land values in Columbia county have dropped from over \$20,000,000 seventeen years ago to \$12,977,000 in 1940. This reduction has taken place because of the cutting of the virgin timber in Columbia county, and it affects every taxpayer in the county who now owns property.

The Land Use Committee of the Columbia County Outlook Conference, in cooperation with the county agent's office, has been studying this problem for several years and has gathered some facts that may be of interest to you which will be discussed at a meeting at the Vernonia grange hall at Vernonia next Friday evening, June 7, at 7:45 p. m.

Columbia county has thousands of acres of second growth timber and cut-over land that is suitable for grazing and reforestation and a certain amount of agricultural land. The proper utilization and management of these lands are important to re-establish the values of these properties in Columbia county to maintain the highest payroll and income from them.

A good attendance is requested at this meeting to consider these problems, and we would like to have you present to counsel with the committee in regard to the proper steps to be taken in the handling of these lands to the best interest of Columbia county.

Poppies Net Sum For Aid

Half of Proceeds to Be Used Here in Child Welfare Work

The recently completed Poppy sale netted \$31.72 for use in this community for child welfare work according to information released Tuesday by the American Legion Auxiliary. An order was placed for 900 poppies costing \$17.55. The Auxiliary sold 800 of the order to receive \$80. Deduction of the cost left a total of \$63.45 of which half is sent to the Department of Oregon American Legion Child Welfare center and the other half remains here for use.

Officials of the Auxiliary in charge of the sale were well pleased with results, it was stated, and wished to express their appreciation to those who purchased the flowers. The money received from purchases makes possible considerable worthwhile effort in local child welfare work.

Junior Band To Make Trip

The Vernonia Junior Band is scheduled to attend the North Lincoln County Regatta at Devil's Lake June 15 and 16 was the announcement made Wednesday by C. R. Watts, director.

In announcing the future trip Mr. Watts also stated that buttons are to be placed on sale by members of the band, the buttons to admit purchasers to the Regatta and at the same time assist in financing the trip. A portion of the funds so derived remains with the band. The Regatta is said to be one well worth viewing.

N.Y.U. Student Gets Degree

Cathrin A. Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hoffman of this city, received a Master of Science degree in Retailing at the 108th New York University Commencement held June 5.

Attending N. Y. U. on a Fellowship awarded through Oregon State College in the Secretarial Science school, Miss Hoffman has been very successful and outstanding in her work in the eastern university.

She was given two awards at the close of this year's work: one, \$30 for the highest scholastic average in the class for the entire year; the other, \$25 for the highest grade for the term in the course "Executive Leadership", a class under the leadership of the dean of the School of Retailing, Dean Briscoe.

Directors Take First Steps

The Nehalem Basin Peoples' Utility District recently-elected directors took preliminary steps toward getting the business of the district underway Tuesday when they met with the State Hydroelectric Commission in Portland. The five men elected May 17, J. E. Tapp, E. M. Bollinger, C. S. Hoffman, George Baker and Noble Dunlap, were certified as directors at that time and the district and its boundaries were also certified as a whole, the Timber portion being included. According to law a portion of the district must vote itself out by a majority in order to be not included.

The directors themselves also named officers as follows: E. M. Bollinger, chairman; C. S. Hoffman, vice-chairman; George Baker, secretary; and Noble Dunlap, treasurer. To conclude the business, a set of by-laws was adopted under which future business will be conducted.

Glass Cleaned From Pool

Under the direction of Noble Dutton, Dewey Swimming Pool life guard, broken glass and other debris was removed from the bottom of the pool Monday in preparation of the pool which will be ready for use in a short time. Bobby New suffered the only casualty during the work by stepping on a piece of glass which resulted in a cut requiring several stitches to close.

Reinforcements are to be placed back of the cement supports for the dam structure before the dam itself will be installed, was information released Tuesday.

"Quiet Hour" Staff Due

Through an announcement released this week a program is slated for the Washington grade school auditorium on the evening of June 6 when the "Quiet Hour" radio staff will conduct a public service. The "Quiet Hour" program is conducted daily over station KEX. This will be the first personal appearance of the staff in Vernonia.

Evangelist J. L. Tucker and Mr. Elmer Walre, the Gospel singer, will be accompanied by their male quartette. Mr. Tucker will speak on the subject, "Confidence in the Midst of International Storm." The musical program will begin at 7:45 p. m., and everyone is invited to the service.

Clipping Brings Letter to the Eagle

Note—The following letter is one received last Saturday by The Eagle from Mrs. W. H. Dawson who, before her marriage was Vernonia Cherrington, after whom Vernonia was named. The letter has been answered and is published herewith for the interest it will have for the many Vernonia people who know some of the history of the Upper Nehalem Valley:

Saxe, Virginia, May 26, 1940
Editor of the Eagle,
Vernonia, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I have in my possession a clipping from The Oregonian of December 16, 1939. The writeup is on "But Only One Vernonia." It was sent me by relatives from Jackson, Ohio. It mentions the naming of your postoffice and town.

You don't know how I prize this

little clipping as I am that daughter of Ozias Cherrington and the Vernonia for which your postoffice and town was named. I notice you spell it Vernonia. I don't know why that "i" was put in as I think Vernonia, which is my name, a more pleasing name than Vernonia.

My father left Ohio when I was about five years old. I think he first went to Missouri and then on to Oregon. He wrote and told me about the P. O. being named for me and later on how the place had grown.

Of course I was very proud of all that, but really I don't know how to tell you the thrill I got when reading this piece so many years later, as I am now seventy-two years old, and to know the record of the naming had been kept so long. I would like to know the population now.

My father was thrown from a

NEW SERVICE STARTS

Disaster Group Planned

Organizations Invited to Be Represented at Meeting Tuesday

An announcement Tuesday made known plans for a meeting June 12, Wednesday, for the purpose of forming what has tentatively been called a Disaster Committee. It is the thought of those active in this project that calls will be issued from time to time for assistance to those who are rendered less fortunate through some disaster.

One call has already been issued by the Red Cross for funds and it is possible that other calls will be made in the future.

The proposed organization is one that would be separate from any now existing in the city but would be composed of delegates from those groups. If future plans develop as outlined, the proposed committee would operate much the same as the Christmas Activities Committee.

An invitation has been sent to all organizations whose address was available but if any group has been overlooked, this announcement is to be considered to have representatives present.

Marine Corps Seeks Men

The United States Marine Corps recruiting office in the U. S. court house at Portland has been authorized to accept an unlimited number of men for enlistment during the month of June, according to word received today from Captain James E. Hardie, officer in charge of marine corps recruiting activities in the Portland district.

This, Captain Hardie stated, is due to the fact that Congress has authorized the expansion of the Marine Corps to 34,000 enlisted men, its greatest peace time strength. Due to this great increase, promotion will be faster than it has been at any time during the past twenty years, the Captain said.

Branch recruiting offices are being opened at Boise, Idaho, and Walla Walla, Washington, to help in handling the increase.

Male United States citizens between the ages of 18 and 30, without dependents, of good habits and character, and in good health, are eligible for enlistment.

Wallace Eguia Wins Trip

Wallace Eguia, local high school boy, will leave on the Oregonian special train June 18 to spend four days in California seeing the 1940 Golden Gate Exposition. The trip for Eguia was made possible through securing subscriptions to The Oregonian.

Time Limit Expires

Parents who wish to insure the safety of their children from typhoid fever may do so now is the announcement this week by Dr. R. D. Eby. According to the announcement parents who wish to avail themselves of the oral vaccine may do so by notifying Dr. Eby so that he may obtain the amount of material necessary for the work. The cost is nominal, being only 50c.

The oral vaccine was last given four years ago and since that time no cases of typhoid fever have developed but the time limit for effectiveness has now expired making possible the appearance of new cases in the community.

Those who avail themselves of the service now will be protected during use of the swimming pool this summer.

Mail Delivery Revised

Tisdale Receives Regular Appointment From Change

Starting last Saturday two deliveries of mail to residents of the O-A hill will be made each day, was the announcement made through the Vernonia post office. The increased service comes into reality through an extension of mail service authorized to become effective June 1st by postal authorities. Service on the hill has also been extended to include all company houses on the south side of the road leading to Riverview and to the Zeiner Grocery on the north side.

Also becoming effective Saturday was a change in the mail carrier arrangement as carried out by C. R. Watts and Bert Tisdale, deliverymen. Rock creek has been designated a division line so that Mr. Tisdale will make all deliveries of mail east of the creek while Mr. Watts will be the carrier for all postal material west of the creek. The change also gave Tisdale a regular appointment qualifying him as full-time carrier.

Farm Price Level Higher

Despite lower prices for wheat, the general level of prices for farm products in Oregon was about the same at mid-May as a month previous, according to information on the agricultural situation just issued by the Oregon agricultural extension service. Compared with a year ago, farm prices in Oregon averaged approximately 7 per cent higher, although foreign demand for such farm products as are produced in Oregon for export markets has declined greatly since the European war started.

The general improvement in farm prices compared with a year ago may be attributed largely to greater income and consumer purchasing power. For instance, the government index of industrial workers' income is approximately 10 per cent higher than at this time in 1939, although not as high as before the recession which took place during the first three months of 1940.

"Thus far, the war has stimulated industrial activity in this country, giving domestic consumers increased purchasing power," says the report, "but exports of farm products from this country have decreased."

The volume of exports of nearly all United States agricultural products, except cotton, has declined since the war in Europe started, and much uncertainty exists regarding the ultimate effect on foreign demand for our farm products. Considerable uncertainty exists also regarding the duration and course of the war and possible effects on domestic demand.

Great Britain and France have pooled their buying operations under complete government unified control and are buying on the basis of economic warfare and diplomatic strategy as well as to supply needs.

The dominion countries and South America are supplying far greater quantities of farm products than during the World war, as production has increased greatly during the past 25 years and the capacity of available shipping facilities is much greater.

If the war continues for two or three years, there may be some shortage of farm products and a large demand for industrial materials for war. On the other hand, early cessation of hostilities, or fairly definite indications of an end of the war within a year or less, would affect the industrial and business situation in this country adversely.

Farmers to Tour Pastures

To anyone interested in developing pasture on cut-over lands of the county a pasture tour is to be made Saturday afternoon, June 8th at 1:30 p. m. at the G. C. Kirkbride farm was the announcement made this week by George Nelson, County Agricultural Agent.

Those attending will visit the grass nursery established in 1932 and will also see about 60 acres of burned-over land which have been seeded to pasture grasses on the Kirkbride farm on Crooked creek. In that area 12 varieties of grasses and clovers have been seeded, among them being a plot of red creeping fescue, one of the first seedings of its kind in the county, and a seedling of the new variety of orchard grass imported from Wales in the British Isles. County Agent Nelson has extended invitations to all farmers of the valley and others who may be interested to attend.

Power Line Work Started

Construction of the power line by the Timber Light and Power company was started last week, it was announced, after a contract with that company and the Oregon Gas and Electric company had been signed for the Oregon Gas to sell power to the Timber company. The Timber company will extend its lines to the Columbia county line where connection will be made with the lines which are to be extended from Vernonia. The work is to be finished by August 1st according to present plans.

Chamber to Meet July 1

An evening meeting on Monday, July 1st at which time a special program will be staged was the decision made Tuesday noon by the Chamber of Commerce during its noon meeting at the Terminal Cafe. The setting of the July 1st date came with the decision to hold meetings only one time each month in the future.

Other chamber business of the day was the appointment of Wallace McCrae to represent the Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday when an attempt will be made to form what has tentatively been termed a Disaster Committee. Committee reports comprised the remainder of the noon session.