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Elementary Schools Get

\$6560.75

State School Fund Allotments Amount to \$1.15 Per Census Child

State School Fund allotments amounting to \$1.15 per census child, are being sent by William B. Schnebly, County School Superintendent, to all elementary school districts. The total allotment to Columbia county was \$6560.75. The largest allotments were to the most populous districts as follows: St. Helens, \$1331.70; Vernonia and Pleasant Hill, Consolidated, \$993.60; Rainier, \$515.20; Scappoose, \$489.90; and Clatskanie, \$455.40. The smallest allotments were to District No. 6, Willow Bar, \$9.20; Alder Grove, \$20.70; and Cedar Grove, \$20.70.

Dance Date Announced

An announcement made this week by Ed Horn gives information for dancers.

Arrangements have been made for a dance for Vernonia on August 10th at the Legion hall. The dance will be the first public affair to open the fall season of dancing for this vicinity.

The dance will be sponsored by Ed Horn and Jack Childs.

Music for the dance will be provided by McDonald of the Navy and his Musical Mariners who have been highly received in the past in Vernonia.

Old Contract To Be Effective

Of interest to members of Local No. 37, IWA, is the information released this week that the old contract of the local with the Industrial Hospital Association is to remain effective during the month of August.

Under the old contract the association will continue to furnish medicine when needed.

Negotiation for a new contract will be carried out at the Columbia River District Council which meets August 3 and 4.

New Flag Pole To Be Erected

A new flag pole for the Washington grade school was being prepared for erection the forepart of this week. The pole was purchased a short time ago by the school board to replace the old pole which has rotted at the base and is in danger of falling.

The new pole will be set near the old and will be in readiness for use at the opening of school.

W. E. Crawford, Washington grade school janitor, is in charge of the work.

Negotiation Meet Arranged

Word from the Nehalem Basin PUD directors this week states that a meeting of officials of the local power company and the directors is slated next week at Longview.

Business at that time will be the initial work of negotiating for the purchase of the local company power facilities with the ultimate idea being the furnishing of power for the Upper Nehalem Valley.

Fluorescent Lighting Improves Two Business Places This Week

The installation of fluorescent lighting fixtures for two Vernonia business houses this week adds greatly to the appearance of those places, both from the added amount of light and the appearance of the signs themselves.

The Dew Drop Inn owned by Desmond Laird in Riverview has installed the lighting across the building front and has changed the sign to read Dessy's Tavern. Much more light is shed on the building at night due to the new fixture.

The Squeeze Inn has also purchased a new sign which employs the fluorescent lighting principle.

Funeral Service Held Thursday

KEASEY—(Special to The Eagle)—Orris Harold DeVaney, age 31 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. DeVaney of Keasey, died at Medford July 22. He came to Keasey with his parents 18 years ago and lived and worked in this vicinity until 1933 when he went to Portland.

He later was married to Jessie Maden of South Dakota.

Funeral services were held Thursday in Portland and interment took place at the Lincoln Memorial Park.

Besides his wife and parents he leaves to mourn his death three brothers, Verle, Darrell and Ralph, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Westenberg, of Portland.

"Marihuana" Play Slated

A three-act play "Marihuana" is scheduled for presentation at the Christian church Friday evening of this week, August 2.

The play, dealing with the ravages of the narcotic, is educational as well as being humorous and is reputed to please audiences wherever presented.

No admission is to be charged but a silver offering will be taken during the evening.

Council Meet Due Aug. 3, 4

Three representatives of Local No. 37, IWA will be in attendance at the Columbia River District Council meeting slated this week-end at Toledo. The meeting is slated for August 3 and 4.

Vernon Ego, Chester Dusten and George Baker will represent the Vernonia Local as delegates.

The council meeting is held in order to negotiate business affairs incidental to the Columbia river district.

Chimney Blaze Calls Firemen

Vernonia firemen were called in to action Sunday evening about 8 o'clock to answer a call to the Floyd Watson home.

A chimney blaze gave rise to the call but little damage resulted and the fire was quickly extinguished.

Firemen to Discuss Celebration

A meeting of members of the Vernonia Fire Department is to be held this evening, Thursday, at the city hall was the announcement made Wednesday by Harry Culbertson. The meeting will hear a discussion of the advisability of staging a Vernonia celebration this year.

McCrae Named to Honorary

Wallace McCrae was named a member of Phi Delta Kappa, men's national honor society for education majors this week. McCrae has been attending summer school at the University of Oregon. He was one of 13 to receive the honor.

1940 Tax Payments Exceed 1939

Property Tax Collection Is 56.08 Per Cent of Levy for Columbia County

Columbia county was one of thirty counties in the state whose 1940 property tax collections were better than the collection of 1939 taxes, using May 1 as the date of comparison.

\$666,438 was the total amount of property taxes levied for all purposes for collection in Columbia county in 1940. As of May 1 this year, 56.08% or \$373,751 of the total taxes levied had been collected.

In 1939, 53.24% of the county's \$675,270 of property taxes for all purposes had been collected at the same date, according to information supplied Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., which recently published tax collection data for all Oregon counties in taxpayers' publication "Your Taxes."

\$42,603,802 was the total amount of taxes on all property in Oregon for all purposes payable in 1940. Of this amount \$27,442,973 had been paid about May 1, or 64.41% of the 1940 total levy.

Last year, \$42,059,396 was the total amount of taxes on all property levied for all purposes in Oregon, including drainage and irrigation assessments, forest patrol and reforestation. Of this 1939 total, \$26,060,495, or 61.96% of the total levy, was reported as having been paid by about May 1, 1939.

Six Oregon counties, Baker, Grant, Lincoln, Sherman, Tillamook and Union, reported slower payment of property taxes this year than in 1939. The other thirty counties reported a better rate of tax payments, although the increase was small in some counties.

\$955,368 was Columbia county's total tax delinquency for all years prior to 1939, according to the State Tax Commission. The Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc. data reports that \$46,274 of delinquent taxes were paid in Columbia county by about May 1 this year, or a collection of 4.84% against the accumulation of tax delinquency. Washington, Umatilla and Linn counties made the best showing in cleaning up past-due taxes, while Tillamook and Coos counties reported the least progress in collecting delinquent taxes.

Crowd Large at IWA Picnic

The weather, after threatening all week, cleared last Saturday for the staging of the IWA picnic at Arcadia park.

The day's festivities were started with a concert by the Vernonia Junior band directed by C. R. Watts and was followed by various activities such as softball, racing, horse-shoe pitching, wrestling and a tug-of-war. First and second place winners received prizes which were made possible by Orvel Edwards, Bill Ellingsworth and the Vernonia Bakery. The Local expressed appreciation to the donors of prizes and to all others who assisted in making the picnic a success.

In the evening, a free dance was given at the I. O. O. F. hall. The dance was enjoyed by one of the largest crowds seen in Vernonia.

Rain Stops Log Hauling

MIST—(Special to The Eagle)—Rain all was responsible for a temporary stop of log hauling at Mist last Friday.

Connection of Power Lines to Be Completed in Coming Week

Bakery to Undergo Remodeling

Business House to Close August 4th for 10 Days, Stated by Owners

The Vernonia Bakery, which has been operated for the past year by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Boss, is to close for a 10-day period August 4th for extensive remodeling, it was learned this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss will leave on a short vacation during the time the work is being done.

Changes in the building will include moving the partition separating the front display room and the back part of the establishment, a change in the location of baking equipment to facilitate convenience, and painting.

The partition will be moved toward the front leaving less room for display but increasing working room at the back. That change will also provide additional light, it was stated.

The bakery will reopen for business August 14th.

Golf Course Gets New Managers

Of interest to golfers this week is the information that the Vernonia golf course will operate under new management effective today, Thursday, it was learned yesterday.

The course, formerly under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Frisbie, will be cared for by Homer and Elmer Michener. Mr. and Mrs. Frisbie have been its managers for the past three years.

City councilmen have not yet ratified the change but when the matter was discussed several weeks ago they expressed themselves as willing to allow a change should one be made.

Orchestra Fails To Appear

TIMBER—(Special to The Eagle)—Due to the failure of the orchestra to appear the Red Cross dance sponsored by the Sub-Deb girls club, scheduled for Saturday night at Timber, was a complete failure. The hall, which was nicely decorated with red, white and blue colors, was filled with a capacity crowd. Proceeds of this dance were to have been donated to the American Red Cross for relief purposes.

The girls are contemplating a dance in the near future.

Logger Gets Severe Injury

KEASEY—(Special to The Eagle)—Ronald McDonald was severely injured last Thursday at the Birkenfeld Logging operation when he was struck by a falling limb. He was taken to the Emanuel hospital in Portland. He suffered a fractured skull.

O-A Logger Hit By Choker

Kenneth Richardson, logger at the Oregon-American camp, was injured late Monday afternoon when struck on the head by a choker. He was rushed to the Emanuel hospital in Portland for medical attention but no definite report as to the extent of the injury was available.

\$143.58 Collected for Red Cross Fund

\$143.58 is the amount of funds collected to date by the Disaster Relief Committee it was announced Wednesday by Emil Messing, treasurer. In addition to that amount a small amount of change has not been collected from bottles in different places in town. No funds have been collected to date from precinct 3.

Fair Offers Entertainment

From a strictly entertainment standpoint, this year's Columbia County Fair is a "honey." The fair board has been especially diligent in searching out entertainment features, and will have a group of numbers which will keep the folks amused every hour of the three days of the fair, August 22, 23 and 24.

One number which will be an important part of the opening day's program, will be the judging of the Whiskerino Derby. All parts of the county have co-operated in this event and to the owner and grower of the finest set of whiskers will go a substantial prize.

Thursday also will see the crowning of the fair and rodeo queen. This is another part of the program in which the county as a whole has been greatly interested, and there is every indication that the event will be a gorgeous one. The queen will preside over the festivities at the fair and rodeo and will also, with her court, be the recipient of many honors and prizes.

A full afternoon of horse racing will greet the fans Thursday afternoon. The feature event of the afternoon will be the Columbia County Derby, which will be limited strictly to Columbia county horses. There also will be relay races, chariot races and several other wild west numbers.

The celebrated Swedish choir from Portland has given a tentative promise to be here for Thursday evening. Those who have heard this excellent group of singers are eager to hear them again. Other musical treats will be given by bands from the cities of the county. Thursday evening the Shell Oil Co. fireworks display will thrill the visitors. The Shell company gave a brilliant display last year, and officials of the company state their 1940 display is by far the best and most elaborate they have ever sponsored.

And, then, of course, the second annual Columbia County Rodeo will be the crowning event of the entertainment program. This year the rodeo will be handled entirely by rodeo people, and the aggregation of horses, steers, cows and calves will be the wildest obtainable. There will be Brahma steers in abundance, some of which have never been ridden and probably never will be. The success of the 1939 rodeo has put Columbia county on the rodeo map and the best riders in the west will be on hand to compete for the handsome cash prizes and trophies.

The grand award of the rodeo will be a \$150 saddle, which will be awarded to the best all-around cowboy in the contests. The saddle will be put up as a prize by the business men of St. Helens, and will be emblematic of the Columbia county championship.

School Entrance Age Specified

The 1939 Legislature defined the age at which a child may enter school by providing that "a child entering school for the first time during the fall term, shall be deemed to be six years of age if his birthday occurs on or before November 15."

Electricity For Farms Available

Oregon Gas and Electric Completes Stringing of Wire; Poles Up

Construction work necessary for the connection of the Oregon Gas and Electric power line with the Timber Light and Power company has progressed almost to completion this week. Connection of the two lines will be made at the Columbia-Washington county line.

The Oregon Gas has completed the building of its portion even to the stringing of wire. Right-of-ways have been cleared where necessary and dangerous snags which might topple and disrupt service have been removed.

The Timber company's portion of the work was delayed a few weeks ago by the West Timber fire which made necessary the construction of some new line at that place. Walter Gildner, manager of the Timber company, was seriously injured which also contributed to the delay. However, all poles had been set by Monday of this week and nearly all guy wire work completed leaving only the stringing of wire before connection for service could be made.

Reports early this week gave information that wire stringing would begin the latter part of this week and that service would be available by the coming week.

Conservation Program Theme

Next year's AAA farm program will continue to emphasize soil conservation and soil improvement, will strengthen the "over-normal granary" plan of balanced production, and will give Oregon farmers increased opportunity to fit the program in with their individual farm requirements.

This summary of 1941 AAA plans was brought back to Oregon by William Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, following his attendance recently at the national AAA conference in Washington, D. C. Plans for the following year must always be made in advance of fall seeding time.

N. C. Donaldson, in charge of the state AAA office at Corvallis, accompanied Steen to Washington. While at the conference, they offered a group of suggested changes in the 1941 program, as made previously by the 36 county AAA committees throughout the state. Some of these were accepted and will be incorporated into the official farm program for next year, Steen said.

The state chairman declared that the AAA program, as set up for 1941, will continue to be a vital factor in "agricultural preparedness" as an aid to national defense.

Recommendations Made
An important recommendation concerns expansion of the grant of aid plan under which farmers receive advances of lime, superphosphate and similar conservation materials, with costs deducted from payments which they have earned. Another recommendation is that farmers be permitted to earn portions of their payments only by carrying out specified soil-building practices most needed in their communities.

In general, next year's farm program will follow very closely that now in effect, Steen said, and pointed out that there have been few major changes in the agricultural adjustment act since 1938.