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Draft Board To Begin Work Thurs.

Schwab Named Secretary of Board at Wednesday Meeting, Learned

The total registration of men between the ages of 21 and 36 in the four Vernonia precincts at the close of sign-up time Wednesday evening was 461. Of that number 249 were signed by the board headed by J. A. Bush and 212 by the board headed by J. W. Nichols.

The three members of the Columbia county draft board were named Monday to conduct the conscription of this county's part of the Oregon quota of men between 21 and 36 years of age.

Those named were: Lee Schwab, Vernonia; Willard T. Evenson, Clatskanie; and P. A. Dixon, St. Helens. The men were appointed by President Roosevelt upon recommendation by Governor Sprague.

Schwab Named Secretary

At a meeting of the board held Wednesday, October 16th, at 2 p. m. at the court house, St. Helens, Willard T. Evenson was elected chairman; P. A. Dixon, vice-chairman; and Lee Schwab, secretary.

The board will go into action Thursday afternoon, it was revealed Wednesday evening, in the law library at the court house in St. Helens.

First Move Named

The first move will be to remove all cards of those whose residence is not listed for Columbia county. Those cards removed will be forwarded to draft headquarters in the county of that individual's residence.

Those cards remaining will be shuffled, piled and listed in numerical order. It was estimated the forepart of the week that approximately 3,100 would register in Columbia county.

After being listed, the total number will be wired to selective service headquarters at Washington, D. C. where the same number of cards will be shuffled, piled and listed in the order appearing in that pile.

Listing Returned

This listing will be returned to the county board to be used as a master list in selecting the first individual to receive a selective service questionairre.

For example: should the number 239 be at the top of the master list, that figure, 239, will be the number of the individual to first receive a questionairre. The government drawing or lottery as it has been called, will then name the first individual to be drawn from that group classified by the county selective service board as selective service group No. 1.

Legislator Is Class Speaker

Fred W. Herman, state legislator, addressed students of the Senior class at Vernonia high school last Friday. His talk at that time concerned the machinery of operation of the state legislator, how a bill becomes a law, the committee system and lobbying.

Large Turnip Grown

A turnip weighing 19 pounds was exhibited Monday in Vernonia by Mrs. H. A. DeWitt. The vegetable, grown at the DeWitt farm between Vernonia and Keasey, is the largest ever exhibited locally.

Armistice Dance Date Announced

The music of Jimmie Whetmore will be heard here the night of November 11 when the American Legion Armistice Day dance is slated, it was announced Tuesday by Harry Culbertson.

Labor Plans To Build Hospital

Committee Spares No Effort to Find Solution for Workers Hospitalization

The Associated Columbia County Hospital Committee is an organization composed of the hospital committees of the various union locals of St. Helens and vicinity and was organized, originally, for the purpose of coping with the situation developed by the action of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association and the Hospital Associations in regard to drug store prescriptions being eliminated from hospitalization contracts.

The Associated Columbia County Hospital Committee has spared no effort in its endeavors to find a satisfactory solution to the problem of hospitalization for the industrial workers of Columbia county.

Program Requires Hopsital

As investigations proceeded it became apparent that a well equipped hospital is the logical answer to an adequate hospitalization program. As a result of this decision, the investigating committee has given freely of its time and traveled many miles to obtain information on plans, costs and methods of operation of several hospitals, both of the individually-operated type and the community type, known to be in successful operation, data is being assembled that, together with some additional information on legal technicalities, will be developed into a plan for presentation at the next meeting of the general committee.

Need Recognized

It is a recognized fact that Columbia county is sorely in need of proper hospital facilities to care for its industrial workers to say nothing of the public in general and there is no good reason why they should not have those facilities nearer at hand than at present.

There are approximately twelve hundred industrial workers in St. Helens alone to say nothing of a number of other organizations that are exhibiting a keen interest in a hospital for Columbia county.

Origination Told

The "Hospital for Columbia County" plan originated in the ranks of organized labor. It is the purpose of the Associated Columbia County Hospital Committee to enlist the co-operation of every labor organization in Columbia county in the project, in addition to other organizations, fraternal and civic, and individuals who are interested in health conditions and medical aid for the public in general.

The next meeting of the general committee is slated for Thursday evening, October 31, at 8:00 P. M. at the Eagles Hall in St. Helens and it is hoped that every labor organization in Columbia county will be represented.

Sewing School Classes Started Tuesday

A "Singer Sewing School" began with a series of classes in the Apparel Shop Tuesday of this week under the coaching of Miss Gertrude Vog. Each week for several weeks instructions on sewing will be given women who own or are buying Singer machines. About 12 Vernonia ladies are expected to join the classes which will be held each Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Apparel Shop. Next week's instruction will be on "Dressmaking".

Turkey Shoot Due November 17

The first of the annual Legion turkey shoots for this season is scheduled November 17 at the Andy Parker farm in Riverview, it was announced Tuesday. It is probable that other shoots will also be held at later dates than the one already definitely set.

Selected

Bill Crawford, Vernonia, and Evajean Rabinsky, Scappoose, selected this year as Columbia county's outstanding 4-H club members, who were guests of The First National Bank of Portland at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition last week.

4-H Boy, Girl Visit Show

Columbia county's outstanding 4-H club boy and girl, Evajean Rabinsky, Scappoose, Oregon, and Bill Crawford, Vernonia, Oregon, returned home last week from a three day visit to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition as guests of The First National Bank of Portland in the annual achievement and leadership contest.

In addition to visits to the Pacific International, high points of the program were a group dinner on the exposition grounds followed by an evening at the horse show, sight seeing tours of Portland including inspection of the head office of The First National Bank, a trip through the Oregon Historical Society, a tour of the Crown Flouring Mills, inspection of a United Air Lines plane and a visit to the Oregon Journal. Thursday evening they attended a special banquet and dance at the Heathman Hotel. After a luncheon Friday at the Columbia-Edgewater country club the contest winners started their return trip home.

Baker Names Committeemen

Newly-elected Commander George Baker appointed the following committees to serve during the year of American Legion activities: Adjutant, J. W. Nichols; House committee, C. L. Anderson, J. W. Nichols, Noble Dunlap; Legal, C. L. Anderson, J. W. Nichols, Noble Dunlap; Publicity, Lee Schwab; Service offices, A. L. Kullander, Lee Hall, J. C. Lincoln; Americanization, J. E. Tapp, Henry King, Earl Atkins; Laison, J. C. Lincoln and Gene Shipman; Firing Squad, J. W. Nichols, J. L. Timmons, Rex Pemble.

Flag display, Henry King and Everett Carter; Grave registration, Lee Hall; Unemployment, C. L. Anderson, John Grady and Bert Tisdale; Membership, Harry Kerns, Harry Culbertson and J. W. Nichols; Sign board, Guy Tiffney, J. C. Lincoln, Harold Dow; Boy Scouts, Fred Zeiner, Walter Thompson, Gene Shipman; Refreshments, Harry Culbertson, Gene Shipman, Louis Boeck and Ole Gronbeck.

Columbia County Is New Mint Oil Center

Columbia county is now one of the largest mint oil producing areas in the United States with over 1,000 acres planted to peppermint, reports G. A. Nelson, county agricultural agent. This area produces a crop of peppermint oil worth about $100,000 annually. The growers recently took preliminary steps to form a cooperative organization to market the crop. The chief producing areas are in the Rainier and Clatskanie districts.

Honor Roll List Large For 6 Weeks

25 Students Rate Mention at End of First Examination Period

A total of 25 students were accorded honor roll mention information released Tuesday by high school principal Wallace McCrae revealed. The list for the end of the first six weeks period is considerably larger than the corresponding list last year when only 13 earned grades warranting honor listing.

The sophomore class led other classes with eight students mentioned; juniors second with 7; and seniors and freshmen tied with five.

Report cards were issued all students Tuesday afternoon.

The classes and students who were honored are: Sophomores, Barbara Kennedy, Mary Kovach, Erma Koberstein, Betty Olson, Roberta Sword, Ruby Thacker, Arthur Tousley and Joy Willard;

Juniors, Molly Butler, Margaret Haiman, Jack Olin, Lottie Reich, Opal Scheuerman, Martha Tapp and Fred Thompson;

Seniors, Barbara Dusten, Lillian Hedman, Barbara Nichols, Roy Soejima and Bill Templeton;

Freshmen, Beverly Bassett, Eleanor Corll, Irene Driscoll, Lorraine Mahar and Carolyn Romtvedt.

Program at School Slated

The second school assembly program for this year has been scheduled for Thursday, October 24th at the Washington grade school it was announced this week. The program will present Alva Brower, ventriloquist, who will be assisted by F. Avis McDonald, vibra-harpist.

The entire program, which starts at 2:30 p. m., is one of fun and music with many surprises and novelties. Students from the schools will convene at the Washington school for the event that afternoon. Parents and others not attending school are welcome if they desire to come.

Examiners Scheduled Here October 24

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia, Thursday, October 24th, and will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during those hours.

Estimated Receipts on City Budget Less for Year 1941 Revealed

Total Budget Figure Also Lower for Coming Year; Water Rentals Lower

First publication of the 1941 budget for the City of Vernonia is made this week. Revealed on the budget is the fact that the budget total for 1941 is lower than last year as also is the total estimated receipts.

The estimate for 1940 was $25,485 and for 1941 is $22,680, a decrease of $2,805. Estimated receipts decreased from $19,000 in 1940 to $17,335 on the '41 listing, a difference of $1,665. A further decrease is noted in the amount to be raised by tax, that amount being $6,485 in 1940 and $5,345 in 1941.

Many Items Remain Same

Many budget items remain the same for the coming year or change only to a slight extent. However, big differences are noted on three which contribute much to the totals which are compared above to 1940.

Budgeted for the city park this year is $500 which exceeds by $300 the amount of last year. In the water department is listed a figure of $4,000, an amount $1,000 less than 1940. Estimated receipts from water rentals is also less, being $8,335 for 1941 and $10,000 for 1940.

Stockmen To Talk of Pasture

Meeting of Association Is Scheduled at Fern Hill on Friday, October 18

All livestock men and farmers who are interested in the development of the livestock industry in Columbia county will want to be present at the next meeting of the Columbia County Livestock Association to be held at the Fern Hill Grange Hall Friday evening, October 18 at 7:45 o'clock, announces Lode McDonald, president of the association.

The burning of pasture lands and the issuing of fire permits will be principal topics of discussion at the meeting. N. S. Rogers, state forester, will be present.

Burnt Land Being Seeded

Approximately 200 acres of burned-over land near the Stoney Point rock crusher on the Timber road is being seeded according to George Nelson, county agricultural agent. A crew of four men under the supervision of Nelson is doing the work.

The land is part of that burned at the time of fire originating this summer near Sunset.

Grass included in the mixture, which is being seeded broadcast, are: Chewings Fecue, Tall Fescue, Astoria Bent, Western Rye, Creeping Fescue and Orchard grass.

Principal To Resign

Coming as a surprise to friends of Miss Thelma Ramsey is the announcement that she will discontinue teaching to be married November 1 to Ralph Bryan who has purchased radio station KWLK in Longview. Miss Ramsey who has acted as principal of the Lincoln school for the past four years will assist in radio work at that station mentioned.

Mr. Bryan who has been associated in radio work for a number of years will take over the Longview studio the first of next month.

According to E. H. Condit, superintendent of the grade schools, Miss Ramsey's position will be taken by Miss Marian Schrieber who is at present teaching the first grade in the Washington school. Mr. Condit made it clear however that the action is pending the board's decision.

Pro-America Meet Slated Friday

A meeting of members of the Vernonia chapter of Pro-America is scheduled for Friday afternoon of this week, October 18, at the Republican headquarters, was the announcement Tuesday. All persons interested aare urged to attend.

Extension Club Meeting Announced

The Vernonia Extension Club will meet in the high school home economics room on Wednesday, October 30th. The "Vegetable Plate" lesson will be in charge of Mrs. Maud Purvine, county home demonstration agent.

Pool Dam Gets Repairs

Work started the latter part of last week which will repair the spillway at the bottom of the Dewey swimming pool on Rock creek. The constant pouring of water over that part of the structure which supports the dam in summer months had destroyed much of the dam's support making the work necessary at this time.

Noble Dunlap and Jack McGown contracted the pouring of cement. The City of Vernonia prepared the site to make possible the cement work.

Schedule of Events Given

The dates for the staging of three major events by Vernonia high school students were announced Tuesday. The date for one event remains to be chosen.

The Junior class play is slated for the evening of December 6, Friday, and the Senior class play for Friday, March 7. The May Day program will be held Friday, May 2. The date of the fall carnival has not yet been set but will be decided within a short time, it was stated.

Infantile Paralysis Lowers School Attendance

TIMBER—(Special to The Eagle)—A decrease in school attendance has been noted during the past two weeks due to a few cases of infantile paralysis.

Legion to Help

To cooperate with those between the ages of 21 and 36 who Wednesday registered with the Selective Service and will shortly be required to fill out questionaires mailed to them by the Columbia County Selective Service Board, Vernonia Post of the American Legion will open up headquarters during evening hours at place of registration at the light company building.

A group of Legionnaires will act as advisors and clerks to assist those wishing that service.

Announcement of time will be published on their sign board in town.