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Plague of Thistles Is Feared

Horticulturist Says Weed Seed Has Floated Down Streams

J. A. Bacon, county horticulturist, fears that the plague of Canada thistles may become a serious problem in portions of the Nehalem valley next spring and summer. He has noticed, he said, that the dried blossoms, which are filled with seeds, have floated down some of the creeks and the Nehalem river. As the streams reach a lower stage of water, these dried up blossoms with their seeds are deposited on the banks of the streams. The seeds grow in the spring and spread over adjacent lands when blossoms ripen in the late summer.

Thistles on Logged Lands

When in the Nehalem territory this fall Mr. Bacon noticed many of the Canada thistles on logged-off lands and in some instances, he said, these lands adjoined farms, lands which were free of thistles.

"It seems quite unfair that a farmer shall go to much effort to control this noxious weed, have his place comparatively free from it and then have seeds from a nearby place, where no control has been attempted, again seed his place," the horticulturist remarked.

He said that in the early spring of 1941 he was going to make a careful survey of places on the Nehalem, including logged-off lands, with the idea of controlling the spread of thistles and helping solve a problem which will confront farmers next year.

Cooperation Secured

He says he has secured willing cooperation from a number of farmers in the Nehalem country and that in 1941 he hopes to secure like cooperation from owners of logged-off lands.

His campaign for control of thistles has been very successful in the Clatskanie district and as a result the drainage district is almost free of the weed.

Pro America To Aid Voters

At a meeting of Pro America held Tuesday afternoon at the Oregon Gas and Electric building members of the group decided upon a service which they will render voters at the general election next Tuesday.

Members of the group will be on duty at the Republican headquarters on both Monday, November 4th, and Tuesday, November 5th, and on the latter day will offer assistance to voters in providing transportation to and from polling places.

The next future meeting has not been announced but a meeting will be held soon after election.

Man Dies at Wolf Creek Camp

James D. Smith, 55 years of age, died Wednesday morning with cerebral hemorrhage. Smith had worked for four years at the Wolf Creek Camp where he was in charge of the dining room. The body was brought to the Bush Funeral Home where it will remain pending word from a daughter in Hawaii.

Sadie Hawkins Dance Slated

Saturday, November 2, the high school gym will be the scene of the annual Sadie Hawkins dance which is sponsored by Vernonia high school Girls' League. Everyone is invited to attend. Come costumed as a Lil' Abner character or you'll be fined 10c, announces Jean Ryves, president of the Girls' League.

4-H Club Awards Made at Meeting Held Here Saturday

Members of 4-H clubs and leaders of all clubs in the county met last Saturday morning at the Washington grade school to hear talks by L. J. Allen, Assistant State Club Leader, and to participate in round-table discussions.

The club leader meeting was conducted by Mrs. Frank Morris, vice-president, in the absence of Mrs. Ben Pasero, president.

Leaders Given Awards

During the morning, awards were made to three club leaders and to several members for club work in which they have participated. Those leaders receiving awards were Frank Morris, Mrs. Erma Chance and Mrs. Ben Pasero. They were awarded five-year club leader pins.

Some of the awards to club members had already been received but official mention was again made at the meeting. Patricia Moran received a total of \$114 for a steer exhibited and sold at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. She also received a \$12 scholarship to attend the 4-H Club summer school at Corvallis next year.

Dairy Team Mentioned

Those present heard mention again of the second place won by the Beaver Creek Dairy Club team at the state fair. Members of the team are Jack McDonald, Bill Crawford and Henry Schmidlin.

Lester Langdon, Scappoose, was awarded a special prize as the outstanding 4-H club boy in livestock

work in the county.

Another award mentioned was that of Bill Crawford who was judged first in the county for outstanding club work and received a trip to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

Miss Etha Morris was awarded a trip to Salem for placing first in a health contest staged by the Keasey 4-H Health Club.

Bond Issue Explained

Inquiries have been made as to why the bond issue for the Nehalem Basin Peoples' Utility District was fixed at \$210,000.00.

It was contemplated to provide funds sufficient to:

1. Purchase the existing lines and properties of the three companies operating within the District.
2. Build such new lines as may be deemed advisable to serve additional customers within and adjacent to the District.
3. Rehabilitate properties so as to give most satisfactory service and to pay organization costs.

Estimates Made

Careful estimates have, of course, been made as to the value of the existing lines and properties now in use in the district, but negotiations with the utilities have not yet determined the amount that it is advisable or necessary to pay for said properties. Your directors are somewhat in the same position as the man who is on his way to attend a public sale of a farm which he would like to buy. It is advisable that he first have enough money available to make the purchase if it can be made at a reasonable price.

Report Indicates Saving

The State Hydro-Electric Commission in its final report to the sponsors indicated that the district could operate with a substantial saving to the public in rates with an estimated investment of \$210,000.00 and at the same time pay its indebtedness within the time required by law.

The directors wish to assure the bond voters that it is not anticipated that the full amount of the issue will be necessary and that no more than the absolute sums required will be used. Only enough bonds will be sold to meet the requirements.

The directors wish to assure voters that these bonds will be paid only from earnings of the company and cannot become a tax on real or personal property. It is also urged that ballots be marked 300 X Yes.

E. M. Bollinger, President
C. S. Hoffman, Vice Pres.
Noble Dunlap, Treasurer
George I. Baker, Secretary
J. E. Tapp, Director

Shot Causes Loss of Eye

Billy Ollinger, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ollinger of the O. A. hill, was injured late Tuesday afternoon when a rifle discharged accidentally while a group of boys of which young Billy was a member was playing in the woods not far from the Ollinger home.

Dr. Rockwell attended the child who was taken by ambulance to the Portland Sanitarium. The bullet pierced the boy's nose and left eye ball necessitating the removal of the eye.

County Treasurer Here Friday

County Treasurer Gladys E. Peterson was in Vernonia last Friday to attend the Smorgasbord and to visit acquaintances in this vicinity. Mrs. Peterson is a candidate for re-election to the treasurer office on the November 5th ballot.

Voters to Face Large Ballot Next Tuesday at Election Time

Voters to Act on Tax Limitation

Legislative Amendment to Give Relief to School Districts, Cities, Etc.

Oregon voters will consider at the November election a measure of interest to all local government officials. The 1939 legislature has submitted an amendment to the 6 per cent tax limitation provision of the Oregon Constitution to give relief to a number of cities, school districts, and other municipal corporations. These jurisdictions have for various reasons either lost their tax bases for calculation of the limitation or lack adequate tax bases.

The districts are required to pay for annual elections to satisfy the procedural requirements of the present section. This proposed measure will also establish a procedure under which new municipal corporations may obtain an initial tax base. The proposed amendment gives the people in local communities the authority to allow these local units to operate under the same limitation as applies to other cities, school districts, and municipal corporations.

The approval of the local voters at three successive annual elections voting upon an increased tax levy will be required before a new or revised tax base can be established by a district.

Illustration Given

An illustration will explain the operation of the present law and the effect of the amendment. At present a district has the right to levy under the limitation the amount levied in any one of the three preceding years plus 6 per cent of that amount. Thus a district levying in 1937, 1938, and 1939 \$1,000 for each year respectively in 1940 could legally levy \$1,060. Any levy in excess of this amount must be approved by the voters of the district.

If for any reason the district fails to levy for three years, or if procedural difficulties void the district's tax base, the only method available for legal levies is to hold annual elections. Annual elections must also be held at present for approval of levies in districts which have grown to rapidly in pupil load for the 6 per cent annual increases to provide sufficient funds for current operations.

Amendment Provides

The proposed amendment provides: "that whenever a majority of the legal voters of any county, municipality or district voting upon the question shall have authorized specifically a tax levy in each of three successive years, the average of the total amounts levied in such years, for purposes other than the payment of bonded indebtedness or interest thereon, shall become the tax base of such county, municipality or district for the year next following such three-year period."

Thus if the voters of a district with a tax base of \$1,000 approve a levy of \$1,500 in one year, of \$2,000 in the next year, and \$1,750 in the third year, the district's tax base would be \$1,750.

The amendment also provides that the tax bases of new taxing units shall be established by the same procedure used for revision of the bases of existing districts, cities, or counties.

Large Cow Beet Displayed

A cow beet weighing approximately 25 pounds is on display at The Eagle office this week. The large vegetable was brought to the office by Lode McDonald from the Gesselburg farm at Clatskanie.

Timberline Rates Top Mention

Allen Trophy Awarded High School at Annual Press Conference

Timberline, Vernonia high school's bi-monthly mimeograph publication, was judged the best high school newspaper in Class D at the annual high school press conference sponsored by the University of Oregon. In recognition of this accomplishment the Eric Allen Trophy is in possession of the justly proud V. H. S. students.

For two years previous the Timberline held second place in class D in the contest which is open to all high school newspapers in the state. This year the goal was realized when the Vernonia school rated top place in its division in the conference held Friday and Saturday of last week-end on the U. of O. campus.

Attending the newspaper meeting were the advisor, Miss Freda Beck, editor, Lillian Hedman; production manager, Barbara Nichols; business manager, Opal Scheuerman, and Joy Willard.

Service Held In Memorial

A fitting memorial service was held at the Evangelical church last Sunday morning in honor of the late Matthew Gibson. Features of the service included hymns; a poem of the Peydon by Martha Tapp; and talks on events of his life and his helpfulness to the community and especially to the boys of the Sunday school by Mrs. Charles A. Malmsten and Mrs. E. E. Garner. The pastor, Reverend H. R. Scheuerman, added remarks regarding the friendliness of Mr. Gibson.

To close the service a beautiful reproduction of one of the old paintings of the "Lord's Supper" was dedicated to the memory of Helen Chandler who was a member of the Sunday School until her death nearly four years ago. The picture was provided by Mrs. Jessie Chandler, Helen's mother.

Girls' League Meet In Rainier Saturday

Rainier high school Girls' League will play host to other Girl League groups in the county this coming Saturday. As in previous years for the conference of this region each school will provide one entertainment number. Vernonia girls are preparing a skit. Group singing, sectional meetings to discuss problems of Girls' League, luncheon and a tea are the main activities which will occupy and entertain the girls of this district of which there are reported 200 who will attend the conference. Jean Ryves, president of the Vernonia high Girls' League anticipates that about 20 girls will go from here.

Kennedy Purchases Portland Store

R. G. Kennedy, who has been butcher at the Nehalem Market and Grocery for a number of years, with his son, Rod, has purchased a market, grocery and confectionery store which is located at 13055 S. E. Division street in Portland. The business which is situated in a new addition to the city adjoins the residence where the Kennedys will live. The new owners will assume their duties as managers of the store, formerly known as Smith's Grocery, Friday, November 1.

Choice of Candidates to Be Made for National, State, County, City Posts

General election day next Tuesday will afford registered voters the opportunity of choosing officials for national, state, and county and city posts and will terminate the political campaign which has occupied a prominent space in the news of the day for several weeks.

The Oregon-American mill will close for the day in order to provide greater opportunity for employees to visit polling places. Camp McGregor will not operate Monday or Tuesday as many men must travel considerable distances for work there.

Polling Place Changed

Polling places remain the same as those of the primary election with one exception. Precinct 3 voters will go to the old Home Grocery building instead of the O-A cook shack. Polling places are precinct 1, Thomas Garage; precinct 2, Grange Hall; precinct 3, old Home Grocery; and precinct 4, city hall.

Candidates on the ballots are as follows:

UNITED STATES

Socialist Labor: John W. Aiken, president; Aaron M. Orange, vice-president.

Republican: Wendell L. Willkie, president; Charles L. McNary, vice-president.

Democratic: Franklin D. Roosevelt, president; Henry A. Wallace, vice-president.

STATE

Representative in Congress, First District: James W. Mott, Republican; Charles A. Robertson, Democratic; Upton A. Upton, Socialist Labor.

State Treasurer: A. L. Brown, Democratic; Leslie M. Scott, Republican.

Attorney General: Bruce Spaulding, Democratic; C. H. Swenson, Socialist Labor; I. H. Van Winkle, Republican.

Representative, Second Representative District: Pearl Becker, Republican; J. D. Perry, Democratic.

Representative, Thirty-Third Representative District: Fred W. Herman, Republican; Manley J. Wilson, Democratic.

District Attorney, Columbia County: David O. Bennett, Republican; W. W. Dillard, Democratic.

COUNTY

County Judge: H. R. Dibblee, Republican; Carl Strom, Independent; Ray Tarbell, Democratic.

County Commissioner: E. A. McDonald, Republican; Wm. Pringle, Sr., Democratic.

Sheriff: M. R. Calhoun, Republican; L. A. DuBois, Democratic.

County Clerk: J. W. Hunt, Republican-Democratic.

County Assessor: Fred Watkins, Republican-Democratic.

County Treasurer: Olive B. Davis (Mrs. Jarvis Davis), Democratic; Gladys E. Peterson, Republican.

County Surveyor: John E. Ellertson, Republican-Democratic.

Coroner: Chas. N. Rogers, Republican-Democratic.

PRECINCT

Justice of the Peace, District No. 4: J. B. Wilkerson, Democratic-Republican.

Constable, District No. 4: V. Whitsell, Republican.

CITY

City Councilmen (two to be elected): Harry Culbertson, John Erickson, J. J. Grady and Chas. VanAlstine.

City Treasurer: C. F. Hieber, and E. Viola Treharne.