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Activities Group Begins Work Wed.

Benefit Dance to be Held This Saturday Night at Legion Hall

At the first meeting of the Christmas Activities committee held Wednesday night, November 20, at the Oregon Gas and Electric office, plans were started for the annual Christmas party to be staged as in previous years at the Washington grade school following the program provided by the schools.

Officers named at the meeting were: Harry Culbertson, chairman; George Baker, finance chairman (Mr. Baker is to select assistants); J. W. Nichols retains his office as secretary.

As in previous years, organizations give contributions to provide money for purchasing the candy and nuts for the children. Also to swell the fund, two dances, the first for which tickets are now on sale, are planned. The first benefit dance will be held this coming Saturday night, November 30, at the Legion Hall. Jimmie Whetmore and his orchestra will play. The second dance will be given Saturday, December 16.

Honor Roll Released Wed.

The honor roll for the second six weeks period for the current school year was released this week from the high school by Principal McCrae. The total number of students to be named is 29, an increase of 4 over last six weeks. The freshmen, sophomores and juniors all tied for first place with each class having 8 pupils on the roll. The seniors had 5 representatives.

On the honor roll were: freshmen: Beverly Bassett, Ida Bond, Eleanor Corll, Irene Driscoll, Mary Hall, Maxine Hayertz, Lorraine Mahar and Caroline Romtvedt; sophomores: Margaret Anderson, Mary Lee Hall, Erma Koberstein, Mary Kovach, Betty Olson, Ruby Thacker, Arthur Tousley and Joy Willard.

Juniors: Molly Butler, Margaret Haiman, Jack Olin, Virginia Redner, Lottie Reich, Winifred Romtvedt, Opal Scheuerman and Fred Thompson; seniors: Dorothy Austin, Lillian Hedman, Barbara Nichols, Pauline Rollins and Roy Soejima.

Seven Persons Get Fined This Week

The following persons were haled into Justice of Peace court this past week by State Patrolman Raleigh Wheeler: Glen Mattoom, operating a car without a tail light, \$5 fine and costs with the execution suspended indefinitely; George Smith, failure to stop upon entering a state highway, \$5 and costs, with the execution suspended indefinitely; Tom Magoff, hunting without having an alien gun license, \$5 fine.

Three persons were drivers of trucks: Andrew Martin, John Baker and Eugene Brown, all of whom were operating trucks at night without tail lights or reflectors. Each was fined \$5 and court costs.

Carroll Chance was operating a trailer at night without a tail light; his fine was \$5 and costs with execution suspended indefinitely.

DRAFT BOARD CALLS ATTENTION OF REGISTRANTS

The Columbia County Local Draft Board calls attention to the registrants that it is necessary that all questionnaires be made out in ink or by typewriter and must be signed and sworn to before a Notary Public, Postmaster or other person qualified to administer the oath.

STORY OF HONESTY OF NATAL FAMILY RELATED

Note—Because she felt that Donald Hall should pass along the example of honesty as set by his mother, Mrs. Mable Graves, teacher in the Natal School, has passed along to us the following story:

Donald Hall, 8-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hall of Natal, believed in fairies or in "Pennies from Heaven," when last Sunday morning he stumbled over a purse full of money and checks near his own gate.

When Donnie rushed with his find to his mother his eyes were shining, for was not his fortune made? But Mother showed him how someone must be sad and disturbed, for here was a big wad of greenbacks, a few pounds of silver, and several checks. It couldn't be Donnie's to keep! Seeing the matter as his mother did, they came to Vernonia, seeking the owner who proved to be a Bridge Street merchant.

Donnie still believes in fairies, for a generous reward was given him by the owner of the money.

Six Percent Levy Carries

An election to determine whether or not a tax in excess of the six percent limitation, as now allowed by law on the base, may be levied was held at the City Hall, Monday, November 25. Forty-nine votes were cast; thirty were for the levy; 12 were against.

McDonald to Open The Club

H. C. McDonald who has for the past three years operated the Banks Pool Hall plans to open his newly established business, "The Club", next week; he informed The Eagle early this week. Plans to open this week were frustrated, McDonald says, because the State Liquor Commission did not meet Friday because of the Thanksgiving holidays, thereby delaying the approval of his application for license.

The Club which has not been in operation for over a year will have a gala opening, the new operator states, and that opening will be announced as soon as the Commission sends approval which McDonald expects the latter part of the week.

Eagles to Have Dinner And Dance Saturday

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is sponsoring a pot-luck dinner and dance Saturday night to be held at the I. O. O. F. hall at 7:30. These social gatherings are held each month for members of that organization, their wives and their friends. This Saturday promises to be an evening of fun states J. L. Timmons, chairman of the entertainment committee. Assisting Timmons are Art Kirk, Willis Johnson and Lee Miller. Plenty of good food, and a good time are assured all Eagles, their wives and friends who attend.

Colorful Career of Judge Wilkerson Cited

(From the St. Helens Sentinel-Mist) A long and varied career in the service of the people of Columbia county will be diminished but not brought to a close January 6, 1941 when J. B. Wilkerson, county judge since 1935, turns over his position to his fellow democrat, Ray Tarbell. But the 71-year-old judge will not be retiring entirely from public life for he has been elected to serve as justice of the peace in Vernonia, the city in which he and Mrs. Wilkerson plan to make their home after the first of the year.

It has been a long time since the tall judge, then 33 years old, landed in Portland one April day in 1902 from his home below the Mason and Dixon line in Tennessee. Portland and Oregon were comparative-

BOARD VETOES STAMP PLAN

Christmas Seal Sale Starts Thurs.

Mrs. McCoy to Head Local Sale; Eradicate Theme of Campaign

On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas seals were mailed to people in the community by Mrs. Mason McCoy who was named by the Columbia County Public Health Association as representative to conduct the sale in Vernonia.

The money from the seals goes to fight the battle against tuberculosis. Because of the increased purchases of Christmas seals Columbia County last year discovered and cared for more active cases than in any previous year.

Eradicate, the tuberculosis campaign word, is an encouraging one for, now it is certain that the disease can actually be eradicated.

"By using these Christmas seals on your letter and your packages at Christmas time, you spread a cheerful message but, best of all, you share in a sound investment. It is a good way to start the holiday season," writes the Columbia County Public Health Association.

Aliens to Make Appointments

O. T. Bateman, assistant postmaster, announced Tuesday that aliens who have failed to register and to be fingerprinted will have to make appointments for evenings. This plan is necessary, Bateman states, because the Christmas mailing is beginning and he cannot take time during postal hours to meet the would-be registrants.

December 26 is the last day for alien registration which started August 27, so those persons who have not yet taken care of this matter are urged to see Bateman at the post office soon, in order to make appointments for evening registration.

Christmas Party Slated for Wed.

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are staging a Christmas party to be given Wednesday night, December 4, at 8:00, at the Legion hall. This is an annual affair but unlike previous years the Legion members are inviting everyone who is interested in bringing a gift, particularly a toy, which will be given needy families in our community or will be given disabled veterans who are unable to give their children a Christmas gift.

Meeting to Be Held At Christian Church

Friday evening, November 29, at 6:45, the Christian Church will hold its monthly Stewardship meeting and "90 and 9" business meeting.

CARTOON CHAR- ACTER RELATED TO LOCAL LADY

In the "Believe It or Not" cartoon in Monday's Oregonian, Mrs. Mary Ramsey Lemons Woods, 1788-1908, who lived under the administration of every president from Washington to Taft, and died at the age of 121 years, is pictured. This lady who was crowned "Queen Mother of Oregon" was the grandmother of Mrs. Robert Holcomb's father, J. C. Lemons. Mr. Lemons was twelve when his mother and grandmother and he came to Oregon from Missouri.

"Seven Sisters" Slated Dec. 6

Vernonia High School's junior class will present a play, "Seven Sisters" at the Washington grade school auditorium on December 6, at 8:00 p. m.

The play, a hilarious three-act farce, deals with a large, nineteenth-century Hungarian family. The widowed mother, Mrs. Gyurkovics, finds that marrying off four daughters, in order of their age, is no simple matter, especially when she can't provide a sizeable dowry. But of course four handsome army officers tend to relieve the straining situation.

Mitzi is a delightful and romantic problem-child played by Margaret Haiman and wooed by handsome Ferenz Horkoy, a young army officer. Horkoy, played by Jack Olin, aids Mamma greatly in marrying off the other daughters. Katinka, the charming oldest daughter, played by Molly Butler, finds that Colonel Radvanyi, Fred Thompson, makes a fine friend—in fact, it turns out to be romance. Sari, the second daughter, played by Virginia Redner, thinks that Michael Sandorffy, a handsome man about town, Edgar Culbertson, is the most interesting man she has ever met—he also thinks she is a "pretty little pig-con." Simple little Ella is the third sister and third love of Gida Radvanyi, the Colonel's nephew. Ella's blind devotion and Gida's troubles are played excellently by Martha Tapp and Jack Myers.

Besides overseeing the affairs of her four oldest daughters, Mrs. Gyurkovics, Patricia Moran, has three little and mischievous girls, Terka, Liza and Klara, played by Lillian Laird, Frances Cantwell and Belores Bonislav. Other characters include the lispng cousin, Toni Teleki, portrayed by Jim Templeton and the butler, Janko, Cloice Hall, who remains indolent and forgetful.

Pro America Group to Meet

A special Pro America meeting will be held Friday evening, November 29, at the home of Mrs. Judd Greenman. Members and their husbands are invited. Officers in the recently organized Republican group are: Chairman, Mrs. Judd Greenman, vice-chairman, Mrs. Harry Sandon and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Charles Marston.

Contest Gets Motion Dies Under Way At Welfare This Week Board Meet

Business Women Offer Cup for Best Window Display at Christmas

For the first time in Vernonia a Christmas window display contest will be held. The Vernonia Business Women's Club, sponsors of the contest, are offering a loving cup as trophy to be awarded each year to the business firm having the most attractive window array depicting Christmas.

Merchants are being contacted this week in regards to the activity and much enthusiasm is being expressed concerning the contest. December 19 has been named as the judging day; judges will be impartial persons who are not members of the business club and who are not connected with any of the business houses.

The trophy which has been ordered this week will soon be on display in a window of a local merchant as soon as it arrives.

Schmidlin Owns Highest Herd

According to the recently released report of the Columbia Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Albert Schmidlin was announced owner of the highest milk-producing herd in Columbia County during October. Schmidlin owns 14 grade Holsteins and Guernseys averaging 791 pounds of milk and 32.9 pounds of butterfat.

Richard Peterson of Mist was also named in the report for possessing a high herd; he owns 5 grade Guernseys averaging 702 pounds of milk and 33.6 pounds of butterfat.

Temperature Is Lowest Nov. 22

Ed Sesseman, Cooperative Weather Station reporter, gives the following weather statistics since the beginning of the cold snap experienced. On Tuesday, November 12, the temperature was below freezing for the first time this year with a minimum of 31 degrees. There was a steady decrease of one degree for the next four successive days; Sunday, November 17, the minimum temperature was again 31. The maximum of 60 degrees was reached Friday, November 15. For last week, the lowest degree of 20 occurred Friday, November 22.

"Abe's" Store Undergoes Change

J. C. (Abe) Lincoln is remodeling the inside of the liquor and men's furnishing store which he operates. Mr. Lincoln is at present constructing attractive, modernly designed shelves which will give more display space.

Discussion to Be Held This Week, States Judge Wilkerson

Extension of the Food Stamp Plan to Columbia County met with a definite No at the meeting of the Columbia County public welfare committee held in St. Helens Monday. The motion to admit the plan died for lack of a second. Further discussion of the plan will be held later in the week, according to Judge Wilkerson, who is acting chairman during the absence of Mrs. Nellie B. McCormick.

Judge Wilkerson states that the action on the welfare committee means that the Stamp Plan, which is a means of distributing over-abundant crops through neighborhood markets to families receiving public assistance, will not come to this county at least until some time later. The necessary \$4500 necessary to set up the revolving fund to meet costs of the plan are now available but there is no provision made in the 1941 budget for the plan; after December 1, the new fiscal year for the county begins.

Had the Stamp Plan been accepted in Columbia County, it would have begun operation here by the latter part of December, according to Jonathon Garst, regional director of the Surplus Marketing Administration, and Elmer Goudy, administrator of the Oregon State Welfare Commission.

The Stamp Plan, the primary purpose of which is to assist farmers to dispose profitably of their over-abundant crops, works in this manner: Persons eligible for relief purchase food stamps of which there are two types; orange colored, good for the purchasing of all foods normally bought at retail stores (with the exception of alcoholic drinks, tobacco or food consumed on the premises) and blue-colored stamps which are free and are good only for the purchase of foods designated as surplus by the secretary of agriculture.

For each dollar spent for orange-colored stamps the applicant receives 50c in blue-colored stamps free. The food stamps are issued in books amounting to \$2 to \$10 in orange stamps; included in the book are free blue stamps.

Of the 18 foods on the present surplus list the majority are produced by Oregon farmers. The Plan, it is felt, is ideal in that it not only aids the farmers but in addition it provides more food and better balanced diets for under-consuming public assistance families. Also the increased volume of surplus foods which move through regular trade channels increases business generally and by increasing such activity eventually leads to increased reemployment.

THANKS---

We wish to thank our advertisers for cooperating so readily in submitting their ads for this week earlier than usual. Marvin underwent an appendectomy early Thanksgiving morning, necessitating the remainder of the Eagle staff to begin work earlier on this week's publication. The business firms have been very considerate in getting their advertising material to us as soon as possible. We are very grateful.

Since Marvin will not be able to do the usual amount of work next week, we are asking the news correspondents as well as the business men to help us by sending early all material for publication. We will appreciate your help in this matter and we are putting forth our best to get your news to you on time.

The Staff