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## More Assistance Needed by Red Cross

### General Chairman to Be Selected at Meeting Friday Afternoon

A call for women who can sew was made again this week by Mrs. J. W. Nichols for those people who are carrying on the work of sewing on garments which will be used by the Red Cross. As was stated in the call, regular weekly time has been set aside when a number of women gather to do the work but the increased need for more garments by the Red Cross makes necessary an increased output.

It is necessary that quite a number of women who have not so far been active in the work be obtained to meet the necessity of finishing the garments.

Material for the garments is furnished and cut ready for sewing by the Red Cross and all that is required is that they be completed from that point. The material now on hand will be used for refugee children, it was stated.

### General Chairman Suggested

Mrs. Madge Deavers and Mrs. C. H. Vaughan, Red Cross representatives from St. Helens, were in Vernonia Tuesday to suggest that a general chairman for the work be named. Following this suggestion, a meeting will be held at 2 o'clock Friday at the I. O. O. F. hall for that purpose. Sewing will also be carried on there that day from 10 o'clock in the morning. Representatives from the various women's organizations are invited to attend the meeting, it was stated.

## Fire Prevention Week Designated

President Roosevelt has proclaimed October 5 to 11 as Fire Prevention Week, according to regional forester Lyle F. Watts, of the department of agriculture.

"The week is dedicated to protection from all fires that threaten homes and industries, but the forest protection agencies are, naturally, most interested in forest fires," Watts stated. "Here in the Pacific Northwest the record is good so far, but the season is not necessarily over. Bad fires have occurred in October and November."

About the middle of July the prospects for a good season were not hopeful, according to Watts. Lightning set 1,015 fires in 10 days, most of them in one 48 hour period.

### 21,281 Acres Burned

Fires were started, chiefly at this time, which burned 21,281 acres protected by the forest service. That is eight one hundredths of one per cent of the total acreage, which is a little less than the permissible loss. The weather has helped, but fast work by the protection agencies during those critical days unquestionably kept the area burned to this small proportion.

"Only 184 of the Forest Service's fires were man caused. That is a record," Watt said. "Last year, which was not a bad season, 457 were man caused. Again the weather must get some of the credit, but the campaigns to keep Oregon and Washington green and the cooperation of the public doubtless aided in keeping the score low."

### Injury Suffered Saturday

Lester Roberts was taken to St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Saturday by the Bush ambulance following his injury here that day while working in a logging camp. Roberts suffered head and neck injuries when struck by a cable.

### Meeting Time Changed

IWA Local No. 5-37 went on record at its last meeting Friday evening to change the date of its weekly meetings. The meeting this week will be the last to be held on Friday evening, it was reported, the date after that being Thursday.

### Three Officers Named

At the meeting of the Schoolmasters Club at St. Helens last week three Vernonia men were named as club officers. Acting as president for the coming year will be Wallace McCrae, high school principal. E. H. Condit, grade school superintendent, was named vice-president and Paul Gordon, grade school principal, was elected secretary-treasurer.

## Effectiveness Test To Be Undertaken

A test of the effectiveness of air defense in this area will be made from October 28th to November 1st inclusive and during this test the army expects to blanket the area West of the Cascades during day light hours culminating in a 24-hour test, during which night flights will be made, bombing raids carried out and cities required to blackout.

### Observers Assigned

Some time ago, George A. Nelson of St. Helens was appointed chairman of the Aircraft Observation Committee for Columbia county and has the county well organized. The information center for this department is located in Portland. Mr. Nelson reports directly to the district commander of the district. Different observation points have been located within the county and observers have been assigned to each such post. This particular branch of defense is probably more fully organized than other departments.

Rex E. Hald, Chief of the St. Helens Fire Department, has been appointed Air Raid Precaution supervisor for the control district of St. Helens and the fire station has been designated as the control center.

### Army Officer in Charge

Districts under the supervision of the Air Raid Supervisor are not restricted to county lines but each such center includes districts designated by the army officer in charge of such work. Warning signals and other devices will be installed at the fire station under direction of the army officers and it is understood that gas masks, helmets, etc., will be furnished by Air Corps Headquarters in Portland and from these centers warnings will be broadcast throughout the district. The duties of this supervisor deal mainly with cities and major industries regarding warnings of air raids and blackouts.

## Visual Education Aids Available

New aids in visual education for greater traffic safety will be available for Oregon schools this year, according to an announcement from the State Traffic Safety Division of the State Department.

To accompany motion pictures on safety subjects, a complete study outline is being worked out in co-operation with educational authorities in the state. The study outline, which will aid teachers build class work around the motion pictures, will be published in the near future.

Oregon's safety program recognizes the importance of teaching safety to children still in the impressionable stage, Safety Division officials said. Ideas and concepts thus inculcated in the minds of school children are more likely to continue through their life.

## Rev. Kauffman Dies Saturday

Funeral services for Reverend Daniel R. Kauffman were read Tuesday, October 7, at 3:30 p. m. at the Ladd Evangelical church in Portland. Reverend Kauffman passed away last Saturday following an ailment from which he could never recover, it was reported.

Reverend Kauffman, his wife and four children, Mary, Kathryn, Josephine and Frederick, were residents of Vernonia during the years 1933 and 1934.

## Advanced First Aid Class to Start October 16

### Those Finishing Standard Course Eligible to Enter New Class

An announcement by Noble Lutton this week makes known that an advanced course in first aid will be started at the Legion hall October 16th at 7:30. The course will be open to those who have finished the previous or standard course which was given here earlier in the year. Mr. Lutton acted as instructor for that course.

Those who have finished that course but who haven't received their cards may get them from Lutton at the opening of the new class. Twenty-eight people completed the former work.

Lutton also announced that Harold Berentson who is field director in life saving and first aid for the Red Cross will conduct a course to train first aid instructors in Vernonia. That course will not begin until November 17th. It is the aim of the Red Cross to train everyone possible in first aid as a part of the national defense program.

## Five to Attend Conference

The Press Conference for high schools in the state will be held October 24 and 25 in Eugene with the School of Journalism of the University of Oregon acting as host.

Winifred Romtvedt, editor of Timberline, Opal Scheuerman, business manager, and Miss Beck, advisor, are the official delegates attending. As special representatives of the Vernonia school publication, Roy Willard and Virginia Redner are also going to the conference.

Last year Timberline rated a cup for being outstanding in its mimeograph class; it is anticipated that the cup will be awarded to Vernonia again this year.

## Elderly People To Be Honored

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, St. Helens, has set aside October 12th, as Veteran Citizen's Day to honor the elderly people of Columbia county.

The principle speaker will be Frank Shull, Chairman of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. Also present will be S. Wettermann, State Manager of the Townsend Group, who will speak. The Fraternal Order of Eagles has always been interested in the welfare of our elderly people and was the first organization to advocate Old Age Pensions. This meeting is to bring together elderly people and to have an understanding of their problems. Invitations have been sent to many in other counties to be present.

Everyone is welcome to the meeting which begins at 1:30 p. m. in the Eagles hall at St. Helens.

## Exam Closing Date Extended

The closing date for the receipt of applications for an examination for substitute Clerk-Village Carrier with employment at Vernonia has been extended. The announcement was made this week by the civil service department.

The statement by the civil service commission was:

"The United States Civil Service Commission announces the amendment of announcement of the examination . . . by extending the closing date for the receipt of applications to October 20, 1941, as an insufficient number of applications have been received for this examination."

Information regarding the examination may be obtained at the Vernonia post office.

## City Special Election Date Set

## New Budget to Apply for Six Months Only

### Budget Committee Draws New Cost Sheet Tuesday Evening

The budget committee of Vernonia met Tuesday evening to draft the cost sheet which will be used for the first six months of the year 1942 and to set the date for the meeting when all persons who are subject to the tax levy may express themselves regarding it.

The budget, which is published elsewhere in this edition shows a total budget of \$11,350 and total estimated receipts of \$9,350 leaving a difference of \$2,000 to be raised by tax to meet expense for the first six months.

Shown also in the budget are expenditures for the years 1938, 1939, and 1940 which makes possible a comparison of those years.

Sitting on the committee were R. M. Aldrich, chairman, E. R. Mills, secretary, Edward Salomonson, R. L. Raymond and R. L. Spencer.

## Seed Purchase Program Started

At a meeting of the State Triple-A committee with Mr. Dodd, director of the Western Division, it was definitely decided that the Seed Purchase Program will be put into operation in Columbia county for 1942. Reports from all counties indicate there will be a substantial increase in the acreage of winter legumes and annual rye grass.

It was further decided that the date for signing forms, Seed Purchase-63, which all Triple-A cooperators have received would be extended to December 1, 1941.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase seed from all eligible producers in accordance with the following prices:

| Seed                       | Price per lb. for first grade seed |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hairy vetch                | 10c                                |
| Austrian winter peas       | 5c                                 |
| Willamette vetch           | 6 1/2 c                            |
| Crimson clover             | 10c                                |
| Hungarian and Common vetch | 15c                                |
| Common rye grass           | 5c                                 |

An eligible producer is one who is in full compliance with the Triple-A program. Some farmers are having trouble getting seed this fall and it is urged that farmers get their seed supply as soon as possible. All farmers interested in selling their seed at the above quoted prices be sure and sign and submit to the county Triple-A office Seed Purchase-63. Agreement to Grow and Deliver Certain Legume and Grass Seeds.

## Laundry to Quit Seaside Run

A comment by K. Inouye of the Vernonia Laundry this week gave information which indicated that the local concern would quit its run to Seaside but would continue to operate here on a smaller scale contrary to several rumors which were circulated the past few days.

The rumor stated that the laundry would cease operation entirely within a short time.

## Band Room Ready For Practices

Construction of the band practice room at the Washington grade school was completed last week Superintendent E. H. Condit stated Friday and was ready for use Monday morning.

Special insulating material was used in the room to prevent disturbance of classes while the band is practicing.

## Aluminum Total Figures Given

The aluminum drive in Columbia county resulting in obtaining 3032 pounds of scrap aluminum, Vernonia contributing 525 pounds, Rainier 283 pounds, Clatskanie 819 pounds, St. Helens 1406 pounds. The collection from Columbia City and Scappoose are included in the latter figure. Collections made from out side city limits are included in above figures.

## Consumption of Gas Up in State

Gasoline consumed in Oregon during the month of August was sufficient to allow 73 gallons for every motor vehicle registered in the state.

Consumption for the month amounted to 30,735,874 gallons, the second consecutive month consumption has exceeded thirty million gallons in this state. Taxes paid on this gasoline totaled \$1,536,793.

The August consumption was 12 per cent higher than for the same month a year ago and stands as an all-time high for the state.

On the basis of the number of gallons of gasoline used in the state during the month, cars in Oregon traveled 368,229,316 miles during the month of August. A survey recently conducted by the Automobile Manufacturers Association showed that half the mileage traveled by American motor vehicles is for purposes connected with earning a livelihood, or closely related economic pursuits. In other words, during the month of August, Oregon vehicles traveled 184,114,658 miles which could be classified as "necessity driving."

## Taxation to Get Discussion Soon

The problem of taxation on the logged off lands of Columbia and Clatsop counties will be the subject of discussion Friday night, October 17 when a joint meeting of the Columbia and Clatsop county livestock associations will be held jointly. Stockmen from both counties will meet on that evening at the Birkenfeld gymnasium. Notices which have been sent to members state that the meeting will be at Jewell but Birkenfeld is the correct location it was learned after the notices were mailed.

Problems vital to the livestock industry, among them the financing to purchase livestock, will be discussed.

Representatives from the St. Helens' branch of the U. S. National Bank, the Willamette Credit Corporation and the Farm Security Corporation will attend in addition to Professor Potter of the O. S. C. taxation department and the assessors of the two counties to discuss the tax problem.

Stockmen are invited to attend the meeting.

## Initial Attendance Move to Start

The 99 and 9 Men's Bible Class of the Christian church will hold a Men's Rally with luncheon on the evening of Tuesday, October 14th; the men of the other churches, and of the city in general, are invited as guests. A short program will be held at the table, with Rev. H. R. Scheuerman and Rev. John W. Hodges speaking, and then the meeting will go to the auditorium where Rev. B. Ross Evans will address the gathering. This meeting is open to women as well as men. It is an initial move of a campaign to get men to attend the church services of the community.

## Amendment to Charter Is New Proposal

### Change Would Allow Transfer of Funds As Necessary

A proposed amendment to the city charter will be placed before the people of Vernonia for their decision at an election which is set for Friday, October 24th, at the city hall.

A good deal of discussion has been heard recently regarding the proposed change. City councilmen adopted a resolution Tuesday evening which will place the proposition before the electorate October 24th.

The amendment, if adopted, is one that will permit the transfer of money from the water fund to the general fund where it may be used to meet obligations which must be paid from that department. The proposed amendment states in part:

### Turnover Authorized

"Section 93-1-All moneys received by the said City to be used for the water system, except as hereinafter provided and all moneys received in the operation of said water system, or which may properly belong to said water system shall be immediately turned over to the Treasurer of the said City and by him placed in the WATER FUND, and shall be paid out for the following purposes, to-wit:

"First—to the payment of all operating and maintenance expenses—to the payment of bonded indebtedness, if any,—and to the payment of the WATER SINKING FUND, if any,—all of which is to be paid out in the same manner as other funds of the City are paid out.

### Surplus to Be Changed

"Second—the surplus, if any, after payment of the above, shall be immediately transferred to the GENERAL FUND of the said City to be used and paid out in the manner allowed by law."

The need of a change in the method of handling city finances has been deemed necessary for some time. The change can be made now because there is no bonded indebtedness which must be paid and because revenues from the city water department are sufficiently large to care for all expenses, in addition to the fact that water revenues will meet current expenses, a considerable surplus as now shown in the water department funds may be transferred to the general fund.

## IWA Delegates Go To Convention

Five delegates of IWA Local No. 5-37, Vernonia, left Monday morning for Everett, Washington, where they will attend the Fifth Constitutional Convention of the IWA which begins Wednesday. Attending from here are: Harry Hall, Lyman Wax, John Elder, Al Hartung and Bill Lindley.

The theme of the convention this year will place more than usual responsibility upon its delegates due to the threat of Hitlerism to the unions and democracy. Due to the changing scene of this time the delegates will probably form a program to meet more appropriately the needs of national and world conditions.

### Dancing Started

Wednesday during the noon hour, the first of a series of weekly dances was held in the high school gym. The Girls' Athletic Association are sponsors of the social and recreational activity, and the members hope that the gatherings will prove of instructional value to those students who have not yet had the opportunity to learn social dancing. Music is provided by records played via the broadcasting system.