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Scrap Iron Drive to Aid Expense Needs

Funds from Drive Will Be Used for Local Defense Needs

Started in Vernonia and the Upper Nehalem Valley this week was a second drive to collect waste materials which may be used to create a fund for expenses of the local Civilian Defense preparation.

The drive is started for scrap iron which is to be sold after a sufficient amount has been collected for transportation to Portland. Announcement of the drive was made by Harry Culbertson who is providing a place for the collection at his shop. In announcing the drive Culbertson stated that funds from sale of the material would be used to purchase items necessary for those people who have undertaken civilian defense work. Up to this time there has been no provision made for such a fund. Those who are active in civilian defense work have been paying expenses individually.

Those people who have any scrap iron are urged to bring it to Culbertson who will see that it has proper disposal. Dan Cason has stated that he will transport the scrap without charge to Portland where it may be sold.

Winner of Baby "Contest" Named

The 1942 winner of Vernonia's annual baby "contest" can be announced today just one week after the "contest" was started at 12 o'clock midnight, December 31st.

Carrying off the honors is Dorothy Lee Counts, six and three-quarter-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Counts born at 12:05 p. m. Friday, January 2nd. Dr. R. D. Eby was attending physician.

Miss Counts will be awarded 26 prizes which were offered the winner in last week's announcement by Vernonia merchants. The prizes vary from five gallons of gasoline for the parents' use to baby gift packages.

Tire Committee Members Named

Notification has been received here that the names suggested for the committee which will act in releasing for sale new automobile tires or tubes has been ratified. Members of the committee which will act in that capacity are Mrs. J. C. Lincoln, Loel Roberts and Elmore Knight.

The committee has authority for rationing tires in the Nehalem Valley, the shortage of tires arising because of the threat to the raw rubber supply in the East Indies. The January quota for this county is 28 tires and 23 tubes for passenger cars, motorcycles and light trucks and 57 tires and 53 tubes for trucks and busses.

Logger Dies

The body of James O. Morgan of Portland was taken there from Sunset Camp Tuesday by the Bush Funeral Home. Cause of the death was heart trouble. Burial will take place in Portland.

\$50 Collected In Bond Drive

Collections to date for the purchase of a \$100 Defense Bond to be awarded the first flyer bombing Tokyo, Japan, amount to \$50. Ken White stated Wednesday. Many Vernonia business men, who are contributing to the purchase of the bond, have not yet been contacted, it was stated, but will be interviewed soon. The "bomb bond" has already received mention in the Oregon Journal.

Raid Leaflets Received Here

A sample copy of the leaflets to be distributed all over the United States, with the Pacific coast being the first to receive the material, was in the hands of Vernonia Air Raid Warden heads Wednesday afternoon. The leaflet, "Meet Your Raid Warden", is a valuable, instructive paper composed to help each person to protect himself in case of air raids.

These leaflets will be distributed locally by the Boy Scouts to every home in this district. Save yours, it may save your life some day!

For the benefit of its readers, The Eagle has printed on an inside page a copy of the instructions.

Scouts Organized For Paper Drive

Further plans were being made late last week by the Vernonia Boy Scout troop in organizing the local waste paper drive as a continuous move for the collection. The drive is being made as a part of the nation-wide attempt to conserve paper materials that have formerly been wasted. The paper that is collected may be converted into usefulness again.

Scoutmasters Ira Baucom and E. L. Frazee last week had assigned scouts to districts in the community. Those scouts so assigned will make regular calls on business houses and homes. In order to help, anybody who is making a trip down town is urged to bring the paper with them and leave at the old post office building where it is being collected.

Phone Numbers Given

Should someone have waste paper and wish it collected he may call any of the following places and a scout will be sent to that address to make the collection: H. E. McEntire, 422; E. L. Frazee, 658, Harry Culbertson, 63; and The Vernonia Eagle, 191.

Scouts have been assigned to the following districts: Treharne, Jimmy Mohler; O-A hill, Sylvan Graves, Frank Aspinall; Riverview and vicinity, Dale Grenia, Harold Fowler, Bobby Bramblett; in Vernonia east of Rock creek and Stoney Point, Jimmie Rachel, Lynn Michener, Bobby McDonald, Delmar McDonald; Vernonia business district and Corey hill, Pete Shipman, Jimmie Frazee, DeVere Byers, Jimmy Ray, Donald Tiffney and Billy Hall have not been assigned districts yet.

City Employees Salaries Raised

City councilmen, meeting Monday evening, took action on two matters in addition to the examination of the regular first-of-the-month business, city bills.

The seven city employees were given pay raises to the following figures: city recorder, \$150; water superintendent, \$150; city marshals, each \$150; treasurer, \$50; librarian, \$40; and city attorney, \$35. The increase in salaries will be made through the adoption of an ordinance at a future meeting.

Another ordinance will also be acted on soon to reduce the amount of the occupation license for laundry concerns to \$15 per year.

Journalist to Talk Here Fri.

Dr. Martin Hall, German exile, will speak at 2:30 Friday afternoon at the Washington grade school to the combined student bodies of the grade and high schools, it was announced this week. Dr. Hall was born in Germany and was a prominent journalist there before being forced to flee from the country. He was exiled because of his insistent attacks on the policies of the Nazi totalitarian state.

Adults of the community are invited to be present for the program at the designated time if they wish to hear the speaker.

Raid Wardens To Organize Here This Week

Wallace McCrae Heads Division of Civil Defense for Vernonia

The organization of another part of civil defense for the Upper Nehalem Valley was started Wednesday evening when a meeting of air raid wardens was called by Wallace McCrae who is charged with that particular part of the civil defense work in this locality.

Air raid wardens are not on continuous duty, as is true with air raid observers, but act only in case a bombing should occur. Should that happen, the wardens become active in evacuating people from dangerous areas to shelters and in transporting injured persons to medical attention. Their duties are much broader than that, it was stated, but that, in general, defines their work.

Canvass to Start

Those persons who have signed civil reserve application blanks certifying their wish to serve as wardens were assigned to duties at the Wednesday evening meeting. A house-to-house canvass is to be made here this week seeking materials which will be necessary for the wardens to carry out their work. At the same time the canvass is made for that purpose, home owners will be asked to contribute spare articles which may be used by the first aid hospital which is being organized by Mrs. R. D. Eby.

In making starting plans for the air raid wardens McCrae stated Tuesday that wardens would be appointed for every community in the territory surrounding Vernonia as well as the town itself.

Genevieve Brown



Executive secretary of the department of missionary education of the United Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ will speak here.

Speaker at Church Named

The congregation of the First Christian church here will hear Miss Genevieve Brown speak Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, W. O. Livingston, minister, announced this week. Miss Brown is executive secretary of the department of missionary education of the United Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ.

The speaker is well trained for her work. Before being called to her present position she was assistant to the minister of the National City Church of Disciples of Christ at Washington, D. C. For eight years she was director of personnel and publicity of the Board of Education of the same communion and for almost four years director of religious education for the first Christian church at Lincoln, Nebraska.

City Books Audited

The books of the City of Vernonia were being audited this week by representatives from the audit department of the secretary of state. The audit was started Monday and will probably continue most of next week.

Bond Canvass to Start Soon

Second Red Cross Drive Organized for Vernonia

The year's second Red Cross drive is on its way in the United States. The goal is for 50 million dollars to be used for war relief; Columbia county has been asked by national headquarters to give \$3,500 and Vernonia's portion is \$500.

Instead of the house-to-house canvass that was conducted before the holidays, this drive will be made on every individual, both men and women, who receives a wage or a salary. The employers will act in cooperation with others assigned the soliciting in obtaining the contributions. Solicitors for the funds will have their names published at a later date, it was stated by E. H. Condit, general chairman of the Vernonia district drive.

According to Condit, we must understand that this particular drive is probably only one of a series to be conducted during the national emergency. The attempt is therefore to make a permanent organization for the duration of the crisis now confronting us.

Those employed privately or in industries where no solicitation has been conducted, as well as the solicitors and individuals who contribute are asked to send their subscriptions of \$1.00 to Miss Lilian Hedman, Vernonia, who is acting as permanent Red Cross secretary for the Vernonia area.

Call for Guns Made Monday

An announcement of interest to owners of guns was made Monday by Ken White, manager of Paterson's, who issued a call that guns which are broken or are not needed be brought to the store. In making the announcement White stated that it is impossible now to get new guns but that there is considerable call from customers for them.

Anyone owning a gun may be able to have it repaired as parts are still obtainable and if that person wishes, the gun may be sold to another owner. It was stated also that numerous calls have been made for guns and anybody having one to donate will find it readily acceptable for use by officials who have need therefore under the civilian defense setup. A gun that is loaned for that purpose will be returned in good condition.

Grange Conference Date Re-Set

The Columbia county conference with state Grange officers, originally scheduled to be held January 9 at Yankton Grange, has been postponed until January 23, according to an announcement from state Grange headquarters. There will be no change in the place of meeting.

The change was made necessary when Ray W. Gill, Master of the state Grange, was called to Washington, D. C., in connection with national Grange business and defense activities.

The program of the conference has been readjusted to meet the present war situation and the many opportunities wherein the Grange may serve in war efforts will be discussed at the meeting.

Group Action Taken Wed.

The first concerted group action here was taken Wednesday by the teachers and janitors of Vernonia schools when they voted to contribute to the purchase of Defense Savings Bonds. The teachers and janitors of both the grade and high schools are asking the school board to instruct their respective clerks to deduct from each teacher's salary to the purchase of the bond.

School authorities have also taken steps to provide Defense Savings stamps at the school building so that students will have the opportunity to invest.

Bell to Toll Prayer Minute

The President and leading church men of the nation have urged the people to pray. To remind people of Vernonia of this duty and high privilege the bell at the Evangelical church will be rung at the designated time of one minute to six o'clock in the evening, H. R. Scheuerman, minister of that church, stated Tuesday of this week.

The bell will be rung to call all who hear to pause where they are and pray one minute. It is asked, "How can you do less?"

Hospital Plans Near Completion

The work of organizing the first aid hospital to be used in case of air raid injuries was nearly completed this week according to Mrs. R. D. Eby who is in charge of the hospital. Headquarters for the hospital is the I. O. O. F. hall.

As was mentioned last week, a house-to-house canvass is to be made this week to solicit materials to equip the hospital. The canvass is to be made by a committee which will also ask material aid for the air raid wardens.

Anyone who has any of the needed articles are asked to have them labeled for identification and bring them to the I. O. O. F. hall on Monday, January 12, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock.

Rehearsal Planned

Mrs. Eby also announced that a rehearsal of those who will serve in the hospital unit is to be held Friday, January 16th, starting at 7:30. At that time everyone in the group is to report to the hall just as quickly as possible as though the rehearsal were an emergency and is to remain until checked in.

Needed articles which will be sought in the canvass are: sheets, cots, stretchers, blankets, pillows, lamps, lanterns, candles, hot water bottles, ice bags and camp stoves. Mrs. Eby stated that the Oregon-American Lumber Corporation has in storage 25 cots and mattresses which will be made available for the hospital in case of emergency.

Keen Interest in First Aid Shown

Tuesday evening, at the organization meeting for another First Aid class, there were 73 persons present, it was reported by Mrs. E. J. Preston, instructor for the new class. The number equaled that of three normal classes, 24 or 25 persons in a group being the greatest number encouraged for practical instruction.

There will necessarily have to be formed 2 additional classes, Mrs. Preston stated, and plans will be made this week for other instructors to handle them so that by next Tuesday at 7:30, at the Legion hall, the 3 classes instead of the very large group will begin work.

Last summer, Noble Dutton, school teacher, and swimming instructor at the city pool in the summer, taught a First Aid class with the normal number enrolling. Several weeks ago Harry Culbertson began a class in the study; 24 men and boys meet each Thursday in the Legion hall for the instruction. It is believed the United States' declaration of war last month has greatly increased the desire for a knowledge of First Aid.

Preliminary Organization Made Monday

Meeting at St. Helens Outlines Plan for Defense Bond Sale

Representatives from the various communities and towns of Columbia county were in St. Helens Tuesday evening to hear plans for the start of a drive to increase the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps to citizens of the county. Heading the county drive is Irving Rau who has been named county chairman. Assisting him are representatives from the communities who will organize the drive in their respective districts.

In Vernonia the first local meeting towards the organization of the drive here will be held at the Masonic Temple Monday evening, January 12, it was announced by Emil Messing Wednesday. At that meeting it is requested that representatives of fraternal and civic organizations be present so that plans may be made for a thorough house-to-house canvass of the town.

Granges to Solicit

The rural area of the Upper Nehalem Valley will be solicited by the Granges, Messing stated. At the time of the canvass, home owners will be asked to pledge the amount they can spare for the purchase of bonds and stamps.

An interesting item of information released at the St. Helens meeting Tuesday was the fact that Oregon was the first state in the union to complete the organization of county committees for the promotion of the sale of Defense Bonds and since the beginning has led the nation in the per capita sale of these securities.

The plans of organization made Tuesday will attempt to keep Oregon first in the sale.

Patriotic Rally Slated Tuesday

Of interest to residents of this vicinity is the announcement made Wednesday of a patriotic rally to be held Tuesday, January 20th at the Washington grade school. The rally is being held in the interest of Defense Bonds and is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock in the evening.

To explain the purpose of the bonds, speakers from the state defense committee will be on hand, it was revealed. In addition to the speakers, the school band will present a program for those who attend.

No admission will be charged and everyone is urged to attend.

25 to Go in Largest Call

Twenty-five Columbia county men went into the nation's armed forces Monday to make the largest draft group called from this county to date.

Names of the men were not released by the county draft board due to instructions which prevent the giving of that information for publication. The same policy of not releasing information will be followed in the future.

Registration of Pistols Required

Announcement was made this week that it is necessary for the owners of revolvers or automatic pistols to have them registered as soon as possible. Registration books for the guns owned by people in the Upper Nehalem Valley are being kept by Ken White at Paterson's Furniture Store.

A maximum fine of \$300 can be levied for failure to comply with the law, it was stated.