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City Council Vacancy Is Filled Mon.

John Hatfield Named to Take Place of C.A. VanAlstine

The Vernonia city council acted Monday evening at the first April meeting to make a number of appointments for duties which must be performed soon. Foremost in the list of appointments was the naming of John Hatfield to a seat on the council itself. That action was necessary to fill a vacancy which arose due to the resignation of C. A. VanAlstine who has employment in the evening hours and cannot attend council meetings.

The council's list of appointments also included the names of those men who will serve as a budget committee in drafting the city's cost sheet for the coming fiscal year.

The budget committee is: Ray Mills, Harry Culbertson, Roy Raymond, R. M. Aldrich and A. L. Kullander and alternates are Harry Kerns and R. L. Spencer.

Other business of the council for the evening was placing the official OK on first-of-the-month bills.

Garments Valued At \$875, Said

Fifteen cartons of completed garments, with an estimated valuation of \$875.00, were shipped from the Columbia county Red Cross production center in St. Helens last week, to Ogden, Utah, disaster distributing center for the west coast. From the total of completed garments, a limited amount was also held for the disaster closets of the six cities in Columbia county, Vernonia, Rainier, Clatskanie, Prescott, St. Helens, and Scappoose. These are considered as a loan from the Red Cross.

The garments, made during the past months by women of Columbia county, included 80 boys' shirts, 50 mens' pajamas, 45 girls' skirts, 30 womens' skirts, 53 toddlers' packs, 111 girls' dresses, of wool and cotton, 25 sweaters, 195 socks and 20 knitted children's sets.

Richard Lewis Goes East as Delegate

Richard Lewis, graduate with the Vernonia high school senior class of 1937, will be a delegate to the national meeting of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, national honorary of geologists and mining engineers, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, it was announced recently.

Lewis, president of the Oregon State chapter of the honorary fraternity, is a senior at the college and is also an assistant professor in the geology department. He plans to spend another year at Oregon State to obtain his Master's degree, following graduation this spring.

Commission Holds Hearing Wed.

Under auspices of the Public Utilities Commission, a hearing was held here Wednesday evening at the city hall following the filing of a resolution by the Nehalem Basin Peoples' Utility District requesting a rate reduction for this area. The hearing was devoted to a discussion of rates charged for electric service and to the receiving of complaints by those attending, as to troubles they have experienced in operating electrical machinery and equipment.

The Public Utilities Commission has the power of regulation and supervision over the rates, services, practices and regulations of . . . public utility corporations including telephone, telegraph, water gas, electric and steam heating companies. . . . This power extends to the investigation of the reasonableness of fares and rates. . . .

No action was taken by the commission Wednesday in reaching a decision as to whether a rate reduction will be allowed.

Classes in Forestry to Begin Soon at School

Due to the shortage of men and the increasing danger of forest fires from sabotage, the State Department of Forestry is organizing in the colleges and high schools classes in forestry.

The classes for Vernonia young men will start on Wednesday, April 15, at the high school. They will be two hour classes, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m., and will be 4 in number, meeting thereafter on April 22, 29, and May 6. The instructor is John R. Woods, who represents the Forestry department, with local forestry men and high school faculty assisting.

All boys whether in high school or not are invited to attend the classes. Principal McCrae states, the only requirement being that the student be at least 16 years of age. At the high school 53 boys have signed for the course; anyone else interested is requested to see Mr. McCrae.

Work Skills to Be Listed

Every man between 20 and 44 years of age who registered for Selective Service on February 16 must fill out an occupational questionnaire which his local selective service board will send to him within a few days. The form must be returned to the selective service board within ten days after receipt.

The purpose of this occupational registration, according to the United States Employment Service, is to provide the government with a complete occupational inventory of its manpower. This information, it was said, will avoid induction into the armed forces of men more urgently needed in war production and will also speed the output of war materials by promoting the transfer of workers from non-essential to essential work.

Two Identical Parts

Each questionnaire is in two identical parts—one for the selective service system and one for the United States Employment Service. Information is requested on the registrant's present job, his education and the kind of work for which he considers himself best fitted.

Applicants needing help in filling out the form should ask assistance from their employer, their labor union, the local office of the U. S. employment service or from a member of the selective service local advisory board. No fee will be charged for the service.

The same form will later be mailed to men who registered for selective service in 1940 and 1941, except to those now in the armed forces, and also to those from 18 to 20 and from 45 to 64 who are still to be registered.

Committee for Advice Organized

As an aid to draftees who will receive in a few days their questionnaires, the names of those who will serve on an advisory committee is published again this week for the benefit of those who must fill out the forms. The advisory committee was formed several weeks ago at the request of the draft board of Columbia county.

Named to serve on the local advisory committee are: J. W. Nichols, Harold Nelson, Herman Dickson, C. F. Hieber, John Grady, C. L. Anderson, J. B. Wilkerson, Rev. W. O. Livingstone, Marvin Kamholz, Harry Culbertson and George Johnson.

Willamette Man to Speak

At the high school at 9 o'clock in the morning, April 16, Walter Erickson, registrar at Willamette University, will speak to the student body and will discuss with the senior class problems of education.

The plan is to place the boys selected for employment during the fire season in camps to aid in spotting and eliminating fires; but the fact is made clear that mere attendance at the classes will not assure employment in the service of the Forestry department.

Winning Posters on Display at Store

On display in Miller's store window are the winning posters of the annual Poppy Poster contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The work was done by pupils of the grade school under the direction of Miss Sylva Claggett, art instructor. Winning posters will be entered in the state contest.

In group 1: First, Delmar McDonald; second, Martha Wells; honorable mention, Patsy Kent, 6th graders. In group 2: First, June Snider, 8th grade; second, Bernice Borton, 8th grade; honorable mention, Cora Dusenberry, 7th grade.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Paul Gordon, Mrs. Wallace McCrae and Mrs. Judd Greenman. Judging was based on the following points: Appeal force, artistic ability, originality and neatness.

Eighth Grade Plays Slated for Friday

The eighth grades of the Washington school are presenting Friday night, April 10, at the school auditorium, 2 one-act plays. "Herbie's First Date," directed by Lulu Fullerton, concerns a young man who undergoes a lot of trouble in making his first date a success. "Girl Trouble," has to do with the girl trouble of 17 year old Bill Jordan, and is directed by Dorothy Sandon.

Included in the cast of "Herbie's First Date" are: Alfred Goertzen, Patty Romtvedt, Ruth Tackett, Robert Condit, Billie Ollinger and Dorothy Roland. Jack Riley heads the cast for "Girl Trouble" and is assisted by Jackie Rollins, Joyce Hatfield, La Rue Moon, Ralph Keasey and Mabel Hall.

Farm Office Opens In St. Helens Wed.

Farmers of Columbia and Clatsop counties wishing to obtain information regarding the Farm Security program may do so by calling at the office at Sentinel Mist building in St. Helens, Elmer H. Lierman announces.

The office will be open after Wednesday, April 8, on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. Supervisors will hold office days tentatively on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, it was stated.

Since Lierman will no longer be in the county supervisor's office in Astoria, regular scheduled visits will be made to that city and points in Clatsop county.

Two Taken to Hospital

Orin Robbins was taken to St. Vincent's hospital Saturday by the Bush Ambulance following an injury at the O-A mill. Robbins' hand was caught in a chain while working on the monorail. Vern Ego, O-A train crew brakeman, was also taken to St. Vincent's Monday by the ambulance, following a severe head injury which may affect the sight in one eye.

State Guard Meeting Well Attended

Twenty Signed for Duty in Local Unit Now; to Start Training Soon

The meeting held here last Saturday afternoon drew the attention of a large number of men who came to hear details of the state guard unit which is planned for Vernonia. Attending the meeting and explaining details of the guard was W. Woodbridge, U. S. Army Major, who answered queries and aided in the sign-up of men.

The total of men signed now was placed at 20. Twenty-seven men are needed to form a platoon and 61 men to form a company, the number signed here determining which unit will be organized. Whichever unit is formed, it will be a part of a battalion which will include men from Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Beaverton and Glenwood in addition to Vernonia.

The men who are now signed will meet for their first practice Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 p. m. at the Legion hall. The training to be given will be the same as would be received in the Army, it was stated.

Registration Books To Close Soon

Those people who reside in the four Vernonia precincts and who must register in order to vote at the primary election on May 15th will have to do so within a few days in order to cast their ballot at that time. Should an individual have changed his or her residence from one precinct to another or should that individual have moved here from some other place, registration must be made.

In order to register, a person of voting age must be a resident of the state for six months and a resident in the precinct in which he or she will vote for 30 days.

The registration for the Vernonia precincts is being conducted by Mrs. Leatha Tousey at the Oregon Gas and Electric office. Registration books will be closed within the next few days, probably April 14.

Track Squad to Defend Cup

A squad of 10 boys with Coach McCoy leaves Friday morning for Eugene to attend the 6th annual Hayward relay. The cup which has been on display in the trophy case in the high school for the past year for winning Class C championship relays last year will be the stake the boys will try for. To retain the cup, Vernonia must win again.

License Examiner Due

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia, Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Air Wardens to Meet

A meeting of the Air Raid Wardens of the district for Thursday evening, April 9, at 7:30 at the high school was announced Wednesday by Chief Wallace McCrae. Problems concerning the distribution of material will be discussed, McCrae stated.

Commencement Speaker

Victor P. Morris, Dean of the School of Business Administration at the University of Oregon, will be speaker at the annual high school commencement exercises to be held Friday, May 15, it was announced from the high school this week.

Senior Gets Try At Ambition

Bill Shephard, senior at Vernonia high school, plans to follow as a profession baseball. His ambition is to become a big-time pitcher. Not every young chap has the opportunity before he finishes high school to begin to step up the first rung of the ladder on the climb to success.

Bill, with several other promising pitchers, is working out with the Forest Grove team, a member of the Tualatin Valley league. His try-out period will give him his chance to start realizing the fulfillment of his ambition.

Public Welcome in Recreation Spots

Approach of the vacation and recreation season brings a reminder that all of Oregon's many scenic, historical, and recreational areas are open to the public and their use recommended by government officials.

Information compiled from local, regional, and national sources indicates that all major vacation areas of the Western States, including national parks and forests, will remain open "to help build mental and physical strength of our citizens and war workers for days of crisis and emergency," as forest service officials put it.

The famed Oregon coast remains one of the state's most popular vacation areas. Resorts, beaches, and summer home areas are entirely open to the public. Visitors may be restricted from certain strategic points and promontories, and such other probable restrictions as prohibiting fires on the beach at night will interfere little with the vacationist's pleasure.

Parks, Forests Open

National parks and forests will remain open, subject to necessary fire prevention and military needs. Some trails and forest roads in hazardous fire areas may be closed during the fire season, and such closures as are necessary will be publicly announced, the forest service has declared.

The many scenic points along the Columbia River highway are entirely open to visitors. Timberline lodge continues as the mecca of skiers and mountain lovers. The Grand Coulee dam area is open to the public and visiting is encouraged. Canada welcomes visitors, and has lenient provisions for tourists in its gasoline rationing system.

Summer vacation areas, in short, are relieved as much as possible of any wartime restrictions; and those in authority advocate recreational travel as a means of bolstering both physical and mental morale.

Wildlife Population Shows Increase

Wildlife is still on the increase if the annual wildlife census is accepted as indicating such trends, according to the Forest Service. Several successive mild winters have temporarily alleviated the winter forage problem and big game animals have escaped excessive winter losses. Population increases under such conditions are higher than normal and the problem of too many game animals is increasing in some areas.

As a new step in big game management, estimates were made this year by game ranges rather than by ranger districts or forests. Range-carrying capacity estimates were also made which when compared with population estimates show possible increases for deer but an over-population for elk. The estimated population for deer in Oregon is 200,000 with an estimated capacity of 232,000. Present population of elk is 26,000 and an estimated capacity of 22,000. Thus it will be seen that there is room for 32,000 additional deer but the elk should be maintained at 4,000 less animals.

\$284 Used to Purchase Station Supplies

Casualty Station Is Now Well Equipped; Sheets for Bandages Needed

Vernonia's Casualty Station which has been organized by Mrs. R. D. Eby is perhaps as well equipped as any in Oregon for a town of Vernonia's size, it was estimated this week when information on the amount of supplies was made known.

In order to purchase the necessary articles to equip the station to care for any possible emergency several organizations were asked for financial aid. Five of those groups responded to the extent of \$284, Mrs. Eby stated. Those who have aided financially are the Oregon-American Lumber Corporation, \$100; IWA, \$100; City of Vernonia, \$75; A. F. of L. \$5; and the Grange, \$4. Judging by the number of articles still needed, about \$50 more will be necessary.

In addition to the financial aid listed, merchants in the city gave reductions on articles bought for the station aid supplies. Emil Messing, postmaster, made two large medical supply boxes as well as a medical supply box for each ambulance, Mrs. Eby stated. The lumber for the boxes was provided by Oregon-American.

Mrs. Eby stated that there is a need for sheets which may be converted into bandages and that people having sheets they wish to donate may leave them at Peggy's Apparel Shop or the Oregon Gas and Electric company office.

Mrs. Eby also stated that arrangements have been made so that the IWA Union hall may be used as the Casualty Station headquarters should it be impossible to use the I. O. O. F. hall in an emergency.

Weather Station Gets Equipment

The cooperative weather station, which is maintained here by Ed Sessman, has received additional equipment to that which has been used in the past for recording temperatures and precipitation, Sessman announced last week.

In future reports humidity and wind velocity recordings will be made in addition to former data. The station will be known as the Fire-Weather station. Humidity and wind recordings will be especially useful during the dry summer months when danger from fire is greatest here.

Hospital Drive Not Completed

According to Mrs. E. H. Condit, most of the organizations voting to donate funds to furnish one of the convalescent rooms of a soldiers' hospital for the Columbia County Basin Hospital and Camp Service Council have remitted the funds. Some groups, however, have been a little late in turning in the money. Mrs. Condit states, and to those the request is made that the amount be forwarded to her soon.

Cookie Makers Note

Ladies who send cookies to the boys at the Portland Air Base are requested to take the cakes to Mrs. Richard Fletcher Wednesday of next week; she and Mrs. Dave Marshall will send them at this time instead of Mrs. Judd Greenman.