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Only Stamps, Bond to be Sold 15 Min.

Funds for Marshal's Uniform to be Solicited by Chamber

All Vernonia retailers will suspend all sales of merchandise at 12:00 o'clock noon on July 1, and devote fifteen minutes to selling War Savings Stamps and Bonds exclusively, as the chamber of commerce has agreed to cooperate 100% with the treasury department in this nation-wide program.

This act will launch the nationwide July campaign of "Retailers for Victory." The commercial group was asked to cooperate in a telegram sent them by Benjamin H. Hamm, chairman of the Retail Advisory Committee of the U. S. Treasury Department.

Since the efforts of the chamber of commerce to have the city buy uniforms for its officers were too late to enable funds to be included in the budget, the group is going to see that the city marshal is uniformed. They will solicit business houses for funds to buy the uniforms.

4-H Scholarships Awarded Two Here

Recipients of Columbia County scholarships to the annual Corvallis 4-H summer school (June 2-13) were decided by the scholarship award committee which met at the court house in St. Helens on May 18. Among the winners were Patricia Moran and Bill Crawford, both active 4-H'ers in Vernonia.

Miss Moran received the St. Helens Kiwanis award. Mr. Crawford received his from the fair board. Marian Holsheimer, a junior in Scappoose high school, was chosen as an outstanding girl worthy of the fair board award. The St. Helens branch of the U. S. National Bank will this year award its scholarships to two St. Helens high school students, Juanita Steward, Yankton, and Allan Jones, Goble. The J. C. Penney store in St. Helens, which alternates its scholarship between boys and girls, will this year give its award to Jesse Steward, who lives in Yankton and attends the St. Helens high school.

The following boys and girls were chosen as first and second alternates in the order given: girls—Anna Marie Rylander of Warren, and Etha Morris, of Keasey; boys—Gene Gregory, of Goble, and Harlan Rennels, of Deer Island. Age, years in club work, clubs started and clubs finished, county, state and international prizes received, and leadership were important factors used by the committee in making the final decisions.

Funeral Held In Louisiana

Richard Franklin Roberson, who lived on the Mist route and was operating millwright at the Oregon-American Lumber company, died at the Emanuel Hospital on May 20, after being taken there on Monday. Mr. Roberson's remains were forwarded May 21 to Monroe, Louisiana, for services and interment, accompanied by the widow, Mrs. Mary Anice Roberson.

Mr. Roberson was born January 6, 1884, in Arkansas and has lived in Oregon four years.

Stores Will Close Saturday

Since Memorial Day is a legal holiday, local stores have announced that they will remain closed at that time. These include the grocery, hardware, dry goods, and furniture stores. Drug stores will keep Sunday hours, closing from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

In Australia

Word was received here that five local boys, namely: Sergeants George Turner and Elmer Michener, Corporal Glen Hall, and Privates Frank Lusby and Ed Ade had arrived, last week, safely in Australia.

Guard to Be Sworn in

Colonel W. Woodbridge of the U. S. Army (Ret.), will be at the Washington grade school at 7:00 p.m. on June 3 to muster in those who signed up for the state guard unit here. Everyone interested in that unit should be there.

Japanese Tell About New Life

Toshi Kuge, who is remembered by many as student body president of Vernonia high school in 1934-35, found himself in a position of great importance, as he went to live in the Japanese assembly center in North Portland. He, another medical student, and one doctor, have the health of the entire center in their hands. These three are so busy that sleeping and eating are almost neglected.

Mr. Kuge took his pre-medical course at the University of Oregon. He had been studying at the University of Oregon Medical School before the evacuation order was issued. Since Japanese may attend Mid-western colleges, Mr. Kuge may continue his study at the University of Louisville, in Kentucky.

Life in Center Explained

More about life in the assembly center was learned from a letter written by Kerry Soejima, a Vernonia high school graduate of this year who lived at Wilark with her family. Parts of her letter that may interest Vernonians are reprinted here.

She says: "... Our new adventure is quite something. I never have seen so many Japanese people in so big of a 'cluster' as this! If I were to close my eyes just for a minute I'd bump into my 'evacuee friends' left and right. ... Today I am going to apply for a waitress job, but do not know whether I will get it or not. There is so much time that I can afford to work. ... The only drawback I told against this is that there is a little room and no privacy. There is a room on three sides of us and a hall with people going by all the time, and we have no door, just a drape. ... I believe this place is very clean and the washroom and shower is very sanitary. ... Only children under six can get milk, but I wish that we older could drink some. Sometimes we get sugar, then other times we don't. ...

"We have a library, recreation hall, and a big arena converted into a gym in which to pass your leisure time, but I don't feel like staying in one place so very long because I feel so unsettled. All and all, I can tell you, I guess I'm enjoying myself immensely. Please let my friends know I'm still thinking of them and wish them well."

Meeting Place Changed

Mrs. Nola Brady's first-aid class will now meet on Monday nights at 7:30, in J. C. Lincoln's Men's Store, she announces.

Rogers Says Vernonia Civilian Defense Fine Example

Note: From Jerrold Owen, State Defense Coordinator, came this report, made by Captain William J. M. Rogers after watching Vernonia's civilian defense in operation. It was published in The Regional News Letter, which is printed in San Francisco for the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense. It is reprinted here just as he wrote it. Although there are minor mistakes in his information, this report should bring back memories to those who participated.

Captain William J. M. Rogers, field representative of the Ninth Regional U. S. Office of Civilian Defense, recently inspected the operations of the Vernonia, Ore., citizens defense corps. His report is published here in full for as Captain Rogers says:

"This little town in Oregon ought to serve as an inspiration for bigger cities all over the country."

The name of the town is Vernonia, in Columbia county. It has a population normally of about 2,500. In the words of the people there it is "29 miles from every place" as there are about five other towns all larger and just 29 miles away.

To say that Vernonia is "well

Early Settler Of Vernonia Dies May 25

Services to Be Held at 2:00 p.m. Today, Bush Parlor

Hiram Daniel Van Blaricom, one of Vernonia's first settlers, passed away at 12:35 p.m., on May 25. Services will be held on Thursday, May 28, at 2:00 p.m., at the Bush Funeral Home, with Reverend Livingston reading the services. Burial will be at the old Vernonia cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida May Van Blaricom; 4 sons, Fred of Massachusetts, Dewey of Vernonia, Harley of Oakland, California and Macy of Seattle, Washington; 2 daughters, Laura of Vernonia, and Mrs. Myrtle Coleman of Kelso, Washington.

Born in Minnesota

H. D. Van Blaricom was born in Waterville, Minnesota, on March 23, 1855. His life itself was history—he was a well-known and significant character. In 1872 his parents, John and Nancy Van Blaricom, left their home in Minnesota for the Oregon country, traveling in the typical covered wagon with its ox team. They settled in Walla Walla, Washington, for two years, and came to Columbia county in 1874. A log house was built on a homestead of heavily wooded land one mile east of what is now Vernonia.

"Hy" attended the public schools of Minnesota and one term in the first log schoolhouse near Vernonia. He assisted his father on the home ranch until his marriage in 1891, when he moved onto land which he had homesteaded in 1876 and which is located one and a half miles northeast of Vernonia. He later sold that place and bought thirty acres, a part of which is now included in the city. In 1925 the Hy-Van hotel was erected by him, and a garage was added to it the following year.

First City Marshal

Mr. Van Blaricom married Miss Ida Vaughn on August 12, 1891. He also served as city constable, several terms on the school board. In 1879 he took a four-year contract to carry mail thirty miles over St. Helens mountain. It was a job full of narrow escapes, since the trail was poor and the winters cold.

Another distinction was his part in naming Vernonia. He propagated for the name "Vernona," since he wanted to win the favor of a professor who wanted the town named for his daughter. When the post office was established, it was called Vernonia instead.

Mr. Van Blaricom's life was such that it was told in the "History of the Columbia River Valley," and has been told several times in the Eagle. His name will never be forgotten.

Poppy Day Sale Found To Hit High Mark

Funds Totaling \$121 to Be Put to Several Uses

At the conclusion of the poppy sale conducted this year by the American Legion Auxiliary at 11:45 p.m. Saturday Mrs. H. H. King, president of the Auxiliary, stated "The first poppy of the sale went to our mayor, The Honorable George W. Johnson. We depended on the publicity given us by the Vernonia Eagle, and didn't solicit house to house as extensively as in former years, making the most of the contacts on the street. Everyone seemed to be poppyminded."

Of the 1190 poppies received by the Auxiliary, 1130 were sold, bringing \$121.00. The remaining 60 will be used for wreaths to be placed on Veteran's graves. To the veterans who made the poppies will go 1 1/2¢ for each poppy. The remaining proceeds will go one-half to the Rehabilitation and Child Welfare Fund; the other half will be used locally. Part of the local portion, at the rate of 10¢ per member, will go to Dishes for the Disabled.

Due to illness of the Poppy Day chairman, Mrs. Dora Washburn, others of the committee took her place. The sale was conducted from headquarters donated by Mrs. J. C. Lincoln. Salesmen were: Cub Scouts—Richard Massey and Loren Weidman; Junior Auxiliary girls—Lois Harmon, Waunita Weidman, and the King sisters; Margaret Massey; Camp 3 and Pittsburg—Mrs. Earl Atkins and Mrs. Arthur Rice; Riverview—Mrs. J. W. Nichols; O. A. Mill—Mrs. G. K. Epperly and Mrs. J. L. Timmons; Timber route—Mrs. Harry Kerns and Mrs. Harry Culbertson; O. A. camp—J. Heenan, O. A. brakeman, and Bert Hawkins; Nance Pharmacy; Vernonia Billiards; Thomas's Variety Store; J. C. Lincoln.

To each of the above and to all who bought a poppy, Mrs. H. H. King, president of Vernonia Unit 119, American Legion Auxiliary, wishes to express the sincerest gratitude of the unit.

Clerical Help Needed by Board

Paid clerical help will now be needed by the local rationing board, they announced this week. Keeping up sugar rationing records and receiving requests for canning sugar makes this help necessary. Anyone interested may leave his application at the city hall.

Calling Off Not Regretted

Many a sigh of relief went up at the announcement Monday night that gasoline rationing in Oregon and Washington had been called off. Plans had been laid for Vernonia by E. H. Condit, and by others for other Nehalem Valley communities. Even those who were to handle the work of registering did not regret the decision, even though time had been spent in deciphering the pages of instructions given them.

150 Rangers Said Total

One hundred and fifty men are enlisted in the Oregon Defense Rangers, it was stated this week, a considerable number more than that announced when the group organized and repeated in the Eagle last week. It is also to be noted that Harry Jenkins is secretary of the band, not president, as a president would not fit into the organization.

Governor Sprague, in a letter to Kenneth White, Vernonia's captain, seemed well pleased with the plans laid. He wrote: "I am very much impressed with the vigilance indicated by your letter of May 18. I realize the value of trained local men in home defense. You people who know your roads and trails can be a very effective means of self-protection."

Collision Causes Several Injuries

Ernie Russell was taken to the Emanuel Hospital in Portland Tuesday evening with a fractured scapula and cuts on the face as the result of a head-on collision with a car driven by E. A. Rice of Banks. A blow-out, shortly after 5:00 p.m., caused Mr. Russell to lose control of the car he was driving, which belonged to Mr. Gillham.

The accident occurred between Vernonia and Treharpe. Mr. Rice suffered from a cut chin; of the two who were riding with Mr. Russell, Mr. Gillham received a cut eye, and M. C. McKinster received scratches. The injured were loaded into a Nehalem Dairy milk truck driven by Harold Kellmer, and taken to Dr. Eby's office. Both automobiles were reported beyond repair. Russell was enroute from Hillsboro.

Hit by Bark

Falling bark caused severe neck and scalp bruises to H. E. Hunt, while he was chasing landing at United Loggers last Thursday. The impact dazed Mr. Hunt but Dr. Eby did not confine him to bed

Organizations To Parade Memorial Day

Dedication of New Flag Pole Due Early In Tributary March

No pot-luck dinner will follow the Memorial Day parade, the Woman's Relief Corps and the American Legion have announced. Otherwise the program for the day will be the same as in past years, except that a stop will be made at the city hall to present the American Legion Auxiliary's new flag to the city, and it hoist it upon the new pole for dedication.

Those in the parade, who include the American Legion and Auxiliary, Women's Relief Corps, Service Mothers Club, Boy Scouts, and children of the Daily Vacation Bible School, will begin their march at the United Railway depot at 10:00 a.m. Other organizations are requested to join them.

Services on Bridge

At the bridge across Rock Creek, the Relief Corps will conduct services for those who died at sea. From there the group will proceed to the old Vernonia cemetery where both the relief corps and the Legion will conduct graveside services, including a rifle salute by the Legion. A Boy Scout will deliver the Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," and another will give General Logan's address.

Ceremonies will conclude at the cemetery, only the Legion and the Women's Relief Corps going in cars to the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

County Farmers To Visit Station

A field trip to the Northrup Creek Experiment Station by farmers of Columbia county will be arranged for Saturday, June 6.

The purpose of this meeting is to study the forage crop experiments that are being made there in the interest of better livestock production and which is helping to meet war production needs.

The plan of the trip is to leave the county in time to reach the Experiment Station at Northrup Creek at about 10:30 a.m. There will be a get-together and short program before dinner. In the afternoon a trip will be made to examine the pasture forage crop seedings for logged off land and the beef herds and sheep.

All those attending, should bring their own lunch with them for the noon hour. Coffee and cream will be furnished by the Experiment Station.

Joanne Nichols Few Among Many

Joanne Nichols, sophomore at the University of Oregon, is more than keeping up the record she made while attending high school here. On May 23, she was among twelve girls initiated into Theta Sigma Phi, National Women's Journalistic Honorary Society. Also on that day, she was announced as one of sixteen members of the Oregon Daily Emerald staff to receive an Emerald "O" for two years of service. She is on the news staff. The total number of service awards given was 108.

Miss Nichols was editor of the Timberline, and the annual, the Memolog, while a senior at Vernonia high school. She was also class valedictorian and a member of the school sextette.

Motor Corps to Start

A Red Cross Motor Corps in Vernonia will be the next step along the line of civilian defense, announces J. W. Nichols, chairman of civilian defense for the Nehalem Valley. The personnel will be trained in a special school, where, among other things, the men and women enrolled will learn to make light repairs. This unit would transport both soldiers and civilians.

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