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## School and Legion Plan For Armistice

### Gun Salute Dispensed With; Legion to Have Pot-Luck Supper

Plans for a Friday Armistice Day program are being made by Vernonia schools, and the American Legion will have a pot-luck supper and a program in the evening of Armistice Day. These are the only plans that are being made for the celebration of Armistice Day, although stores and schools will be closed on that day. The gun salute has been dispensed with this year since it was doubtful that powder could be obtained.

#### Program to Begin at 2:00

The Legion supper will be at the hall at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, and all ex-service men and their families are especially invited to attend. An interesting program is being planned for the evening.

The school program will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 6 at the Washington grade school. The Honorable Charles Robinson, Portland attorney, will be the speaker. Mr. Robinson spoke twice here last spring, once at a bond sale, and again at grade school commencement. The public is invited to this annual program.

To begin the afternoon, a trumpeter will bring the audience to attention, and the flag salute and pledge of allegiance will be given. The "Star Spangled Banner" will then be sung by the Junior Singers—the grade school glee club, accompanied by the high school band. Next on the bill is the singing of "God Bless America"—Richard Korntz, by the high school glee club. The high school sextette will precede the speaker by singing "My Own America" by Allie Wrubel. J. W. Nichols will be the representative of the Legion who introduces the speaker. Concluding the program will be taps played by the trumpeter.

Miss Marie DeBolt is director of the Juniors and the high school band while Mrs. Sam Hearing, Jr., directs the high school sextet and glee club.

## Hallowe'en Peaceful Here

Vernonia experienced what was probably its first peaceful Hallowe'en Saturday night, as windows remained free from soap and property remained intact. The only trick reported was the hoisting of a waste paper can to the top of the grade school flag pole.

The teachers can be given a great deal of credit for the lack of the usual characteristics of Hallowe'en as the school youngsters were instructed to refrain from "trick-or-treating" and mischief.

## Accidental Fall Cause of Death

Funeral services for Vern Adams, who died October 30 in an accidental fall at the mill, were held Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock at the Bush funeral parlor. Reverend Livingston officiated. Interment will be at Lexington, Nebraska at the side of his wife.

Mr. Adams was loading bridge timber on an open freight car when his cant hook slipped, causing him to fall. A broken neck resulted. Vern Adams was born July 22, 1892 at Bera, Kentucky. He was a member of the Christian church. Survivors include: a son, Paul Vern Adams of Martinez, California; four sisters, Flossie Young of Lexington, Nebraska, Mable Smith of Kansas, Ethel Hake and Dorothy Vaughn of Colorado; four brothers, Herbert of Sutherland, Nebraska, Ernest of Wyoming, and Earl and Lloyd of Lexington, Nebraska.

## Bond Sales Good

During the month of October, \$20,681.25 worth of War Bonds were purchased at the local post office, a check with the office reveals. This total is exceeded by only one month so far this year, \$22,462.50 having been spent for bonds here in January. The September total was \$16,668.75.

## Devines New Managers

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Devine took over management of the Squeezee Inn restaurant Tuesday morning. They replace the George Turners.

## Next Thursday Day Urged for Ration Sign-Up

### School to Dismiss; Hours 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 13th, 14th, Other Days

Mileage rationing registration will be held here at the Washington grade school on November 12, 13 and 14, with the emphasis on Thursday, November 12. Grade school classes (not high school) will be dismissed that day, in order that the teachers may devote full time to the sign-up. Everyone is urged to come Thursday if at all possible. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. Those who must register Friday may come between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

People who reside in the Kist, Keasey and Vernonia districts will register at the before mentioned place. Those who reside in the Birkenfeld, Natal and Mist districts must register at the Mist school between the hours of 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Incidentally, registration should be made in the district where the car is kept at night.

#### Serial Number Needed

Application forms, which are obtainable at any service station or at the rationing office in the bank building, must be filled out with tire serial numbers on 4 tires and a spare. Those who have more than 5 tires will be denied gas rations. Registration cards should also be brought along. The owner of the car must sign the form, but anyone may present it to the registrar. In case the owner should be in the service or away working, a witness will be able to sign to his effect.

Each applicant will receive the basic "A" card, or "D" card if he has a motorcycle, the tire inspection record which he detached from the application, an instruction pamphlet and a sticker for his windshield.

Should the applicant believe that he is entitled to more than the basic "A" book, he may ask for and receive at the same time an application for additional gas rations. This should be mailed rather than taken, to the local rationing board in the bank building. However, employees of Clark and Wilson and the Oregon-American Lumber corporation should refer these applications to their transportation committees.

Those applications which are sent to the rationing board will be okayed by an Advisory Transportation panel before going to the board. The partial list of committee members is as follows: Mesdames Harold Kelmer, J. E. Tapp, John Grady, Ray Mills, George Johnson, Bob Holcomb.

The applicant must have his tires inspected at an OPA inspection station before January 31, 1943. (Vernon Sykes at the Vernonia Auto company is the only inspector here so far). Thereafter, inspection is required every two months for "B" and "C" book holders and every 4 months for "A" book holders. A record of such inspection shall be signed by the inspector on the inspection report at the time he received the basic "A" ration book.

#### Plan Allows 240 Miles

Under this mileage rationing plan each "A" gas ration book permits a maximum mileage of 240 miles per month or 2800 miles per year. This is at the rate of 15 miles per gallon. Occupational driving is to use 150 miles of the allowance, and home necessity, 90 miles.

In order to secure gas rations for a commercial vehicle, the applicant secures at local board or inspection station an application (Form R-536) for "T" ration book. The application first filled out and Certificate of War Necessity executed by the ODT are then mailed to the local rationing board. Upon approval by the local board, the "T" gas ration is secured.

In order to secure gas rations for non-highway purpose, the applicant secures an application (Form R-537) for "E" or "R" gas (Continued on page 6)

## "Surprise" Is Right

These surprise visits aren't always successful; at least when two parties get the same idea at the same time.

Ernie and Wayne Shaffer of Stoney Point left Sunday, October 25 for Denver, Colorado to visit relatives and to visit their mother, Mrs. Nellie Roatcap in Delta, Colorado without giving warning.

In the meantime, Mrs. Roatcap had left Delta with her nephew, Harry Swanger, to visit here with her sons. She arrived here unexpectedly the day after their departure, and could only wait at the Shaffer home until their return.

## Livestock Meeting To Be November 13

The quarterly meeting of the Columbia County Livestock association will be held Friday evening, November 13, at 7:45 in the old Wilark Forest Guard station, according to Lode McDonald, president of the association. At the time there will be important discussions in regard to the livestock industry. The matter of price ceilings on meat will be discussed by Harry Lindgren, animal husbandman for the Oregon State College Extension service. Problems in connection with livestock diseases that have been experienced in Columbia county will be discussed and any legislation affecting the livestock industry, states Mr. McDonald, besides other subjects of interest to the livestock men.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served. All stockmen and those interested in the industry are invited to be present. Bring a full carload.

Remember the place—old Wilark is located on the St. Helens-Pittsburg road on the Clatskanie river with roads leading to it from practically all directions.

## October Was Cold, Wet Month

More rain was recorded here in October than any other month thus far this year with the exception of January and February. The rainfall in October was 3.14 inches, while 3.99 inches of rain fell in January and 4.99 in February. Only small fractions of an inch have been recorded in recent months.

On October 28, 29 degrees was the temperature. This was the minimum temperature for the month, and it has not been equalled since April. A maximum temperature of 83 was recorded by the weather station atop Corey Hill on October 5.

## Office Days Announced

Anna Jerzyk, county welfare representative, announces that she will be here on the first and third Mondays of each month between the hours of 1:00 and 3 p.m. The next office day is November 16.

The Reverend J. Walton Kempe, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church at Astoria will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Abright Brotherhood of the Evangelical church. This meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12 at the church. All men and boys, whether members of the church or not, are invited to attend.

## Complete Election Returns From Vernonia and County Show Favored Candidates

### Vernonia Precincts

Complete election returns from Vernonia's four precincts showed support for Charles L. McNary for U. S. Senator, Earl Snell for Governor of Oregon, and for Robert S. Farrell, Jr., for secretary of state—by a small margin. The three precincts within the city limits voted in such a way that no changes will be made in the city council. George W. Johnson will remain mayor; L. G. Adams and John Hatfield, councilmen for 4 years; J. E. Tapp, councilman for 2 years. C. F. Hieber was reelected city treasurer.

#### STATE

For United States Senator in Congress, Walter W. Whitbeck, Democrat 265 Charles L. McNary, Republican 458  
For Representative in Congress, First District, Earl A. Nott, Democratic 410 James W. Mott, Republican 312  
For Governor, Lew Wallace, Democratic 190 Earl Snell, Republican 562  
For Secretary of State, Francis Lambert, Democratic 339 Robert S. Farrell, Jr., R 366  
For Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor, W. E. Kimsey, R 236 Clarence F. Hyde, D 428  
For Senator, Fourteenth Senatorial District, Irving Rand, R 238 Warren Erwin, D 417  
For Representative, Second Representative District, J. D. Perry, D, R 590  
For Representative, Thirty-third Representative District, Manley J. Wilson, D, R 533  
COUNTY  
For County Commissioner, Carl Strom, D 361 J. N. Miller, R 337  
PRECINCT  
For Constable, District No. 4, L. G. Boverman, D, R 560  
MEASURES  
Legislators' Compensation Constitutional Amendment, Yes 430 No 212  
Rural Credits Loan Fund Repeal Amendment, Yes 307 No 184  
Amendment Specifying Exclusive Uses of Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Taxes, Yes 374 No 177

### County Precincts

Complete returns from the 32 precincts in the county for everything but the measures showed McNary, Mott, Snell, and Farrell on top for their respective candidacies. The votes on the various measures were not available late Wednesday afternoon. In the race for the office of county commissioner, J. N. Miller was elected over Carl Strom. Votes for the various candidates are as follows:

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For United States Senator in Congress, Walter W. Whitbeck, D 1368 Charles L. McNary, R 3270  
For Representative in Congress, First District, Earl A. Nott, D 1994 James W. Mott, R 2624  
For Governor, Lew Wallace, D 1152 Earl Snell, R 3612  
For Secretary of State, Francis Lambert 1823 Robert S. Farrell, Jr 2700  
For Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor, W. E. Kimsey 1850 Clarence F. Hyde 2416  
For Senator, Fourteenth Senatorial District, Irving Rand, R 1943 Warren Erwin, R 2279  
For Representative, Second Representative District, J. D. Perry, D, R 3679  
For Representative, Thirty-Third Representative District, Manley J. Wilson, D, R 3202  
For County Commissioner, Carl Strom, D 1914 J. N. Miller, R 2580

## Letter Expresses Thanks For Box

"On my arrival at the office October 29 I found a very pleasant surprise—a box containing 56 packages of cigarettes and 47 bars of candy from the Service Mothers club of Vernonia," says Sgt. C. E. Throne, Jr., who is in charge of seeing that the boys who leave the county for the service are given candy and cigarettes.

His letter continues: "This box was certainly appreciated and these articles will be distributed to the boys leaving the country for the service and the surplus is being distributed to the boys in the various hospitals, and I might say they do appreciate receiving them from the Columbia county unit (of Red Cross). I wish to thank the Service Mothers' club for their generous response."

## School Getting Gas Instruction

Beginning Monday of this week, gas instruction is being given to students of Vernonia high school. The recognition and control of various forms of war gasses will be taught to every student in the high school with Ray Mills, science teacher, as instructor. The course is the same as that adults have been taking here; however it is a part of the regular school work and tests will be given.

Freshmen are getting the instruction this week and other classes will get theirs later. The conclusion of the course will be the use of sniff sets so that gas may actually be smelled. If possible, a demonstration of the use of the gas mask will be made.

#### PAPER TO BE OUT FRIDAY

The Vernonia Eagle will appear next Friday, November 13, rather than Thursday, as Wednesday is Armistice Day and a holiday.



## Those Who Are in It



Fred Erven, radioman first class in the coast guard, is now attending school in New London, Connecticut for an advanced course in radio engineering.

Charles Dubendorf has been transferred from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri to the Sparten Field of Aeronautics at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Another soldier, Jack Baker, has been transferred. He was moved from Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Railroad engineering is his subject of study in the Army.

Sgt. Dan Olin was in Vernonia on Wednesday of last week prior to his leaving the next day for Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey to take officers' training.

Mrs. Marvin Meyer, the former Irene Bergerson, recently wrote to the Eagle from her home in Vallejo California and said that she and her husband especially like this column. Recently they visited Pvt. Milo John at Camp Roberts and her brother, Air Cadet Clifford C. Bergerson. "They are two swell soldiers who think the Army life is O. K.," she wrote.

These fellows aren't in the service, but they are at the Naval Air Station at Kodiak, Alaska. John Chambers and Justin V. "Buddy" George room together there, and sent the Eagle a copy of a mimeographed paper which is the official publication of the Contractor personnel of the station. It is "pub-

lished spasmodically at approximately two-week intervals by and for the personnel of the base."

The paper contains plenty of humor, cartoons, and news—but more interesting is a letter W. W. McCrae received from Buddy. He has been there nearly 5 months, first as a flunky, and now as a cook's helper. Must be doing all right as he says the average cook stays there only 45 days and he expects to be third cook by Christmas. Buddy graduated from high school here in 1941, and worked at the mill and the hardware store before leaving. John worked at the mill before he left several years ago.

The United States isn't the only place where football is played. American soldiers apparently take it overseas with them. For example, Pvt. George King wrote his mother as follows:

"I've been playing football on the company team. We're representing the Regiment. We're playing different outfits. We've won our first two by a score of 14 to 0. Pretty good, huh? I play center, am nearly the smallest man on the team. I am the smallest in the line; I weigh 185 pounds and the rest of them weigh 200 or over. Pretty big team, huh?"

The letter was dated October 25.

The highest rank in the Army that has been known to come to a former Vernonia man, at least in this war, came recently to Burford Wilkerson. He is now a major at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson. (Continued on page 6)

