

## Thirty Plane Watchers Are Needed Here

Chief Oakes Says Many Observers Have Left Post Recently

Thirty people are badly needed for volunteer service as watchers on the aircraft warning service post near here. Chief Observer M. A. Oakes said Tuesday. Free transportation is provided volunteers. Those willing to serve a certain number of hours each week should see Mr. Oakes, phone 774. Some training will have to be given new volunteers on the proper procedure for turning in flashes.

The post was operated last week by using substitutes, as many observers have quit the post during the last few weeks due to work elsewhere and various other reasons. It is necessary that the post have watchers 24 hours a day and volunteers are urgently needed to maintain the high rating the post has earned during the past seven months.

## Awards Given at High School Wed.

Wednesday was "award" day for the high school student body, for on that afternoon student body officers were sworn into office, basketball and track letters were awarded, and model airplane certificates were presented.

Letters were presented to the following members of the basketball squad: Fred Lusby, Bob Kent, Les and Lyle Galloway, Lewis Lane, Jack Nance, Gerald Riley, Larry Brady, and Melvin Schwab, the manager.

Track, lettermen recognized were: Fred Lusby, Lewis Lane, Fred Busch, Glen Justice, Harry Lazott, Jimmy Johns, Leonard Bellongia, Bobby Schwab, Max Millis, Bobby Condit, and Gerald Riley, the manager.

### Committee Checks Models

Preliminary to the awarding of certificates to model airplane builders, a civilian committee met Monday night to approve the plans for shipping to the navy for its use. This civilian committee consisted of the following: Emil Messing, chairman, Paul Gordon, Cecil Johnson, J. W. Nichols, M. B. Willard and Harry Culbertson.

The making of solid airplane models is a continuation of last year's project, but is an activity period enterprise this year. It is sponsored by the U. S. office of education and the U. S. navy, bureau of aeronautics. Certificates of awards are given to those making models which pass inspections. The awards are progressive and indicate the appropriate rank, the requirements being cumulative. The following students won awards:

Carroll Keasey—lt. (jr. grade), lt. commander, and commander aircraftman for completing 9 models, including one 4-engine bomber and planes from 4 nations; Lloyd Stuve—lt. (jr. grade) lt., and lt. commander aircraftman for completing 8 models, including a torpedo bomber and biplane, and planes from 3 nations; Lee Lindsley, lt. aircraftman for completing 7 models including a seaplane.

The following boys and girls received cadet aircraftman certificates for completing up to three planes of any type: Jimmy Frazee, Ralph Keasey, Melvin Snook, Ralph Sturdevant, Donald Atkinson, Geraldine Keller, John Wilcoxen, Beverly Turner, Mary Hall, Betty Hall, Glenn Shipman, Billy Marshall and Dale Roland.

Glenn Ely has been supervisor of the project.

## Canning Sugar Requests Allowed Beginning May 15

Procedure by which housewives will obtain sugar for home canning and freezing of this season's fruit crop on and after May 15 was released Monday by the office of price administration.

As previously announced by Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown, sugar for home canning is being allotted on substantially the same basis as last year—that is, one pound for each quart (or eight pounds) of the finished product, and by essentially the same procedure—written application to the local board.

A top limit of 25 pounds of sugar per person is set in the new regulations, which become effective May 15. The OPA emphasizes, however, that the 25-pound figure is a maximum, to be granted only in the relatively few cases where this large amount of fruit will be canned and preserved.

### 5 lbs. for Jam Allowed

Within the 25-pound per person limit, any family can apply for sugar to put up jams, jellies and preserves at the rate of five pounds per individual. This is a more generous allowance than last year, when sugar for preserves was limited to one pound per person. Motive for this is stretching butter and margarine rations.

Said Mr. Brown: "The more fruit and vegetables put up at home, the less demand there will be on the limited civilian supply of commercially packed foods. I earnestly appeal to those who home-can fruits and vegetables to use their processed foods rations sparingly. It must be remembered that millions of war workers and others in essential industries have neither the time nor the facilities to put up fruits and vegetables at home. They must depend entirely on commercially packed foods. Every can of the commercial pack that is saved for these folks through home canning is a direct and important contribution to our war effort. We can run the total into hundreds of millions of cans. Let's do it."

### Board Receives Applications

Local boards throughout the country will receive written applications under the new provisions on and after May 15. No special form is required unless it is planned to sell the home products, and application may be made in person or by mail.

The applicant must furnish the following:

1. A copy of war ration book one for each person for whom home-canning sugar is sought;
2. The total number of quarts or pounds of finished fruit to be put up; and
3. The amount of sugar to be used for making jams and jellies (not more than five pounds per person, within the 25-pound overall maximum.)

The board will record the number of pounds of sugar granted each person on the cover of his or her war ration book one.

Last year, housewives were required to fill out an official form in considerably greater detail.

### Coupons Used

Home canning sugar allotments under the new program will be in the form of "sugar allowance coupons" in denominations of 1, 3, 5 and 10 pounds. Housewives thus can spread their sugar buying over the entire canning season, instead of making a single purchase as they did last season when boards had only purchase certificates for buying in quantity to issue.

Each sugar allowance coupon will be marked with a serial number of war ration book one and the book itself must be presented to the retailer for checking whenever a sugar allowance coupon is "spent." Unless the numbers on the books and the coupons correspond, the coupon is not valid and the retailer cannot complete the sugar sale.

### Gifts Limited

Gifts of home-canned foods, both fruits and vegetables, may be made but no one person may give away more than a total of 50 quarts. Any gifts made in excess of that amount and all sales can only be made against the col-

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## Bus Routes and Drivers Changed

At a meeting of the grade school board Saturday night, two bus contracts were awarded where three would normally have been given. This was one of the changes made in school bus schedules resulting from the ODT's requirement to eliminate unnecessary stopping and excess mileage. After studying the system, the upper river bus route, now being driven by Mrs. Tom Crawford and George Johnson, was combined to use only one bus, and Tom Crawford was awarded the contract.

George Johnson was awarded the Camp 8 route, formerly driven by Crawford. Other routes will remain the same, except that the travelling of the same road twice on Stoney Point will be eliminated. High school and grade school students share the busses; other bus contracts were awarded earlier in the year.

The budget committee met in conjunction with the board Saturday night and a budget was approved. It will be published in this paper at a later date, and will be voted upon at the annual school meeting on Monday, June 21.



## Those Who Are in It



Aviation Cadet Philip J. Millis, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Millis, this week reported with members of class 43-H at Goodfellow Field, army air forces basic flying school near San Angelo, Texas, where he has begun the next-to-the-last stage of his flying training in pursuit of wings and a flying officer rating.

At Goodfellow Field Aviation Cadet Millis has stepped up from the slower primary training planes to speedy, military-type BT13A trainers. Here he will learn navigation and radio code, night flying and precision formation and cross-country flying. Next stage in his aerial education will be advanced school, where he will win his wings and his long-awaited assignment to duty.

Millis, a 1940 graduate of Vernonia high school and a member of the state track team, set several track records and was a member of the all-star football club as well. He had been in primary flying school at Bruce Field, Ballinger, Texas.

Private First Class Luther M. Ball, who is stationed at the western signal corps training center at Camp Kohler, California, has been promoted to the grade of corporal, according to an announcement by Colonel Harry E. Storms, commanding officer.

Corporal Ball, a resident of Vernonia, is the husband of Barbara Ball of 134 Bridge street.

Camp Kohler is the signal corps' newest training center and the only such post on the west coast. The signal corps is responsible for installing, operating and maintaining the army's vast communication system.

By whatever means necessary—radio, telephone, telegraph, teletype, rockets, or runner—the signal corps' mission is to "get the message through."

One of the first enrollees of the Women's Army Auxiliary corps to arrive for training at Branch A of the fifth WAAC training center at Camp Ruston, La., is

## City Budget Again Omits Direct Tax

Budget Meeting Held Wednesday, May 5; Budget Is Increased

No direct tax will again be levied in the City of Vernonia for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943 and ending June 30, 1944, the city budget drawn up Wednesday night, May 5 reveals. Total estimated expenditures for the year are \$20,482.50, compared to estimated receipts of \$25,814.50. The last budget estimates receipts at \$26,792.09, and that higher figure is due only to a larger amount of cash on hand—the actual receipts estimated are the same, water rentals to bring the most money, \$11,000.

Last year's total budget was less, \$19,775—the higher figure for the new budget due mostly to raises in salaries of city employees. In addition to higher salaries, the building and grounds expenses are estimated to be \$1100, as compared to last year's figure of \$650. The cemetery expenses have been raised from \$460 to \$770. Most decreased item is the street and sewer budget, which was \$2000, and will now be \$1250.

Members of the budget committee are A. L. Kullander, chairman, R. M. Aldrich, Harry Kerns, Ray Mills and Roy Raymond. A meeting will be held on Monday, June 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the city hall, at which time all persons subject to the tax levy may appear to speak for or against the budget.

## 39 Seniors Are to Graduate Friday

Thirty-nine seniors of Vernonia high school (two of them already serving in the armed forces) will participate in commencement exercises at the Washington grade school auditorium this Friday night, May 14 at 8:00 o'clock. Dr. U. G. Du-bach, dean of men at Oregon State college, will be principal speaker of the evening, while Joy Willard will deliver the valedictorian address.

The processional and recessional will be played by Mrs. Sam Hearing, Jr., and invocation and benediction will be spoken by Rev. W. O. Livingstone and Rev. Allen Backer, respectively. Greetings to the class of 1943 will be extended by Miss Lillian Laird, after which the high school sextette will sing "Venetian Love Song," by Nevin. Wallace McCrae is to present awards and introduce the speaker, while O. G. Weed, chairman of the school board will present diplomas. As Melvin L. Schwab and Artemas L. DeHart, Jr., left during the last semester of the year, they will receive their diplomas in absentia.

There will be a short reception in the library immediately following the exercises. For the second time in the history of Vernonia high school, caps and gowns will be worn by the graduates.

### Honors Shared

Robert Kent and Arthur Tousley share the honor of being salutatorian of the class. Robert is also president, while Fred Lusby is vice-president; Rosalee Roediger, secretary; Ruby Thacker, treasurer; and Miss Beck, Mrs. Hearing, and Mr. McCrae, advisors.

Class colors are green and white the flower being the white carnation. Motto chosen by the seniors is: "Before Us Lies the Timber; Let Us Build."

Grade school commencement exercises will be held Thursday (tonight) at 8:00 p.m., also at the grade school.

(A list of the high school graduates will be found on page 6 of this issue.)

## Roberta Sword To Be Life Guard

Miss Roberta Sword, graduating senior at Vernonia high school, was appointed life guard for the city's swimming pool at the postponed city council meeting Monday night, and will be on duty for the summer as soon as weather permits the pool to be opened. Miss Sword received life-saving and water safety training from Noble Dutton, life guard here several summers ago. She has entered county and city swimming meets and is a capable swimmer.

Other business accomplished by the council was the approving of monthly bills and the sale of several lots, and setting the value at \$1.00 per cord of stumpage which is being taken from the cemetery property for wood.

### Deaths, Illness Added

According to a recent tabulation in the Oregon Health bulletin, there were 17 deaths in Columbia county during March. The causes were as follows: influenza, 1; cancer and tumors, 3; diabetes, 1; heart disease, 7; pneumonia, 1; digestive diseases, 1; nephritis, 2; accidents other than motor, 1.

Disease cases reported for the first time during the week ending May 1 were: 4 cases of measles, 1 of chicken pox, 10 of mumps, 1 of syphilis, and 1 of gonorrhea. Eighty-three percent of physicians reported.

### Booklet Available

Copies of the booklet, "You and the War," are available free of charge at the Oregon Gas and Electric company office. This pamphlet was prepared by the U. S. office of civilian defense, and tells what part each man, woman and child on the home front can have in war service.

## PUD Abandons Purchase Plans

At a regular monthly meeting of the Nehalem Valley Public Utility district here Sunday evening, the board of directors took up the matter of the purchase of the Oregon Gas and Electric company properties and decided that there is no possible chance to get together with the company on a price. They plan to wait until after the war, when they would build a new system—unless a lower price should have been arrived upon.

The PUD directors' and attorney's salaries were paid and arrangements were made to call a budget meeting in the near future. It is understood that no tax will be asked for in next year's budget.

## Grade Teacher Completes Novel

Miss Marie DeBolt, music teacher for the Washington grade school and high school band instructor, has completed work on a standard length novel, "Life of Her Own," and is to send away the manuscript this week with the hope of publication. Miss DeBolt started the book in the summer of 1941 under the supervision of Mrs. Beulah S. Thornton at the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. It was completed under the personal supervision of Dean Alfred Powers and the latter half of the book was written in Vernonia.

"Life of Her Own" is the story of a young woman in search of security and happiness who finds it in a sense of spiritual attainment, aided by attention to environment and all factors that contribute to one's well being. The several themes—search for security and happiness, religious development, and love—have been woven together in an attempt to make interesting reading. Portland and a fictitious town, Wilton, Oregon, are the settings for the story.

If published, the novel will appear under the pen name of Camilla Mariott.

Miss DeBolt plans to teach in California next year, as teaching standards there have been lowered and will continue her studies. She will spend the summer in San Jose, her former home.

### Inventories Necessary

Local merchants who handle rationed foods are reminded that when the point value of any merchandise goes down, or up, they must take a point inventory of the affected merchandise and file the same with the local ration board.

### Dimout Aid

Sunrise and Sunset Hours	
Sunrise	Sunset
May 13—5:41	8:34
14—5:40	8:35
15—5:39	8:36
16—5:37	8:37
17—5:36	8:38
18—5:35	8:39
19—5:34	8:41
20—5:33	8:42