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Week Calls Attention to AWS Workers

Capt. Young, Sgt. Smith Talk at AWS Picnic Here Sunday

The public has been made increasingly aware of the AWS through the efforts of the press and radio during the week of August 1st to 7th that was set aside as aircraft warning service week. The press was most cooperative, advertisers contributed many column inches of space paying tribute to members of the AWS and the people as a whole were most responsive to appeals for recognition of these volunteers. Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, stated:

"I have had previous occasions to emphasize, as I do now, that our present organization for air defense of the continental United States absolutely requires an efficient ground observer corps and aircraft warning corps.

Volunteers Necessary

"Without these volunteers, we would be inadequately prepared to meet attack from the air—an attack very definitely within enemy capabilities. This is one of the vitally important services open to the civilians of this country who are willing to devote spare time to war work and I should be glad to have such use made of these remarks of mine as will be of assistance in making its importance understood."

Many activities were held throughout the west coast in celebration of AWS week.

Here the AWS picnic held at Bib Eddy park was fairly well attended by observers and a good time was enjoyed. Captain Harry L. Young and Sgt. Lynn Smith, accompanied by their wives, were here from Portland. The army congratulated the post on its rating for the past year; it's record is hard to beat.

New Reason Brought Out

The army representatives gave the observers a new thought as to their importance. Without the AWS posts scattered throughout the country, there would be no picture shows, no street lights, no public gatherings, no driving before sunrise or after sunset and no operation of the sawmill at night. They explained that radar cannot be used over land, hence posts and observers must be used. It was mentioned that paid posts are not as satisfactory as those manned by volunteers. The Japs have invented an incendiary leaf, the army men said, which could be distributed by the hundreds of thousands from one plane. These leaves ignite when they have absorbed sufficient moisture.

Plane Classes Due Afternoons

Classes in aircraft recognition for observers at the local post will continue to be held, but Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock at the union hall. The dates on which afternoon classes will be held are August 17, 24 and 31. After that time, evening instruction will probably be resumed.

Attendance to date has averaged about 15 individuals at each class; several periods of instruction are required in order to learn to recognize the 53 different planes. Mrs. M. B. Steers is class instructor.

Dimout Aid

August 12—6:07	8:25
13—6:08	8:23
14—6:09	8:22
15—6:10	8:20
16—6:12	8:19
17—6:13	8:17
18—6:14	8:15
19—6:15	8:14



Those Who Are in It



JAY TAGGART ON LEAVE

Captain Jay Taggart arrived Sunday at Tigard to spend two weeks on sick leave before returning to the Bushnell general hospital at Brigham, Utah for observation. His confinement at the hospital was due to illness. Captain Taggart, former manager of the Joy theater here, had been stationed at Camp Young, California. Mrs. Taggart, daughter of Mrs. Harold Dow, had been with him there, but returned to Tigard about a month ago.

WRITES OF MOSQUITOES

Cpl. T/5 Frank Smejkal sent Friday via air mail to the Eagle the kind of letter we like to receive. He says:

"I have been receiving the Vernonia Eagle regularly and enjoy it very much as it is the best way to get all of the news from back home. I am now at Ft. Pierce, Florida and it is a nice camp with the exceptions that this wonderful Florida sunshine comes down in great big drops quite frequently and we also have mosquitoes. The other day we hung up a strip of fly paper and two of the little mosquitoes took each end of it and carried it out on the trash pile."

"Will close hoping this letter will find everyone back home in as good health as I am. An interested reader of the Vernonia Eagle Cpl. Frank Smejkal."

The Eagle will not attempt to verify the mosquito story.

M. K. FRANK TRANSFERRED

Word was received last week by the H. H. Frank family that their son, Pvt. Murvel K. Frank, has been transferred from Greenville, Pennsylvania to Pittsburg, California.

MARINES TO LEAVE

Clayton Aldrich and Chester Bass, who recently enlisted in the marine corps, are due to leave Friday to begin training at San Diego, California.

RETURNS TO TEXAS

First Sgt. Elgus R. Frank, accompanied by his wife, the former Maxine John, left here Monday night after spending six days with relatives and friends in Vernonia. This was Sgt. Frank's first furlough during his year's training in the army. He has been at Fort Bliss, Texas for six months and received his first sergeant stripes just before leaving the fort on his furlough.

CLIFTON HIATT IN STATES

After being stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for some time, T/Sgt. Clifton Hiatt is back in the United States and visited with his sister, Mrs. R. R. Reynolds, and friends here from Monday, August 2 until the following Thursday. He had been doing radio work on the islands as a member of the army air corps and is now on his way to New York for a new assignment.

E. H. WASHBURN PROMOTED

E. H. "Skinny" Washburn of the coast guard was a visitor Thursday and Friday of last week wearing "something new" on his sleeve. The coast guardsman had returned Sunday, August 1 after spending two weeks in the U. S. naval hospital in Seattle and it was during his stay there that he received the rating of first class mail specialist—hence the new insignia. He and his wife are now spending two weeks at Seaside before he returns to duty at Astoria.

LT. MEEKER ON FURLOUGH

First Lt. and Mrs. Everett Meeker were visitors here Thursday night as Lt. Meeker is on a 15-day furlough. He has been stationed in Alaska as a bombardier in the army air corps, but will now be stationed somewhere in the United States. His parents are former residents of Vernonia and now live in Portland; Mrs. Meeker is from Salem. Lt. Meeker has received the air medal and distinguished flying cross.

NAVY GUNNER VISITS

Following completion of training as a tail gunner in naval aviation at a field near Miami, Florida, Mancel Lee Rose received the rating of petty officer third class and was here on leave from Thursday until Sunday. He now reports to San Francisco for assignment. The aerial gunner, together with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rose, now of Vanport City, were guests at the home of his aunt, Mrs. E. L. Lloyd in Riverview. Another aunt, Mrs. O. B. Atkinson and her husband and children were here Thursday to see Mancel, who graduated from Vernonia high school in May, 1942. He enlisted in the navy almost a year ago, September 22.

WAC VISITING HERE

Here from Washington, D. C., where she does clerical work in Reed hospital, is Wac Maude Ramsley, daughter of Mrs. A. P. Bays. She arrived here Wednesday of last week to visit friends and relatives, and will leave next Tuesday, August 17, reporting to duties in the nation's capital on Saturday, August 21. Wac Ramsley left May 17th of this year for training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, and about a month ago was sent to Washington for active duty.

FRITZ HAUSLER OKAY

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hausler heard from their son, John F. "Fritz" Hausler, this week. It was the first letter in three months from the coast guardsman, and he reported himself "all right." More "Those Who Are," page 6

Office Now Open Tuesday Nights

Office hours at the local rationing office in the bank building have been changed to the public's benefit. Monday through Friday it will be open from 9:30 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon.

For the convenience of those who are unable to attend to their rationing business during the day, clerks will be on duty at the city hall from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Tuesday night.

Deaths in County Are 17 for June

The 17 deaths occurring in Columbia county during June were attributed by the Oregon state board of health to the following causes: tuberculosis, 1; cancer tumors, 1; diabetes, 1; apoplexy, 3; heart disease, 2; pneumonia, 2; digestive diseases, 1; accidents other than motor, 3; miscellaneous known causes, 3.

One case of measles and one case of mumps were the only diseases reported for the week ending July 31. Seventy-seven percent of county physicians reported.

Banks Hop Man Recruiting Here

Ferd Hartwick of Banks hopes to find in Vernonia about 100 hop pickers to begin on September 1, or shortly thereafter. Although the price has not been definitely determined, it will be better than that of last year. The hops this year are bigger and better, too, so pickers should be able to do well.

As before, school buses will be used to transport the pickers. Children 10 years or more old will be allowed to pick provided they yield 50 pounds or more daily.

Sportsmen Organize Here

County Over Top in July Bond Sales

Estimated \$2100 in Stamps, Bonds Sold By "Molly Pitchers"

Columbia county again went over the top in war bond sales during July, according to totals just computed by the state office, which show sales of \$131,047, or 102 per cent of the county quota.

"If Oregon is to continue to set the pace nationally in war bond sales, it will be necessary this month for every family to again measure its war bond responsibilities," declares a statement from E. C. Sammons, state chairman, war finance committee. He urges that each family take counsel, considering first, their total income; second, their total expenses, and then determining the sum that can be regularly invested in war bonds until the war is won.

Filling Books, Urged

Also being emphasized for August is the completion of stamp books started during the Shagrilla and Molly Pitcher campaigns. Stamps draw no interest until they have been converted into bonds.

An estimated \$100 in stamps and \$2000 in bonds were sold here on Saturday, Molly Pitcher day. Almost all war savings stamps and bonds were sold that day by "Molly Pitchers" working on the street and in the post office. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary on duty were Mrs. Ruby Biggs, Mrs. Harry Culbertson and Mrs. P. Weidman. Mrs. O. Vike also helped out in the sale.

Another group which has taken up the sale is the Rainbow Girls. They are now selling stamps, stamp corsages and bonds daily on the street.

Fuel Oil Blanks To Be Mailed

Consumers of fuel oil for heating or hot water purposes who are now registered with their local ration boards will receive by mail in the next few days renewal application forms for rations for the new heating year starting October 1, the district OPA announced. The renewal blanks should be filled in and returned to the boards promptly by mail to expedite issuance of the coupons.

All consumers who applied for rations for the 1942-43 heating year, including those who have received part of their next year's ration for summer filling of storage tanks must fill in one of the blanks in order to receive rations for the coming heating year. The renewal form, R-1167, is simple requiring name and address of applicant, address where ration will be used, whether or not a smaller ration than previously issued will serve, name of oil supplier and type of oil used.

Consumers do not need to go to the boards in person but are asked to mail in their blanks and coupons will be issued and mailed back by the ration board as soon as instructions are received from the OPA.

Joins Green Guard

Harold Fowler of Vernonia was recently added to the rolls of the Green Guards from this county. He is one of ten thousand young Oregonians who are doing their share to keep Oregon Green. The next few weeks will be critical and dangerous weeks in the forests of Oregon, according to State Forester N. S. Rogers, and every citizen is asked to help prevent man-caused fires.

Carnival Due Here Tuesday

The Browning Bros. Amusement Co. and Browning Amusement Co. of Salem will open their carnival here for five nights starting Tuesday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. under the auspices of the City of Vernonia. The show closes Saturday night, August 21.

The carnival will operate rides and concessions, and operates under government dimout regulations. The show will be located on the city ball park grounds.

Recent Accidents Are Several

Three accidents, two of which were quite serious, and one of which could have been serious, have occurred in this vicinity in the past week.

Monday night at about 11:00 o'clock Clarence Cornutt was found in the feed chain in the fuel house at the mill. He was taken to the Emmanuel hospital in Portland suffering from a fractured skull and a deep scalp wound. It is thought that he fell from a ladder.

Wednesday night, August 4, about 10:30 o'clock the model A roadster driven by Jim Fluke swerved from the highway going toward the mile bridge at River-view, knocking down several mail boxes grouped at the roadside and hitting the guard rail of the bridge. The car was a total loss, and Clarence Fowler, one of the occupants of the auto, suffered multiple lacerations on his face and a fractured right arm. Mrs. Fowler and Mr. Fluke were bruised.

Richard E. Merritt of Portland was driving on the Rock creek road Sunday, when his auto hit a power line pole, left the road and turned on its side, held up by brush in the ditch. The car was only slightly damaged.

Vacation at O-A Mill Is Next Week

The Oregon-American Lumber corporation mill here will be down through the week of August 16 to 23 so that bricks in the furnaces may be replaced. All workers will be involved, with the exception of repair crews. The shut-down would have been held during the week of July 4 had not the arrival of bricks been delayed; no vacation would be given if the replacing of the furnace bricks were not necessary.

It is hoped that the entire mill may operate on a day shift basis when operations resume Aug. 23, according to Judd Greenman, general manager. A night shift has been running in some parts of the mill since Monday, August 2 due to repairs on the turbine.

Goat Milkers to Meet Here Friday

The Nehalem Valley Goat-Milk Producers association will hold a meeting at the Vernonia high school this Friday, August 13 at 2:00 p.m., announces Mrs. L. O. Gillham, secretary.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the development of better markets for this section. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

SPEEDER LOSES COUPONS

One local man, caught speeding 50 miles per hour in Washington state, lost 5 gasoline coupons as the result of a hearing held here.

Petitions Out To Start Rod And Gun Club

Interest Shown in Re-Organization of Rod and Gun Club

Considerable interest is being shown here in the reorganization of a rod and gun club, and a meeting for the purpose of selecting a name, form, and officers of the organization will be called the early part of next week. Petitions are being circulated in the Nehalem valley, including Mist and Birkenfeld, to gather the names of sportsmen who wish to join the organization. Three petitions are out at present; one circulated by J. A. Bush had 50 signers by Wednesday.

The Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club was active here several years ago. The need for a new organization is especially felt because Nehalem valley streams are becoming more and more depleted of fish—to the extent that outsiders are no longer attracted to the Nehalem valley to fish. The club would seek the planting of fish in streams in this locality.

Forquer Services Held Wednesdays

Funeral services for Lena Mary Forquer, who passed away here Monday, August 9, were held at the Bush Funeral home at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday with Rev. Livingstone officiating. Interment was at Forest Grove.

Mrs. Forquer was born December 11, 1888 at Salem, Wisconsin and died at the age of 55 years, 7 months, and 28 days. She is survived by her husband, Harry; two sons, Jess of Gaston and Patrick, who is in the merchant marine and stationed on Catalina island; two daughters, Lucille Allen and Evelyn Hiskew, both of Portland; two brothers, James and Charles Peacock of Rumingville, South Dakota; and nine grandchildren.

Patrick Forquer is expected to arrive Friday morning from Catalina island.

Booklet Contains Story of County

Presented as a supplement to the St. Helens Sentinel-Mist of last Friday, August 6 was a 40-page booklet published by the Mist Publishing company and giving the story of Columbia county. Aim of the St. Helens newspaper in preparing and printing this first complete story of the county was to present this area in its true light to people outside the county itself. Several thousand copies will be used by the St. Helens chamber of commerce, and more copies are available for distribution elsewhere in the county.

Contained in the booklet is the story of each of the county's major towns, their products, industries, and capacities. Two pages are devoted to the Oregon-American Lumber corporation here. A description of Vernonia and the Nehalem valley, as well as of another concern of this vicinity, United Loggers, follows. The first pages of the booklet give the outsider a general picture of the county.

Although plans and work on the publication were started before the outbreak of the present war, all material was revised and brought up to date.