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## New Law to Lower Taxes In County

### School Tax Levies Reduced Through Income Tax Use

Vernonia taxpayers, as well as other taxpayers in the county, will benefit from the income tax diversion law which was passed at last year's general election, according to figures compiled by Otto H. H. Peterson, county school superintendent. Special levies for school purposes in the county will be \$113,965.04 less, due to the new law.

The total reduction for Vernonia will be \$19,207.44, the allotment for the grade school district being \$14,381.03, and for the high school, \$4,826.41. This will reduce the grade school district tax levy from \$43,893.00 to \$29,511.97. For the high school district, the levy will be \$22,808.09 instead of \$27,634.50. Mist will receive \$946.06, reducing the levy there to \$960.26. Kist will receive \$157.90, reducing their levy to \$957.14. Birkenfeld's levy of \$360 will be eliminated through an apportionment.

The new law provides that income tax cash is to be used only to offset property taxes, so a district having no special levy will not receive a share of the funds. Money available to such districts will be distributed among the districts which have special levies. No district received more than its special levy.

The average saving to county property owners will be 8.3 mills, although each district's tax rate will probably vary.

## Labor Holiday Due on Mon.

As next Monday, September 6 is Labor Day, it will give store employees here and some other workers a double holiday. The O-A mill will not run that day, but Camp McGregor men will not observe the holiday.

The Eagle office will be closed Monday, so the paper will be a day late, coming out on Friday.

## J. A. Bush Elected Club President

When the newly-organized Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club met at the Bush Funeral home last Friday night, August 27, Jewett A. Bush was elected president; W. H. Bridgers of Mist, vice-president; R. L. Spencer, treasurer; and Marvin Kamholz, secretary. A board of directors, with the president as chairman, was named to include: Roy Hughes of Mist, Guy Bellingham of Birkenfeld, John Kirk, and Emil Messing. Charles Wall, M. B. Willard and Emil Messing were appointed to serve on a publicity committee.

First action of the club will be to seek a more even distribution of shells. The government is expected to release some shells for the hunting season—to be released through Marshall-Wells only, and the club will seek to have them released through other dealers.

Next meeting of the sportsmen has been set for Friday, September 10 at the Bush funeral home.

The club now has 88 members but only about 22 attended the meeting.

## Much County Forest Area Closed Now

### Permits Obtainable At Several Places Including Pittsburg

Much of the forest areas in this county were ordered closed effective from August 19 to December 31 through a proclamation made by Gov. Earl Snell on August 18. Thereby the unregulated use of such areas is unlawful and only those given permits by the state forester or a fire warden and those having right-of-ways may enter. Permits will be issued under the following provisions: (1) no fires shall be built except in places designated as safe in permit; (2) tools suitable for extinguishing fires are carried; (3) no smoking is allowed except in places designated as safe in permit.

Specifically closed, because of a menace to life and property due to excessive amount of debris on the ground from old burns and logging operations, is the following area, Northwest Oregon Association area No. 1—Columbia county: Township 3 north, range 3 west, Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12; township 4 north, range 2 west, all of township lying west of the Cedar creek CCC road and the Chapman-Pisgah Home road; township north, range 3 west, all of township lying west of the Cedar creek CCC road and the Chapman-Pisgah Home road; township 4 north, range 4 west, all of township; township 4 north range 5 west, all of township; township 5 north, range 3 west, all of township lying west of the Apiary Wilark and Wilark-Bunker Hill CCC roads; township 5 north, range 4 west, all of township; township 5 north, range 5 west, all of township; township 6 north, range 3 west, that portion of township lying west of the Apiary-Rainier Market road and the Apiary-Wilark CCC road; township 6 north, range 4 west, all of township; township 6 north range 5 west, all of township; township 7 north, range 3 west, that portion of sections 31 and 32 lying south of the Clatskanie river; township 7 north, range 4 west, that portion of sections 27, 34, 35 and 36 lying south and west of the Clatskanie river and sections 28 to 33, inc.; township 7 north, range 3 west, all of township lying south of the Columbia river highway.

Some Areas Exempt  
Not included in the provisions of this closure are the rights-of-way of all public roads and highways, the cultivated lands of bona fide residents with right-of-way of roads leading thereto, the areas embraced in cities or towns and the prescribed areas of public camp grounds.

Also exempt are: that area lying between the Nehalem highway and the Nehalem river from the Clatsop-Columbia county boundary, section 30, township 6 north, range 5 west, to the Nehalem bridge at the mouth of Clear creek, section 27, township 4 north, range 5 west; that area lying between Rock creek and the Rock creek road from Keasey station, section 5, township 4 north, range 5 west, to the city limits of the City of Vernonia, section 4, township 4 north, range 4 west.

Entry permits may be secured at the following places: Pitzer ranch, section 25, township 7 north, range 5 west; Birkenfeld garage; Wilark Guard station; Pittsburg Guard station, Pisgah Lookout, section 27, township 4 north, range 3 west; and Wolf Creek fire camp, section 10, township 3 north, range 5 west.

TINY BABY GAINS  
Mary Edith Branton now weighs two pounds! The tiny baby only weighed a pound and a half at birth on Saturday, August 21, and has gained one-half pound in 10 days. The infant, who is at Lloyd's Maternity Home in River-view, is normal in every way.

PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED  
Charles H. Vancil of the OPA is scheduled to meet with the local rationing board tonight (Thursday September 2) at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion of gasoline and tire problems.

## Postal Savings Highest Ever

August was a fairly average month for the sale of war bonds and stamps at the local post office, but as of August 31 the amount invested in postal savings was the largest in the history of the post office. A total of \$185,463 in postal savings accounts was noted.

War savings bond total for August was \$18,581.25, while \$603.50 was invested in stamps during the month.

## \$2 Said Offered For Goat Butterfat

Of much interest to local goat milk producers is an announcement from Mrs. L. O. Gillham, secretary of the Nehalem Valley Goat Milk Producers association, that she has just received word that a Portland firm has offered \$2.00 a pound of butterfat for goat milk. Word of this offer came through the Oregon Dairy Goat Breeders association, so it can be depended upon.

When the local organization was being formed in June, the top price of \$1.25 a pound for butterfat was mentioned.

The association here will probably meet some time this month, as the possibilities of setting up a cooperative goat milk creamery here are being investigated.

## Dance to Boost War Stamp Sales

War savings stamps sales here will be boosted considerably when the Mothers' Service club complete its ticket sale for its September 18th dance. In reality the dance patron does not buy a ticket, but a \$1.00 war stamp. He or she is given a ticket, on the back of which is fastened the war stamp. The club is conducting an advance ticket sale.

The war stamp dance will be, as usual, at the Legion hall, and Glen Davis' orchestra will play. All expenses in giving the dance will be paid by the service club.

This Saturday night, September 4, another semi-formal dance will be given by the service mothers.

## Taxpayers to Get Help with Forms

Deputy collectors for the treasury department will visit three Columbia county towns before September 15 to assist taxpayers in filing declarations of estimated income and victory tax for the calendar year, 1943, but will not come to Vernonia. They will be in St. Helens and Clatskanie on September 8, and in Rainier September 7. They will be in Forest Grove on September 9.

The same assistance is also available to taxpayers at the office of the collector of internal revenue, Custom house, Portland each day until September 15, which is the final day of the filing period, J. W. Maloney announces.

### WATER MAIN BREAKS

It was discovered Saturday morning that a water main, which lies crosswise under the road near the Cherry Tree apartments, had broken, and while it was being repaired the road was closed to traffic. The break was of such a nature that quite a bit of digging was required.

## Canvass, Rally Planned For Invasion War Bond Drive, Sept. 9th to 30th

September 9 will see the start of Vernonia's invasion war bond drive, which will feature house-to-house canvassing, an invasion bond rally September 10, an auction, and other means to help make it possible for Columbia county to meet its quota of \$1,017,900. Plans were made at a meeting held Tuesday night in the old post office building for the drive, which will continue through September.

The house-to-house canvass will be for the purpose of advising and assisting those who wish to invest savings in war bonds or to increase their payroll deductions.

An interesting program is planned for the rally Friday evening, September 10 at the Legion hall. Each precinct chairman will be responsible for a number, and there will be community singing. A local and an outside speaker will be featured, the latter to be a bond committeeman. Of course the opportunity to purchase bonds and stamps will be given.

Details are to be worked out for an auction on the street during the drive. Still other means may be employed to make the drive a success.

### QUOTA INCREASED

Mrs. H. H. King learned Wednesday noon that the county quota has been boosted to \$1,800,000, in order that the county may sponsor two motor torpedo boats. That is as close to the quota as possible, and sales between September 1 and October 1 will be counted. The boats will be named after county pioneers.

Columbia county's quota of \$1,017,900 is divided as \$682,800 for individuals and \$335,100 for corporations. The quota for each working man, woman and child is \$112.50.

Chairman of the drive is Mrs. H. H. King, who will be assisted by the following precinct chairmen and committees: precinct one—chairman, Mrs. Harved Redmond, Mrs. C. A. Mills, Mrs. Larry Thompson, Mrs. P. Weidman, and Mrs. Oscar Vike.

Precinct two—chairman, Mrs. J. E. Tapp, Mrs. John Grady, Mrs. Irvan Ackley, Miss Lenora Kizer, Mrs. J. M. Currie, and Mrs. Oliver Mellinger.

Precinct three—chairman, Mrs. A. J. Hughes, Mrs. Ben Brickel, Mrs. Bob Holcomb, Mrs. Hamp Roberson, Mrs. George Drorbaugh, Mrs. U. J. Bittner, Mrs. Rufe Bramblett, Mrs. Chet Taylor, and Mrs. C. H. Fowler. The latter two will canvass Wilark.

Precinct four—chairman, Mrs. Harry Culbertson, Mrs. James Emmons, Mrs. Milton Lamping, Sr., and Mrs. Bud Borton.

Other workers will be added to the committees as needed.

## New License System Due

Although the new overall livestock slaughter licensing system transfers local responsibility for all phases of the war meat program except those relating farm slaughterers to the food distribution administration, the Columbia county war meat committee has been asked to continue to work with FDA area meat supervisors in seeking solutions to county meat problems. W. C. Johnson, chairman of the county USDA war board, announced last week.

Under the new licensing system, Mr. Johnson explained, all slaughterers except farmers will be licensed to slaughter livestock under certain conditions. These will include compliance with quotas, and with all livestock and meat orders, and payment for hogs of not more than OPA ceiling prices and not less than WFA support prices.

Farmers will continue to operate under the slaughter permits issued them by the county war (Continued on page 5)

## Tire Quota Here Lowered Again

Tire quota given the local war price and rationing board to work with in September again reflects a downward trend. For passenger cars 38 new grade I and 21 grade III tires, and 26 tubes may be granted. The truck tire quota is 51, while 30 truck tubes may be allowed. Other items allocated are 4 farm tractor and implement tires, 2 passenger automobiles, and 3 bicycles.

It is to be noted that a certificate is still required for truck tire recapping, although no quota is involved. The absence of grade II tires in the quota is due to the fact that grade I and grade II tires have been merged into one class.

## Vacancy at High School Is Filled

With the appointment last week of Mrs. Margaret Dement as commercial teacher at Vernonia high school, the school's teaching staff is now complete. She will fill the position left vacant when Miss Betty Galloway was stricken with infantile paralysis, and her subjects will include typing I, commercial law, and world history.

Mrs. Dement is a graduate of Linfield college and has taught in the past at Myrtle Point. With this teacher obtained, things are in readiness for the start of school Wednesday, September 15. The repair of the high school gymnasium roof was completed Saturday after about a month's after-hours efforts of teachers and interested citizens.

## Lookout Manned By Local Student

A new forestry lookout station, the construction of which was completed about August 1 about a mile north of the Wilark guard camp, is being manned by Mitchell DeHart, a local high school student. He will be on duty there until the close of the fire season. Under the direction of E. A. "Lode" McDonald, the post was constructed on a prominent ridge in a fir tree that had been topped at a height of 50 feet.

It is considered an important development in the fire detection service of that section as it covers the Columbia State forest on the Clatskanie river as well as a large part of the Columbia river slope.

### URGES EARLY MAILING

Postmaster Emil Messing urges all who wish to send Christmas gifts overseas to do so at the earliest possible moment. Absolutely none will be accepted after October 15. An estimated 10 million parcels will be opened, inspected and wrapped by the postal department before that time.

### WINS WAR BOND

James W. McKenzie was winner of a \$25 war saving bond in a drawing held by I.W.A., Local 5-37 at the meeting on Thursday, August 26. A similar drawing is held during the last meeting of each month.



## Those Who Are in It



### FOUR SONS IN ARMY

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walker of Riverview now have four sons in the army. Keith, who graduated from high school here in May and who worked at the mill until he left on August 5, is stationed at Fort Custer, Michigan. Eldon, who also worked at the mill, left here August 12 and is now at Camp Adair in the infantry. The two other sons have been in the service longer. Cpl. Winston Walker is in the Hawaiian Islands, while Sgt. Lyle Walker is at Pine Camp, New York.

### RELEASED FROM SERVICE

Wesley Brady, who was stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, has had a medical discharge from the army. Before arriving home Thursday evening, he visited relatives in Phillipsburg, Kansas, North Platte, Nebraska and Denver, Colorado.

### VISITS LONDON

KEASEY—M/Sgt. Ted DeWitt has been in London twice and the last time he enjoyed a chicken dinner, he wrote. He walked through St. James Park but saw no flowers. The debris from the bombing has all been cleared away so to a newcomer, the damage has to be pointed out. He has decided that it will take a good many trips to see much of it.

### TWO BROTHERS VISIT

MIST—Orlo and Orville Trotter, both of the armed forces, were at home a few days last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Acie Trotter. They left Tuesday, August 24. Orlo is stationed in New Jersey, while Orville is stationed in Missouri.

## Dimout Aid

September 2—6:33	7:48
3—6:34	7:46
4—6:35	7:44
5—6:37	7:42
6—6:38	7:40
7—6:39	7:38
8—6:41	7:37
9—6:42	7:35

### AT CAMP ABBOTT

KEASEY—Emerson White enlisted in the army July 28 and is now stationed at Camp Abbott, near Bend. He is in the engineer corps.

### E. P. BROCK ON LEAVE

Elbert P. Brock, Aer. M 2/c in the navy, who is stationed at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, is home in Portland on a 15-day leave. Former residents of this city, the navy man and his mother, Mrs. Carroll Brock, visited with the W. P. Ortner and W. T. Lilly families here Tuesday afternoon and evening.

### RETURNS TO SAN FRANCISCO

Coxswain Art Spoffard, son of Mrs. Bessie Spoffard, has returned to the armed guard center in San Francisco after a week's visit here and in Astoria with relatives and friends. Before having his leave, he had just returned from North Africa, where he received a star for being in a major battle. Now he is attending petty officer school before going back to sea.

### WAC AT MEDFORD

Aux. Montana French Marshall of the WAC arrived at Medford about a week ago, and will now be stationed there. She has been at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

### ENLISTS IN MARINES

Clyde E. May of Salem, 17-year-old son of Clyde May of the Pittsburg guard station, enlisted in the marine corps on Saturday, August 21. Until after the fire season, however, he will continue to work as a fire guard with his father, who is in charge of fire control in this county, being appointed several months ago.

Clyde was born here in Vernonia, and is a graduate of Salem high school.

### SOLDIER VISITS

Pvt. G. A. Wilson, who is in the army and stationed at Sioux City, Iowa, spent Monday and Tuesday of last week visiting his mother, Mrs. M. G. Wilson at Mist. More "Those Who Are" page 6