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MEXICAN FARM LABOR CAMP CLOSES

ST. HELENS—The Mexican farm labor camp near Scappoose in operation since the middle of the summer, was closed last week and the 30 Mexicans who are staying here until about Nov. 10 to aid in the potato harvest will be quartered at cabins at the various places where they work, Bob Cody, farm labor assistant in the county agent's office, said.

At peak capacity the camp housed some 425 Mexicans, whose services in the fields very materially aided saving of crops in the Scappoose district. This number dwindled after bean season ended until less than half the top contingent remained.

Last week 100 of these workers left for Dayton where they will work in the harvests and an additional 40 are slated to leave for Hood River.

MYERS CASE TO BE HEARD JANUARY 17

ST. HELENS — Robert F. Myers, confessed killer of two Clatskanie people, will go on trial for his life almost a month to the day after his 17th birthday anniversary, for Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman, in conjunction with attorneys in the case, has set Monday, January 17 as the date for the trial to open. The case will be heard in St. Helens at the county court house.

Myers, who was indicted recently on two charges of first degree murder, was formally arraigned last Wednesday morning before Judge Zimmerman at which time the indictments returned against him by the grand jury were read to him and he acknowledged that he was the "Robert Franklin Myers" named in the papers.

In a low voice, and still without visible display of emotion, the youth pleaded "not guilty" to both indictments, although he has signed a confession in which he admitted the slaying of the two elderly Clatskanie people, Myers' plea was made on the advice of his attorney, John L. Foote, who was appointed by the court to the job of defending the youth.

MACHINE SHOP CLASSES GOING AT CLATSKANIE

CLATSKANIE—The national defense vocational school machine shop class at Clatskanie, which had been closed for six weeks, began operation again last week, with instruction five nights a week between 6 and 9 o'clock.

This machine shop class is a free school open to all men and boys 15 years of age or older.

High school students who attend the classes and complete the course of instruction satisfactorily will receive school credit. It is also announced that the instruction gives one a preference for assignment to the air force ground crews, upon entering the service.

This training program has been endorsed by the army, navy and war production board. Classes are held at the Puzey machine shop.

PUD ISSUES FIRST REPORT

CLATSKANIE — The board of directors of the Clatskanie Peoples' Utility District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 13th, and has issued an operating and financial statement covering the first six months of operation, by the district.

Total revenue during the six months has amounted to \$25,481.09 and expenses have totaled \$21,714.10 leaving a net income of \$3,766.99 of which \$1,816.66 has been set aside for redemption of the district's outstanding bonds. The remaining net income of \$1,950.33 is being set aside and will be used for line extensions and rate reductions as soon as conditions permit.

RED CROSS SECRETARY QUILTS POST

ST. HELENS—Mrs. F. L. Kope, executive secretary for the Columbia county Red Cross chapter since the latter part of March, 1942, has resigned her post. Named as Mrs. Kope's successor is Mrs. Stella M. Harris, who, with her husband,

Ride Sharing Required by Ration Boards

Reduction of Gas Allotment Brings Added Strictness

Ride sharing requirements are to be strictly enforced under the new gas allotment reduction announced a short time ago by the OPA. B and C rations shall only be issued to applicants who have formed a bona fide full ride sharing club. Where there is less than a full car arrangement, the applicant must establish to the satisfaction of the ration board that no other means of adequate transportation is available and that no regular ride sharing club can be formed and also that the car owner carries as many persons as possible. Supplemental rations will not be issued if the applicant is within walking distance, one and one-half to two miles each way, and a distance which can be walked in thirty or forty minutes.

Shingle Mill Makes Changes

According to L. C. Cotner, owner of the Cedarwood Timber Co., there have been some changes made at the mill. They have installed a new log haul and a diesel motor for the power cut-off saw. The engine room has also been enlarged and a new filing room built. The changes and additions will amount to approximately \$2,500 in value Mr. Cotner stated.

Formerly the mill operated two six-hour shifts but started Monday with an additional shift of six hours thereby making an 18-hour run. This will enable the mill to cut 1 1/2 carloads a week and 75 squares per day. The company has shingle orders for over 700 defense houses in Southern California near Los Angeles to be filled. All shingles cut by the mill here go for that purpose.

First Honor Students Named

The honor roll for the first six weeks period of this year was released by Wallace McCrae, high school principal, this week. In order to be on the honor roll, the students must maintain an average of 92.25 per cent in all subjects, they must carry four subjects and have a grade of "S", satisfactory, in citizenship and physical education. The honor students for the senior class are Eleanor Corli, and Lorraine Mahar. For the junior class they are Delores Bergstrom, Phyllis Bonsilaw, Tommie Lou Holcomb, Shirley Ray and Max Millis. There was only one honor student for the sophomore class and that was Patricia Berg. For the freshman class they are Mariam Corli and Elna Morris.

HOTEL GETS NEW ROOF

Considerable work has been done on the Nehalem Hotel, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oveson. The building burned the 14th of last March and since that date no repair work has been done with the exception of a new roof which is all of the immediate repairs the building will receive at the present time.

moved back here about a month ago after spending some time in California.

Game Here Friday Ends with Tie Score

The Vernonia Loggers and the Scappoose Indians played to a scoreless tie in their football game here Friday evening of last week. The game was the first under the city park lights for two years and the last home game scheduled for the Loggers this year.

On a field that wasn't as muddy as might have been expected from heavy rains previous to the game, the Loggers met a team that was as nearly even in match as could be found. Neither team was able to make sufficient yardage to reach goal territory and score but the Loggers appeared to have the edge in yardage gains, as a large part of the game was played in Scappoose territory. However, the Loggers lacked sufficient power to push over for a score at two different times when they neared the goal. In the last quarter, Vernonia was able to push to the two-yard line just before the final whistle but Scappoose, strong on defense, was able to prevent a score against them.

The game still leaves the Loggers in top position for the county title if they get the breaks by the defeat of Scappoose by St. Helens and are in turn able to win from the Rainier team. According to information available, it is anticipated that Vernonia will defeat Rainier when they meet at Rainier.

Vernonia's next game will be this Friday night at Dallas when the two teams will meet for the first time. The game was scheduled

Registration to Be at City Hall

Loel Roberts, city recorder, has been made registrar by an arrangement with the county Clerk J. W. Hunt. Those living in the four Vernonia precincts may now register at the city hall for city, state and county elections where formerly registrations were taken at the Oregon Gas and Electric office for state and county elections. Now, registration for all three elections may be made at the one place.



Those Who Are in It

ARTHUR McCrory is visiting his brother, Jim McCrory, while on leave from the navy.

MR. and Mrs. George I. Baker of Portland have received word that their son, Sgt. Lee Baker, had arrived in England. Sgt. Baker is in the army air corps.

In a letter received this week by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bush, William Larson writes that he has seen a lot of this world but will not be happy and satisfied until he gets back to the good old U.S.A. He also writes that he has read many articles in the Vernonia Eagle concerning the activities of the Vernonia people in connection with the war effort. He says, "they are doing a wonderful job and have certainly done their part. I'm sure all the Vernonia servicemen are just as proud of the community as I am. Tell them to keep up the good work."

Mitchell DeHart enlisted in the navy on October 10 just the day before his 18th birthday. He is now stationed at Farragut, Idaho.

uled due to cancellation of the game with Hill Military academy. Dallas reports a good team and one that will give the Loggers a lot of competition. After this game the last one of the season will be with Rainier there on November 11 at 11 o'clock.

Livestock Assoc. To Meet Nov. 4

The Columbia County Livestock association will meet on Thursday night, November 4 at 7:45 p.m. at the Wilark guard station. According to Jim Moran, president of the association, a discussion will be held on the present livestock and meat situation and a report will be given on the convention held at Kansas City in which livestock associations of 27 states were represented. Other important and interesting events will also be brought up for discussion at the meeting. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Funeral Rites Held For Mother

Mrs. Marie G. Fluke died October 25 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson of Vernonia. Mrs. Fluke was born at Wilderbach in Alsace LeRaine, France on June 20, 1862 and has lived in the United States for thirty-three years. She is survived by her son, Arthur Fluke of West Slope, Portland; a daughter, Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson, Vernonia; one brother, Ernest Grandgeorge, Portland; and seven great grandchildren. Services were held Wednesday, October 27 at 2 p.m. at the Bush Funeral home with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating. Interment was made at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Tax Cost for Relief, Aged Told in Story

Relief Costs More Than Amount in 1942-43 Budget

Columbia county for 1942-43 budgeted \$14,000 for general relief of unemployed and spent \$15,702, or 12.1 per cent more property tax money than was allotted for general relief purposes, according to Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., of Portland.

For the same fiscal year, Columbia county budgeted \$20,500 as its match-money share of old age assistance and spent \$21,046, or 2.6 per cent more property tax money than had been allotted to care of the aged.

General assistance or relief cost Columbia county \$19,111 in 1941. For the present 1943-44 fiscal year, \$15,000 for this purpose was budgeted, a decrease of 23.6 per cent. The number of relief cases in Columbia county during May, 1941 was 508, during May, 1943, 190 unemployed persons were aided, a decrease of 62.5 per cent.

With respect to old age assistance, Columbia county spent \$18,722 during 1941, but budgeted \$21,600 for this purpose for the present fiscal year. This is an increase of 15.3 per cent in proposed expenditures for old age assistance for 1943-44 over 1941, although the number of old age cases aided in the typical month of May, 1941, was 359 and 360 for the same month, 1943, an increase of .3 per cent.

In addition to monthly grants to old age assistance cases on the basis of need in Columbia county, \$3,118 was spent for medical care and hospitalization during the first six months of 1943. In addition \$4,691 was spent for medical care, etc., of relief cases, or a \$8,389 total for medical care for six months of this year, which amount was charged against the county's budgeted appropriation for general assistance or relief, according to the state public welfare commission records summarized recently by the Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc.

MEETINGS TO CLOSE

The evangelistic meetings led by Evangelist Douglas Winn at the Christian church will close tomorrow, Friday. Mr. Winn will leave Saturday morning for Seattle, where he begins a meeting on Sunday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the closing meetings of this talented young evangelist.

Endorse Gas Tickets, Urged

Millions of gallons of gasoline are needed for the war for use in our planes, ambulances, tanks, jeeps, trucks and for transporting the civilians to and from their war jobs, along with what is needed by our farmers in the production of vital war essential foods. Rationing assures that those needs will be met out of the limited gasoline supply. But rationing is being sabotaged daily by a black market.

For the next several weeks he will be busy learning military discipline, the fundamentals of seamanship and undergoing physical hardening. Upon graduation from recruit training he will be given an opportunity to qualify for enrollment in one of the many navy service schools for specialized training or will report immediately for duty with the U. S. fleet. (Continued on page 6)

Trick, Treat Frowned on

The teachers of the local schools are doing all that is possible to discourage trick or treating this year at Halloween time, as treats are so hard to obtain and if property is destroyed it will be almost impossible to replace due to rationing.

Discouragement of the practice at Halloween time was first done last year due to wartime regulations which made it advisable to discontinue the practice.

Death Calls Vernonia Woman

Mrs. Augusta Ahnert Thompson suffered a stroke this week which resulted in her death Monday, October 25. Mrs. Thompson was born in Germany July 25, 1879. She has lived in the United States 54 years and 50 of those years were spent in Oregon. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Thompson who is manager of the Cedarwood Timber company here in Vernonia; one son, Ralph Ahnert Thompson, Estacada; one daughter, Mrs. J. O. Anderson, Estacada; four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Services were held at the Bush Funeral home Wednesday, October 27 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Allen H. Backer officiating. Burial and graveside services were held at the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Estacada.

Weather Report Told For Sept.

The weather report for the month of September was received this week from the cooperative observer, Mrs. Helen Spofford. The returns from the U. S. department of commerce weather bureau show that for the month of September the maximum temperature was 91 degrees on September 9 and the minimum was 34 degrees on September 19. The total amount of rainfall was .10 inches. There were only four days when the temperature was above 90 degrees.

College Courses Being Planned

A rehabilitation program for returning service men and women is being formulated at the University of Oregon and a committee has been appointed to correlate the work of the university with that of the veteran's administration, the state department of vocational education, the Eugene vocational school and other similar agencies and organizations, it was announced by Donald M. Erb, president of the university, upon his departure for the East last week.

Committee Named

The rehabilitation education committee is composed of the following members: Dr. Ralph W. Leighton, dean of the school of physical education; chairman; Andrew Vincent, professor of drawing and painting; V. D. Earl, dean of men; Dr. W. C. Jones, professor of political science and public administration; E. H. Moore, head of the sociology department; A. B. Stillman, professor of business administration; and Dr. P. A. Killgallon, associate professor of education, technical advisor.

Dr. Killgallon, who will devote part time to his work with the committee and part time to his regular position in the school of education, will report to the committee on development. (Continued on page 6)

School to Hold Registration On Thurs., Fri

Bringing of Book 3 Required Before Sign-Up Is Made

October 28 and 29 are the dates set for the registration for war ration book 4. This registration will be held in the auditorium of the Washington grade school. Tables will be placed throughout the room where teachers will assist in filling out the forms, and also each person will be checked before entering the gym to see if they have brought ration book number 3 with them. The registration hours will be a 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on October 28 and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 29. The registration will be held two days only. Those failing to register at this time will not be able to register until after the 15th of November.

It will not be necessary to make any declaration of food on hand when applying for book four.

Book four is designed to last over a period of nearly two years. It contains eight pages with 48 individual stamps to a page.

To insure adequate use of the book, applicants must make their applications on the dates specified for the sign-up since the green stamps series A, B and C will become valid November 1 for the purchase of canned, bottled, frozen fruits, vegetables, juices and dried fruits and all canned soups.

This does not mean that book two expires at the time stamps in book four become valid. The X, Y, and Z blue stamps in war ration book two remain valid until November 20 which means that stamps in both book four and book two will be valid from November 1 to November 20th.

Green stamps in war ration book four will be used in exactly the same manner as the blue stamps in book two. Stamps A, B, and C will become valid November 1st and remain valid until December 20, 1943.

In addition to the green stamps in war ration book four which will be used for processed foods as explained above, sugar stamp number 29 becomes valid on November 1. It can be used for the purchase of 5 pounds of sugar. It remains valid until January 15, 1944. Sugar stamp number 29 is on the bottom right hand corner of the first page of stamps.

SPECIAL MEETINGS DUE

Special meetings will start October 31 at the Assembly of God church with Rev. C. E. Freeman, pastor of the Hillsboro church and district presiding. Due to the fact that the missionaries were unable to come, Rev. Freeman consented to hold the meetings.

LODGES PURCHASE PLANE

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges of Oregon purchased \$1,283,411.75 in war bonds during the third war loan drive. This money has purchased a flying fortress and it will bear the name, "Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Oregon."

Dimout Aid

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset Hours, and times for October 29 and November 1.