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County News

BOY SCOUT TROOP FORMED HERE

RAINIER — Boy Scout work, long quiescent here, was re-activated a week ago Monday evening when a troop was formed under the sponsorship of the Active club. The formal organization effected last Tuesday evening was the culmination of some weeks of discussion and contacting of local boys within the eligible ages of 12 to 18 years, and it is possible that a number of others will join now that the work is under way.

BLACKOUT CAUSED BY COLD, RAIN

ST. HELENS — Oregon's famous rain, aided and abetted by several days of cold weather, probably combined to give most Portland General Electric Co., customers from Warren north to Deer Island a half-hour's blackout last Thursday night. Jack Murton, division manager for the power company, said he believed that the rain got into insulators cracked by the cold weather and the resulting short cut off the current.

WAR BOND SALES TOTAL $2,552,259 SINCE '42

ST. HELENS — Columbia county residents have invested $2,552,259.25 in the series E war bonds since May, 1942, according to figures sent to Irving T. Rau, county chairman, by E. C. Sammons, state chairman of the Oregon war finance committee. These figures do not include other types of treasury issues which have also sold well here.

NEEDY CHILDREN GET YULE TOYS

ST. HELENS — Thirty children of the community whose prospects of Christmas looked decidedly thin were supplied with several worthwhile toys each, according to a report from the welfare office last week.

Toys dispensed filled three large boxes and had been collected and rehabilitated through the efforts of the Young People's organization of the Methodist church, the Methodist congregation and Rev. Herbert Kuehn. Through the cooperation of Peter Pan Cleaners, stuffed toys were cleaned and made usable.

Dec. Report of Ration Board Told

According to the report prepared by the Vernonia war price and rationing board clerk, the board transacted the following business during the month of December, 1943:

Allowed were four wood heating stoves, 2 oil heaters and 5 wood cook stoves; one automobile; 10 pairs of boots, 8 special pairs of shoes; 1 bicycle; 26 ration book No. 4; and 10 of ration book No. 3.

For gasoline there were 14 A books, 103 B, 43 C, 1 D motorcycle, 12 E non-highway, 21 R non-highway, 11 T-1, and 1 T-2. There were 5,139 special T coupons issued, 355 gallons special purchase permits for gasoline, 82.805 consumers ration book deposit coupons, 13,120 for non-highway, and 100 coupons issued for inventories.

Warning Given On Coupon Value

Motorists who have the new type of B and C gasoline coupons good for five gallons of gasoline are advised by the San Francisco district office of price administration to refuse to accept less than value of the coupons.

This warning is issued because of reports from motorists that some dealers are refusing to deliver more than three gallons to each customer regardless of the type of ration coupon.

The old type of supplemental coupon, of course, is only good for three gallons, however, the new type worth five gallons are plainly marked as follows— B-2 or C-2 while the old type has either B, B-1, C or C-1.

School Clerk Selected

Lee Schwab has been selected as the new school clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. B. Wilkerson. Mr. Schwab formerly held this position and is familiar with details of the work.

Car Sales Require Coupon Surrender

Beginning January 1st, war price and rationing boards will be given a closer check over the surrender of gasoline coupons upon the sale or transfer of automobiles.

A change in the milleage regulation will require a seller of a car to send or take remaining coupons issued for the vehicle to his war price and rationing board before the sale is completed instead of within five days after the transfer. A receipt for the unused portion will be issued by the board.

The purchaser must use the duplicate of this receipt when making application for gasoline in his own right. No board will be allowed to issue rations for a motor vehicle that has changed ownership after December 31st unless the applicant submits the appropriate receipt.

Dealers and other persons holding new or used vehicles—including passenger cars, commercial vehicles or motorcycles—for resale must file an inventory with war price and rationing boards covering all the vehicles on hand as of the close of business December 31, and obtain a receipt for each one. A duplicate of this receipt must be given to the purchaser.

The new procedure is expected to secure full compliance with the regulations and to stop diversion into black market operatiaons of coupons invalidated through transfer of car ownership.

No Added Sugar For Meats Allowed

The subject of issuing additional sugar for home curing of meats occasioned considerable comment last year and a study was made by OPA to determine whether or not an adequate formula for issuing sugar could be devised. It was found that the amounts of sugar used in relation to meat for home-curing varied to such a degree that it is impossible to set up any standard by which issuances could be made. The practice of home curing meat was found to be not universal but rather spotty.

In view of the impracticability of issuing small amounts of sugar to farmers for home-curing, it was felt that the best solution of the problem was the encouragement of production of curing compounds by the manufacturers. This was accomplished by issuing increased sugar allotments to such concerns. There is no reason why any home curer of meat cannot obtain sufficient quantities of these compounds which have proved satisfactory as evidenced by their historical sales' record. While it is true that the use of commercial curing compounds does not always satisfy the individual tastes, there can be no question but that the use of these compounds will permit the home-curing of meat with a minimum of sugar use.

Therefore, no sugar can be issued to consumers for home curing of meats according to the OPA.

Council Votes Vacation Pay

At the first meeting of the month and also the first meeting in the new year, the city council voted to allow vacation pay equal to one-half months salary to H. H. King, W. H. Kent and A. D. Lolley. As these men are entitled to vacations but could not take them due to lack of men to take their places. The pay was given in lieu of the vacation. The council voted to have the same company that is working now for the Oregon-American Lumber corp., submit a bid on the cost of cleaning out the city ceptic tank and to have the work done if the expense is reasonable. All bills were passed and ordered paid.

Attendance Rises At Schools

With the reopening of school on Monday, January 3, the high school found a complete corps of instructors and a normal student body. The inroads of flu and colds had taken only 12 per cent of the students. It is the belief of school officials that the flu epidemic reached its peak during the vacation and attendance will be back to normal in a few days.

Although the high school was without a vacancy in the teaching staff, the grade school reopened Monday minus four instructors according to Paul Gordon.

Baby Girl Found Early Wed. Morn

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker was found on the street near the Christian church early Wednesday morning clad only in her nightdress.

About 3 a.m. Aaron Wagner was awakened by hearing someone calling for mother. Thinking it was their son, Mr. Wagner went into the boy's room but found him sleeping soundly. He then determined that the sound came from outside the house. On going to the door, Mr. Wagner saw the little girl standing in the middle of the street, clad only in her nightdress and clutching her doll.

She had awakened from sleep at the home of the lady who cares for her and wanted to go home so just picked up her doll and without calling anyone left the house and tried to find her way home on Corey hill. She had lost her way wandering in the snow and was nearly frozen when found. It was nearly 5:30 a.m. before police were able to find to whom she belonged.

Death Comes To Vernonian

Funeral services were held January 6 for George B. Thayer of Vernonia who died January 4th in Hillsboro at the age of 78. Mr. Thayer was born in Minnesota on August 12, 1878 and is survived by his widow, Ruth, two sons, Grant of Vernonia and George of Seattle and one daughter, Gladys Lawless, of Brewster, Washington. Interment was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating. Mr. Thayer was a member of Bridgeport A. F. and A. M. No. 193 and the Masonic lodge conducted the services at the grave. The Bush Funeral home was in charge of the funeral.

Game Fish to Get Consideration

An announcement has been received here by the Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club that the Oregon state game commission will meet at ten o'clock Saturday morning, January 8, in 616 Oregon building, Portland, for the purpose of holding a hearing in regard to regulations governing the taking of game fish during the coming year.

The hearing is open to the public and those interested are invited to attend.

Weather for December Told In Release

Snowfall Tuesday Recorded as Two Inches at Station

In a weather report released this week by Helen Spofford, cooperative observer for Vernonia, it was revealed that the maximum temperature for the month of December was 53 degrees on the 3rd. The 12th and 20th wre next with a maximum of 52 degrees. The minimum of 19 degrees came on the 9th and 10th. Greatest amount of rainfall came on the 15th with the amount being 1.04 inches.

The coldest it has been in 1943 was on January 18th when the temperature dropped to 1 degree, while the warmest day recorded was on the 9th of September when the maximum was 91 degrees. March 28th was the wettest day when 1.71 inches of rain fell. March was also the wettest month with a precipitation of 7.25 inches.

While there was some snow and hail January 2, Sunday of this week, the snow of the 4th brought more enthusiasm from the youngsters when snow fights and washed faces took place after school. At the weather station on Corey hill the snow measured 2 inches on the ground.

Food Rationing to Be Simplified

On February 27, the office of price administration will simplify food rationing. All red and blue stamps in war ration book four will have the same point value: 10 points each. Tokens valued at one point each will be given as change.

The new simplified plan is especially beneficial to merchants. It will reduce the number of stamps they have to handle by at least 60 per cent. Under the present system, stamps have point values of 8, 2 and 1 points. Thus, the average value of each stamp is 4 points. Under the new system. each stamp will have a value of 10 points.

Tokens Help Checking

It will speed up the checking of points on merchandise and remove considerable congestion for the merchant during busy hours.

It will mean a saving of thousands of hours for all persons handling ration currency.

Tokens are made in two colors —red and blue to correspond with the red and blue stamps in war ration boog four so that there will be no confusion in the tokens given for change.

Reeher's Grocery Sold to Herrins

A change in ownership was announced Monday of this week for the grocery store owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reeher. The store, which has been operated for the past seven years by the Reehers, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Herrin who took over its operation Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeher have not announced any definite plans for the future. The Reehers have lived in Vernonia for 13 years, Mr. Reeher acting as teacher in the Washington grade school and holding that position for five years before entering the grocery business.

DEDICATION PLANNED

The Christian church will dedicate its service flag and new song books at a special service on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The guest speaker will be E. P. Dewees of Portland.

4th County Drive Set

When the fourth war loan drive opens sometime in January, Columbia county will have an overall quota of $1,198,800.00 according to word issued by Irving T. Rau, Columbia county chairman of the war savings bond committee. Of this amount, $516,700.00 will be the quota of series E bonds; $52,200.00 for both F and G bonds; other bonds, $17,800.00; and the balance of $612,100.00 will be the quota for bonds to be sold to corporations.

Ball Squad Coach Faces Difficulties

Coach Orle Robbins is singing the basketball blues as he drills his depleted squad for Friday night's game with the Tillamook Cheesemakers on the coast school's court.

The veteran Logger mentor started the practice sessions with a promising array of players. When practice sessions started after the holidays, he found the squad minus Larry Brady, veteran six footer who was heavily counted upon.

An industrial accident during the summer forced him out of active competition. Induction took the only other remaining veterans when Les and Lyle Galloway, high scoring center and forward, left this week for Farragut, Idaho for naval training.

The remainder of the squad, composed entirely of freshmen, sophomores and juniors, is working hard, determined to make a good showing in this year's conference race which begins for the Loggers with the invasion of the powerful Rainier Columbians on Friday, January 14.

County Court Considers Timber Bids

Crown-Zellerbach, Archie Adams Bids Tabled for Week

The Columbia county court at its session a week ago Wednesday received and considered bids for land on the Clatskanie mountain in Township 5 N. Rrange 5 West of the W. M., ownership of the land in that region being sought both for logging and for timber on it that may be used to produce pulp for paper.

According to William Pringle Sr., commissioner from this district, only two of the seven bids were tabled for further consideration by the court, the remaining five being definitely rejected as too low. To be further considered are those of the Crown-Zellerbach corporation for $44,-123.00 and Archie Adams for $35,400.00 with the county to be remunerated for certain timber sold from the land.

The court which now meets Wednesday of every week, will require the firm to whom the bid is granted to practice selective logging in removing the timber, thus assuring a permanent growth and will reserve all mineral rights to the land.

New Managers Named

On January 1st, Mike and Marge White assumed the management of Dessy's Tavern and will be open every day except Mondays from noon until late evening, and closing at 6 p.m. Sundays. Marguerite Burton, former manager, has left for Bremerton, Washington, to make her home.

Those Who Are in It

LEWIS NOW PARATROOPER

Second Lieutenant Richard Q. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Lewis of Wilark, recently was graduated from the marine corps parachute training school at Camp Gillespie, Calif., and is now a marine paratrooper.

The six-week course includes leaps from the 250-foot training tower and six leaps under simulated combat conditions from marine corps planes.

Lieutenant Lewis is now available to be assigned to a paratroop unit of a marine corps organization.

While completing his work as a paratrooper, Lieutenant Lewis took a special course in chemical warfare at Camp Elliott, also near San Diego. This qualifies him to serve a unit as gas officer and makes him responsisible for the detection of gas and the treatment of its victims.

MAKES TRANSFER

Berl Arner transfered from Aberdeene, Md., where he completed a course in deisel mechanic training to Fresno, Calif., where he will take further training. Berl is with the U. S. army.

HEARS FROM BROTHER

Word received here by Ed Frazee makes known that his brother, Joe, who has been at Guadalcanal for 18 months, is now at a base hospital with malarial fever.

LEAVE FOR TRAINING

Les and Lyle Galloway left Monday evening for Portland where they will be sent to Farragut, Idaho for seven weeks of naval training in boot camp.

NEW SUGAR STAMP VALID

Stamp No. 30 in war ration book 4 will be good for five pounds of sugar beginning January 16, 1944, and remain valid until March 31, 1944.

OPERATES RADIO

Cpl. Ralph Bennett of the U. S. marine corps is stationed on an island in the Pacific theater of war. He is a radio operator in a marine air squadron.

HOME AFTER 32 MISSIONS

S/Sgt. Francis Davis, son of Mr. and Mrrs. Carl Davis, arrived in Vernonia Monday, after participation in 32 missions in the India theatre of war as an aerial gunner. His home-coming was a complete surprise to his family as they knew nothing of his furlough until he called his mother from Portland. As he will not be called for overseas duty for a period of a year, he is not sure of his duties when he reports for duty at a camp in California, January 26th.

LEAVES HOME

Calvin Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis,, left Vernonia on Tuesday to report back to duty with the merchant marine. Fortunately, Calvin was at home long enough to spend a little time with his brother, Francis, home on furlough.

HOME FOR VISIT

Bill Templeton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Templeton of Vernonia. arrived home Monday, for a visit with his family.

STUDENTS HONORED

A short assembly was held at the high school on Monday afternoon to bid farewell to Lester and Lyle Galloway who reported on Tuesday for naval training at Farragut Idaho. The Galloway twins compiled an unusual record at Vernonia high school in that both have served as student body presidents. Lester was chosen for the school year 1942-43 and was succeeded by his brother, Lyle, for the year 1943-44. Both boys were outstanding in athletics. Their development was highly praised by Principal

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