

CLATSKANIE—Interest in county politics has been nil, or practically so, up to this time. No candidate have filed their intentions of running for the offices of the county which will be filled by election with the exception of judge and one commissioner.

There are two months, however, in which this filing may be done before the filing deadline.

Voters Must Register

Notices have been mailed out by the county clerk's office to several hundred Columbia county people to advise them that if they wish to ballot in this year's election, they must register.

According to Oregon law, registration will close April 18 until after the primary election in May and then re-open until 30 days prior to the general election.

Those who must register include those who have moved from the precinct in which they formerly resided; those who failed to vote in either the primary or general election in 1942 or those who changed his or her name.

PAPER SALVAGE YIELDS OVER TEN TONS

ST. HELENS—Paper salvage drives in Scappoose, Warren and Vernonia yielded 10 tons of salvageable paper in the first day of the campaign and it is expected that more than 18 tons will be picked up in the three day drive.

Paper picked up will be sold to the Pacific Paper Board Co. of Longview, which will send its trucks here to get the material. A contract price of \$10 per ton has been agreed upon, but Mr. Petersen, county salvage head, indicated that a slightly higher price might be obtained for this lot. Money received from the sale of the paper goes to the county salvage committee and to the Junior Red Cross.

Although tin cans were to be picked up at the same time as the paper, response in this portion of the drive was not so satisfactory. Petersen had no figures for Vernonia, but said that the drives in Warren and Scappoose brought in only about 1500 pounds of flattened cans. These containers have been shipped to Portland where they were included with Multnomah county collections to make up a full carload which was dispatched this week to the detinning plant in San Francisco.

RAINIER POLIO DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

RAINIER—The March of Dimes drive just closed, netted in all \$152.25 for the local community. Of this \$22.18 was taken in by the Rainier theatre and \$10 by the high school. The rest \$120, which had been turned in to Roland Curteman, local chairman, included \$40 raised by the grade school. Organizations that contributed included: Beaver Valley grange, \$5.60; Hudson ladies aid, \$5; W. B. A., \$2; Westway club, \$1; American Legion Auxiliary, \$3; Eastern Star, \$1; and Active club, \$2.

A number of individuals contributed \$1 or more, the balance came out of the coin collector boxes.

The box at the Northwestern Electric company contained \$41, which included company donations. One individual turned in a \$10 bill to the chairman of the drive.

ESCAPED PRISONER RETURNED

ST. HELENS—Alfred G. O'Day, one of a trio who took French leave of the Columbia county jail early on the morning of Dec. 6, was picked up a week ago Saturday morning in Walla Walla, Wash. by Union Pacific detectives and Sheriff Schick of the Washington county. O'Day was returned here late Saturday by Sheriff M. R. Calhoun and Sgt. C. E. Throne Jr. of the state police.

O'Day Questioned

Questioning of the Scappoose man, who was being held in jail here on a contempt of court charge at the time he escaped, was going on Friday morning and no disposition of his case had yet been decided upon. However, Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman is holding court this week and if O'Day agrees to appear on a district attorney's information, he may appear before Zimmerman some time this week.

So far, no formal charge has



This year, with service flags in windows of nearly every home, Red Cross will mean so much more to Americans. As depicted in this reproduction of a 1944 Red Cross War Fund poster, many windows also will display the symbol of participation in the cause of Mercy and Humanity—the Red Cross.

Voters Urged To Register

Voters are urged to register or re-register if he or she has moved from the precinct in which residence was formerly maintained, if he or she failed to vote in the primary or general election in 1942, or, in the case of women who have married since last voting. The voters are urged to register as soon as possible in advance of the coming election in order to avoid the last minute rush.

According to the Oregon law, registration will close on April 18 until after the primary election in May and will reopen until 30 days prior to the general election in November.

All persons wishing to sign legal notices and petitions must be registered in order to make the signature legal.

Local residents may register for both the primaries and city elections at the city hall. However, separate registration must be made for each.

Commodity Prices Must Be Filed

The following items are classed as cost of living commodities, and prices for them sold during March 1942 must be filed at the Local War Price and Ration Board by all retailers selling them. Hay forks, garden and lawn rakes, dirt shovels, axes, house paints, rolled oats, fertilizers, bulk and package vegetable seeds insecticides, floor brooms, corn meal, bulk and package table salt, packaged flour mixes (cake, pancake and biscuit mixes) only; cod liver oil (liquid); ice, coke, coal, firewood, trellises and arbors, screen doors, cigarettes and tobacco, sprinklers for lawns, flower boxes; also all items covered by complete listings of G. M.P.R. available at the ration board.

Special commodities that were accepted from this registration and filing are as follows: flour (except as stated above), mixed feed for animals, linned oil, cake and meal, and manure.

been filed against him although District Attorney Walden Dillard has indicated that he may be eligible for several counts. O'Day waived extradition in Washington and it is possible he may decide to enter a guilty plea here this week.

Astoria is Hoop Tournament Host

The ninth annual basketball tournament for District number five will be held at Astoria Mar. 2, 3, and 4. Thursday's game will be played in the U. S. O. pavilion.

The counties to be represented at this tournament are: Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook. The teams playing from Columbia county are: Rainier, St. Helens, Vernonia and Scappoose. Tillamook High is the only team represented from Tillamook county. Seaside and Astoria will play from Clatsop county. Eight teams are needed for the tournament therefore the host school which is Astoria, will play their second team, making the required number.

The opening game will be played at three p.m. Thursday afternoon with Scappoose playing Astoria's second team. At 4 p.m. Tillamook will play either Rainier or St. Helens. At 7:30 p.m. Seaside will play either Rainier or St. Helens depending upon which is the winner of the former game. The main event will be played at 8:30 p.m. when Astoria and Vernonia will meet.

Coch Robbins will rest his team after the Clatskanie game which was played here Tuesday to get them in readiness for the tournament. This is a double elimination tournament. A team must lose two games before they are eliminated.

Spare Stamp No.3 Now Good

Spare stamp number three in ration book number four is good for the purchase of five points worth of any kind of pork product except lard. This stamp is valid between February 18 and 26 inclusive.

This includes smoked or fresh and canned meat which is 100% pork. Also all types of sausage, regardless of whether or not it is made from pork.

GRADERS MEET ST. HELENS

The Vernonia Grade School basketball teams motored to St. Helens Friday where they met the St. Helens team for a double header. Vernonia won the first game which was played by their second team with a score of 16 to 10. The second game was won by St. Helens with a score of 15 to 18.

Delinquency Increase Noted Here

Children Lack Care of Parents, Reason for Much of Gain

Recent arrests of a number of Columbia county juveniles and the conviction on felony charges of part of the number arrested brought to light the fact that juvenile delinquency in this county has increased about five times in the last 18 months to two years, according to R. W. Wheeler, state patrolman. The increase in this county is noted along with increases in general throughout the country.

The recent convictions by the county judge of the juveniles was for the theft of accessories, tires and gas from automobiles. Shortages of some of these items and the impossibility of obtaining others probably accounts for their attraction to those who have been convicted.

Others Being Watched

Several state policemen in the county have devoted much of their time this past week to getting information in order to make the arrests. Only one boy from Vernonia was among the charged and convicted, and has been sent to the reform school along with the seven others who were listed from St. Helens and vicinity. Those named were: Dwayne Bodell, Robert Daoust, Billy O'Brien, Eugene Marshall, David Hitesman, Richard Hewitt, Gerald Spicer, and Lloyd Wing Jr. The patrolman stated that a number of others are being watched.

Squeeze-Inn Purchased

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Divine have purchased the Squeeze-Inn from Mrs. Sadie Morgan and will assume ownership Wednesday, March 1. Mr. and Mrs. Divine formerly operated this place of business, having been away for six months, since their previous ownership.

SPECIAL MEET

A special meeting will be held at the Evangelical church on Friday, February 25. This service is in keeping with the day of prayer and every one is invited to attend.



Those Who Are in It

CO-PILOTING FORTRESS

Second Lieutenant Clifford C. Bergerson Jr., who formerly lived in Vernonia, is a co-pilot of a flying fortress crew of the 8th AAF now carrying out operational missions over Germany and enemy-occupied Europe.

The lieutenant has participated in five missions so far and has already received the air medal. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in June, 1943 after successfully completing primary, basic and advanced training. He was assigned to his fortress crew at the Great Falls army air base for training preparatory to overseas duty.

Lt. Bergerson was a student of Pacific University at Forest Grove at the time of his enlistment.

JOINS WAVES

Leatha Tousley has enlisted in the Waves and will be sworn in on April 15. She expects to leave for New York on June first to take officer's training.

HAS MALARIA

In a letter received by Mrs. O. B. Bittner from her son, Pvt. Lloyd Osborn, who is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, he writes that he has been in the hospital 11 days with malaria fever but is feeling fine otherwise. He has been in the Islands three years and hopes to be home soon.

Red Cross Drive Plans Made Here; IWA Makes Large Fund Turnover

Mrs. Harry Culbertson has been elected chairman to be in charge of the Red Cross drive for this portion of Columbia county and has made appointments of those individuals and groups to be in charge of conducting the fund solicitation which is to begin March 1. The quota for the Nehalem Valley, which includes Vernonia, Wilark and Mist, is set at the figure of \$4,000.

A solicitation of both the business and residential districts will be made. Mrs. Marvin Kamholz and Mrs. Ben Brickel will canvass the business district while different womens organizations will canvass the residential district. The Rainbow Girls will take Corey hill; the American Legion Auxiliary from the railroad to Rock creek; the Pythian Sisters east from Rock creek to the O-A hill; the Rebekahs the O-A hill and Riverview; the Womens Relief Corps Treharne; the Service club the residential district by the mill. The Eastern Star will have representatives at the post office to take subscriptions from those coming into the post office.

Drive Gets Big Start

Local 5-37, IWA made a canvass for the Red Cross fund at the same time as the war chest fund canvass, was made during the latter part of last year. During that time \$2,665.82 was received from members for the Red Cross fund and on Thursday evening, February 17 at the regular union meeting Mr. and Mrs. Fisher of St. Helens were presented with the local's check for the Red Cross.

Some of the union members wished their donations to go to their home county and consequently a check for \$143.84 was mailed to Clatsop county and one for \$110.37 to Multnomah county.

This year, February 27 is being observed by the Red Cross chapters as Red Cross Sunday. It is hoped that the churches will make universal plans for this occasion.

JUNIOR CLASS GIVES DANCE

The Junior class of the Vernonia High School gave a dance which followed the basketball game on Tuesday night.

Dog Licenses Are Now Due

A last warning was issued this week by officials that only five days remain in which dog licenses may be paid by owners of the animals without being assessed an additional charge to the regular cost of the licenses.

According to a notice which has been published by the Columbia County Dog Control board, "every person owning or keeping any dog over the age of eight months within the State of Oregon shall, not later than March 1st of each year or within 30 days after he becomes owner or keeper of such dog, procure a license for the animal."

Residents in this vicinity may obtain the licenses at the city hall for \$1 for a male or spayed female dog and \$1.50 for a female dog. A penalty of \$1 will be charged after March 1st.

Shooting Match Held Here Friday

Company A of the ninth battalion of the Oregon State Guard from St. Helens met Company C of the ninth battalion from Vernonia in a shooting match which was held here on February 18. This was the first match that Company A has had but this may develop into a series of matches with different companies.

The scores from the five highest men from each company were recorded. From St. Helens they are as follows: Baseec, 154; Murphy, 146; Dudley, 137; Campbell, 126; Nelson, 123 making a total of 686. For Vernonia there were Fetsch, 186; Zimmedahl, 179; Nichols, 178; Keller, 178; Hanson, 172, making a total of 893. Coffee and doughnuts were served after the match.

VACCINATIONS URGED

Pre-school age children are urged to have the vaccination for smallpox which will be given by Dr. Eby and the County Health nurse, Miss Ruth Peffley at the Washington Grade School on March the second. They will start giving vaccinations at 9 a.m. taking the pre-school age first and following with the students.

PAPER TOTALS 10 TONS

The local grade schools collected about 10 tons of paper during the local scrap paper drive. This paper was taken to the Longview paper company. The school received \$11 per ton for the paper and this money will be turned in to help the war effort.

BROTHERHOOD MEETS

The annual brotherhood meeting was held at the Christian church Wednesday evening. This annual meeting is observed throughout the world. The offering which was taken goes to care for the prisoners in the armed forces.

SENIOR CLASS HAS PARTY

The Vernonia High School Senior class gave a party in honor of Lester and Lyle Galloway on Wednesday evening. The Galloway brothers are home on leave from the Navy.

TRAILER HOUSE HAS FIRE

The local fire department was called out about 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning to stop a flue fire at one of the trailer houses parked on the city lot on second street. The fire was put out without any damage being done to the house.