

HIGH RATERS IN SAFETY CONTEST

ST. HELENS—Vernonia and Rainier ranked second and third respectively in their division in the 1943 traffic contest among Oregon cities, behind Warrenton, which led that division, cities with 1000 to 2000 population, according to an announcement from the office of Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state.

St. Helens did not fare so well, ranking 16th among the 24 cities in the third division, 2000 to 5000 population. Ontario won in that division; Pendleton among the cities of 5000 to 10,000, and Klamath Falls in the first division, over 10,000.

EILERTSON TO FILE FOR OFFICE

ST. HELENS—The question as to who would be the first candidate to file for public office in Columbia county was virtually answered last Wednesday when Major John E. Ellertson, home on furlough from army service, prepared to file as a candidate for republican renomination to the office of county surveyor.

None of the other incumbents had filed up to midweek and none had made public declaration of his plans. It was the consensus of political discussion that most present office holders would file and that few would have opposition, in the primary at any rate.

GRANGE AT MARSHLAND IS ORGANIZED

CLATSKANIE—The preliminary meetings to organize a grange at Marshland were climaxed by the organization and election of officers on Tuesday evening, Mar. 14th at Marshland school. Elmer McClure, state deputy organized the group and was assisted by Benita Condit, county deputy.

TONG, SEHORN ARE ELECTED

CLATSKANIE—Howard Tong was elected superintendent for the Clatskanie school and Edward Sehorn, principal of the Clatskanie grade school at the meeting of the school board of District No. 5 on Wednesday night.

Mr. Tong, who has been principal of the Clatskanie high school the past term has been chosen to succeed Walter Dennis, who announced earlier that he was not to be considered for reelection.

Mr. Sehorn is a graduate of Oregon College of Education at Monmouth with the class of '36. He taught four years at Pleasant Hill school near Vernonia and for the past four years has been at the Quincy school. He was the principal at both the Pleasant Hill and Quincy schools.

SCAPOOSE AIRPORT TO BE USED BY LOCAL CPA GROUP

ST. HELENS—The local CPA group, which is meeting at the high school twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, and which number about 80 members, has been granted permission to use the county airport at Scappoose by the county court for the duration. The group will erect an operations office as soon as materials can be secured and from time to time will receive training in airport procedure, aircraft control, crash procedure, and other aspects of airport work. The local group at present plan to meet at the airport once each week after the days lengthen and there is sufficient sunlight to carry out the program.

Bob Fulton, major dome of the local flight, announces that the army has assigned six light ships to the Portland area for all types of CAP work, which will include observation flights, forest patrolling, etc., and that these ships will land at the airport once each month in arrangement with the local group to give the students practical experience in handling airport traffic.

Roseway Apt's. Have Fire Tues.

The Roseway apartments had a roof fire shortly after one o'clock Tuesday afternoon which caused about \$100 damage to the roof and water soaked two of the apartments. Fire Chief Harry Culbertson said he believed the fire was caused from sparks falling on dry moss on the roof, but the quick action of the department saved the building from more serious damage.

Chairman Tells Final Figures Of Bond Drive

Columbia County Exceeds Quotas On All Issues

The final figures on the Fourth War Loan Drive, as received from Columbia County Chairman of the War Finance Committee, Mr. Irving T. Rau, are as follows: the quota on series E bonds for Columbia County was \$516,700.00 and we sold \$568,900.00 worth of bonds. The percentage of quota was 110.1 percent.

The sales to individuals including series E bonds had a quota of \$586,700 and Columbia county sold \$697,600 for a percentage of quota of 118.9.

The corporation quota was \$612,100 and Columbia county sold \$628,200 for a percentage of quota of 102.6 making a total quota of \$1,198,800 for the entire drive for the county. Total sales amounted to \$1,325,800 for a percentage of quota of 110.6.

Dairy Payment Meetings Slated

The following meetings have been scheduled by the AAA committee to take applications for February dairy subsidy payments:

Rainier, City hall, Thursday March 16, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Mist, grade school, Fri., March 17, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Vernonia, Washington school, Fri., March 17, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Clatskanie, Odd Fellows Hall, Wed., March 22, 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
St. Helens and vicinity, Scappoose, Deer Island and Goble—Triple A office, St. Helens.

Farmers are urged to bring their February milk and cream statements. If application has not already been applied for the January payment may be applied for at that time. If January production did not qualify for payment because computed payment was less than \$1, it may now be combined with February production, provided combined payments earned for January and February equal or exceed \$1.

Final date for filing applications for February production shall be April 30. Closing date for October, November and December applications was February 29.



Those Who Are in It



MORE WRITING URGED

Although not known here, Hubert Frazee, brother of Ed Frazee and who is located in northern Ireland with the Sea Bees, tells of something that should be of interest to everyone who has a relative or friend in the service. The Sea Bee is on duty in the post office department there. He mentions that, if those people at home could see the looks of disappointment on the faces of those boys who call for mail and receive none, they would not fail to write regularly to those away from home.

LEAVES FOR PORTLAND

Fred Lusby left Sunday for Portland after spending the week end here with his mother and friends.

TRAINS IN QUARTERMASTER

Billie Bassett is training for the quartermaster corps at Camp Farragut, Idaho. His wife left Friday morning to join him there.

VISITS SISTER

MIST — John Thomas, machinist's mate, was a visitor of his sister, Mrs. Ernest Kyser, last week.

Grade Teachers Elected for Year

All of the present staff of grade school teachers were re-elected to teach here next term except three who chose not to be candidates for reelection. They are Mrs. Walter Mathews, Mrs. Rose Stoen and Mrs. Ruth Griffis. Those serving on the teaching staff at the Lincoln grade school are Miss Velva Ramsey, principal and second grade teacher, Mrs. Pearl Wilkerson, third grade and Mrs. Babel Blackwell, first grade.

Those teaching at the Washington grade school are Paul Gordon, principal, first grade; Mrs. Lulabelle Fullerton, kindergarten; Miss Lenora Kizer, second grade; Miss Jean Ellen Irvin, third grade; Miss Hildred Weed, fourth grade; Mrs. Noma Callister, fourth grade; Mrs. Irma Chance, primary remedial; Mrs. Evelyn Heath, fifth grade; Mrs. Jane Pace, fifth grade; Charles Phelps, sixth grade and shop and physical education; Erwin Ruh, seventh grade and arithmetic; Mrs. Charlotte Steele, sixth grade and library; Mrs. Dorothy Sandon, eighth grade English; Mrs. Ozona Ruh, upper remedial; Miss Mary Taylor, art; Mrs. Maude Kobow, music; Miss Anna Mae Ramey, physical education. James Latimer has been reappointed as custodian of the Washington building and will be assisted by Mrs. Latimer; Alfred Bays will continue as custodian at the Lincoln school.

The school board, R. A. Bramblett, Glen Hawkins and Ted Keasey, is planning to meet soon to inspect the school building to see what is needed for repairs for the coming year.

Repair Equipment Purchased Friday

The purchase of new shoe repairing equipment which will make possible modern invisible shoe resoling was made last Friday by Frank Lines, owner of Lines Shoe Repair shop.

A month or month and one-half will be required to get the equipment operating due to rationing restrictions and the time required for installation. Once installed, the shop will be completely modern and all electric and no better shoe repairing will be available anywhere.

Due to increased slaughtering a greater supply and better grade of leather is available for repairmen.

Postage Rates, Money Order Fees Increased

Increase To Be Effective Here on March 26, 1944

Pursuant to the revenue act of 1943 the rates of postage and fees as increased by that act and set forth in detail shall be charged on and after March 26, 1944.

First class mail for local delivery, except that on which the rate under existing law is 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof and except postal cards, three cents for each ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Air mail from one post office to another on the mainland of the United States including Alaska, will be eight cents per ounce or fraction thereof. The rate of six cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof, established October 2, 1942 will continue to apply to air mail sent to or by the armed forces of the United States overseas served through army and navy post offices. The air mail rates to and from the continental United States and its possessions as well as the rates applicable between such possessions will also continue unchanged.

Fourth class (parcel post) mail is increased three per cent, fractions of one-half cent or more being computed as one cent, but in no case shall the increase per parcel be less than one cent.

The new money order fees are as follows: from 1c to \$2.50, 10 cents; from \$2.51 to \$5.00, 14 cents; from \$5.01 to \$10.00, 19 cents; from \$10.01 to \$20.00, 20 cents; from \$20.01 to \$40.00, 25 cents; from \$40.01 to \$60.00, 30 cents; from \$60.01 to \$80.00, 34 cents; from \$80.01 to \$100, 37 cents.

The C.O.D. fees on domestic collect-on-delivery mail of the third and fourth classes are as follows: from 1c to \$5.00, 24 cents; from \$5.01 to \$25.00, 34 cents; from \$25.01 to \$50.00, 44 cents; from \$50.01 to \$100, 64 cents; from \$100 to \$150, 80 cents; from \$150.01 to \$200, 90 cents.

The fees for insurance of domestic mail matter of the third and fourth classes is as follows: from 1c to \$5.00, 10 cents; from \$5.01 to \$25.00, 20 cents; from \$25.01 to \$50, 30 cents; from \$50.01 to \$100, 50 cents; from \$100.01 to \$150, 60 cents; from \$150.01 to \$200, 70 cents.

Books of eight-cent air mail stamps and eight-cent air mail stamped envelopes, both printed and plain, will not be available until a later date.

Fuel Order Effective Mar. 15

There are indications that temporary solid fuel surpluses are currently becoming available and may continue to be made available for a time. This is due to favorable weather conditions that eased consumer heating requirements, to the better distribution of solid fuels among the consumers as a result of the dealer-government agency cooperations on the Northwest solid fuel program and to other currently favorable conditions of solid fuel production and distribution. However, there are many long-term uncertainties that may change these currently favorable conditions of supply and distribution.

The OPA Northwest solid fuels rationing program realistically recognizes all these conditions. It deems it necessary to take full advantage of currently favorable conditions surrounding solid fuels by instituting special provision under ration order 14A that will enable those solid fuel consumers capable of storing a major part of their annual solid fuel requirements to store such requirements now.

Oregon Gas, REA Agree On Price for Utility

Since initial steps were taken here Thursday, February 24 towards the organization of a rural electrification district, negotiation has been carried on with the Oregon Gas and Electric company to a point where a sale price for the utility property has been agreed upon. Announcement of the price and further steps to be taken was made here the first of this week.

As told then, a price of \$130,000 has been set for the property which will be purchased by the REA district using federal funds which will be loaned to the district.

Canning Sugar Now Available

Persons needing canning sugar may make application at the local war price and rationing board any time from March 1, 1944 through February 28, 1945.

Each consumer can buy five pounds of home canning sugar by using sugar stamp 40 in war ration book four. Not more than 20 pounds of additional sugar per person may be obtained by application to the board.

On the first application which is made spare stamp 37 from the war ration book four of each person for whom application is made must be attached. No application will be approved by the board unless those stamps are attached to it or unless a previous application with the stamps attached is on file at the local office.

Some Meat Points Reduced

A reduction has been made on several sausage items under the following types of bologna. All beef types 1, 2, 3 and 4 are down one point. Frankfurters, all beef, types 1, 2, 3 and 4 down one point. Fresh pork sausage types 1, 2 and 3, down one point. Smoked pork sausage types 2, 3 and 4, down one point. Loaves, types 1, 2, 3 and 4, down one point. Polish types 1, 2 and 3, down one point.

Liver products such as Braunschweiger, fresh or smoked; liver sausage and liver cheese are lowered one point. Miscellaneous sausage products such as Berliner, Knockwurst (all beef), Lebanon, bologna, minced luncheon, and New England are all down one point.

Sausage items not covered by adjoining tables such as dry sausage, hard types, down two points. Semi-dry sausage is down two points as is fresh smoked and cooked sausage, group A 100 per cent meat content, which is lowered one point. Other reductions are: group B, not less than 90 per cent meat, down one point; and group C, not less than 50 per cent meat, down one point.

All sausages, listed at one point remain at one point. Sausages packed in tin or glass are not effected by the reduction and remain at the point value originally set for March. These point values are expected to remain in effect until April 2.

Children Urged To Have Vaccinations

According to Miss Ruth Peffley, county health nurse, most of the vaccinations which were given at the Washington grade school on March 2 were effective or showed reactions.

Miss Peffley wishes to urge parents of preschool children who haven't received the vaccination to do so Thursday, March 16 at the Washington grade school.

Meeting here Wednesday evening of this week were directors of the district, REA officials and representatives of the Oregon Gas and Electric who convened to discuss the exchange of the property and to sign papers which closed the deal.

Red Cross Drive Still in Progress

Sgt. C. E. Throne, chairman, and E. M. Fisher, first vice-president chairman of the Columbia County Red Cross drive, were in Vernonia Sunday for the purpose of picking up the Red Cross funds collected to date. They covered the whole county for that purpose.

The Vernonia funds already collected since the start of the drive started amounted to \$734.95. The Eastern Star ladies, who were stationed in the local post-office, turned in the largest amount which was \$117. A total of \$66 was turned over to the Red Cross from the benefit dance which was held March 11 and which was sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Students Receive Awards Here Fri.

The Quill and Scroll, national honorary society for high school journalists, has made awards to four high school students, was the announcement made this week at the high school. The awards were made last Friday. The four students that qualified were Jonibel Hatfield, Eileen Eno, Phyllis Bonsilaw and Douglas Culbertson. The presentations were made by Miss Joy Willard, who was last year's editor of the Timberline and who is now attending school at the University of Oregon. Miss Joanne Nichols who is also attending the University and who, likewise, formerly edited the Timberline, spoke at the presentation. Journalism advisor here is Miss Freda Beck.

April 18th Last Day to Register

April 18 is the deadline on which voters may register or re-register if they have moved from the precinct in which residence was formerly maintained, if they failed to vote in the primary or general elections in 1942 or in the case of women who have married since last voting.

Voters are urged to register as soon as possible in advance of the coming election in order to avoid a last minute rush.

The city hall will be open until 8 p.m. on April 18 for the purpose of registering persons unable to register before that date.

Clatskanie School Heab Speaks Here

Walter Dennis, principal of the Clatskanie high school and district chairman of the legislative committee of the Oregon State Teachers' association, spoke here Tuesday, March 14 to the teachers of the Nehalem Valley for the purpose of presenting the work of the committee effecting education in the schools and explaining the program to the teachers and getting their criticism concerning the program.

TRUCKS 20 YEARS

Dan Cason revealed Saturday that on that day he was celebrating his 20th year in the trucking business in Vernonia.