

County News

COUNTY QUOTA FOR DRIVE IS \$4000

ST. HELENS — The March of Dimes campaign, which provides funds for treatment of victims of infantile paralysis, started in Columbia county Jan. 14 and will continue thru Jan. 31.

The Columbia county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis' treasury is almost depleted because of payment for infantile paralysis cases in the county.

Medical and special treatment for Columbia county patients has amounted to about \$1200. In order to continue the care of these cases and to have a backlog of money in the event new cases develop, it will be necessary to increase the county quota for the coming year to at least \$4000. In order to do this, the contribution from each man, woman and child in the county must at least be two dimes.

ADMIT GUILT IN

ROBBERIES HERE RECENTLY

ST. HELENS — Marian Spruce and James Ronald Johnson, arrested Sunday afternoon at Rainier by Oregon state police and Columbia county Sheriff M. R. Calhoun, are on their way back to Yakima, Wash., where they will face charges of three safe-blowing robberies in Yakima county.

Before they were taken back to Yakima Thursday by Deputy Sheriff W. A. Burleson and Capt. Floyd Luce, captain of detectives of the Yakima city police, Miss Spruce and Johnson admitted that they had been involved in similar robberies of the Jordan Motor Co. in St. Helens and the union high school at Rainier.

WINTER RUN OF SMELT FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

CLATSKANIE — There just aren't any smelt, according to all reports. So far this season the little silver smelt have left the fishermen holding an empty bag.

The run is late. The biggest catch so far this season was 100 pounds.

Fishermen who have fished in the Columbia for the past 50 years, say this is by far the slowest season they can recall.

QUOTA SET FOR

RED CROSS FUND

ST. HELENS. — The 1945 quota for the County of Columbia has been set at \$26,000, considerably above the 1944 quota, but still under the amount actually subscribed. The 1944 quota was \$19,000 and the amount subscribed was in excess of \$27,000.

Washington Wins From Scappoose

The Washington grade school first team defeated the Scappoose basketball team last Friday afternoon 29 to 12 in the first competition this year for the Washington players.

Plans are developing for a tournament in February at St. Helens to decide the Columbia county championship. Winner in this county along with county champions from seven other counties near Portland have been invited by Hill Military to play in that school's new auditorium later in the year.

Boys intramural play has also started at the Washington school, games being played during the noon hours.

Surveys Completed

Clerks from the Vernonia war price and rationing board office have just completed two surveys here, one of the restaurants and the other of automotive repair services. The office reports that all posted prices are being maintained.



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THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

RETURNS UNEXPECTEDLY

Bob Schwab, son of Lee Schwab, arrived home unexpectedly last week for 21 days while his destroyer is laid up for repairs. Bob left Vernonia high school about a year ago to enlist.

CAPTAIN RUSHING HOME

Captain Robert Rushing, former resident of Vernonia and employee of the Oregon-American mill, is enjoying his first furlough after three years overseas with the 41st division. He is with his wife, Maravine, and daughter, Judy Lee, in Portland and after about 27 days will report to a rest hotel near Santa Barbara and then will be re-assigned for duty. Captain Rushing has been in two major battles and is the wearer of the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart.

NEPHEW VISITS HERE

S-Sgt. W.C. Bristlin, nephew of A. L. Kullander, visited here last Thursday. The Sgt. has seen action with the 8th Fighter Command operating out of England and was interned in Sweden for some time before escaping.

HOME FOR TWO WEEKS

Pvt. Wally East, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest East, arrived home Sunday from Breckinridge, Kentucky where he has been taking a medico course. His furlough is for two weeks after which he will leave for Camp Ellis, Illinois.

GETS 23 DAYS

Pfc. George Turner arrived home Sunday night for a furlough of 23 days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner, and friends. At the end of that time he will report to Santa Barbara, California.

STATIONED IN TEXAS

RIVERVIEW—First Lt. Phillip J. Millis sends word here that he is now stationed at Victoria, Texas while Max Millis writes that he is stationed at San Diego, Calif. where he will get his first naval training.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Gerald Turner, who was killed recently in action on the European front, will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Christian church Sunday afternoon. The service will be conducted by the pastor of the church.

WRITES FROM PHILIPPINES

From somewhere in the Philippines, John McKenzie writes to Geo. Johnson telling of what he has been through, what he has seen and what he has eaten. He says there is a Jap in every fox-hole, Tanks, field pieces, rifles, equipment of all kinds scattered along the roads. "I even saw a Jap bicycle and bugle but what use the bicycle would be I don't know, as the roads were knee deep in mud," he says.

He also mentions that he has caught chickens, pigs, dug up sweet potatoes, pounded rice to eat, picked a few bananas, and even pulled peanuts out of the ground and eaten them green. At that they all tasted good when he was hungry.

His Christmas was not very happy as he was cold, tired, and hungry, but they had a nice New Year's dinner to make up for everything.

In closing he adds that he would be glad to go back to New Guinea as he has seen all the action he wants and is waiting for the day when he can come back to Vernonia.

ABOUT THROUGH TRAINING

Pvt. Paul Adams is just about through training as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne division in Georgia and expects to be shipped out soon.

JOINS MERCHANT MARINE

Dean Lionberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Emmons, left Saturday for Catalina Island where he began training for the merchant marine.

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Dime Boxes Placed for Polio Help

Paul Gordon, local chairman of the infantile paralysis "March of Dimes", has received 50 coin collection boxes and over 200 birthday cards which will be mailed out this week. The collection boxes have been placed in business houses here to mark the start of the local campaign.

Mr. Gordon, in announcing the local part of the "March", has mentioned that a news reel concerning the importance of the drive is scheduled for showing at the theater between now and the end of the month and that a solicitation for dimes is intended at that time.

Contributions here will be further swelled by a dance which is planned for Saturday, January 27th. The dance is being sponsored by both the American Legion and Auxiliary for that night, decision to sponsor the benefit being made Monday evening of this week by those groups.

Any individual or organization wishing to donate more than a dime may do so by making the contribution to Mr. Gordon. Printed at the bottom of this page is a coupon to fill in and mail with your contribution. Do so today.

"State Kits" Being Prepared

The Over-Seas department of the USO serving men stationed in the Western hemisphere outside the continental U.S. has struck upon a novel idea to entertain the men and women in these outpost areas. This idea is to gather items of interest as well as souvenirs to be put into kits known as "State Kits."

Request for interesting items from this community was received Tuesday by Mayor George Johnson who started collecting items that day. He urges that anyone having articles that would be useful turn them in to him, the Eagle office, or leave them at the city hall. When the collection is made it will be forwarded to Portland for inclusion with a kit from Oregon.

Suggested items are scenic posters of cities within the state, human interest photographs such as sports, girls, animals found in the estate, descriptive booklets, and other items especially characteristic of the state.

County Nurse Here

Miss Ruth Peffley, county health nurse, spent Tuesday in Vernonia and will be here again Thursday for a periodic check-up of students at the Washington and Lincoln schools. Examinations will be made of eyes, throat and ears and of problem cases which have arisen and which require further investigation.

STREET SIGNS BEING PAINTED

Welcome news to residents here will be the announcement by Mayor George W. Johnson that the job of painting new street signs for Vernonia is started and that the signs will be placed to mark the streets as soon as the painting is finished.

Lettering will be done by means of a stencil and the stencil paint being used is one that has been obtained from the state. In previous years the stenciling used was not durable and the signs soon became blurred and illegible.

It is hoped that the signs may be mounted on poles carrying electric wires so that they will remain in service longer than has been true in the past when the signs were mounted on poles specially provided for the purpose.

Work of stenciling the signs is being done by Marshall H. H. King.

Seaside Snatches Win Here Friday

The Seaside Seagulls invaded the Loggers' lair last Friday night and after being completely outclassed the first half, released a scorching offense after the intermission to snatch a wildly-exciting encounter from the local boys 31 to 30. A capacity crowd witnessing the second encounter of the year between the two teams saw a Vernonia half-time lead of 17 to 7 melt away before the determined drive of the towering seacoast five.

Pandemonium broke out in the local court in the dying minutes of the game as the Seagulls knotted the score with three minutes to play. The lead changed hands three times in the closing minutes as both teams battled desperately to hold their lead. The timer's gun was raised as Alberts, Gull scoring ace, swished the net with a midfloor howitzer to cinch the victory for his team. The gun ended the game before the locals could get a shot.

Tomorrow night the Loggers journey to Rainier to meet the Columbians in a doubleheader. This game will be the first District 14 game for the local team.

Tuesday night, January 23, the boys return to the local floor for a District 14 doubleheader with the Scappoose Indians.

Coach Robbins has been experimenting with various lineups in an effort to fill the vacancies left by Max Millis and Ralph Sturdevant. Likely starters for Friday's game are Byers and Parker, forwards; Rollins, center; and Nance and Larsen, guards.

Auditor Here

Randall W. Pratt, auditor from the district OPA office in Portland, spent Monday and Tuesday here going over the books at the local rationing office.

Publication of Notice Tells Date of Large Land Sale by County

With this issue of the Vernonia Eagle is the first publication of what is probably one of the largest single deals ever to be undertaken by the Columbia County Court. This is the Sale of a Limited Interest in some 95,000 acres of county-owned lands. The provisions of the proposed sale will impose upon the successful bidder the obligation to drill a well for oil and gas and to maintain a surety bond to guarantee performance.

It is reported that the sale will be to the highest bidder and will be held at the county court house in St. Helens on February 19th. It is not known whether there will be many bidders but at least there will be considerable interest shown.

The Texas Company, according to reports, has been active for some time in Columbia county and it has expended large sums of money in geological and other exploratory work and also has been engaged in the acquisition of oil and gas leases. Because of such activity it is anticipated that The Texas Company will

Community Ceiling Effective

As of January 8th, community ceiling prices have been in effect for food stores in Vernonia the local rationing office announced this week. Previous to that date, merchants established prices for items they sold by applying a mark-up as specified by OPA on the basis of wholesale costs of the item. From now on lists will be posted in all food stores showing ceiling prices.

For items on the community ceiling lists, the community ceiling price is always the ceiling price which is applicable. Retailers may sell below but not above that price. If costs go down, the merchant gains; if costs go up, the merchant will be caught in a price squeeze. Posted lists will be revised as needed.

Chief Selected

Virgil Powell has been selected as plant protection chief for the Oregon-American Lumber Corporation. Mr. Powell started his new duties January 8th and takes the position which was formerly held by E. G. Roediger, who resigned a short time ago to devote his full time to carrying mail from Scappoose to Vernonia.

Mrs. Soule Passes Away

Funeral services were held in the Forest Grove Undertaking chapel Tuesday, January 16, at 2 p.m. for Rebecca Soule, 96, who died at her St. Helens' route 1 home January 14. Interment being in Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Soule was born in Ohio November 1, 1848, and had lived in Vernonia and vicinity for a period of eleven years between 1895 and 1909. She then moved with her husband to Gaston but after his death she made her home with her sons and daughters until she moved to her home near St. Helens.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Alice Malmsten of Vernonia, two sons, Thornton F. Soule, Gresham, and Telle Soule of St. Helens and a half-brother, Winfield Stevens of St. Helens.

be the principal bidder.

New discoveries of oil and gas are acutely needed particularly in connection with the successful prosecution of the war. Such products are needed in the manufacture of ships, tanks, airplanes, guns, ammunition, high explosives, high octane aviation gasoline and synthetic rubber.

Timberline to Enter Contest

Copies of the Timberline, Vernonia high school publication, will again be entered in the annual school newspaper contest which has been announced by George Turnbull, acting dean of the school of journalism at the University of Oregon.

To enter the contest high schools must send copies of two issues published during the current school year to the school of journalism at the university.

Winning awards, heretofore based on the work of the previous year's staffs, will be given to the present staffs this year.

This year's Timberline is edited by Shirley Ray. Business manager for the publication is Phyllis Bonislaw and Miss Freda Beck, high school instructor, is advisor.

Funeral Held for Otto Malmsten

Funeral services were held Monday, January 15, at the Evangelical church in Vernonia for Otto Burdette Malmsten of Seaside who died at Astoria January 12. Arrangements were made through the Forest Grove Undertaking company.

Malmsten was born in Vasa, Minnesota July 17, 1867 and came to Vernonia in the spring of 1889. He was married in 1900 to Bertha Gillihan, who preceded him in death. He moved to Seaside in the fall of 1920 and made his home there until his death.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Eva West and Mrs. Eda Lindstrom, both of Seaside, and three brothers, Franklin, Charles, and Sidney, all of Vernonia.

SOS Call Made

An SOS call is being made for women to knit sweaters and socks for men and women of the armed forces. The Red Cross has sent the Vernonia Service Club enough yarn for 25 sleeveless sweaters and socks for the Vernonia quota. Anyone interested may call Mrs. Isola Morris, Vernonia 83, and obtain yarn. It is hoped that a number of women will respond as the call is urgent.

Unique Service Planned

A very unique service will be held at the Vesper Hour in the Christian church Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. The subject will be "The Fabric of Life", and will be illustrated with the operation of a loom, and the products of the weaver's art. Mr. Livingstone will give the sermon and Mrs. Livingstone will preside at the loom. The platform will be decorated with the woven articles. Text will be found in Job 7:6, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle".

New Clerk Employed

Miss Vivian Laird is employed now at the Vernonia post office as clerk to replace Mrs. Robert Holcomb who has resigned there and who started work Monday as secretary at the Oregon-American office.