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County News

GOODING OFFERED HIGH SCHOOL JOB

ST. HELENS — Lloyd Gooding, principal at John Gumm grade school for the past two years was tendered the post as principal at the high school for next year, by the school board, which met Monday evening. It is understood Mr. Gooding has accepted the offer. He will replace Dale J. Ickes, who has accepted the superintendency of the Milwaukie elementary and junior high system. His resignation was read at Monday's meeting and accepted by the board.

COURT ORDERS

SCHOOL ELECTION

ST. HELENS — Petitions favoring the consolidation of the McNulty elementary school district with School District No. 2 of St. Helens were filed at the Columbia county court house this week and the district court had ordered an election on the proposal to be held on May 7.

McNulty school district residents favoring the consolidation have done so on the basis that children attending the Scappoose school from the McNulty district do so at great inconvenience.

CONSOLIDATION VOTE HELD MONDAY

CLATSKANIE — School voters of this Clatskanie No. 5 district, cast their votes at the grade school on Monday, April 16th on the consolidation of the Cedar Grove and Alder Grove districts with Clatskanie.

The legal voters of Alder Grove and Cedar Grove voted the same day in their own localities.

The children from these districts have been attending school in Clatskanie as have the children from the Firwood district.

The people at Firwood, however, declined to vote on consolidation with District No. 5 and will have to open their own school or make other arrangements since District 5 has told them they are no longer able to take them as tuition students.

Old Clothing Need Urgent

The need for old clothes for relief of people in Europe was sounded again this week and people are urged to search their homes for any articles that may be used. People in the Mist-Birkenfeld area will send their clothing here for collection, oil trucks making the pick-ups in those localities.

W. G. Heath's Signal Service station in Riverview has also been designated as a collection depot for that area as Signal Service stations over the country are cooperating in the drive.

Poppy Poster Awards Made

Judging of the Poppy Poster contest entries was completed on Tuesday evening to name three winners and two for honorable mention. Winner of first was Temple DeHart; second, Paul W. Shepard; third, Nancy Fletcher; honorable mention, Shirley Hensler and Gerald Millis.

Winning posters will be displayed in Miller's Department store and the others will also be used to advertise the coming poppy sale. Prizes for first, second and third place winners are \$1, 75c and 50c in war stamps. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the contest.

Play Successful

The Senior class play Friday at the Washington school drew one of the largest crowds ever to attend a similar function and was deemed very successful by the class. Those seeing the play were pleased and remarked that the students presented an excellent performance.

Those Who Are in It

LT. ROBERT R. ACORD



FLIES 50TH MISSION

By flying his 50th combat mission in this theatre, First Lt. Robert R. Acord, 25 son of Mrs. Augusta Acord, 830 S. E. Washington Street, Portland became a full fledged member of the exclusive Half-A-Hundred Club.

Acord, a bombardier with the 15th AAF, started dropping his bombs on enemy installations last September. "The first target I ever sighted on was some rail yards tucked away in northern Italy," said Acord, "but from then on I hit every major target on the 15th Air Force priority list."

The oil refineries at Vienna, the tank factories at Linz and the synthetic oil cracking plants at Blechhammer kaleidoscoped through the bombsight. "I won't even try to say which was the toughest," said Acord, "for flak was always present but a bombardier becomes so intent on making a good pattern that he doesn't think much about anything else until the bombs are away. Then he sweats."

Acord graduated from Vernonia high school here and was employed by the O-A. Enlisting in April, 1943, he was commissioned in April, 1944. In building up his string of missions he has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak leaf clusters.

TO ENTER SERVICE

Thomas W. Osborn, a former student and resident of Vernonia, will be inducted into the service the 27th of April.

His wife and daughter will reside in Portland.

PERFECT RECORD SCORED

Over a period of eight months, duties of T-Sgt. Hugh E. McDonald, veteran air crew chief, have been direction of maintenance work on P-51 Mustangs which have completed 59 consecutive missions over German territory and compiled 371 combat hours without a single mechanical failure. McDonald, 25, now is assigned to the plane flown by Col. Robt. Montgomery, the Twentieth fighter group commander.

Overseas for the last 19 months, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McDonald, Timber Rt. Prior to entering the service he was employed with the Bell Hardware store in Klamath Falls.

ACTS AS INSTRUCTOR

RIVERVIEW — Melvin Powell, AMM2c, sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Powell, this week that he is now an instructor in the Engineering Division at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo.

ON OKINAWA

Word received here by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Culbertson from their son, Pfc. Edgar of the marines, states that he landed on Okinawa on the second day of the invasion of that island. Since landing he has been living in a fox-hole but was forcibly ejected at one time by a shell which exploded nearby. The force of the explosion blew him from the hole but did not seriously injure him. He mentions that the inhabitants of that island are backward by many years in comparison with the people of this country.

PROMOTED

Second Lieutenant Hugh G. Caton, son of Mrs. Cleo Caton, was promoted to First Lieutenant on his birthday, April 2, at the army air base at Alamogordo, New Mexico. He is a technical supply officer for the air base.

COMPLETES BASIC

Pvt. Bernice M. Dass has completed basic training in the WAC, and is now taking a 6-weeks course in statistical control procedure at the AAF tactical center, America's "University of Air Power", in Orlando, Florida. Upon completion, April 13, she will be assigned to one of the many statistical control units scattered throughout the country. A graduate of Vernonia high school and Behnke-Walker business college, she held a time-keeper's position with the Clark-Wilson Lumber Co. before enlisting. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dass.

ARRIVES OVERSEAS

Cpl. Raymond L. Justice, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Justice, has arrived overseas and has taken up his duties at a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber base in Italy.

Trained as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber, he has been assigned to a veteran group which is blasting vital enemy lines of supply in support of Russian armies striking through Hungary and Czechoslovakia into Austria. The group is commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah, Tenn.

A former distributing salesman for the Shell Oil Co., Cpl. Justice entered the service April 8, 1944, and won his gunner's wings at Laredo, Tex. His wife Mrs. Wilma Justice, resides in Vernonia.

GETS TREATMENT

Pvt. Forrest Mosk, Jr., formerly of Vernonia, with his wife and baby daughter, is spending a two-month's furlough, after almost a year with the engineers overseas, at the home of his parents at Vida, Oregon. He was sent back to the U.S.A. for shell shock treatments received during the German break thru in Dec. He will return to San Diego, Cal. the 6th of May for further treatments. His wife and daughter will remain at Vida for the future.

HEADED FOR TROPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Culbertson have received word of the APO number of their son, Lt. Harry Culbertson, who has embarked for duty in the tropics.

GETS PROMOTION

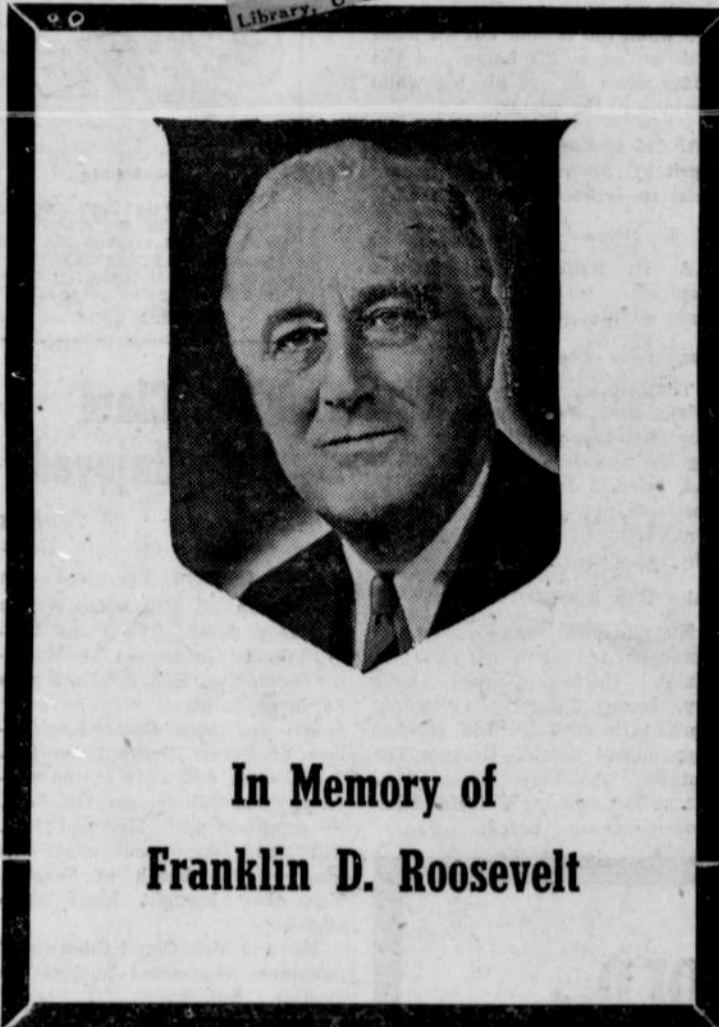
Melvin Chapman, who is now on the Admiralty Islands, has been promoted to CMS S3c, his sister, Mrs. S. C. Cook of Camp McGregor, mentions this week. He is in the navy and has been stationed there over a year. Another sister, Mrs. L. J. Cook lives at Camp McGregor.

MENDING SLOWLY

In a recent letter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lander, Stony Pt. Road, the Masonic Service Association reports a visit to their son, Pvt. Delbert E. Lander, who lost a leg in the battle for Belgium. The Masonic Service in Brigham City, Utah, conducts regular, visiting schedule to all the patients, a tremendous job, when it is considered that this is a four-thousand bed hospital.

Delbert is gaining again after a period of minor reversal and is patiently waiting for the day when he can walk again. The Landers also received a beautiful postal card picture of the parade grounds at the post in Brigham City just at the moment Old Glory reached the top of the flag pole. The impressive ceremony was made more majestic in its setting of winter splendor, surrounded by peaks of the towering Rocky Mountains covered with glistening white snow.

Delbert says hello to his friends at home.



In Memory of
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Prize to Reward Best Advertising Slogan

A prize of \$5.00 will reward the person submitting the best advertising slogan by 6 p.m. Saturday, April 28. The contest is being sponsored by the Vernonia Eagle in order to find the best slogan for use by the Vernonia Booster club which is planning an extensive advertising program for the Upper Nehalem Valley.

The printing of pamphlets, letterheads and other articles will make use of the slogan.

Rules under which the contest will be conducted are:

1. Slogan is limited to eight words or less, a short slogan being preferred.
2. Slogan must mention Vernonia and the Nehalem Valley.
3. Selection of the winning entry will be made by a group of three impartial judges and their decision will be final.
4. Contest ends at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 28th.
5. One person may submit as many entries as desired but each should bear his or her name and address.

Truman Known During World War I as Captain

The swift change of events during the past few days which resulted in Vice President Harry S. Truman's elevation to presidency of the United States brings forth a bit of information about President Truman during the last war. At that time he was an artillery captain and a member of his unit was John Grady. Mr. Grady was with Battery D, 129th Field Artillery, 35th Division and his outfit was recruited at Kansas City.

The outfit spent a year overseas, seeing action at St. Mihiel and the Argonne. Occasionally the outfit holds a reunion, the last one being near election time of last year. Mr. Grady has a picture of that reunion and also other pictures of the unit and President Truman.

Booster Club Dinner Date Set

Monday evening's dinner for the Vernonia Booster club will be at the I.O.O.F. hall the committee on entertainment announced on Monday of this week. The committee has been busy making arrangements for the meeting and hopes to engage a speaker for that evening.

The dinner with chicken as the main course, will be served by the Mountain Heart Rebekah club. The Booster group entertainment committee plans to engage different organizations for future dinners if suitable arrangements can be made. It is the intention of the committee to include every local organization that will put on a dinner, on a rotation basis, giving all an equal opportunity to further the work.

If possible, a speaker from the Maling Brothers cannery at Hillsboro will be here to address the club.

TRUCK PAINTED

Vernonia's new fire truck is nearing completion this week with last-minute work of preparing the unit almost done. The truck and equipment has been painted the approved color, and a siren has been installed, and mechanical work completed.

Need to Save Tin Cans is Urgent Yet

Every Can Needed To Aid War Effort Requirement for Tin

An appeal to every resident of this area is voiced this week by C. F. Hieber, local salvage committee chairman, in stating that the need for tin is acute and that thenation's tin stockpile is dropping dangerously low because too many tin cans are being thrown away. Even though considerable effort has been expended towards collecting tin cans, two out of three cans are still being discarded.

It is intended that a collection of cans be made here within a short time hence the need for local people to save them and prepare them for shipment, Mr. Hieber mentions. Little effort is necessary to prepare cans properly for handling. Four simple rules are:

1. After emptying contents, wash thoroughly.
2. Cut off bottom, as well as top of can, or cut open, so that it may be flattened.
3. Step heavily on can to flatten—but do not flatten by hammering. Now tear off paper label, which is loosened by flattening. Labels printed on can need not be removed.
4. Save cans for collection. Keep separate from other scrap and in a dry place.

March Ration Amounts Listed

Business at the Vernonia war March lists the following amounts of items issued: tires—29 passenger, (7 not issued due to lack of quota); 17 truck tires 7.50 and smaller (4 not issued due to lack of quota); hardship gas, 173 gallons; 1 oil stove; six book 3 and 13 book 4; shoes, 9 pair and boots, 5 pair.

Food points issued for restaurants, furlough and leave were: meats, fats, 15,650; and processed 950. Sugar issued totaled 360 pounds.

Oil and gasoline rations were: fuel oil, 13,517 gallons to 42 applicants; gasoline, A books, 13; B coupons, 785; C coupons, 1292; E coupons, 419; R coupons, 1680; T 1st quarter, 367 and 2nd quarter, 4626; purchase permits, 689 gallons.

Petition Requests Consolidation Vote

A petition was being circulated here early this week as a step towards consolidation of district No. 87, Washington county, with School District No. 47, Jt. A similar petition must be circulated by the union high school district here in order that the consolidation may be made with that district.

The petition requests the school district boundary board of Columbia county to call an election in district 47 to vote on the question of consolidation.

Ownership of Hotel Changed

Ownership of the Hy-Van Hotel has changed, it is announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noel, who have purchased the property and are now operating it. Both have had many years experience in hotel and apartment house business operation previous to making the purchase, they announce.

Redecoration work is now in progress under the direction of E. E. Upgard. The building will be thoroughly renovated and redecorated when he completes his work.