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Fire Protective Measures Being Taken by Crown

Old Roads Being Opened, Telephone Lines Repaired

Crown-Zellerbach corporation's tree farm, formerly Clark and Wilson timber land, is undergoing a thorough fire protection program for this summer, according to Glen Hawkins, who is in charge of the work here. At the present time about 10 miles of old railroad grades have been cleared and fire trails are being opened to provide quick access to various parts of the farm in the event of fire.

Telephone lines are also being checked and repaired for any emergency.

Further steps toward insuring a season without fire, Mr. Hawkins stated, have been taken by posting Keep Oregon Green posters throughout the area to follow out the educational program of that organization and to warn of the danger of fire.

Members of the crew doing the work are Paul Gordon, Wallace McCrae and Ray Mills.

County News

BOND SALES OVER COUNTY TOTAL \$278,911

ST. HELENS — With only two weeks more to go to attain its quota of \$672,000 in "E" bond sales, Columbia county Thursday night had recorded total bond sales of \$278,911.75 in the seventh war loan drive.

"This is only 41.5 per cent of our quota and while the drive is lagging nationally and over the state, our county still is farther behind than it should be," said Irving T. Rau, chairman of the county war finance committee.

HUDSON-DUNCAN'S CO. BARRELING PLANT TO OPEN

RAINIER — The Hudson-Duncan company of Portland, which has signed up the principal portion of the local strawberry crop, opened its new barreling plant.

Some picking started by Friday last week but it is anticipated that there will be no great influx for another week or more. The crop is much delayed this season on account of continued cold weather.

SWOLLEN RIVER FALLS SLOWLY

ST. HELENS — The Columbia river is falling slowly and experienced river men predicted Thursday it will continue to fall unless there is a season of hot weather, which would melt the snow in the upper reaches of the river.

GRAND JURY VOTES AGAINST STANWOOD

ST. HELENS — Caley A. Stanwood was named in four grand jury indictments returned Tuesday of last week in which he was charged with larceny by embezzlement of funds aggregating approximately \$6200 from the Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association and M. J. Briggs. Bail was set at \$2500 on each indictment by Judge H. K. Zimmerman.

Mr. Stanwood submitted to arrest last Wednesday and immediately filed a motion asking that bail be reduced to a suggested \$4000 or \$5000. After discussion between defense attorney Pauline Brandenfels, District Attorney W. W. Dillard and Judge Zimmerman bail was reduced to \$5000 on one indictment and Mr. Stanwood was allowed to go free of bail on the other three.

Judge Zimmerman will be absent from this county until July 23, when Mr. Stanwood will be required to enter a plea to the indictments.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

TARGETS VIEWED

Viewing scenes that forewarn Japan of her future, Cpl. Roy A. Juola, Vernonia, and who has been stationed at an eighth air force service command station in England, recently returned from a flight over targets in France, Belgium and Germany, which were relentlessly devastated by bombers of the 8th Air Force. By viewing the total destruction and immense part the air forces played in the victory in Europe, clerks, cooks mechanics truck drivers and technicians, realized that their jobs, which sometimes seem routine and uneventful, will play the same vital role in the strategic bombing of Japan as it did in Europe.

With skeleton flying crews pointing out such much-bombed cities as Aachen, Bremen, Cologne and Frankfurt, the GI's got a clear view of the continent, as the pilots, many of them veterans of 30 and more missions, flew over the cities slightly above tree-top level.

The ground forces are now preparing planes, equipment and supplies for possible use with the air forces in the Pacific area where the allies will assemble all their powers for the fast and complete defeat of Japan.

IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Ida Meyer, now living at Ridgefield, Washington, writes of her two boys. She says:

"Marvin was taken into the navy about a year ago and soon after he arrived in Idaho he took scarlet fever and then rheumatic fever and has been in bed almost a year. In his last letter he tells me that he is up and believes he will make it this time. At present he is in California."

"And from Arthur in Australia — he is feeling fine and looking forward to getting home as he has been over two years. He has also received the new rating of sergeant. From the looks of the pictures he sent home, the army must be pretty good to him."

GETS DISCHARGE

Clifton Hiatt, former student here, has received his discharge from the army and he and Mrs. Hiatt and their son arrived here last week to spend several weeks at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds. He has applied for civil service radio work, having studied that work while in the army and hopes to obtain a position on the Pacific coast. With his discharge last week he completed five years in the army.

ENTERS NAVY

RIVERVIEW — Ray Buell entered the navy Friday, going to San Diego for his boot training.

ADDRESS CHANGED

RIVERVIEW — Cpl. Ray Shepard sends a letter from 'somewhere in California' to his parents telling them of a change of address, which indicates that he may be at sea.

HERE ON SHORT LEAVE

St. Robert Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner was here from Wednesday of last week to Sunday morning when he left to go to his ship at San Francisco. Turner has seen action around Leyte, Okinawa and Iwo Jima and has been overseas from January to June.

TO BE HOME SOON

Mr. and Mrs. George Laird received a phone call about 11 p.m. Monday evening from their son, Lt. Desmond Laird, who at that time was at Newport News, Virginia, having just arrived in this country from England. He told his folks he would be home in a week or ten days.

STILL IN IRAN

Cpl. Jack Baker, who is stationed in Iran and is working in a railway repair shop, mentioned in a recent letter to George Johnson that the shop there is to be closed by October 1st and

Clean-up of City Proposed Monday Night

Pictures of Valley Scenes Wanted for Use in Pamphlet

The proposal to sponsor a clean-up day for Vernonia comprised most of the business discussion Monday evening when members of the Vernonia Booster club met at the Legion hall. The clean-up has been discussed by several people within the last few days and was brought up for consideration at the meeting with the thought back of the proposal that the appearance of the city could be much improved by such action.

Improvements Possible

Several years have passed since such a day has been undertaken here, hence the belief that considerable could be done to make notable improvements. In attempting to carry out the clean-up, disposal will be sought for rubbish of all kinds and the rank growth of grass which is apparent at this time of the year. Special mention was made of cutting grass in that appearance could be much improved in that respect alone.

The Booster club and American Legion will join forces in sponsoring the clean-up and a committee was named Monday to make arrangements. Named were Rev. W. O. Livingstone, Pete Brunsman and Gene Shipman.

Pamphlet Report Made

A report on the pamphlet for advertising this area was heard along with a request for pictures which can be used in the folder. Pictures are sought of churches, schools, farms, fishing and hunting, and logging and lumbering. Anyone having pictures of these subjects are asked to send them to the Eagle office. All pictures should bear the name of the owner so they may be returned at a later time.

Permits Required For Open Fires

Starting June 21st anyone who wishes to burn trash within the city limits of Vernonia will be required to obtain a permit to burn from Harry Culbertson, fire chief. Mr. Culbertson issued this notice to the public this week due to the coming of warmer weather and the consequent danger from fire.

The person wishing the permit must see Mr. Culbertson in person, as requests to burn cannot be granted by telephone. Permits will be required until further notification is given.

Teacher to Talk Sunday

Miss Mildred Drake, former high school teacher here, will be here Sunday as guest speaker for the morning service at the Evangelical church. She is home now from Van Cleve, Kentucky where she teaches at a school conducted by the Kentucky Mountain Holiness association. She will be here for two or three days at the home of Charles Malmsten.

Budget Board Meets

The Columbia county budget board met Monday and Tuesday of this week at St. Helens. Jewett A. Bush was named by the county court to represent the Nehalem Valley portion of the county.

that he will be home within six months.

IN ON INVASION

Fireman Ic Tom Tomlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tomlin, in a recent letter to his folks mentions that he participated in the invasion of Okinawa.

Park Swim Pool Made Ready for Summer Use

The long-awaited advent of warm weather made possible the use of the city park swimming pool which was erected Monday of this week. Swimming in the pool will be supervised by Orile Robbins every day of the week except Wednesday, which is his day off. His hours there are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the exception of the one day. Mr. Robbins will supervise play at the city park during the morning hours from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The dam structure was erected by H. H. King, Walt Kent and Mr. Robbins who completed the work about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. The dam was nearly full at 7 o'clock the next morning with water backed up to the city pumping plant near the city limits.

The wading pool for youngsters will also be made ready for use this week with some improvements over the pool of last year. The Legion benefit dance

Points Raised on Shortening, Oils

The point values of lard, shortening and oils was increased from 10 points a pound to 12 points a pound, at 12 a.m., Sunday June 17, the office of price administration announced.

The increases were necessary because:

1. The war food administration informed OPA that the allocation of lard, shortening and oils will be sharply reduced for the third quarter, and

2. The distribution of these products for civilian use is uneven, with many areas reporting they are not getting supplies equal to the amount permitted by rationing.

The point values of butter and margarine remain unchanged at 24 points a pound for butter and 12 points a pound for margarine.

The reduction in industrial use of lard, shortening and oils for the manufacture of all kinds of food products will become effective for the third quarter beginning July 1.

Game Rules to Get Hearing

The hearing of the Oregon State Game commission in regard to the 1945 hunting regulations will start at ten o'clock, Saturday morning, July 14, at its offices in 616 Oregon Building, Portland.

Season, bag limits and other regulations governing the taking of game birds, game animals and fur-bearing animals will come up for consideration at that time.

The hearing is open to the public.

No Sewing Intended

Red Cross sewing, which has been conducted here every Friday afternoon for the past several weeks, will not continue again this Friday, Mrs. Harry Culbertson announced Tuesday. Lack of material makes the work impossible.

Store Open Now

Strong's Radio and Electric is now open during daytime hours. Dwight Strong announced the first of the week. Charlotte Solin has been engaged to take orders for work during the day and will be at the store from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NEW SIGNS PAINTED

The Vernonia post office and the Frank Hirsch Plumbing shop both have new signs this week, the former being painted by E. G. Roediger and the latter by Mr. Hirsch.

last Saturday netted \$77.00 as a start towards a fund to construct a cement wading pool for youngsters.

Ball playing at the park also started this week but no definite schedule of games has been arranged as yet because so many of the players are picking strawberries now. As soon as the berry season ends the schedule will be drawn up, Mr. Robbins stated.

County 7th War Loan

Goal	\$672,000
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E	—
R	\$514,000
I	—
E	—
S	336,000
E	—
E	\$178,000

E Bond Sales Gain \$10,000

War bond sales of series E here Wednesday at noon totaled \$52,406.25, post office records showed. This figure represents an increase of almost \$10,000 over sales last week. Mrs. Ben Brickel, Vernonia chairman of the 7th War Loan, said Wednesday that sales totaling at least \$60,000 in series other than E had also been sold but exact figures were not available. The total of these two sales brings the local amount to \$112,406 against a quota of \$118,560, Nehalem Valley quota.

The Rainbow Girls' sale of war stamps last Saturday totaled \$38.

A report Tuesday from St. Helens of Columbia county sales of series E bonds places the amount at 44.4 of the quota and overall sales at 59.1 per cent. Irving T. Rau, county chairman stated that: "As the June 30 deadline for Seventh war loan bond sales draws near, it becomes evident that Columbia county residents are going to have to call upon idle funds in their bank accounts to meet the quota."

Rau continues, "The treasury department report for Oregon bond sales revealed that the average sales for counties over the state now is 63.9 per cent of quota and we are still far behind this figure."

Work Resumes Tuesday

Workmen at the Oregon-American mill returned to work Tuesday after settling a problem regarding employment of a man who had not joined the IWA. The mill closed Saturday afternoon and Monday until a settlement was reached.

Three Go to Bank

Donors at the Hillsboro blood bank last Friday totaled three from this community. Making the trip there were Mrs. Joe Eggert, Mrs. Rita Lamping and George Johnson. Donors will go again to Hillsboro on July 20.

REPAIRMAN ILL

E. L. "Al" Robertson, who has conducted a home appliance service here for several months announces this week that he will be unable to carry on his work for the present due to illness.

Two Issues to Face Voters on Friday Ballot

Polling Places, Boards To Be Same as Those Of Last Nov. Election

Voters in the four Vernonia precincts will cast their ballots at the same places as they did in the November general election of last year and the same election boards will be on hand to conduct the voting as at that time, Wm. Pringle, Sr., county commissioner, mentioned this week.

Places for casting ballots in the four Vernonia precincts are: 1—old post office building, 2—IWA union hall, 3—O-A cook shack and 4—City hall.

The special election on Friday will bring before voters two issues for their decision:

1. Whether to levy a five-mill property tax for two years to raise \$10,000,000 for construction of new buildings and for improvements at state institutions and at the establishments of the state system of higher education. The tax would be offset immediately by surplus income tax revenue, which can be used only to offset property taxes and actually no levy would be made.

2. Whether to place a tax of one-tenth of a cent per cigarette on cigarettes. The estimated \$2,000,000 annual income would be distributed among school boards of the state.

Voting at this election will probably be very light due to lack of candidate competition at this time and because other summer activities are occupying the attention of electors.

"Leave Alone" Is Tactic Requested

The Oregon State Game commission makes its annual request that sympathetic individuals refrain from picking up fawn deer that appear to be deserted. In most instances this is not true, and if the fawn is left alone, its mother will eventually return to claim it. Deliberate picking up of fawns in order to obtain a pet is against the law, and a permit is not issued to keep it unless it can be proved that the fawn actually was deserted and would have died.

While young deer may be attractive pets, as they grow older they can become burdensome to care for and often dangerous to human life if adequate facilities are not provided. In the end, the deer may have to be killed as most of them cannot be released satisfactorily after being raised in captivity.

Keasey Named as 3-Year Director

Grade School District No. 47's annual meeting Monday night drew a very light attendance of taxpayers this year to examine the proposed expenditures for the coming year and to elect a director for the vacancy on the school board.

Named to the board position to fill the three-year term of office was Ted Keasey. The budget was accepted as published and the vote to exceed the six per cent limitation was favorable.

New Flags Purchased

Within the past few weeks 16 new flags have been purchased locally, H. H. King mentioned Tuesday when announcing that the city would raise new flags Wednesday morning at the city hall and Memorial cemetery. The 14 flags were purchased locally by business firms and individuals,