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Army Camp Use Gets Attention At Pomona Meet

More Sugar Asked Of OPA for Home Canning Purposes

The Columbia County Pomona grange convened Saturday, August 4th at the Natal grange hall to pass two resolutions, make various appointments and hear a special program arranged for the day.

A resolution recommending that congress use the abandoned army camps for veteran's mental hospitals as the 30 we now have are overcrowded and also asking congressmen to provide veterans with hospitalization in these abandoned camps, equal to the excellent care they are now receiving in regulation army, navy and marine hospitals, was adopted.

Another regulation requesting the OPA to make an adjustment in the canning sugar for home canning allotment per person to at least the amount allowed per person in 1944 was also adopted Saturday.

Clyde Henderson of Natal was appointed as a new member of the park board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. M. Condit. The Pomona charter was draped in memoriam of J. N. Miller, Clatskanie, Herbert M. Condit and E. O. Steward of Yankton and sympathy extended to the families.

Appointments made that day were: home economic committee—Mrs. Pearl Becker, Warren; Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, Clatskanie; and Mrs. Anna Mauris, Rainier. W. I. Tracy of Fern Hill grange was elected as the executive committee member.

4-H Club Fair August 17 Event

The Columbia county 4-H club fair will be held Friday, August 17, at the fair grounds at Deer Island.

Boys and girls who are enrolled in 4-H club projects are eligible to exhibit at that time, and take part in the contests. Livestock judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the livestock judging contest will be held at 10:00 a.m.

All home economic club work will be exhibited, which will include canning, clothing, room improvement, handicraft, camp cookery and cookery. Demonstrations will be the main feature for home economic clubs. Exhibits must be up by 11:00 a.m. and judging will start immediately. Demonstrations, judging, and the clothing style review will continue throughout the day.

A special feature of the 4-H county fair will be a horse show between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. At noon there will be a picnic lunch with all 4-H club members and visitors bringing their own lunch.

Do It Again, Opinion on Clean-up Day

Were the results worth the effort? That seems to be the question about last Thursday's clean-up day here when most business houses closed and the owners turned out to cut and burn grass and pick up deposits of junk. Some say it was worth the time spent and others say it wasn't.

Take, for example, the burning of grass on vacant lots. That proved to be a bigger job than it was first thought to be and those who undertook to burn found that they needed more time to reduce this fire hazard than just one afternoon. A lot of grass was burned but there still remains some which needs removal. To top it off, the fire truck was called again the next

School Levies Reduced by Income Tax Offset Fund

Taxpayers can see the actual difference in their taxes due to the apportionment of money from the state school support fund to this county in a report by Otto H. H. Peterson, county school superintendent. Special levies of the county districts will be reduced by \$161,343.58 the first amount received under the revision of the fund law by the legislature at its last session.

Previous to this year, 5 million dollars was diverted from income receipts to offset special tax levies. The 1945 legislature increased the amount to 8 million dollars, 6 million to be distributed on actual pupil day's attendance basis and 2 million on the teacher unit basis. A teacher unit is one teacher to every 27 pupils or fraction thereof. Columbia county employs 176 teachers, but only 161 teacher units were granted.

Special taxes levied by all school districts in the county according to budgets total \$551,307.11 which is equal to an average county levy of 39.8 mills. The apportionment has reduced the special levies to \$389,958.53, a saving of 13.7 mills to property owners. All public school district share in this apportionment. Assessor Fred Watkins has been given the certified apportionment list and is adjusting the tax levies of the individual districts.

July Rain Total Recording Small

July's total rainfall was practically unrecordable for this vicinity, only .01 of an inch falling during the entire month, and that amount being listed for the early morning of the 21st. What the month lacked in rainfall was made up by temperature for 15 of the 31 days brought the thermometer to a reading over 80 degrees. Recordings here are kept by Mrs. Helen Spofford, cooperative observer.

The warmest day was July 7th with 93 degrees. On five days the early morning temperature went below 40 degrees, the coldest being the 18th with 37 degrees. Twenty-three days were clear, three partly cloudy and four cloudy, part of them being smoke clouds. The prevailing wind direction was northwest.

Hop Pickers Wanted

Pickers for hops are being sought here again this year by the Hartwick brothers of Banks. They have made arrangements for a sign-up of those wishing work with Mrs. Frank Hartwick who will keep a list of the names and give out information as to when the work will start.

OFFICE MOVED

The T. B. Mills real estate office has been moved into the building recently purchased by Frank Hirsch. Hirsch bought the building last week from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Horn.

Effect of the apportionment on school districts in the Nehalem valley is listed below:

District	District tax levy	District apportionment	Present levy
NATAL	\$ 2,549.54	622.76	1,926.78
BIRKENFELD	1,427.00	868.20	558.80
VERNONIA	54,372.74	19,555.17	34,817.57
MIST	4,366.06	1,149.69	3,216.37
VERNONIA HIGH SCHOOL	35,107.50	6,632.18	28,475.32

Wildey Services Held Here Sunday

Funeral services were held here Sunday at the Bush Funeral home for John Wildey who passed away last Friday, August 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Portland General Hospital, Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiated and interment was at the Yankton cemetery.

John Henry Wildey was born in La Pier County, Michigan, December 24, 1869.

He resided in Michigan until the year 1928, when he came to Oregon. He had been a resident of Vernonia for about one year. His wife Anna, preceded him in death March 4, 1937.

He is survived by three sons: Leslie, of Grants Pass, Floyd, of Redondo Beach, Cal., and Edward of Oxford, Mich; three daughters: Ella Dewey of Vernonia, Ida Hopper of Grants Pass, and Maud Tennant of Orraway, Mich; two half-brothers: Albert Rogers of Orraway, Mich. Darriel of Fostoria, Mich; and four half-sisters, Eva Robbins, Ida Chambers, Estelle Robbins and Mina Carlson, all of Michigan. He is also survived by 24 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

New Sugar Stamp Expected Sept. 1

Housewives who are getting panicky because they do not have sugar stamp 37 or spare stamp 37 in war ration book 4, and are wondering what will happen when sugar stamp 36 expires August 31, need not worry.

Because a lot of people by mistake sent in sugar stamp 37 instead of spare stamp 37 last summer as identification to get canning sugar, the office of price administration cancelled the both of them months ago.

This was done to avoid confusion and will not result in a loss of sugar. A new sugar stamp probably No. 38, will become valid September 1.

More Walk Poured

Additional sidewalk was being poured at the Washington Grade school Tuesday along the west end of the building where students embark from the school buses. The work was done by contract with Noble Dunlap.

when the time to do the work was at hand. That left a bad taste with those who did work, especially when not all the cleaning was done that could have been accomplished had a larger crew been available.

However, the general opinion seems to be that, with better organization and a similar program next year, a lot can be accomplished by having a general clean-up day. By making the event an annual affair, greater attention can be given to the things that need to be done and the work can be carried out with greater dispatch.

Let's have a bigger and better clean-up day next year seems to be the general opinion.

School Start September 10 Present Plan

Teachers Needed on Both Staffs to Fill Present Vacancies

Preparations for the opening of school on September 10th are being carried out by both the grade and high schools with the teaching staff vacancies being major problems for both districts. Most of the repair work at the Washington grade school has been completed and that work underway at the high school will be completed before the opening.

Contracts with bus drivers by District 47, call for the opening date to be September 10th. The busses will follow the same schedule this year as last unless a change is determined after the start of school to meet some new condition.

Grade school superintendent Paul Gordon mentions that it is necessary this year, as last, for pupils to purchase supplemental work books. An important detail for parents of children just old enough to enter the first grade to remember is: any child entering the first grade must be six years of age on or before November 15, 1945.

Grade Students Divided

Parents who may not know to which school to send their children are informed that the Lincoln school on Corey hill will accommodate students of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades who live west of the S.P. & S. railway tracks plus youngsters from Camp 8 and Riverview who ride the buses to school. It may be necessary for youngsters riding other buses to also attend, but that will be determined on opening day when the number of students can be determined.

The complete teaching staff for the high school cannot be announced by Ray Mills, new principal, for two vacancies yet remain to be filled. Paul Gordon, grade superintendent, also is seeking teachers for vacancies in the grade staff.

Farmers to Get Gas From OPA

Effective as of August 1st, farmers will receive all truck rations necessary for farm work from their local war price and rationing board.

Previously, the county farm transportation committees of the AAA issued the certifications of farm truck gasoline. By mutual agreement between the district office of defense transportation and the office of price administration this certification has been discontinued. Now, when a certificate of war necessity has been issued a farmer and for so long as the truck involved is used in farm work, the local board may issue the necessary gasoline rations as the farmer requires from time to time, regardless of the gallonage designated on his certificate of war necessity.

Large Window Broken

One of the large plate glass windows at the Vernonia Service station was broken last Thursday about 8:30 when a load of piling swung into the building while the truck was turning the corner at that point. Also damaged was the city concrete mixer parked nearby. The truck was owned by the E. L. Merritt Logging Co.

GRASS FIRE STOPPED

A fire alarm sounded Wednesday afternoon shortly after 3 p.m. brought fire fighting crews to the Oregon-American hill. The blaze was stopped in a few minutes.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

HOME FOR VISIT

Aer. M2c Ellis Austin arrived here Sunday for a 20-day leave during the time his ship is undergoing repairs. He will visit his mother, Mrs. A. L. Austin, and friends. He has seen action at Okinawa.

FORMER STUDENT HERE

Naval Photographer Art Kilby was here last week for a few days to visit friends. Art has had considerable training in photography in the navy and was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese surprise bombing. He attended and graduated from Vernonia high school. He left Sunday for Newport to visit his father.

GET DISCHARGES

Two local boys have been given discharges from the army within the last few weeks. They are Andy Brimmer and Elmer Michener. The latter plans to work in Portland.

AWARDED BADGE

Pfc John J. Lee, son of Mr. J. R. Lee, who lives in Vernonia, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct under enemy fire. He is with the 32nd infantry division in Northern Luzon, P. I.

Entering the army in July, 1942, Pfc. Lee has been with the 126th Infantry of the famed 32nd (Red Arrow) Division in the SWPA for 31 months. He is a veteran of the Saider, Aitape, Morotai, and Leyte operations, and saw action in the Villa Verde-Sante Fe area in northern Luzon, where the 32nd killed more than 9,000 Japanese during its 119-day drive up the tortuous Villa Verde trail in the Caraballo Mountains.

DISCHARGED

Several boys are back after getting their discharges from the army and navy. Bill French is home with his release after four years with the navy during which time he saw a lot of action in the Pacific, including some in Alaskan waters. He has been in the hospital for some time with a stomach ailment.

Pvt. Ed. Ade also has his discharge from the army and Pvt. George Turner is expecting his this week. Both have been in the service five years, going in with the national guard and seeing action in New Guinea and other Pacific posts. Turner intends to spend a few months working, then attend school. Frank Lusby is the only one of the local boys who remains in the service of those who entered with the national guard.

GRAY ASSIGNED

S-Sgt. Paul A. Gray has been assigned to the occupational air force in Europe as a member of the 97th bombardment group, a veteran B-17 Flying Fortress unit of the 15th air force. Sgt. Gray has served overseas 18 months as an aerial engineer. He wears the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf clusters in addition to other decorations.

His group, the 97th bombardment group left the States on June 4, 1942, and sailed for England where it flew the first daylight Flying Fortress mission against Europe on August 17th of the same year.

The 97th bombardment group has chalked up a total of 483 missions in the three years that it has been overseas; a record surpassing any other heavy outfit in the air forces. Sgt. Gray attended high school here and was active in sports.

His home is at Clatskanie.

HERE ON LEAVE

S-Sgt. Francis Davis and Mrs. Davis arrived here Saturday for 15 days of furlough from Lowrey Field near Denver. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis.

His brother, Harold, is also at home now, having been placed on the reserve officers inactive list.

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Sidewalks Get Consideration Of City Council

Building of Walks To Be Controlled by New Ordinance Rule

The building of sidewalks on Vernonia property drew the attention of council members Monday evening and led to a move ordering City Marshal A. D. Lolley to again check the number of lots which do not now have walks or which have walks which are dangerous to pedestrians.

A check was made some time ago by Marshal Lolley and H. H. King to determine the locations where walks are needed and those property owners have been requested to make the additions. Some walks have been built since then but others remain either unrepaired or non-existent.

The new check-up ordered Monday evening will definitely list the property where walks are needed and will provide the basis for an ordinance which City Attorney R. M. Burley will be requested to draw up for adoption. It is the present plan to have the ordinance include details which will make it possible for the city to construct walks then assess a lien against the property, if that procedure is necessary to enforce payment.

Paving Work Hindered

The city paving project also presented another problem not anticipated when the improvement was planned. Since then the crushing of sufficient rock to complete the work has arisen as a possible hindrance to completing the full amount of paving originally planned. The crushing difficulty, according to Road Supervisor Cleve Mellinger, arises principally from a labor shortage.

However, the city does plan to cover as much of the original project as possible with the supply of gravel available and complete the work next year when the labor situation has improved. Other council business for the evening was the sale of a lot to Cecil Johnson for \$25, setting a price of \$2.50 for the use of the city cement mixer by contractors and ratifying the first-of-the-month bills.

Juice Points Off Sunday Morning

Effective at 12:01 a.m. August 5th point values were removed from tomato, mixed vegetable grapefruit and orange-grapefruit juices by the OPA. This emergency action is necessary because of an additional 3,000,000-case cut in government requirements on tomato juice.

Citrus juices are being reduced to zero because of the degree of substitutability and a good civilian supply is expected from the coming pack starting in November.

Point values still apply to grape juice and pineapple juice.

Loggers Lead Softball Play

The Loggers, junior softball team, leads league play at the city park, having won both their Tuesday and Friday games last week from the V8's and The Wildcats. No game was played Tuesday of this week because several of the boys could not be present. Another game is on schedule for Tuesday morning of next week in the double round robin to determine the championship.

Two pick-up teams also played Wednesday evening to a 12 to 12 tie in 14 innings, the game being called for darkness. Line-ups appear on page six.