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Oct. 1-19 Set As Ore. Chest Drive Time

Harry Hall, Mrs. Culbertson to Head Local Solicitation

The period from October 1st to 19th has been set for the 1945 campaign for the Oregon war chest and the quota for Columbia county has been received by David O. Bennett, county chairman.

Named to conduct the drive locally by Mr. Bennett are Mrs. H. M. Culbertson and Harry Hall who will probably follow a campaign procedure similar to that used last year to raise funds.

The county quota is \$14,977. According to the county chairman, this apparently will be the last appeal for funds and will carry the various benefitting agencies through to liquidation or to the end of 1946. If there is any need to continue, it has been advised that these agencies will have to undertake their own financing.

First preparation for the opening will be made Thursday, September 13th at St. Helens when local chairman from the county will meet with Mr. Bennett for their instructions.

County News

ANDERSON TAKES OVER CLATSKANIE PARLORS

ST. HELENS — A. G. Anderson, who was employed at the Rogers-Coleman mortuary for several months following his discharge from the navy, has taken over the Clatskanie mortuary. The mortuary was leased from Mr. Anderson's mother by Rogers-Coleman funeral home in this city.

DELEGATION ASKS POLICE PROTECTION

RAINIER — A demand for police protection and the curbing of reckless driving in Rainier featured the Monday evening meeting of the city council. A group of citizens cited months of the prevalence of fast driving and added noisy conduct which disturbed the peace of the downtown district and residence areas adjacent, and asked a curb to the practice. The situation was presented not only as a danger to the persons participating but to the general public as well.

MINT CROP LOOKS GOOD THIS YEAR

ST. HELENS — G. R. Hoerner of the U.S. department of agriculture has been touring the mint fields of Columbia county.

He said that the mint crop in Columbia county gave prospects of a good yield although the gallonage might be a slight decrease compared to that of 1944.

Principal plantings are in the Clatskanie and Rainier diked land district. The price per pound, he said, is \$6 and if the yield is from 50 to 100 gallons per acre it is profitable. In eastern Oregon there is considerable acreage and the yield is promising because of irrigation.

LEVIN PURCHASES TAXI SERVICE

ST. HELENS — Frank Levin last week announced that he had purchased the St. Helens Taxi service from D. W. Seals.

Mr. Levin said he has added new equipment and that two taxis will offer day and night service throughout this area. The firm will specialize in out-of-town calls. New cars will be added as conditions warrant.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

MOTHER VISITED

Ensign Ben Wilkerson was here from Sunday evening to Monday morning to visit his mother and left for Alameda, California where he will act as navigator in the naval air transport service. Ben graduated from cadet school in New York this spring and received further training at Clinton, Oklahoma before being given his present assignment.

SERVING ON OZARK

Among the ships participating in the recent Japanese occupation was the USS Ozark which has received mention in the papers often in the last week. The ship evacuated 1100 Americans rescued from Jap prisons to Guam. Some of whom hadn't seen each other since leaving Midway.

Serving aboard the Ozark are Lyman Hawken, RT2c, and Al Greathouse, SF2c, both of Vernonia. The Ozark also took part in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa engagements and was in Tokyo bay with the initial landing forces at the time of the official surrender. They could see the wreckage and destruction in nearby cities caused by bombing.

BACK FROM GERMANY

RIVERVIEW — Cpl. Joe Lindsey just recently arrived from Germany where he had served for five months. After a 30-day furlough he will be sent to an army camp in Kentucky.

BOOT TRAINING STARTS

RIVERVIEW — Darrel Rose, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose, left Thurs. for San Diego where he will be inducted into the USN and begin boot training.

AARON WAGNER WRITES

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wagner received a letter a few days ago from Aaron Wagner, owner of the Pal Shop, who participated in the landing of troops on Japan. He writes: Aboard the USS Gasconade. Dear Folks,

Greetings from Tokyo! In company with a vast task force composed of transports, cargo ships, and escorts we have just steamed in to participate in the first landing of sea-borne U.S. Army forces on the soil of Japan—under the protecting guns of the greatest combat fleet ever assembled. Aboard the USS Missouri, anchored nearby, the surrender is being signed that brings to an end this greatest of all wars.

At the time of this ship's commissioning, March 11th at San Pedro, California, most of us didn't expect to be debarking troops on Nipponese shores within 6 months—and even the most optimistic among us didn't dream that those landings would be unopposed. It's a real thrill to be here on the scene and see world history being written under our very eyes.

It's a great climax to the Gasconade's tour of duty which has already included three trips across the Pacific Ocean beginning May 9th, when we left San Francisco for Samar Island in the Philippines. After brief stops at Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, and Ulithi, we arrived at our destination and discharged passengers and cargo. Our next assignment took us directly back to San Francisco carrying a full load of naval officers and men to the States for leaves and discharges. We remained just long enough to take on close to a thousand replacements for the fleet and departed for Leyte Gulf, where we were anchored at the time the news of Japan's surrender was announced.

From there it was "on to Tokyo", stopping only at Manila to receive our present load of combat troops and to form the convoy with which we are now traveling. This is an occasion none of us will soon forget, and I'm happy to be able to send you greetings in its honor.

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Automotive Association Formed Here

Change of Hours Is Announced This Week By New Organization

The garages and service stations in this vicinity have formed the Vernonia Automotive association by which it is hoped to bring about better working conditions for mechanics and owners and to provide a basis for mutual help on automotive problems. The association, which held its first meeting a few days ago, is a subsidiary of the Columbia County Automotive association, the latter including garages and stations in Clatskanie, Rainier, St. Helens and Vernonia.

The first move of the local group was the decision to change opening hours. Local repair shops will close at noon beginning Saturday, September 29th, while service stations will close at 7 p.m. every evening beginning on Monday October 1st.

Rally Day Is Church Plan

Rally Day at the Evangelical church Sunday will begin the fall program there. Everyone is invited to attend the services of the day beginning with Sunday school at 9:45, followed by morning worship at 11:00. At 6:30 all boys and girls from 6 to 11 will meet in the social hall for a special treat before the young people's Junior Endeavor hour at 7:00.

A special feature at 8 o'clock will be the first showing in Vernonia of moving picture films of an American flier being rescued after being shot down over a South Pacific island. A special musical film will also be seen then.

General Rescinds Exclusion Order

Effective at midnight September 4th, H. C. Pratt, major general commanding for the western defense command has issued an order which rescinds all individual exclusion orders heretofore issued by the command. The order was received here early this week.

Effect of the rescission is to remove all restrictions heretofore imposed. . . All persons permitted to return to west coast areas by reason of the rescission should be accorded the same treatment and allowed to enjoy the same privileges accorded law abiding American citizens or residents, the proclamation continues.

In addition this proclamation shall not affect any offense heretofore committed nor any conviction or penalty incurred because of violations of previous orders. The proclamation was the 24th issued by the western defense command.

Farm Woodland Offers Greater Income

Farm woodland owners in Columbia County have a splendid opportunity to realize considerable cash return from their timber during postwar years, according to Dan D. Robinson, extension forester from Oregon State College, who made a trip to the county last week to accompany Geo. A. Nelson, county agent, on a tour of farm woodlots. Due to the fact that old-growth stumpage is practically gone in Columbia county, the wood using industries must depend on second-growth material for their raw wood supply. The leading pulp and paper companies in this area are expanding plant facilities and investing a large amount of capital in permanent operations.



DR. WILLIS A. SUTTON

Vernonia to Hear Noted Speaker Mon.

Vernonia will be honored by the appearance here Monday evening, September 17 of Dr. Willis A. Sutton, Superintendent Emeritus of the Atlanta, Georgia public schools and former president of the National Education association. This appearance of Dr. Sutton, according to Superintendent Paul Gordon who is making local arrangements, will be one of nine for Oregon.

Dr. Sutton's speech will be heard at the Washington grade school auditorium at 8 p.m. and the public is invited.

This noted man's appearance is made possible by the educational department of the Reader's Digest which sponsors his addresses to teacher's associations, parent-teacher's associations and other organizations of adults particularly interested in developing and supporting education in the United States.

Mr. Gordon, who is also president of the Columbia county branch of the Oregon State Teachers association, has issued invitations to school officials and teachers of all schools in this part of the state to be present for the address.

Dr. Sutton's subject will be "The Battle of America."

From a Georgia plantation and early education in a one-teacher country school and in a high school that he reached by riding every day sixteen miles on horseback, Dr. Sutton made his way to college and to university, studied law, became a teacher and for twenty-three years served as a highly able and extremely original Superintendent of Schools in Atlanta, Georgia. For his educational work, colleges and universities gave him a number of degrees, and for his wise, inspiring and humorous advice, teachers throughout the Nation called upon him to speak year after year in their assemblies and made him President of the National Education Association.

In all probability, Dr. Sutton, who has addressed audiences many times in every state, has spoken to more teachers and students in the United States than has any other living man.

TEAM PRACTICE PROSPECT GOOD

With over 45 suits issued and early season prospects for a stronger line apparent, the Loggers began the perfection of their timing and signals this week under Paul Gordon's direction as temporary coach. Ironing out some rough spots was the menu the early part of the week to be followed by a full length scrimmage game Friday afternoon.

Two of the fastest backfield men in the county, Duke Byers and Loren Dodge are out along with Jack Frank and Owen East, also holdovers from last year's squad. Two promising fresh are Dickie Renfro and Calvin Bass.

Trying for line positions has kept a lot of other squad members active too. The season hasn't progressed sufficiently for Gordon to fill line positions but he mentions as prospects, Jack Riley, Don Parker, and Don Cline, ends; Gordon Cline, Jack Buell, Ralph Keasey and Donovan Reynolds, tackles; Kenneth Anderson and Larry Brady, centers; and Donald Tiffany, Bob Condit and Arthur Oveson, guard.

District Accepts Property Bids

The directors of school district 47, Jt. named the successful bidders for the recently advertised school property at their meeting Saturday evening, September 8th.

A bid for the Kist grounds and building was awarded to C. R. Miller for \$710.50, the next highest bid was \$331.00.

For the Woodland school and grounds, \$360.00 was the high bid as submitted by H. J. Bjornson. The next highest bid was for \$355.26.

Other bids submitted for the Keasey school and grounds were rejected by the board.

Field Good, Flyer Says

The Vernonia airport landing field is in good condition, so mentioned A. G. McKinnon Sunday when he landed here after flying from Sandy with his family. This landing was the first since civilian flying restrictions, which were placed in effect shortly after the war started, were released. Mr. McKinnon mentioned that the field was satisfactory for landings and could be used at any time by planes.

The purchase of a plane by a local resident may be made soon.

Buildings Get Paint

Another building to be improved by a coating of paint on the exterior is the Oveson hotel. The work was started last week end by Fred Oveson, owner of the structure.

Enrollment Figures Show Drop Monday

Vacancies in Staffs Of Teachers Arise First School Day

Figures of enrollment in local schools for the first day, Monday were smaller than the first-day list of students last year. In both the grade and high schools an increase can be expected during the coming weeks due to late arrival of students, many of whom are engaged in crop harvesting or have other employment.

Both the grade and high school started with teacher vacancies. Mrs. DeLang who was scheduled for the 5th grade resigned Saturday morning due to illness but was replaced by Miss Margaret Shuttler, formerly employed in the shipyards. At the high school Coach James Davis has not arrived to take over his teaching work.

In the high school, Principal Ray Mill: listed 162 as the first day enrollment which is a decrease from last year's 175. By classes the freshman numbered highest with 55 followed by the sophomores with 41, juniors 38 and seniors 28.

Grade students were also less, the total being 456 as compared with 487 in 1944. Superintendent Paul Gordon expects an increase of between 30 and 50 students before the end of the month.

Law More Stringent

The State legislature last year made the state compulsory education law more stringent when it required that all children under 18 years of age and who have not received a high school diploma must remain in school until they attain their 18th birthday or graduate from high school. The new law provides that children between the ages of 16 and 18 may work full time if they attend a school at least 180 hours a year. However, their application for a work permit must be accompanied by an affidavit from school authorities supporting their claim that they are attending school at least part time.

There are some exceptions to the law: 1. physical disability; 2. residence more than 3 miles from a school or bus service; 3. work hardship on family and others.

West Oregon Gives Chapman Line O.K.

Directors of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative placed their official oke on electric transmission lines to the Chapman district Tuesday evening when they met here. That line will be an addition to the system and will be constructed as soon as possible, depending on the amount of manpower available and the obtaining of materials.

Also given official authorization Tuesday evening was the purchase of the Timber Light and Power company and its holdings. That system will be another addition to the present system.

The directors drew \$113,000 from the government fund set aside for this cooperative to make a total of \$460,000 which the local REA will expend on this project within the next few months.

Three directors were named by Harry King, president of the board, as a committee to meet with Bonneville authorities to find out when all the power needed can be obtained by the district. Named for that duty were Fred Knox, Lee Wooden and Charles Uhlin. They will be accompanied by Mr. King and R. M. Burley, attorney for the West Oregon Coop.