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Health Group Hears Report Of Seal Sale

Goal Set at \$8000 For This Season; Gordon Presides

Paul Gordon, new president of the Columbia County Public Health association, presided over a dinner-meeting of the organization Monday evening, October 15, in the Masonic Temple.

\$8000 Is 1945 Goal

Reports from various committees were given including the report of Otto H. H. Peterson, seal sale chairman. The Christmas seal sale goal this year has been set at \$8,000. This is double the \$4,000 goal of last year and is due to the results achieved from the mobile chest x-ray survey unit while it was in the county last spring. On its visit to the county next year, many more people are expected to take advantage of the service. Two sheets of one hundred Christmas seals each will be sent out this year.

Mrs. Ernest M. Harris, newly appointed executive secretary for the Columbia County Public Health association, was introduced at the meeting. Mrs. Harris has been working on a part-time basis for the past few months and will continue the work in the future. She has a full schedule of work planned which will bring the eradication of tuberculosis to the attention of everyone.

Over 2500 Examined

Miss Ruth Peffly, county nurse, gave a report on the mobile chest x-ray survey unit. Of the 2599 chest x-rays which were taken in Columbia county, 85 were questionable or positive cases of tuberculosis. After further examination, 3 positive cases were found and 10 are awaiting further diagnosis. A breakdown of the results by communities will be published soon.

The next meeting will be held in Clatskanie during the first part of November.

Stockton Service To Be Held Sat.

Funeral services for Arthur James Stockton, 66, will be held Thursday according to word received here early this week. Stockton came to Oregon in 1895 and had resided for the last three years at Creswell, died Friday at Eugene.

Services will be conducted today, Thursday, at 1 p.m. at Forest Grove by I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 246, Vernonia. Stockton made his home here for many years and will be remembered by many local residents.

He leaves his widow, Lydia; a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Muph, Pendleton; five brothers, Bill and Lewis of Wamic, Claude and Loda, Gresham, and Elvis of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Whitsett, Portland, and Mrs. Lelia Talbot of White Salmon, Wash.

Garage Remodeled

Extensive remodeling is nearly completed at the Vernonia Auto company to improve working conditions in the repair shop and provide additional space for parts display. The shop has been changed so that it may be enclosed during winter months for better heating. New shelving and rearrangement of parts bins has given better display for the parts department.

County Victory Quota Loan Set at \$620,000

Columbia counties quota in the Victory Loan drive set to start October 29 will be \$620,000 of which \$250,000 will be E's.

The quota on other sales to individuals will be \$70,000 with sales to corporations quoted at \$300,000.

Oregon's quota for the Victory Loan will be \$69,500,000 with \$22,500,000 in E's, \$17,000,000 other issues to individuals and \$30,000,000 to corporations.

Bonds available for the campaign in addition to the regular E, F, and G series will include 2-1/4's, 2-1/2's and 3's and series

Center Started For Recreation

A youth recreation center was started here Tuesday at the Christian church to provide evening entertainment every week until some definite move can be made towards establishing a permanent place. The center was started only with that idea in mind, according to Rev. W. O. Livingstone, and the use of the church for that purpose will discontinue when other arrangements are made.

Attendance Tuesday was about 60. A variety of games and soft drinks provided entertainment which will be featured every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. L. L. Wells was acting supervisor and Mrs. M. Cline and Mrs. W. O. Livingstone assisted with the work.

County Welfare Discussed Sat.

A special meeting of the state welfare commission Saturday in Portland heard a review of the welfare budget of Columbia county and a discussion of the ways and means for settling the situation. When the current welfare budget was set up by the county welfare board at \$51,000 it was cut to \$47,000 by the county budget committee and was later boosted by \$2000 out of the emergency fund.

This county would be required to put up \$10,000 to carry its share along with other counties in the state.

Attending the meeting in Portland were Louis Fluhrer, chairman of the Columbia county welfare board, Mrs. Lelia Bushman, member of the board, Mrs. Eva L. Tice, county welfare administrator and Donald Parcher, county commissioner.

It was explained at the meeting that the standard of assistance under federal social security board rulings, must be uniform throughout the state; that if one county fails to meet its requirements all federal funds will be stopped throughout the state, unless the state commission makes up the deficit from some money it may find. It was also disclosed that the state commission is almost to the limit on its budget.

Result of the conference was that the state commission must do everything to see that the welfare program is carried out according to law.

Examiner Scheduled

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to be here Thursday, October 25 at the city hall from 10 in the morning to 4 p.m. Anyone wishing permits or licenses to drive cars may get them at that time.

C Treasury savings notes. All the special issues possess unusual investment features and may be used as collateral for bank loans. The 2-1/4's and 2-1/2's will be dated November 15 and the 3's December 3.

COUNTY NEWS

BUREAU FROWNS ON JAIL HERE

ST. HELENS—The Columbia county jail was included this week among 32 of 39 county jails in Oregon "condemned" by the U. S. bureau of prisons for the incarceration of federal prisoners.

Only jails approved by the bureau in Oregon were:

Astoria city jail, Deschutes county jail at Roseburg, Jackson county jail at Medford, Linn county jail at Albany, Portland city jail, Wasco county jail at The Dalles.

All jails not meeting certain high standards of sanitation, food facilities, rehabilitation work and other factors are regularly "condemned" by the federal bureau.

EXPERT DEBUNKS WEATHER TALE

ST. HELENS—Oregon weather is not affected by the Japanese current, Edward Wells, senior meteorologist of the Portland weather bureau, revealed at the meeting of the St. Helens Kiwanis club, Thursday afternoon. Contrary to popular belief, the current makes no appreciable difference in local weather, he said.

He also discussed the reasons for the varying density of rainfall in Oregon, saying that moisture content in the air drops one degree with every 180 ft. rise in air current.

POSTOFFICE FOR CITY PROPOSED

CLATSKANIE — Clatskanie is among 51 towns listed in a program for projects, providing congress approves legislation authorizing \$193,000,000 for new government buildings in the several states and territories.

Proposed for Clatskanie is a postoffice building costing in the neighborhood of \$85,000.

Endeavor Union Convention Due

Wildwood Christian Endeavor Union, which is composed of Clatsop and Columbia counties, will hold its annual union convention the week end of October 27-28. Sessions will be at the Rainier Methodist church on Saturday evening and at the Delona Baptist church on Sunday. "Christ is the Answer" is the convention theme.

The convention will start with registration Saturday evening to be followed by the banquet. President of Wildwood Union is Miss Phyllis Mogenson of Astoria.

Ice Cream Added

A new retail product is being added at the Vernonia Bakery this week by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peterson who announce that they now have ice cream. A new freezer unit has been installed for the product. Additional items are also being added to their list of bakery products due to gradual release of some supplies which were restricted during the war.

GRADE PAPER ISSUED

Washington Hi-Lites, Washington grade school publication, was issued Tuesday for the first time this year. Editor is Dorothy McDonald, associate editor, Lois Frank, and instructor, Mrs. Harry Sandon.

Vernonia Is Winner Again In Fri. Game

Scappoose Last on Schedule of Logger County League Play

The Loggers placed their name in the win column again Friday when Rainier bowed to a 13-0 defeat on the Columbians' field. The Loggers met the best line so far this season but use of the air and strong line plays accounted for Vernonia's scores.

Duke Byers was responsible for the first counter, driving over after the scoring play was set up by several completed passes from Frank to Parker, a passing team developed last week by Coach Gordon. The score came in the first moments of play in the second quarter. The opening period was highlighted by two Logger drives that reached the one-foot and three-yard marker, but Rainier held both times to prevent a Logger score.

Dodge Carries Ball

The Vernonia Logger's second score came from the 12 when Dodge carried the ball over and a pass from Renfro to Parker added the point. Two more Logger drives in the fourth both ended when Rainier took the ball on downs. The gun caught the Loggers on the 10.

Two injuries Friday may handicap Vernonia when Scappoose comes here for the Loggers final county league attempt tomorrow. Byers was on crutches early in the week due to a foot injury which kept him out of much of the Rainier event and J. Buell is favoring an injured back. Upon the doctor's verdict may rest the results of this week's game.

Coach Begins Duties Monday

J. Hergert, Vernonia high school coach, began his teaching duties here Monday morning to fill the remaining high school staff vacancy. Principal Ray Mills stated Tuesday. In making the announcement Mr. Mills mentioned that Paul Gordon, who has served as high school football coach, will continue in that capacity through the football season. Mr. Hergert will assume basketball coaching when that season begins.

Mr. Hergert is a graduate of Jefferson high and Portland University, receiving the Notre Dame award for outstanding scholar and athlete upon graduation. He was judged all-state forward in basketball in 1935 and all-city football halfback in 1936. He has just completed three and one-half years in the service.

Rally Is Plan This Evening

Vernonia high school students will hold a football rally this evening, Thursday, in anticipation of the Scappoose game here Friday evening. Heading preparations for the event is Owen East. Students will serpentine from the school to the city center where a rally will be held.

Following the rally a bon fire will be lighted and a Scappoose dummy burned in effigy.

Dinner Date Set

The October Booster club dinner has been set by the committee in charge for next Monday evening at the Legion hall. The American Legion Auxiliary will serve at 7 p.m.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

SENT OVERSEAS

Pvt. James Cox, who recently spent a short furlough here, has been shipped overseas to the Pacific area and his APO number has been received here by Mrs. Cox. He is serving in the infantry.

ON DESTROYER

Eugene G. Slape, Watertender 3c, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Howarth which was among the first warships to enter Hokadote harbor to accept Jap surrender and enforce the occupation. His ship participated in every Pacific operation from Morotai through Okinawa, only recently rejoining the Pacific fleet after being damaged by three kamakaze planes at Okinawa.

SERVING ON CRUISER

Kenneth G. Anderson, S1c, is serving on the USS Concord, veteran light cruiser which took part in the initial occupation of northern Japan by units of the North Pacific force. A navy release received here this week told of the ship upon which Anderson is seeing action.

ENTERS NAVY

Richard K. Colson, AS, is stationed at San Diego, Cal. and is taking boot training, having entered the service a short time ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Colson of Hillsboro, former Vernonia residents. Richard asks that friends write him at this address: Richard K. Colson, AS, 45-467, U.S. Naval Train. Cen., San Diego, 23, Cal.

KING DISCHARGED

George King, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King, received his discharge at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina October 15th. He arrived here Saturday the 13th. He is the last of the Vernonia boys who entered the service as members of Co. K to be discharged.

FURLOUGH ENDS

RIVERVIEW — Sgt. Wm. Shepard left Tues. for Ft. Lewis after spending a 45-day furlough with his parents. Bill has all the points for a discharge but may draw a new assignment.

HOME SATURDAY

Capt. Harold Cason arrived here Saturday evening for two weeks from the Veteran's hospital at Walla Walla, Wash. He will report back in two weeks for his release. He has received medical attention for a shrapnel wound during the invasion of Europe.

GET DISCHARGES

Discharges from various branches of the service have been received within recent days by Fred Ritchie, Bernard Melives, Erven Mullins, Joe McNutt and Tony Richter.

SON ARRIVES HERE

Ellis Austin, AerM2c, son of Mrs. Sadie Austin, was discharged from the navy and arrived here Sunday evening with his bride, the former Joy Watson. They expect to make their home in Vernonia.

FRIENDS MEET

Captain Holly Holcomb, Jr., writes of meeting his friend, Dave Howard, on Okinawa about three weeks ago and also of seeing Neal Bush in Tokyo. Since then Bush has returned to this country and has spent some time here visiting his mother, Mrs. Harold Dow, and friends.

Pfc. Bush will report back to Ft. Lewis where he will act as counsellor to veterans as they are discharged.

FURLOUGH ENDS

Pfc. Lynn Brady left Sunday for Ft. Lewis at the end of his 15-day furlough. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brady. (More "Those Who", page 6)

Teachers of Three Counties To Meet Here

Institute Will Draw Over 800 for Day Meeting Oct. 26

Grade and high school instructors from three counties, Washington, Yamhill and Columbia will meet here for the Tri-county Institute to be held October 26. This will be the first time the institute has been held in Vernonia, Paul Gordon mentioned this week and will draw one of the town's largest crowds. Arrangements for the event are being made here by Mr. Gordon whose main difficulty is planning for the noon meal of those who will attend.

Meals Are Problem

At present many organizations have been contacted relative to serving meals to care for the problem. Mr. Gordon is asking that any group which has not been contacted see him respective to serving. An estimate, based somewhat on attendance at previous tri-county institutes, places the probable attendance figure between 800 and 900 people.

The day's program is to be arranged by the school superintendents of the three counties with Otto H. H. Peterson, Columbia county, as chairman. Sectional meetings will be held in local halls and will be devoted to the various phases of teaching such as language-arts, music, physical education, etc., with attendance at each sectional meeting of over 75 teachers.

Part of Chest Funds Solicited

The sum of \$270.95 has been delivered by Mrs. Harry Culbertson, local chairman, to D. O. Bennett, county chairman, St. Helens, for the Oregon war chest fund to complete a part of the solicitation here. This amount represents collections from some of the business houses here and solicitations of businesses will be completed here soon. The turnover was made Monday.

Members of the IWA Local 5-37 will be solicited by the organization which will make plans for the drive this Thursday

Making the contacts with business houses and groups not to be solicited by the IWA are: Mrs. Ralph Valpianti, Mrs. Ben Brickel, Mrs. Holly Holcomb, Jr., Mrs. A. J. Hughes, Mrs. Fred Tausley, Mrs. Judd Greenman, Mrs. Paul Gordon, and Mrs. R. B. Fletcher.

Fire Zone Rule Read Monday

City councilmen met Monday evening to hear the first and second reading of an ordinance which will establish fire zones within the city. This ruling will receive another reading before being adopted, that action being likely at the council's next meeting in November.

Council members are considering an order for a new concrete mixer and have ordered an air compressor which will be used for a pavement breaker.

Painting Done

The front of the building housing the Nehalem Market and Grocery was painted this week and the interior is planned later. The interior of the Club has also been redecorated and a new sign has been placed on Vike's cafe.