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Second Ballot Will Attempt Consolidation

November 16 Set For Voting Time By REA at Jewell

November 16th has been set for the second voting attempt to determine whether members of the Jewell REA wish to consolidate with the West Oregon Electric cooperative. A previous election held a short time ago failed to give the approval necessary for the consolidation. According to REA regulations, the merger must be ratified by 129 members of that cooperative, a two-thirds majority.

Ballots cast totaled 127, seven of them opposing the change.

Unless the Jewell cooperative joins with the West Oregon group Jewell electricity users can expect an increase of 100 per cent in rates because they have been unable to meet note payments for a little over one year.

It is believed that the consolidation will be favorable November 16th if members of the Jewell group fully understand conditions there.

Enrollment Gains At Grade School

Enrollment figures of the local grade schools are increasing according to Paul Gordon, superintendent, who mentioned this week that 31 new students started here last month. The student roster this year is above that of last year at this time.

Figures listed on the first monthly report made by Mr. Gordon total 497 pupils and it is expected that before another month the students will total over 500. Attainment of an enrollment of 500 this year will be the first time in several years for such a large attendance.

Vernonia high school enrollment remains about the same, being 168 now, Principal Ray Mills said.

War Chest Drive Extension Made

The war chest drive has been extended here along with many other communities because donations have been slow and the quota has not been reached. According to Mrs. Harry Culbertson, very few organizations have contributed as yet.

Birkenfeld, under the leadership of Mrs. Guy Bellingham and Mrs. Annie B. Johnson has made a turn-over of \$63. The total of donations so far is \$431.45

Make Safety Click in 1946, Theme of Week

"The average driver will avoid accidents when specific hazards are called to his attention." That statement, according to Robert S. Farrell, Jr., state chairman for the Oregon safety week program, Oct. 22-28, is one of the principles upon which accident prevention activities are founded.

"Obviously, no driver deliberately gets himself into an accident," Farrell explained, "but all too frequently, drivers are involved in accidents as a result of failure to understand the nature of certain hazards. Once he is consciously aware of them, he is inclined to take the necessary steps to avoid them."

On this premise, accident prevention agencies in every field of safety, home, farm, industry school and traffic, are concentrating their activities on calling attention to the many accident hazards in every day life during

SCAPPOOSE IS WINNER FRIDAY

Scappoose invaded the Logger camp Friday to upset Vernonia's march toward at least a tie position for the county championship by winning 6 to 0. Scappoose found the Loggers handicapped by illness and injuries to the extent that five regulars and one second-team player were held to the bench or did not don suits. Byers was unable to play except for short periods and East was a flu victim early last week end.

One more game here faces the Loggers when they meet Hill Military this Friday evening without Gordon Cline who is leaving Thursday for the navy.

County team standings now place St. Helens and Scappoose in a tie for county honors and Vernonia and Rainier in a tie for second place position. Games this week end will determine the county title holder.

Banks to Play Here Monday

The Banks high school team will meet the Loggers seconds for the second time this season when that team comes here Monday for an afternoon game. The Loggers played on the Banks field Monday of this week to win 32 to 12 in an afternoon game. The Loggers played on the Banks field Monday of this week to win 32 to 12 in an afternoon game.

Coach Gordon ran in all members of the squad for at least a part of the time and with them was Lloyd Alexander, "Napoleon," who has been turning out for guard. Lloyd stands about five feet and weighs a lot less than a sack of spuds. He was pitted against a Bank guard about 100 pounds heavier but managed to do some good blocking, nevertheless.

Mon. Night Set For R. C. Meet

Mrs. Ruth Snyder, executive secretary of the Red Cross for this county, requested Tuesday of this week that people interested in the work of the organization meet next Monday evening at the Vernonia bank building. A recent visit of Red Cross officials was made here to seek better local organization for the work, officials believing that a leader of the various activities was needed in this locality.

It is likely that a further attempt towards this organization will be the principal purpose of Monday's meeting. People engaged in Red Cross work here are asked to be at the bank building Monday at 8 o'clock.

Oregon safety week.

"A campaign of one week's duration is of no consequence unless it is a special part of a continuing program," the state safety week chairman said. "Safety week in Oregon therefore, is merely the vehicle by which safety agencies which conduct year-around programs obtain the special emphasis certain points of their program needs."

"Those active in the field of accident prevention know that accidents can be prevented. We know that individuals will avoid accidents once they are satisfied in their own minds that certain actions lead to trouble. So, during the week of Oct 22-28, we are laying special emphasis on some of these hazards."

Oregon safety week is sponsored by all safety agencies in the state. It is the second annual event of its kind in the state.

Recreation Center Gets Action Mon.

Committee Chosen To Carry Out Plan For Youth Group

A definite step towards the organization of a youth center here was taken Monday evening by the Vernonia Booster club when a committee of five was selected to bring the center into reality. A good deal of discussion about various points relative to such a center was heard and the answers to these problems will be the work of the committee. Appointment of the group was made by President Edward Salomonsen upon authorization granted by a motion which called for a committee to be appointed to organize the youth center.

One of the principal difficulties, as expressed Monday evening, will be obtaining a place of meeting. However, members of the committee expressed the belief that this obstacle could and would be overcome.

Providing supervision will be another problem, it was mentioned and that also will get considerable attention by the committee. Several other organizations have expressed the desire to aid in the project since it was mentioned at the last Booster meeting a month ago. Named as members of the committee were: Fred Wagner, Mrs. John Dickhaut, Cecil Johnson, Lyman Hawken and A. L. Kullander.

The club will meet again November 26th when it is hoped that the advertising pamphlet will be printed and ready for distribution. In charge of arrangements for the next meeting will be Mrs. Cecil Johnson, Mrs. Fred Wagner and Bill Heath.

High Speed Machine Added

Recently installed at the Lines' Shoe Repair shop was a modern piece of mechanical equipment embodying the very latest principles of sole and heel attaching. An Auto-Soler by trade name—it is practically that—an automatic sole and heel machine that does a large variety of jobs formerly done by hand, and does them with speed and precision.

"It is just one of the many things we are planning to make the work easier for us and more satisfactory for our customers," Mr. Lines stated last week.

Besides the added speed and convenience brought to the business, this machine also makes a welcome addition in general shop appearance as well.

Doe Deer Tags To Be Drawn

Hunters who want their applications included in the drawing for special tags to hunt doe deer in the Fort Rock-Silver Lake area of northern Lake county must have the applications filed at the Oregon state game commission office in 616 Oregon building, Portland, by the end of the day's business on Monday, October 29.

Only 800 tags will be issued and since the number of applications will exceed this number, a drawing will be held at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, October 31, at the commission's office. The drawing will be open to the public.

The tags will be good for hunting only during the period December 1 to 5 inclusive.

Painters Busy

Painters for the Standard Oil company are here this week painting at the Vernonia Auto company and will paint the Rose Avenue Garage. The company's new colors will be used for buildings.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

GETS DISCHARGE

T-Sgt Robert King has been honorably discharged from the army air forces at the separation center at Portland after more than three years of service.

For 26 months, Sgt. King served overseas with the 31st and 90th A.D.G. located in Tunis and Bari. He wears the good conduct medal and the European theatre ribbon with two battle stars.

For two months, Sgt. King was stationed at Williams Field, Ariz., an AAF training command radar observer school.

He arrived at his home here Saturday.

ATTENDING SCHOOL

Technician Fourth Grade Artemus L. DeHart, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. DeHart, is enrolled at Shreveham American University in England where the second two-months term opened October 8 with an enrollment of more than 3,500 GI students.

T4 DeHart has been overseas one year and has earned three campaign stars. At this university he is studying physics and algebra.

MAJOR TO TOUR

RIVERVIEW — Major Buford Wilkerson, son of Mrs. Pearl Wilkerson, who has been at the Edgewood Arsenal, Md., since before the war, sends his mother word that he is on terminal leave and with his family will tour the southern U. S. and journey as far south as Central America. While virtually out of the service, he is susceptible to recall and on his travels will keep an eye open for anything in the way of chemical advancement.

His younger brother, Ben a navigator, sends word that he has been assigned a 2nd squadron command in the navy transport service, but due to crowded conditions and inadequate facilities does not know when he will be given the go-ahead for a try-out.

IN MARYLAND NOW

Carlin Hackney, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spencer, is stationed in Maryland near Aberdeen and is giving instruction in painting. Mrs. Hackney and their children left last Friday from Portland for Maryland as he expects to be there at least a year.

DIVER DISCHARGED

Russell J. Junken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Junken, arrived here Saturday with his discharge from the navy. He has spent the past three years in the South Pacific as diver of a sub tender. His present plans are to make this his home.

HERE ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. Ralph Sturdevant, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sturdevant, arrived here Tuesday of last week to remain until this coming Saturday before returning to Camp Wolters, Texas where he has been stationed. Ralph entered the service the last day of school this spring and has completed his basic training in the motorized infantry.

HERE ON LEAVE

James Fluke, Sic, arrived here Saturday evening for a month from San Francisco. He will report at Seattle after his leave. More "Those Who" page 8

755 Expected at Institute Friday

School instructors from three counties, Washington, Yamhill and Columbia, totaling 755 will be here tomorrow for the tri-county institute which will start at 9:45 that morning. By counties, Otto H. H. Peterson, Columbia county school superintendent, has listed 180 for Columbia, 350 for Washington and 225 for Yamhill.

The day's program will continue through the afternoon but will be featured by an address: "Moving Forward Through Education" by Dr. A. C. Flora, superintendent of schools at Columbia S. Carolina at 11:05 in the morning. Other speakers in the morning will be Dr. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. Frank Parr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Teacher's association.

The afternoon program will terminate with an address: "The Challenge of the Present Crisis in American Family Living" by Dr. Lawrence Bee, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, Reed college.

Beginning at 1:30 the sectional meetings will begin for the different phases of teaching such as public school music, industrial arts, home economics, etc.

United Electric Buys Shop Here

Announcement is made this week of the purchase by the United Electric company of the electric shop formerly owned by Roy Raymond. Members of the new firm began their work here October 15th and are announcing this week the work they will do.

The firm consist of three partners, all experienced in electrical work. They are J. W. Shortridge, former superintendent of Grande Coulee in the electrical department and assistant superintendent of the Bonneville electrical department, L. G. VanDoozer, also employed in the Bonneville electrical department and R. A. Harvey, who was the owner of an electric shop in Portland. Shortridge and VanDoozer will have charge of outside and inside wiring while Harvey will handle the shop and motor work. The partners plan to give local merchants 24-hour service.

McDonald Rites Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at Springfield for Glen McDonald who was killed when hit by a choker while logging near Sweet Home. Interment was at the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Eugene.

Relatives of the deceased are: his wife, Lila and daughter, Frances; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Poetter, Vernonia, and Lois McDonald, who is serving in the WAC; four brothers, Ronald of Vernonia, Charles with the army and stationed in England, and Delmar and Robert of Springfield; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDonald of Springfield.

New People Appear; Old Timers Wonder

The housing shortage has approached proportions here that tend to give real estate men more gray hair than they already have. People new to this vicinity are making their appearance daily and requesting information about home or acreage locations. As indicated, prospective purchasers have almost reached the stage where they would "buy, beg or borrow" to obtain living accommodations. Property has and

is changing hands quite frequently.

The newcomers' appearance is making some older residents wonder just what is happening. Why all the interest in this area and why the sudden desire to buy or rent property in proportions not evident for a good many years? Some place the responsibility for this interest with several fairly recent events. One is the purchase of Clark and Wilson's

Luncheon will be served by several local groups in addition to local restaurants, provision being made for sufficient meals for the expected attendance.

Arrangements here have been made by Grade School Superintendent Paul Gordon who has announced Friday's plans. The number attending will probably be the largest to come here for any event for a number of years.

COUNTY NEWS

COURT COMPLETES SALE OF LAND

ST. HELENS — Sale of county-owned land by the county court at its special meeting on Monday of last week will enrich Columbia county by \$40,808. Of 11,283 acres advertised for sale by parcels and tracts, 8,549 acres were sold.

Crown-Zellerbach bid \$31,945 for 6,325 acres, some of which has second growth timber and the balance suitable for tree planting. Most of this land is adjoining or near to the holdings of the company which was purchased from the Clark and Wilson company. This purchase, with its already large holdings indicated the company will not only engage in tree farming but will do selective logging.

The other successful bidder was the Fir-Tex Insulating Board Co. whose bid of \$8863 for 2224 acres was accepted.

Most of the lands purchased are in the Chapman and upper Nehalem sections of the county while some are in the Mist section in the southwest portion of the county.

Purchase of these lands will return to the county's assessment roll thousands of dollars of valuation which heretofore did not appear because of its being county-owned property and will add to the revenue of several school districts and road districts.

WAR CHEST DRIVE REACHES 6% QUOTA

RAINIER — Although October 19 was to have been the deadline for collection of funds on Rainier's quota in the Community War Fund, but since around \$75 has been recorded against a quota of \$2260, it is certain that the effort will be continued for another week or so.

It was a foregone conclusion that with the war ended, the quota set against Rainier would be difficult to obtain. The quota in fact is so high since the elimination of the very substantial donations formerly received from Prescott. Then the Scout fund was included, making the sum asked very high for post-war times.

RATION BOARD MAY BE CLOSED SHORTLY

ST. HELENS — The OPA ration office is still open, but the closure of it seems imminent, inasmuch as many such offices over the state have already been discontinued. The working force has been reduced to two. Empty desks and blackboards denoting where to come for service indicate that the office business is not what it was formerly.

logged land by Crown-Zellerbach and the other is the REA cooperative which will tie in with Bonneville power soon. Maybe there are other reasons, the old-timers say, but they place most of responsibility upon these two happenings.

If construction could be obtained at fairly reasonable figures, the opinion is that new houses, cabins or apartments could be rented without the least bit of trouble.