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THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

RETURNS FROM EUROPE

Virgil Hiatt, brother of Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, has just returned from Europe according to information received here. He is a graduate of Vernonia high school.

DISCHARGED

Dan Rollins is home with a discharge from the service due to a foot injury. He is planning to work for some time then will probably enter school later this year.

EXPECTED HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner recently received word from their son, Robert, in which he stated he would be leaving Tokyo about the 7th of this month to return home.

GET DISCHARGES

AFC3c Wilfred Holce arrived home early last week with his discharge from two and one-half years of service. He received his papers at Shoemaker, California.

Leo Ludwig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ludwig, is also home with his discharge as also is Mike Anderson who arrived here last week from Bremerton.

Lyman Hawken, Jr. has also received his release after spending 34 months in the service, about 14 of those being on the high seas. He was discharged about two weeks ago and with his wife spent last week here

Gun Club to Shoot Jan. 11

The Vernonia Gun Club will enter a rifle shooting contest January 11 when it begins competition for the first time since the start of the war. The club was actively engaged in rifle shooting matches in the Columbia-Wilamette Rifle league before the war and tallied some high scores in the contests held then.

Club members engaged in a qualification round December 21 at Hillsboro in order to establish handicaps as a basis for future matches. The qualification round was shot in three positions, prone, sitting and standing. Competing from here and the scores were:

	prone	Sit.	Stg.
Ronald Fetsch	96	98	82
J. W. Nichols	96	94	79
Ben George	88	84	81
Dick Thompson	81	82	81
Ernest Darst	95	88	62
Leon Hanson	95	90	68
A. Brimmer	91	86	64

Members of the club will meet January 9th for their annual meeting and election of new officers.

Seal Sale Here Reaches \$465

The sale of Christmas seals this year is somewhat behind the amount for last year at this time a comparison with the receipts of the two years revealed early this week. Up to Wednesday of this week \$465 had been received by Miss Velva Ramsey, local seal sale chairman, who said that letters reminding those who haven't paid will be sent soon.

Last year \$594 had been received by the early part of January. Funds from the sale last year financed the visit of the mobile chest x-ray unit and will be used again this year for that purpose. The sale will be closed officially March 15th, Miss Ramsey said.

with his parents.

Ted Smith, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Hawken was also here Monday after receiving his discharge. He spent over three years in the service and is a former Vernonia high school student.

VISITS HERE

Pvt. Lloyd Stuve is here on furlough, having entered the service last summer after the close of school.

TRANSFERRED

Lt. Harry Culbertson has been transferred to the New Hebrides Islands from his previous station in the Hawaiian Islands. He left Hawaii December 9th and will probably be at his new location for five or six months.

IN GERMANY

Pvt. Ralph Sturdevant, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sturdevant, is now stationed at Munich, Germany in an MP battalion. He arrived there during the forepart of December and expects that to be his location for some time.

ADVANCED TO MAJOR

Harold G. Cason received notice this week from the war department of his promotion from infantry captain to the rank of major, effective Dec. 23rd, 1945. Major Cason is now on terminal leave prior to separation from the service and on March 9th, 1946 will be placed on an inactive reserve status.

MOTHER VISITED

RIVERVIEW — Pfc. Walter Buckner of Victorville, Calif. came Dec. 20th for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Artie Buckner and other relatives. He will leave Jan. 10th and report in camp the morning of Jan. 13th.

GET DISCHARGES

Two local men have received their discharges from the navy at the personnel separation center at Bremerton, Washington according to recent discharge lists from the center.

James E. Fluke, S2c, received his separation papers on December 21st and John P. Hursley, Cox., was discharged December 26th.

Demos Still Top GOP Registration

A compilation of voters in the 31 county precincts by J. W. Hunt, county clerk, for the special election of January 11th, 1946 still places the democratic registration ahead of the republicans in this county. The list was prepared December 11th.

The old precinct of Birkenfeld has been eliminated and the electors will now vote at Mist, which precinct includes the entire end of the valley.

Total county republican registration is 4,265 and democratic, 5,211, with other registrations being independents 69, socialist 13, prohibitionists 5, and miscellaneous 48. Total listed is 9,611. Registration of demos and republicans in the Mist and four Vernonia precincts is:

	Rep.	Dem.
Mist	94	67
Vernonia No. 1	77	178
Vernonia No. 2	138	185
Vernonia No. 3	148	304
Vernonia No. 4	109	152

Game Fish Rules Hearing Subject

The annual hearing of the Oregon State Game commission with reference to angling regulations will be held at ten o'clock, Saturday morning, January 12, 1946 at its offices in 616 Oregon Bldg. Portland.

Consideration at that time will be given to seasons, bag limits and other regulations affecting the taking of game fish for the ensuing year.

The hearing is open to the general public.

Power Line To Bonneville Brought In

Service Off Here From Wednesday Morning to Noon

Electrical service connection with Bonneville dam power was made here Wednesday noon of this week when the service was resumed about noon after being off from 7:30 that morning. A crew of men were engaged New Year's day and part of the night making connection with the Clatskanie line at Pittsburg so that power could be turned on again Wednesday.

Difficulty in obtaining repair parts for the power plant at the Oregon-American mill made the shut-off necessary Wednesday morning when the mill resumed work after being closed for the holidays. The sawmill did not work Wednesday due to the trouble here. It is probable that electric service from Bonneville will continue although maintenance of the line from Clatskanie is difficult due to the mountainous terrain and the likelihood of shorts from falling branches or snow or ice.

E Bond Sales Reach \$48,000

The sale of E series victory bonds here through the end of the drive which closed Monday totaled \$48,000 for the Nehalem valley. Mrs. Ben Brickel, local chairman, said later this week. This figure tops by a considerable amount the quota for this area of \$37,500.

The county as a whole has also far exceeded its quota of \$620,000 Irving T. Rau, county chairman, stated. The grand total of victory bonds sold during this campaign has reached \$1,148,517.

According to information released at St. Helens, the people of this county, over 20,000, have bought \$6,323,824 worth of E bonds at the purchase price. When figured at the maturity value the figure reaches \$8,431,765. The war loan campaign just ended completes the eighth since the start of the war.

Bakers Purchase Riverview Inn

A property transaction that has been in the making for some time came to a climax this week when Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker of Longview, Washington took over Wayne's Inn and opened for business Wednesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pugh and family moved Monday and Tuesday to the home they purchased in Vernonia of Fred Oveson. The home is near the high school.

Mr. Pugh will work as wholesale candy and tobacco salesman. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been in the mercantile business for 25 years as owners and operators of a general store carrying everything from pins to gasoline.

Juniors to Give Play

The high school junior class play, "Drums of Death," is scheduled for presentation on Friday evening of the coming week. The play will be given at the Washington grade school auditorium.

New Year Makes Noisy Entrance Here Tuesday

The New Year began here without a mishap to mar its entrance. As was the case in many places Americans celebrated more lustily than for several years since the war began. The toll of accidents and deaths was greater generally throughout the country for this new year beginning than for several years, probab-

ly because more people were celebrating.

Private parties, church watch parties and the annual American Legion Auxiliary carnival dance provided the means of celebration for local people. This dance drew a larger attendance than is usually true for the reason that more people, relieved of the stress of wartime, were in the mood to enjoy the arrival of the new year.

Up to Thursday morning no births had been reported here for the new year so that the name of the first 1946 baby cannot be announced.

Reports Required Before Payment

How soon farmers receive their 1945 conservation practice payments depends on their promptness in completing reports of performance on practices performed during the year.

In Columbia County, as in most counties, no applications for payments can be prepared until performance reports are in for all farmers. This is because the value of practices which farmers indicated intentions to perform generally exceeded county allocations of funds for practice payments. The Columbia county committee will pay for all approved practices, but it will be necessary to determine the total of all practices performed before this can be done. Also the committee announced that there will be funds for payment of additional practices which required prior approval of the county committee.

So far, about one-fourth of the estimated 500 county farms taking part in the 1945 program have filed performance reports. January 15 is the closing date.

Car Ceilings to Be Reduced

OPA ceiling prices on used passenger automobiles will be reduced 4% Jan. 1, 1946, according to a statement made last Saturday by E. J. Klien, automobile price specialist.

This 4% reduction, which applies not only to the base price of used vehicles, but also applies to extras, is the regular depreciation scheduled by the regulation to be taken at six months intervals. Klien also pointed out that every person, when he sells a used car covered by the regulation shall prepare a certificate of transfer in duplicate and not later than five days from the date of sale, turn in the original copy to his local war price and rationing board and give the other copy to the purchaser.

Flu Cases Decrease

The number of absences from the flu and other illness has decreased from the peak of several weeks ago at the high school Ray Mills, principal, said Wednesday. Twelve students were absent when school re-opened this week as compared with a peak of over 20.

County Polio Chapter Gets \$1000 Check

A check for \$1,000 has been sent by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to its chapter in Columbia county to fight poliomyelitis. Dispatched in response to an appeal from Chapter Chairman Otto H. H. Peterson, St. Helens, the money will supplement chapter resources depleted by continuing care for patients from last year's polio outbreak.

As of December, Columbia county had reported no cases of poliomyelitis this year, compared with five for the same period of 1944. Oregon as a whole had reported 62 cases by December, compared with 231 cases for the

same period last year.

Principal expenses of National Foundation chapters are hospitalization and transportation of patients, special equipment, and medical and nursing services. Not only must treatment and care be assured for victims of current and recent epidemics but also for patients carried over from previous years.

Poliomyelitis is one of the most expensive diseases known to medicine. Hospitalization for a single patient costs more than \$2,500 a year. Some cases require continuing care for several years. Few families can meet the cost of extended polio treatment. It

Western Auto Supply Store Is Planned

Roediger Building Purchased by Walter S. Ready, Heppner

A Western Auto Supply store is slated to occupy the E. G. Roediger building on Bridge St. between Second and Third Sts., Mr. Roediger announced Thursday morning when he said that arrangements for purchase of the structure had been made.

The building was constructed for a garage a number of years ago and was remodeled several years ago when the top story was removed. Mr. Roediger had previously planned to use the structure again for a garage until the sale was made this week.

The store will be under the management of Walter S. Ready of Heppner who plans considerable remodeling before opening the store. He plans to begin the work as soon as possible and will carry automobile parts and a line of general merchandise.

Loggers to Meet Saints Friday

Coach J. Hergert's Logger hoopers will take the floor Friday night this week to play their first county basketball game when St. Helens invades the Nehalem valley. Both the first and second teams will play, the first game being called for 7:30 that evening.

Vernonia met the Saints twice in last year's schedule and will do the same this season. The 1945 games were divided with the Loggers winning one and losing one.

The Loggers completed their pre-season schedule last Friday night when they lost to Forest Grove here by 19 to 35. The B squad won their game from the Grove.

Former Graduates Enter Colleges

Several graduates of Vernonia high school who have completed their terms of service in the armed forces have made arrangements for entering college and have left for their respective schools. Completing the papers necessary for entrance has been done by Ray Mills, principal, who released the names of the ex-servicemen who are starting their college work.

Listed by Mr. Mills and the schools they will attend are: Jack Childs, University of California at Los Angeles; Robert Kent and Paul Gray, Oregon State; Joe McNutt, Oregon; Victor LaPorte, Portland University; and Carroll Keasey, Oregon State. Financial assistance has been obtained through the GI bill of rights.

is the policy of the National Foundation that no infantile paralysis patient shall go without care and treatment for lack of money, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Half of all contributions to the annual March of Dimes, January 14-31, remain with local chapters of the National Foundation. The other half goes to the national organization for scientific research, education and epidemic aid. No chapter appeals for help to the National Foundation unless it anticipates exhaustion of its own funds. More than \$1,000,000 in epidemic aid has been disbursed by the National Foundation so far this year.