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WALTER NORBLAD

Friday Vote Will Decide Representative

Electors to Choose Between Norblad, Spaulding Jan. 11

Voters in the first congressional district will go to the polls Friday, January 11th to select a representative to fill the vacancy left by the death of James W. Mott. Two candidates' names will appear. They are Walter Norblad of Astoria and Bruce Spaulding, Salem.

Norblad has been nominated by the republicans and has also received backing as an independent. He is a veteran of world war II, having served in the Normandy invasion, and is an attorney living at Astoria.

Democratic backing goes to Bruce Spaulding, Salem attorney who obtained nomination by petitions which were filed with sufficient names early last week.

The first congressional district is comprised of the 10 counties in which 147,985 voters are registered. The registration is divided into 81,774 republicans and 62,580 democrats with 3,631 listing miscellaneous affiliations.

Electors in the four Vernonia precincts will vote in the usual places, according to Wm. Pringle, Sr. county commissioner, who has completed arrangements for the election boards of these precincts. Voting places are: precinct 1, John Erickson building at the corner of Bridge and Second streets; precinct 2, IWA union hall; precinct 3, O-A bunk house; precinct 4, city hall.

This will be the first special election for this purpose in this congressional district, Mr. Pringle said. Election board members will draw \$4 each for their day's work instead of \$3 as was previously paid. The pay raise was authorized at the last session of the state legislature.

School Dist. 47 Sells Property

Property from two school districts which consolidated with school district No. 47, jt. has been sold by the district 47 school board to people residing in those former districts.

The buildings and grounds of former district 55 which was located about nine miles out on the Timber road have been purchased by C. L. Miller while the property of Woodland district 87 has been sold to Mr. Bjornsen. The latter district was located near Sunset Junction.

Field Worker Here

Mrs. Josephine L. David, special fund campaign field representative of the American Red Cross, was here Tuesday to arrange for the coming Red Cross drive in March. Mrs. Harry Culbertson has been named local chairman for the drive.

CO-OP MANAGER IS SELECTED

The naming of a manager for the West Oregon Electric cooperative was done a few days ago by REA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Paul Gordon, secretary of the board of directors, said early this week when he announced the name of the new official.

Selected for the position is Frank D. Seelye of Amsterdam, New York. Mr. Seelye, in a telegram to the local board of directors said he would leave Tuesday of this week by car for Vernonia and expected to arrive January 17th to take over his duties.

Mr. Seelye was named by REA headquarters from three applications sent in by the local board of directors after their December meeting when applications were considered. Selection of a new manager was made necessary by the resignation of J. W. Nichols, previous manager.

Mr. Seelye was recently discharged from the navy where he was in charge of construction and operation of electrical facilities at several navy centers and also was chosen from 400 service engineers to supervise the lighting of Guam, a 5-million dollar project.

County Plans Road Paving

A meeting of the road supervisors of Columbia county is to be called soon by the county commissioners to discuss the possible paving of about 25 miles of road this summer, Wm. Pringle, Sr. said this week.

At a meeting of supervisors the roads to be selected for the work will be discussed as also will be the possibility of crushing rock to do the work.

Other paving work in this area is also earmarked by the state for this summer Mr. Pringle said. Included in the state plan is the Timber road from the end of the present paved part to Sunset Junction and the Pittsburg-Scappoose road.

P.E. Workshop Meet Arranged

Physical education directors from Columbia county schools will go to Rainier next Tuesday to attend a work shop meeting which has been arranged by the state department of education. According to Ray Mills, high school principal, who announced the meeting at Rainier, the high school will be closed on that day. Other teachers in the school are being asked to visit some other school that day, he said.

Grade school physical education instructors will meet at St. Helens Monday but grade schools will not be closed that day.

Rock Slide Breaks Line

A rock slide on the Clatskanie mountain Monday night brought further trouble to maintenance crews of the West Oregon Electric power line over the mountain from the Bonneville substation at Clatskanie.

The line, which follows an old road at that point, was broken by the slide which was being removed as fast as possible Tuesday in order to make connection again. The slide occurred between three and four miles from Clatskanie, it was reported here.



January 14 Is Starting Date Of Polio Drive

Larger Fund for Coming Year Is Need of Chapter

Beginning on Monday of next week, January 14th, will be the march of dimes campaign to raise funds for treatment and research of infantile paralysis. The drive will last through the end of the month. Local chairman Paul Gordon has already completed plans for this locality and will place dime collection boxes in stores Monday as part of the campaign.

Revenue from a basketball game to be played soon will also be donated as will the charges for officials at that game, Mr. Gordon said. In addition, it is hoped that local organizations will sponsor events to raise money for this purpose.

After all expenses for the campaign are paid, 50 per cent of the money is sent to the national foundation for infantile paralysis to be used there for several purposes:

1. Research purposes in order that a cure, preventative medicine, or a drug may be found to combat polio;
 2. Scholarships for physiotherapy students;
 3. Educational material;
 4. Reserve epidemic fund from which chapters can draw (as this county chapter has done) during an emergency or epidemic.
- In order to pay the obligations of the Columbia county chapter and to take care of patients suffering from the effects of infantile paralysis, three dimes from every man, woman and child in the county is needed. Last year this county was lowest in the state with a per capita contribution of eight cents.

Wood Services To Be Held Fri.

Funeral services will be held here Friday at 2 p.m. for Ina Jenette Wood who passed away at her home near Vernonia January 8th. Services will be held at the First Christian church with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating and with Bush Funeral home in charge.

Mrs. Wood was born July 27, 1866 in Lasure county, Minnesota and came to this country by covered wagon drawn by oxen with her parents at the age of nine years. Her parents homesteaded here and she has made this her home since.

Survivors of the deceased are her husband, William Wood; two sons, Bert and Nowell of Vernonia; five daughters, Mrs. Lida Mills, Vernonia, Mrs. Shirley Neilson, Portland, Mrs. Gaynell Reid, Vernonia, Mrs. Vera Aldrich, Vernonia and Mrs. Doris Hillsberry, Vernonia; two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Armstrong, Grants Pass and Mrs. Chamberlain, of Portland; 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Interment will be at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

EXPECTING DISCHARGE

FC1e Thurman Dehart, now stationed in California, is expecting discharge from the navy in February. Mrs. Dehart, who has been there since before Christmas, will remain until he gets his separation from the service.

DISCHARGED

Sgt. Harold Brimmer received his discharge from the service at Ft. Lewis December 28. He was here Christmas morning for a short time before reporting back to camp for his release. He completed three years and 20 days in the army, serving overseas in the European area.

OUT OF THE NAVY

Ralph Hanson has received his discharge papers from the navy, the separation being made last Wednesday at Bemerston.

CAPT. OLIN HOME

Capt. Dan Olin arrived here December 28th after returning from overseas duty. He arrived at San Francisco December 18th and from there went to Ft. Lewis by boat. He, with Mrs. Olin visited here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olin and at the home of his sister, Mrs. Vincent Gowen at Point Blakely, Washington until Wednesday when they left for her home at Salem. He is on terminal leave.

MAJOR OLIN HERE

Major and Mrs. John F. Olin, who have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Vincent Gowen, at Point Blakely, Wash., arrived here on Wednesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olin. He is on terminal leave from the service.

BEGINS WORK

Capt. William H. Manning started work Tuesday for Montgomery Ward & Co. at Longview. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olin.

DISCHARGED

Angelo DeRoia received his discharge from the service November 11 after being on duty for 30 months, 24 of those being spent overseas. He and Mrs. DeRoia are living at Scappoose now.

Council Plans Street Repair

Councilmen of the City of Vernonia met Monday evening for the first 1946 session of the council to discuss several problems and to confirm appointments of city employees for this year.

A problem, brought to the council's attention by Cleve Mellinger, road supervisor for this district, was the construction of storm sewers in the East and North street district to provide a means of removing water from those streets. Preparation for additional paving next summer is being made now by applying more gravel to unpaved streets and by planning to care for such details as this storm sewer. The council authorized Mr. Mellinger to begin the sewer's installation.

Councilmen adopted a motion which authorized Mayor Johnson's appointments of city employees and also his appointments of people to fill vacancies on the park board. Appointed city employees are Albert Childs, recorder, Walter Kent, water superintendent, and A. D. Lolley and H. H. King, marshals. Named to the park board are Paul Gordon and Leol Roberts to fill the vacancies left by Orille Robbins and Wallace McCrae who have moved from this locality.

The council also approved a suggestion that City Recorder Childs attend the joint convention of the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Finance Officers association in Portland January 21, 22 and 23 at the Multnomah hotel.

REA Co-op Elects Directors Tues.

Directors, who will serve until the next annual meeting in January of 1947, were elected Tuesday evening at the 1946 annual meeting of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc. The election was transferred from the West Oregon office to the Legion hall due to a larger crowd of members than was anticipated.

The selection of new directors was done by ballot after it was determined which people present were members of the organization and were therefore entitled to vote. Some electrical customers present were denied a vote because they had not paid their membership fee which is required before the voting privilege is granted.

The new directors selected are the same as those who have served for the past year and is the same group as was named by the nominating committee about a month ago. Two candidates were nominated from the floor also Tuesday evening and one of these was disqualified after it was learned that he was not yet a member. The other candidate was Fred P. Singer from the Dixie mountain area.

The 1946 directors are: Noble Dunlap, Fred Knox, Frank Genser, Paul Gordon, Lee Wooden, Harry King and Charles Ublin. Delegations were present from nearly every portion of the cooperative territory and their questions were answered following the election by Jack Parker, REA engineer from Portland office who also outlined the rate structure which would be placed in effect when this district buys all its power from Bonneville. The rates as outlined by Mr. Parker are:

- 1st—50 KW @ 5c
- 2nd—50 KW @ 3c
- 3rd—100 KW @ 1 1/2c
- 4th—100 KW @ 1c
- All over 300 KW @ 3/4c

Mr. Parker answered a question from the Dixie mountain delegation which asked when they could get electricity by saying that 300 miles of line will be built in the district to serve customers when a contract, now being considered by REA headquarters in Washington, D.C., receives final approval. After that approval is given contractors will be asked for bids and the work started if strikes do not prevent obtaining materials. Lines for the Dixie mountain area are included in this contract.

At a board of directors meeting following the annual meeting Harry King was elected president of the board; Fred Knox, vice-president; Paul Gordon, secretary; and Lee Wooden, treasurer.

Doctor Begins Practice Mon.

Dr. Henry E. Schlegel, Jr. began his medical practice here Monday morning of this week in the office formerly occupied by Dr. Glen J. Ten Brook. Dr. and Mrs. Schlegel recently purchased the Ten Brook property and have moved here from Portland.

Dr. Schlegel was recently discharged from the army and previous to that time he practiced in Portland.

Lane Services Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Benjamin F. Lane, a resident of Vernonia for many years, were held in Portland Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. His death occurred December 31st in Portland and burial was at Greenwood Hill. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Bruning and Lundberg Mortuary.

Benefit Game Slated Tuesday

A benefit basketball game with admission receipts to go to the infantile paralysis march of dimes campaign is slated here Tuesday evening of next week, January 15th. Announcement of the game was made by Ray Mills, high school principal. Playing here on that evening will be Central Catholic of Portland which team the Loggers also met Tuesday evening of this week on the Central Catholic floor.

Officials for next Tuesday's game will be Paul Gordon and Glen Hawkins who are also donating their fees to the march of dimes.

The Logger first team met and lost to St. Helens here Friday 12 to 22 in the first county league game for Vernonia and the Lions. The B squad won from St. Helens 23 to 21 that evening.

Another Logger game this week will pit Vernonia against Clatskanie Friday night here.

1945 Rainfall Exceeds 1944

A comparison of records of the cooperative weather station, which is maintained by Mrs. Helen Spofford, show that rainfall during 1945 exceeded that of 1944 by almost 10 inches and that for December, 1945 was far greater than the same month in 1944.

Her report lists this data for December 1945: maximum temperature, 57 degrees on the 4th; minimum, 16 degrees the 14th; total rainfall, 741 inches; most rain in one day, 1.19 the 28th; prevailing wind direction, southwest; number of days temperature 32 degrees or below, 15.

December, 1944 data is: max., 56 degrees, Dec. 13; min. 18 degrees, Dec. 15; total rain, 2.41 in.; greatest amount in one day, .68, Dec. 28; prevailing wind, southeast; number of days temperature was 32 or below, 23.

Total rainfall for 1945 was 43.45 inches and March was the wettest month with 10.05 inches. During 1944, 33.51 inches fell and January was dampest with 5.08 inches. Temperature recordings for 1945 list the maximum of 95 degrees on May 4 and for 1944, 100 degrees on September 5th.

Grocery Store Robbed Saturday

The Nehalem Market and Grocery was entered by thieves last Saturday night and cash totaling \$30 was taken from the store cash register, police authorities said this week. Entrance to the store was made by a skylight, police said, and the robbers left the store by way of the back door.

A series of thefts have been committed in the past in this county and surrounding counties in what is apparently a minor crime wave.