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Farm Outlook Conference Intended Fri.

Committees Prepare Reports on Land Use, Production

A Columbia County Farm Program conference is planned Friday of this week, February 8th at St. Helens, where answers to questions of what Columbia county farms can produce and market to best advantage will be sought. W. C. Johnson, Mist, is general chairman for the event which is expected to draw farmers from every section of the county to hear reports of the seven conference committees which have been working for the past several weeks.

The committees have prepared reports giving information on the most advantageous use of county land during the peace-time years ahead and have also considered what practices will make for lower costs of production and greater profits as well as what can be done to bring about a better farm home and rural life in the county. George A. Nelson is general conference secretary and has been assisting the various committees with their work. The conference will be held at the Methodist church beginning at 10 a.m.

Of interest to Nehalem valley residents is the report of the sub-committee on land use of which Glen Hawkins is chairman and L. F. Cronmiller and R. Tarbell are the other members. This report deals with the county's timber resources by outlining the history of logging, land ownership, problems of land use, reforestation and other details necessary for a sustained-yield economy.

The conference program appears on page 5.

KOG Men to Talk Fire Prevention

Otto H. H. Peterson, St. Helens, has again been named Columbia county chairman of the Keep Oregon Green organization by Governor Earl Snell and has been invited to a meeting of all KOG chairmen at Salem February 11th.

The meeting next Monday is being called so a more complete statewide program can be developed to prevent farm, range and forest fires during 1946. The early start of fire prevention education is being made this year to alert the public during February and March when fern fires annually take much valuable young timber lands and thus set back reforestation and interrupt sustained-yield operation of forests.

The Keep Oregon Green campaign against forest, range and farm fires has paid good dividends in the saving of property from fire during recent years, but continued education of the public is necessary to prevent future losses, KOG officials say.

Miller Infant Buried Sunday

Graveside funeral services were held last Sunday at 2 p.m. for Virgil Dale Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, who passed away January 31st at the age of 20 months. Cause of the death was bronchial pneumonia.

The services and interment took place at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating. Bush Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BANQUET DATE IS FEBRUARY 18

The Booster club football banquet committee, meeting Thursday evening of last week and Monday evening of this, has set the date for the banquet, arranged for the sale of tickets, obtained the services of the American Legion Auxiliary to prepare the meal and has written seeking a speaker.

The banquet will be held at the Legion hall on Monday evening, February 18th. Girls of the high school will decorate the hall and serve the approximate attendance of 90 players, teachers and fans.

Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Oregonian, has been asked to speak at the banquet but a reply has not been received yet.

City Garbage Lot Discussed

The city garbage disposal plot came up for another discussion again Monday night when city councilmen heard that improper use of the lot is again being practiced. The city dump has provided previous "odor" for councilmen who have threatened action to stop dumping of material so that it hinders other people. Trouble arises when garbage is not thrown over the bank but is left beside the roadway leading to the bank.

Planned Monday is the posting of rules at the dump and the arresting of offenders who will be tried in the justice of peace court as this property is outside the city limits.

City attorney R. M. Burley was present to tell council members about the circuit court case City of Vernonia vs. Summers, that will be tried in March. He also had information about a sewage disposal plant which is required by law to replace the present septic tank and pumping system being used. The council will provide for the raising of funds for this expenditure when the next budget is drawn and avoid a bond issue for the estimated \$25,000 needed for the plant.

An offer of \$50 from Elmore Knight was accepted as payment for city liens against property he had purchased from the county. The property is located near Knight's Beauty Shop.

Pomona Hears Noted Speaker

The Columbia County Pomona Grange convened last Saturday at the Beaver valley hall near Rainier with a large crowd in attendance to hear Dr. James Millar, an outstanding member of Portland's Minister Extension Council, give an address. He spoke on the subject, "America, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," during the Lecturer's hour.

Master Ray Tarbell, St. Helens, presided over the Pomona business section and the Lecturer's hour was under the direction of Mrs. Florence Skeans of Rainier. The Beaver Valley grange entertained the other grangers present that day.

Examiner Scheduled

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Vernonia Wednesday, February 14 at the city hall, a secretary of state's office announcement says. The examiner will be on duty from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. so people wishing permits or licenses to drive cars may get them.

Instruction To Start On Flying Thurs.

Cody-Wiecking Aero Service to Begin Operation at Port

Flight instruction will be available here starting Thursday of this week Pat Cody of the Cody-Wiecking Aero Service said Monday when he flew here from Scappoose. Mr. Cody spent several hours here preparing for the first day of business. He arranged for office facilities at the airport hanger and spoke to students at the high school.

The Service was originally owned by Cody who now has a partner, hence the change in name. Mr. Cody will give instruction here and his partner will be active at Scappoose. The usual length of time necessary before solo flights are taken is eight hours of instruction. The Service will also fly charter trips and pleasure rides for those interested.

Another feature of the concern is free bus service from Scappoose to St. Helens for those people wishing to fly from here and avoid the trip by car. Mr. Cody said. The flight from Vernonia to Scappoose requires not over 15 minutes. The field here was in fair condition Monday on the east end and will improve when weather conditions are better the instructor said.

COUNTY NEWS

MINNAUGH MILL IS BEING PURCHASED
CLATSKANIE — A deal is now being consummated whereby Dant and Russell, Portland lumber exporters, are purchasing the Larry Minnaugh mill in Clatskanie for an unnamed party.

Mr. Minnaugh purchased the local mill several months ago and has been operating it since that time. It is thought the mill will employ eight or nine men under the new ownership.

COUNTY BACK ON CASH BASIS

ST. HELENS—Columbia county, which had \$18,445.73 in warrants outstanding as of Dec. 31 and has issued a few since that were not payable because of lack of funds, once more is back on a cash basis, Mrs. Gladys E. Peterson, county treasurer, said.

All warrants which had been endorsed as "not paid for want of funds" were called in Jan. 23 and the 4 per cent interest which the county pays on such paper ceases as of that date.

How long the county remains on the present cash basis will depend on tax payments and other revenue, Mrs. Peterson said.

RED CROSS WORKER TO SERVE HERE

ST. HELENS — Miss Nannie Harris, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has accepted the position of executive secretary for Columbia county chapter, American Red Cross, and will arrive to take over her duties on Wednesday, February 13.

Miss Harris recently returned to the United States after a year and a half aboard a hospital ship. Her pre-war work with the Red Cross included that of executive secretary in a midwestern area.

Taken to Hospital

Darrell Baysinger was taken to St. Vincent's hospital Wednesday of last week in the Bush ambulance after an accident occurring while loading a lumber truck at the O-A mill. He suffered head lacerations and a possible skull fracture.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

FORMER STUDENTS MEET

Ralph Sturdevant, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sturdevant, and Doug Culbertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Culbertson, have both written to their parents of meeting in Europe. Both boys were sent overseas the latter part of last year for duty in the army of occupation and are now stationed near each other in Germany. They are able to meet quite often.

DISCHARGED

Robert Turner, GM3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner, arrived in Portland Saturday from Bremerton where he had received his discharge that day. He was met there by Mr. and Mrs. Turner. Robert has been in the service 19 months and has made two trips overseas, first on a cargo vessel and last on an LST. His return here makes possible the first family reunion of all members in nearly four years.

MULKINS RETURNS

Pfc. Fredrick H. Mulkins is one of 1050 high-point army veterans who was returned to the States for discharge aboard the USS Shamrock Bay from Yokohama, Japan. He left there January 11th.

GETS DISCHARGE

RIVERVIEW—Melvin Powell arrived in Portland by rail at 10 a.m. Sat. and was met by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Viri Powell. Melvin had been discharged at Lambert Field near St. Louis, Mo. and found traveling crowded and tiresome. As a souvenir he has a two-man rubber life raft with which he, his mother and friends plan to do some maneuvering on the Nehalem.

TO START V-5 TRAINING

Marvin Dale Turner has enlisted in the March class of the Navy's famous V-5 pilot training program. Turner is a graduate of Vernonia high school and has attended Oregon State college since September. He participated in football both in high school and college.

He will start his \$27,000 recreational education March 1st with a year of college training. He will then attend flight school to win the Navy's "wings of gold". Commissioned an Ensign in the Navy or 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, he will serve aboard carriers, at advanced bases and on continental shore stations, operating high-powered aircraft, fighters and bombers.

Applications are still being accepted for the March V-5 class. Young men, 17 through 19, who want to fly are urged by the navy to write the naval aviation cadet selection board, 1311 Exchange Bldg., 117 Marion St., Seattle, 4, Wash., for information.

Enrollment Up At High School

Student enrollment at the Vernonia high school has gained during the past few days Principal Ray Mills said Tuesday when he mentioned that all classes now total 171 students. That figure is slightly higher than last year although enrollment at the first of the school year was less than the previous year at that time.

Six new students have entered, Mr. Mills said, and one has left. The new students came from Roosevelt high school in Portland and Vancouver high school when their families changed residence to this vicinity.

Stores Painted

The interiors of the Hoffman Hardware company store and the Frank Hirsch Plumbing Shop have been newly redecorated. The hardware was painted Sunday and the plumbing shop a few days before that.

Dime Drive Total Tops Last Year

The March of Dimes campaign to raise funds for infantile paralysis care and research was accorded such enthusiastic response by people of the Nehalem valley that the 1946 drive fund has exceeded the collection of any previous year, Campaign Chairman Paul Gordon said Tuesday when he had completed tabulation of the money. The dime drive yielded a greater amount than that of the Christmas seal sale this year.

Total for the valley is \$605.43 which exceeds last year's \$490.88 and also tops the 1944 drive by \$213 and the 1943 collection by \$513. Mr. Gordon released the figures from the various sources as follows:

Amounts Listed

Rural area cards	\$80.40
American Legion	60.00
Rhythm Vendors	20.00
Legion Auxiliary	6.20
Study Club	1.60
St. Mary's Altar Soc.	2.00
Mt. Heart Club	15.00
Christian Church	
Sunday School	13.00
High school students	45.69
High school ball game	46.00
Elementary schools	85.82
Dime Boxes	220.45
Individuals and Misc.	9.27

Several contributions deserve special attention, Mr. Gordon said due to their size. Of the cards sent to rural boxholders, A. J. Hie's, Kelsey route, returned \$10.90. The cards provided space for coins totaling \$2.00 and 80 per cent came back with that amount. The high school contribution averaged 55c per student and the Lincoln and

Deputy to Give Aid Mon., Tues.

Monday and Tuesday of next week are the dates set for a visit here of deputy collectors of the internal revenue service, according to a release from the internal revenue service. Local people who are having difficulty in filling out their tax forms can get assistance at that time in the preparation of federal income tax returns for the year 1945.

The deputies will also visit other towns near here to give the same assistance, should it be impossible to see them while they are here. Nearby visits will be made at Clatskanie, January 24-25; Rainier, Feb. 4; St. Helens, Feb. 5-7; Banks, Feb. 13; and Forest Grove, Feb. 14-15.

Beaver Pelts Draw Good Price

Fur buyers anxious to obtain their share of the 606 beaver pelts offered for sale by the Oregon state game commission established a new record for the fur that first attracted white men to Oregon. After the brisk bidding the total paid for the entire lot was \$32,307.59 or an average of \$53.40 per pelt. The highest bid for a single blanket was \$69.

Under the new plan of distribution of the sale price, one-third to the owner of the land on which the beaver were taken; one-third to the independent trapper working on contract; one-third to the state; the landowners received \$7,565.19; the independent trappers \$6,549.39 and the commission \$18,192.61. However, many of the beaver were taken from streams on undeeded land, and also many were taken by regular employees of the commission. Landowners desiring to participate in the income from furs contract with the commission which agrees to prevent damage to their lands by removing the active rodents by controlling the population at a point where watersheds are protected.

Washington schools averaged 16 and one-half cents.

Box Brings \$80

Perhaps the most surprising return from any one source was that of the dime box displayed by Pete Brunson which totaled \$80, more than twice the highest return from a box in any previous year. That box was prominently displayed and Mr. and Mrs. Brunson practiced considerable salesmanship to achieve the \$80 result. The next highest dime box return was \$8.12.

When making the final report Mr. Gordon also included his appreciation and thanks for the support of the dime boxes, the organizations that contributed and the response to the cards sent rural boxholders.

Church Minister Not Yet Engaged

A new minister to replace Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Livingstone of the First Christian church has not yet been definitely selected by that congregation, it was learned this week. Rev. and Mrs. Livingstone resigned the pastorate here sometime ago with the resignation to become effective February 1st. They plan to move to Hood River where they will open a gift and novelty store.

Due to inability to obtain a replacement, Rev. Livingstone will preach here Sunday at both the morning and evening services. Mrs. Livingstone has accepted the invitation to preach at the special "Week of Compassion" service at the church on the 24th.

Rev. and Mrs. Livingstone came here from Silverton ten years ago in October and have been active in both church and civic affairs in the community.

J. C. Moran Heads Range Committee

J. C. Moran, president of the Columbia County Livestock association, has been named to head the range development committee at the annual meeting of the Western Oregon Livestock association at Coquille February 14 and 15. Moran was appointed by C. Burkhardt, president of the association.

Speakers of statewide reputation will appear on the program to discuss the general topics indicated by the committees, as well as other subjects. Among those already announced are R. A. Ward, manager of Pacific Wool Growers cooperative, Portland; Walter Hold, new manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition and secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers association; E. L. Peterson, director, state department of agriculture; G. H. Hansen, regional director, Fish and Wildlife service; and R. L. Clark, secretary of the Portland Livestock exchange.

Anderson Rents Shop Machinery

C. I. Anderson, owner of the Anderson Woodworking shop in Riverview announces this week that he has rented the machinery in his shop to Al Norman, formerly of Tacoma. The business change became effective February 1st when Mr. Norman started work there.

Mr. Anderson will continue to work in the shop, will retail veneer and will work with his son-in-law, Ed Roediger, who is doing plumbing work in this vicinity.