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Tree Bid for Big Eddy Park Awarded Sat.

L. D. Lloyd Will Remove Overripe Stand for Grange

The board of directors of the Columbia County Pomona Grange opened bids Saturday for all the old growth timber now standing or lying at Big Eddy park eight miles north of Vernonia and the highest bid was awarded to L. D. Lloyd of Portland, according to Noble Dunlap, secretary.

The Pomona board members are William Sheets, Albert Parker and Clyde Henderson. In addition to removing the trees the board requires that all tops, and limbs, rotten portions and other debris that occurs from the logging operations be removed. Purpose of the stipulation is to clean the park so that new trees may be planted later and the park improved.

Trees now standing there are overripe and dangerous to people who use the park. Several trees have fallen during wind storms. The grange has owned the park for 18 years and plans to improve the site by later planting several varieties of trees including red wood, cypress, fir and Port Orford cedar.

Seven bids were received to be opened Saturday, Mr. Dunlap said. The work is to be completed on or before June 1 of this year.

Club Meeting Date Postponed

The monthly meeting of the Vernonia Booster club, which ordinarily would be held on the coming Monday evening has been postponed for a short time on the authority of Lou Girod, club president. Arrangements for the meeting would come too close to the football banquet to make possible a successful meeting, he said, hence the reason for the setting of a later date which will be announced next week.

The organization's board of directors will meet Thursday evening of this week at The Eagle office to outline a program for the coming year.

560 Beaver Pelts Sold

At the second beaver sale held by the Oregon state game commission this season, 560 pelts were sold for a total price of \$27,853.50. The most successful bidder was Harry Jackson of the Blue Mountain Fur Co. who received 312 pelts. Landowners who have contracted with the game commission under its beaver management program will receive one-third of the proceeds from the pelts taken on their lands. The rest of the money goes toward payment of trapping, management and administration.

Youth Rally to Be Mon. Event

The Columbia County Christ's Ambassadors Youth Rally will be held in the Assembly of God church in Vernonia on Monday, February 25th at 7:30 P.M. The program shall feature special singing, a Bible quiz on the characters in the book of Genesis and an open discussion on the "Christian youth and the World."

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 Rev. Heath Lowry sectional Sunday school representative, will speak at a Sunday school conference for all interested in Sunday school work. The public is cordially invited both evenings.

COUNCILMEN HEAR REPORT

Councilmen for the City of Vernonia met Monday evening to hear that a charter could not be obtained from the state banking examiner for the installation of a bank which was anticipated following the special meeting of the week before. The council was open to the hearing of objections for the street assessment charges for last summer's street paving but none was presented.

The news of the bank charter was received after the move of the previous week when the city authorities decided to grant a lease for the bank building to the Bank of Rainier for a branch here. Hopes that a bank could be established were high following the special meeting of the week before, but were lowered when information about the charter were received.

Mail notices are being prepared notifying property owners of assessments for the street paving. A notice of the hearing was posted at the city hall previous to this week's meeting.

County News

TEEN AGE CLUB MAKES BOW

ST. HELENS—Columbia county's newly formed Teen Age club made its bow into St. Helens society at the K. of P. hall Saturday night, with a highly successful dance attended by 239 youngsters of the district.

According to the student-drafted constitution, membership cards will be printed and sold to prospective members of the organization on a 50 cents per high school semester basis. Membership is unlimited and extends to all students in the county between the ages of 13 and 19.

SCHOOL AWAITS WORD ON AID FROM GOVERNMENT

CLATSKANIE — The board of directors of Clatskanie School district No. 5 is on the anxious list, awaiting word if federal money will be available for replacement of the high school building destroyed by fire November 1st.

To date no legislation has been passed but word has been received from Senator Morse to the effect that he has such a bill prepared to present to Congress. No assurance of its passage or time of passage is possible.

The grade school building is now inadequate to take care of enrollment. All available space has been made into class rooms and the condition is still overcrowded.

ED CONDIT IS CANDIDATE FOR HOUSE

ST. HELENS — With the March 8 deadline for filing only three weeks away, so far there have been only two official entries from Columbia for county and state offices. Jim Hunt, present clerk, has announced his intention of filing for county judge while Ed Condit, Clatskanie mint grower, intends to enter the race for state representative from this county.

Condit, who defeated the veteran representative J.D. Perry for the legislative job in the 1944 election, will thus be seeking his second term in the state house.

Address Changed

Nehalem valley sportsmen who wish to contact the Oregon State Game Commission must now do so at its office at 1634 S. W. Alder, Portland, according to an announcement by Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor. All mail should be addressed to the commission, P. O. box 4136, Portland 8, he mentions in a news release this week. Wire is well known by sportsmen in this area, having made several visits here to attend rod and gun club meetings.

Article Says Vets Get Property "Run-around"

A release of information about the top priority veterans are accorded in the purchase of surplus government property is made this week by the local V. F. W. post and the state department. The situation explained in the following article was reiterated Monday by a local group, most of them veterans, who attempted to purchase government surplus at Tacoma. Members of that group were Cleve, E. V. and Ray Robertson and Fritz Hausler and his son, Fritz, Jr.

The Vernonia V.F.W. post, in making the release this week, strongly urges all veterans to sign, cut out and mail this article to one of the Senators listed at the bottom.

The release states: "Before our discharge the 'Stars and Stripes' explained that veterans were to be given No. 1 priority on the purchase of surplus government property, in order to start in business.

"Now veterans are pushed down to No. 3 position, on the purchase priority list. Then the fun starts.

"Consumers goods division of the reconstruction finance corporation (now known as war assets corp. of the R.F.C.); notified the veteran that certain property is for sale (naming articles wanted) at certain government depts (location); and that he (the veteran) has 3rd choice on the articles when he arrives at the depot.

"But when the veteran arrives

at the disposal depot, he finds the articles he wants (and is certified by smaller war plants corp. to purchase), is sold "en masse" to a buyer of a junk or retail business concern; and he (the veteran) is given the old army "horse luff" for being fool enough to waste his time filling out forms and then wasting his money on trips up "blind alleys" to these R.F.C. controlled disposal centers.

"If the veteran arrives before the articles are sold to private business concerns, then the veteran is told his application is on the bottom of the pile of 1,800 other applications for the same article or articles!

"Instead of having a No. 3 priority the veteran finds he has a No. 1,800 priority, for government property with which to start his business.

"G.I.'s are you tired of being given the old army run-around and horse laugh by the R.F.C.? If so, sign this and mail it to:

Senator Wayne L. Morse, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. or Senator Guy Gordon, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C."

Signed _____
(Name of G. I. Joe or Jane)

Approved by Pete Fredrickson, commander, department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars of U.S. and by Smith Christiansen Post, VFW, Vernonia, Oregon.

Board Plans First Fair For County in Five Years

August 14 to 18 are the dates set for the first Columbia county fair to be held since Pearl Harbor at the Deer Island grounds. This decision was made Saturday afternoon when the fair board met to plan the event.

Attractions at the fair will include the popular carnival, if one can be obtained, and a rodeo to provide part of the entertainment, the board decided.

A premium list will be prepared and circulated in the county by the first of May with few changes being made in the list as compared with that of previous years.

E. H. Condit, Clatskanie mint grower, has resigned from the board and his position has not been filled by an appointment of the county court.

Building of New Station Started

The construction work on Vernonia's newest service station was started a few days ago and will be pushed to completion as fast as possible. The station is located on the lot at the corner of Weed and Bridge and Jake Berger is the owner. The lot was purchased from the Washington Federal Savings and Loan association of Hillsboro.

Part of the work includes razing of the old frame structure which was moved to the back of the lot several years ago. The new building will be concrete and cement block construction, the foundation pouring being completed early this week.

Chief Thanks C-D Policemen

Members of the Vernonia civilian defense police force which was active during the war received the sincere thanks of Chief A. D. Lolley this week when he expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he had received. The civilian defense force was disbanded recently when the possibility of needing their services ended.

The force was organized in the spring of 1942 and at one time numbered 40 men who received considerable instruction and practice in the work. In later years the force was reduced to 20 men.

DRIVE START SET MARCH 1

Mrs. Harry Culbertson, Vernonia chairman of the coming Red Cross fund drive, announced Wednesday that the 1946 campaign to raise finances for that organization will start March 1st and will continue through that month.

The drive in Vernonia and vicinity will be carried out very much the same as last year and all organizations will be asked to help and business houses will be solicited.

Mrs. Wm. Bridgers will direct the drive for the Mist-Natal area and Mrs. Guy Bellingham for Birkenfeld.

Considerable campaign material has been received here and is ready for distribution. The material gives information of the scope of Red Cross work and outlines the need for generous contributions to this cause.

Those Who Are in It

ALDRIDGE GETS MEDAL

A belated presentation of the bronze star medal, awarded for heroic achievement in action, has been made to ex-Staff Sgt. Elmer I. Aldridge, who entered the army from Eugene. Aldridge was a sergeant at the time of the action in company A, 1st tank battalion of the United States 1st armored division. The citation related: For heroic achievement on April 24, 1945, near South Secondo, Italy. Staff Sgt. Aldridge led his tank section into the midst of an enemy vehicle convoy, destroying it completely, causing many casualties and taking many prisoners of war. He showed a keen sense of duty and demonstrated real leadership in this action.

Aldridge, the son of Mrs. Vera Aldridge of Vernonia, served 36 months overseas with the 1st armored division and saw action through the Africa and Italy campaigns.

MURVEL FRANK HOME

Sgt. Murvel Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Frank, arrived home last Friday after receiving his discharge from the army at Ft. Lewis the day before. At the time of his discharge he completed three years and three days in the service, during which time he served in the Aleutians and Germany. He spent the past five or six months recruiting in Oklahoma.

DISCHARGED

Francis L. Wolf, M0MM3c, received his discharge from the service at the personnel separation center at Bremerton, Wash. February 8th, a news release from the center reveals. He returned to this country aboard the USS Haskell, an attack transport from Yokosuka, Japan, leaving there January 19th.

GETS NEW RATING

In a letter received from her son, Thomas Osborn, Mrs. O. B. Bittner of Keasey route, was informed that he now has the new rating of sergeant. He is stationed in Okinawa and has been there since the forepart of November.

OSBORN PROMOTED

Word has been received by Mrs. Thomas Osborn that her husband, who is on Okinawa, has received a Sgt. rating and her brother, Pfc. George Christiansen, has received his discharge at Camp Beale, Cal.

AWAITS SHIPMENT

Darrel Rose S2c is now stationed at Bremerton, Wn, and is awaiting word to be shipped out at any time.

ANDERSON HOME

Jack Anderson received his discharge from the army Wednesday of last week and arrived here Friday from Camp Beale, California where the release was received. He spent 42 months in

Phone Line Construction Crown Plan

Installation Being Made on Permanent Basis for Tree Farm

Telephone lines into the Pebble creek area have been completed and work is starting on line construction towards Camp 8 and the country east of there, Glen Hawkins, local representative of the Crown-Zeliebach corporation said this week. The line construction is being done on a permanent basis, he said.

The building of the system of telephone lines will provide contact with all parts of the corporation's tree farm principally for fire protection but also for cases of emergency. Telephones will be set in prominent places near roads and will be painted red for easy identification. Instruction will also be displayed for the convenience of users.

Present plans call for permanent line construction into the Crooked creek area before the next fire season period which will begin April 15. Over 50 miles of line will comprise the complete system covering the tree farm land will be a major step in carrying out intensive fire protection by making it possible to dispatch fire fighting crews in a hurry when calls telling of fires are received.

REA Buys Truck For Line Work

Repairing of present electric lines and the construction of new lines will be possible within a very short time due to the purchase last week of a 1 1/2 ton line construction truck by the West Oregon Electric Coop. Inc., Frank D. Seelye, manager, said Saturday.

The truck was obtained from government surplus property at Fort Lewis and was brought here last Friday. The new unit will be ready for work by the first of the coming week, Mr. Seelye said.

Bishop Praetorius To Speak Mon.

On Monday evening, February 25th, members and friends of the Evangelical church will have the opportunity to hear E. W. Praetorius, Bishop of the northwest area of the Evangelical church. His visit here is unusual in that it provides a rare chance to hear the message he will bring.

Bishop Praetorius is a man much admired by Evangelical church members and is considered one of the greatest Bible expositors of the present day. The service that day will begin at 7:30 and people of the community are invited.

State Tax Aid Itinerary Lisied

A state income tax agent has scheduled visits at three points in Columbia county during the month of March to give assistance to people who must file the returns.

Visits will be made at the Clatskanie city hall March 13 from 8:30 to 5:00; the Rainier city hall March 14 from 8:30 to 5:00; and the St. Helens court house on March 15 from 8:30 to 5:00. People who need assistance in preparing their returns may get help at any of these places.

the service. He plans to work for some time then return to school this fall.