

# Vernonia Eagle

"Vernonia, Gateway to Nehalem Valley Lumbering, Farming, Recreation."

VOLUME 24, NUMBER 13

VERNONIA, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1946



FIRST TREE planting by Boy Scouts of Vernonia troop 201 on the Columbia County Tree Farm, March 8. Reading left to right the participants are: Front row—Lloyd W. Riey, Herb Willison, Dudley Sp. Ford; back row—Henry Ade, Calvin Mitchell, Fred Lundgren, Jr., Kenneth Lindqvist, Melvin Beck, Gene Wall, Loren W. Edman, Lester Wells and Bill Shipman. Willison, Crown-Zellerbach forester, told the boys how to plant seedlings to best advantage by placing in the shade of a log or bush.

## Last Tree Farm Seeding Intended This Week End

The last planting of tree seedlings on the Columbia County Tree farm for this season is intended during the coming week end, Glen Hawkins, local representative for the farm said Tuesday. So far 30 thousand

of the 35 thousand trees originally obtained have been placed in the ground. However, an additional eight thousand alder seedlings are on the way here from the Nisqually nursery, having been shipped Monday. They are expected today.

The alder seedlings will be planted around the seeding in the Coal creek area and along the west and south sides of roads. Purpose of the alder planting is to provide fire breaks, Mr. Hawkins said.

Due to a two-day school vacation Thursday and Friday, four days will be open for the work by high school students who are participating.

## April 16 Last Registration Day

If you want to vote in the primary election May 17 and if you have moved since last registering to vote, have changed your name or your politics it is necessary to register by April 16, Albert Childs, city recorder said this week.

Mr. Childs will take care of this detail for people living in the four Vernonia precincts if they will call at his office at the city hall. Returned servicemen are also urged to check their registration before the deadline to be sure they are eligible to cast a ballot.

The recorder will take care of registrations for all elections whether city, county, state or federal.

## Chapel Plans for Special Services

The Nazarene Chapel at Third and Bridge streets will feature slides and pictures of the life of Christ Friday evening, March 29 at 7:30. Evangelist Coryell announced early this week and an invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

The chapel is also planning special features for every night of the coming week, he said. On Tuesday evening, April 2, Beaverton musicians will be in charge and other singers and musicians from Portland will be here other nights of the week.

## Aldrich to End Work as Agent

R. M. Aldrich, S. P. & S. railway agent here, has tendered his resignation to the company, he announced a few days ago, and will leave the office the first of April. Mr. Aldrich has railroaded for 47 years and of that time has spent 22 years here. He and Mrs. Aldrich plan to make this community their home in the future. When asked what he planned to do after April 1, he said "Go fishing."

A. H. Landers, present operator at the depot, will take the agent position, but no one has been named as operator yet.

## Gain Evident In Third Week

The third week of the Red Cross drive shows a gain over last week, Mrs. Harry Culbertson, chairman, reported Tuesday. The total amount collected from this vicinity so far amounts to \$1299.02.

Donations received by members of the Eastern Star at the post office amounted to \$38.25 while the V.F.W. auxiliary received \$8 at Girod's Food Store. Mrs. Harry Sandon and Mrs. W. G. Heath, in charge of the drive at the schools listed: Washington school, \$18.50; Lincoln, \$4, and high school, \$34.

Mrs. Ralph Valpiani has turned in \$87 from the Oregon-American office and Mrs. Lyman Hawken, \$23 from the business district. Organizations have donated as follows: Mt. Heart Rebekah club and I.O.O.F., \$41.85; Vernonia Study club, \$5; St. Mary's Altar society, \$2; and Nehalem Chapter, O.E.S., \$10.

The drive sponsored by the Joy theater will continue until March 28 when the total amount will be turned over. The theater has used this method for the past several years.

## Co-op Officials Attend Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Oregon Rural Electric association was attended by Frank D. Seelye, West Oregon manager, and three cooperative directors, Lee Worden, Charles Uhlir and Fred Knox, Saturday, March 23, at Sandy. The West Oregon board adopted a resolution at their last regular meeting March 12 accepting membership in the state organization.

The West Oregon men attending enjoyed a good program that brought out the value of a state organization as a necessity if the cooperatives are to continue and prosper. Eleven cooperatives in the state are members of the association.

Officials reelected Saturday included G. W. Hendricks, Benton-Lincoln co-op, president; Mrs. McFarland, Umatilla co-op, vice president, and Mrs. Mildred R. Decker, Sandy, secretary-treasurer.

Of additional interest to consumers of the West Oregon co-op is the fact that the next quarterly meeting of the Oregon Rural Electric association will be held here with members of the board of directors and employees of the West Oregon Electric acting as hosts.

## Turkey Flocks Being Planned

The raising of turkeys on several farms in the Nehalem valley is planned again this year by growers who also raised sizeable flocks last year. Over 10,000 eggs have been sent to the hatchery at Hillsboro by six farm owners who are engaged in the business.

Among those who will raise flocks this year and the number of eggs that have been sent are: W. R. Wolf, 1200; Max Oblack, 2000; Mr. Wells, 500; M. B. Steers 3600; Richard Peterson, 500, and Read Holding, 2600.

Delivery from the hatchery is expected during April and a hatch of 68 per cent is usual, it is said.

## Cattle Club To Meet

The Columbia County Guernsey Cattle club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milfred Gregory at Goble Sunday, March 31, at 11 a.m. Mary Schwab, secretary of the club urges the attendance of members for the pot-luck lunch and meeting.

## Financial Aid To Be Asked Of Businesses

### Financing Procedure Discussed at Friday Evening Meeting

Financial aid from every business firm in Vernonia will be asked in a solicitation which has been started since last Friday night when a decision was reached as to the method of financing the business firms' part of the expenses for new street lighting. The decision was made at the public meeting held at the city hall when attendance was asked to study the problem and attempt to reach a decision.

At the Friday meeting, no other means of obtaining the necessary funds was devised other than a solicitation, that being thought the most nearly fair way of evenly distributing the expense. The business firms' portion of the cost was estimated at \$1500 for the present program of lights which calls for 14 mercury-vapor fixtures on Bridge street from the Standard Oil company plant to the Vernonia Auto company.

This program for lighting, as explained again Friday, will provide an installation of modern fixtures designed to give far greater illumination to the business section of Bridge street. To finance this portion of the project, each business is being asked to contribute \$50.

In addition to solicitation of the business firms, those people in business will be asked to assist in the financing program. Lyman Hawkins was named treasurer for the solicitation and the funds will be placed in the hands of Albert Childs, city recorder, until the project is completed.

## Rites for Strong Heard Sunday

Funeral services for Harry S. Strong were held at the Bush Funeral home Monday, March 25, at 2 p.m. following his death March 22 at 11:02 p.m. at the Emanuel hospital in Portland.

Harry Strong was born March 13, 1876, in Massachusetts and passed away at the age of 69 years. He is survived by his wife, Theolinda; a son, Dwight E., of Vernonia; two daughters, Mrs. Erma Johnson of Tillamook, and Mrs. Edna Brown of Milton; two brothers, Charles of Springfield, Mass., and Harry of San Francisco; a sister, Mrs. Hattie Whipple of Amhurst, Mass., and seven grandchildren.

Interment was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

## Nehalem Hotel Ready for Use

The Nehalem hotel, which has been repaired and refinished, is ready for occupancy, Fred Oveson mentioned a few days ago. He has done practically all the work on the building but has been hindered by difficulty in obtaining materials.

The hotel was partially destroyed by fire several years ago but enough of the structure was saved so that it was possible to repair it. Part of the improvement includes a central oil heating system and covering of the walls with wall board.

## Interest Begins Monday

City Recorder Albert Childs announced this week that interest at the rate of six per cent starts April 1 for all street assessment amounts due the city. The interest is assessed after that date for those assessments which have not been paid, he said.

## Safety Is Monday Topic

The program sponsored by the joint safety committee members of the IWA and the Oregon-American Lumber corporation Tuesday evening brought to Vernonia Dr. O. R. Chambers of Oregon State college and Robert M. Evenden, director of the accident prevention division of the State Industrial Accident Commission to talk on the subject.

Mr. Evenden mentioned the three-point program of SIAC as helpful in accident prevention. This commission program is: Use of safety equipment, a better training program on safety practices and a safe working place.

Dr. Chambers is an authority on the importance of mental attitudes in accident prevention and his talk proved highly interesting to those interested in the subject of safety.

## Johnson to Head Food Committee

W. C. Johnson, M.E.T., has been appointed to head the county food for family relief committee which is being organized in Columbia county this week to promote the campaign to conserve food. Name of the committee will be the County Food for Family Relief and its purpose will be to reduce the use of flour, cereals and fats.

In addition to the county committee, local committees will be formed in the various communities as sub groups.

Members of the county committee will include wholesale and retail food distributors, bakery and restaurant operators, food processors and leaders from various organizations.

A house-to-house canvass will be conducted to urge food preservation and householders will be asked to sign food-saving pledges. Window stickers will be given to homes signed up under the program.

## COUNTY NEWS

### COUNTY GIVEN QUOTA OF \$1480

ST. HELENS—Columbia county has been assigned a quota of \$1480 for the cancer control drive which will start April 1, the first time such a campaign has ever been conducted here. The campaign will run the entire month of April and is designed to raise \$105,000 for the state.

### HAUSLER STARTING \$8000 BUILDING

CLATSKANIE — The Hausler Lumber Co. started construction last week on a new lumber warehouse in Clatskanie, which will be located between the PUD office and the Puzey Machine Shop. Completion of the building is expected about Aug. 1. Cost is estimated at \$8000.

### WATER COMMISSION TO BUY MORE LAND

RAINIER—The Rainier water commission this week is publishing notice of intention to spend \$1105 for 2211 acres of land situated just south of the present watershed. The tract, which it is proposed to buy from Columbia county, is to be added to the watershed.

### OTTO PETERSEN QUILTS COUNTY SCHOOL

ST HELENS—Otto H. H. Petersen, appointed county school superintendent in October, 1941, to succeed William B. Schnebli, Wednesday handed his resignation to the county court and asked to be relieved of his duties by July 1. Petersen told the court that he had been elected principal of the Scappoose grade school, the post he resigned in 1941 to come to St. Helens.

## Speakers Tell Berry Growing Details Mon.

### Kinds of Soil, Best Producing Berries Explained at Meet

The kinds of soil to be found in the Nehalem valley, the berries which will produce the best and details for starting this farm product were discussed Monday evening at a dinner and program arranged and sponsored by the Vernonia Booster club. Speakers at the meeting were George A. Nelson, county agent, and Milton Johnson and Charles Botsford of Hudson-Duncan company.

Mr. Nelson outlined the various kinds of soil to be found in the valley and on the surrounding hills and told where explicit information could be obtained about these soils to determine their adaptability to produce.

Strawberries, boysenberries and red raspberries were recommended by Mr. Johnson as perhaps the best for this area. He mentioned an increasing consumer demand for both frozen and fresh berries and said that the only strong berry competitor of the Northwest was the southern states and that their competition was in the fresh berry market. The Hudson-Duncan plant at Forest Grove will be equipped to prepare berries for the frozen market. Due to a steadily increasing demand for berries, Mr. Johnson expressed great confidence in the future for this product and that prices would continue high.

Charles Botsford, representing the field department of Hudson-Duncan, dealt with details of getting a start in the industry and the fact that his company offered considerable financial assistance and advice to those who contemplated berry growing. He mentioned that if sufficient acreage were started here, the company would build a receiving station in this vicinity, but that at least 25 acres were necessary before that could be accomplished.

Mr. Botsford outlined at considerable length the steps in starting production as to preparation of the ground, fertilizer, plant disease and insects, yield per acre, and the kind of berries to plant. All three of the speakers urged farmers interested in the subject to call upon them for information and help on problems.

## Church Plans Special Services

Starting Sunday, March 31, Rev. Allen H. Backer, Evangelical minister, announces 10 special services which will be held at the church from the coming Sunday through April 7. Two services will be held on the two Sundays in the schedule and one service on each week day.

Appearing here for the program will be Major Vermillion who has been a chaplain for four years and who spent seven months at the front with Patton's third army.

Special music will be provided by students from Cascade college in Portland on April 5, 6 and 7.

## Articles To Be Sold

The sale of miscellaneous articles, which have not been claimed from the casualty station, will be sold next Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, Mrs. R. B. Eby said Wednesday. The sale will be held at the Bank building between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m.