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Street Signs Appear in Riverview

Marking Project Nears Completion; Several Give Aid

A project started in Riverview some weeks ago, is nearing completion to add much to that vicinity and leave Vernonia somewhat behind in the improvement of its streets, so a report from Riverview mentions.

The street marking was started by Oscar Steele who "set the ball rolling" by offering to furnish and print the signs if others furnished and set the posts. All the material and work needed for this project was donated and those who deserve honorable mention are the Crown Zelle back corporation which furnished seven new dipped posts and a man, Billie Bassett, to stake the spot where each post was to be set; W. G. Heath, who located the posts and brought them to his station; Harry King, who furnished the paint and a painter, Everett Johnson; A. F. Schalock, who distributed the posts, and Oscar Steel and Walter Moore, who set the posts and helped in other ways.

Al but two of the signs are now up and Virgil Powell has volunteered to furnish and set the posts for them as soon as he completes a new addition to his home.

Sportsman to Hear Smith Fri.

William Smith, representing the Wildlife League of Oregon, is scheduled to talk here Friday evening, April 5, W. G. Heath said early this week when he made the announcement and urged all sportsmen and others who might be interested to attend. The talk will be made at the I.O.O.F. hall at 8 o'clock.

Smith is coming here at the invitation of the Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club which has become active again and which is starting a campaign to close the mouths of coastal streams to commercial fishing during part of the year so that steelhead may reach the headwaters of these streams for spawning.

Catches of steelhead have been steadily decreasing in these streams due to the fact, sportsmen believe, that the fish are unable to reach the headwaters for spawning in any great numbers.

Siding Added

Workmen have been busy since last week end adding composition brick siding to the exterior of the Ben Brickell building on Bridge street. The siding adds much as an improvement of the appearance of the structure.

Report Disabilities Is Warning of Commander

Attention to an article in the National Tribune was called by Hugh E. Rosson, department of veterans' affairs director, in which Dow Walker of Newport, Ore., urged servicemen about to be discharged to be sure and report their disabilities before leaving the service. Walker, national commander of the disabled American veterans, issued this warning in a recent speech in Michigan.

In their anxiety to return to their homes as quickly as possible, many servicemen are allowing themselves to be discharged without reporting disabilities, Walker told members attending a D.A.V. district conference at Grand Rapids.

He urged every serviceman with a disability to report it at the

COUNTY NEWS

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE REDUCED

ST. HELENS — Permission to plead guilty to a reckless driving charge was given Robert Summers of Vernonia in circuit court after Summers had appealed a Vernonia municipal court sentence given him for alleged drunken driving. Summers was promptly fined \$50 by Judge Howard K. Zimmerman on the reckless driving count.

Although the fines imposed in both cases were the same, by being allowed to plead to reckless driving Summers will not face a jail term nor will he lose his driver's license for a year, as the Oregon law provides.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROPOSED

CLATSKANIE — A general open meeting is called at the Highway pavilion on April 4 at 8 p.m. for the purpose of organizing a soils conservation district for the Clatskanie area. The proposed district is to include all land in the nine diking districts and some pieces of property adjacent to these districts.

Purpose of the organization is to promote improved farm practices, soil improvement through drainage and irrigation and prevention of soil erosion.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON \$125,000 PLANT

ST. HELENS — Construction of a \$75,000 building which will house a new industry, Western Insulating Products Co., scheduled to be ready for operation by Sept. 1, has been started on the property northwest of the Fir-Tex Insulating Board Co. plant. When completed the plant will represent an investment of approximately \$125,000, \$50,000 of this representing machinery and equipment, R. W. Simeral, Fir-Tex manager, said.

Fir-Tex is interested in the plant since it will use part of the local output of Fir-Tex in its product, brick siding.

Pipe Fittings Sale Announced

A huge supply of welded and flanged pipe fittings including elbows, tees, return bends, crosses, couplings, reducers, Y's and unions, all surplus government property, was announced for sale on a sealed bid basis this week by the regional office of War Assets Administration, 310 S.W. Sixth ave., Portland. Most items are 150-pound or 300-pound pressure but some range as high as 6000 pounds.

Another sealed bid sale covers navy salvage material such as compressed wood blocks, airport and blackout screens, windscopes, damper sets, telephone boxes, anemostats, connection and distribution boxes, cable clamps, copper lugs, stuffing and terminal tubes, and miscellaneous items.

separation center to make it a matter of official record and make easier the proving of a claim for pension in later years.

Walker said that even if a serviceman is not aware of any disabilities, he should obtain a complete medical examination immediately after discharge to protect disability claims he may make in later years. "The record of a reputable physician," he said, "may be invaluable later in proving a claim for benefits."

Walker went east early in March to appear before a congressional investigating committee in Washington on veterans' legislation. The National Tribune in which the article appeared, is a weekly newspaper dealing with veterans' affairs, published in Washington; D. C.

Cancer Drive Scheduled April 1 to 30

Mrs. Judd Greenman Named Chairman of Vernonia Campaign

Starting Monday of this week, April 1, is the campaign of the American Cancer society to raise funds which will be used to finance research and treatment of the disease which takes so many lives each year. The campaign will extend through the month of April and posters signifying the importance of raising funds for this purpose are being displayed locally.

Heading the local drive is Mrs. Judd Greenman who is planning for a house to house solicitation in order to bring the importance of this drive to every person. In addition to the canvass, containers and appropriate advertising material will be placed in business houses in this vicinity to receive donations to the fund. The Vernonia quota has been set at \$250, Mrs. Greenman said. Further plans for the campaign will be announced next week.

Arrangements have also been made with the post office department again this year to serve as a medium through which citizens may give to cancer control campaign by merely addressing a letter marked "Cancer" and dropping it into any mail box.

Past office department employees will forward to letter to the proper place so that the enclosed funds may be devoted to this important work.

Display of '42 Plates Illegal

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reminds Oregon motorists that it is illegal to display the old 1942 license plates on the front of their vehicles, and urged the prompt removal of all such plates.

The 1942 plate on the front of vehicles is misleading to law enforcement officers and there have been several cases in which drivers have been stopped by officers who thought the vehicles were not properly licensed. In order to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to the public and to officers, the 1942 plates should be removed at once.

According to Oregon motor vehicle regulations, no plate, emblem or device may be displayed on the front of the vehicle for the current year 1946 except those which may be officially issued or approved by the secretary of state.

Farrell urged motorists to check their cars at once and make sure the 1942 plate has been removed as citations may be given drivers found operating cars with the plate still attached.

Milk Producers Get Price Raise

Milk producers in all Oregon counties (except Morrow, Grant, Harney, Umatilla, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur) have been granted a 6c per butterfat pound increase by the national office of price administration effective as soon as the formal price order is issued, McDannell Brown, Oregon district OPA director, was advised Monday by telephone from the regional OPA director in San Francisco. The order will be received in about a week, it was estimated.

The resulting increase in price to the consumer is provisionally estimated to be 1/4c per quart,



CHAPLAIN (major) Dean L. Vermillion, who has served with the 99th infantry division of Patton's third army, is speaking each evening this week, including Saturday at the Evangelical church at 7:30. Chaplain Vermillion has related many of his experiences at the front where he served seven months before being hospitalized. His services there reached thousands of men who highly respected him because of his willingness to give his services to them unostentatiously in the midst of battle. The public is cordially invited to hear Chaplain Vermillion as he preaches the gospel like he did to the boys over there. Tonight he will show souvenirs brought from Germany.

Store Property Owners Change

A change in ownership for another Vernonia business, the Vernonia 5 and 10, is announced this week. The store was started several years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline who have owned and operated it until a few weeks ago.

The new owners of the property are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bays. The purchase was completed as of April 1.

Taxi Service Started Mon.

A new service for the people of Vernonia and the Upper Nehalem valley was started Monday of this week when S. F. Warden of Portland announced the start of a taxi business here. The business is a new venture for this vicinity and one that will be a convenience for local people.

Mr. Warden and C. W. "Wimpy" Jackson will be the drivers, the former being an ex-Vernonia bus driver who covered the route between here and Portland for almost a year.

People wishing to make use of the taxi service may do so by calling 582, The Cozy Confectionary.

Brown said. This will also become effective when the order is received.

The action was taken by the national OPA, with the approval of the office of economic stabilization, in an effort to halt diversion from fluid manufacturing milk which is not under a price ceiling, OPA officials explained.

The dairymen had asked for an increase from present prices ranging from 85c-95c per pound butterfat, to \$1.15 per pound butterfat.

Red Cross Fund Total Reaches \$1475 Friday

The final report of funds collected in the 1946 Red Cross drive from this vicinity shows an amount considerably less than the quota which was assigned this area previous to the start of the campaign, Mrs. Harry Culbertson said early this week. Mrs. Culbertson has been in charge of the campaign which ended officially last Friday.

The total collected as of that date was \$1475.32 as compared with the quota of \$2844. Reports from other parts of the county also indicated collections totaling considerably less than quotas assigned. The amount collected here does not include the Mist-Natal or Birkenfeld districts in this valley.

Figures were not available Wednesday afternoon for the Birkenfeld district but the amount from the Mist-Natal area where Mrs. William Bridgers was chairman, is \$360. Of this amount, \$278 was taken in as the result of the auction held at Natal.

Mrs. Culbertson wishes to thank all the women and organizations who aided in carrying out the drive, for it was through their diligent work that the money was obtained. She also mentioned that anyone not having made a donation may do so by seeing her personally or mailing the contribution.

During the last week of the drive, the following amounts were solicited: Mrs. Harry Sandon and Mrs. W. G. Heath turned in \$12 from the Washington grade school; Mrs. Dora Washburn solicited \$2 at the post office; members of the Woman's Relief Corps turned in \$9.35 from Girod's Food Store.

Collection boxes were placed in the following stores and the amounts from each were: King's Grocery, 65c; Vike's restaurant, 65c; Vernonia Drug store, \$1.10; Safeway, 65c; Lew's Place, 95c; Pete Brunsmann, \$17.05; and Chat 'N Nibble, 65c. Crown Zeller-

Officer Urges Vaccinations

In response to a telegram received by Dr. J. H. Flynn, county health officer, from Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, last week, an appeal is issued to all residents of Columbia county to cooperate in the current drive for smallpox immunization. At the time the telegram was received there were seven cases in San Francisco and 15 known and three suspected cases in Seattle.

Both Washington and California are engaged in an intensive program of vaccination and Oregon is following suit. No cases of the disease had been reported in the state last week.

The disease is a virulent form of oriental smallpox. Dr. Flynn urged that all children who have not been vaccinated be brought to their private physician as soon as possible and that all adults who have not been vaccinated within the past five years take the precautionary measure.

Examiner Scheduled

A drivers license examiner is scheduled to be in Vernonia Thursday, April 11 at the city hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

back corporation donated \$50. Mrs. T. M. Crawford solicited \$7 from Riverview; Mrs. Ralph Valpiani, \$20 from the O-A office; Mrs. Bert Tisdale and Mrs. Emil Messing, \$1 from Treharne.

The proceeds from the patrons and management of the Joy Theater amounted to \$52.25.

April 20 First Trout Season Day

Opening day of the general trout season for the state will be Saturday, April 20, and not April 13, it is announced by the Oregon State Game commission. Inquiries received at the game department office indicate that many anglers are under the erroneous impression that the earlier date prevails. Printing difficulties have delayed issuance of the official synopsis of the angling regulations but it is hoped that distribution can be started soon to all license agencies. Until the April 20 opening, coastal waters are closed to all angling for trout regardless of size. The season is open, however, for salmon and steelhead twenty inches or more in length.

Forest Service Reports Sales

Timber to the value of over five and a quarter million dollars was cut by U.S. forest service sustained yield timber sales on the nineteen national forests of the North Pacific region during 1945, according to a report just issued by the regional office, Portland.

The thirteen Oregon forests produced timber sales receipts of \$3,219,197, while the six Washington forests accounted for \$1,915,680. Highest ranking forest was the Regue River, in southern Oregon, with a total of \$648,222. The Olympic, in northwestern Washington, ranked a close second with \$644,992. Total for the region was \$5,134,877.

These receipts were produced by cutting 1,084,952,000 board feet of timber, of which 717,342,000 board feet came from the Oregon forests, and 367,610 from the Washington forests. Minor forest products, not convertible to board feet, accounted for \$6412 of revenue. These included Christmas trees, ferns, cascara bark, pole stubs, and peat moss.

The forest service points out that all of the national forest timber was cut under sustained yield management principles, which means that the forest is kept in a productive state for future crops. Management of these public forest lands to produce the maximum in human and community welfare and stability in the long run is guiding principle in making national forest timber sales, it is said.

Seniors Prepare For Class Play

Students of the Vernonia high school senior class are practicing for the presentation of their play on Friday evening of next week. The production is entitled "Snafu" and has also been produced as a motion picture.

Mrs. Betty Jean Sherman is coaching the students. The play is scheduled for showing at 8 o'clock at the Washington grade school auditorium.