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Street Signs Plan of City Council Now

Saw, Pulp Logs, Poles, Shingles Coming From Farm

New markers for the streets in Vernonia are anticipated within a short time due to an order by the city council and due to authorization which allows the placing of signs on power transmission poles. Steps toward obtaining the signs have already been taken with the ordering of lumber.

The street names will be placed on boards 1 in. by 5 in. by 14 in. to 26 in. in length. The length depending on the name of the street. The markers will be painted and wherever possible will be attached to power poles at a height of 12 feet. Decision to place the signs at that height was made to prevent their destruction as much as possible. Bids for the painting have been requested and the work will go forward as soon as possible.

The decision to place the signs at the 112-foot height will prevent much of the destruction which occurred when signs were erected seven or eight years ago. At that time each marker was placed on its own pole at a lower height.

15 Students Get Honor Listing

Fifteen Vernonia high school students received listings on the honor roll for the six-weeks period just ended, Principal Ray Mills announced early this week. The Freshman class led by placing eight names on the roster of high grades.

By classes the roll includes: Freshmen—Mary Jane Armstrong, John Berg, Maxine Hartwick, Beverly Herrin, Delores Johnson, Arlene Kirk, Georgianna Mills and Roy Oakes; Sophomores—Theresa Schmidlin; Juniors—Miriam Corll, Cora Dusenberry, Barbara Keasey, Elna Morris, and Mildred Wolff, and Seniors—Patricia Berg.

Conference Is Church Plan

The Mormon church will hold its annual branch conference April 21 at the church at 925 Rose avenue, it is announced this week. The meetings will be under the direction of President Bringham of the Northwestern States Mission.

All members of the church are urged to attend. The morning session will convene at 10 o'clock and will be followed by lunch at 12 noon. The afternoon sessions will start at 2 o'clock.

"Seek Up-Grading" Advice of Director

Veterans generally should realize the importance of their service-acquired skills in seeking up-grading either in school or in employment, and should be urged to "avail themselves of whatever credit may be granted them by their employers or the educational institutions of their choice."

This advice was received by Hugh E. Rosson, Oregon department of veterans' affairs director, in a recent letter from Maj. Gen. G. B. Erskine, retraining and re-employment administrator of the department of labor.

"The granting of credit to veterans for service-acquired training and experience is a matter which has not been fully exploited," Erskine says.

Rosson, commenting on Erskine's letter, points out that Oregon high schools automatically

Homemakers Festival Is Wed., April 24 Event

A county homemakers festival is scheduled at St. Helens for Wednesday, April 24, at the First Methodist church starting at 10 o'clock with registration to be followed at 10:30 by the day's program. This festival will take the form of an achievement day for women and is one of a series being conducted in Oregon counties this month.

The program will include musical numbers with the viewing of exhibits and speaking to follow. Those attending will view exhibits and demonstrations prepared by garden clubs, other clubs and extension units which are active in the county.

Speaking in the afternoon will be Mrs. Azalea Sager, state home demonstration leader and Mrs. Dorothy McCullough Lee, Portland city commissioner. The event is open to every woman in the county and tickets may be obtained here from two Vernonia

residents, Mrs. R. R. Middendorph and Mrs. Isola Morris. Mrs. Middendorph, as a member of the executive committee for the festival, has been active in drawing up the program for the event.

Music Group Rating High

Ratings for two groups of Vernonia high school singers who entered the postwar high school music tournament at Forest Grove Friday and Saturday of last week were at the top and next to the top. Ratings for contestants were numbered from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest.

The girls' sextet of the high school captured the top rating and it is planned that this group enter the state music contest at Eugene later this year.

Winning a number 2 rating at Forest Grove was the glee club. Ratings for the piano and vocal solo entrants had not been received by Wednesday of this week due to the fact that the number of contestants entered made judging difficult and impossible to complete immediately.

Church Plans Communion

The First Christian church has chosen the date of April 118 for its annual communion service, it was announced late this week by L. L. Wells. The program is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

A program for the event has been prepared to include scripture readings, singing and the communion service by elders and deacons.

PLAY COMMENT GOOD

The Senior class play, "Snafu," drew considerable praise from members of the audience after its showing last Friday. Besides the favorable comment, the Seniors will net approximately \$775 for their efforts.

WORK STARTED AGAIN

Work started again the latter part of last week on construction of the Texaco Service station on the corner of Bridge and Second streets. The work was stopped for some time due to a strike which prevented the obtaining of cement blocks which are being used in the building.

COATING TURNS WATER

Wartime industrial research brings out a new liquid coating which is water-repellent — good for protecting crates, wood, metal, leather and textiles. It will help keep moisture out of masonry.

MEETINGS CONTINUE

Special meetings are being held at the Assembly of God church every night at 7:30 except Monday and Saturday and will continue through April 28, with Evangelist Rosaltha Fisher speaking. Miss Fisher is an accomplished violinist and soloist and also conducts evening chats Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 o'clock on important phases of Sunday school work. All are invited to every service.

LIVINGSTONE TO TALK

Rev. W. O. Livingstone, former Christian church minister, will return here to preach the Easter Sunday services at that church. An invitation to attend the services on that day have been extended by members of the congregation.

Four Firms Active in Re-logging

Over 200 Markers Ordered; Bids on Painting asked

Re-logging on the Columbia County Tree farm has increased until four firms are now engaged in this work which includes the hop, phone and light poles and use of saw and pulp logs, fence, cedar for shingles, Glen Hawkins local representative, said a few days ago.

Engaged in re-logging operations for saw and pulp logs are J. W. Parker on Coon creek and the Cedarwood Timber company on Pebble creek. Two firms getting out poles and shingle bolts are M. J. O'Donnell at Natal and A. J. Hicks on Crooked creek.

In addition to the logging firms, two sawmills being supplied with logs in addition to the Cedarwood Timber company and the Shaw Lumber company at Braun's siding, are the Pebble Creek Lumber company owned and operated by Darrah Crooks and the East Fork Lumber company owned by Harry Sandon.

Several operators engaged in re-logging gathered last Friday afternoon to see a demonstration of the one-man power chain saw. The saw is suitable for logging pulpwood, land clearing, cutting fence posts and cordwood. It can be carried easily by one man and can be equipped with a 26-inch bar and chain that permits cutting logs 52 inches in diameter.

School Boards Talk Oil Heat

The boards of the Union high school and School District 47 both considered the installation of oil heating furnaces at their meetings last Saturday night. The former board took no definite action on the subject but the matter is tabled for a future meeting. The District 47 board did vote favorably on the installation of an oil heating unit for the Washington school, but established the "if" which makes the change from the present wood furnace dependant upon obtaining the new unit.

The high school board also fired Austin Corll as the Mist bus driver for the coming year and named the budget committee of R. H. Aldrich, Judd Greenman, W. H. Bridgers, S. Golden and Robert Mathews. The budget meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 3.

The grade school board rehired George Johnson and Bob Thompson to drive their respective routes for the next year.

Joint Pole Use Intent on Bridge

At the first April meeting of the Vernonia city council, the councilmen decided by an unanimous vote to request the West Oregon Electric Cooperative and the West Coast Telephone company to consider joint construction of their pole line through the downtown business section of Vernonia. It is the opinion of the council, that as long as new construction is contemplated by the West Oregon Electric, that a request now would remove about one-half the poles through the business district.

Frank D. Seelye, West Oregon manager, was contacted and he in turn contacted J. M. Goodrich, plant superintendent of the West Coast Telephone company, calling for a joint conference to discuss the possibility and feasibility of the city's request. After study by the engineers of the two concerns, it was found that this project is feasible though somewhat expensive. At a later conference both concerns came to the conclusion that this money would be well spent in view of the fact that it would help beautify the business section of Vernonia and at the same time prepare it for its proposed modern street lighting system.

The management of both organizations believe this additional sum invested at this time will aid considerably in the development of Vernonia, foster a more cooperative feeling and boost public relations to those whom they serve.

Mr. Seelye was advised by telegram on April 2 by the administrator of REA that this plan of joint construction was approved and on the same day Mr. Goodrich advised Mayor George Johnson that the plan had received the approval of Harley Barber, Forest Grove manager of the telephone company.

Smallpox Check Health Group Plan

A re-check of vaccinations given for smallpox for local grade school students was carried out Wednesday of this week by R. D. Eby, M.D., and Miss Ruth Peffley, county health nurse. Vaccinations for smallpox were given last fall to the students here and this check was made to determine which children were not yet immune to the disease.

The county nurse and the Columbia County Public Health association are both interested in having these checks made in county schools in order to be sure of immunity.

Purchase of New Truck Authorized

Word was received Monday from the rural electrification administration in Washington, D.C., approving the purchase of a new one and one-half-ton truck by the West Oregon Electric Cooperative. Frank D. Seelye, manager of the cooperative has placed the order with Greenwood Motors, it is announced this week.

The new truck will be used on construction and for the transportation of materials, poles and men.

PERMANENT STARCH

Your shirts, summer dresses, sheets and draperies will profit by the new textile treatment developed by a rubber manufacturer — it keeps them permanently starched in all weather.

This joint construction has been scheduled by Mr. Seelye and Mr. Goodrich to begin approximately May 1.

School Picture Program Started

Here Monday of this week to arrange a school program was Arthur K. Roberts of the West Coast Lumbermen's association which is sponsoring a visual education program. Roberts brought with him a series of 40 colored slides of logging scenes which will be used in the grade and high schools. After being shown here, the pictures will be for use in other schools and will remain permanently with this county.

Local arrangements were made by Glen Hawkins who will have charge of the pictures in Columbia county.

Other series will follow after the present showing, Mr. Hawkins said. The pictures have been made up under the auspices of the Lumbermen's association upon the recommendation of school officials and foresters.

COUNTY NEWS

NO SMALLPOX IN SCAPPOOSE

SCAPPOOSE—Health officials combined last week to squash the rumor that a case of oriental smallpox had broken out in Scappoose.

Miss Ruth Peffley, county health nurse, stated that no such case had come to her attention.

NEW STREETS TO RECEIVE CARRIER SERVICE

ST. HELENS — Streets which will be given carrier mail service under the postoffice consolidation to become effective May 1 were announced last week by Mrs. Susie B. Dillard, postmaster. The new service will bring many residents of West St. Helens into the city service.

Decision as to whether the Houlton postoffice, or Station A as it will be known after May 1, will continue to receive and distribute mail will be decided in the near future.

RELIEF PROGRAMS GET ROAD OILING CASH

ST. HELENS — Because relief costs are going to run considerably in excess of the amount budgeted for them, the county court last week invaded the special fund for road oiling to get \$10,000 to pay its share of welfare bills for the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends June 30. The loan is just that, for it must be paid back out of tax money in the budget for the 1946-47 fiscal year.

Half of the \$10,000 taken from the road fund will go to the largest and most costly of the four programs maintained in the county—old age assistance.

Aid to dependent children is to receive \$2000.

MINT GROWERS LEAGUE ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

CLATSKANIE — The Mint Growers league convened for a business session recently at the Quincy school and adopted a constitution and bylaws.

The league is made up of growers from the Clatskanie, Rainier and Puget Island areas. The purpose of the association is to promote the peppermint industry, to establish grades, to work with the extension service and to assist in experimental development in the industry.

If all of the \$10,000 is spent before end of the current fiscal period it will make county cost for relief somewhere around \$50,000, about 20 per cent of the amount actually spent for this purpose in Columbia.