

# Vernonia Eagle

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

VOLUME 24, NUMBER 29

VERNONIA, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1946



PICTURED is the mobile chest x-ray unit which will be in Vernonia for two days on Monday and Tuesday, July 29 and 30. In charge of arrangements for those who will use the unit is Mrs. Frank Hartwick who will announce next week the time the unit will be open each day to take pictures and where the unit will be located. The x-rays are free to all local people and provide a means of determining the presence of tuberculosis. The unit's visit is made possible by funds obtained from the sale of Christmas Seals.

## Budget Adopted At Wed. Meeting

The City of Vernonia's cost sheet for this year is now in effect. That is the result of action, or rather lack of action, last Wednesday night when a hearing for objections, should there have been any, was held. The budget is the one advertised for two weeks shortly before the date of the meeting and sets forth intended expenditures for July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947 and also gives the estimated receipts from such sources as water revenues, fines, license, sale of property, etc. This year's cost sheet does not include a property tax levy, a procedure that has not been followed for several years.

Due to the fact that no city residents appeared to object to the budget, the estimate was adopted by the council at this special meeting.

City councilmen have not held any regular meetings so far this month due to difficulty in obtaining a quorum of attendance. Several members are either busy or out of town, making the meetings impossible.

## Fat Salvage Still Vitally Needed

The saving of waste fats has been termed "just as important now as at any time during the war" by officials of government and industry, according to information made known here this week by the county agricultural conservation committee.

A check with local grocers Tuesday determined that small amounts of fats are being turned in each week, but in minute quantity when compared with collections during the war.

One store is receiving about 10 pounds a week, another averages about two and one-half pounds and still another is receiving very little. Other stores indicated about the same response to this saving program.

One very logical reason given for the decreased turn-in was that a shortage of shortening has made the use of fats in the home a necessity.

## 1946 Season, Bag Limits Set Tentatively

The 1946 hunting season and bag limits were set tentatively by the Oregon state game commission at its annual hearing held Saturday, July 13, in Portland. The hearing was adjourned to July 27 when the final regulations will be adopted.

The general season for blacktail and mule deer was set for September 28 to October 20 with a bag limit of one deer having not less than forked antlers.

For Rocky Mountain elk the general season will be from October 26 to November 17 in the area east of the Dalles-California highway. Bag limit will be one elk of either sex except that in Wallowa, Union and that part of Umatilla county east of Highway 395 the bag limit is one bull elk with antlers. Also the bag limit is

## Hawkins Will Show Slides

Colored slides of the growing and harvesting of timber in the Pacific Northwest are available for showing to groups any evening of the week Glen Hawkins, Columbia County Tree Farm supervisor, said early this week.

The slides will make an entertaining addition to an evening's program, Mr. Hawkins said, and any local group that wishes to see them can do so by requesting him a short time in advance to make the showing. He will be able to make the showings during the summer more easily than later when school begins because the slides are also intended for school use.

The pictures are 45 in number.

## Western Auto Plans Opening

The Western Auto Supply will open its doors to customers between August 1 and 15 Walter S. Ready said Tuesday. He and Mrs. Ready are here preparing for merchandise displays and the opening. Some merchandise has already arrived and more is expected daily.

The owners announce that they plan specials for the opening which will probably be on a week end.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Ready are searching for a house to rent in town or near town.

## Scouts Plan Hike To Summer Camp

The Vernonia Boy Scouts will get all the hiking wanted on one future week end this summer Scoutmaster Ed Frazee said last week when he mentioned that he and the scouts had driven to Camp Wilkerson last Wednesday evening.

The drive there was made to see what the camp was like, he said, but a hike is planned later in the year. The distance is 16 miles from Vernonia. The camp is located near the headwaters of Oak Ranch creek.

## July Account Overdrawn

The July prorated portion of \$54,902.44 set aside for welfare in the 1946-47 fiscal year is already, overdrawn by \$225.09. That is the information contained in a report released by Mrs. Eva L. Tice, administrator, for the July 10 meeting of the Columbia county public welfare commission.

The report also points out that the commission approved \$61,947.81 to be budgeted for 1946-47 and the figure was cut to \$54,902.44. It is also noted that possible rising food prices are not included in the larger estimated figure for this fiscal year.

Indicators are that members of the commission and the administrator will be among those present to object to the budget allowance when the budget committee holds its hearing July 24.

## Petition Seeks Express Delivery

Delivery service for the railway express packages is sought in a petition which was circulated among business houses here Tuesday by L. W. Skuzie. The petition "respectfully protests to the American Express company their recent practice of non-delivery of parcels in Vernonia. This recent action has caused undue hardship."

Over 15 signers were obtained and the listing will be sent to express company headquarters to attempt to get a change in the decision to stop delivery.

Packages have not been delivered from the depot since March 25.

## CASE DISMISSED

The justice of peace hearing here last Friday ended with dismissal of the case against J. W. Shortridge, who was charged by L. G. VanDoozer in the complaint with illegally entering the house occupied by the latter on Corey hill. Both were partners in the United Electric and Supply company.

one tag will be issued. Hunters, however, are asked not to file applications for special tags until after the adoption of the final regulations on July 27.

Archers will have two special deer seasons. One is from September 28 to October 6, inclusive, in a small area in the vicinity of Paulina creek on the Deschutes game refuge. Bag limit is one deer of either sex. The other season is for deer of either sex from October 9 to 16 in a portion of the Canyon Creek refuge.

Tagging regulations will be enforced this year, and all game held during the closed season or shipped into closed areas or out of the state will have to be tagged by the game law enforcement authorities.

## State Grange Takes Canning Sugar Action

### Resolution Asks Re-Survey of Stocks And Allocations

The Oregon State Grange executive committee has taken action on the canning sugar shortage by asking a "re-survey of sugar stocks and allocations" through a resolution adopted July 8. The resolution is a step towards what will apparently determine whether there is really a shortage of sugar or whether the sugar is being held back from the consuming public. Some contention that the latter is true has been heard.

The resolution reads: "Whereas the present sugar allocation for home canning is entirely inadequate to care for home canning needs, and

"Whereas, even at this early date in the season, there is a considerable wastage of fresh fruits now ripening, due to lack of canning sugar by housewives, and

"Whereas there are conflicting depressed market prices for a number of products, and

"Whereas there are conflicting reports as to the amount of sugar on hand in this country; therefore be it

"Resolved, by the executive committee of the Oregon State Grange that we ask our delegation in congress to request an immediate re-survey of sugar stocks and allocations with the purpose of increasing sugar allotments for home canning purposes; and be it

"Resolved, further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the Oregon delegation in congress and to the National Grange."

## Registration Is Up 8 Per Cent

Oregon's motor vehicle registration set a new record at the end of June this year when Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported 441,000 vehicles registered in the state.

The registration this year is eight per cent above the total registered in the state at this time last year. It is about two per cent higher than the 1941 total of 434,089 vehicles.

Farrell said the record number of cars, together with the record gasoline consumption during recent months, contributed to the heavy traffic volume that has increased accident hazards in this state. Traffic volumes now are around 80 per cent above the volumes registered a year ago.

## School Roof To Get Repairs

F. A. Snyder, Portland contractor, began work on the high school roof last week. The roof will receive a new covering of paper and a coat of tar to prepare it for winter rains.

The school also received the large oil storage tank which will be used to supply an oil burner for the furnace. Installation of the equipment will be made before the start of school, Mr. Mills, principal, said Sunday.

## BUILDING GETS REPAIRS

Cleve Robertson began work on remodeling the Chat 'N Nibble cafe building early this week by removing part of the back of the structure and leveling and repairing the foundation. Further work will include a complete change for the interior.

## Dairy Foods, Meats Show Gain Some Stores Report

Some food prices have increased, most of them remain the same and a few have lowered! That's what a survey of Vernonia grocery outlets revealed Tuesday when store owners were questioned about their merchandise and about the attitude of customers towards paying higher prices for those items that have increased.

Price gains have been marked for dairy products such as butter, milk and cheese, but in reality the increase comes about only as a change in method of paying. Subsidies formerly were extracted from the taxpayers' pockets to offset price gains. Now subsidies have been removed so the amount of the subsidy for each item is added to the previous cost of that item. Result: a change in the method of paying for the article.

However, there is indication here as elsewhere that food buyers are striking against the present price of butter. Several store owners said the same when questioned. People are not buying butter in nearly the volume they did before the great change came about. Sales have fallen off and butter shelves are not cleaned out quickly when stores receive their allotments. One grocery operator said that a buyers' strike might not prove effective even now because stores are still allotted butter and the

price could easily remain at its present height until the supply exceeds the demand.

Another groceryman indicated that increases will be forthcoming on many canned goods items. He has been informed that gains of 50c per case are likely shortly. Indicative of seasonal abundance is the lowering of produce prices which have taken a drop, he said.

## COUNTY NEWS

### RIVER STILL FALLS FISH CATCH POOR

ST. HELENS—The Columbia river continues to fall slowly and the gauge at the city dock shows a depth of 12 feet above zero, a fall of more than 6 feet from the high water mark early in June.

Salmon fishermen had hoped that the run of fish would improve as the river fell but their hopes have not been fulfilled. Catch taken by the CRPA averages about one-half ton a day and few fishermen take more than 200 pounds.

### WESTPORT AND WAUNA DISTRICTS MAY JOIN

CLATSKANIE — Voters of school district 7, Westport, and school district 38, Wauna, will vote on July 22 whether the two school districts should be consolidated.

### FUR TRAPPING IN COUNTY TOALED \$10,393.72

ST. HELENS—Recent figures on the fur catch in this county for the past year shows the total value of the pelts to have been \$19,339.72. The catch was divided as follows among the fur-bearing animals: Otter \$900.15, mink \$6032.16, muskrat \$2849.60, wildcat \$197.80, skunk \$55.46, weasel \$19.74, raccoon \$127.05, civet cat \$18.48.

### NEGRO GIVEN 2-YEAR TERM FOR ATTACK

ST. HELENS—Ben Williams, 40-year-old Vernonia Negro, received a two year sentence in the state penitentiary Wednesday of last week when he appeared before Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman to plead guilty to a district attorneys information charging rape.

Williams, who was arrested by state police in May, had entered a plea of guilty when he appeared before the judge in June but sentencing had been postponed because no report had been received on his past record. The FBI record of his fingerprints disclosed that he had been arrested four times previously but had never been convicted.



## Quartet to Sing Monday

A male quartette from the Northwest Nazarene College and Professor James D. McGraw will be here Monday at the Nazarene Chapel to sing and talk, Rev. H. L. Russell, pastor, said this Monday.

Local people are invited to attend. The program, scheduled to start at 7:45 p.m. will include singing principally. However, a short time will be devoted to Professor McGraw who will tell about the college which is located at Nampa, Idaho.