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Interruption Of Service to End This Week

Business District Wiring Undergoing Change by Co-op

Practically all, if not all, electric service interruptions in the Vernonia business section will end this week. Frank D. Seelye, West Oregon Electric manager, said Tuesday. Service stops have been necessary in order to carry out the rebuilding of lines and installation of new poles in this area, but the interruptions will result in better and more reliable service for the town than has been true for many years.

The new poles are confined to one side of the street only, are considerably higher than the old poles and will be used both for the Cooperative lines and wire for the West Coast Telephone company.

By utilizing the poles for both concerns the elimination of a good deal of the maze of wires will be possible as also will the volume of radio interference. Until the new street light units are obtained and installed it is likely that Bridge street will be darker at night than usual because supports for the present lights will not be available.

Renewed effort toward collecting the balance of the fund needed for new street light units was in evidence early this week. Contacts of business houses which have yet to contribute to the fund were being carried out by the committee headed by Cleve Robertson. City officials have been informed by Attorney R. M. Burley that it is lawful to divide the payment into three yearly instalments of \$10 each. Those firms which wish to do so may make the payment as part of the city occupation license. However, as yet no definite action has been taken by the city to levy the assessment in that manner.

Neon Signs Are Installed Tues.

Two new neon signs which add much to the appearance of Bridge street, both during the day and at night, were installed on two business places Tuesday by the Columbia Neon Sign company of Portland.

Getting the improvements were Bush Furniture store and Whities tavern. The latter was formerly known as the Vernonia Billiards.

The signs are another step towards the improved appearance of Bridge street.

New Officers Begin Duties

New officers to serve for the coming year began their work Thursday evening, July 11, the first July meeting of IWA Local 5-37. The new officials received their obligation June 27 from District Council President Harvey Nelson.

The officers are: John Gritdahl, president; Albert Tandy, vice-president; Pete Weidekehr, warden; Henry Ade, conductor; John Elder, business agent and financial secretary, and Bill Lindley, trustee.

Boosters to Meet Monday

At a meeting of the Vernonia Booster club board of directors Monday night the decision to meet on the coming Monday evening was suggested, adopted and preliminary plans arranged.

A somewhat different procedure than usual was decided upon in that the members are asked to gather at the Vernonia Country club at 8 o'clock for the meeting to enjoy a light lunch afterwards.

A future program of activity for the club and suggestions for ways to boost Vernonia will be the meeting's topic, President Lou Girod said.

COUNTY NEWS

FAIRGROUNDS DRESSED UP AS DATE NEARS

ST. HELENS—Now in the process of coming out of "storage," Columbia county's first fair since 1941 when war with Japan and Germany were only months away gives promise of being one of the best in more than 30 years that the annual shows have been presented. Ralph Langdon, Scappoose, secretary of the county fair board, said last week that preparations for the fair are progressing rapidly.

BEAN HARVEST STARTS 200 PICKERS SOUGHT

SCAPPOOSE—Harvest of the considerable acreage of beans in the Scappoose dike lands got under way last week and a call went out for 200 pickers. Those desiring work in the harvest can either register at the farm labor office in the county agent's rooms in the courthouse or can catch the bus which will haul workers to the fields each morning.

Pay for pickers this year has been set at 2½¢ per pound and the harvest of the present crop will take about three weeks. Pole beans will be ready for harvest later.

Work of harvesting the pea crop has been virtually completed, but haying is now in full swing, thanks to arrival of warm weather. Hay hands are still needed, with pay set at \$1 per hour in most cases.

A call went out last week for cucumber pickers for the harvest which will begin about August 1 in the Scappoose district and last through the fall months until the first killing frost.

Mexican labor, depended on for much of the harvest work during the war years, will not be available in any quantity this year.

CONSERVATION WORK RISE SHOWN HERE

ST. HELENS—Columbia county farmers are beginning to realize more every year the need for more soil and water conservation practices.

A tabulation of intended conservation practices on the 520 farms signed in the 1946 AAA program reveals that farmers are planning to do conservation practices amounting to much more on approximately the same acreage as in 1945. For instance, in 1945 the intended amount of lime was 1200 tons, and in 1946 farmers have shown intentions of applying 2000 tons. Figures show that 600 pounds more pasture grass seed is intended this year, bringing the total intentions up to about 80,000 pounds for the county. Drainage ditches, another large item under the conservation program, have more than doubled since last year. Farmers this year are planning to dig 1,698,000 feet, compared with 800,000 feet in 1945.

Tree Feeding Experiment Being Tried

Speedier Growth Sought From Tree Farm Seedlings

Start 'em growing fast and keep 'em growing fast. That's the slogan of the foresters for the Columbia County Tree Farm and they're attempting to do just that.

To back up that slogan they have started experiments in feeding the young seedlings the necessary plant foods. They have staked out 100 seedlings in an area which was plowed and planted last winter. By applying various commercial plant foods in certain amounts to every other seedling, they hope to find the one combination which will give the treated plants the greatest additional growth per tree over trees getting no extra nourishment.

As the experiment is now in its early stages, no results can be determined and made available for publication. But if the experiment gets results, Columbia farm foresters will have the answer on how to grow trees fast—and maybe even faster!

4-H Class Gets Practice Judging

A practice judging tour occupied the time of members of the Vernonia 4-H Livestock club last Friday when the club and its leader, Mrs. Byron Kirkbride, and County Agent George Nelson visited the Albert Schmidlin farm and the G. C. Kirkbride feed lots.

Dairy cattle were judged at the Schmidlin farm and swine at the latter place.

Making the tour were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Siedelman and daughter and son, Pearl Siedelman, Margaret Buckley, Melvin and Ronnie Beck, Mrs. Jim Moran and son, Harold Schmidlin, Jerry Oakes and Mrs. Kirkbride and oldest daughter and son.

Members of the club who wish will enter 4-H judging competition at the county fair, Mrs. Kirkbride said.

Third Mill Being Made

Harry Junken and his son, Arthur, are busy building the third pulpwood mill at the Vernonia Welding shop Mr. Junken announced last week. The first mill constructed earlier this year was purchased by R. H. Meyer and is working steadily. Capacity for that mill is between 50 and 60 cords a week.

As the previous units were built, so this mill will be of all metal design for the quick and easy sawing of pulp logs into eight-foot lengths.

The mill now being assembled will use a 52-inch saw, a little larger than those made before. Some delay has been experienced in obtaining needed materials for the work, Mr. Junken said.

Longer Opening Hours Planned

New opening hours for the Vernonia Auto company are announced this week by Edw. Salomonsen who is making arrangements for keeping the garage open to customers 15 hours a day from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. except Sundays. The new schedule becomes effective next Monday, July 29.

The change is being made to accommodate truck owners, farmers and the motoring public by providing service similar to that offered before the war.

Rain Plaints Bring Heat!

Apparently he who regulates the weather tired of hearing people complain about the rain . . . and the beautiful sunshine came. At any rate the official maximum temperature recordings for the past week at the cooperative station on Corey Hill are:

July 17—75 degrees; 18th—82 degrees; 19th—90 degrees; 20th—101 degrees; 21st—87 degrees; 22nd—87 degrees; 23rd—85 degrees. Cooperative Observer Helen Spofford has checked her records to find that this hot period is the longest for many years for this vicinity.

In downtown Vernonia, residents have reported thermometers as registering from 108 degrees to 115 degrees on July 20. That day is the warmest on record and there was no breeze. Humidity that day was listed at 21.

'No Parking' Action Taken

City councilmen met Monday evening for the first time this month to officially okeh July bills and transact other pending business. Previously scheduled meetings were postponed due to difficulty in obtaining a quorum of members.

Definite action towards making effective the recently-adopted ordinance concerning parking time limits on Bridge street was taken. The ordinance has been adopted and is officially on the books but it has been impossible to obtain signs designating where parking will be prohibited and telling the time limits of parking where it will be allowed.

When the ordinance was adopted the council intended to erect metal signs, foregoing wooden markers because they are less durable. However, later word from the company which was to supply the signs informed the council that several months time would elapse before they could be obtained.

In order to start enforcing the new rule, the council has ordered lumber for wood signs which will be mounted on pipe. A painter for the signs has also been engaged.

Other action Monday was an order for City Attorney R. M. Burley to draft an ordinance regulating the movement of tractors with lugs on city streets. Tractors have been driven on the pavement in the past and there has been no regulation to prevent such action.

The city governing body is scheduled to meet again August 5th.

Heart Disease, Cancer Top List

Diseases of the heart and cancer again top the list of ten leading causes of death in Oregon for 1945. The death rate per 100,000 population for heart disease dropped from 296 to 287, while that for cancer declined from 132 to 130.7.

Other leading causes for 1945 in order and respective rates are intracranial lesions 101, nephritis 82.3, influenza and pneumonia 40.5, motor vehicle accidents 52.2, diabetes 22.2, tuberculosis 22.2, accidental falls 19.2, premature births 17.3.

The 1945 figures indicate a notable drop in the rate for influenza and pneumonia deaths from 54.6 to 40.5 which, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, comments, is attributable to the lesser incidence of "flu" in 1945 than in 1944 and to improved methods of treatment, including greater use of penicillin.

The death rate for motor vehicle accidents rose from 18.4 to 25.2. Suicides dropped entirely from ten leading causes of death.



THIS IS the way the x-ray unit works. Only a moment is required to take each person's picture and the test is free to every person in this community who wishes to find out whether tuberculosis has a start. Determining whether tuberculosis has a start before the disease has made any great headway is the best means of warding off a long, expensive treatment and possible death. The unit will be here for two days next week.

X-Ray Unit to Offer Free Examinations Mon., Tues.

Have your picture taken free next Monday or Tuesday by the mobile x-ray unit by making your appointment with Mrs. Wilfred Holce at the Vernonia bank building. That is the opportunity offered local people next Monday and Tuesday when the unit will be in Vernonia.

The details of arranging for the visit were made locally by Mrs. Frank Hartwick and letters have been sent out asking that those who want the free examination for tuberculosis notify Mrs. Wilfred Holce at the bank building. Mrs. Holce will in turn arrange a time for each individual to visit the unit and notify that individual when to appear.

The unit is capable of taking x-rays at the rate of 50 an hour and five people take care of the work, Mrs. Hartwick said. The

equipment will be located by the high school gymnasium the same as last year and will be operated from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, July 29th and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 30.

Authorities on the subject of chest x-rays urge that people have the check-up again this year even though an x-ray was taken when the unit was here last year.

Tree Farming Talked Tuesday

Tree farming as practiced on the Columbia County Tree Farm was the topic of a talk made Tuesday evening by Farm Supervisor Glen Hawkins when he spoke to the Kiwanis club at Clatskanie.

The Columbia County Tree Farm has already received widespread publicity along with the new relogging practice that received its start in this vicinity and has resulted in many demands upon Mr. Hawkins to tell about the work that is being carried on. Along with his talk were shown picture slides which are a part of the visual education program of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The slides dealt principally with Keeping Oregon Green.

Dedication of Church Intended

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be dedicated July 31 at 8 p.m., is the announcement made this week. The service will be presided over by President Bringham of the Northwestern States Mission of Portland.

President Antonie R. Ivins of the First Council of the Seventies of Salt Lake City will be the principal speaker and the public is invited, the announcement states further.

'Welcome to Oregon' Signs Dedicated Tues.

Another step to welcome visitors to Oregon and at the same time urge safety practices in Oregon forests was the dedication Tuesday morning at Rainier of the Keep Oregon Green highway signs which bear the caption "Welcome to Oregon." The dedication speech was made by R. J. Baldock, state highway engineer.

The signs, one of which is mounted on the south end of the Longview bridge, is about eight

by 10 feet in size of rustic construction and mounted on logs in keeping with the design. Along with the "welcome" is a reminder to keep Oregon green and pointers as to attractions in the state. Similar signs will be placed at principal entrances to the state.

Attending the ceremony from here were Glen Hawkins, supervisor of the Columbia County Tree Farm and Frank Sergeant of the Pittsburg Guard station.

The saplings of today will build the homes of tomorrow. Protect our junior forests.

Keep Oregon Green