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Future Road Oiling Plans Are Revealed

State Highway Men Tell Plans for Coming Two Years

In this vicinity and other county districts Monday to examine county roads which are to receive federal funds for road oiling were three representatives of the state highway commission. Making the tour of examination with them were Wm. Pringle, Sr., and Donald Parcher, county commissioners.

As explained by the visitors, the commission has received federal highway funds, part of which are to be devoted to the oiling of county roads. The time of suitable weather remaining this year makes the work impossible this season, but the funds are to be available next year and the year after.

Scheduled for oiling during 1947 is the remaining graveled road between Vernonia and Sunset camp. Part of that road already is hard surfaced, and the remainder is scheduled next. Also intended during the coming year is the oiling of between seven and 12 miles of the Pittsburg-Scappoose road.

Two years from now, or during 1948, the state will apply money for surfacing the Rainier-Apiary road.

The funds so received, Mr. Pringle said, do not change the status of these roads in that they remain county roads contrary to the opinion which has been expressed several times by people here.

Thomas Building Bought by Church

The purchase of the Thomas building has been made by the local Nazarene church. The members plan to have a new church and Sunday school rooms built on the lot in the near future.

Rev. H. L. Russell, pastor of the church is an experienced carpenter having spent several years at contract work. He built the church and parsonage at Klamath Falls, and in 1941 he spent the summer in Fairbanks, Alaska, building the church there. Last year he built a large dining hall and two dormitories for the Washington District at Halls Lake, Washington. A group of men from the Kelso church plan to come here and help when they are called.

August 31 Pay Deadline

The dairy production payment program for the second quarter of 1946 closes on August 31. Producers who have not yet applied for their payment on milk and butterfat sold in the April-June period will need to do so before that date.

County-Wide Council Is Result of Sunday Meet

In answer to the announcement last week of a meeting Sunday at Camp Wilkerson, about 40 people responded to organize a county-wide council to make plans for the camp development in such a manner that the requirements of all youth groups would be met.

To set up the council, it was decided to compose the group by naming three youth leaders from each of the county's sections.

Named Sunday for that purpose were: Vernonia—Ed Frazee, Mrs. Gertrude Kirkbride and Rev. Allan H. Backer; Scappoose—Joe Cramer, Mrs. Cecil Johnson and Mrs. Ann Halsheimer; Clatskanie—Mrs. Charles Roat, Mrs. John Martinson and Rev. Rodger Rendahl; Rainier — Mrs. Stella

Polio Threat Ends Swim Pool Season

As a precautionary measure here in keeping with other areas of Columbia county the city park swimming pool dam was removed last Saturday and children under 12 years of age are not permitted to attend the theater due to the threat of infantile paralysis. Orders for closing the pool and restricting attendance at the theater was given by Dr. J. H. Flynn county health officer, to local health authorities who in turn acted immediately to carry out the measures.

One polio case and one doubtful case had been reported by Saturday afternoon of last week in this county, but no cases of the disease have been listed for

Price Board Consolidated

Another change in the price control set-up for Vernonia is announced this week by the price control board at Forest Grove. The board at that place is being consolidated with the board located at 405 Central building, 130 S. W. 10th Ave., Portland, effective September 4.

When rationing was at its height, price control was handled from an office maintained here. Since the local office was disbanded, price control has been cared for from the Forest Grove office.

A statement from the Forest Grove office says: "This action considered necessary because of the limited budget which has been allotted for operation of price control boards."

New Airmail Rate Intended Oct. 1

A new rate for users of airmail will become effective as of October 1 according to information received here at the Vernonia post office a few days ago and announced this week by Postmaster Emil Messing.

The new rate to become effective sets the cost of domestic airmail at five cents per ounce as compared with eight cents during the war when the rate was increased over the prewar rate of six cents.

Examiner Scheduled

A drivers' license examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Vernonia Friday, September 6 at the city hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons wishing license or permits to drive may contact the examiner during those hours but are asked to do so well ahead of the closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Newland, Rev. O. E. Galloway and Floyd Stamen; St. Helens—Wallace McCrae, Perry Horton and Mrs. Margaret Pasero.

Because of their position and knowledge of the county's people and resources, the following county-at-large members were added to the council: George A. Nelson and Mrs. Maude C. Casswell of the county extension service; Dave Slaughter, county engineer; Ray Tarbell, county judge; Roland Masten, timber scaler; Glen Hawkins, who voluntarily has made valuable improvements on the site already, and Mrs. Pearl Becker, matron of the county junior Grangers.

A second meeting has been set for September 16 at the St. Helens high school for 8 p.m.

this area. However, the closing order was deemed necessary as a step towards preventing occurrence of the dreaded disease here.

If no new cases are reported by September 2 it is likely that attendance at the show will again be permitted for children.

COUNTY NEWS

LEAVE PAY FORMS AVAILABLE AT ST. HELENS

ST. HELENS — Ex-servicemen interested in making application for payment of any cash they may have coming for unused leave may obtain forms for this application from William Litherland, adjutant of Columbia Post No. 42 of the American Legion. Litherland, who may be reached at the Pacific Furniture Co. in West St. Helens, said yesterday that he had received a limited number of forms.

Eventually the forms will also be available at the post office here, but so far this week the office had not yet received its supply.

SCHOOL DISTRICT GETS GARAGE APPROVAL

CLATSkanie—The Clatskanie school district was granted authority last week to proceed with the construction of a \$5000 garage building and shop to house the district-owned buses.

The building will be constructed on the lower end of the grade school grounds and will be 32x80 feet with a gravel floor. Connected to it will be a 20x40 foot shop with concrete floor.

PICTURE SHOW TO RAISE PRICES AT RAINIER

RAINIER—Because the producers are demanding that prices be raised by the local theater if it wants first class pictures to run, the owner has announced that he will raise prices on September 1 to 50 cents for adults, 40 cents for students above 12 and 14 cents for younger children. Identification cards will be issued to students to show that they are students and entitled to student rates.

GIDEONS ORGANIZE COLUMBIA COUNTY

ST. HELENS—The first Gideon camp in Columbia county was organized recently at the First Christian church, St. Helens. Twenty-five signed up as charter members of the newly formed camp.

One of the projects of the new camp will be the placing of Bibles in the hands of school children.

Backer Retains Pastorate Here

Rev. Allan H. Backer, Evangelical church minister, and Mrs. Backer and their family will be residents of Vernonia for another year as determined at the Evangelical church conference held at Jennings Lodge. At that time Rev. Backer was assigned to this church where he has been for several years.

The conference at Jennings Lodge was held from August 6 to 9 and was followed by the assembly and camp meetings from the 11th to 18th. The camp meetings were attended by 23 people from the local church.

Sept. 1 Opening Date

The first shooting for bird hunters this fall will be available with the opening of the hunting season on September 1 for band-tailed pigeons and doves. The pigeon season extends through the entire month but the dove season closes September 15. Bag limit for each species is 10 a day or 10 in possession. Hunting is allowed one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

District 47 Clerk Held By Officers

Detailed Audit of Funds to Find Shortage Amount

A warrant charging forgery and embezzlement was served Monday by police officers on Lee Schwab, former school clerk for District 47, Jr., and he is now being held in the Columbia county jail at St. Helens under \$10,000 bail.

The warrant signed by Glen F. Hawkins, chairman of the board, was made out last Friday after it was determined by a special preliminary audit of the district's books that a shortage had occurred. The books are audited regularly once a year, but no losses had been noticed until a short time ago which led to the ordering by the board of directors that a special examination be made.

At present a detailed audit is being carried out to determine the exact amount of the loss, part of which will be paid by the bonding company which held the clerk's bond.

At the last meeting of the district board a few days ago R. M. Aldrich was named as clerk for the district and John L. Foote, St. Helens attorney, appointed to represent the district in taking steps to recover the funds lost.

Polio Threat Changes Plans

Plans were being made a few days ago for a week of Bible school with sound pictures to be held at the Evangelical church, Rev. Allan H. Backer, minister said Tuesday, but the school will not be held because of the polio threat.

Church members who were handling the arrangements find it necessary to disappoint the children who would have attended, but other programs will be held later to make up the loss.

Coming events at the church include promotion Sunday September 15 in the Sunday school and Rally day on October 13.

Unused Leave Forms Received

An ample supply of the "Claim Settlement—Unused Leave" forms have been received here and are available to veterans at the post office, Assistant Postmaster Tom Bateman said Wednesday. The forms are used by vets in applying for unused terminal leave or furlough pay.

Pay is for a maximum of 120 days of earned leave, in non-negotiable bonds, maturing in five years and is figured at the rate of 2 1/2 days per month, minus the leave actually taken in service. Instructions for filling out the forms is also available here.

County Intends Road Oiling

The county road oiling crew, which was delayed in starting work earlier this summer due to rain, has just about completed work in other sections and is expected here next week. Commissioner Wm Pringle, Sr., said Tuesday. About five miles of hard surfacing is planned in this vicinity this year, he said.

Roads to receive attention if weather permits will be between two and two and one-half on the Rock creek route and two miles on Stoney Point.

The oiling crew is working in the Warren and Scappoose areas now.

Schools Prepare for First Opening Day Sept. 9th; Freshmen to Enroll Early

Indications now are that the opening day of school September 9 will find nearly everything in readiness and with most teaching staff vacancies filled. Principal Ray Mills and Superintendent Paul Gordon said early this week. Furnace installations at both the high school and Washington grade school are nearing completion and repairs to the structures are nearly done, both men said.

It is possible that some teaching positions may be vacant for the opening, but every effort is being made to have them filled. If positions are open by the starting time, substitutes will be engaged.

Early Registration Asked

Principal Mills announced Tuesday that he will be in his office at the high school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons of next week from 1:30 to 4 o'clock, so that freshmen students and transfers may register before the opening. Early registration of these students eases first day activities and allows more time for consideration of the subjects these students wish to follow for the next four years.

An important detail is also pointed out by Mr. Gordon for parents of children just old enough to enter school. Any child entering the first grade must be six years of age on or before November 15, 1946. That is the child's sixth birthday must fall on or before that date, not at some time after that date. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before November 15 of this year.

Parents who may not know to which school to send their children are informed that the Lincoln school on Corey Hill will accommodate students of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades who live west of the S.P.&S. railway tracks.

In order to equalize classes between the Lincoln and Washington schools in the first three grades it will be necessary to send most youngsters coming to school by bus to the Lincoln building. The number of youngsters to be sent to Lincoln will be determined on opening day.

The school administration is authorized to adjust zones and to shift pupils from one school to another. The administration would like to permit pupils to attend the school of their choice, but in order to adjust the teacher-pupil ratio to an effective size, it is necessary to request pupils to shift from one school to another. The cooperation of pupils and parents will be appreciated in this matter the superintendent said.

Bus Routes Named

The buses and the routes they will follow are: Ira Lee—Sunset camp to Treharn junction with the load from thereon to be equalized with the Mills bus; C. A. Mills—Pebble creek loop; George Johnson—Camp 8 to Riverview; Bruce McDonald—Rock creek route; Austin Carl Mist Route, and Bob Thompson—Stoney Point and overflow at Riverview.

High school instructors engaged so far and the subjects they will teach are: Harold McEntire, mathematics; J. Hergert, American history, physical education and athletics; Mrs. Hergert home

economics and girls' physical education; Mrs. Mary Aronsen, music and world geography; Mrs. Olive Oliver, freshman and sophomore English and library; James Chipps, junior and senior English; Gordon Johnston, science and assistant athletics, and Hiram Smith who has been offered a contract to instruct industrial arts and social economics. A commercial teacher yet remains to be hired.

Grade Instructors Named

At the Lincoln school the instructors will be: Miss Velva Ramsey, principal and 2nd grade; Mrs. Mabel Blackwell, 1st grade; Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson, 3rd grade.

Teachers at Washington will be: Miss Reese, 1st; Mrs. Powell, 1st and 2nd; Mrs. Lenora Kizer, 2nd; Miss Marian Schwartz, 3rd; Mrs. Grace Cantwell, 4th; Mrs. Noma Calister, 4th; Mrs. Evelyn Heath, 5th; Mrs. Charlotte Steele, 6th; Miss Mercedes Larsen, 7th and arithmetic; Mrs. Irma Chance, 7th and geography; Mrs. Dorothy Sandon, 8th and language; Mrs. Lillian Akers, 8th and history and civics; Mrs. Lulah Fullerton, kindergarten; Mrs. Mabel Graves, high remedial; Mrs. Pearl Wilkerson, low remedial, and Mrs. Valda Heenan, girls physical education.

Sweet Peas on The Up and Up

M. L. Herrin believes he holds the record for sweet peas in Vernonia and maybe he does, at that. His are nine feet and four inches tall and are still growing. When the sweet peas at the Herrin home at 334 B street began to run, they were given strings about four feet high.

They soon climbed these and kept growing. Then Mr. Herrin decided to give them plenty of room to grow and strings were put up to the eaves of the house.

They have very nearly attained this height.

The flowers are of the mixed pastel variety and have been blooming profusely since the early part of July.

Overseas Mail Dates Listed

Packages bearing Christmas gifts to army service personnel overseas are to be mailed between October 15 and November 15. Postmaster Emil Messing said this week when the dates were announced by postal department bulletin. Parcels to navy, marine and coast guard personnel are to be mailed by October 15.

Packages to China, India and the Middle East should be mailed as early as possible during the mailing period because of the distance involved.

Requests are not required for mailing as has been true formerly and one package a week to the same person abroad may be sent. Packages should carry the notation "Christmas Parcel." Senders must observe a weight limit of 70 pounds and a combined girth and width of 100 inches.



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