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## Schedule of First School Day Outlined

### Busses to Make Return Trip at 11:30 on Monday

Grade and high school students will make an easy start Monday for the next nine months of classes by completing the opening day at 11:30 that morning, heads of both the grades and the high school said Wednesday. As is usual for the opening, class attendance will be sort of a preview of what is to come and students and teachers will familiarize themselves with arrangements in order to start a full day Tuesday.

Bringing of noon lunches will not be necessary Monday because classes will be over by 11:30 and the busses will start their trips to return students to their homes.

At the high school one teacher was lacking for the commercial department Principal Ray Mills said, but he was hoping that one of several possibilities would accept the position so that a full roster of teachers would be on hand for the start.

By Wednesday morning the grades lacked three instructors, but there, too, the situation was similar to the high school in that three prospective teachers might sign contracts and be on hand for Monday.

Otherwise both schools are ready to go with repairs having been completed and oil burner installations made.

The first school week will be shortened by two days with county institute dated for Thursday and Friday September 12 and 13 when teachers from all schools will meet at St. Helens.

### Petticord to Come

Rev. P. P. Petticord will be at the Evangelical church next Wednesday evening, September 11, Rev. Allen H. Backer announced this week. The first quarterly conference of the new year will be held at that time with Rev. Petticord in charge. All are invited to attend the services.

## Early Day, Modern Road Building Methods Differ

Last week's account of intended road oiling for this vicinity brought to mind the early day method used in building the first road in the Nehalem valley to St. Helens. The story of that first road is told by County Commissioner William Pringle, Sr., who was a member of the crew that did the work.

Mr. Pringle had lived here two years before the road was opened, which was in 1879. Travel to the Columbia river previous to then was by horseback over a trail across the mountain and that was the way Nehalem valley residents received their mail. Mail delivery was made once each week before the road the commissioner recalls.

To start proceedings towards obtaining the improvement, several valley residents went to St. Helens to seek the help of people there and that help was forthcoming. An agreement was reached whereby local people were to do the work and St. Helens people were to furnish food provisions.

In March, 1879, a crew left here for Yankton where the road from St. Helens ended. By June 9 of that year the work had been completed, all by volunteer hand labor, to Pittsburg and travel began.

As near as Mr. Pringle can recall, and he believes the list is

## COUNTY NEWS

### 15 LETTERMEN BACK FOR TRIBE

ST. HELENS—With 15 lettermen, the Scappoose high school football team is looking forward to a good season. Coach Erwin Elder held his first practice session Monday and has scheduled his first game September 20 with Columbia Prep on the Preppers' home field. As a matter of fact, the Indians won't play a home game until Forest Grove comes to Scappoose Sept. 27 under the present schedule.

### TO REMAIN ON PART-TIME BASIS

ST. HELENS—Miss Ruth Pefley, Columbia county health nurse, will remain here on a part-time basis after September 1, date when her resignation from the post was to have become effective. Miss Pefley expects to spend about three days a week in the county.

The arrangement calling for a nurse on a part-time basis is entirely temporary, she explained, and will be in effect only until the court can obtain a public health nurse for full time.

### SCAPPOOSE GRADE SCHOOL AWARDS CONTRACT

SCAPPOOSE—The grade school board at Scappoose has awarded a contract to erect a central heating plant and another contract for equipment to two Portland firms.

The building contract was given to H. J. Settergren, who submitted a bid of \$9667 for the 25x42 foot structure. The P. S. Lord company of Portland was awarded the equipment contract for \$13,289.

The building is the first to be erected by the Scappoose school district in a 10-year program which contemplates complete rebuilding of the school plant.

### 'BLUE BABY' CASH NEARS \$1000 MARK

ST. HELENS—The \$1000 needed to help take care of expenses for a trip east and an operation on the St. Helens "blue-baby," Earl Jennings, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Jennings, was all collected by last week end.

St. Helens Pulp & Paper Co. has announced that it will match any money contributed by its employees toward the fund.

complete, these are the names of those who donated their time to the improvement: John Pringle (father of Wm. Pringle, Sr.), Peter Brous, Jacob Brous, George Brous, A. H. Powell, A. H. Matthews, Albert Tucker, Willard Tucker, W. S. Pearson (cook for the crew), George Pearson, Andrew Elliott, Wm. Hazlett, John Bailey, Pat O'Hay, Josiah Konkle, Charles Konkle and Wm. Pringle, Sr.

Mr. Pringle was the youngest member of the crew and is the only one now living. Willard Tucker passed away only a short time ago.

This early day route to the county seat encountered difficulties within a short time after its opening when, on January 9, 1880, one of the strongest windstorms in the history of Oregon filled the road with more logs than were removed when it was built.

Again it was necessary for a crew to go to Yankton, this time to clear the way because of the storm. St. Helens people provided provisions, as before, and the men were divided into three gangs. The first shoveled snow from the logs, the second gang sawed the logs so they could be moved and the third group carried peavies for rolling logs from the right-of-way.

The clearing work required over a week's time.

## Western Store Opening Set For Sept. 12

### Displays Being Prepared; 3-Day Sale Announced

Vernonia's newest business enterprise, a Western Store, is scheduled to open Thursday of next week with a three-day grand opening sale. Walter S. Ready, owner, said earlier this week. He and Mrs. Ready have been busy for several weeks preparing for the opening. Many of the sale items are listed elsewhere in this issue by the owners.

Preparation for the store has been underway since last year when the building was purchased and remodeling started, but the usual present day difficulties in obtaining merchandise postponed original plans for the opening earlier this year, Mr. Ready said.

When announcing his sale, Mr. Ready also mentioned that he planned to increase his displays of merchandise later, special orders will be taken if customers desire, to be filled as soon as possible.

Only a small amount of farm machinery and dairy equipment is being displayed for the three-day opening sale, but future plans call for the showing of such merchandise.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. next Thursday for the sale and regular store hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the exception of Saturdays when the closing time will be 8:00 p.m.

## Surplus Variety Offered by WAA

A variety of surplus, from shoes to parts for seven ton trailers, were offered this week by the Portland regional office of war assets administration.

The shoes, over 17,000 pair, are the arctic work type, leather, 12 inches high, with double heels and soles. In various sizes, the shoes may be inspected at the WAA building at Swan Island. Priority and other buyers may order, but purchase offers will not be confirmed until September 9. Manilla, jute and sisal rope are being offered in a sale to priority claimants, vets of World War II and other buyers. At fixed prices, WAA has 173,000 pounds of it, which may be inspected, with confirmation of orders scheduled for September 12.

Parts of the seven ton trailer includes rear guards, coil compressing springs, tarpaulin and end curtain canvas sets, and other component units. Approximately 34,000 parts are available to those with priority and other buyers on a bid basis, to be opened September 3, 1946.

Items offered by WAA in other sales include light plant and blasting machine transformers, insulated wire and cable, steel and wrought iron and a supply of valves and fittings.

## No Polio Cases Recorded Here

Only one case of infantile paralysis has been recorded for Columbia county so far and that case did not develop here local health authorities said Wednesday.

The recent closing of the park swimming pool was made because of this one case. At the same time as the closing of the pool, children 12 years old and under were denied attendance at shows as a further precautionary measure in attempting to prevent the occurrence of the disease here.

Reports a few days ago that there was a polio case here proved unfounded.

## Recent G.I. Bill Changes Outlined by VA Official

Knotty problems raised by recent changes in the G.I. bill which placed a ceiling on subsistence allowances and set up standards for on-the-job training of veterans were clarified Wednesday by Thomas Craig, veterans administration representative in this area.

The limitation law, which went into effect August 8 after it was signed by President Truman, prohibits payment of subsistence allowances to veterans if they earn more than \$200 in their training job. Veterans without dependents can draw no subsistence if they earn more than \$175.

The following distinctions in the new law were emphasized by Craig:

1. It applies only to veterans in training under the G.I. bill. It does not apply to disabled veterans training under the vocational rehabilitation act (Public Law 16).

2. The law applies to veterans already enrolled in education and training as well as to those who may enroll in the future.

3. The subsistence allowance limit applies to every veteran training under the G.I. bill whether in college or school, standard apprentice course or other on-the-job training. In no event shall the rate of earnings plus subsistence exceed \$175 for

veterans without dependents or \$200 for those with dependents.

4. The law distinguishes between standard apprentice training, supervised by federal and state apprenticeship agencies, and other training on the job. "No standards have been set for apprentice courses and they still may run to a maximum of four years if the veteran is eligible for that much training. Standards for states to follow in other job training stipulate the training must not be less than three months or more than two years duration.

5. Two choices are open to establishments offering on-the-job training of more than two years duration. The program, in some cases, can be adjudged to fit state or federal requirements for apprentice training so the two year limit does not apply. Programs now in effect may be condensed and streamlined so that the veteran can complete them in two years.

"This new legislation does not mean that a veteran will not receive further educational benefits of the G.I. bill because his subsistence is stopped by limitation," Craig concluded. "He can keep on with his training course without subsistence and either save his eligibility for additional education or training later or take night or correspondence courses."

Veterans continuing on-the-job training courses without subsistence allowances should notify the VA immediately to stop counting time against their eligibility.

## White Services Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. for Mike White and interment took place at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery. The death occurred at the Hillsboro hospital last Saturday following an operation.

Mike Madison White was born at Seaside April 8, 1916 and died at the Smith hospital in Hillsboro August 31 at the age of 30 years, four months and 23 days.

He spent most of his life in Nehalem where he attended grade school and high school. He made Vernonia his home for the last six years.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Margery, and 16-month-old daughter, Connie Lou; his father, Charles Fuller of Warrenton and adopted mother, Edna White of Vernonia; his sisters, Edna Hardesty of Seaside, Ella Cox, Dena Ackerman and Hallie Rimer, all of Portland, and Dorothy Eggleston of Warrenton; and brothers, Otis Fuller of Vernonia, Edmund Fuller of Marshfield and Lyle Fuller of Sweet Home.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 246 of Vernonia and also Rebekah Lodge No. 243 and Columbia Encampment No. 8.

Funeral services were in charge of the Bush Funeral Home. Rev. Ernest P. Baker officiated and graveside services were conducted by the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

## Sportsmen to Meet Saturday

Sportsmen of the Nehalem valley are notified this week of a meeting Saturday night, September 7, to hear W. J. Smith, president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation, talk. The meeting is open to members of the Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club and other sportsmen who are invited to attend.

Principal topic of the evening will be presented by Mr. Smith who will outline the coming campaign to publicize the fish conservation measure which will appear on the November ballot. The Wildlife Federation will carry on the campaign to educate voters of the need to adopt the measure.

The meeting is scheduled for the I.O.O.F. hall at 8 p.m.

## Judging Team Competes at State Fair

### J. Moran Enters Showmanship; Is One of Top 12

Winning first place for judging at the county fair entitled the Vernonia Livestock 4-H club judging team to a trip to the state fair where they competed Monday of this week with other teams from the state, County Agent George Nelson said Tuesday.

Team members making the trip were Harold Schmidlin, Edwina Siedelman and Melvin Beck who are accompanied by the club leader, Mrs. Florence Kirkbride. They left here last Sunday with Mr. Nelson in order to be present for their first judging competition Monday, results of which were not available when Mr. Nelson returned from Salem Tuesday. Judging was made of cattle, sheep and hogs, Mr. Nelson said.

Another local boy, Jerol Moran, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moran, also competed at the fair with his Hereford calf in the showmanship contest. Final results for that event weren't available here earlier this week either, but he was chosen as one of 12 competitors to be one of the top 12 entries in the contest.

## October 5 Last Registration Day

Voters who intend to exercise the right to cast ballots in the November election and who need to attend to registration details have until October 5 to do so. October 5 is the end of the first week of that month and just a month before the general election, November 5.

Registration here may be made at the city hall where Recorder Albert Childs will take care of the details for voting in the city, county, state and federal elections. People who have moved here since last election, who have changed their residence from one precinct to another must sign again in order to cast a ballot November 5.

## Councilmen Meet Monday

City councilmen met Tuesday evening for the first September session to talk over the small amount of business that demanded attention and accept the bills for last month. Little urgent business was evident at the meeting, probably because the council held its last previous meeting in August only a short time before.

At that previous session councilmen accepted the resignation of Dr. R. D. Eby as city health officer and appointed Dr. H. E. Schlegel to that position. Other business at that time was the sale to R. J. Whaitte of lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, block 3, in Rose addition.

City Recorder Albert Childs has been authorized to write a letter to the Oregon-American Lumber corporation expressing the city's appreciation for a diving board and other lumber which the corporation provided as a gift to improve the city park swimming pool.

## Permits to Burn Still Required

Permits to burn rubbish are still required for residents in the city limits Fire Chief Harry Culbertson said Wednesday in a warning given because a number of fires have been started without official okeh the last few days.

Probable reason for not taking care of this detail is the recent rains which have reduced the danger incident to dry periods.

However, Mr. Culbertson pointed out, a city ordinance explains the procedure and states that a permit must be obtained to burn. Periods of dry weather will come before the fall rains begin and not until then is it permissible to burn without obtaining that right from the chief.

## Stamp 51 Valid Now for Sugar

Spare stamp 51 in family ration books was made good September 1, 1946, for five pounds of sugar for regular consumer use and will be valid through December 31, 1946, the OPA announced Saturday. Spare stamp 49 will continue to be good for five pounds of sugar through September 30.

By extending for 30 days from August 31 through September 30, the period for which the current spare stamp for sugar is valid, OPA will make it possible for housewives in certain local shortage areas to cash in their stamps. Maldistribution, largely caused by the difficulty of getting boxcars to ship sugar from producing areas to deficit consuming areas, has had the effect of making it impossible for housewives in certain sections of the country to cash their stamps for sugar.

### Annual Picnic Dated

The Clatskanie Grange No. 321 is having its annual picnic at Hudson park Sunday, September 8. Pot luck dinner will be served at noon. Coffee will be furnished. All Columbia county grangers their families and friends are invited. Come meet your friends.

