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SAT. OPENING SET

Western Store Delay Proves Unavoidable

The opening of the Western Auto Supply store, which was originally scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, September 12, was unavoidably delayed. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ready announced late Wednesday when an unforeseen difficulty arose which made a delay necessary.

As it is, the store will be ready to receive customers Saturday morning of this week instead of today.

Local merchants, who had planned a "trade in Vernonia" week end event are going ahead with their plans which include a free Saturday afternoon movie matinee at the Joy Theater.

Grass Seeding Is Tour Object

A tour of inspection of the grass seedings made on the ranch now owned by Walter Workman on Timber route will be held Friday afternoon, September 20, states George A. Nelson, county agent. The tour will start from Vernonia at 1:15 p.m. The seeding is located back of M. E. Anderson's place near the rock pit on the upper Nehalem river in sections 21 and 22, in township 4 north, range 5 west.

Different grass seedings were made nearly seven years ago on about 320 acres of land then owned by the county. It was pastured one year by sheep and has since been pastured by cattle. Interesting developments in the different clovers and grasses grown in this seeding will be pointed out.

All who are interested in the seeding and utilization of logged off land are invited to be present for the tour, states Mr. Nelson.

Car Wrecked Sunday

Damage estimated at approximately \$100 resulted from an accident early Sunday morning near the Sunnyside Service station when the automobile owned by Ray East overturned. No serious injuries resulted from the accident.

Bus Depot Changed

The Oregon Motor Stages bus depot is being changed by Cleve Robertson, owner of the Cozy Confectionery, from the Cozy to the Palace Cafe. Stage travelers may obtain tickets at the new location effective Thursday of this week.

VA Advises Dental Care Regulations for Vets

World War II veterans are entitled to dental care for one year after discharge from active duty, at government expense through the veteran administration, according to information received by the Oregon department of veterans' affairs this week.

Veterans are advised that they should first contact the veterans administration regional office at 1019 S.W. 10th, Portland, to ascertain their needs for dental treatment.

This is in accord with recent dental regulations of the VA, which provide that within one year after discharge, a veteran with faulty teeth can have them fixed at expense of the veterans administration, without need of medical proof that the fault was service incurred.

In many instances, VA officials said, it will be possible for that

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\$40,000 IN WATER BONDS UP FOR SALE

SCAPPOOSE—Notice of sale of \$40,000 in water bonds by the City of Scappoose was made last week, with September 27 set as date when bids on the issue will be opened by the Scappoose council. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$800.

Cash realized from the sale of the bonds is to be used in improving the Scappoose water system, including construction of a reservoir. The bonds are to bear 5 per cent interest and are to be paid off from 1948 to 1961.

MARRIAGE PERMIT BUSINESS BRISK

ST. HELENS—August was a light month, comparatively speaking, at the clerk's office, but Cupid was busy. As a matter of fact, 18 marriage licenses—at \$3 per license—were issued by the clerk during the month and that constitutes somewhat of a record so far this year, not even the traditional old shoes and rice month of June approaching this figure.

Total income for August was \$1278.95. Sources of this cash were as follows: Recording fees, \$551.10; county fees, \$281; circuit judge, \$70; district attorney, \$65; trial fees, \$14; reporter fees, \$30; probate court, \$42.50; law library, \$48.60; marriage licenses, \$54; liquor license, \$5; migratory chalet fees, \$22.50; miscellaneous fees, \$95.25.

ZINAVICH LOST \$1000 BY TWO POUNDS

CLATSKANIE—Just two more pounds of fish would have brought the \$1000 prize to W. E. Zinavich of Clatskanie in the salmon derby just closed at Astoria.

Mr. Zinavich won the \$100 for the largest fish caught and it tipped the scales at 47 pounds, 8 ounces. It is thought that if the fish had been weighed in shortly after being caught it would have outweighed the winner for the derby but the shrinkage occurred in the lapse of three or four hours.

D. R. DRIBBLE IS NEW PRESIDENT OF PIONEERS

RAINIER—D. R. Dribble of Rainier was elected president of the Columbia County Pioneer association at the annual meeting and picnic which was held recently at the Hudson park.

The newly elected secretary is Grace Reid, also of Rainier, and the board of directors includes Peter Banzer, Fritz Anliker, Bill Pringle, G. W. Watts and Fred Colvin.

In order to be eligible to membership a person must have resided or have been born in Columbia county before 1900

agency to authorize dental treatment through the veteran's own private dentist. His dentist will first be required to apply for and fill out a VA form, in order to be approved by the veterans administration. The patient will fill out form 2827, and "Request for Dental Rating."

Those teeth which are determined by VA dental examiners in Portland to need treatment, will be taken care of by the patient's dentist, who in turn bills the Veterans Administration.

Those veterans out of military service more than a year also may have their own dentists' services at VA expense, but only for ailments which were service incurred—in other words, those teeth which the veterans' service records show to have had treatment during time of service.

Free Saturday Movie Matinee Being Planned

Business Firms To Be Sought as Show Sponsors

This week's "Welcome to Vernonia" edition of The Eagle carries on an inside page an advertisement announcing a free Saturday afternoon movie matinee that will prove both entertaining and educational. With the announcement of this Saturday's free show came the decision Monday evening at a Vernonia Booster club meeting to attempt an arrangement whereby a free matinee will be sponsored every Saturday afternoon in the future.

The plan as explained at the club meeting hinges on the idea that the additional feature of the Saturday afternoon movie will be an attraction for people to come to Vernonia. About 20 business men were present to hear the plan and to okeh the procedure whereby every other business firm will be interviewed relative to co-operating in the undertaking.

This week's matinee is being sponsored by the West Oregon Electric Cooperative and next week's Saturday afternoon event will be financed by the Booster club. After that, if the plan is approved the business firms will act as sponsors to carry on the feature.

The West Oregon show at 2 o'clock this week will feature an animated history of electric wiring and a full length western picture.

The Booster club will convene again next Monday evening at The Eagle office and to this meeting President Lou Girod has extended an invitation to all Vernonia business men in order that a definite decision may be reached.

Large Dahlia Blooms Grown

Flowers hit the headlines again this week. This time they are dahlias instead of sweet peas and they are growing for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watson at their home on State street.

The blooms were produced by four plants which grew from bulbs which Mr. Watson brought home from Garibaldi while there on a fishing trip. The bulbs had been discarded by a grower of dahlias at that place.

The size of the blooms has attracted considerable attention from flower lovers. The flowers measured between nine and 10 inches in diameter. They are pink and yellow variegated and deep yellow.

Log Cutting Film Topics

Harvesting pulpwood and saw logs on tree farms located in the southern part of the U.S. will be depicted by two color films which are scheduled for showing Monday, September 16 at the Washington grade school. The pictures will be screened at 7:30 and arrangements for the showings are being made by Glen Hawkins, Columbia County Tree Farm manager.

Scenes of logging activities were taken on tree farms located in the area between Lufkin, Texas, and Tampa, Florida. Managed tree growing in the south has advanced farther than in the west and these films will be of educational value for people engaged in logging here because of the methods employed.

Power Line Construction Progressing on Schedule

The construction program of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative is progressing on schedule. The Vernonia-Warren transmission line is well under way. Charles Robinson and the line crew are setting poles and installing guys in the Chapman-Spitzenberg area. Charles Biggs and his crew continue to dig holes and complete the right-of-way cutting from Spitzenberg into the proposed Bonneville Power Administration substation which will be located on Church street about two miles west of Warren.

This line was originally scheduled to be energized on October 15, but due to the delay in obtaining necessary materials the energization will be delayed until approximately November 10 providing further delays in the shipment of materials do not occur.

The Cooperative early in March placed an order with Phelps Dodge Copper corporation for 24,000 lbs. of wire for the transmission line. Due to repeated strikes in the Phelps Dodge plants it became necessary to postpone the delivery of this wire until February, 1947. Frank D. Seelye, the Cooperative's manager, was notified of this postponement on August 28 and has scoured the country in search of wire and has already located sufficient wire to build half the line and is in hopes that the other half will be procured on firm order sometime this week.

The allotment of \$190,000.00 made by the Rural Electrification Administration to the West Oregon Electric Cooperative in June will be allocated in the following fashion: \$100,000.00 for Vernonia-Warren transmission line with distribution facilities in the Chapman-Spitzenberg area; \$50,000.00 for the erection of lines in the Treharne - Scofield - Buxton area; \$20,000.00 for the rehabilitation of existing lines in Vernonia and vicinity; \$10,000.00 for rehabilitation of lines in the Mist-Birkenfeld area, and \$10,000.00 for extensions and service connections to new members throughout the area.

This week orders are being placed for a carload of service transformers with the delivery date established for April 25, 1947. The poles and the greater percentage of the pole line hardware are on order for the Vernonia.

Forgery Count Brings 15 Years

Appearing before Circuit Court Judge Howard K. Zimmerman last Friday at St. Helens was Lee Schwab, former school clerk for District 47, Jr., to plead guilty to district attorney's information charging forgery. Schwab was arrested in Portland August 26 and has been held in the county jail awaiting trial.

He expressed willingness to waive preliminary hearings and plead guilty to the charge last Friday for sentencing immediately. The judge decreed 15 years in the state penitentiary.

District Attorney Walden Dillard indicated Friday that a charge of embezzlement of district funds would also be brought against Schwab who may again waive preliminary hearings in order to receive immediate sentencing.

A detailed audit of the district's books lists a shortage of \$35,995.50 which cannot be accounted for and which will be the basis for the embezzlement charge.

Cement Being Poured

Workmen began the pouring of cement for approaches to the Texaco service station which has been in process of construction since earlier this year. This part of the cement work was delayed due to difficulty in obtaining necessary materials.

Providing these delivery dates are not delayed due to strikes or other unforeseen contingencies, construction in the area south of Vernonia will be started early next spring.

With the energization of the Warren-Vernonia transmission line there will then be available to the Nehalem valley double the present power supply. Plans are now being made and orders will be placed in the near future for additional transformer capacity to be installed at the proposed Vernonia substation. It is now estimated by the Cooperative's manager and engineer that the

normal growth of the Cooperative will call for this increased transformer installation by late fall of 1947. A second transformer bank is contemplated at this time, and the installation will be made when the Cooperative's load demands.

All of the engineering that has been done by the Cooperative during the last seven or eight months has been based on an estimate of the progress of the Nehalem valley for the next 10 year period. "We feel that this estimate is conservative and anticipate the members of this Cooperative increasing their electrical consumption by six times their present usage in the coming 10-year period," Mr. Seelye said.

"The manufacturers of electrical equipment and appliances have many new electrical gadgets on their drawing boards, and new electrical appliances will be seen on the market during the coming 12-months' period. In anticipation of the future demand that these appliances will make for additional electrical service we have designed the backbone of the Cooperative's system to take care of the requirements of our members and as soon as materials become available a larger construction program will be put into effect."

Eagles Plan Forum Series

The first of a monthly series of public opinion forums on questions of general interest, sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, will be held by Vernonia Aerie at the Aerie home, 810 Bridge street at 8 p.m. Friday, September 13, 1946, it was announced this week by H. W. Carrick, Aerie president.

The opening meeting will consider the question of lowering the voting age to permit 18-year-olds to cast ballots, a subject which has received national attention recently. The most logical arguments for and against grating the right of franchise to youths will be presented.

Similar forums on the same subject are being held by other Eagle lodges throughout the United States, inaugurating a series of "pro and con" discussions which are expected to reveal trends of thought on major problems of the day.

New Library Hours Start

Patrons of the Vernonia Public Library are informed this week by Mrs. Paul Gordon, librarian, that the library board has established new opening hours. Effective now, the hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week. Due to lack of demand the evening open hours have been discontinued.

People who came to the library will find a set of the 1946 Encyclopedia Britannica which was added this summer. An invitation is extended to all to make use of the new volumes.

Bowling Alley Being Built

Four regulation size bowling alleys will occupy a new building addition which is being made to Dessys Tavern by Mr. Laird and which he expects to complete and open for business in about 60 days.

The exterior of the building is nearly completed. Mr. Laird said early this week, but the work remaining on the inside will delay the opening for some time yet. The alleys to be installed will be regulation in size and not of the smaller dimensions. This bowling alley will add to the recreational facilities available to residents of the Nehalem valley.

New Sign Erected

A neon sign carrying the name of Kaiser Frazer was erected at the Vernonia Service station Monday of this week. George Johnson, station owner, said he had been informed that one of the cars would be available for display here this month.

Class Officers Named Tuesday

The four Vernonia high school class groups named their officers Tuesday to act during the coming year. Elected were:

Seniors: President, Gordon Cline; vice-president, Kenneth Anderson; secretary, Evelyn Stevenson, and treasurer, Barbara Keasey

Juniors: President, Barbara Lolley; vice-president, Kay Miller; secretary, Jean Turner, and treasurer, Florence Tisdale.

Sophomores: President, Calvin Bass; vice-president, Derl Roberts; secretary, Shirley Bennett, and treasurer, Beverly Herrin.

Freshmen: President, John Brown; vice-president, Billy Chalmers; secretary, Sally Olin, and treasurer, Rosalie Parker.

4 Candidates Need on Ballot

Wanted — candidates for four positions for the City of Vernonia. That's the set-up, according to Recorder Albert Childs, that will be necessary to fill city offices which are expiring this year. Positions to become vacant and for which candidates must announce 32 days before the November 5th election, are two councilmen for two-year terms, a city mayor and a treasurer.

Candidates may be named for the ballot by two procedures, a petition which has to be filed with the recorder 32 days before election or by a city caucus.

The present office holders whose terms expire are George Johnson, mayor; C. F. Hieber, treasurer, and Art Davis and J. E. Tapp, councilmen. Both council terms are for periods of two years.

4-H Club to Reorganize

The Vernonia 4-H livestock club will reorganize at a meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 2 p.m. Mrs. Byron Kirkbride, club leader, said Tuesday. The reorganization will take place at the Washington grade school.

Any child between the ages of nine and 18 interested in 4-H work is urged to come and also any girl or boy interested in cooking can attend the same meeting, Mrs. Kirkbride said.