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Conservation Measure Gets Club Support

Free Movie Plan To Continue for Several Weeks

Fish bill 312, which will appear on the November ballot, will receive the support of the Vernonia Booster club. That was the decision Monday night when members of that organization met to talk about the measure and discuss its importance to sports fishermen.

Harry King, president of the Nehalem Valley Hunters and Anglers, was present to explain the measure and point out the development that could come from improved fishing conditions on the Nehalem river and Rock creek.

The measure would prevent the use of nets at the mouths of coastal streams, with the exception of the Columbia, during the steelhead runs. Sports fishermen attribute the decreasing runs of steelhead to excessive takes of this fish by commercial interests and also say that taking the fish by hook and line method would increase the runs and bring about a greater financial return to business interests.

Along with the decision to back the fish bill came another Booster move to contact every business firm seeking assistance to sponsor a free Saturday matinee movie. The free matinee is being sponsored along with the promotion of Vernonia as the shopping center for this part of Oregon.

The sale of club memberships was also proposed Monday evening and accepted as timely and necessary if the club is to continue its work. Floyd Emsworth and Cleve Robertson have the job of soliciting last year's members and new members.

Fluid Milk Is Hearing Topic

A public hearing to consider revision of minimum prices paid producers for fluid milk and wholesale and retail prices to consumers in the Columbia county area, will be held in St. Helens in the jury room of the county courthouse at 1:00 p.m. September 20, 1946, according to notices issued by the milk control section, state department of agriculture. E. Eugene Chadwick, field representative of the department is in charge of arrangements for the hearing which is expected to establish official data for minimum milk and cream price schedules under conditions now prevailing in this area.

The Columbia county hearing is one of a series being held by the state department of agriculture to investigate costs and other factors affecting the production and distribution of milk in bottle and can trade following the removal of ceiling price regulations of the office of price administration and the cessation of milk subsidy payments by the federal government July 1st.

F.O.E. Convention Is Sunday Event

Many F.O.E. officers, members and candidates for initiation will go to St. Helens this Sunday, September 22, for the district No. 2 convention for which the St. Helens aerie will be host. An invitation to the affair has been extended to local members and a sizeable delegation is planning to attend according to President H. W. Carrick.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day's program includes many interesting topics. Refreshments and a dance in the evening are also scheduled.

Enrollment Figures Up

Enrollment figures for the opening days of school last week increased over figures the same time last year both Superintendent Paul Gordon and Principal Ray Mills said late last week.

In the high school the opening enrollment totaled 191 students with the freshman class listing the largest group figure. Last year the total was 162. By classes this year the students number: seniors, 41; juniors, 42; sophomores, 47, and freshmen, 61.

The grade school increase was less than the high school, but nevertheless was greater than the 1945 enrollment. The total for the grades was 465 this year as compared with 456 last year. The third and fourth grades show an excess of students while the seventh and eighth have decreased.

Dental Treatment Law Explained

Cost of dental treatment for veterans will be assumed by the veterans administration only in cases reasonably shown to be service connected, Thomas Craig, VA contact representative in this area, said Wednesday.

To clarify a report issued recently by another agency, Craig described limitation of the law authorizing free treatment of dental troubles for veterans of World War II.

First of all, no treatment will be given or paid for by the VA unless the veteran has already made application and received written authority.

In general, the VA will authorize treatment of dental conditions within one year after service discharge, provided that VA's adjudication staff does not find that the trouble originated subsequent to discharge from causes not related to service or that the disability existed prior to entry in the service.

The veteran must have served at least six months continuously prior to discharge. For conditions brought to the attention of the VA later than one year after discharge, service connection must be more clearly shown from the patient's service record.

Only the VA's outpatient clinic can start treatment prior to formal authorization, Craig pointed out. The VA has arranged with private dentists of Oregon for "home-town" dental treatment for veterans, but in these cases, the VA is unable to pay for any work done prior to written authorization, which is sent to the applying veteran.

Library Gets 12 New Books

Patrons of the Vernonia library will find 12 new books for their use in the future, Mrs. Paul Gordon, librarian, said Monday when she listed the additions. Four of the books are for children and the remainder for adults.

Children's books are: My Dog Rinty—Terry; GiGi in America—Poster; Lassie Come Home—Knight; and A Cabin for Crusoe—Severn.

Adults will find: Then and Now—Maugham; Last Chapter—Ernie Pyle; Bell Timson—Steen; House Above the River—Poster; Dark Wood—Weston; And That's No Lie—Talbot; World in His Arms—Beach, and Honolulu Story—Ford.

Hay Ride Enjoyed

Forty young people of the Christian church enjoyed something different last Friday when a hayrack ride took them by a roundabout route to North Rose avenue where they enjoyed a weiner roast and refreshments. This group meets every Sunday night at 6:30 at the church.

COUNTY NEWS

SHRINER PAPER DRIVE SUCCESS

ST. HELENS—Paper collected Sunday of last week by members of the Shrine club completely filled a big truck donated by the Johnson Truck line to transport the paper to Longview. Shriners estimated that the vehicle held about 15 tons.

A considerable amount of paper came from the outlying areas, through collection centers in towns from Rainier to Scappoose, but the bulk of the contributions came from St. Helens.

TIMMY WINS CANADIAN RIBBONS AT DOG SHOW

CLATSKANIE—"Timmy," Boston terrier owned by Jewett A. Bush, has just returned from two Canadian shows in which he entered and received winner's ribbons at Medicine Hat and Calgary.

Timmy, whose registered name is Pavers Little Bit of Hagerty, has but two or three points to get before he wins the Canadian championship. He holds that championship in the states.

DISASTER GROUP SET UP BY R-C

ST. HELENS—In the event a disaster—large or small—strikes Columbia county the job of a new committee set up by the Red Cross here will be to offer aid to those struck by the disaster. The committee, headed by William Begenich, is called the committee for disaster preparedness and relief.

ENROLLMENT RISES IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

RAINIER—Grade enrollment was 272 and the high school expected to have close to 300 by the end of the first week.

1033 STUDENTS START SCHOOL

ST. HELENS—A total of 1033 students, ranging from six-year-olds getting their first taste of the three-R's to sophisticated seniors winding up their public school careers registered at the St. Helens schools as classes resumed after the summer holiday.

Biggest sign-up was at the high school, where 395 registered. Other schools and their totals were: John Gumm, 355; McBride, 252, and McNulty, 31.

Dahlia Size Story Topped

Flowers make news again for the third consecutive week. This time it's dahlias again and the size of the blooms are reported by J. L. Fair who resides on 10th street in Riverview. Mr. and Mrs. Fair, too, are flower lovers and they have sold some of their blooms locally.

Last week's story about nine-inch diameter dahlias grown by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Watson on State street brought mention by Mr. Fair that his blooms in Riverview were 12 inches across.

Mr. Fair also specializes in glads and brought along a bouquet to prove his point. Those he exhibited a few days ago were two-foot spikes with individual blooms measuring five inches across.

Farm Building Plans Available

A new circular describing the Oregon State college farm building plan service and listing farm building and equipment plans available through that service has just been prepared by the O.S.C. department of agricultural engineering. Included are residences, farm labor houses, camp cabins, roadside stands, rural community halls, barns and a wide range of items of equipment from buck-rakes to water wheels. Copies of the booklet, extension circular No. 487, may be obtained from county extension agents.

County Adds 20 New Firms Since VJ Day

Columbia county has increased not only in population but also in the number of new firms doing business in the year since V-J day according to a special survey made by the state unemployment compensation commission of the year's registrations.

The 20 new firms employ a total of 139 people. The commission's survey doesn't include firms with less than four employees; agricultural, public, other uncovered employment; employers not yet registered; and those continuously in business. In the whole state, about 265,000 now are employed by the 13,000 firms liable to the unemployment law.

In this county eight new lumbering firms opened for business and are employing 57. Eight new trade firms also started but they employ a few less people at 44. Others are one construction firm employing 18, one manufacturing besides lumber with 11

workers and two service firms with nine on their payrolls.

For the state, the commission survey lists 2250 new firms employing 22,798 workers since V-J day and 126 of these reopened after closing down in the early years of the war. Employees of these peace-time firms are almost equally divided between (1) construction—5820; (2) trade—5521; (3) lumbering—5599, and (4) service small manufacturing and other divisions—5858. Of the last group 1978 are in light manufacturing employment and 843 in heavy industries.

AAA Compliance Time Is Near

Columbia county farmers are reminded that compliance time is drawing near for all signers in the AAA program. The deadline for compliance will not be until shortly after the first of the year; however, now is the time to start getting these practices completed, it was announced by W. C. Johnson, chairman of the Columbia county agricultural conservation association, as the rainy season or winter weather will possibly set in soon and cause many practices to go undone.

It is the aim of the committee this year to break all records in getting intended practices completed so this county will have a better chance of obtaining a larger allotment for payments next year. If it is impossible to get some practices completed that were signed on the farm plan and some other practices that were not signed have or will be completed, it will be possible to amend the farm plan if the county office is notified of this change before December 1, 1946.

Farmers who have completed their 1946 AAA practices may come to the county office at their earliest convenience to report and sign performances. Final compliance dates will be set, however, with meetings in the various communities for those unable to come to the county office.

Free Saturday Show Booked

Another free Saturday matinee movie is booked for this week end at the Joy Theater to follow up the start made last Saturday when the first showing was made. The show last week was sponsored by the West Oregon Electric Cooperative and the one this Saturday has been booked by the Vernonia Booster club.

If the venture proves successful, business firms may continue sponsoring the matinees for many week ends during the winter months.

Last Saturday's billing included a Walt Disney cartoon entitled "Dawn of Better Living" and portrayed the development of electricity up to the present time. The film was made available through the Westinghouse Electric Supply company of Portland.

tion resulting in his death October 28, 1944.

The award was made the 20th day of August, 1946.

Engineers Start Corey Hill Survey

Work for Winter Months Being Planned Now

The engineering department of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative started preliminary engineering work that will be required for the rehabilitation of the Corey Hill district, the balance of the downtown business district, and the Park district.

As soon as this preliminary engineering work can be done, materials will be placed on order and most of this work will be completed during the winter months. Mr. Seelye, West Oregon manager, states that some time ago he ordered transformers for this construction. The General Electric company hopes that they can start delivery on transformers within the next 120 days, and the line work will progress in accordance with the delivery of materials.

Mr. Seelye and Ed Reichwein, the manager and the engineer for the Cooperative, got themselves lost in the Park district last Monday. This goes to prove that engineers can lose themselves unless there are adequate street signs or other directional beams available with which to guide them. It is our understanding that early last spring George King, Mr. Reichwein's assistant, took on as a side job a deal with the city fathers to paint, repair, and erect the street signs. Now that that charming lady has George corralled it is hoped that he will find time to complete that contract, thus saving much annoyance amongst those who might visit Vernonia. Everyone can rest assured that Mr. Seelye and Mr. Reichwein will each day needle George about getting this job completed, as considerable additional work is planned by the Cooperative within the city limits of Vernonia, and, apparently, street signs are needed to expedite that work.

Girls Select League Leaders

The Vernonia high school Girls' League named officers for the coming school year this week and selected Mary Ann Johns as their president.

Other students to serve in official capacity are: Cora Dusenberry, vice-president; Beverly Herrin, treasurer; Shirley Bennett and Aileen Johnson, song leaders, and Jean Peasall, sergeant-at-arms.

Another election will be necessary to decide a tie vote for Alice George and Pat Gibson for secretary.

I.O.O.F. to Back Scouts

The Odd Fellows lodge will act as sponsors for the Vernonia Boy Scout troop again for another year the members decided a short time ago when the sponsoring committee was appointed. Heading the committee is Todd Bowerman who will be assisted by Glen Hawkins and Homer Gwin. Ed Frazee was named scoutmaster again.



The careless hunter smokes while traveling in the woods; shoots at a noise in the brush; brings a loaded gun into camp; builds a big campfire in unsafe places; points his gun at companions; and guesses that his campfire is out.

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