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## Petitions For Three Are Filed

### Two Councilmen, Mayor, Treasurer Seek Positions

Petitions have been filed at the city hall with Recorder Albert Childs to place the names of two present councilmen, the mayor and the Vernonia city treasurer on the November ballot for reelection. The petition route is one of two means which may be used to place candidate names before the voters. The other is by caucus.

The petitions which were circulated late last week were for J. E. Tapp and J. A. Davis, councilmen and George Johnson, mayor. All three men now hold the positions for which they seek reelection and all three terms are for two years. The filing for treasurer position was made by C. F. Hieber who now holds that office and has held it for several years.

Other candidates may file for the positions, but if they do so by petition the petitions must be handed to the recorder not later than 32 days before election.

## Hunting Season Starts Saturday

Saturday is the big day. That's the date set by the Oregon state game commission as the opening of the general deer season and it will last for a month, or to October 25. Most every hunter has been anticipating the event for weeks and many local people have planned trips to eastern Oregon where they will make their try for the game.

Archers, too, have a season, but its shorter, extending from September 28 to October 6 in a small part of the Deschutes game refuge and from October 9 to 25 in a portion of the Canyon Creek refuge.

To top off the season special deer shoots will be held for deer of either sex. All checking stations maintained by the commission for special deer and elk shoots will be open at noon one and one-half days before the opening of each season and remain open until 5 p.m. the day following the end of the season.

Bag limit for the general season is one deer, either blacktail or mule, having not less than forked antlers.

## All Disabled To Be Enrolled

"Every disabled veteran in Oregon who has applied for college or trade school this fall and has qualified for entrance will be enrolled," Tom Craig, veterans administration representative in this area, declared Wednesday while here on his weekly visit.

Nearly 1200 ex-servicemen are expected to take school training in this state with government assistance provided for disabled veterans under law 16. All who have applied thus far will be signed up, and this includes business and trade schools as well as colleges and universities.

"Every school in the state has cooperated with the veterans administration in giving top preference to disabled veterans," Craig pointed out. "Extremely crowded conditions in all schools have prevented some able-bodied veterans from enrolling under G.I. bill in the school of their choice, but not disabled veterans as yet."

Veterans may obtain educational information from the VA's contact office at the City Hall, Vernonia on Wednesday mornings of each week.

## COUNTY NEWS

### LITTLE CHANGE IN ENROLLMENT

CLATSKANIE—Both the Clatskanie high school and the grade school have about the same number of students at the beginning of this term as in the fall of 1945.

C.H.S. has an enrollment of 124 the first week of school.

It is expected to reach 135 when the students who are yet working are back.

The Clatskanie grade school had 284 students enrolled this week as compared with 281 last year.

### FIRST CLASS STATUS DUE POST OFFICE

ST. HELENS—Probability that St. Helens will have a first class post office when the year's receipts are tallied up was seen this week in a rise of \$3,612.94 over the income for August a year ago, and a new record for the local office.

First class status will go to the office if its postal receipts—cash income from sale of stamps, box rent, etc.—total \$40,000 for the year.

A prime reason, for the heavy rise in postal receipts here, other than the fact that Station A income is now credited to the downtown office, is that the post office has acquired a new customer during the past year. The customer is Carl Brandenfels, the Yankton man who has become the "hair farmer."

Mailing of his two-bottle treatment, which must be carefully packaged because postal regulations on the sending of fluids through the mail are especially strict, requires an average of about 40c in postage per package.

### ELECTRIC RATE CUT BRINGS SAVINGS

RAINIER—Bringing at least one bright spot into the picture of rising prices facing residents of Rainier, Northwestern Electric company last week announced another reduction in rates for electric service.

This latest price slash by Northwestern will bring system-wide savings to its customers estimated at \$160,000 a year, according to E. A. Britts, local manager.

Largest savings from the present rate cut will go to small home users of electricity, Britts said. For instance, the cost of 100 kilowatt hours per month delivered to a Rainier home will be cut 8½ per cent.

### SLUMP IN FISH CATCH REPORTED

ST. HELENS—The fall run of salmon is just about over if the receipts at the CRPA station can be taken as an indication. Receipts have varied from two tons to one ton per day and is expected that they will be less now, for most of the fishermen have taken their nets from the river.

The season, however, has not night the CRPA station had received a bad one up to Wednesday ceived and shipped to the Astoria cannery slightly more than 54 tons, almost the same tonnage as in 1945, and the value of that received by the CRPA alone is worth close to \$11,000 paid the fishermen.

## October 5 Last Day to Register

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 election. People who have moved here since last election, and who have changed their residence from one precinct to another must sign again in order to cast a vote.

## Neal Bush to Open Office Here Mondays

### Opening Scheduled Monday, September 30 for Attorney

Neal Bush, attorney-at-law, who maintains an office at Hillsboro, is planning to open his office here in the Joy Theater building beginning Monday, September 30, it is announced this week. Mr. Bush will be here the first business day of every week to care for legal matters.

Mr. Bush maintained an office here before the war, but his practice stopped when he entered the service and the office was not reopened after he received his discharge.

The attorney is the present commander of the Hillsboro American Legion post.

## Pasture Seeding Results Seen

The pasture seeding tour arranged by Geo. A. Nelson, county agent, last Friday at Vernonia was attended by about 17 persons. On this tour the land seeded by Columbia county in the fall of 1940 and winter of 1941 showed some very definite results for pasture production. This land is now owned by Walter Workman who is pasturing the land with cattle. The seeding on section 21, 4 north, 5 west which was seeded in the ashes of a heavy burn shows excellent results and there is splendid pasture on this land six years after it was seeded. The cattle seen on the range owned by Mr. Workman are in fine condition.

The basis of this pasture was tall fescue, chewing fescue perennial rye grass, orchard grass, bent grass, alsike clover, and a small amount of creeping red fescue.

In section 22 there was a lighter burn, as it was an old burn, there was lots of fern on the area. However, the chewing fescue is showing remarkable headway. The pastures and sod farming qualities of the chewing fescue together with the tramping of the cattle in pasturing the land is thinning out the fern considerably.

The seeding demonstrates quite a possibility of utilization of cut over lands to advantage when properly seeded to long life and sod forming grasses together with the legumes, the agent said.

## Country Club Plans Tourney

Three topics, two tournaments and a revival of the Little Dance club, occupied last Friday's meeting of Vernonia Country club members at the clubhouse and resulted in the appointment of two committee heads to follow out the various proposals.

Mrs. Frank Hartwick will head a committee she will pick to revive the Little Dance club, a group that functioned here several years ago, but which has been dormant during the war years. Revival of the club under the sponsorship of the golf group is being sought as a means of winter activity when the course can not be used.

Mrs. Tom Turner will be chairman of another committee of her own choosing to arrange a tournament for lady golfers later this fall.

The handicap tournament, for which scores must be turned in by this Sunday, is to be played after that date Tournament Committee-man Kent Bauersfeld said Tuesday. He also mentioned that prizes for the fall handicap will be displayed in a window at the Bush Furniture company.



## Highway Signs Display Welcome, KOG Messages

"Now when visitors come to Oregon we can show them the true spirit of western hospitality as soon as they enter our state,"

Otto H. Petersen, Columbia County Keep Oregon Green chairman, said in commenting on the beautiful outdoor marker-signs erected at four main highways entrance points to Oregon by the state highway commission.

"These signs carry a dual message," the chairman pointed out. "They first extend an official welcome to Oregon by an official agency of the state, the Oregon State highway commission, and then they ask the visitor to be careful with fire and help protect our wonderful forest resources."

Already four signs have been built and are in place at Rainier near the Longview bridge; on

the Coast highway near Brookings; on the Redwood highway south of Grants Pass; at the summit of the Siskiyou mountains south of Ashland. The commission has approved construction of a fifth south of Klamath Falls near the California line.

The sign at the Oregon end of the Longview bridge was the first one to be erected in the state and was commemorated with an appropriate dedication.

## Flowers Again Hit Headlines

More proof that flowers, and vegetables, too, can and do grow well in the Nehalem valley is forthcoming this week. It's River-view again where the achievement came about.

Mrs. T. F. Hillyer proves that she can produce both large flowers and vegetables. Her hollyhocks reach 10 feet high and her gladioli spikes bear seven-inch florets.

Mrs. Hillyer's vegetable garden has produced cucumbers eight inches in circumference and 10½ inches in length.

## Eagles Attend Sun. Convention

The F.O.E. district 2 convention at St. Helens last Sunday drew seven Vernonia aerie members to participate in the day's activities and hear talks by Gerald Mason, F.O.E. president, and other state officers. Youth guidance was Mason's topic.

Attending from here were Alfred Doree, Ray Canida, John Wilcoxon, James Combs, Oscar Enstrom, George Armstrong and Freeman Schelene. Wilcoxon was included among the candidates for initiation and ritualistic work.

Eagles from all over the state were present for the meeting and drill team competition at the St. Helens football field later in the day and the banquet and dance that night.

Vernonia F.O.E. members are invited to Longview October 5 and 6 for the Longview Eagles 17th anniversary. Housing arrangements for the Longview event can be made through George Armstrong, local aerie secretary.

## Read to Learn Course Purpose

Do you know about the reading course service offered by the Oregon state library through the Vernonia library? If not, stop in and look over the list of 75 subjects available for study. Mrs. Paul Gordon, librarian, said Tuesday when she mentioned that the subjects were ready for patrons.

Mrs. Gordon also said that there is no charge for these non-credit reading courses other than postage on the books sent and she will give any assistance needed in selecting the desired course.

### Two Are Fined

A. F. Glendening was fined \$78 and R. Bradford, \$158 Friday in the justice of peace court here, the former for being intoxicated while in a truck and the latter for driving the truck. State police also arrested Marvin McGaughey Thursday and turned him over to the Portland police.

## Robertson Named New Fire Chief

### Zone Signal Plan Talked; Hydrant Check Started

The Vernonia volunteer firemen met last Friday evening to elect Cleve Robertson their chief, James McCrory assistant and to plan for a program of drill and a check of every fire hydrant in the city. The naming of the fire chief and assistant does not become official until the city council meets in October, but the usual procedure is for the council to favor the recommendations made and that likely will be the result Mayor George Johnson said Tuesday.

Starting Tuesday evening the firemen began a systematic check of every hydrant in the city and while the check is being made they will apply red and yellow paint to make the outlets easier to find in case of fire. Some of the hydrants have not been opened in several years Chief Robertson said and a check now will likely mean the saving of property later.

The examination and painting will continue every Tuesday evening until completed, the chief said.

Other plans for the department are practice with the pumper and other equipment, a thorough check of hose and elimination of that which is too old for use and the inauguration of a system of zone signals. The signal system will be worked out with the telephone office so that firemen may go directly to the fire without unnecessary delay.

The department membership will list 10 regulars and three or four assistants. Men who have served in previous years and who have equipment are asked to return it so it may again be placed on the trucks.

## Cafe Gets New Owner Today

The new owner for Vike's cafe will take over today, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vike announced earlier this week when they announced the change of ownership. Mr. and Mrs. Vike have operated their cafe for four years.

The new owner is Mrs. Elizabeth English, who has had considerable experience in the business.

### Restaurants Get Signs

Two new neon signs for the Vernonia business district were erected late last week by the Columbia Neon Sign company of Portland. Two cafes, the Palace and Vike's cafe received the markers. Each new sign that is erected along the street is a marked improvement for the business section.

### Examiner Scheduled

A driver's license examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Vernonia Friday, October 4, at the city hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Licenses or permits to drive will be available to those calling on the examiner during those hours, but people are asked to be present well before the closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

