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## Seal Sale Far Below Last Year

### Reminders to Be Sent in January to Late Contributors

The returns to date from the Christmas Seal letters, which were sent out here some time ago at about the time when practically every family in the county received their 1946 Christmas Seals, is not up to expectations.

That is the opinion of Miss Velma Ramsey, Vernonia chairman for the Seal campaign, who released the figure of \$426 as the amount of receipts from the Seal sale up to Tuesday morning of this week.

A greater number of letters were sent out here this year than have been mailed at any previous time, the number being in excess of 900 Miss Ramsey said.

Reminder cards will be mailed sometime during the coming month of January to those people who have not already paid for the Seals and the campaign will continue until February when the final report of receipts must be turned in. Funds derived from the sale will be used in the fight to eradicate tuberculosis. Local people have benefited from two visits to Vernonia of the TB mobile X-ray unit which provides free chest X-rays to determine whether the disease has a start. These visits have been financed through the sale of Christmas Seals in previous years.

## Loggers, IWA To Play Twice

The Vernonia Loggers and the IWA teams will meet twice in the next few days on the high school gym floor Coach Jake Hergert said Monday. The first of the two court meetings is scheduled for Friday evening at 7:30 and on that night the IWA also has scheduled a game with Tillamook.

On Monday evening, also at 7:30, the Loggers and the IWA will compete again and on that night a B game with Banks may also be played.

## School to Start Again Monday

Grade and high school students will return to school again Monday morning of next week for two days of classroom studies before the January 1 holiday, school officials said last week in announcing the vacation schedule.

The return to school before New Year's day is the procedure being followed by most schools in the county. Students will not be in school for January 1 but will resume work again the day after.

## Insurance Man Talks

Drew Lawrence, here from Portland for the Lions club noon luncheon, told the club about insurance rates in Vernonia. He explained that the high local rates are based principally upon these reasons: The fire equipment, the type of building construction and past fire history.

## March of Dimes Drive for 1947 to Begin January 15

Oregon counties are prepared to surpass all previous years in their drives to raise funds during the 1947 March of Dimes, Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Oregon state chairman, said this week as he announced county campaign directors in 35 of Oregon's 36 counties. The only county campaign director not yet appointed is for Baker county.

Named by Dr. Hedlund to conduct the drive in Columbia county is Cecil Johnson. The campaign is scheduled to start January 15. Special fund-raising events will climax the drive, which closes on January 30, the birthday of the late President Roosevelt.

This year's drive has special significance over previous years in that severe wide-spread epidemics in 1946 depleted the National Reserve Fund for us when polio epidemics exhaust local funds.

"Oregon families can give special thanks at Christmas time that our state was not visited during 1946 by one of these insidious epidemics. We must prepare ourselves, lest we be less fortunate in 1947," Dr. Hedlund said.

Local county chapters retain 50 per cent of the funds raised

annually so that any persons, regardless of age, race, creed or color may receive the best available medical care when the crippling polio strikes. It was pointed out that the national fund is used to improve medical knowledge through research in the field of infantile paralysis. All scientific advancements thus gained are, in turn, passed on for local aid in the fight against this unpredictable disease. Dr. Hedlund emphasized that local county chapters also receive help, if needed, from the national funds in time of epidemic.

## Logger Income In High Bracket

Highest wage group of workers in American industry continue to be mill and logging camp workers in Western Oregon and Washington, reports Walter A. Durham, Jr., research director, Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee, Seattle.

"The bureau of labor statistics of the department of labor reports that less than one-third of all manufacturing employes in the nation have received the full 18 1/2-cent increase since V-J day, one-fifth of the nation's industrial workers received no increases, another one-fifth received less than 10 cents an hour and another one-fifth from 10 to 15 cents," Durham says.

"Douglas fir lumber and logging workers have been receiving increases totaling 20 cents since last April, bringing their hourly earnings of \$1.42 1/2 or more than 74 per cent above the 1941 pre-war average. This wage level, highest ever reached in this industry, does not include overtime earnings, vacations, night shift premium pay or other 'fringe' issues granted during the war," he points out.

While wages are going up, operators have been unable to recapture prewar manhour productivity, Durham asserts. Sawmill output per manhour fell off more than 11 per cent, during the war, according to a federal labor department survey, as yet little recovery of normal production standards has been achieved either in woods or mills.

## New Owners to Operate Cozy

New owners will assume operation of the Cozy confectionary January 1, Cleve Robertson, former owner, said early this week. The change in ownership came several days ago with the understanding that the management of the business would not change until the end of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have owned the Cozy for two years and nine months, purchasing the business from Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hausler, former owners.

## Extension Meeting Set

The Vernonia home demonstration unit will meet at the L.O.O.F. hall January 2 at 10:45 a.m. The project subject will be winter salads. Ladies attending are asked to bring a sack lunch and a lady friend. This meeting will be a belated Christmas party so each person is asked to bring a gift for another person.

## Dog License Fee Raised by County Court

### Payment Due Before March 1 to Avoid Delinquent Penalty

Owners of dogs will find the license fee for females up over what they paid last year as the result of action December 5 by the Columbia county court. The court took the action as a part of its duty under Oregon law which makes it permissible to determine and set the amount of fees to be charged for the licensing of dogs within the county.

The fees this year are \$1.00 for each male or spayed bitch dog and \$3.00 for each female dog.

The court also issued the order that if any person fails to procure the license before the deadline, which is March 1, a penalty of the additional sum of \$1.00 will be assessed. Licenses are obtainable here at the city hall.

## Over 14 Million Fish Liberated

Fish liberated during 1946 for the benefit of the sportsman in Oregon lakes and streams totalled 14,608,644, in spite of the fact that hatchery production was handicapped all through the year by the scarcity of meat products used for fish food, it is announced by the Oregon State Game commission. The total weight of the fish turned loose was 139,890.3 pounds.

Releases included 12,158,416 rainbow trout, 468,714 cutthroat, 463,576 eastern brook, 628,273 steelhead, 105,986 loch leven, 248,440 silverside, 529,789 chinook and 5540 chum salmon.

The fish allocated to the two watersheds which include Columbia county were: Clatsop, Tillamook and west half of Columbia—357,479 weighing 21,360 pounds; east half of Columbia, Multnomah and east three-quarters of Clackamas—177,437 weighing 1664 pounds.

## Council to Urge Vet Appointment

The Oregon state apprenticeship council, which is charged with the responsibility of approving all apprentice training programs in Oregon, will recommend to the 1947 state legislature that veterans be appointed to its council by amending the apprenticeship law, Labor Commissioner William E. Kimsey announced today.

Kimsey said this recommendation was approved unanimously at a recent state council meeting in Salem, after Director George E. Sandy of the Department of Veterans' Affairs urged veteran representation on the council due to the fact that the majority of job training approvals in Oregon is for veterans drawing subsistence under the GI bill of rights. Kimsey is chairman of the state apprenticeship council.

The council will ask for an amendment to add three veterans to the state body—one man representing management, one from labor, and one from the public at large.

## Tree Farm Foresters Plan Planting of 130,000 Trees

One hundred and thirty thousand seedlings will be planted on 200 acres of the Columbia County Tree Farm of Crown Zellerbach corporation during the 1946-47 planting season, Chief Forester Clarence Richey announced this week from Portland. Species planted will be: 10,000 Douglas fir, and 30,000 Port Orford cedar. In addition, 300 acres will be seeded by hand and 3300 acres will be seeded from the air—a helicopter to be used in case one

becomes available.

C. Herbert Willison is forester in actual charge of the over-all tree planting program. Actual planting began December 1 on Crooked creek, a site located by Resident Forester Paul Goodmonson. Robert Lindsay and Merle Cline, planting foremen, are directing a crew of students from the Vernonia high school in the planting. Glen Hawkins, tree farm supervisor, will be in overall charge. Last season's planting covered 115 acres.

With more trees available from the Nisqually tree nursery this year than last, the total 1946-47 plantings on the five Columbia and Willamette river tree farms will reach 650,000 seedlings, Mr. Richey announces. In addition, 1000 acres of these farms will be spot seeded with seed, capsules and pellets, and if a helicopter becomes available 900 acres of land will be seeded from the air on the Clatsop and Columbia county tree farms in Oregon and the Cathlamet tree farm in Washington.

Two other innovations will be tested this year. One is a seed gun, which is made of hollow tubing with a chamber for the seed and a trigger for discharging

the seed into the ground. The Miller planting tool will also be used. This planting tool is also a hollow tube with a chamber for placement of the seedlings and a trigger for releasing the seedlings into the ground. Roots of the seedlings planted by the Miller tool are wrapped in paper in much the same manner as hand rolling of cigarettes. In the ground the paper dissolves.

## Employment Up in Columbia County

In eight Oregon counties trade and industry added a thousand or more new jobs during the first reconversion year. In addition two smaller counties practically doubled employment. And only two—Multnomah and Gilliam—reported a net loss in pay rolls a year after V-J day.

The summary of economic trends around the state was issued by the bureau unemployment compensation commission after tabulating 13,500 employers' complete reports for the third quarter of 1946. Later reports from representative concerns in every line and in every area not only confirm these figures but add to net employment gains, estimated at 5,4000 since last December.

In nearly all these counties lumbering and construction were mainly responsible for the gains, though food processing, service and trade lines all had a part.

Despite 333,800 fewer shipyard jobs in September than a year before employment in Multnomah county decreased only 10,100. With a pay roll drop in the metropolitan area aggregating \$18 millions for the third quarter, the remainder of the state gained \$32 millions, making a net gain of \$14 millions or 8.3 per cent.

In Columbia county employment in September, 1945 is listed at 3246 as compared with 3565 in September, 1946. Commission-covered payrolls for the third quarter of '45 and '46 respectively were \$1,789,657 and \$2,163,286 for a gain of 20.9 per cent.

## Wrecks Kill 40 In November

Auto wrecks killed 40 people in Oregon during November, it has been announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr.

This is a slight decrease in deaths from the same month last year. It is, however, by far the highest toll since summer, and reflects the result of winter driving conditions. Every November fatalities climb sharply and remain up until the coming of spring.

"As always, most of the November victims were killed in rural crashes," said Farrell. "For some reason it seems hard to convince people that most—and I mean three out of four—Oregon traffic deaths take place outside the city limits of any city or town."

With the holiday season in full swing, crowds, heavy traffic, and weather conditions dictate utmost caution during December. Last year's December smash-ups wiped out 48 Oregon lives.

"Start early" is being urged as the keynote to safe winter driving. By starting auto trips early, the urge to hurry is put in the background, and normal caution given a chance to function.

## Loggers Lose to Battle Ground

The Vernonia Loggers were defeated by the Battle Ground Tigers last Friday night on the Tigers' floor by 33 to 29. The players on the starting line-up for Battle Ground were all over six feet, but despite this handicap the Loggers made them earn their victory. Score at half-time was 22 to 18 for the Tigers.

Lineups were:  
 Vernonia Battle Ground  
 Cline 7 f 9 Metchum 6'7"  
 Renfro 3 f Sakrisson 6'4"  
 Anderson 3 c 4 Storey 6'4"  
 Byers 13 g 9 Lahti 6'3"  
 Tapp 1 g 6 Smith 6'1"  
 Walgomott 2 1 Winters  
 Frank 4 Emmons  
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Battle Ground plays a return game here Saturday night, January 4.

## Fish Hearing Dated

The Oregon State Game commission will hold its annual hearing to consider angling regulations on Saturday, January 11, 1947, at its offices at 1634 S.W. Alder street, Portland. Seasons, bag limits and other regulations affecting the taking of game fish will be determined for the ensuing year.

# Happy New Year