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First Youth Party Dated On March 20

Teen Age Club Is Hope of Groups Acting as Sponsors

March 20, Thursday of next week, is the date set for the first teen age party for which several local organizations have been preparing for several weeks. Classes have been arranged at which instruction was received for conducting parties, playing games and providing entertainment for younger people.

Invitations are to be extended all teen agers through the schools to be present for the first affair, a St. Patrick's party, Thursday evening, March 20 at the Legion hall. The doors will be open at 7 p.m. and all arriving before 7:30 will participate in the selection of a door award.

If the party next week proves successful plans will be developed for instigating a Teen Age club. Sponsoring groups are helping with the party are the Evangelical, Nazarene and Christian churches, the Legion Auxiliary, Pythian Sisters, Vernonia Extension club and the Lions club.

No class of instruction is scheduled this Thursday evening as has been held in past weeks.

4-H Leaders Hear Mason

Columbia county 4-H club leaders were entertained at a banquet Tuesday of last week at St. Helens where they heard a message from Gerld Mason, head of the public relations department of the Portland General Electric company and member of the state parole board. The banquet was sponsored by PGE.

Talks were also heard during the evening by George A. Nelson, county agent and L. J. Allen, acting state club leader. Mr. Nelson is the oldest acting county agent in the Northwest.

Brought out as information to those attending was that there are 2487 clubs in Oregon with a membership of 22,105 boys and girls and that the total value of projects carried out by the clubs last year was \$701,769 at a cost of \$429,758.

Picture Depicts Drilling

The Lions club, meeting at the I.O.O.F. hall Monday noon, witnessed the showing of a motion picture depicting the drilling of oil as conducted by the Texas Company. The picture was arranged for by Atley Chapman, owner of Chapman's Service Store.

Promiscuous Garbage Dumping Rapped by Health Officer

The dumping of garbage along the highways and byways and along the waterways and on water sheds in all parts of this county not only mar its natural scenic beauty but may become a serious menace to health states Dr. J. H. Flynn, county health officer. This dumping is a violation of the state laws and may bring severe penalties on those found

Chest X-ray Unit Visit Dates Listed by Official

The state health officer's report on last year's mobile x-ray unit shows that of approximately 2,100 patients examined in this county, there were approximately six gave positive tuberculosis finding.

Instead of 2,100, there should have been three times this number to accomplish the objective which is to eliminate tuberculosis in this county. Tuberculosis cannot be treated unless doctors know of the people having it.

The following schedule has been obtained for 1947:

Vernonia	April 21 and 22
Clatskanie	April 23 and 24
Rainier	April 24

Second Unit:	
Scappoose	April 21
Houlton	April 22
St. Helens High School	April 23
Pope and Talbot Mill	April 24

It is not the practice to x-ray children unless such an x-ray has been recommended by the doctor or unless they have had actual contacts with a tuberculosis patient.

More Releases Of Trout Due

The Oregon State Game Commission fish tank trucks are scheduled next to start hauling 100,000 rainbow trout from the McKenzie hatchery and 95,000 from the Hood River hatchery. The fish are all five inches or more in length, having been held over the winter, and will be released in the McKenzie river watershed and in waters of Hood River, Union, Umatilla, Gilliam and Morrow counties.

Releases already made this month include 100,000 six-inch cutthroat from the Cedar Creek hatchery in Tillamook county and 80,000 from the Bandon hatchery in Coos county. These fish were planted in the following counties: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Lincoln, Coos, Washington, Douglas, Lane, and Curry.

The total number of fish available for spring releases from the various hatcheries is 2,000,000.

Carnival Proves Most Profitable

The carnival Sponsored last Friday evening by the high school student body was the most profitable of any ever held at the school. Principal Ray Mills said Monday when he also extended the thanks of the school for the assistance given by local business men.

Exclusive of sales of soft drinks the affair brought in \$376.91 which was more than the total receipts of any three previous years Mr. Mills said. Merchandise disposed of at the carnival was donated by local business men.

The fund from the carnival will be used to purchase an electric basketball scoreboard as soon as one is available.

guilty of such acts. Considerable evidence has been accumulated against those individuals committing these acts and against property owners who permit dumping on their property or who may permit it to remain after it is shown to be a probable menace to public health or is a public nuisance or otherwise violates the state sanitary laws.

It is sincerely hoped that county citizens will take sufficient pride in their county to see that this is cleaned up and to learn who are the offenders. Thus it is possible to avoid wholesale arrests and prosecutions under these laws. If a prosecution should be found necessary to obtain results in this campaign, then the same will be prompt and vigorous.

As soon as sufficient time has been given for the development and examination of these microfilms there will be arrangements made for return of the Mobile Unit to make 14x17 pictures of those showing any pathology in first examinations. Whether it be tuberculosis or some other disease the result will be revealed in the 14x17 picture and will be referred to the family physician.

The report was made public in this county by J. H. Flynn, M. D., county health officer, who also released the scheduled for this year's visit of the mobile chest x-ray unit to Columbia county.

COUNTY NEWS

RAINIER ELIGIBLE FOR EUGENE PLAY

RAINIER—In the third and deciding basketball game played to determine who was to have the berth in the state tournament, Rainier's Columbians defeated the scrappy St. Helens Lions, 14-43 on Tuesday night at the local gym. Enthusiasm in town ran high as Rainier for the second year in succession will be represented in the state tournament.

On Tuesday, March 11, the Columbians left for Eugene where on Wednesday at 2:10 they met the Sandy High Pioneers in their first appearance of the 1947 tourney.

PETITION FOR UNION HIGH COMPLETED

CLATSKANIE—Petitions were completed in Clatskanie school district No. 5 Wednesday asking the county boundary board for the formation of a union high school district.

The district would comprise the Quincy, Bradbury and Clatskanie districts and the Mayger district, the upper end of which, being nearer Rainier and the students from that section attending Rainier high school, was eliminated.

SCAPPOOSE ROAD TO BE IMPROVED

ST. HELENS—Travel between eastern Columbia county and the Nehalem valley apparently is going to be easier, for the state highway department has called for bids for surfacing and oiling, 5.74 miles of the Spitzenburg-Scappoose section of the secondary highway connecting Scappoose and Pittsburg. This project is among 13 on which bids are to be let at a highway commission meeting in Portland March 24 and 25.

Oiling and surfacing six miles of the approximately 20 miles that is now graveled but not oiled should speed travel between the Nehalem valley and this portion of the county considerably.

RECEIVES FIRST TRUCKING PERMIT

ST. HELENS—Owen P. Kellar of Apiary Rt., Rainier was the first Columbia county truck operator to receive his permit, which county court. Kellar, a pulpwood hauler, purchased his permit Friday is required under a new regulation recently adopted by the day, the court said.

The court also stated Friday that these permits would not expire until Sept. 30, instead of June 30, as originally planned. This date was extended because the weather between these dates is not expected to have any bearing on the conditions of the roads.

Examiner Scheduled

A drivers license examiner is scheduled to be in Vernonia Friday, March 21 at the city hall. He will be there from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to be there well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to complete their applications.

Burn Trash Now, Fire Chief Says

Early Burning Is Safety Measure During Summer

Now is a good time to remove or burn trash that collected on city lots Fire Chief Cleve Robertson said Tuesday when he outlined a program intended to remove much of the debris that has collected on many vacant lots or parts of lots in the city.

The purpose of disposing of such material is to lessen the danger of fire during the summer months when destruction of buildings is a likelihood from such burning. At the same time a more beautiful city will result the chief explained.

Mr. Robertson is asking the aid of the state fire marshal in determining the regulations which will make possible a more detailed plan to remove debris and at the same time provide assistance to local property owners in providing more satisfactory fire prevention equipment.

As soon as information from the state office is available, an inspection program will be undertaken to locate fire hazards in local buildings, to suggest to property owners the ways and means of removing such hazards and to acquaint members of the volunteer fire department more thoroughly with the dangers they may encounter in the event of fire.

First Pelts of Beaver Sold

The season's first sale of beaver pelts accumulated by the Oregon state game commission under its damage control program was held March 6 and \$65,722.20 was paid by fur dealers for a total of 2,172 pelts.

The number of beaver taken was limited to those doing damage to private and other property. Landowners who had signed beaver management contracts with the commission will receive one-third of the proceeds from beaver taken on their lands. The remainder of the receipts will go toward payment of the trappers and other beaver administrative and management expenses, such as the taking care of damage complaints in the summer when pelts are not prime by live-trapping and transplanting beaver.

Western Store Stock Returned

The doors of the Western Store, which was opened here the latter part of last year, were closed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ready last Wednesday and the stock is being sold back to the company the owners announced Thursday.

The store was closed by the present owners but probably will be reopened under new management at a later time. That future opening will be announced at an early date by the Western Auto Supply.

Play Date Set

Friday, March 21 is the date that has been set for the annual Junior play. The three-act comedy is entitled, "The Groom Said No!" A matinee is to be given before the grade school Friday afternoon and the main performance will be given at 8 o'clock that evening at the Washington grade school. The play is being directed by Mrs. Olive Oliver and Mrs. Mary Aronsen.

Easter Eggs To Be Hunted

Again this year, as has been true for many years past, the American Legion is planning the annual Easter egg hunt, members of the group said early this week.

The search for eggs will take place at the city park April 5 and is open to children up to and including 12 years of age. Candy eggs were used during the war, but that will not be the case this year when real eggs will be hidden for the event.

The annual search has been conducted for the last 15 years.

National Forest Fund Distributed

Oregon and Washington are benefiting to the extent of nearly a million dollars in the distribution of 25 per cent of national forest receipts for the fiscal year 1946, according to H. J. Andrews, regional forester, Portland.

Oregon ranks first among the states, with a total of \$559,280; California is second with \$414,466; and Washington third with \$398,089. The distribution is shared by the 40 states, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, which include national forest acreage, with a total of \$3,424,430 for the fiscal year, says the forest service. The states in turn will distribute the funds to 653 counties having national forest territory within their boundaries. Thirty-one of these counties are in Oregon, and 27 in Washington.

Of the total amount, \$10,554,317 was produced by national forest timber sale returns, and \$1,261,083 from grazing fees. Other special uses account for the balance. Under the law, 25 per cent of national receipts are returned to counties through the States, for use in road and school funds. An additional 10 per cent of the receipts is made available to the forest service for expenditure locally in construction and maintenance of roads and trails.

"The national forests are managed under sustained yield principles to produce the greatest amount of public welfare and community stability," said Andrews "With the increasing need for and use of national forest timber, our receipts are rising, and the national forest counties are benefiting accordingly. Since the resource is not being liquidated, cash returns to local government should continue in substantial amounts through the years ahead."

March 15 Income Tax Deadline; Special Provisions Effect Vets

With Saturday, March 15, the deadline for filing federal income tax returns, Director George E. Sandy of the Oregon department of veteran's affairs reminds world war II veterans of special provisions of the revenue act of 1945 which may save them considerable inconvenience and money. This act:

1. Excludes for taxation purposes all active-service pay received by enlisted men, including non-commissioned warrant officers.

2. Also excludes benefits and subsistence allowances under the GI bill and public law 16, mustering-out pay, travel allowances and terminal leave pay bonds, pensions, disability compensation, servicemen's readjustment allowances and GI insurance refunds.

3. Grants commissioned officers in the armed forces an exemption up to \$1500 on their service pay which combined with the basic \$500 exemption on other gross income, totals \$2000.

These provisions apply only for income received during the war years, beginning with the calendar year 1941 and continuing until the official termination of

REA Policy, Goals Topics Of Meeting

West Oregon Co-op Rated as One of Best in Oregon

The policy and goals of the rural electrification administration as concerning REA cooperatives and the aquainting of managers and members of the boards of directors of cooperatives with details of the program comprised the purpose of a conference in Washington, D. C., from February 24 to 28, Manager Guy I. Thomas said early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were in Washington where he attended along with other managers and board members from regions 6, 7 and 9. This cooperative's former manager, Frank Seelye, and Mrs. Seelye also made the trip to Washington for the conference.

Every phase of REA cooperatives was explained by speakers and open discussions, one of the principal addresses being given by Claude R. Wickard. Other prominent REA officials participating in the conference were Russell A. Adams, head of the management division, R. E. Cole, head of the engineering division, James H. O'Brien, finance, and E. G. Keffer, applications and loans.

The value of this cooperative to be derived from the conference can't be evaluated definitely in dollars and cents, but the benefit will be apparent in administration and expansion of the local project Mr. Thomas explained. Washington officials expressed the opinion that this cooperative has possibilities of becoming one of the best in Oregon.

R. C. Fund Now Listed as \$500

Ray Justice, Vernonia Red Cross drive chairman, listed collections for that purpose at \$500 Tuesday evening when he outlined the progress of the campaign up to that time. Committees appointed to work for the solicitation had by then contacted nearly every business house in the city. Remaining was a few callbacks to complete that part of the drive.

No reports were available from the Mist or Birkenfeld areas as to the progress there. Mr. Justice said, but he stated that local schools would contribute through the efforts of Miss Stella Bellingham who is in charge of that part of the drive.

the war. Income received from outside the service amounting to \$500 or more must be reported. Incomes amounting to less than \$500 on which there was withholding also should be reported in order to receive the refund. Veterans were advised to consult the internal revenue collector's office to learn of other provisions.

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