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Factory for Cheese Making Talked Mon.

Small Amount of Equipment Needed Officials Say

State dairy inspector, Mr. Nixon from Portland and state dairy specialist on cheese, A. B. Widby, from Salem called a meeting for those interested at the home of Clint Seibert January 26 to answer questions about the handling of goat milk in the manufacturing of goat cheese.

The topic is one that has been discussed a number of times here among farmers owning herds. Most revealing item in the discussion was the small amount of equipment really needed. Pasteurization and refrigeration are not required. Also a very small building, even 12 feet by 18 feet, plus a cave for curing, if properly constructed, will fully care for even a 200-gallon a day vat.

Types of cheese, markets, sources of equipment, proper location of factory site, lighting, floor and wall construction, drainage, packaging, isolation of bucks, storage, receiving, California and Washington state requirements for the cheese entering, what to expect in the future and many other points were thoroughly reviewed.

A most interesting fact in regard to the wholesomeness of cheese was brought out in that California and Washington require that all cheese entering these states be cured at least 60 days because tests have shown that all disease bacteria is completely self-eliminated in this period. Thus, no pasteurization is required that would also kill the healthful lactic acid and other life-giving components of raw milk.

In Oregon, it behoves the consumer to insist upon well-cured cheese to safeguard himself against the contraction of TB or undulant fever unless he knows the cheese to have been made from pasteurized milk.

Meetings Scheduled

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Petticord will be at the Evangelical United Brethren church from Wednesday, February 4 to Sunday, February 8. This will be the third week end meeting of Dr. Petticord at Vernonia and it is hoped that there will be a good turnout to hear him. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Chest Drive Fails to Reach Quota of \$10,000 in County

CHEST NETS \$2500

ST. HELENS—The Community chest campaign ended with only one-half of the quota reached. To date the drive has netted only \$2100 cash in the bank. It is estimated another \$400 is yet to be turned in, making a probable total of around \$2500. The quota for the city was \$5000.

The quota for the county was \$10,000, with half assigned to St. Helens. Failure to attain the quota was attributed by the committee to the fact that the drive had a late start, and was not able to benefit from the radio and press publicity sent out during the period scheduled over the nation.

SALMON TAKE GOOD

CLATSKANIE — Three good weeks of fishing in 1947, two of them in August and one in September, resulted in the largest Chinook salmon catch since 1942. The total year's catch of Chinook salmon by Washington gill-netters in the Columbia totaled 5,084,089 pounds and the catch of Oregon fishermen from April 30 to September 30 amounted to 11,455,375.

The grand total of 16,539,464 pounds, which does not include the light Oregon catch early in 1947 and after September, is near aver-

Temp'ture Drops to 16

Low point on the official thermometer reached 20 degrees on the 16th and several other dates before that Mrs. Helen Spofford, cooperative weather observer here, said Tuesday evening. Tuesday evening's recording, however, was even lower, the gauge dropping to 16.

That reading was made on the thermometer which officially records low temperatures for this vicinity for the department of agriculture.

Directors Name Larson to Office

The board of directors of the Commercial Bank of Banks, held the first meeting of the year January 20 in the banking quarters of the Vernonia Branch.

Among officials elected for the coming year were Gordon G. Larson, manager of the local branch, who was named for the office of assistant vice-president and Wilbur E. Wilson, assistant manager of the local institution, who was elected assistant cashier.

The meeting was followed by a steak dinner at the Hotel MacDonald.

Collectors to Give Tax Aid

People in the Nehalem valley who anticipated that they will need come tax returns may make use of the assistance that will be given help in preparing their federal income returns February 5 and 6. On those two days a deputy collector will be on duty at the Legion hall to assist taxpayers with their returns.

In addition to the help that will be available here, deputy collectors will be on duty at Clatskanie January 27 and 28 at the Tourist hotel; Rainier February 17 at the city hall and St. Helens February 18 to 20 inclusive at the court house.

The same assistance is also available to taxpayers at the branch office of the collector of internal revenue, Room 100 Pittcock Block, S. W. Washington and Ninth avenue, Portland daily except Saturdays until March 6, 1948. Aid will also be given at the Portland office from the 6th to 15th inclusive, the final day of the filing period, including Saturdays.

age for the five years prior to the operation of fishways at Bonnevill. It is almost 2,000,000 pounds above the average for the years since 1942.

CHURCH TO BUILD

SCAPPOOSE—About 70 members and friends of the Scappoose Congregational church gathered last Monday evening to hear the building committee report on plans and the drive for funds is also progressing satisfactorily. It was voted to begin construction as soon as weather is favorable and all plans and specifications have been approved by the national board.

HOSPITAL MUST WAIT

ST. HELENS — St. Helen's chances of getting federal aid for the construction of a hospital are slim at the present time, George Shiffer, director of hospital surveying and licensing for the Oregon state board of health, told about 50 members of the Civic League last week. He said that St. Helens has a lower priority due to its proximity to Portland and that the high cost of building hospitals coupled with limited financial resources means that few hospitals can be built. The average cost of construction now is \$10,000 per bed, plus \$15,000 per bed for equipment.

Over 100 Now Back Keasey Transaction

Incorporation Is Topic at Meeting Of Club Friday

Subscriptions totaling over \$1040 were pledged by Tuesday of this week towards the purchase of 157 acres and the buildings at Keasey now owned by West Oregon Electric. The property purchase was the main topic of a Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club meeting last Friday evening when sportmen of this area met to talk over the possibility of incorporating or a non-profit basis and making the purchase.

The amount pledged by Tuesday was almost double the amount which had been subscribed up to the time of the meeting last Friday. Nearly all the people making pledges have been contacted by Pete Brunsmann, Ed Ling and Charles Wall.

At the sportmen's meeting, Harry King, president of the club, explained possible arrangements that could be made and also answered questions brought up at that time. One question, brought out by Vern Dusenberry, requested information as to why the Cooperative had not accepted his offer, made some time ago for the property. He explained that his intentions was to keep the area open for use of sportmen as a place to fish. Mr. King outlined the Cooperative's policy as one whereby the sale be made only to an organization or group with a policy of keeping the area open to the public.

Preliminary steps towards forming the corporation were taken Monday when Neal Bush, attorney, was informed of the progress made and the acceptance of the idea the Friday before by sportmen.

Radio Saves Life Sunday

Communication by means of the two-way radio system operated by West Oregon Electric made possible the saving of a life last Sunday when Guy Thomas, Cooperative manager, was able to call for assistance for a woman seriously injured in an auto accident at 12:15 p.m. near Elderberry Inn on the Sunset highway.

Mr. Thomas was on his way to Jewell at the time. The radio unit in his car made it possible for him to call Charlie Robinson here who in turn called for an ambulance to go to the accident scene and also made hospital arrangements.

School Paper to Enter Contest

The Timberline, Vernonia high school bi-weekly publication, will be entered in the annual Oregon high school press association contest for newspapers, Ray Mills, high school principal, said Tuesday. Judging will begin February 16.

The papers will not only be judged and scored on the basis of the score sheet of the national high school press association, but in addition an individual critique of each publication will be returned to the school.

Contest Being Planned

An attendance contest is being planned at the Christian church during the month of February. The women and girls will attempt to defeat the men and boys. In addition, all that have perfect attendance during February will receive a prize on the fifth Sunday. Everyone is invited if not attending elsewhere.

Candidate



VILAS L. SHEPARD, democrat, Clatskanie has announced his candidacy for nomination for representative, second representative district of Columbia county. Shepard has spent all his life as a resident of Oregon and has held numerous public offices, among them being: president of the Clatskanie PUD, member of the board of trustees of the Northwest Public Power association, Columbia county chairman of the American Red Cross, member of the board of trustees of the Lower Columbia Highway association and members of the Clatskanie Grange which he represented at the state convention in June.

Election Boards Are Appointed

Appointments of the judges and clerks of election boards and the designation of polling places for elections for the period of two years were made January 14. Announcement of the appointments was made by C. W. Wickman, county clerk.

At Mist Joseph Banzer was named chairman, Dorothy Jones, judge and May J. Mills, Jeanette Sundland and Guy Bellingham 1st, 2nd and 3rd clerk respectively. Electors will cast their ballots at the school building.

Vernonia No. 1: John Erickson, chairman; Mary E. Hearing, judge; Erma Johnson, 1st clerk; Margaret Walrath, 2nd clerk & Celeste Poetter, 3rd clerk. Erickson building.

Vernonia No. 2: A. H. Backer, chairman; Grace Currie, judge; Bessie Tapp, 1st clerk; Melba Johnson, 2nd clerk and Macie Grady, 3rd clerk. CIO union hall building.

Vernonia No. 3: Mary E. Pringle chairman; Bess W. Nichols, judge; Ethel Titus, 1st clerk; R. S. Lindsay, 2nd clerk and Marvel K. Chalmers, 3rd clerk. Washington grade school.

Vernonia No. 4: J. W. Rose, chairman; Laureta Lamping, judge; Hazel Bergerson, 1st clerk; Wauneta Timmons, 2nd clerk and Irma Johnson, 3rd clerk. City hall.

Second Rally Due Tonight

The second Youth for Christ rally for Vernonia is scheduled tonight, January 29, at 7:30 at the Legion hall a member of the Vernonia Ministerial association said earlier this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kirkpatrick with their chimes will provide part of the program and Charles Freed, a student at Pacific Bible college of Portland, will speak.

All young people are especially invited and adults are expected to back up the young people.

Conference Attended

Ralph Aldrich, Oregon-American Lumber corporation, Merle Cline, Crown Zellerbach corporation and Milton Oakes, C. I. O., were in Salem on Thursday and Friday attending the accident prevention conference held by the state industrial accident commission.

Blast Removes Dam at Keasey; Tax Load Drops

A blast that was set off at 1:30 p.m. Monday of this week removed a good two-thirds of the Keasey power dam, reduced West Oregon Electric's tax load and insurance cost, and opened Rock creek at that point for easy access of steelhead attempting to reach spawning grounds farther up the stream. The blast was one that has been talked for some time by Cooperative officials in order to reduce the tax load on that particular piece of property. Before the dam was removed, West Oregon was paying \$1100 a year in taxes alone, Manager Guy Thomas said, not to mention insurance on the dam and Keasey property taken over when the Co-op purchased the Oregon Gas and Electric holdings. The insurance charges amounted to a considerable figure also Mr. Thomas said.

The placing and shooting of the explosive charge of 100 pounds was carried out under the supervision of Clay Warren of the Oregon state fish commission, and Ted Howell of the state game commission. Soundings were taken of the water back of the dam before the explosion, the dam was examined carefully and calculations were made as to possible results that would be obtained from the first charge. No definite information on structural details of the dam were available previous to the blast, hence the care in

placing the shot in order to avoid damage to the railroad trestle nearby.

As nearly as could be determined, the dam was built in 1924 by the Vernonia Light and Power company to provide the first electrical service for Vernonia and was 30 feet high and 70 feet in length. Non-reinforced concrete was used throughout with the exception of the lip at the top. The water crest resulting after the blast traveled only about 200 yards below the dam due to the fact that most of the water was drained beforehand.

Candidate



ED. CONDIT, former representative in the legislature from Columbia county, has filed for the republican nomination for representative from the joint Columbia and Clatsop district. He is now a resident of Clatsop county. Condit formerly resided near Vernonia and was superintendent of the grade schools here for several years.

Vets Urged to File for Bonds

World war I veterans who have not yet filed for their terminal leave bonds are urged to take care of this matter now while service personnel is still available to effect their payment.

Announcement of filing was received from the veterans administration by Dolph Stuart, county service officer, who is here every Monday afternoon.

This warning came from the army finance office in Seattle, which pointed out that more than one-third of Oregon and Washington veterans still had not filed claims for pay for unused leave time while in service.

Those who filed prior to August 1, 1947, should check on the status of their claims with the office where the application was mailed, if they have not received payment.

Application blanks and assistance in completing them can be obtained from county service officer.

Clyde Henderson Is Candidate

Announced here a few days ago was the candidacy of Clyde Henderson, Mist who is seeking the office of county commissioner for this district. Mr. Henderson has declared under the democratic ticket for the post which will represent the Nehalem Valley on the county court.

He has lived in the valley for many years, is well known and is campaigning under the slogan, "Service to the Best of My Ability."

The commissioner post is held now by Wm. Pringle, Sr., who has acted in that capacity for the past 15 years and will retire when his present term expires.

West Oregon to Serve Industry

A new consumer and a large one was connected with the distribution lines of West Oregon Electric last Wed. Manager Guy Thomas said this week when he announced that the sale of electric energy by the Cooperative would increase considerably because of the hook-up.

The firm making the purchase is the Northwest Aggregate company with a plant located near the Sunset highway tunnel between the Sunset and Buxton junctions. The firm will process a special type rock found there for use in concrete and also as a coating for processed roofing materials.

Full scale operation is expected in about a month when 112 kilowatts per hour consumption of electrical energy is anticipated for each eight-hour shift, cooperative officials said.

Market Owner Change Made

Mr. and Mrs. Al Herra, who have rented the meat market at Sam's Food Store for the past 18 months relinquished the business as of the end of last week and the market was taken over Monday by Sam Hearing, Jr., owner of the store. The market will not be rented to anyone the latter said Tuesday, but will be operated in conjunction with the store.

Orville Makinster started work Monday at the store and has been placed in charge of the market.

Polio Fund Gets \$33 from Social

The Vernonia Grange March of Dimes social last Saturday, January 24, drew a record crowd to sing, play games, dance and enjoy music provided by Lloyd Gillham who engineered the grange's electric record player and an orange relay race in which the women won. The losers, the men, paid a fine.

All proceeds taken in that night amounted to \$33 and will be turned over to the current polio fund campaign.