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Bank Deposits Show Steady Gain in Year

Increase Listed at \$41,266.73 Since December 31, 1947

Deposits in the Vernonia Branch Commercial Bank of Banks have shown a steady increase since the opening of the institution here March 17 of last year. Since that time deposits have risen to \$746,713.68 as of April 12, 1948.

Announcement of the increase was made Tuesday by Earl A. Bowman, president of the bank who also cited the gain made since the last quarterly statement for the Commercial group of banks of which this one is a member. Since December 31, 1947 deposits have kept in line with the increase the local bank has experienced since its opening. The gain from December 31 to April 12 of this year is \$41,266.73.

Being published this week is the combined statement of the Commercial group of banks and therein is itemized the resources and liabilities of the group which includes in addition to the Vernonia Branch, banks at Hillsboro, Newberg, St. Paul, Banks and Tillamook.

Library Receives Donated Books

Twelve books for the Vernonia library shelves were received a few days ago Mrs. Paul Gordon, librarian said Tuesday. The volumes were donated to the library by Mrs. Dwight Strong.

Titles of the books and their authors are: Lusty Wind for Carolina, Fletcher; A World to Win, Upton Sinclair; The Marriage of Josephine, Coryn; The Great Promise, Houston; Panama Passage, Chidsey; Deeper the Heritage, Edwood; River Road, Keyes; Our Own Kind, McSorely; Friends and Lovers, MacInnes; Touch Stone, Janet; Gentlemens Agreement, Hobson and Foxes of Harrow, Yerby.

Senior Play to be Put On

The Senior class of the Vernonia high school will present a 3-act comedy entitled "He Who Hesitates", Friday evening, April 30 in the Washington grade school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock.

The actors have been busy for the past several weeks and have prepared one of the best plays ever to be given here.

Members of the class have also been active selling tickets for this affair. The price of the tickets are 20c, 35c and 50c.

X-ray Unit Films More This Year

3240 EXAMINED ST. HELENS — A total of 3240 Columbia county residents received chest x-rays during the annual visit of the mobile unit operated by the Oregon Tuberculosis association, Mrs. Estella Harris, executive secretary of the county public health association reports.

This figure represents an increase of 48 over a year ago.

CONTRACT LET

RAINIER — Letting of a contract for grading and paving of 3.69 miles of highway between Rainier and Goble was announced by the Oregon state highway commission Tuesday of last week.

The \$673,458 contract went to the firm of Leonard & Slate of Portland.

It is understood locally that the contract will require federal approval which is regarded as a matter of routine, and then the work will start within a period of 15 days.

COUNTY HOSPITAL ASKED

ST. HELENS — Circulars of petitions asking for the placing

65 Students Tour Farm

Sixty-five students from Oregon State college school of forestry were conducted on a tour of the Columbia Tree Farm last Saturday. The group is the class on silviculture of Professor Dan D. Robinson of the college and was one of the largest to visit the farm since it was established here several years ago.

The students were interested principally in thinning operations, reforestation and salvage work and these phases of the Farm activity were explained by the two Crown-Zellerbach foresters, Paul Goodmanson and Bob Lindsay.

Help for Cancer Campaign Asked

This year there will be no person-to-person solicitation for cancer funds, according to Mrs. Judd Greenman, local chairman for the campaign. However, coin jars have been placed in many of the places of business in town and it is hoped the people will contribute liberally to these.

If anyone cares to make a personal gift to the cause, it may be sent to Mrs. Greenman.

This is a most worthy cause. One out of three deaths in the United States is caused from cancer each year and the government itself has entered its strength in the fight against this terrible killer.

Funds must not only be raised to finance the all-out fight but, even more importantly, the message of danger signals of cancer must get to every home in the land, so that fewer and fewer fellow Americans will suffer and die of this dread scourge.

Some Pledges Still Unpaid

Still remaining unpaid are some of the pledges which were made recently towards financing the purchase of the Keasey property belonging to West Oregon Electric. The purchase of the land and buildings there is being financed through pledges of local sportsmen who are interested in making sure that Rock creek at Keasey remains open to public fishing.

About 90 per cent of the pledges made have been paid according to Pete Brunsmann and the remaining 10 per cent are needed to complete the transaction. Incorporation proceedings are also nearly completed he said.

Payments of the promises may be made to Charles Wall at the mill, to R. M. Aldrich or at Brunsmann Hardware and Electric.

on the November election ballot

the matter of building and financing a county hospital at St. Helens will be undertaken by St. Helens Civic League and probably by the county granges as the result of a meeting of representatives of both with the county court last week. The group appeared before the court in the hope that it would agree to place the proposal on the ballot, but the court said it wanted more concrete proof that voters desired such a measure.

KIWANIS SEEK JR. CITIZEN

CLATSKANIE — Selection of a Junior First Citizen for Clatskanie for the year 1948 is being planned by the local Kiwanis club. The young man chosen for this honor will be picked on a basis of achievement, leadership, personal character, ability and service to the community during the calendar year.

Sole purpose of this program is to encourage the younger citizens to take a more active part in community affairs.

Speaker



IWA Local 5-37 members heard Manley J. Wilson, democrat, candidate for the senate, speak at their meeting last Thursday night, April 22. The members also heard Edward Gideon talk that same night. He is a democratic candidate for congress for the 1st district. Other speakers before the local that night were Claude Hale, secretary-treasurer of the Columbia River District Council, and James W. Lowman, state director of the CIO political action committee.

Cooper Named as Secretary Aid

Appointment of D. W. Cooper as assistant secretary of the Columbia county agriculture conservation association has been announced by William Armstrong, chairman of the county AAA committee.

As assistant secretary, Cooper will be located in the AA office at St. Helens and will assist the county committee in administering the agricultural conservation program.

Cooper came to Columbia county from San Francisco where he was employed by the Matson Navigation company where he was in charge of reconvertng the S. S. Lurline to a modern passenger ship.

During the war he spent seven years in the navy as engineer officer on the U. S. S. Tennessee in the South Pacific.

He entered the service direct from Oregon State college which he attended for three and one-half years studying animal husbandry.

A native Oregonian, Cooper was raised on farms in Lake and Douglas counties. He will make his home with his wife and young son in St. Helens.

Grade Student Enters Contest

A feature of the annual statewide competitive music festival sponsored by the Oregon Music Oregon Music Teachers' association and radio station KEX, in Portland, April 26 to May 1, will be competition for the \$100 prize in boys' unchanged voice classification as well as the honor of playing the part of "King David" in the Hood River music festival, August 5 to 8, under direction of Eoris Sirpo.

Maude Kobow, grade school music instructor, Vernonia, has announced that James Stevens, 13, Vernonia, has entered the contest.

Twenty-one of the northwest's most talented boy singers have entered the event so far.

Stanley Earl Expected

Stanley Earl, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon State Industrial Union council, will be present at the next meeting, April 29, of IWA Local 5-37 to discuss unemployment compensation with the membership.

Trout Season Opening Scheduled for Saturday

Ardent trout fishermen will go into action this Saturday to try their luck on the first day of the general season which opens that day for most of the state with the exception of tidewater areas where the opening is delayed until June 15. Those who don't experience luck the first day, and maybe not the second, have until September 30 before the general closing date. That's five months.

Coastal waters, however, have their season extended until October 31 in order to permit some fishing of the fall run of cut-throat (harvest) trout.

According to information here, it is the understanding that the entire length of Rock creek is open as well as the Nehalem above the mouth of Rock creek.

The game commission, this season, is opening as much water as possible on the one date and still

Stockmen Advised of Need For Hay Supply Next Winter

Columbia county stockmen were advised at the recent stockmen's meeting here to be sure of the feed they will need for next winter and not try to carry more stock than can be fed because there will be no carryover of hay. Hay stocks have been cleared up by California stockmen. The advice was given by E. R. Jackman who represented the Oregon State extension service.

He also told stockmen that people are now eating more meat than every before which makes a good market for meat.

Stockmen, who attended over 40 strong, also heard J. W. Nibler, county agent, make recommendations in regard to his observations of pasture in this county.

Discussed by the stock raisers was the economic unites of livestock raising including the importance of the small unites as well as the larger.

New officers for the county association include E. A. Wist, Scappoose, president; C. W. Sherman, Scappoose, vice-president,

Mole Trap Setting To Be Shown

How to set a trap to catch those pesky moles will be demonstrated at the Natal Grange hall on May 1 at 1:30 p.m. according to W. G. Nibler, county agent.

Mole damage is mainly caused by the dirt mounds they throw up in hay and pasture lands and by burrowing under garden and other row crops.

If traps are properly set, the mole is quite easily trapped and the main difficulty experienced in catching them is in setting the trap.

Music Festival Scheduled May 6

Foster American Music, the theme for national music week will be followed out in the annual music festival to be held here May 6, next Thursday, according to Paul Gordon, grade school superintendent, who announced the time of the festival Wednesday morning. The festival, at which all organizations, civic and fraternal have been invited to participate, will start at 8 p.m. at the Washington grade school.

On the afternoon of May 4 at 1 o'clock there is also scheduled a piano recital of students of music teachers in Vernonia. The students will be judged on a competitive basis and the best numbers from each division of the recital will be presented again at the festival program on Thursday.

Mrs. Maude Kobow, grade school music instructor, is in charge of arrangements for both the May 4 and May 6 events.

conform with a sound management program. This is being done in the hope that it will spread the opening day pressure more evenly over the waters of the state.

The legal length limit is again six inches except in the lower parts of the Umpqua and Rogue rivers, coastal waters and drainage basins tributary to the Pacific and waters tributary to the Columbia river below the north city limits of St. Helens. In these waters eight inches is the minimum length limit.

Salmon season opens again in the coastal streams that were closed during March and April with the exception of the Wilson river, which will open only below highway 101, the Trask river, which opens only below highway 101 and the Nehalem river which opens only below the Mohler bridge.

and George A. Nelson, secretary-treasurer, reelected.

Later this spring the stockmen will visit the Northrup Creek experiment station under arrangements which are being worked out by Mr. Nibler and on a date that will be announced later.

Wylie Richmond Dies Here Tues.

Wylie Yangy Richmond passed away at his home here about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday of this week following a long period of illness. Death came at the age of 70 years and 25 days. He was born April 2, 1878 at Lydan, Illinois.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Chressie Richmond of Vernonia; a son, Keith B. Richmond of Portland and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lowery of Jalvin, Washington.

Services will be conducted at the Bush Funeral Home Friday at 10:30 a.m. and interment will be at Lincoln Memorial cemetery, Portland.

Lunch Room Talked at Meet

Discussion at greater length by P.T.A. members of the school lunch program was heard at the last meeting of the group held early last week when the project was outlined in greater detail by Superintendent Paul Gordon.

He told the group that, being a state project, the cost will be considerable to make the change required to conform with specifications for the program. Needed will be storage space, kitchen facilities, dishwashing equipment and tables.

The P.T.A. derived a small sum from the exchange of paper sack lunches at the meeting.

Mrs. George Johnson, president of the group, welcomed several new members and also extended an invitation to all who could to attend a special study of P.T.A. work at her home held Tuesday of this week.

Death Occurs Thursday

John Henry Tooley, 89, passed away last Thursday, April 22 at 5:45 a.m. at the MacDonald hotel after being ill and bedfast for the past five months. Burial was at Glendale Sunday. Arrangements were handled here by the Bush Funeral home. The hotel dining room was closed until today, opening again this morning. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, two daughters, Lilly May Smith, Long Beach, California and Mrs. M. W. Wood, Klamath Falls and four sons, H. B. of Sonora, California, Henry of St. Helens and Homer and Charles of Glendale.

Construction Bid Receives REA Approval

Board's Acceptance Of Canby Electric Figure Given OK

The start of construction on 70 miles of new electric distribution line by West Oregon Electric Cooperative was assured last Thursday when approval was received here of the Canby Electric Service bid opened April 6. Announcement of the approval was made by Guy Thomas, manager of the Cooperative.

The bid was opened at a special meeting of the Cooperative board of directors held at the Legion hall, but the board's action at that time was subject to rural electrification approval and that approval was received last Thursday from Washington, D. C.

The Canby bid was for \$51,023.15 for the construction of the 70 miles on a labor only basis. Materials for the work have been purchased by the Cooperative and are on hand awaiting the start of work Mr. Thomas said.

The contract calls for completion of the job within 90 days after being started. The 70 miles of line will add over 225 new consumers to those now receiving electric service as members of the Cooperative and will serve residents of areas that have waited for years for power and light facilities.

Employment Up Despite Weather

Despite continued bad weather in most sections of Oregon during the last two months, employment in 324 logging and lumbering establishments submitting employer labor market reports increased by 1,423 from mid-January to mid-March. This represents an increase of 3.6 per cent according to an analysis of Oregon logging and lumbering employment issued a few days ago by the Oregon state unemployment compensation commission.

There were 39,080 workers in these 324 firms in January and 40,503 in March. All of this increase was concentrated in the Western fir region.

The report also states that these 324 logging and lumbering establishments employed in mid-March about 54 per cent of the total employment in the industry.

The outlook for future operations during the next six months period shows a steady increase in employment anticipated.

More Planting of Fish Promised

More fish for Rock creek was indicated according to a letter received here a few days ago by Charles Castner who had previously contacted the Oregon State Game commission and Lew Wallace about the matter. The next plantings to be made will be fingerling trout, the local man has been informed.

The planting of fingerlings will be in addition to plantings of yearling trout which have also been assured by the game commission for Rock creek this year.

Open House Dated

IWA Local 5-37 has scheduled an open house, to which everybody is welcomed, for the evening of Thursday, May 6 at 8 p.m. Occasion for the event is the showing of a motion picture put out by District Council No. 5, IWA, according to John Elder, business agent, who made the announcement Wednesday morning.