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Free Health Clinic Set For May 19

Pre-school Children To Be Examined at Washington School

As all children are required by law to have a physical examination before entering school, the Vernonia P.T.A. is sponsoring a free health clinic at the Washington grade school Wednesday, May 19. All mothers of children who will enter school next fall are urged to bring their children between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on that day.

Both local doctors are donating their services for the day as is Mrs. Joan Grondahl, Columbia county health nurse.

This examination will be the first of its nature to be held here and is being done in compliance with a state law which became effective last year and which requires the check-up before youngsters enter the first grade.

Parents who avail themselves of the opportunity to have their children examined next Wednesday will avoid the necessity of making special appointments for examinations at a later time.

37 Seniors to Get Diplomas

Thirty-seven Seniors will receive their diplomas for graduation at the end of the term at Commencement exercises on the 26th day of this month. In addition Richard Thompson who completed his work at the middle of the year, will receive his diploma and four ex-service boys will also be honored. Those back from the service are Randolph Bass, Dale Roland, Derrel Rose and Glen Shipman.

The official list of Seniors, released early this week, is:

Shirley Berg, Bill Biddle, Terry Brady, John Carmichael, Donald Cline, Gladys Dass, Lee Enneberg, Harold Fowler, Jack Frank;

Roy Frank, R. A. George, Pat Gibson, Ronald Graham, Don Hanon, Hulda Johnson, Evelyn Kreiger, Joan Lindsley, Barbara Lolley, Sally Kaspar;

Lillian Lusby, Richard McNair, Kay Miller, Virginia Mills, Joyce New, Art Ovesen, Grace Potter, Don Reynolds, Bonnie Ross;

Don Schauberg, Theresa Schmidlin, Lila Schram, Russell Stuve, Alvin Tapp, Richard Thompson, Betty Tindall, Florence Tisdale, Jean Turner, Martha Wells.

Examiner to Come

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Vernonia Friday, May 14 at the city hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Licenses or permits to drive will be issued at that time.

Salmon Catch Good; Float Intended

BIG CATCH NETTED

CLATSKANIE — Opening day of the fish season on this section of the Columbia was reported as being good, in fact, the best in ten years, one station reported.

The fish are bringing 23 cents a pound to the fishermen.

According to figures available from the various stations in this area, the high man was Elmer Hurula, who docks at Wallace Fish Station and his boat carried 1,000 pounds of salmon to the station.

POSTOFFICE MOVED

RAINIER — The Rainier post office was moved recently from the Lindeman building in which it has been located to a place next door, also owned by I. B. Linderman. R. C. Sheedy had the contract for moving the equipment.

BANK OPENED

ST. HELENS—Columbia county's newest bank building, a \$115-

Candidate



WARREN M. FORSYTH is a candidate for republican nomination for sheriff of Columbia county. Forsyth was appointed to the fish and game commission's field crew in 1932 and to the state police in 1933 and assigned to Columbia county, continuing in the enforcement of fish and game laws. After five years in this work, he was transferred to motor traffic and general law enforcement. He was with the state police, except for a brief interval during the war, until 1944 when he resigned to become chief of police at St. Helens. He has been a continuous resident of Columbia county since 1933.

Ruling Evasion Draws Sentence

Failure to observe a ruling made Tuesday of last week led to a fine of \$25 and an order to leave town Friday, by noon for W. B. Starkey who owned the Vernonia Taxi Service. The fine and order came from the city recorder's court Friday morning after Starkey was arrested Thursday for carrying a passenger even though his license to operate had been revoked.

Numerous complaints had been received by city police concerning the operation of the taxi, hence the action to revoke the license.

1st Aid Class Started Tues.

Started here Tuesday evening was a course in first aid instruction being sponsored by West Oregon Electric Cooperative primarily for men employees of the Cooperative, but open to others who may wish to join the class. Announcement of the course was made Tuesday morning by Guy Thomas, manager of the Cooperative.

The instruction is being given by the state industrial accident commission and a class is held every Tuesday evening starting at 7 p.m. Five more men can be accommodated and if there are any wishing to receive the instruction they are asked to see Mr. Thomas. The course will last for eight weeks.

Commission Lists April Welfare Cost

Need Cited as Fundamental in Deciding Cases

Old age assistance was the highest figure of grants made by the Columbia county public welfare commission for the month of April as indicated in the report released a few days ago by Mrs. Eva L. Tice, administrator for the commission. Assistance to the aged for last month totaled \$14,839.00 for 380 cases.

Other expenditures for the month were: aid to dependent children, \$4,503.00, 58 cases; general assistance, \$5,595.57, 93 cases and blind assistance, \$445.00, 8 cases. Thirty-seven new applications were received.

Need is the fundamental in all programs administered by the welfare commission. Need is not an elusive thing, dependent upon personality of the recipient or guesses by the commission. It is definitely determined by accepted processes. Food needs are determined by applying current prices to types and quantities of food required for health. A schedule is compiled by the state commission indicating the cost for age groups. Such schedules are compiled for clothing and miscellaneous personal needs. Housing, light, fuel, water, etc., are included as experience dictates. The sum of the above items is the applicant's gross cost for decency and health.

Any income whatever is deducted, be it old age benefits, allotments from service men, contributions from relatives, payments on property sold, or any other type of income. Applicants have the right to appeal to the state welfare commission if they believe they have not received proper consideration.

Old age assistance was also explained at the meeting. Such assistance is one title of the social security act, but it should be understood that it is not one of the insurances set up under the act and financed by employer-employee taxes.

Old age assistance is a program set up to insure sufficient income for decency and health. It is not a specified sum, but varies depending upon what is needed to support the recipient. The applicant or recipient has responsibility under the law for declaring his assets, for giving true and accurate information and for notifying the county welfare commission immediately of the receipt or possession of such property or income.

The commission must reinvestigate all grants at least once a year. The reinvestigation gives the recipient an opportunity to point out changes in his circumstances and to have his budget adjusted to current living conditions.

Library Gets More Books

The following new books were added to the shelves of the Vernonia public library last week: Parris Mitchell — Bellamann; Rogue River Feud—Grey; Devil and Destiny — DuBois and Jet Plane Mystery—Snell (teen age).

The library board members met Monday evening of this week to plan attendance at the Oregon library association meeting to be held at Reed College May 22.

Class to Reunite

The 1932 class reunion of the Vernonia high school will be held Saturday, May 15 at 8 o'clock in the Legion hall. A good turnout is expected this year as word has been received from many of the out-of-town classmates that they are coming.

Fire Season Date Set for May 15th

Beginning May 15, 1948 the closed fire season goes into effect. Permits to burn may be obtained at present either at the Pittsburg Guard station or the Wilark guard station, telephone numbers Vernonia 11F555, or St. Helens 11F711. Residents of the St. Helens rural fire district will obtain their burning permits from the St. Helens fire hall, phone 423.

Within the very near future there will be five wardens in Columbia county from whom burning permits can also be obtained. In the Birkenfeld area, Warden Guy Bellingham, phone Birkenfeld Garage, will issue permits. The Clatskanie district will be covered by Chet Hall at the Benson lookout. His phone number is Vernonia 11F52, or Clatskanie.

4-H Enrollment Hits High Point

In line with the trend of record highs in prices and production, 4-H clubs of Columbia county have set an all time high for numbers enrolled in 1948.

Numbers totaling 715 are carrying 854 projects in 63 clubs throughout the county with 55 adult leaders assisting. These boys and girls, between the ages of 9 and 21, are carrying on practical work ranging from room improvement to forestry in cooperation with the extension service and the state department of education. Each member must do his own work, supervised by a competent adult leader, and each club holds regular meetings conducted by its own officers.

The health project has the largest enrollment, 254, followed by clothing, 149; livestock, 130; forestry, 120; cooking, 114; gardening, 87; knitting, 29; room improvement, 11; and woodworking, 10.

Baptist Church To Organize

The organizing of another church for people of the Upper Nehalem valley is indicated by an announcement made late last week by Rev. Cecil C. Winfrey who is holding revival meetings here and who is working towards creating sufficient interest in the denomination.

The revival meetings were started last week and are continuing to the 20th of this month at 847 Third street, the minister said. Considerable interest in the church had been indicated already by the forepart of this week.

Should interest be high enough to make the church possible, future plans will be to obtain a more suitable meeting place and eventually the construction of a Baptist church building.

Precinct Voting Places Noted

Electors residing in the four Vernonia precincts will have to familiarize themselves with the precinct in which they reside, if they have not already done so, in order to know the place to cast their ballots in the forthcoming primary election.

The voting places remain the same as those of the last election and are as follows:

Vernonia No. 1—Erickson building, corner of Bridge and Second street.

Vernonia No. 2—C.I.O. Union hall.

Vernonia No. 3 — Washington grade school.

Vernonia No. 4—City hall.

At Mist electors will go to the school building to cast their ballots.

50 Students To Graduate Thurs., May 27

This Year's Class Larger Than That Of Previous Year

This year's eighth grade graduating class is larger than that of last year, number 50 students, Superintendent Paul A. Gordon said Tuesday. The class members will receive their diplomas at the exercises scheduled for the evening of Thursday, May 27.

The principal address that evening will be delivered by Charles W. Robinson, Portland lawyer, on the subject, "After Tonight—What?" He comes here highly recommended as a speaker and his topic promises to be of interest to the class.

In addition to the graduation exercises, there will be exhibits of art work completed during the year as well as the work of the various activity clubs.

Part of the program for the graduation will be devoted to making awards for the Poppy poster contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the athletic and safety lane awards.

Riley Services To Be Held Fri.

John Riley was born at Gales City, Oregon on August 20, 1874 and passed away at Vernonia on May 11, at the age of 73 years 8 months and 21 days.

In 1895 he was married to Rachel Virginia McCoy, who preceded him in death by 26 years.

To this union were born seven children, six of whom survive: Mrs. Leora Norman of Arcata, California; Mrs. Hazel Blackwell and Mrs. Violet Blackwell of Sheridan; Robert Riley of Toledo, Washington and Frank Riley and Mrs. Faye Davis of Vernonia.

Also surviving are 21 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He also leaves his widow, Mrs. Cassie Riley, of Vernonia, whom he married in 1944, and seven stepchildren.

The services will be here at the Bush Funeral home at 1 p.m. Friday and commitment will be at the Gales Creek cemetery.

Clerk-Carrier Exam Intended

Applications are being accepted now at the Vernonia post office for an open examination for probational appointment to the position of substitute clerk-carrier, post office service, according to an announcement made by the local office a few days ago.

The examination will be held locally and applications to take the test will be accepted up to May 19. Information in more detail can be obtained by interested parties by inquiring at the post office.

Quartet to Sing



THE YOUTH FOR CHRIST rally tonight, Thursday, will feature the Kings Heralds Quartet from Pacific college, Newberg. The four men will bring "the gospel message in song" and are highly rated by advance publicity releases concerning their visit here. The rally tonight will be the last for this spring according to officials of the Vernonia Ministerial association which has been sponsoring the meetings. The rallies may be started again later in the year.