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## Winter Spent at Phoenix



READY to tee off in the third annual winter visitors golf tournament at Encanto Park in Phoenix, Arizona are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kullander, who have spent the winter there. Photo was provided by the Phoenix chamber of commerce.

## Letters Asked to Show Action People Desire

When Paul Gordon, grade school superintendent, was in Chicago recently he had the opportunity of speaking to Rep. Clarence Cannon for some time about the March 1 reduction of 2c per meal served in federal assistance for the school lunch program. Rep. Cannon is the chairman of the house appropriations committee and an Oregon delegation called upon him at his hotel.

At an Oregon breakfast March 11, Mr. Gordon had the pleasure of meeting Senator Wayne Morris. He stated that mail individually written by constituents is definitely a help for him toward convincing other congressional members. Senator Morse suggested, "letters that give the facts in a positive and forceful manner are the most effective for me to show the other senators what action the Oregonians want."

## Group to Award Scholarships

The 4-H scholarship selection committee will meet at the county courthouse in St. Helens at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, to select club members for the scholarships to the 1952 4-H club summer school, states Harold Black, county extension agent.

Each organization or business that is sponsoring a scholarship is invited to meet with the committee to help award their scholarship.

To be eligible to attend, club members must be at least 12 years of age and enrolled in club work again this year.

Four-H summer school for June 17-27, on the Oregon State college campus. Last year Columbia county's quota was fifty. No quota has been received yet for this year.

## Lettermen Back Trip

Eight high school students, accompanied by Principal Warne Empey and Coach Sid Sorenson, witnessed the Saturday afternoon games and finals Saturday night of the state basketball tourney at Eugene. Boys making the trip were Jerry Herrin, Bill Braun, Bill Wells, Ken Nanson, Bill McDonald, Mike Grady, Jim Frank and Pete Norris. Gary Empey also went with the group.

Locally, in the past three years, the student price of the lunches has remained at \$1.00 per week. At the beginning of the school year federal assistance was reduced 1½c, then the further March cut of 2c, and with the increased costs the lunches served at the Washington grade school cafeteria are not now self-sustaining. If the federal funds are not restored the only solution may be to raise the price of the student lunch tickets.

## Archers Slate Golf Match Sun.

Archery golf, a game bowmen will play on the golf course, will be the pastime Sunday morning for members of the Blue Ox Bowmen of Vernonia, the newly-organized archery club. Word of the impending game was voiced earlier this week by Derrel Rose, president of the club.

Decision to play the unusual game arrived at when the club met Tuesday. Players use three arrows and, to enter the cup in a green, must hit a 4-inch ball. The club has nine charter members and is trying to interest other people in joining the organization. The membership fee is \$3.

## Leaders Plan for Annual 4-H Day

The 4-H leaders of the Nehalem valley met at the E. A. Knoedler home Monday evening to make plans for the Nehalem valley 4-H Achievement day which is held each year in May.

Each 4-H club will have an exhibit of the work they have done this year. There will be a livestock show and demonstrations and judging contests.

The extension units of the valley will help with the pot-luck dinner at noon.

## Promoted to Sergeant

Roy Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Frank, has been promoted to sergeant, according to word received here a few days ago by his parents. He is stationed at Clark Field, Philippine Islands and expects to remain there until the latter part of February of next year.

## Cost of Post Cards Changed By New Rule

### Extra Charge for Amounts of 50 or More Discontinued

People who use post cards in any great quantity may now purchase them in amounts of 50 or more without paying the extra charge which was levied by the post office department when the new 2-cent postage rate became effective.

Word of the change was received here by Postmaster Emil Messing in the postal bulletin March 18 which contained an order of the postmaster general repealing the 10 per cent additional charge.

The change became effective March 22, last Saturday. Previous to repeal of the additional charge, small purchasers of cards would buy less than 50 to avoid the extra amount and some instances were reported where large purchases were made, but in quantities of 49 cards at a time.

## County Dimes Exceed \$10,000

Columbia county has gone "over the top" in its annual March of Dimes fund campaign and has bettered last year's record receipts by some \$1,500, according to E. E. Jensen, St. Helens, county chairman of the 1952 fund drive.

Gross receipts this year amounted to \$10,112.46, Jensen said, with \$598.55 deducted for fund-raising expenses. The \$9,513.91 net receipts bettered by about \$1,500 the total of last year's receipts.

Of the 1952 net receipts, 50 per cent or \$4,756.96 is deposited with the county funds to pay expenses incurred in treatment of infantile paralysis. The other 50 per cent is sent to national polio headquarters for use in research.

However, Jensen pointed out, Columbia has the right to borrow virtually all the funds it needs from national, at least while the money holds out. This was the case last year, he said, when some \$25,000 was spent in Columbia county as a result of the 1950 epidemic of polio. Of this amount, the county borrowed all but \$3,500 from national.

He said the initial cost incurred by polio victims does not normally constitute the major drain on county and national funds. Rather, it is the cost of continued treatment which uses the money donated by U. S. residents each year.

Jensen joined with Ben Coleman, chairman of the Columbia polio chapter, in thanking those persons who helped make this year's drive a success. Columbia county participation in the drive helped assure Oregon of a new high mark for the 14 years the drive to combat polio has been conducted in this state. Oregon's total is expected to be about 20 per cent greater than the previous record of \$512,203 established last year.

## Five Ordered to Report for Exams

The selective service board at St. Helens has called three men to report for induction April 7, according to a release of information earlier this week. They are: Richard Charles Alexander, now of Oakridge; Robert Earl Harding, St. Helens and Robert James Kovach, now of Sutherlin.

The board has also notified five men to report for their physical examination April 9.

## Board Rehires Grade Teachers

All teachers employed in the two schools operated by district 47, Jt., were re-elected to return here for another year by an action of the board taken earlier this month. However, three who were offered contracts who have reached retirement age, will await approval of the state requirement board.

The district staff now numbers 24 teachers. Contracts, according to law, must be accepted by April 1 by the teachers if they are to be sure of teaching positions when the fall term begins.

## Performance at Festival Due

The Washington school will participate in the annual Columbia county elementary school music festival at St. Helens Saturday to the extent of 38 musicians who will compose the chorus and band.

The festival will take place at the St. Helens high school and is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Morning, afternoon and evening programs are planned.

Participation of the Washington school chorus this year will be the first time it has appeared and the entire group, band and chorus, will be the largest to appear in many years. Director and instructor is Miss Pauline Bristlin.

A school assembly is planned Friday afternoon when the numbers to be presented at the festival will be heard by the grade students.

## Pfc. Serves as Demolition Man

Pfc. James M. Cahill, Birkenfeld, is serving in Korea as a member of the 1st Ordinance Explosive Detachment, a highly trained team of experts whose mission it is to remove and destroy unexploded missiles wherever they may be.

Squads from the detachment may be called upon to deactivate a 500-pound bomb resting precariously on a hilltop at the front. Or, they may be turned loose on a recently captured airfield to make it safe for reconstruction work.

Successful performance depends upon a thorough knowledge of all types of explosive missiles and mines used by the UN and the Communists alike.

## To Plan Workshop

Principal Warne Empey will go to St. Helens next Monday where county officials will plan for holding the county teachers workshop to be held this fall just before school opens.

## League Plans Jamboree To Open Grid Season

A football jamboree will open the Lower Columbia League football season next fall, league officials decided at Clatskanie when they met there Monday evening. This will be the first time for such an event to open the football season and is scheduled to take place September 17.

Grid elevens will go to Clatskanie for the event. Each team will pay one quarter and one the list of competing teams this year will be a new name to replace Parkrose.

Parkrose has withdrawn from the league because it has become too large a school and has been replaced by Wy-East, a new high school started last year near Hood River.

League officials also drew up the grid schedule for this fall

## Gun Use by Youngsters Dangerous

### Police List Damage From Shooting of .22 Caliber Rifles

City police conducted an examination into the activities of several youngsters late last week when reports were received of damage to the locks of switches in the S.P.&S. railway yard. The damage was caused by 22 rifles which had been fired, using the locks as targets, and which broke the locks so the switches could be moved.

The check-up, which was made after a report of the instances reached the department, revealed that quite a number of boys have been shooting rifles inside city limits. The rifles are dangerous up to a mile.

Police say that damage to the locks may lead to accidental change of track switches, which may in turn result in a train accident. They also point out that the Oregon penal code definitely restricts giving or selling any child under 14 years of age any explosive article containing 10 grains of gunpowder or any instrument for discharging such an explosive.

No arrests were made last week, but should the use by youngsters of firearms continue, they will be brought into court.

## Standard School Compliance Near

Compliance with stipulations set forth by state regulation has almost been met as far as the Washington grade school building is concerned in bringing that structure up to a standard school, Superintendent Paul A. Gordon said earlier this week.

Changes required by the state were set forth in a report issued about two years ago which stipulated among other things the need for new lighting, addition of rooms, new seats, more playground space and doing away with the use of basement class rooms.

The lighting has been changed to meet specifications and over half of the new seats have been provided as well as the additional class rooms. To do away with basement classes would be prohibitive in expense and it is likely that additional play space may not be obtainable.

It is expected that the state will class the building as advisedly standard without the addition of more play space and the doing away with basement classes.

Purchases to be made this year of seats will change the style of seating for over half of the school. The new style seats are individual and moveable.

as well as the tentative baseball and track schedules to be followed during the remainder of this school year.

Logger football games will start September 12 when they go to Forest Grove. Remaining dates in addition to the jamboree are:

September 19 — St. Helens, here  
September 26 — Seaside, there  
October 3 — Clatskanie, here  
October 10 — Scappoose, there  
October 17 — Wy-East, here  
October 24 — Warrenton, there  
October 31 — Rainier, here

Dates for baseball and track were worked out tentatively, but were not available for publication this week.

Attending the league meeting from here were Principal Warne Empey, Jack Reynolds, Lee Pangle and Sid Sorenson.