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Dates Set for Graduation of 1953 Classes

Closing of School Scheduled May 29; Programs Arranged

Graduation programs for both the eighth grade students and the seniors of Vernonia high school are scheduled in coming weeks to mark the end of the 1952-53 school year.

The high school seniors will go to their baccalaureate program Sunday, May 24, at the Evangelical U.B. church to hear Rev. W. A. McBride deliver the sermon. This will be the 35th annual event. Commencement exercises are scheduled for the evening of Thursday, May 28, at the high school gym and will mark the completion of four years of high school work for the 39 seniors in this year's class.

Fifty-four eighth grade students will go to their graduation program Tuesday, May 26, at the Washington school auditorium.

Closing date for classes and the end of the current school term will be Friday, May 29.

Grade Girls Win Track Trophy

Washington grade school's girl track team captured the first place trophy at the county meet last Friday at Scappoose with a point score of 96, well above the St. Helens John Gumm girl team with 59½ points. The Vernonia relay team also placed first due to the performance turned in by Marlene Shafer, Donna Buckley, Georgia Parrish and Sharon Aldrich.

Marlene Shafer and Donna Buckley were high point girls for the meet with four blue ribbons each. Other scores for girl teams at the meet were McBride 39; Scappoose 15½; Mayger 15; Clatskanie 15; Westport 9; Quincy 4 and Bachelor Flat 1.

Scores for the boys teams were: John Gumm 87½; McBride 61; Scappoose 51; Clatskanie 40½; Vernonia 33; Quincy 7 and Westport 4.

County Welfare Expense Data Listed for April

Chairman Louis Fluhrer, Columbia county public welfare commission, released the following information regarding expenditures for public welfare for the month of April.

The total expenditure for all programs is \$32,634.00. Of this sum the total federal participation was \$13,849.00, state \$7,937.30 and county \$5,850.52.

Federal participation is entirely in so-called social security cases, namely old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and aid to the disabled as follows:

	Cases	Cost	Federal	State	County
Old Age Assistance	312	\$15,954.50	\$ 8,979.75	\$4,882.32	\$2,092.43
Aid to Dependent Children	69	6,840.50	3,621.75	2,253.13	965.62
Aid to Blind	3	176.00	101.50	52.14	22.32
Aid to Disabled	36	2,217.00	1,146.00	749.70	321.30
		\$25,188.00	\$13,849.00	\$7,937.30	\$3,401.70

Programs in which there is no federal participation are as follows:

	Cases	Cost	State	County
General Assistance	67	\$3,025.69	\$2,117.98	\$ 907.71
Foster Home Care	10	550.69	385.48	165.21
Medical Care for General Assistance		618.63	433.04	185.59
Medical Care for Old Age Assistance	63	2,593.31	1,815.32	777.99
Medical Care for Aid to Dependent Children	21	465.06	325.54	139.52
Medical Care for Aid to Blind	2	8.80	6.16	2.64
Medical Care for Aid to Disabled	6	233.87	163.71	70.16
		\$7,496.05	\$5,247.23	\$2,248.82

It is noted that total medical cost for March was \$3,919.67. The cost for medical care is constantly increasing, the greatest increase being for hospital care.

The figure reported for foster home care shows the actual cost of care for children, who are in custody of the county welfare commission, and are supported by public funds. Three other children are in custody of the commission and are supported wholly by old age and survivor's insurance payments.

The aid to dependent children's program will probably be reduced in July, as in the two previous years, by the elimination of support for children over 14 years of age. It is anticipated that this group will be able to secure summer work.



JEAN KIRKBRIDE



DONALD MORGAN



ORA MAY SMITH



MILDRED THACKER



FRANCES KASPAR

Announced Tuesday morning were the five scholastic honor students of this year's senior class. The selections were made on the basis of grades earned during the students' four years of high school work. Two of these seniors, Jean Kirkbride and Donald Morgan, will be the speakers at the annual commencement.

Track Man Slated For State Meet

Billy Braun, Logger cinder star, put Vernonia high school on the map in track circles last Friday afternoon at Beaverton when he placed in three events, which will entitle him to compete in the state preliminary at Corvallis Friday afternoon. If he places in the preliminary he will go into the state finals.

Braun, showing up Marshall of St. Helens, took a first in the 100 yard dash, second in the 220 and a fifth place in the discuss. The first and second place wins of the first two events will entitle him to compete in the state meet in both of them.

Other Logger trackmen placing were Ozzie Ray, fourth place in the shot put and Schaumburg, fifth place in the javalin. Kenny Nanson and Jerry Herrin, remaining two members of the track team making the trip to the district meet, didn't place.

District teams competing Friday were squads from both A-1 and A-2 schools in Clatsop, Columbia, Washington, Tillamook and Yamhill counties.

Marble Tourney Winners Named

The annual V.F.W. marble tourney was shot off Monday and Tuesday at the grade school to name the winners who will compete in the state tournament May 23 at Jantzen Beach. Darrold Proehl, Washington principal, announced the winners Wednesday morning.

Top shooters in class A, youngsters from 6 to 12 years of age are: Darrell Elliott and Donald Savage, first and second. Class B first and second place winners are: Jon Sallquist and Ray Elliott. This classification comprised contestants from 13 to 15 years.

Proclamation Sets Poppy Day

Everyone in Vernonia is urged to wear a poppy in tribute to America's war dead next Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, in a proclamation issued Wednesday by Mayor Lyman Hawken, setting aside these days as Poppy Days.

Poppies, made by disabled veterans, will be distributed on the streets throughout these days by women of the American Legion Auxiliary and V.F.W. Auxiliary who will receive contributions for the welfare of the disabled men and needy children of veterans.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

LeRoy V. Huff, son of Mrs. Boyd Huff, was recently promoted to private first class with the army in Japan.

He is assigned to the cold storage section at the huge Tokyo Quartermaster Depot, one of the main supply arteries for UN forces in the Far East.

Pfc. Huff previously served in Korea from July 1941 to November, 1952.

He entered the Army in February, 1951.

Clubs Prepare For Annual 4-H Achievement

Judging Contests to Open Event; Cups to Be Awarded Winners

Four-H club members will have an opportunity to participate in a number of events at the Nehalem Valley 4-H Community day to be held at the American Legion hall here Saturday, May 16, according to Henry Anderregg, chairman of the annual affair.

The program will begin at 9:30 with a home economics judging contest, a forestry judging contest and a crops and weeds judging and identification contest. These will be followed by demonstrations at 10:30. Anderregg states that all home economics and forestry exhibits should be in place by 9:30 if they are to be judged.

Instruction in dairy and beef showmanship will begin at 1:00 p.m. This will be followed by the showmanship contests.

Cups will be awarded to the club members with the best record at the community day in forestry, home economics and livestock. The cups are being awarded by the Vernonia Branch, Commercial Bank of Oregon, Nehalem Dairy, and Vernonia Trading company.

These cups will be awarded to the club members receiving the highest number of points in each of the three divisions. Points will be awarded on exhibits, record books, judging contests and demonstrations. The livestock scoring will include showmanship and fitting and condition of the animals.

Committees in charge of the various activities include: Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Vernonia, demonstrations; Mrs. Aldon Ashley, Mist, Mrs. Harold McEntire, Vernonia and Mrs. E. Knoedler, Vernonia, home economics judging contest; Don Campbell, Vernonia, forestry identification contest; Miss Joan Grabel, Vernonia, scoring; Mrs. W. A. Wilson, Mist, arrangements for noon meal; Mrs. D. I. Cantwell, ice cream sale; and E. T. Johnston, Birkenfeld, crops and weeds judging and identification contest.

The noon meal will be potluck. All club members not bringing a dish are requested to bring sandwiches. Home extension units which will help with the meal include the Timber, Vernonia, Mist-Nehalem and Keasey units.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event, states Anderregg.

Barbecue to Aid Uniform Fund

A barbecue that is being arranged by the Vernonia Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will take place at Dass park Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. Purpose of the undertaking is to help with the raising of funds for the purchase of high school band uniforms.

Starting at 1 p.m. the band will present an outdoor concert of light, popular music such as "Syncopated Clock" and "Doggie in the Window". The cost of the dinner will be \$1.25 for adults and 75c for grade school students. An ice cream concession will be operated by band members.

The menu includes barbecued beef and ham and extras. Games for the youngsters will be provided during the afternoon.

Installation Scheduled

Officer installation, pre-school clinic and state convention reports are items on the last P.T.A. meeting this year. At the meeting Monday, May 18, Mrs. Harry Sandon will direct an 8th grade skit. The new officers are: Mrs. L. L. Wells, president; Mrs. Art Nanson, vice-president; Hauton Lee, secretary and Jack Reynolds, treasurer.



Major Clarence H. Lamping and his crew assigned to the 77th strategic reconnaissance squadron stationed at Rapid City AFB, South Dakota were chosen to fly the RB-36 which was christened at Carswell AFB, Texas April 30 as the "Matthew Z. Brady." Brady was the famous picture taker of the civil war.

Lamping, a graduate of Vernonia high school in 1938, entered the service in November, 1942 as an enlisted man and graduated from pilot training in September, 1943 at Yuma, Arizona. Major Lamping took instructor's training at Hobbs, New Mexico and then taught B-17 training at Hendricks Field, Florida for one year. He has served in the European theater and was engaged in the polar reconnaissance 46th squadron in Alaska for two and a half years.

He has flown 33 combat missions and 280 combat hours. The Major has a record of 4,216 flying hours of which 2,626 are RB-36 flying time. He has received four Battle Stars on his ETO ribbon; the Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal with four Oakleaf Clusters and the American World War II Victory Medal.

Police Seek Dog Poisoner

City and state police have been on the lookout since last Saturday for clues that will help them find out who is responsible for poison bait distributed last Friday night that has resulted in the death of eight dogs.

Police found several of the pieces of poison food, bologna into which strychnine had been placed, but have had no luck in determining who is to blame for the distribution.

Greatest concern voiced by people here has been the possibility that some of the poison might have been found by little children.

Society to Meet

The Columbia County Historical society will meet Tuesday, May 19 at the Prescott community hall at noon. The pot-luck dinner will be followed by a business meeting and program based on the history of Prescott and the surrounding area.

Games Lost Due To Hitting Slump

The Logger baseball team has encountered a hitting slump, dropping their last four games last week when they were bested by the bats of Warrenton in a double-header, 6-3 and 4-2 Friday afternoon. Again on Monday the Vernonia nine appeared in another twin bill and were defeated by Clatskanie 7-4 and 7-1.

Lack of practice continues to be Coach Vieck's main problem. Nice weather sees the local team making up games instead of practicing, which accounts mainly for the Loggers' numerous errors.

Another reason for the losses Friday and Monday is the hitting slump the Loggers have slid into. In practically every inning of all games the locals could get men on base and outhit the other team but they couldn't hit when needed badly. On the other hand the Warrenton squad and Tigers

Stage to Seek Service Change

A public hearing will be held Friday, May 22, at 10 a.m. by the public utilities commission to hear evidence on a request by Oregon Motor Stages to abandon regular route scheduled service for passenger and express transportation between Staley's junction and Vernonia.

Also on May 22 at 1:30 p.m. the commission will consider at public hearing the application of Don Bayley for permit to authorize transportation of passengers and express between Vernonia and the junction.

Nominations for Board Spot Open

Petitions for nominating the rural school board members to represent zone 5, which is the Nehalem valley, are available from R. M. Aldrich, clerk of school district 47.

The petitions must be filled out with the required number of names and turned in to the county school superintendent by Saturday of this week.

The office is presently held by Harry Sandon, whose term expires this year and who is one of those being nominated for the position again.

Chosen As Princess

Miss Nancy Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fletcher, was honored recently when chosen as one of 27 princesses at a Grand Ball at Kemper Military Academy, Boonville, Missouri. She is a student at Cottey college, Nevada, Missouri. Additional details page 3.