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Federal Aid Granted for Apiary Road

Project Asks Bids For Rebuilding Mile Section at Apiary

A \$62,000 project to rebuild part of the Apiary road will start in the near future with bids for the work to be opened June 25.

Word of the project was released in the St. Helens Sentinel-Mist last week in a news story which told details of the project. County Judge John Whipple said the county court had signed a contract with the state and the federal government for the job, to be financed through federal aid.

The federal government will pay 60 per cent of the cost with the state of Oregon and Columbia county paying 20 per cent each. The road, from Highway 30 west of Rainier to Highway 47 at Oak Ranch junction, has been declared a federal aid secondary road, the county court said.

WORK BIDS ASKED

The project consists of grading and laying base material on a section of the road from the junction at Apiary north and east for 1.21 of a mile. The work would eliminate two sharp curves and reduce the steepness of the grade on Danielson hill.

The state highway department call for bids for the work specifies that the development provide a 20-foot oiled surface flanked by three-foot shoulders on 15 inches of rock base to provide a roadway of adequate strength to withstand heavy traffic usage.

Under terms of the contract, the county is responsible for obtaining a 60-foot right-of-way and for adopting such traffic regulations as to keep the road open to traffic.

FEDERAL AID RECEIVED

The project is the ninth in the county to be partly financed through federal funds during the last 15 years.

The eight other projects included three on the Scappoose-Vernonia road; two on the Trsharn-Sunset road; one on the Bachelor Flat road at St. Helens; one in West Rainier and one on the Clatskanie-Mist road.

Whipple said a recent survey revealed that Columbia county now maintains approximately 677 miles of roads including more than 400 bridges.

Garden Club Plans Lot, Cemetery Landscaping

Vernonia Garden club members will carry out a project started last year as well as a new undertaking they decided at a meeting which took place Thursday of last week at Sundland Electric.

The project which was first considered is the planting of shrubs at the cemetery. This planting will be made on the hillside above and west of the cemetery to provide an improvement for that section of the grounds.

Club members decided Thursday to do the work in the near future in order to complete the job.

This year's undertaking will be the development of a park spot in the downtown area, selection of the place and work on this project already having been started. The place will be the vacant space just east of the building in which Sundland Electric is located.

Planned for the park is a lawn, flowers and benches, club members say.

The club is scheduled to meet again today, Thursday, at 1:30 at Sundland's to hear Jess Thornton, landscape gardener from Warren, who is in charge of the landscaping work at the high school.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

BM2 c Elmer Goodman who is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, is spending a 30-day leave at the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goodman.

BM3 c Roy Oakes who is stationed at San Francisco is spending a 30-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Oakes.

Captain John R. Manley, who closed his dental office here a short time ago after receiving a call to army service, is scheduled to leave Fort Sam Houston, Texas June 27 for Seattle where he expects a 10-day leave before shipping out for Japan.

Manley has been attending medical field services school located at Brooke army medical center at Fort Sam Houston for a four-week orientation course in military medical service.

The class is made up of officers recently called to duty in the medical corps, dental corps, veterinary corps and medical service corps and stresses medical service in war.

In a letter received here late last week, Manley said he might be able to be in Vernonia for a short time during the 10-day leave he will have before leaving for overseas duty.

Pvt. Raymond Sheppard has been assigned to Camp Roberts, California to begin his military training, according to an information release received here early this week.

Fall From Car Causes Injury

While on their way to Vernonia to spend the week end with relatives, little Tawny, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Turner of Monmouth, fell from the car in which she was riding with her parents when she accidentally opened the rear door.

She was thrown clear of the car onto the ground, receiving severe bruises and several cuts on her head and arm. Nine stitches were required to close the various wounds. She was brought immediately to the doctor's office here where, upon examination, was found to have no broken bones.

Last reports are that she is recuperating nicely at their home in Monmouth where her father is attending Oregon College of Education for the summer.

Clatskanie Girl Contest Winner

People interested in garden club activities are invited to attend the meeting today.

County Budget Committee Acts

The Columbia county chapter of the American National Red Cross will hold its annual meeting June 29, at 8:00 p.m. in the chapter house, Plaza Square in St. Helens. Purpose of this meeting is the election of members and officers to the board of directors. Any person who has donated to the Red Cross is a member of the organization and is urged to attend and take part in the election.

Directors will be elected for a term of three years from the following localities, Rainier 2 members; Vernonia 1; Clatskanie 1; Warren 1; Scappoose 1; St. Helens 4. The meeting is open to the public and all are urged to attend.

Chairman of the committee was Clarence Evenson of Clatskanie and the other two appointive members were Robert Mathews, Mist, and Walter Erickson, St. Helens. County court members were Judge John W. Whipple and commissioners Clyde Henderson and Don Parcher.

Voters Favor Budget, Fill Board Vacancy

Exceeding of Six Per Cent Limitation Approved Monday

The decision of voters who participated in the annual election of the union high school district Monday afternoon and evening was handed down in favor of exceeding the six per cent limitation, a tabulation of the ballots afterwards indicated.

The vote on the somewhat controversial budget brought 20 favoring the tax in excess of the limit and 16 against. The budget called for a tax of \$77,970.78 in excess of the six per cent.

Voters also returned Antone Smejkal, incumbent, to the school board for a term of five years. His term expired at the end of the present fiscal year.

Members of the board of the district met after the election for their final meeting of the current year to transact year-end business. Included as part of the session was the matter of allowing bills that are to be paid out of the current budget and the swearing in of the new director.

The board also elected Mrs. Mona Gordon as clerk again and named the Commercial bank as depository for school funds.

Grand Office Post Received

Appointment to the position of grand warder was received by Mrs. Mona Gordon last Thursday evening at the formal installation of officers of the grand chapter of Oregon, Order of Eastern Star. The installation took place at the Masonic temple, Portland, where the four-day chapter meeting was held.

Mrs. Florence Messing, worthy matron, of Nehalem Chapter, served as assistant grand warder during grand chapter, this post being appointive also for the time of the grand chapter meeting.

Official delegates representing this chapter at grand chapter from Monday through Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Messing.

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The job of preparing the county budget for the fiscal year, 1953-54, was undertaken Monday and Tuesday of this week by the committee and the county court. The two-day job included hearing proposals from groups interested in obtaining county funds for various projects.

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Public Asked to Hear Problem

WHAT—Public Meeting

WHEN—Monday, June 29, 8 p.m.

WHERE—IWA Union hall

PURPOSE—To present explanation of the proposed sewer system plan

Series Presents Data About Social Security

(Editor's Note: To bring readers up to date on the Social Security law, Ev Cummins of the Portland Social Security office, is passing on to us a series of short articles. The first of the series appears below.)

Federal old-age and survivors insurance is intended to be insurance for you and for your family. The benefits are based on your earnings as a wage earner or as an owner of your business in work which is covered by the federal social security law.

If you work in such employment, you will make social security tax contributions during your active working years to provide an income for yourself and your family in case your earnings are reduced or cut off by old age and for your family in cases of your death.

If you are a wage earner, your employer shares the tax with you. If you are self-employed, the rate of your tax is half again as much as that of an employee who earns the same amount.

Certain other members of your family may be entitled to payments both during your retirement and after your death. These payments are based upon your social security account and can be made to your family provided they satisfy certain requirements as to age, dependency and other relationship. The amount of your monthly old-age insurance payments depends on your earnings in covered work or self-employment.

The payments to other members of your family, to your wife or to children under 18 for example, are figured from the amount of your old-age benefits. There are three factors, therefore, that determine the amount of family benefits payable. They are: Your earnings, the number of your eligible dependents and age of each eligible person in a family.

There are two methods for figuring the size of your monthly payment. The first method is based on the amount of payment on your average monthly earnings after 1936.

Surveyors Set Grade at School

State highway surveyors were here Wednesday to survey grade levels on Bridge street where the street fronts the high school property in order to make possible further improvement work in that section.

The work of installing curbing, a sidewalk and storm sewer drainage in front of the school has awaited the establishment of grades so these new improvements can be properly placed.

Highway officials will also determine the cost of paving the roadway from curb to curb and inform the city whether this work will be done this summer.

People residing within the city limits of Vernonia are asked to attend a public meeting, the date for which has been set for the evening of Monday, June 29. The action setting the public meeting date was taken Monday evening at an adjourned city council meeting at which two other matters relating to the proposed sewer system for Corey hill were considered by the council.

The first of the two matters was the adoption of an ordinance which calls for an amendment to the city charter. This ordinance was prepared by City Attorney Carroll Bradley to clarify the procedure for carrying out such an election as this which will decide the question of issuing bonds for the sewer project.

PROCEDURE FOLLOWED
It sets up specifications that provide correct procedures to follow in calling for such an election and designates the wording that must be followed in preparing the ballots. This ordinance sets the pattern to follow to legally conduct elections of this kind.

The second matter was the adoption of a resolution calling for the specific bond issue now being considered in the amount of \$85,000. This issue will be general obligation bonds designated for the improvement and extension of the sewer system.

The resolution further provides that a \$50 connection fee per home be charged and that a \$1.50 per month use charge be made plus provision for a general tax should such be necessary to provide funds for repayment of the bonded indebtedness.

ELECTION JUNE 10
The date of the election to decide whether the project shall be carried out is set in the resolution for July 10 and a legal notification setting forth full details of the election appears on page 6 of this issue of The Eagle.

Previous to the date of the election, city councilmen have designated the evening of June 29 for a public meeting at which an explanation of the proposed project, its cost and the method of providing finances will be answered.

Officers Named At IWA Election

This meeting will be attended by the city attorney who will answer queries on the legal aspects of the work, a representative of the city's engineering firm of N. W. Haner and associates, a representative of the state sanitary authority and probably the county sanitarian, Ben Rinehart. The public meeting will be held at the IWA hall at 8 p.m.

BUDGET ADOPTED
This Monday's council meeting was also the date set for the budget hearing, but no objections to the next year's cost sheet were voiced by property owners and as a result the proposed listing of expenditures was adopted by a formal council motion. Again this year, as for the past several years, the budget does not exceed the six per cent limitation.

Other business matters Monday included a council order authorizing the purchase of 700 yards of crushed rock for the coming year's street work and approval of the license application of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Motheral. If the license is granted by the state liquor commission they will lease Dick's Tavern.

New Ambulance Answers 8 Calls

The purchase of rock was turned over to Ben Smith, road supervisor, who will place the order for the sizes needed for street work.

Pickers Work Farm
One hundred fifty-three pickers from Vernonia went to the Rolling Hills Farm near Banks last Thursday, June 18, to pick 1363 flats of berries. Three busses were required to haul the workers from here to the farm.

Examiner Sets Visit
A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Vernonia Friday, July 3, at the city hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Game Men to Set Hunting Rules
The Oregon state game commission announces the first public hearing for the purpose of setting the 1953 hunting regulations. The hearing will be held at the game commission headquarters at S.W. 17th avenue and Alder street on July 10, 1953 at 10:00 a.m., standard time.

All parties with suggestions for regulations regarding seasons, bag limits, or methods of taking the game birds, game animals, or furbearers of the state are invited to attend. It is requested that all important facts and information be submitted to the commissioners in writing.

Tentative regulations will be set after the hearing and the commission will reconvene on Friday, July 24, to set the final 1953 hunting regulations.

Officers Named At IWA Election
The men who will serve as officers during the coming year for IWA Local 5-37 were named when the ballots were counted last Thursday evening at the regular meeting of the Local. Chosen as president of the group was Henry V. Ade, Sr.

Others who will fill official capacities are: L. E. Stiff, vice-president; Jewell L. Lloyd, recording secretary; James G. Cox, Jr., financial secretary and business agent; Carl Snyder, conductor and James E. (Bud) Rose, warden.

Cleao G. Walrath was named trustee for three years and Sherman S. Fisher for one year. District council delegates will be Ade, Cox and E. H. Dunlap of Camp Olson and the Alternates, Pat Wallace and Mike Anderson.

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The Vernonia community ambulance, which was first placed in use several weeks ago although interior work was not fully completed, had answered eight calls for service up to Monday evening of this week. Release of the number of trips made by the vehicle was issued Tuesday evening by Jim Cox, IWA business agent.

Additions to the ambulance equipment were made recently by the V.F.W. Auxiliary with the donations of two pillows and cases and plastic covers. A minor amount of work remains to be done before the machine is fully completed Cox said.

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