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March Brings In \$200 for Polio Drive

Campaign to End This Week; Totals Available Then

The current March of Dimes campaign was benefitted by a collection of at least \$200 when it was conducted here last Wednesday evening as one of the last undertakings of the drive. An exact figure of the amount was not available from Chairman Jim Davies earlier this week but will probably be listed next week.

He expects to end the march at the end of this week. The trap shoot benefit conducted last Sunday at the O-A ball park brought in another \$13 for the fund. The shoot was arranged by the Vernonia Trap club.

The recent bingo party sponsored by the Vernonia women's and men's bowling associations netted \$62.73 toward the dimes campaign. For their donations to the party, the associations have expressed appreciation to King's Grocery, Bob's Union Service, Dick's Tavern, Lew's Place, Bill's Tavern, Dessy's Tavern and Alky, Jay's Cafe, Pal Shop, Vernonia Drug, Mill Market and Lockers, Brunsman Hardware, Sara's Food Store and Vernonia Bakery.

The dimes had marched down the length of the counter at Ma Vike's cafe almost three times by Wednesday morning of this week to bring the total collection there to \$94.70, very likely the largest amount to be collected by any business place in the county. Nearly all the 947 dimes have been contributed a few at a time by patrons of the cafe. Mrs. Vike hopes the dimes will march to the \$100 mark by the end of this week.

Final Rite Read Here Saturday

Final rites were performed here Saturday at the Bush Funeral home chapel for Harold Claude Dow who passed away Thursday, February 11, at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland. He had been in the hospital for the past three weeks as the result of a heart attack.

The deceased was born December 22, 1895 at Concord, New Hampshire and passed away at the age of 38 years, one month and 19 days. He was a veteran of World War I, serving with the 65th aviation squadron.

Surviving are: his wife, Zelma and a sister, Gladys Smith of Riverside, California.

Committal services were performed Monday at 1 o'clock at Willamette National cemetery in Portland with the Vernonia Legion post in charge. Rev. F. M. Knoll officiated at the rites here.

Former Resident Of Mist Dies

Cecil Lane passed away on the 11th in Seaside after a short illness of 24 hours. He was taken to the hospital after becoming ill while watching TV Wednesday evening and passed away Thursday.

He was a resident most of his life of Mist, as were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lane, who passed away years ago.

He went to Seaside to live some 10 or 12 years ago where he has since resided.

He leaves three brothers: Merl of Wheeler, Ernest of Kalama, California and Clyde of Warren; two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Caples of Seaside and Mrs. Minnie Stoops of Vancouver, Washington, besides many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Tuesday in Seaside with burial at Ocean View cemetery.

Annual Meeting of Soil District Held Wednesday

At the annual meeting of the Clatskanie soil conservation district, which took place last night at Clatskanie, cooperators heard the accomplishments of the district and also the objectives of the organization. Shalmon Libel, Mist, and Harold Bergerson, Vernonia, represent this valley

as district supervisors. Primary purpose of the district is to apply good farming practices for the conservation of soil, water and timber resources. Several goals will be sought during this year, among them a complete conservation survey on 20,000 acres in the N-halem valley, if aerial photographs become available.

Four Victories Tallied Friday

Last Friday was the day to win as far as Vernonia teams were concerned when two grade and high school games played in the afternoon and evening at the Washington gym resulted in four victories.

Playing in the afternoon, the Washington school team met Rainier to reverse an early season defeat by conquering the visitors 35-23 in the main event and by winning the preliminary 36-16. Larry Akers and Dale Frye were high for the first team game with 10 points each and Donald Savage scored 10 in the preliminary for top place.

The high school Loggers entertained Scappoose that evening to win another game 57-52, in their Lower Columbia league play. The Loggers led the visitors 31-22 at the half also. Nanson was high scorer of the night for Vernonia with 15 and Dave and George Johnson each tallied the same amount for the Indians.

In the preliminary Scappoose dropped that encounter 59-40.

Lineup:
52 Scappoose — Vernonia 37
F 15 D. Johnson — Braun 41
F 8 Gabrielson — O'Brien 9
G 15 G. Johnson — Fulton 10
G 3 Gilligan — Nanson 15
G 9 Hudson — Bass

Substitutions: For Scappoose, Gilligan, Nutter 2, Mulligan; Vernonia, Bush 2, Cunningham 10, Higley.

The Loggers will go to Neah-Kahnie Friday night for a non-league game and will play Seaside here next Tuesday.

The Washington team has three games remaining in the season's schedule before the county tourney, the next with McBride there Friday and with John Gumm and Clatskanie here next week and the week following.

Leaders to Hear Delegates Speak

Four-H club leaders will hear Mrs. Hildah Highbe, Beaverton, tell of her trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago at the Columbia county 4-H leaders association meeting on Saturday, February 20, at the Washington school, according to Mrs. Aldon Ashley, Mist, president. The meeting will begin at 1:00.

Mrs. Highbe was one of the two club leaders selected to represent Oregon at the National Club Congress in 1933.

Mrs. Ashley states there are a number of important matters to be considered during the business meeting. This is the meeting which was originally scheduled for January 16, but was postponed because of bad weather.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Max Buckner and Bobby Dean Fulton joined the marines Thursday and left Friday for San Diego.

Corporal Dewey Hunt arrived home Saturday from Panama on a 30-day furlough.

Gen. Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wall, arrived here Monday evening from San Diego for a 13-day leave.

James W. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Elliott, Sr., is home on leave after serving 18 months on Guam and Kwajalein Islands with the navy.

Other goals for 1934 include increased productivity of pastures, better land use and management, encourage reforestation of cut-over hill lands, give each interested farm woodland owner a management plan for his woodland and continue field trips on adapted grasses and legumes on hill land, bottom land, ditch banks and waterways.

Technical assistance is available in planning drainage or irrigation systems, terraces or diversion ditches to all farmers requesting it, with the actual work being done by the farmer at his expense. Such assistance is also available for problems in soils, agronomy including pasture seeding and woodland management.

The district was originally organized in 1947 and included 56,600 acres and 360 farms in the diking districts at Clatskanie. Admissions since then including this valley, have increased the acreage to 212,430 and the farms to 1050.

Mail Service Change Avoided

A change that would have resulted in curtailed mail service from the Vernonia post office on Sundays and holidays has been avoided because of the points brought out in a recent letter objecting to the change and written by Postmaster Emil Messing.

The letter was written in an answer to word from the department in Portland that the decision had been made to stop all star routes to effect all savings possible unless such trips are necessary in order to relieve congestion of mails. The star route in question here was that between Scappoose and Vernonia.

The reply pointed out that business houses do not observe many holidays and that the Long-Bell Lumber company is almost entirely dependent on mail service for communication. The curtailment of holiday service would leave patrons without receipt or dispatch of mail for two days in succession when holidays fall on either Saturday or Monday.

Later word from the Portland department indicated the proposed curtailment saving would amount to only \$96 and that the service would be retained.

Circuit Court Fine \$2941.40

Arthur Thomas Johnson of Vernonia was fined \$2941.40 in circuit court last week for violation of the motor vehicle weight law. Johnson was accused of overloading his truck 36,828 pounds. His legal limit was 76,000 pounds.

It was testified that Johnson refused to permit his loaded truck to be weighed, so the officers computed the weight by scaling the load, and according to the computation the truck was carrying 132,828 pounds. He was fined \$100 for the violation plus \$2,841.40 for the excess weight. It is understood Johnson will appeal the case.

License Approved

At Monday evening's meeting, city councilmen approved the application of Terrence McCarthy for a license to operate Dick's tavern. Pending approval by the state liquor commission, he will purchase the business from Duane Smith, who formerly lived here and operated the business.

Work Starts On Production Of Stage Show

Baby Contest To Be Feature Event Of Presentation

Work started early this week on the musical variety show, "You Can't Beat Fun," with the arrival here of Miss Sue Rice who will direct the production. The show will be presented February 26 and 27 by the American Legion Auxiliary at the Legion hall. The show will benefit the Auxiliary's hospitalization and child welfare fund.

Miss Rice is a graduate of Mississippi college and has been interested in Little Theater work, radio, TV and publicity and promotion of civic entertainments. She has had special training for this particular production.

CLUB SETTING USED

"You Can't Beat Fun" uses the Hide-Ho Club as its setting. Ten prominent local men will appear in special costumes representing the Broadway Butterflies and the Butter and Egg Men who are attending this gay spot where everyone goes and anything can happen.

A master of ceremonies keeps things moving as he introduces a variety of acts. Twenty-four teenagers will be selected to appear as chorus girls and five outstanding local specialty acts will be spotlighted in the show. These specialty acts will include musicians, singers, dancers and impersonators.

Anyone in this area is eligible to compete and there is no age limit and those participating do not have to be members of the sponsoring organization. Persons interested in taking part are urged to contact Mrs. Alice Ade, by calling 1483.

YOUNGSTERS TO VIE

A baby contest will also be held in conjunction with the production. From the entrants in this contest will be selected the king and queen, the prince and princess and duke and duchess of toyland. Boys and girls under six years of age are eligible for this contest. Polling places for them will be located in business places.

All children will be introduced to the audiences and there will be a special coronation ceremony on the last night when the winners will receive crowns and loving cups. Children entered in the contest will have their pictures displayed in Miller's window.

RULES GOVERN CONTEST

The tiny tot contest is not a beauty or health contest, but is a popularity contest and there is no entrance fee. Children do not have to have rehearsals or special costumes. Further information about entering the contest can be obtained from Miss Rice at the McDonald hotel or Mrs. Lona Weidman by calling 1433. Mrs. Weidman is chairman of the Auxiliary committee in charge of the contest.

Other committeewomen handling details of the production are: advertising, Mrs. Alice Ade; cast chairman and committee, Gertrude Schalock, Isabel Culbertson and Betty Muller and tickets, Marie Atkins and Freda Biggs.

17-Pound Fish Week's Winner

A 17-pound one-ounce steelhead topped the weight list of fish caught and officially weighed for the current VFW steelhead derby. The catch was made by Wilfred Hoice in the Salmonberry February 10 and was the largest of four he caught last week. His prize was a casting rod.

Other fish weighed in were caught by Earl King, a 14-pounder, and Albert Blount, a nine-pounder. Last week was the seventh in the derby.

LIONS MOURN DEATH OF GOAT

The Vernonia Lions club's meeting attendance arrangement, whereby a member who was absent from a meeting without a valid excuse was given the task of caring for the club's goat, will have to be worked out otherwise.

The reason? The goat died during the recent heavy snow, so accordingly, members, especially those who attend regularly, mourn the loss because they won't have the chance to watch the fun when an absent member gets the goat.

However, one club member, Mayor Lyman Hawken, is probably quite happy over the death. He was supposed to have custody of the goat this week because he missed last week's meeting and his excuse was not acceptable to the club.

On the other hand, Lion president, W. A. Davis is unhappy because he paid the purchase price of \$7.50 for the animal.

Program Marks Founding Date

A program arranged to commemorate the founding of the Parent-Teacher organization was carried out Monday evening at the Washington school and in so doing, portrayed the accomplishments of the PTA here since the grade school unit was organized in 1948.

Participating in the program were: Mrs. L. L. Wells, president, Mrs. Stephen Waite, Mrs. Harry Sandon, Mrs. W. G. Heath and Mrs. Harlow Marum. Musical numbers included a clarinet duet by Joyce Thompson and Susan Koch and musical interlude by Rick Bush.

Grade Superintendent Darrold Proehl, at the short business meeting, told the association of a Monday afternoon meeting at Rainier where preparation was started for the grade school music festival March 27 and for two high school festivals this spring.

One of the high school festivals will be at Rainier for county school choruses and the other at St. Helens for bands.

An outline of the PTA accomplishments since 1948 appears on page 2.

Fire Fighters Form Association

Men representing the fire departments of four Columbia county cities met at Clatskanie Monday evening of this week to organize the Columbia County Fire Fighters association. The move to form the group will bring about closer cooperation among county fire departments and provide better organization of the mutual aid program.

Cities represented were Vernonia, St. Helens, Scappoose and Clatskanie. Officers named were Mike Baschel, St. Helens, president; Wayne Dexter, Scappoose, vice-president; Art Jarvey, Clatskanie, secretary-treasurer and Manford Johnson, Vernonia, reporter.

The group will meet again on March 8 at Vernonia.

To Remember Date

Washington school 4th grade students will provide a program in keeping with the observance of Washington's birthday when a school assembly takes place next Monday at 2:45. Teachers in charge will be Mrs. Rose Steen and Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson.

Mail Delayed Tuesday

Delay in carrying out delivery of mail here Tuesday resulted when the mail truck driven by E. G. Roidger was late in making the trip here from Scappoose. A washout on the Scappoose-Vernonia road a short distance west of Scappoose caused the delay.

Tax Levy Down On Proposed School Budget

Meeting Date Set For March 11 to Vote on Proposal

The proposed new budget for school district 47, which is published officially this week, carries a figure for the tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year that should be welcomed by residents of the district. The figure is \$5,985.83 less than the amount called for in the budget for the 1953-'54 year.

A comparison shows that the tax levy this year is listed for \$73,012.02 while last year it was \$78,997.85. Estimated expenditures proposed for 1954-'55 show increases in some places and lower costs in others. Costs for instruction, maintenance and repairs, auxiliary agencies and capital outlays decreased while increases are listed for other estimated expenditures. Total expenditures will be about \$1000 less for the new proposal.

The largest difference to account for the property tax reduction comes from estimated receipts, which for next year are listed at \$89,615.44, an amount \$4,526.67 above this same item on the 1953-'54 budget.

UF Fund Drive Near to Goal

The recent county united fund drive was completed with an achievement of 90 per cent of the total quota that had been set, the board of directors were informed a short time ago at their annual meeting at St. Helens. Disbursement of 50 per cent of the amounts due participating agencies has been paid, 25 per cent of the balance will be paid June 1 and the remainder on August 1 after all pledges are paid.

With the exception of Clatskanie, which went \$495 over its quota of \$3500, all other municipalities in the county wound up short of their quotas. St. Helens with a quota of \$18,035, at the time of the last report had collected and pledged \$11,821.63; Scappoose, quota \$2700, collected and pledged \$1903; Vernonia, quota \$3450, collected and pledged \$2,164.71; Rainier's quota \$3700, collected and pledged \$3,327.32.

New officers elected at the meeting are: president, Russell Martini; secretary, Walter Huser; Scappoose and treasurer, Jewett A. Bush, Clatskanie. James H. Clawson was the retiring president.

Agents Offer Aid With State Forms

Assistance with the preparation of state income tax return forms will be made available at several places near here during the month of March to help taxpayers before the final date for filing returns on April 15.

The schedule lists the following: St. Helens, court house, March 8-11, inclusive, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Rainier, city hall, March 19, 1 to 5 p.m.; Hillsboro, court house, March 22-26 inclusive, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Forest Grove, city hall, March 29-30 inclusive, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Student Pledged

A University of Oregon co-ed from Vernonia, Miss Frances Kaspar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaspar, has been pledged by the Oregon chapter of Phi Beta, national professional fraternity for women in music and speech. Miss Kaspar, a graduate of Vernonia union high school, is a freshman in music at the university.