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Tax Commission Starts Check of Inventories

A county-wide check of merchandise inventories by the state tax commission began Monday as part of a statewide program in which merchants' books will be examined to check up on inventories as declared in tax returns to county assessors.

The spot check will mean that about one in ten Columbia county merchants will have his inventory records examined, said Samuel B. Stewart, state tax commissioner in charge of assessment and taxation.

A. H. Howells, tax commission director of records, will supervise the "random sampling" of stores throughout the state.

Stewart said that the tax body has authority to direct the county assessor to make a check of all merchants if the spot check turns up conditions which warrant further investigation.

True cash value declarations were not checked from 1940 until 1952, explained Stewart. When a small sample of books throughout the state was examined in 1952, accountants found returns ranging from 4 to 100% of full value.

These findings prompted most counties to hire qualified men to check all business inventories before 1952, assessors used

higher ratios on merchandise inventories than on real property. That is, the assessed value of inventories was a higher percentage of their true cash value.

At the time of the 1952 check, the state tax commission recommended that inventory ratios be reduced to equal those on real property. Thirty-five counties have lowered their personal property ratios in keeping with this suggestion.

"Lowering these ratios definitely benefited the merchants. It is now up to them to declare their inventories accurately," Stewart said.

Observer's Data Lists Weather

Statistics compiled by Mrs. Helen Spofford, cooperative weather observer for Vernonia, show the maximum temperature for May to have been reached on May 17 when a temperature of 85 degrees was recorded. This, also was the highest temperature recorded anywhere in the state on that day and was only the second time in Mrs. Spofford's experience that Vernonia had the highest for the state. On May 14, a minimum of 30 degrees was reached. Precipitation for the month was 1.42 inches.

Mrs. Spofford received recently a letter of commendation from Eckley S. Ellison, Section director, on behalf of the Chief of the United States weather bureau in appreciation of her completion of ten year service to the bureau. It states that her reports have aided in the compiling of records that have been used by scientific and engineering interests throughout the world, and added that her service had contributed much to the climatological history of this part of Oregon. Her service is voluntary and truly a community service.

Accompanying the letter was pin with gold letters on a blue ground in recognition of her ten years service.

Peewees Lose to Scappoose 11-10

The Vernonia Pee Wees lost a close one 11 to 10 to Scappoose here Monday evening when the seven inning game had to be called after the 5th because of darkness.

A homer by Dale Frye added to the thrill of the spectators.

Batteries for Vernonia were: Nanson and Frye, Frye and L. Higley.

The Cubs first game of the season will be at Scappoose this Thursday. All clubs are asked to be at the grade school by 5:15. The Pee Wees will meet St. Helens there next Monday night.

Golf Lessons Start

A series of six free golf lessons for women started yesterday at the Vernonia Country club under the teaching of Bill Johnson, course manager. Registrations can still be accepted, he said, and if sufficient, two classes will be conducted, one at 10 a.m. and the other in the evening at 6 o'clock.

Band to Practice

High school band members and this fall's freshmen students who will join the bands are reminded that a summer practice session will take place this evening, Thursday, starting at 7 p.m. Bill Johnson, high school band instructor, will conduct the practice session.

Contract for Grove-Timber Line Awarded

West Oregon Co-op. to Benefit from Tie-in Due Growing Load

Bonneville power administration announced late last week the award of a \$68,000 contract to the Tri-State Construction Company, Portland, for construction of a 21-mile 115,000 volt Forest Grove-Timber transmission line. Work is scheduled to start with the next three weeks and be complete in 150 calendar days. Construction of the Forest Grove-Timber line is scheduled for energization in November 1954 and will provide service at Timber for rapidly growing loads of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative. Eventual extension of the line to meet power demands of the Tillamook area is planned. Thos. E. Black, BPA's lower Columbia district manager, announces.

Power for the line will be taken from the Bonneville-Forest Grove substation at 115,000 volts and transformed at Timber to the 34,500 distribution voltage for service to the cooperative. Initial loads of the cooperative are expected to be around 2300kw. A 100-foot cleared right-of-way and H-frame wood pole construction is called for in the specifications.



FRANK E. TAYLOR

Death Claims Frank Taylor

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Vernonia Evangelical United Brethren church for Frank Elsworth Taylor who passed away Monday at his home here, at the age of 83.

Mr. Taylor was born March 29, 1871 at Sullivan, Missouri and came to Eugene, Oregon in 1889. On December 9, 1903 he was married to Eva G. Fowler, and on December 1953 he and Mrs. Taylor celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at the Vernonia L.O.O.F. hall.

Mr. Taylor became a member of Helmet Lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias in Eugene in 1901 and in 1951 was presented his 50 year jewel. He was a life member of Liberty Lodge No. 171, A.F.&A.M. at Springfield and received his 50 year jewel from them in 1953. He was a Spanish-American war veteran, having served in the Philippine Islands, and was an active member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Taylor was active in politics and served as sheriff of Lane county from 1924 to 1928, during the prohibition era when the capture of stills was one of his major duties. He also was appointed field deputy United States marshal in Portland in 1930, and after coming to Vernonia in 1937 served on both county and state central committees for the Republican party.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his widow, Eva, of Vernonia; one grandson, Joe Taylor of Vernonia; two brothers, Smith Taylor of McKenzie Bridge and John Taylor of Mapleton; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Kettenburg of Eugene, Mrs. Ann McMillan of Stevenson, Washington and Mrs. Veta Wheeler of Hebo.



CROWNED with the title of Miss Vernonia for 1954 was Miss Joyce Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, when this year's contest took place Saturday night at the high school. The crowning ceremony took place after the talent show produced by Miss Elaine Haling, St. Helens. Miss Jones will compete in the county contest for the title of Miss Columbia County later this month.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

A/le and Mrs. Dick McNair and children of Bryan, Texas, arrived Sunday to spend a 30-day leave at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gibson.

Stadium Usher Jobs Available

Scouts who are members of Vernonia Troop 201 have the opportunity to become ushers at Multnomah stadium for the football games this fall and also for the high school championship finals, word this week indicates. Announcement that the boys here may usher was made Tuesday by Roy Frank, acting scoutmaster for this troop.

Only requirement boys must meet is that they wear their scout uniforms. Boys who want to participate in the work should see Frank to make arrangements.

Valley Pioneers Schedule Affair

The annual meeting of the Nehalem Valley Pioneer association will be held Sunday, June 13, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Birkenfeld Grange hall. A pot-luck lunch will be served at noon for pioneers and their families.

In the morning a business meeting will be held and a memorial service for members who passed away during the past year. In the afternoon a program will be presented.

Officers arranging for the meeting are Robert L. Berg, president, Gust Wanstrom, vice-president, and James Cahill, secretary-treasurer.

Top League Post Held

Sunday's 13-4 win over Castle Rock places the Vernonia town team in top league position so far this season with a record of three wins and no losses. Bill Higley played his first game with the town club and accounted for the only round trip hit of the day. This team will meet Kelso there Sunday.

Public Invited To Join Chamber

Arrangements for the organization of a Vernonia chamber of commerce are scheduled to be made this evening, Thursday, when the public is invited to a meeting which will take place at the Masonic Temple at 8 p.m.

Guy E. Leonard, Portland, assistant manager of the Portland chamber, will be here to advise the procedure necessary in setting up the organization. Local details for holding this meeting have been made by Guy Thomas who was named temporary chairman of a group of business men who met a short time ago to discuss the possibility of starting a chamber of commerce.



EVERETT E. JONES

Degree Awarded Everett Jones

Everett E. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones of Vernonia, graduated June 6 from the College of Medical Evangelists with a degree of doctor of medicine. He is one of 92 graduating from the School of Medicine. The College of Medical Evangelists, a medical educational center operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 1955.

Everett Jones is scheduled to intern at the Portland Sanitarium and hospital, Portland.

Ordinance Authorizes Bond Sale

\$85,000 Issue to Finance Installation Of Sewer System

A bond issue of \$85,000 is being advertised for bids because of action taken Monday evening by city councilmen when they officially adopted an ordinance which authorizes the sale.

Adoption of the ordinance was another step in the procedure necessary to provide financing for the proposed sewer system for Corey hill and a sewage disposal plant. The council also approved a proclamation for Mayor Lyman Hawken which officially declared the recent election as favoring the proposed system.

Legal details to prepare for the system are being prepared by Carrell F. Bradley of Hillsboro, city attorney.

Councilmen suggested that Albert Tandy see the district attorney relative to the question of whether a county road near his place at the north end of State street has been vacated or is still open for use. This suggestion came after he asked the council the procedure necessary to find out whether the road could still be used.

The official hearing concerning the city budget will take place at the next meeting of the council June 21.

Codling Moth Spray Due Now

Codling Moths, the adult form of the apple and pear worm, have begun to emerge, according to reports from Oregon State College entomologists.

With the emergence of this moth, the first cover spray for apple and pear orchards are due now, says Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent. This cover spray will protect the apples and pears from worms as a result of egg laying of the moth, and at the same time disease control materials can be incorporated into the spray material.

Insecticides recommended by Walrod are two pounds of 50 per cent wettable DDT or three pounds of lead arsenate to 100 gallons of water. When spider mites are a problem, one pound of 25 per cent wettable parathion, or one pound of EPN-300, or two pounds of 25 per cent wettable malathion added to the 100 gallons of DDT or lead arsenate spray gives good control.

Mildew is quite severe in some apple orchards this year, according to Walrod, and fungicide materials may be included in the cover spray to control it as well as apple and pear scab. Fungicides recommended are six pounds of wettable sulfur, or 1 1/2 pounds of ferbam, or 1 1/2 pounds of ziram to 100 gallons of water. Only the ferbam or ziram should be used on Anjou and Comice variety of pears to prevent spray injury that sometimes occurs with sulfur.

Fungicides will not eradicate present scab lesions, but they should prevent new infections.

Petitions Ask District Vote

Petitions which were circulated in the area proposed for a suggested rural fire district surrounding Vernonia were taken to St. Helens Wednesday morning bearing 150 signatures of people living within the area.

The petitions ask that an election be held to decide whether the district shall be formed. The petitions were taken to St. Helens by Bill Horn who has taken care of much of the detail work necessary in attempting to organize the fire area.



A LIONS CLUB project started earlier this year was completed recently when the electric-powered chair was assembled and presented Mrs. Lois Clark, above, at her home. When the chair arrived here a small group of Lions met to do the assembling necessary so the machine could be placed in use.