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Grade Budget Tax Levy for Year Drops

School Meeting Due March 9 on Proposed 1955-56 Cost Sheet

Prepared at the official budget meeting Tuesday, February 9, and published this week is the proposed 1955-56 budget for school district 47. The listing of proposed expenditures will be presented to voters of the district at the annual meeting March 9.

The expense and income sheet for the coming fiscal year shows some changes, first of which is an increase in the amount of money expected from sources other than property taxes. More money will come from the basic school support fund to account for over \$8000 more estimated receipts for next year than was received last year.

The budget list of expenses also shows an increase from \$155,990 last year to \$163,350 this year, made necessary by the need to employ two new teachers to handle a steady enrollment increase in lower grades and to raise teacher salaries.

Enrollment at the end of the last school year stood at 509 while this year the figure is 537 and a further gain is expected.

Another change in the expense list calls for a reduction of \$900 for the school lunch program leaving \$1000 budgeted as a reserve fund for this item. Present plans for the lunch program specify that it is to be self-sustaining.

Residents of the district, however, will face a lower tax bill on property than they had last year. The 1954-55 budget listed an amount of \$73,012.02 to be raised from taxes, while the proposed new listing calls for taxes totaling \$71,996.80.

Proehl Elected CCEA President

Approximately 15 teachers from the local schools attended a dinner meeting of the Columbia County Education association at McBride school in St. Helens on Monday, February 14 at which about 125 teachers and their wives or husbands from all over the county gathered for the annual social night. A variety program was presented by groups from the Rainier schools and bingo was played afterwards.

Business conducted consisted of the election of the following officers for the coming year: Darold Proehl, Vernonia, president; Mrs. Edith Ingald, Rainier, vice president; Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Vernonia, secretary and James Johns, Vernonia, treasurer.

Over-Expenditures of Welfare Funds Noted in Report from Commission

According to information released by Mrs. Eva L. Tice, administrator of the Columbia county welfare commission, Columbia county completed the first half of the fiscal year with a total net over-expenditure of \$1,803.43, which included an over-expenditure of \$257.60 administration expense.

The items over-spent constitute a serious threat to further expenditures, inasmuch as shortage of state funds are limiting transfers from one program to another.

An effort has been made to curtail assistance by eliminating help to persons able to work and by limiting medical care to emergencies only. Both restrictions must be tightened until costs are within funds available.

Some help has come from service groups, church auxiliaries and individuals. (Again Colum-

STAMP CLUB BIDS JUVENILES

The Stamp club will meet Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the city hall and more juveniles are invited to attend. Different adult members are sponsoring them and helping them with their collections.

They should bring albums and trader stamps. Some free stamps will also be available at the meeting to help them get started.

Fees Listed for Golf Course

Lloyd Quinn, new manager for the Vernonia Country club, issued a statement Tuesday which listed fees for the club for the coming season and announced the date of April 17 for the J. A. Bush Jr. spring handicap.

His schedule of fees is: family membership including children under 18, \$50; non-playing membership, \$25; green fees, 60c for nine holes, \$1.20 all day; green fees, under 16, 35c nine holes, 70c all day; rental clubs, 50c day; junior membership, grade and high school students, \$15; college students membership, \$25; out-of-town guests with member, \$1 day.

The high school golf team, which will be coached by Bill Johnson, will play free, on week days, but pay the regular rate on week ends or holidays, or, if holding a junior membership, will be allowed play anytime.

Work on the course will start this week end and Mr. and Mrs. Quinn will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Buffing in the operation and maintenance.

Planer Added to Mill Operation

Custom planing of lumber is a new service that has been added to the saw mill operation owned by Jim Smith, he announced earlier this week when he outlined the work it is now possible for his mill to produce.

He emphasized custom work for farmers or anyone else having logs which they wish processed. With addition of the planer, he makes available a complete sawing and refinishing plant, the only one in the valley where an individual may bring his own logs and have them cut to order.

The planer can surface timbers up to 4 by 10 inches and up to 18 feet in length.

Historical Group to Meet

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet Tuesday, February 22 at the Yankton Grange Hall. A potluck dinner at noon will be followed by the regular session of business and program numbers.

2700 Pounds Of Seed Now In Storage

Tree Farm Men End Cone Processing Job; 6000 Bushels Collected

Crown Zellerbach reports completion of the processing of tree seeds from cones collected by all tree farms of the company in western Oregon and Washington. The local Columbia Tree Farm each year extracts the seed from the cones and cleans the seed for all divisions of the firm. This year more than 6000 bushels of cones were processed to procure a total of just over 2700 pounds of clean seed.

Seed is sent to Portland for cold storage until needed for seeding in the tree nursery at Nisqually or for direct seeding on areas needing seed.

Species of seed cleaned this year included Douglas fir, western hemlock, sitka spruce, noble fir, silver fir, grand fir, and western red cedar.

The cones were collected last fall, dried to make them open and then the seed extracted. The extracted seed must be carefully cleaned to produce a high quality seed with top germination test.

Local crews have been working at the seed cleaning since early November.

Radio and TV Note KP Week

Knights of Pythias highway courtesy week which has been established by proclamation of all the governors and the premiers of the provinces of Canada is being spotlighted this week on many radio and TV programs on all networks. The Supreme Chancellor Commander will appear on the 20 questions TV program. Other programs giving spots are State of the Nation, Road Show, and a great Pythian founders day show on the Mutual network Sunday, February 20.

The program of the Knights of Pythias is based on the theory that courtesy is contagious and it is better to yield a right-of-way than to die taking it.

Dimes Response Here Good

Latest tabulations show that Vernonia residents have contributed \$714.87 to the 1955 March of Dimes, according to Mrs. Frank Serafin, local chairman. In addition to this is the \$176.50 at Ma Vike's Cafe which will be turned in with additional donations made there later this month. This will put the Vernonia total near or over the \$900 mark.

Mrs. Serafin expressed appreciation for the excellent support of both individuals and organizations which made such a fine showing possible.

Toppers Tally Additional Wins

Vernonia grade school Toppers played Rainier at Rainier Friday, February 11th. The second team won 34 to 23 and the first team came from behind to win 42 to 30 in their game. Halftime score was 14 to 12 in favor of Rainier.

McBride grade will play here Friday, February 18 in the last home game of the season.

Plans are being made to hold the Columbia County Grade School Basketball Tournament here March 9, 10 and 11. The first two afternoon sessions will be held at the Washington grade school and the finals will be held at the high school gym Friday evening March 11.

Change for Highway 99W Topic of Meeting Due At Hillsboro February 23

There will be a meeting of the chamber of commerce and interested civic minded groups from the towns from McMinnville along the highway through Vernonia to Rainier, Longview and Kelso February 23 at the Forest Grove high school at 2:00 p.m. to discuss with Albert Skelton, state highway engineer, the plan of either re-routing highway 99W or making this an alternate route through from McMinnville to Kelso.

This alternate route would join the highway north, according to Art Ostrander, chairman of the roads and highways committee of the Vernonia chamber. He announced the Forest Grove meeting at the membership meeting Monday night at the I.W.A. hall and emphasized that interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.

He also told of the new Ver-

Firemen Attend County Meet

Three members of the Vernonia fire department, Dick Gwinn, Homer Fuller and Larry Garner, attended a meeting of the county association at Scappoose last Wednesday evening.

Discussion was held on the advisability of having a vocational training class for firemen in this county some time this year. The St. Helens firechief reported on a meeting he had attended in Portland dealing with civil defense and mutual aid between cities in case of attack.

Rainier reported acquisition of a new truck and several of the departments announced plans for Firemen's Balls as fund raising projects.

Entertainment was provided by accordionist Brooky Brown. The next meeting will be in Rainier March 9.

PTA To Observe Founder's Day

Founders Day will be observed by the local PTA when it meets next Monday evening in room 14 at the Washington school with an appropriate program arranged by program chairman, Mrs. Jim Smith.

Also on the evening's program will be the initiation ceremony for the Vernonia high school chapter of the Future Teachers of America.

A panel led by Mr. Walter Harris, library and reading instructor, will present a discussion on evaluation or grading in the elementary schools. Following this the meeting will be thrown open for questions and discussion and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Treasury Bond Sales Increase

Treasury Savings Bond sales set a new record in January throughout the nation and the same fact was found to be true in both Oregon and Columbia county. The new series H bonds are continuing to gain favor.

Sales in Oregon in January totaled \$5,481,659 as compared to \$3,602,118 in January of 1954. Columbia county sales last month were \$59,903 as compared to \$46,435 a year ago.

Girl Gets Scholarship

Margaret Buckley of Vernonia has been announced as the Columbia county 4-H member picked to receive the scholarship for 4-H summer school at Corvallis given by Safeway Stores Incorporated. Safeway awards \$25 scholarships to outstanding 4-H livestock club members throughout the state.

Court Given Statement of County Funds

Road Work Expected To Deplete Fund by End of Fiscal Year

Columbia county finances were reported a few days ago to be in good condition according to John W. Whipple, county judge. Tabulations from a financial statement furnished the court by the county clerk show that the general fund amounted to \$388,058.00 as of July 1, 1954, had an unexpended balance at the half year mark of \$224,207.06, and with six months of the fiscal year gone the general road fund had an unexpended balance of \$211,140.03 against an original budget of \$347,167.40.

The Judge points out, however, that heavy road repair and construction as well as commitments for the purchase of necessary road machinery and repairs for the remainder of this fiscal year will probably deplete the balance in the road fund.

"A determination to keep the county budget in balance will make it necessary to forego improvements and facilities requested by different groups of our citizenship", the Judge said.

R. M. Burns To Open T.V. Shop

Scheduled to open Saturday, February 19, is the radio and television sales and service store of R. M. Burns at 763 Second Street across from the post office.

Mr. Burns, who has been a resident of Vernonia since 1949, has recently completed a 14-months course in industrial electronics at the Portland Television College and graduated as a radio and TV technician. He has also received his Federal Communications license.

He has the franchise for Hoffman radio and TV sales and service but is trained to service any make of either. Also, his shop is being stocked with all new equipment to make such service possible.

The public is invited to drop in Saturday and get acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Burns and all who do so will be served doughnuts and coffee.

Goodwill Truck Expected

The Goodwill truck will be in Vernonia Thursday, February 24 to pick up the things collected last week by the Cub Scouts. Anyone having other things to be picked up may call Mrs. Frank Lange at 273 and she will have the truck call. This will be the last visit of the truck here until the last of April or in May.

nia signs placed at much needed spots at Rainier and on the Apiary road due to the highway committee requests.

COMMITTEES REPORT

Harlow Hotrum, agriculture committee chairman, again announced that if anyone interested in growing strawberries or caneberries will leave their name and address with him, or at the chamber office, the names will be sent to the Hudson company and their field representative will call and give any assistance possible. They will test soil free, purchase plants for prospective growers and assist in financing the project.

The industrial committee has been busy. Committee guests last week were Dean McCallister of the Lewis and Clark college business administration school, and Frank Seeley, student at the college. They were here to check this community preparatory to drawing up a tentative program of work which will result in a labor survey. Students in the school of business administration at the college will prepare a questionnaire suitable for use in conducting the survey.

Lyman Hawken and Marvin Kamholz plan on meeting with them in Portland again Thursday.

"LUCKY DOLLAR" POSSIBLE
Jack Thompson, chairman of the retail trades committee, reported having sent out another dodger containing merchant's specials and that his committee is working on a "Lucky Dollar" project. A clearing opinion from the post office department is awaited on this project.

Chamber members were urged to support and boost the Vernonia golf course, one of this area's big assets. Manager Lloyd Quinn plans to do a lot of improving and has many ideas for the coming season.

A committee was appointed to attend the hearing regarding a West Coast Telephone company request for a 20 per cent raise in revenue; tentatively set for March 2 at the Hillsboro city council rooms. Lyman Hawken, Art Davis, Guy Thomas, Art Ostrander and Don Bayley were named.

A letter from L. E. Cross, district manager of the company said that after their meeting next week a definite date for the cut-over to dial phones will be announced.

John T. Wyde, Lew's Place is a new member.

Management Changes

New managers of The Shack this week are Al and Iva Jane Velund who took over for Johnnie Schramm who has gone to Forest Grove where he is opening today the restaurant in The Home Bakery owned by Jim Peterson.

Win, Loss Mark Week's Activity by High School Team; Warrenton Next

Last Friday the Loggers journeyed to Seaside to meet the second place Seagulls. Led by Dick Walsborn, the Seagulls built up a 31 to 17 lead by halftime. By the end of the 3rd quarter the Seagulls had increased their lead to 51-33.

In the last quarter the Loggers rallied, but the Seaside lead was too much to overcome and the final score showed Seaside on top 61 to 49.

Dick Walsborn was high point man for the winners and the game with 14. John Riley had 12 for the Gulls. Rick Bush and Chuck Cunningham paced the Loggers with 11 points each.

Tuesday the Loggers won their second game of the year over Neahkahnie by trouncing the Pirates 82 to 60. By racking up 82 points the Loggers came within 7 points of the record they set at Scappoose last year.

The Loggers started with a fast first quarter and led 25 to 8 and by the end of the half their lead was 44 to 22. The third quarter score was 59 to 40 and Vernonia came back with 23 more points to total up the final 82.

Pat O'Brien set a school scoring record in the new gym by dropping in 24 points while Chuck Cunningham was right behind him with 23. Dick Chalmers paced the Pirates with 19.

This Friday night the Loggers meet the Warrenton Warriors at 8:00 at the high school gym. In their previous encounter with the coastal club this year, the Loggers dropped a 48-47 heart-breaker. The two JV squads start things off at 6:30. Next Tuesday the Loggers will travel to Rainier to square off with the Columbians.

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