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THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1955

99W Alternate Group Plans Sale Of Memberships; Separation Okehed

The Highway 99W Alternate Road association met at the Banks chamber of commerce gun club, Wednesday night, June 8 at 8:00 p.m. with representatives from Longview, Forest Grove, Carlton, Banks, and President Art Ostrander, Guy I. Thomas and Mona M. Gordon from Vernonia present.

The association will become incorporated and plans were completed to sell memberships in the organizations. Individual memberships will sell for \$1.00, business, corporations, association, \$5.00 and chambers of commerce at the rate of 10c per member.

Memberships are open to any person interested in working for the state highway from McMinnville on to Forest Grove, Vernonia and across Apiary road to Rail-

nier and the Longview bridge, to be marked as Highway 99 West Alternate road. Membership cards are available at the local chamber office.

As the result of work done in conjunction with Oregon Highway Life Savers, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock recommended and it was approved, a grade separation structure on the Wilson river highway at its crossing of the Nehalem secondary highway near Banks. Estimated cost of grade separation and the interchange is \$150,000.

The next regular meeting of the association will be a dinner September 14 in Forest Grove. In the mean time work is going on. Ralph Kletzing, chairman of the roads and highway committee, with Homer Waltz, Forest Grove and Art Ostrander, Vernonia, have a meeting date with Baldock to discuss future plans.

Everett Haney, Forest Grove, chairman of the civil defense committee, has arranged to have a program in conjunction with Leonard Dunlap, Forest Grove civilian defense coordinator.

F. H. Anderson, Longview, reported that the toll bridge authority would meet in June and it is hoped that car fare for the Longview bridge will be cut to 50c and that truck fees would be lowered.

Trail Ride Set For Sunday A.M.

Horseback riders in the Vernonia area are invited to participate in a trail ride next Sunday along with horsemen from other surrounding communities. All who wish to take part are to be at the city park ready to start at 10:00 a.m.

Following the trail ride, the riders will return to the city park for a pot luck dinner and play day. All who come for the dinner are asked to bring their own dishes and silver.

In the afternoon, a discussion will be held on organizing a riding club here and all persons interested are asked to come.

W. D. Steele Called

Word was received here on Monday of the death of W. D. Steele, former Riverview resident. For the past two years he and his wife had resided at the Oregon-Washington Pythian home at Vancouver. Graveside services were held at the Crestview cemetery at Vancouver on Tuesday.

Radiosonde Found Here

Last Friday, June 10, Frank Slemmons found a Radiosonde on the roadway in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery. It is a weather testing device which is attached to a balloon and had been released in Portland by the U.S. Army Signal Corps. Attached to it was a report card which Mr. Slemmons filled out and sent in.

Picking Starts Monday

Strawberry picking is slated to begin Monday, June 20, at the Asbury Farms near St. Helens. Austin Corli's bus will transport pickers from Mist and Vernonia to the fields daily.

CHAMBER CELEBRATES 1ST YEAR; ELECTS GROUP

District to Pick Board

Voters in school district 47 Jt. will go to the Washington school next Monday between the hours of 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots for three directors to fill out the five man board specified by the last session of the state legislature. Polls will be in the lobby or front hall.

Names appearing on the ballot will be, for five year term: Sam L. Hearing; for four year term, Wilbur Wilson and Stephen Waite; for three year term, Loel Roberts, Ralph A. Sturdevant and Joe M. Johnson. Other names may be written in for any of the three positions if the voters so desire.

Other matter appearing on the ballot will be that of exceeding the six per cent limitation in the amount of \$4,749.92 in order to care for the budget for the coming year.

Miss Columbia County Sought

Candidates for Miss Columbia County are now being selected in communities throughout the county and the final selections will be made at St. Helens June 25. Winner of the Miss Columbia County title will go to the Miss Oregon fete at Seaside in July.

Any Vernonia girl who is interested in competing for the title may get information on how to enter from Guy Thomas, president of the local chamber of commerce.

Wednesday Set For Polio Shots

The clinic for second shots of Salk polio vaccine will be held here at the Masonic Temple next Wednesday morning, June 22, from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Both Dr. R. D. Eby and Dr. F. C. Nachtiga will assist with it and sufficient vaccine will be on hand for all children who previously received the first shots.

Any child who is ill and unable to have the shots on this date can be taken to Scappoose July 1, at 9:00 a.m. for the make-up clinic which will be held there.

Youngsters Invited

Boys under 16 years of age who would like to participate in city league baseball this summer are asked to be at the high school field at 6:30 tonight, Thursday. If enough boys signify interest, several teams will be formed.

Doctor's Office Closed

The office of Dr. D. E. Hampton will be closed for the next two weeks while he goes to Galesburg, Illinois to see his mother.

130,000 Trees Planted on 257 Acres Of Columbia Farm; Seed Produced

A continuing timber supply in the face of increasing demands for paper products is the objective revealed in Crown Zellerbach corporation's announcements of the results of its 1954-55 reforestation program just released by Glen F. Hawkins, Vernonia, superintendent of the company's Columbia Tree Farm.

"Nearly 1,000,000 trees were planted on our 14 tree farms during the winter planting season which started last November and ended in mid-April," said Hawkins. "Here in Columbia county we planted 130,000 trees on the 257 acres, bringing to 1,436,000 the number of trees planted since 1945."

Robert Lindsay, Vernonia, Crown Zellerbach's resident forester in general charge of planting operations here stated that the season's work makes a total of 2,716 acres replanted in Columbia county since World War II. "Most of our work this year was done in the upper Coal Creek area and the Natal area." "All of it was cut-over land, most of it in the last three years."

An 18-man crew of company employees and five additional part-time planters were required for the Columbia planting job. Pat Wallace, Vernonia, headed one crew and Clyde May, Vernonia, the other. Crew members were: Ray McCoy, Ed Hartzel, Lloyd Quinn, Jens Oaulden, Bob Elton, Cass Bergerson, Ralph Valpiani, Earl King, J. B. Gandy, Frank Birt, Newell Wood, Henry Bodenhammer, Erick Feasey, Oscar Enstrom, W. M. Wilcoxon and Don Tiffney. Part-time planters hired just for this work were: D. B. Spofford, Ray Taylor, John Berge, Ray Branson and Delmer Michener.

Hawkins reported that the completion of this year's planting program brings to over 40,000 acres the area reforested by Crown Zellerbach in its Southwest Washington and Oregon tree farms since 1945. Of this, 13,000 acres were restocked by helicopter, a seeding technique pioneered by Crown in the Northwest, but effective only on certain types of land.

In addition to its own reforestation effort, the company announcement stated that 165,000 Port Orford cedar trees were distributed to employees and the public for planting this spring. This brings to over 2,000,000 the seedlings given away in the company's gift tree program which began in 1943.

An additional 35,000 Douglas fir and Grand fir seedlings, species used in paper manufacture, were sold at cost to private wood-

Two Go To Girls' State

Sheila Parrish and Virginia Ray went to Salem Monday to attend Girls' State on the Willamette University campus. Sheila is sponsored by the Rebekah lodge and Virginia by the American Legion auxiliary.

lot owners in the vicinity of Crown Zellerbach mills and tree farms. These trees are put up in bundles of 200 for \$1 and made available through county agents or the nearest Crown Zellerbach office as a part of the company's effort to assure the forest future of the communities in the region where it operates.

Lindsay said that trees for this extensive planting program are grown at the Forest Industries Nursery at Nisqually, Washington. The Columbia Tree Farm serves as a gathering point for cones collected by Crown Zellerbach's timber department. The local operations processed over 6,000 bushels of cones weighing 125 tons during a banner harvest season last fall. The company has now accumulated over two tons of the precious material valued at from \$5 to \$30 a pound, depending upon species. "It is the largest cone collecting and seed extraction operation of any private timber grower in the West," said Lindsay.

Columbia county planting plans for next year include the planting of non-stocked areas near the summit of the old St. Helens road and a continued re-stocking of cut over areas where nature failed to do so.

KOG Head Asks Fire Prevention

Keeping Oregon Green is the job of every citizen in Columbia county states Albert Wiesen-danger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon association, who was in Vernonia recently to confer with Glen Hawkins, chairman of the Columbia county KOG committee.

Several minor fires have already been reported in various sections of Oregon according to Wiesen-danger.

Campers and fishermen using Columbia county's forest areas over the week end holidays must take particular care to protect their recreation areas from fire. This they can do by being carefully with their campfires, careless flipping away of burning cigarettes. Any of these causes can start a fire causing losses running to many thousands of dollars and threaten fine stands of timber.

Logging and sawmill crews whose bread and butter depend on this county's timber harvest have an excellent motive for preventing forest fires.

Lookouts, forest rangers, logging crews are all trained to quickly report and extinguish fires. Speed in getting to the start of a forest fire is very essential. The earlier a fire is reported the better are the chances of keeping it from spreading. Anyone seeing a smoke curling up from the roof of a home should sound the alarm; the least the traveler in the forest can do when he sees a forest blaze is to report it. Let's have another good season in this county for few man-caused fires.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Recent word from Bobby Dean Fulton who is now stationed in Japan is that he has been promoted to corporal.

Twirling School Attended

Judy Featherston, baton twirler from Vernonia high school, is at Leavenworth, Washington this week attending twirling school on a scholarship awarded her by the student body. The school is for the Pacific Northwest and instructors come from all over for this week of intensive instruction.

The Vernonia chamber of commerce celebrated its first year of operation with a dinner meeting of members and families and friends, Friday night, June 10, at the Legion hall. The Legion auxiliary ladies served turkey dinner to 73 persons. Guy I. Thomas, president, was master of ceremonies. Committee chairmen, Lyamn Hawken, industry; Art Ostrander, roads, highways; Harlow Hotrum, agriculture; John Thompson, retail trade and Pete Brunzman, membership; gave a short resume of the years activities of their individual committees. An impromptu talk by Jud Greenman was very gratifying.

Thomas stressed that this chamber of commerce is working for the whole Nehalem Valley, not just for the city of Vernonia alone, and outlined the workings of the group. Perry A. Newport of Oregon City, baritone, sang several numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Newport.

Clifford Elliott, manager of the McMinnville chamber of commerce told about the "McMinnville Plan" put into effect in the last three years and of the success it has had. He stated that there are five factors that play an active part in attracting industry to an area: natural resources, favorable tax base, cheap fuel, good transportation and available labor pool.

Elliott told of the industrial development corporation organized in McMinnville, a non-profit organization, with money to loan as risk capital to persons wanting to expand, those who did not have a work record, or for other reasons could not borrow from the banks because of risk capital restrictions. As result of this plan, two hundred new jobs have been brought into McMinnville in the last year and a half. A cookie firm baked 75 thousand cookies last week; this was the first company furnished risk capital by the organization. This is no give away program, but is based on good solid business arrangements.

He ended his talk by saying, "The thing to do is just not sit there—do something." The Vernonia high school band, directed by Bill Johnson resplendent in their new uniforms played a rousing marching tune, then snappily marched out to continue with drill practice. It is hoped to make a similar event an annual part of the chamber program.

The oath of office was given the newly elected board of directors: John Thompson, Mary Drips, Ed Roediger Jr., and Sam T. Hearing, by president Guy Thomas, who also introduced the directors who have served through the year, Wesley Bolmeier, 1st vice-president; James H. Smith, 2nd vice-president; Marvin Kamholz, treasurer; Bill J. Horn, Floyd Bush, Louise Hahn, Robert King, and C. J. Schaumburg, publicity. Pat Wallace, corporation secretary, Henry Andereg and Dave Brunzman were not present.

On Monday night, June 13, the chamber board of directors met at the West Oregon office for their regular bi-monthly meeting. After the regular items on the agenda were taken care of, it was decided to hold the re-organizational meeting with the newly elected board members. Wesley Bolmeier conducted the election of officers which resulted in the re-election of Guy I. Thomas for president, re-election of James H. Smith, 1st vice-president, Louise Hahn, 2nd vice-president; Marvin Kamholz, secretary and Ed Roediger Jr., treasurer.

Historical Meet Tuesday

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet next Tuesday, June 21, at the county fair grounds at Deer Island. There will be the usual pot luck dinner at noon which will be followed by the business meeting and program. All attending are asked to bring silverware for their own use.



WILLIAM G. JOHNSON, director of Vernonia high school band, being knighted by Queen Sharon of the Junior court of Rosaria at ceremonies in Peninsula Park Sunday.



THE VERNONIA HIGH school band as they appeared last Friday evening at their dress rehearsal before going to the Rose Festival parade Saturday. They also played at Peninsula Park Sunday at the rose planting ceremony of the junior court. Following the Sun-

day ceremonies, the band swam at Jantzen Beach and then enjoyed a steak dinner at Carmen's restaurant which they had certainly earned by their hard work. Full list of the contributors who made these trips possible will be published next week.