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Grade Board Rehires Part Of Personnel

Change in Instruction For Bands Arranged With High School

The board of directors of the Vernonia elementary schools, at their regular board meeting on May 9, rehired the following non-certified personnel for both the Lincoln and Washington schools. Custodians for Washington school will be Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welch; Lincoln school, Charles Justice; secretary, Miss Kathleen Sauer; school lunch room, Mrs. Ida Richards, Mrs. Vicky Nanson and Mrs. Carra Childs. Dan Cason was offered a contract to transport the students on the Timber route bus run.

The board through arrangements with the high school has obtained the services of William Johnson, high school band instructor, on a half-time basis for band and individual instrumental instruction for elementary school band purposes. This will provide for a greatly accelerated band program for grade school students. Definite plans have not been formulated as yet, but a beginning and advanced band program and individual instruction will be provided during the next school year.

The board has accepted the resignation of several of the teachers for the coming year. Walter Harris, librarian, has accepted a position in the Mt. Diablo schools near San Francisco, California. Mrs. Launee Miller, first grade, is to be married in June. Miss Marcia Manville, Mrs. Emily Marr and Lyle Frazier have not announced their plans. Mrs. Nancy Chalmers will join her husband at San Pedro, California.

Shorthand Class Given Honors

Mrs. Deane Dowling received announcement that the shorthand classes at Vernonia high school won the Gold Seal certificate of honorable mention in the 43rd annual OGA contest. This is the Order of Gregg Artists in which prizes are awarded on shorthand style. The Gold Seal is the first place rating in the honorable mention group in this international contest.

The classes are to receive an engraved certificate and the teacher a gold OGA pin.

Six students won the certificate of superior merit in the senior OGA. They are: Sheila Parrish, June Jones, and Joyce Mask in Shorthand II; Frankie Hire, Loretta Mills, and Patti Brissett, Shorthand I. Each received a gold OGA pin.

Those who became Senior OGA members are: Janice Garner, Berna Keasey, Joyce Thompson, Loretta Mills, David Cotton, Esther Hire, Betty Sauer, Roy Elliott, Priscilla Hickman, Patti Brissett, Judy Johnston, Urban Helvie, Barbara Cline, Ruby Wells and Georgia Parrish. Shorthand II students qualified for this honor last year.

IWA Merger Gets Favorable Vote

A vote of better than three to one was cast in favor of merging IWA locals 5-37 Vernonia, 5-238 Tillamook and 5-5 of Forest Grove and providing for a central office at Forest Grove when ballots were cast by members of the three units recently. The merged group will retain the designation 5-5 and contracts at Vernonia and Tillamook will be changed accordingly when they come up for renewal.

The merger follows the trend in the Northwest where other locals have combined recently.

First Event Due Class

First event in the graduation program for the class of 1956 at Vernonia high school will be the baccalaureate service which will be held at 7:30 Sunday evening in the Evangelical United Brethren church under the auspices of the Vernonia Ministerial association as has been the custom in past years.

The prelude and processional and recessional will be played by Mrs. Lois Clark at the piano and Mrs. L. H. Thomas at the organ, and special music will be provided by the high school choir. Reverend Harry Burk of the Nazarene church will give the invocation; Rev. A. L. Argo of the Baptist church will read the scripture; Rev. F. M. Knoll of the E.U.B. church will deliver the sermon and Rev. E. F. Leake of the Christian church will pronounce the benediction.

This year's class has a membership of 35 and Sunday night will be their first public appearance in their caps and gowns.

Migsters Chosen For State Match

About 125 boys and girls participated in the local marble tournament conducted here last Wednesday, May 9, to select migsters to compete in the state tourney at Jantzen Beach in Portland this coming Saturday under sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Winners in the class A group, ages 6 through 12 were: First, Benjamin Fowler; second, Gary Cline and third, Kenneth Bateman.

For class B, ages 13 through 15, top shooters were: First, Neil Lloyd; second, Ted Bodenhamer and third, Steven Bateman.

The first and second place winners in each class will go to Jantzen Beach Saturday.

New Owners Take Over Hardware

A change of the ownership of Hahn Hardware was announced for Monday morning when Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Slaughter assumed operation of the business formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Hahn. Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter come here from Anchorage, Alaska and will change the store name to Slaughter Hardware.

Inventory of the merchandise was taken during the week end so that the new owners could start with the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn, who have owned the business since September 1950, plan to move soon to Port Orford where they will open a hardware business later this year. Bill Wilson, employee of this store, will remain with the business.

Buddy Poppy Sale Slated

The V.F.W. auxiliary has announced Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26 as the days on which they will conduct the sale of the Buddy poppies. These dates coincide with those designated as Poppy Days by the American Legion auxiliary, also.

Green Veneer Proposal for Area Heard

Project Outlined to Chamber Board Monday Night by Consultant

Vernonia chamber of commerce board members and committee chairmen, at their meeting Monday evening, heard details concerning a proposal that a co-operative green veneer plant be promoted for this area. Information about such a plant such as the amount of financing required, number of board feet of logs necessary for operation, and number of people to be employed was presented by C. A. Reynolds, business consultant who is working on the cooperative lay-up plant being organized at Rainier.

With Reynolds Monday were W. M. Merrell, owner of the Merrell Street Building company, and H. R. Barker, all of Portland.

No action was taken Monday evening by the chamber board because a survey of raw materials would be imperative before any further consideration of the project could be carried out.

Lyman Hawken, chairman of the industry committee, reported that the Caylite Candle Company, Inc., was unloading 10,000 pounds of candle wax that evening. A sample line of candles has been displayed by Berni Brothers of Portland, to the large company buyers in Portland and because of their response, has accepted the Caylite Candle Co. line to sell in five northwest states.

Louis Towne, chairman of the agriculture committee, told of the meetings going on Monday and Tuesday here, studying the upper Nehalem valley for water control. This is a result of the application for a survey of the area to soil conservation engineers a few weeks ago. The story appears in another item in this paper.

Art Ostrander, chairman of the roads and highways committee, reported receiving five new Highway 99W Alternate Road association memberships from Longview. He also urged members to get out to the polls and vote this Friday, especially for the county commissioner of their choice.

President Guy Thomas announced that the Vernonia high school band came home from the St. Helens Salmon Festival with another win and also that Shelly Ellis, grade school girl, had won a first place in the state of Oregon in the essay contest recently sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The chamber is proud of these young folks and others who have recently won awards and appreciates the good publicity they have earned for Vernonia.

Class Sees Paper Making

About 50 eighth graders from the Washington school, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Sandon, Mrs. Nancy Calmers, Darrold Proehl and James Johns, went via Bob Curl's bus to Camas last Friday for a tour of the Crown Zellerbach paper mills. On the return trip they stopped at the zoo in Portland.

Gun Club to Name Board

A meeting of the Vernonia Gun club will be held at Brunsmann Hardware Thursday evening, May 31, for the purpose of electing a board of directors.

This board, in conjunction with officers of the club, handles the business of the organization even though the club has been inactive.

This meeting is not an attempt to re-activate the club, but tax problems and disposition of certain timber holdings on club property at Keasey make this meeting an important one for all club members.

PTA President Names Chairmen

A good attendance of parents and teachers heard reports last Monday night from the delegates who had attended the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers at Eugene in April. Reports were made by Mrs. Charles Minger, Mrs. L. L. Wells and Mrs. Robert Lindsay.

Mrs. J. P. Wallace was elected secretary to fill out the staff of officers. Also, Mrs. Minger, new president who was presiding for the first time, appointed committee chairmen as follows: Membership, Mrs. Charles Dubendorf; health, Mrs. Frank Serafin; program, Mrs. Robert Lindsay; savings stamps, Mrs. Norman Hammett and publicity, Mrs. Earl King. Room mothers will be appointed in the fall.

Mrs. Wesley Bolmeier gave a report on the course, "Family Living," which is being considered for inclusion in the course of study at the high school next fall. It was given the approval of the PTA.

Mrs. Art Nanson, retiring president, was presented with her past president's pin by Mrs. Minger.

A program presented included a style show in which eighth grade girls modeled the skirts they had made in home ec classes. The style show was directed by Mrs. Nancy Chalmers. The grade school chorus, directed by Marvin Wiggins, sang three numbers, "Listen to the Angels Shouting," "He" and "Break Bread," and the seventh and eighth grade dramatic activity club presented a play under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Sandon.

Hearing Tests Due Tuesday

Pre-school children will be given hearing tests at the Washington school next Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00. The tests will be conducted in the teacher's lunch room by Mrs. Jean Cauthorn, audiometrist from the state board of health, and Miss Grace Roumagoux, Columbia county health nurse.

These tests are an additional service made available to the people by Columbia county at the request of the county nurse and the school patrons.

All first graders will be given the hearing tests next fall.

Valley Stream Flow Survey Data Assembled by Group

Another step towards determining the feasibility of a project designed to control stream flow in the Nehalem river and Rock creek was taken Monday and Tuesday when a field examination was made of the valley by men representing seven state agencies, three federal agencies and four local groups.

This survey came about because of an application approved March 22 by the Clatskanie soil conservation district board pointing out the need for control of bank erosion during high water periods and for provision for storage to provide water for irrigation and industrial use during other times of the year.

The application for the survey conducted Monday and Tuesday was endorsed by the Columbia county court, the Vernonia chamber of commerce and Vernonia city council. At a meeting Monday morning preliminary to the start of the survey, M. P. Mills, Birkenfeld, vice-chairman of the Clatskanie SCD, explained the reasons for the undertaking.

Ronald E. Elmes, state soil conservation committee engineer, explained the procedure that was to be followed in conducting the field examination and assigned individuals to various phases of the work. He asked them to prepare concise information showing basic facts.

During the morning discussion, it was pointed out that, if a project was approved, financing could be provided partly by assessments levied under a water control district against the land benefitted and partly by federal aid. The amount of the assessment would be determined by the size of the project.

It was emphasized that this survey is not the start of a project, but merely the means of determining the facts as to whether a water control project is feasible for this area. After the report is prepared it will be examined in the office of the state engineer and, if approved there, will be sent to the soil conservation service at Washington, D.C.

The groups of men assigned various phases of the survey spent Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning on field surveys and in group sessions to obtain information that was presented at another general session Tuesday afternoon. All of the data assembled will be prepared in report form at Elmes' office in Portland.

From the information presented Tuesday afternoon, it appeared that damage from excessive winter flow was not exorbitant to the extent that any sizeable project could be developed. Best results probably would be achieved by a channel improvement program.

State agencies having representatives here to participate in the

Historical Meet Saturday

Columbia County Historical society will meet on Saturday, May 19, in Birkenfeld. There will be the usual pot luck meal at noon, followed by the business session and historical program. All interested are welcome to attend.

survey were: game commission, fish commission, extension service, forestry department, water resources board and soil conservation committee. Federal agencies present were soil conservation service, bureau of land management and forest service and local groups participating were West Oregon Electric, Clatskanie SCS, Vernonia chamber of commerce and city council.

BLOODMOBILE VISIT DATED FOR MAY 29

Another visit here of the Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, May 29. Mrs. Glen Hawkins announced Monday. This visit of the unit will be sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and arrangements for donors to make their contributions will be made at the IOOF hall.

Mrs. Edith McFarland has been named chairman of the committee that will prepare for setting up the unit, which will be here from 2 to 5 p.m. that day.

Harry V. Drew Rites Tuesday

Final rites were held at the Coleman Mortuary in St. Helens Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. for Harry V. Drew, 82, who passed away last Friday at the Crestview Nursing Home at Scappoose. Interment was in the Yankton cemetery.

Mr. Drew was born in Minnesota and came to Oregon in 1917. He made his home in Creswell, Oregon until a few years ago when he was unable to care for himself because of a stroke and came to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Shirley Peterson, of Riverview. He later was moved to the nursing home at Scappoose.

Besides his daughter, he is survived by one brother, George Drew of Clarkston, Washington.

Sixth Name Is Added To Roll

After several weeks of attendance in high school at Molalla, Oregon, Sheila Parrish has returned to Vernonia to finish her senior year of high school. She is returning to the class of which she has been a member throughout her high school years. She had withdrawn from Vernonia Union High School after the Parrish family had moved to Molalla.

Inasmuch as Sheila was one of the five top scholars of the class prior to her withdrawal, she becomes one of the six top scholars of the present graduating class.

Polio Vaccine Now Available

According to an announcement this week from the local doctors, sufficient Salk vaccine is now on hand in Vernonia to provide shots for all persons up to and including 15 years of age and also pregnant women.

The doctors advise that all persons receive the shots as soon as possible before the arrival of the polio season. It is also advisable that all children who had the two shots in the clinics held at school now have a third shot to complete immunization.

Cub Scouts to Meet

The May Cub Scout pack meeting will be held Friday evening at the Washington school at 8:00 o'clock. Refreshments will be served by Den 8 with Mrs. E. V. Robertson, den mother, in charge.

Interpretation of Poll Book Signing Law Explained in Clerk's Statement

Numerous questions have been asked the county clerk, Harold F. Jensen, about the change of election laws concerning the voters signing of the poll books at the time of voting. Various stories have been told, many of which are completely false and should be disregarded. The following statement by Jensen clarifies many misunderstandings:

"The interpretation of the signing of the poll books, which is handed down by Robert Y. Thornton, attorney general of the state of Oregon is thus: The signing of the poll books at an election is the voters attestation that

his residence is within the precinct in which he is registered and not to the correctness of the street address which is listed on the poll books. Therefore, if a person has moved within his own precinct and has not changed his address with the county clerk, it is alright for him to vote and sign the book as residing within the precinct. However if a person has moved outside of his original precinct and wishes to return to his former precinct to vote, he will not be permitted to do so.

"The attorney general further states, 'Misspelling or abbrevia-

tion of the name of a candidate shall be disregarded if it can be ascertained from the ballot for whom the vote was intended. Thus write-in votes for Estes Kefauver are to be counted for him even if the voter merely writes 'Kefauver', or 'Estes', or any variation or misspelling thereof. Likewise votes are to be counted for Adlai Stevenson even if the voter writes 'Stevenson', or 'Adlai', or any other variation or misspelling. (Volume 14 Opinions of the Attorney General, Pages 544-579)."

"As to names written in on the ballot for public office, an 'X'

need not be placed in the space to the left of the name or elsewhere.

"A name not printed on the official ballot must be written in and cannot be pasted or otherwise affixed to the official ballot, as by stickers."

The above principles apply to all names written-in on the official ballot regardless of the office involved."

The total registered voters of Columbia County is as follows: Republicans 4,931, Democrats 7,373, miscellaneous 130 for a total of 12,434.