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## City, School Meetings on June Agenda

### Voters to Decide on Tax Levies, Directors At Three Sessions

City residents will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed budget for the next fiscal year at a public meeting dated for next Monday evening, June 18, at the city hall.

Budget figures for the coming year list a total expenditure of \$86,909.84 and total estimated receipts, except from taxation, of \$73,629.84. The difference of \$13,280 is to be raised by a direct tax, all of which is within the six per cent limitation.

Provided for in the itemized listing of expenditures are three sinking funds to meet future obligations, one being for \$7000 for debt service on bonds, another of \$4500 for the sewer department and the third, \$7000, for the water department.

### GRADE ELECTION MONDAY

Voters of elementary school district 47 Jt. will be called on to vote next Monday, June 18, also for a director and on the question of exceeding the six per cent limitation to provide funds for the next school year. The election will take place in the front hall at the Washington school and will be from 2 to 8 p.m.

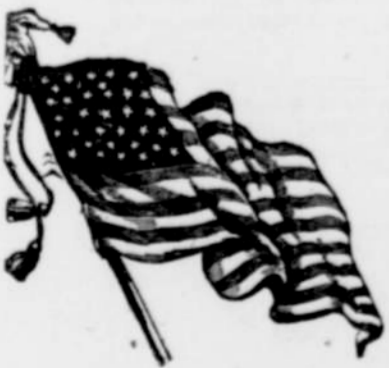
Petitions have been filed by Glen Hawkins, incumbent, and Dane Brady for the position of director and their names will be printed on the ballot. Other names may be written in if desired.

### RURAL DISTRICT VOTE DUE

At this same meeting, voters will be asked to vote on a member for the rural school district No. 5 which includes Vernonia, Mist and Birkenfeld. The other two districts will have the same ballot which will all go to St. Helens for tabulation. On that ballot will appear the name of Harry Sandon, incumbent. Petitions were circulated in the Mist-Birkenfeld area for Robert Berg but they reached the office of the county school superintendent after the deadline for filing so his name will not be printed on the ballot. However, write-in votes are also legal on this ballot.

### TWO FILE FOR H.S. POSITION

Two petitions have now been filed, also, for the high school election which will take place the following Monday, June 25. They are for Harry Sandon, incumbent, and Howard Jones of Birkenfeld. Birkenfeld was added to the Vernonia Union high school district last year and this is the first time a candidate from that area has been eligible for membership on the board.



**FLAG DAY**, celebrated annually on June 14, is the anniversary of the day on which the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the stars and stripes as the national flag of the United States in 1777. At the request of General Washington, the first flag was made by Betsy Ross of Philadelphia. Now, each year a service is held on June 14 in the Betsy Ross house and the Patriotic Order of Sons of America places a wreath on her grave.



ABOVE is shown one of the problems of a school administrator when school is out and the pupils and teachers have gone their way for the summer vacation. Almost immediately the custodial staff begins the job of cleaning and repairing for the fall term. Included in the clean up is the assortment of clothes, gloves, shoes, lunch pails, sports equipment, etc., that students have left behind. This year's collection is pictured above and needs to be disposed of. In the hope that some of the property may be claimed, the school will be open Monday and Tuesday of next week for claiming purposes.

## Chapter Names Officers, Board, Lists Total of \$5000 Spent on Flood Work

Mrs. Glen Hawkins and Mrs. Ed Buckner attended the annual banquet and meeting of the Columbia County Red Cross chapter at St. Helens June 4 at which M. McMichael of St. Helens was elected county chairman for the coming year. He replaces Clarence Ellison.

Other officers named at the same time were vice-chairman, Chris Nyland of Scappoose; secretary, Margaret Bitte of St. Helens and treasurer, W. W. Wolfe. Nyland replaces McMichael as vice-chairman, while the other two succeed themselves.

Board members for the coming year were also named. They are Glen Seastrom and Gilbert Urie of Scappoose, Clarence Ellison of Warren, Mrs. Marie Hawkins of Vernonia, Rev. Raymond Otto and A. D. McAnear of Rainier and W. W. Wolfe of St. Helens.

Mrs. Alice Wood of Rainier, Mrs. A. R. Dorris of Scappoose and Mrs. Anna Burcham of St. Helens were also named as honorary members of the board.

Gerry Kelley, chairman of the Red Cross disaster program for Columbia county, reported that a total of \$5,000 had been expended in Vernonia and Scappoose on rehabilitation work following the floods of rainwater last winter. Tracing the present flood situation, Kelley said that the county was broken up into diking districts, with individual chairmen for each district. He commended the district chairmen for the hearty support during present flood conditions.

Mrs. Geneva Shadley, reporting on the blood program for the year, listed a total of 403 pints of blood collected in two visits each to St. Helens, Scappoose, Vernonia and Rainier, and one visit to Clatskanie.

N. F. Swarthout, speaking for the water safety committee, stated that first-aid instructions were made available last year at the Sea Scouts regatta, county fair and Camp Wilkerson. Twelve regular instruction programs were also held throughout the county, of which several at present are suspended due to the flood emergency.

Other committee chairmen reported on nursing services, junior Red Cross program, fund drive and other programs.

Members of the county organization heard discussion on a proposed move of county headquarters to the city hall. It was decided that the headquarters would remain in the same place on Plaza, after members learned that the owner of the location, Mrs. W. W. Dillard, was willing to lower the present rent to accom-

modate the Red Cross chapter. Gerry Kelley stated, following the vote to remain, that Mrs. Dillard had kept the rent far below what she could expect from other tenants, in deference to the Red Cross.

Another important issue voted upon by the membership was the decision to join the United Fund effort this year as in previous years. Fund failure last year had prompted a consideration to attempt a fund drive on its own by the Red Cross.

Chris Nyland, in speaking for association with the UF, stated that industrial houses prefer to donate in lump sums, as through the UF. Mrs. A. R. Dorris also spoke for the United Fund saying that widespread support by Red Cross members during the fund campaign would assure a large share of funds for the chapter. A motion to join for the coming year was passed unanimously.

Gerald Mumford of Portland, director of disaster services for the Multnomah county Red Cross, was guest speaker at the banquet. He spoke on the need of the county community to be told how Red Cross is benefiting them. "No other charitable service provides the long-range rehabilitation work that the Red Cross does," he stated.

A total of 46 persons attended the dinner meeting.

## Roadmaster for County Intended

A resolution by the Columbia county court at a session late in May empowers the court to employ a county roadmaster. The resolution was adopted because the county road system has grown in extent to approximately 664 miles with 200 bridges and culverts.

The resolution further indicates that the volume of work on maintenance is so varied and technical it will be to the best interest of the county to have such an employe.

The court will enter into a contract with the man qualified for the position at a salary to be mutually agreed upon by the court and the individual.

## Three Teachers Resign

The resignation last week of Miss Apphia Koch, home economics teacher, brought to three the vacancies existing on the faculty at Vernonia high school. Others who will not return next year are Bill Ferguson, science teacher, and Richard Newman, library and journalism instructor.

## SEWER WORK TO WIND UP

Frank Kanehl, contractor for the sewer work done for the city last summer and fall, returned here Wednesday to take care of remaining work to complete the contract.

Street crossings where pavement was broken to install sewer pipes will be repaved and excess dirt along ditches will be removed or leveled as required. Mr. Kanehl expects to be here until the middle of next week.

## Contest Started For Miss County

Committeemen of the St. Helens junior chamber of commerce who will assist in planning the 1956 Miss Columbia County contest were announced this week by general chairman Bob Carey.

The contest will be held Friday night, June 29, at 8 p.m. when judging of entrants will name the girl who will carry the county title to the state contest at Seaside later in the summer.

Open to all girls in the county who are unmarried and between 18-28 years, this will be the only judging contest preliminary to naming Miss Columbia County of 1956.

Girls wishing to enter the contest may contact chairman Bob Carey by mail: Bob Carey, general delivery, St. Helens; or phone 1053-M.

Price of admission to the program June 29 will be one dollar, it was further announced.

Elaine Haling Lease will be in charge of the girls entering the contest. She will direct them in rehearsals and advise them in presentations.

## Fireworks Set For July 4th

Announcement was made this week by a representative of the local V.F.W. organization that they will act as sponsors, with the assistance of other organizations, for a fireworks display here on the Fourth of July.

Permission has been obtained for the use of the grounds at the Washington school and no charge will be made for the exhibition. However, contributions from organizations and individuals will be welcomed and may be left at the Vernonia Eagle office.

A meeting was held last night at the V.F.W. hall at which representatives from other organizations were present to help formulate definite plans which will be announced later.

## SWIM LESSONS START AT PARK

Improved weather conditions this week have made the pool at the city park a popular place and Mrs. Betty Ellis, life guard, has been on duty and has begun swimming instruction classes.

According to announcements made this week by Mrs. Ellis, lessons for all ages will be given at 10 and 11 a.m., weather permitting, and from 4 to 6 p.m. for those who work and are unable to come at the morning hours. This is especially designed to accommodate those who are picking berries. On hot days, busses go to the fields early and are usually in early, also.

Advanced swimmers will begin training now for life-saving tests and later in the season, it is planned to have someone come from Portland to give tests for life-saving certificates.

An improvement being made at the pool is the installation of a new diving board to replace the old one which is cracked. The new board is being donated by the Long-Bell Lumber company and will be installed by city workmen.

## Olympic Fund Aid Asked Here

A representative of the Colgate Palmolive soap company was in Vernonia Wednesday working with a representative of the American Legion auxiliary to place containers in places of business for people to deposit box tops and wrappers which the company will redeem with a ten cent contribution for each to the Olympic fund which will help send American teams to the competitions in Australia.

Details may be obtained where boxes are sent or from Mrs. Steven Waite.

## Consultant on Industry to Be Asked Here

### Next Dinner Meeting Of Membership, Open House Is Planned

The directors and committee chairmen of the Vernonia chamber of commerce met Monday night. Resulting from the discussion on a proposed program for study of industrial possibilities in the Vernonia area prepared by Ivan Bloch, Industrial Consultant, Portland, plans are being made to have Bloch or his assistant, John Davidson meet with the directors and explain further this program and answer questions.

The June quarterly meeting of Highway 99W association was announced for June 13 at Forest Grove. Marshall Dana, secretary of Oregon Highway Life Savers association, will speak on "The President's Highway Conference, San Francisco."

Dwight Strong was elected to the board of directors to complete a two-year term, ending July 1, 1957. He will fill a board vacancy.

The directors also discussed and approved strict adherence to the terms specified in the chamber by-laws concerning payment of dues of members, this section of the by-laws stating, "any member whose membership fees are in arrears 90 days shall be automatically dropped from membership."

Plans are being made for the regular membership dinner meeting, the tentative date being July 6. The Caylite Candle Company, Inc. is cooperating with the chamber and will hold open house on that evening, giving local folks an opportunity to see the progress and workings of Vernonia's newest industry. Tickets for the dinner, and other details will be announced later.



KENNETH LEE THOMAS

## Desire to See Sister, Wager with Friend Results in 7-Hour Bike Ride

Kenneth Lee Thomas, son of Charlie Thomas of Treharne, decided last Friday that he wanted to visit his sister, Mrs. Les Thompson, at Seaside, and lacking any better way decided to make the trip on his bicycle. His father consented to his trying the trip and a bet on the part of a buddy that if he left here Friday morning, he couldn't arrive in Seaside before midnight heightened his determination to do it and not only make the desired visit but collect the bet.

Kenneth left Treharne about 7:40 a.m. Friday with the weather outlook here good. However, as he advanced on Sunset highway he encountered rain which continued the rest of the

way. His red leather helmet began to fade and his face began to look as though it were covered with blood. South of Seaside state police stopped him to see if he was injured, then let him proceed on his way, and about 3:00 p.m., only seven hours and five minutes after leaving, he arrived at his sister's home.

Kenneth called Mrs. Bert Tisdale with whom he has lived much of the time for a number of years to let her know he was there. He said the two long hills he had to push his bike up were the hardest part of the trip.

He will visit in Seaside for a few days and rather doubts that he will try pedaling home. However, he does intend to collect his bet from his buddy.