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## Over 8 Tons Paper Taken In 4-H Drive

### Clean-Up Campaign Given Boost Through Club Collection Work

With between 35 and 40 club members, assisted by 12 leaders with cars working on the collection of paper last Saturday, between eight and nine tons were collected in the 4-H paper drive. Much of this was taken to the homes of leaders by the members and on Sunday, some of the men helped transport it to the Heckenliable home. Also, much of it was not tied in bundles, and some of the women worked tying it and have blistered fingers to show that it was a job.

Tuesday, Bert Brunson took a load of 4½ tons to Portland in the Brunson Hardware truck, with Mrs. Herb Heckenliable, Mrs. Earl King and Mrs. Joe Magoff going along to help unload it. The newspapers were taken to the Pabeo Roofing company and will be used in the manufacture of their products. The magazines went to another place.

Disappointing factor was that the price of paper had dropped sharply since the drive was arranged for, and they received only \$8.00 per ton for it.

The other four tons will be taken in next week.

Mrs. Herb Heckenliable, 4-H leader who was chairman of the drive, expressed her appreciation of the excellent support given the drive by all the towns people, and also for the good work of the 4-H members and leaders. This was the 4-H club's part in the clean-up campaign and the results were very gratifying.

## Sweater Fund Pledge Raised

The fifty dollars that the P.T.A. had pledged toward the purchase of sweaters for the grade school band was raised Saturday at the food sale which met with good response from those who donated food and those who came to buy. It was another excellent demonstration of the way Vernonia people get behind community projects, especially when it is for the benefit of the young people.

Mrs. Charles Minger, president of the P.T.A. for whom this project will complete a year's work, expressed her appreciation to all who helped make it a success. Others who worked on the food sale committee were Mrs. Herb Heckenliable, Mrs. Earl King, Mrs. Harvey Redmond, Mrs. Fred Roediger and Mrs. Ed Roediger Jr.

## Goodwill Truck Due

The Goodwill truck will visit Vernonia next Thursday, May 9, to collect contributions of clothing, furniture and household items. Persons wishing articles picked up may call Mrs. Frank Lange, HA 9-3161.

## May 18 Final Date Set For Property Owners to Petition County Board

Oregon's property taxpayers have until May 18 to file petitions with the county boards of equalization for the correction of property assessments, Samuel B. Stewart, state tax commission chairman, has announced. Taxpayers who feel that their property is assessed too high should obtain the necessary petitions from the county assessor or county clerk, Commissioner Stewart said.

All county boards of equalization will convene on Monday, May 13 to make the annual review of assessments in their respective counties. Oregon law provides that a property owner may appear in person or may be represented by his attorney before the board of equalization when it considers petitions for reductions of assessments.

The posted ratio in Columbia county this year is set at 25 per cent according to O. A. Ridenour, county assessor. County assessors are required to post the ratio used in assessing property. Taxpayers, by converting assessed value to true cash value using this posted ratio, can test the assessment on the property he owns. True cash value by law is set at 80 per cent of the market value for real property, but for personal property such as merchandise, livestock, farm equipment, etc., true cash value is usually 100 per cent of market value.

To test the value placed on the property by the assessor, the taxpayer would have to make two

calculations, first, to find the true cash value, and second, to find the market value. The first computation is to divide the assessed value as shown on the tax roll by the posted ratio. This will indicate the true cash value of the property. Second, he must divide the true cash value by 80 per cent to obtain the market value. Then, with the market value calculated, he can readily make the comparison between his idea of the valuation of the property and the assessor's market value.

For example, if the assessed value of a home is shown on the tax statement or the assessment roll as \$2,000, and the posted ratio is 25 per cent, then, dividing \$2,000 by .25, a true cash value of \$8,000 is found. This true cash value figure is then divided by 80 per cent to determine the market value of the property which in this case would be \$10,000.

Any taxpayer planning to appeal to the board of equalization should first review his assessment with the county assessor. If the assessor makes no adjustment, the taxpayer has the privilege of placing his case, prior to May 18, before the county board for further consideration. If the board of equalization does not give the requested relief, the taxpayer can then continue his appeal at a later date to the state tax commission, thence into the courts. County boards are not required to consider appeals that are filed after the May 18 deadline, Stewart pointed out.

## New Store Damaged by Fire Early Friday; Extent Not Yet Estimated

Fire early Friday morning did as yet unestimated amount of damage to the Sunnyside Service store one and one-half miles south of Vernonia on highway 47. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Drips, owners were just nearing completion of an extensive project of enlarging and renovating the store in which they had actually built a new store over the old one.

The fire was discovered by Charles Justice who lives nearby

## "Mom And Pop" Reception Dated

The Girls and Boys Leagues at Vernonia high school are entertaining with a "Mom and Pop" reception next Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the high school. While a special invitation is being issued to parents, the invitation is also extended to the public so that all persons interested in the school may attend.

Work of students will be on display and a style show by the members of the home economics classes will be a part of the program. The chorus will provide musical numbers and refreshments will be served by the home ec classes also.

who saw smoke apparently issuing from the front of the store. He came to investigate and awoke the Drips.

The fire apparently originated from a short in the coffee grinder and destroyed a partition between the store and storage room as well as six sheets of the roofing and ceiling. The motors on the meat case and meat slicers were also damaged to the extent telephone for emergency use, they will have to be replaced. Other extensive damage was done to building and stock by smoke and water.

The loss was covered by insurance and the store is being repaired and repainted this week.

Again, some time was lost in reporting the fire because operator was called instead of the Vernonia fire number being used. Again, that number is HA 9-3131 and should be posted by every

## Eighth Grade Trip Monday

Eighth graders from the Washington school will go on a field trip Monday on which they will visit the Swift packing plant in North Portland and then go to Camas for a tour of the Crown Zellerbach paper mills.

## Teachers See Forest Work On Tree Farm

### Planting, Thinning, Falling, Yarding Viewed by Group

As a part of the business and education tour program of the Portland schools, 68 Portland teachers accompanied by eight members of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, were here last Wednesday to tour the Columbia Tree Farm of the Crown Zellerbach corporation. Arthur W. Prialux of Portland, member of the Lumbermen's group, arranged the tour.

Robert C. Lindsay, resident forester for Crown, conducted the tour on which the group was shown tree planting, second growth thinning stands and the actual operation of falling and yarding which was performed for them by W. A. Farmer and Elvin Larson.

They also saw the Crown Zellerbach relay station and were taken to Baker Point fire lookout for a panoramic view of the country.

Luncheon was served them at the Masonic Temple by the Nahalem Social Club, OES.

## 87 Degrees High Reading in April

Weather tabulations made by Frank Slemmons, cooperative observer, shows a high temperature of 87 on Sunday, April 28, with maximums on the preceding days of April staying mostly in the 50s or low 60s. Monday, mercury climbed to 84.

Lowest temperature for April was 28 degrees on April 7, although it dipped to 29 degrees on April 21 and to 36 degrees on April 27.

Precipitation for the month was 2.70 inches with 1.02 inches falling on April 14. A trace of snow was noted on April 6.

## Booster Button Decision Reached

A decision to sell booster buttons to publicize and finance the Friendship Jamboree July fourth celebration was reached by the committee at the meeting held last Friday evening at the West Oregon meeting room. Buttons will be of attractive design and will sell for 50 cents each.

James Johns, grade school instructor, has been named to head kid's day activities which will be July 5.

Various committees are working on the details of the week end program which is shaping up nicely for a really good occasion.

## Girls To Attend State Assembly

A number of members from the Girls League at Vernonia high school will attend the state convention at Hillsboro this week end. Elected delegates are Ruby Wells, Jan Garner, Janice Pearson and Sally Biggs. Of these, Ruby Wells will lead a group discussion on the organization of Girls Leagues.

Vernonia also is placing the names of four of its members in nomination for state offices. They are Darlene Bernardi, Carol Anderson, Carolyn Heath and Penny Hays.



DELORES DAVIS was crowned as Junior Prom queen last Saturday evening when the result of the voting by the student body was announced. Crowning was done by Don Holsey, student body president. Princesses were Donna Buckley, Joyce Thompson, Vicki Crosson and Jan Garner. Blue Moon was the theme of this year's prom.

## Governor Names Mrs. L. L. Wells

Conservation groups and all persons interested in Oregon's natural resources are invited to participate in the statewide conservation week, May 20-26, according to an announcement by Mrs. L. L. Wells, who has been appointed chairman of the conservation week committee for Columbia county by Governor Holmes.

Conservation week is a campaign, to focus the attention of everyone on the importance of our natural resources. Education, in the wise use of our forests, minerals, soils, wildlife and water will do much to add to their value. Governor Holmes' committee on natural resources is sponsoring the campaign.

The objective of conservation week is to bring the attention of all Oregonians on natural wealth by visiting tree farms, fish hatcheries, mines, sawmills, dams, and by taking part in educational programs in the schools and communities.

Conservation is a great public service program everyone can participate in. All are interested in growing more trees, preventing forest fires, developing more wildlife, improving fishing, wise mining of minerals and proper use of soils and waters.

Service clubs and schools will be encouraged to have scheduled talks, field trips, and films on conservation subjects during the statewide Conservation week.

## Golf Tournament Set By Teachers

The Columbia County Schoolmasters association will meet here Monday evening for the annual golf tournament and steak dinner. About 20 or 25 men are expected to participate and there will be play for a team trophy as well as other competition.

The steak dinner at the Washington school cafeteria will be followed by a business meeting.

## Last Installment of Basic School Money Received, Sent to Districts

The final installment of the basic school support money was received by the county school superintendent's office at St. Helens last week and was mailed to the districts. The money totaled \$197,219.20, bringing the total for the year to \$606,036.67.

The first installment amounted to \$223,781.09 and the second was \$185,036.38.

The largest amount distributed was to the St. Helens school district which received \$63,270.13. The second largest went to the Vernonia elementary school district, amounting to \$21,657.69, and

## Second Round Started for Polio Shots

### Vaccine Shortage May Delay Completion Of Entire Schedule

The full schedule of polio vaccine clinics in the county for persons six months through 19 was scheduled to restart Monday with Columbia City the first school on the list.

However, according to Miss Grace Roumagoux, only enough vaccine was available last week to complete the clinics scheduled for this week.

She added, however, that more vaccine is expected later in the week and could possibly be enough to do the remainder of the clinics scheduled.

Most of the schools in the county have had their first clinics, with the exception of Columbia City.

The second Vernonia clinic will be made available for 425 who will need their second shots. Other clinics scheduled include McBride, Friday; John Gumm, May 7; Rainier, May 8; Scappoose, May 9; Yankton, May 10 and Columbia City, May 13. The second clinic for Vernonia has tentatively been set for May 23.

The free clinics are sponsored by the Columbia County Medical association, the County Infantile Paralysis chapter, the county health department and the county PTA.

## Seventh Graders See Timber Work

Forty-seven Vernonia seventh graders are with the 400 seventh grade boys and girls of the county who are participating in the second annual Forestry Field Day today.

Nine stations located over the timber harvest tract on the county fairgrounds serve to acquaint boys and girls with the importance of the timber industry to the Northwest. Subjects covered include seed production and tree planting, thinning merchantable timber, soil-root relationships, Christmas tree culture, space thinning or thinning unmerchantable stands, tree identification, pruning for quality wood, fire control, and 4-H forestry.

Boys and girls taking part in the field day will spend approximately two hours in the timber harvest tract and will hear qualified personnel at each one of the nine stations. Upon leaving they will receive a small tree to take home to plant.

The field day is one of the functions of the Columbia County Farm Forestry committee working with the extension service. The committee has direct management of the timber harvest tract.

Leland Pugsley and Dave McMinn from the Crown Zellerbach Columbia Tree Farm will be among the instructors speaking to the students.



OFFICERS of the newly organized Columbia County Development commission were elected in the latter part of April at a meeting at Rainier. From left: Louis Towne, Vernonia, chairman; Al Nelson, Clatskanie, vice-chairman and Wray Hudkins, Scappoose, secretary-treasurer.

the next largest went to Rainier elementary, amounting to \$18,587.80. Scappoose elementary received \$18,492.44.

Other amounts include: Hudson, \$2,072.66; Clatskanie, \$11,208.26; Warren, \$4,240.36; Goble, \$4,008.56; Mayger, \$3,415.60; Quincy, \$4,541.19; Delena, \$4,356.77; Neer City, \$511.97; Shiloh (part of Goble), \$567.16; Apiary, \$1,227.75; Birkenfeld, \$1,132.84; Mist, \$829.53; Vernonia high, \$7,784.90; Rainier high, \$11,199.97; Scappoose high, \$8,543.17 and Clatskanie high, \$9,480.40.