

# Vernonia Eagle

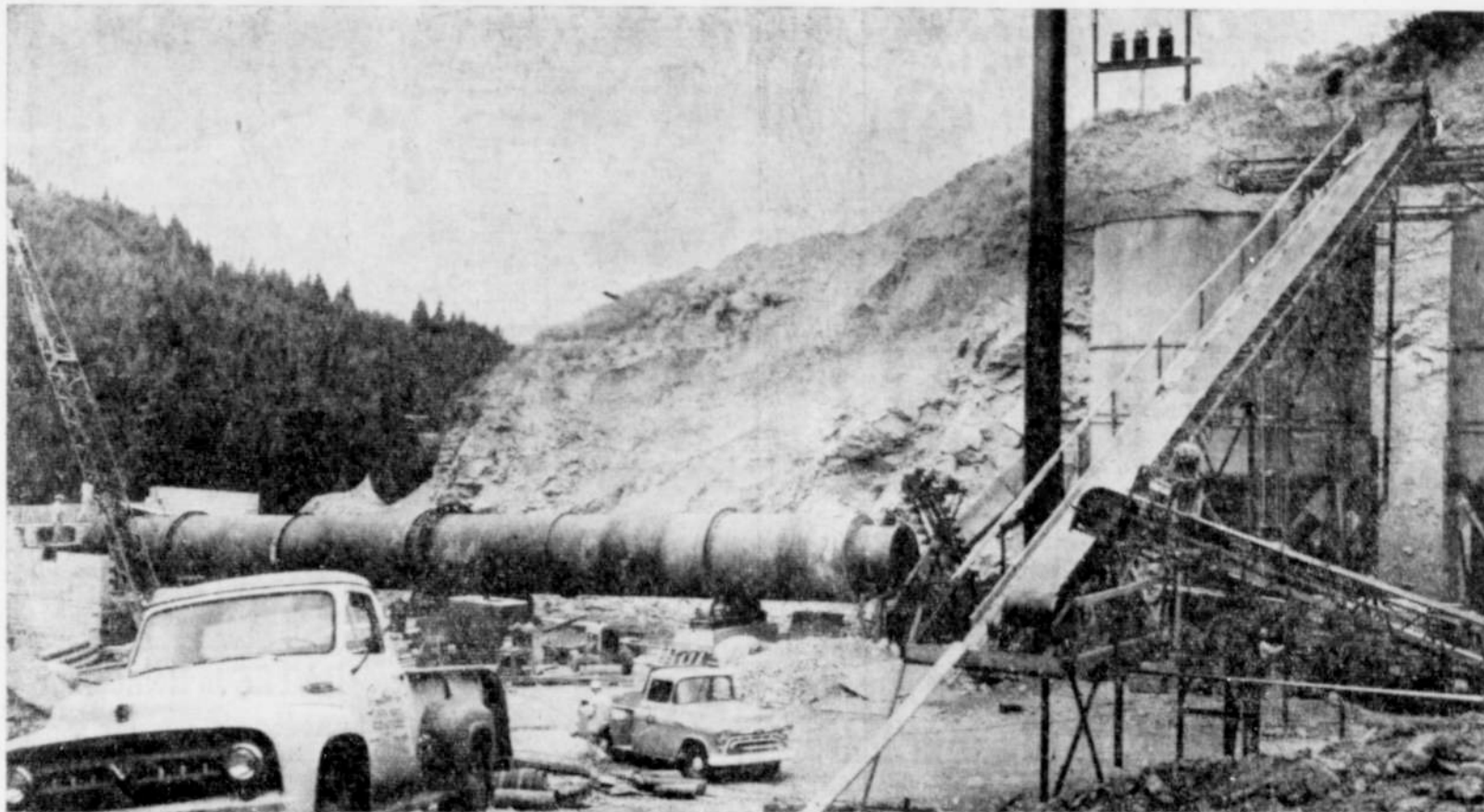
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PARTIAL VIEW of Smithwick processing plant at Haydite shows part of conveyer belt system, storage silos and 100-foot long burner, all of which will be in operation next Thursday on date of open house observance of plant's location near here. Conducted tours of plant are on schedule of program at that time for which Governor Robert D. Holmes will be present along with other state officials including senators and representatives, mayors from northwest Oregon communities, chambers of commerce officials and radio and

TV station representatives as well as many local people. Following the plant tour starting at 4:30 will be a hospitality hour and dinner at the American Legion hall for which Governor Holmes will be the featured speaker. Plans for the affair were nearing completion early this week and tickets for the dinner will be available here today for those wishing to attend the dinner and hospitality hour.

## Schools Prepare For Starting Date

The staff for Vernonia Union high school is complete and ready for the opening of school September 3, according to information released this week by Eugene E. Dove, superintendent. Four new teachers will join the staff this year, replacing those who resigned this spring. They are Miss Janis Archibald, home economics; Miss Margaret Cotter, commercial; Miss Marylyn Knox, librarian and Joseph Roemer, physical sciences. For all but Miss Cotter, this will be their first year of teaching. Miss Cotter has had a number of years experience and comes here from Rupert, Idaho.

Miss Archibald is from Troy, Idaho and is a graduate of the University of Idaho. Miss Knox lives at Grants Pass and graduated from University of Oregon this spring. Mr. Roemer, a graduate of Montana State College at Bozeman, is at Missoula, Montana this summer working with the forestry fire department.

### EIGHT TEACHERS RETURN

Returning staff members are Mrs. Ora Bolmeier, dean of girls,

English; Harold McEntire, vice-principal, mathematics; William Johnson, instrumental music and driver training; Carlton Moran, biological science and coach; Miss Olga Petersen, English and social science; Welcome Rumbaugh, vocational agriculture and woodshop; Myron Vleck, athletic director and social science and Mrs. Jessie Wallace, girls physical education. Chorus and art instructors from the elementary school staff will be engaged for those subjects at the high school, also.

Staff members will meet August 29 and 30 to begin preparation for the opening of school the day after Labor Day, September 3. That day, busses will bring students to school for a 9:00 a.m. assembly after which students will meet with their advisors for any revision of their spring pre-registrations that may be necessary. Before the day is over, students will go through a daily schedule and meet each class.

### GRADE SCHOOLS READY

The elementary schools will also open September 3 and work by contractors on the buildings and grounds is being completed this week so that all will soon be ready for the return of the pupils.

Contrary to rumor, there will be a kindergarten again this year. For the information of parents of children who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the first time, Darold Proehl, elementary superintendent has issued the following requirements:

Children must be five years of age on or before November 15 to enter kindergarten and six years old on or before November 15 to enter the first grade. All kindergarten and first grade students who have not been in school before must have a medical examination and a birth certificate before entering school. Opportunity was provided the majority to have their health examination at the annual preschool clinic in April. Parents who did not avail themselves of this opportunity may take their child to their own physician. Standard examination forms are available at the school office as is information on how to apply for a birth certificate.

The Washington school office will be open from 9 to 12 the next two weeks and all day commencing August 26. Parents are invited to call or visit the office for further information.

Detailed information as to bus routes, registration and other items will be published at a later date.

## Bids Called for Highway Work

The State Highway commission at its next regular meeting in Portland on August 8, will receive bids for the relocation of 3.79 miles of the Columbia River highway between Goble and Tide Creek. Plans call for 3.74 miles of grading on improved alignment and grade to provide for 23 feet of black top pavement flanked by 6-foot shoulders, 4 feet of which adjacent to the pavement will be oiled to prevent infiltration of water at the pavement edges. Traffic will be maintained on the present highway through the work during construction. At points of conflict, the new roadway will be constructed part width at a time and traffic carried over the new work during the stage construction or on temporary detours.

A new structure over Tide Creek is to be constructed under a separate contract to be let at a later date. Completion of this work scheduled for the fall of 1958 will complete the improvement from Goble to St. Helens and will provide a stable all-weather roadway built to the latest standards of design.

## Something for Everyone Offered at County Fair

Columbia county's fair, annually the year's biggest entertainment bargain, opens its doors for a three-day stand at the fairgrounds near Deer Island Thursday, August 15 and runs through Saturday, August 17.

Designed to offer something of interest for all the fair offers a star-studded entertainment feature in "Sawdust and Spangles" which will highlight the grandstand entertainment augmented by various events featuring county talent.

At the heart of the fair, the real reason for the annual event, which is now in its 42nd year, are the displays. Columbia county's finest in the fields of agriculture and homemaking will be on display in the fair's many departments.

Open throughout the fair adding color and gaiety to the event will be the Hayworth Playland Shows, a carnival attraction with seven major rides, a like number of small rides for the youngsters and a host of sideshows and concessions.

A Grange talent show is set for Friday night.

### Daily Schedule:

#### Thursday, August 15

All Day — Exhibits in all departments. Hayworth's Playland Shows.

Afternoon—FFA and 4-H judging contests.

Evening—"Spangles and Sawdust," eight big acts. Full performance.

#### Friday, August 15

All day — Exhibits in all departments. Hayworth's Playland Shows.

Morning and afternoon — 4-H and FFA demonstrations and contests. Afternoon, 4-H style revue.

2 p.m. Grandstand show: "Sawdust and Spangles" animal acts. Races for boys and girls 16 and under and in a variety of age groups; pie eating contest; fat-man's race, over 200 pounds; three-legged race; watermelon eating contest; FFA pig scramble. After show: Tractor driving contest.

8 p.m. Grandstand show: Full performance of "Sawdust and Spangles" with Grange talent numbers interspersed with professional acts.

#### Saturday, August 16

All Day — Exhibits in all departments. Hayworth's Playland Shows.

Morning and afternoon — 4-H and FFA demonstrations and contests.

2 p.m.: Grandstand show "Sawdust and Spangles" animal acts; 4-H club sack relay race; FFA

pig scramble; three-legged race, ages 6; wheelbarrow race; backward races for various ages.

Horseshoe tournament.

Saturday afternoon: 5 p.m. Flower Show closes.

Saturday, 8 p.m. Full performance "Sawdust and Spangles".

Saturday night: Dance in auditorium following show: Monte Brooks and his orchestra.

Full performances of "Sawdust and Spangles" are scheduled for each evening of the fair with the band and animal acts billed for the afternoon and augmenting local talent and sporting events.

Evening shows are at 8 p.m. and afternoon shows are set for 2 p.m.

The grandstand production under the direction of Monte Brooks is a fast moving circus type show designed for the entire family. Action, color and music are the key words with a troupe of trained dogs providing most of the comedy in keeping with the fair board's policy of family type entertainment.

Featured will be Suzi, a trained elephant; Clines Dog and Pony Circus; the Trio Bassi, a troupe of foot jugglers; the Claydettes and Monte Brooks and his famous circus band.

## County Official Resigns Position

Raymond C. Johnson, who was named to the post of county commissioner at the general election last November, tendered his resignation to members of the county court last week, effective on Thursday, August 1. Johnson, a Scappoose area resident, was serving his first term on the county's guiding body.

In turning in his resignation, Johnson pointed out that he had secured employment in private industry which paid a far higher salary than was available in county employ.

County Judge John Whipple said yesterday that low salaries and wages offered county employees made it difficult to obtain and keep sufficient help. "In fact, we no more than get a qualified person trained for a job than he suddenly makes a move to better paying private employment," Whipple noted.

A successor to Johnson, a Democrat, will be named from the same political party, "sometime this month, Judge Whipple added.

## Thieves Enter Two Stores During Week

Two robberies have occurred in Vernonia during the past week, with one apparently the work of professionals and the other that of amateurs who have already been apprehended.

Last Thursday morning when Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis opened the Vernonia Trading company store for business, they found that thieves had entered through a back sliding door and had broken into their safe. Cash in the amount of \$360.78 was missing and the combination on the safe was ruined. The work was evidently the work of experienced safe crackers. As yet no clues have been obtained as to the identity of the culprits. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

Monday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Steers found that their variety store had been entered. Since the store was in no way disturbed, the robbery was not detected at first until Mrs. Steers looked for dime and nickel coin boards she was filling and kept hidden under a counter and found them gone. Then on investigation they found the double door at the rear of the store had been pried open to gain entry. Two juveniles were apprehended Tuesday by state and local police and they have confessed to the theft. They have been turned over to the juvenile court at St. Helens to appear before Judge Whipple. Five dollars in cash, candy bars and a deck of cards were returned to Steers but some \$10 in coins from the boards was not recovered. The mutilated boards were also returned.

## Last Jamboree Meeting Dated

The wind-up meeting for this year's Vernonia Friendship Jamboree committee is dated to take place this evening, Thursday, at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric meeting room. Chairman Louis Towne said early this week.

Purpose of the meeting, to which all members of the committee are invited, is to approve for payment any bills that have been presented since the last meeting and to prepare initial plans for next year's jamboree.

## FARMS SLATE PICNIC EVENT

The picnic for the Columbia and Tillamook Crown Zellerbach Tree Farms will be held Sunday at Rogers park with the menu centered around the pig-barbecued beef which has become a tradition for these affairs. The affair is for Crown employees and their families who will take salads and desserts to add to the meat and other items served by the company.

Feature of the Sunday picnic that is new this year is the presentation of service awards to employees of both farms.

## Amateur Radio System Approved

Columbia county's plan to install their RACES (radio amateur communications emergency system) program has been given a stamp of approval by Col. A. M. Sheets, civilian defense head for Oregon, according to information received at St. Helens last week by Chester Carroll, in charge of CD operations.

Next move, Carroll said, is for the state office to send the plans on to Washington for federal approval.

The RACES program is an amateur radio network to be used in case of disaster and would be used to supplement the conelrad network. As the local program is being set up, amateur radio operators in St. Helens, Rainier, Clatskanie and Vernonia are co-operating, with an additional unit planned for the Scappoose area.

The control unit for the program will be set up at the St. Helens fire station, Carroll said.

## Council Accepts Roofing Bid, Issues Call for Crushed Rock, New Tires

The bid of C. E. Miller for shingling the city hall was accepted by the city council at the meeting held Monday evening of this week. The bid in the amount of \$835.79 calls for the furnishing of shingles, the labor for removing the old shingles and putting on the new, installation of new gutters and down spouts and cleaning up of debris when the job is completed.

Other business of the evening resulted in the call for bids on two items which are listed elsewhere in this issue. After a de-

cision to buy 4000 yards of crushed rock from Wilson and Son who have a rock crusher on Apiary road, the council ordered a call for bids for the hauling and stock piling at the city stockpile.

The other call for bids ordered was for tires for the city police car after a decision of the council that they should be purchased.

Concluding business of the evening was the decision to again employ the I. D. Wood company, public accountants to audit the city books.