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Tax Notices To Be Mailed This Month

Columbia county residents will be receiving their tax notices this year about the week of October 21, according to the county sheriff's office.

The notices, which will number 15,359, will be turned over to the sheriff's office on October 15. The total tax bill this year will be \$2,012,231.57, plus \$6,432.26 and \$5,332.01 in forestry and fire fees.

Persons who wish to receive a rebate on their taxes this year will have to pay them by November 15, the sheriff's office reported.

The sheriff's office advised tax payers to come in as soon as the bills are received and not to wait until the last two or three days, so that the work can be processed faster.

The office also said that it was important that persons who sold property during the year turn the tax statements for the property sold over to the new property owners. Many persons who purchased property during the tax year have failed in the past to receive rebates because former owners failed to give them tax notices.

It would also save time if all remittances were accompanied by the tax statement, either when paying in person or by mail, the office reported.

A break-down of the tax bill is now being prepared by the county assessor's office and a booklet describing the county taxes will be available to the general public.

Night Classes Attract Many

That becoming a teacher does not end the need for going to classes as a student is evidenced by the number of Vernonia teachers who are taking evening courses this year.

Monday evenings, Mrs. Grace Mathews, Mrs. Dorothy Sandon and Mrs. Jane Pace go to Clatskanie for a class in audio-visual education. Most of the other evenings of the week find some of them attending classes some place. Leslie Caran, Ivan Bodine and Miss Margaret Cotter who came into the Vernonia schools from out of state are taking courses in Oregon school law and Oregon history to fulfill Oregon certification requirements. Kerry Moran, Joseph Roemer, Marilyn Knox, Janice Archibald, James Johns, Mrs. Laurel Cousins, Mrs. Grace Cantwell, Miss Carol Smith, Miss Marilyn Knox, Miss Janice Archibald, Mrs. Ruby Kyle and Miss Lucille Edmundson are all taking courses, many of them at Portland State college in Portland.

Also taking courses at Portland State are Mrs. Gloria Ferguson and Wilbur Wilson from the West Oregon Electric office.

Social Security Office Changed

The Social Security administration has announced new office space in St. Helens. The representative will be in the sheriff's office on ground floor of the Columbia county court house.

Callers are asked to use the ramp to left of the court house steps. The hours will remain the same, 9 a.m. to 12 noon each Monday.

Fire Destroys Trimm Barn

The large barn at the Carl Trimm farm, on Pebble Creek road burned Friday at 9 a.m. The origin of the fire is unknown although it is thought to have been from defective wiring. The place originally was the Elton Malmsten place.

Boards Give Bus Approval

The elementary school board which met Tuesday evening accepted the resignation of Bob Curl as driver of the bus on the Pebble creek loop route and approved the sale of his bus to Bob Thompson who was given the contract as driver for the route. The action had been given approval of the high school board the previous evening.

Reason for Curl's resignation was that he is leaving here Monday to fly to Indianapolis to begin a three weeks training course with the Aero-Mayflower Transit company, nationwide movers for whom he will work. His family will remain here.

Rites Saturday For Higley Baby

Vicki Lynn Higley, three-month and twenty-one day old infant daughter of Owen and Ailee Higley, was found dead in bed last week, end at the home of her grandparents in Yamhill where she had been visiting with her parents.

She was born June 13 in Portland and most of her brief life had been spent in Vernonia.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters: Deborah and Laurie Higley; her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Long, Yamhill; W. O. Higley, Timber route and Mrs. Bertie Wright, North Plains.

Funeral services will be conducted at Prickett's Mortuary, Forest Grove, Saturday at 2:00 p.m., followed by interment in the Forest View cemetery. Officiating at the chapel services will be Elder Alfred L. Carlson, Elder Hiram H. Long, Elder Henry T. Hudson and Elder Huey P. Long. Dedication of the grave will be by Elder Joseph A. Long.

Musical selections will be furnished by the Hillsboro Ward Choir singers of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Serving as casket bearers will be Henry F. Leland, Roy and William Higley, uncles of the deceased child.

Letter Writing Week Observed

The week of October 6 to 12 has been designated as International Letter Writing week according to O. T. Bateman, Vernonia postmaster.

Commenting on the establishment of International Letter Writing week, Mr. Bateman pointed out that each year since 1938 the post office department has joined in the observance of national letter writing week—an annual event celebrated to emphasize the meaning and value of letter writing as a symbol of American freedom.

As a result of its success, national letter writing week will be conducted on an international basis this year for the first time. International Letter Writing week is based on the idea that written communication between people in all the countries of the world will contribute toward the building of a lasting peace.

A personal letter is next to an actual visit, the most intimate means to communicate with our fellow human beings. Letters between peoples of different nations are a sure method of establishing friendly relationships and understandings. The problems of freedom loving people will be more quickly solved if they are better understood.

Store Building Purchased

A change of ownership for some Vernonia business property took place last week when Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hearing Jr. purchased the building which houses Sam's Food Store from Frank and Ralph Wortman of McMinnville. The former location of the Vernonia Bakery is also a part of the building.

Council Told Chief's Plan To Resign Job

At the meeting of the city council held Monday evening, a verbal statement was heard to the effect that Bob Curl will tender his resignation as fire chief. It was tabled pending the presentation of his formal resignation and Herb Hecknliab, assistant chief, was authorized to serve in the interim.

The garbage franchise was discussed and the attorney is being asked to make certain changes before it will be ratified.

Another complaint was heard concerning wood piled by Millers store due to the fact that fenders had been scratched by protruding sticks. The council authorized Mayor Don Bayley to write to Millers requesting them to remove any pieces that protrude so as to cause a hazard and also to inform them that piling of wood on the curb would not be permitted for another year.

Remainder of the business Monday was routine.

Mrs. O'Rourke Taken by Death

Mrs. Margaret O'Rourke, mother of Mrs. Dave Brunson who had lived here with her daughter for the past year, died Saturday night while enroute to a Portland hospital in the ambulance. She had suffered from a heart condition for some time but it became critical quite suddenly.

Mrs. O'Rourke was born in Ireland but came to this country when a girl so had lived most of her life in the United States. She was 66 at the time of her death. Her husband, Frank O'Rourke, passed away in California about a year ago and it was after that that she came to Vernonia to live with her only daughter.

Services for her were at St. Cecilia's church in San Francisco, Wednesday morning and burial was in the Golden Gate national cemetery. Mrs. Brunson went to San Francisco Monday to care for arrangements.

Surviving besides Mrs. Brunson are six grandchildren, a brother in Ireland and a number of nephews and nieces in Ireland and in the Bay area.

Rites Held for Mrs. M. Mangat

Funeral services were held on Thursday of last week for Marguerette L. Mangat, 41, Vernonia in Roseburg. She was killed in a car accident near Cornelius Saturday, September 28.

Mrs. Mangat was born in Portland. She lived in Canyonville between 1930 and 1938 and had spent the last 18 years in Vernonia. She is survived by her stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leiser of Canyonville; a son, Fredrick, and a daughter, Martha, both of Vernonia.

483 Get Chest X-rays

A total of 483 person were x-rayed by the chest x-ray unit during the two day stand here last week, according to information received from the county nurses office. Friday, 234 went through the line and Saturday, there were 249. Reports on the results will be mailed to those x-rayed.

Ladies Day Planned

The 12th annual ladies day affair sponsored by Brunson Hardware is scheduled this week end from Thursday through Saturday. Pete Brunson said Wednesday morning. Details of the sale appear on page 3 of this issue.

Logger Squad Travels to Wy'East for 2nd League Game; Rainier Next Try

Last Friday evening Coach Vleck's Vernonia Loggers took to the road and made the long trip to Wy'East to engage that eleven in the second league encounter for the local team, only to go down to defeat 20-0 in the third straight loss for the Loggers.

Once again the local eleven's lack of offense spelled the outcome of the game. The Loggers made yardage, but couldn't keep a drive going with the result that the first downs they did happen to make were so scattered throughout the game that they went to no avail in the procurement of points on the scoreboard.

On the first play of Friday evening's game after the kickoff, Wy'East caught the Loggers napping and on a reverse went 60 yards all the way to the Loggers' 10. Vernonia held at that point and taking to the air lanes drove up to their own 25 where one loss was snagged by the opponent eleven. From that point the Eagles drove for their first T.D., scoring with the first quarter just minutes out.

Once again early in first quarter play Wy'East scored when they succeeded in snaring a Vernonia toss on the local's 40, going all the way for the tally. Halftime in first quarter play revealed the Wy'East eleven sporting a 13-0 edge.

After the disastrous first period of play the Loggers settled down and held the Wy'East eleven, actually securing more first downs than the Eagles, but un-

able to capitalize on what yardage they did secure.

The last score of the game resulted in the third period when a hard charging Eagle line blocked a Logger punt on the locals' 38, which rolled all the way to Vernonia's five with an opponent recovery. In two plays Wy'East pushed over their last T.D. making the score stand at 20-0.

The remainder of the game was a slow affair with neither team threatening seriously until the final seconds of the game when the Loggers got lucky and completed a long toss going approximately 60 yards from Howard to Tunnell who made a beautiful catch on the 10-yard stripe of Wy'East, only to have time run out on the local team at that point.

Bill Howard had a field day as far as pass completions went, completing 14 out of 27 tosses and having only two interceptions, both of which proved disastrous, however. Both occurred at the start of the game. With lessons learned in this game the Loggers should sport quite an attack, proving they can keep a drive going all the way.

Friday night of this week Vernonia will take to the road once again to play a league tilt. Rainier will be the intended victim of the local eleven. The Columbians by virtue of their 19-7 win over Hood River last week will definitely be the favorite in this tilt and should win quite easily over the Loggers.

County Cancer Group Elects New Officers, Names Committees Monday

The Columbia county unit of the American Cancer society held its annual meeting at St. Helens Monday, September 30th. The meeting was attended by the board of directors and individuals interested in the work of the American Cancer society. Field Representatives Charles Clark and Jack Green from the Portland division office also attended the meeting as advisors to the board.

The meeting was opened with a film showing of a new cancer education film called "The Other City" which will be shown publicly throughout the county at a later date.

Mrs. Wm. Horn, Vernonia, chairman of the education committee, reported on the 1956-57 work of the committee. Ralph Bergerson, treasurer, reported the final figures on the 1957 campaign was \$2392.30 for the county and memorials totaled \$77.00.

Two new members were appointed to the board of directors. Mrs. Verne Soley, Rainier and James Akins, St. Helens.

The board of directors elected officers as follows: Mrs. Joe Walker, president; David Williamson, vice-president; Ralph Bergerson, treasurer and Mrs.

Savings Stamps Sold at School

The savings stamp program is being sponsored again this year at both the Lincoln and Washington schools by the Parent Teachers association. Stamps are sold each Monday during the noon hour and Mrs. C. L. Johnson is in charge of the sale at Lincoln school and Mrs. Earl King at Washington.

Stamp sales have been running around \$50 each week with a good representation of children participating in the program.

Teachers Slate Senator

Senator Richard L. Neuberger will be the speaker for the meeting of the Columbia county schoolmasters which will be held at Rainier Thursday evening of next week.

Lions Plan Annual Feed As Benefit

This year's annual hotcake feed, sponsored annually by the Vernonia Lions club, is scheduled to take place Saturday, November 16 the club decided definitely Monday evening at their regular meeting. The date had been under discussion from the meeting of the previous week when it first came before the club.

Arrangements have been made for the feed, an all-day affair, to take place at Kate's cafe starting at 6 a.m. and to continue until the evening hours. Club members will work in shifts to prepare and serve the meals and these details were being prepared this week by Lions named to handle the work.

This year's revenue is designated for a special purpose, the club decided Monday. Net income from the feed will be devoted to the Young Dan Lawler fund to help defray expenses incurred by the boy's extended illness. Because of this worthy purpose, people who are unable to attend the hotcake feed, but who wish to help financially may do so by forwarding their contributions to the Lions club and designating the money for this fund.

The boy underwent brain surgery at Good Samaritan hospital Monday, September 16 and his condition has been listed as critical. He had been ill for a year prior to the operation and before his trouble was diagnosed. He is the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lawler.

Two Firemen Groups Merge

The Columbia county firemen's association met September 25 at Scappoose and voted to merge with the Washington county association to form a larger, more efficient organization which could serve the area better in case of disaster. Merger will increase the facilities available for disasters in either county and will provide opportunity for an exchange of information on fire fighting procedures.

Bob Curl, Bill Krieger and Don Murray attended the meeting from here.

The next meeting will be October 18 at the Tuality fire hall.

White Satin To Sponsor Contest

One of the main interests at the next meeting of Columbia county Pomona Grange will be the annual State Grange White Satin Sugar canning contest. This will be held at Marshland on November 2nd, and all members of the grange are encouraged to enter their best products, using White Satin sugar in their products of jelly, canned berries or tree fruits. There is also a contest for men, and another for children.

The prizes which are well worth working for will be sugar on the county level, and electrical equipment as state prizes.

DAVIS APPOINTED AS COMMISSIONER

Art Davis was appointed as county commissioner at the session of the county court held Wednesday at St. Helens. His appointment followed the acceptance of the resignation of Bob Thompson who had been appointed recently to fill the unexpired term of Raymond C. Johnson. Thompson's resignation became necessary because of the conflict in hours after he accepted the school bus contract to succeed Bob Curl on the Pebble Creek run.

Dove Attends Conferences

Eugene Dove, high school superintendent, was in Portland on Wednesday to attend the meeting of the American Society for Curriculum Development. Monday and Tuesday of next week, he will attend the fall session of the Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals at Salem at which he will be in charge of one of the group sessions.