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Reorganized Road Set-up To Find Costs

The county road department is being reorganized for more efficient operation by County Roadmaster H. H. Sharrah according to information furnished to the Vernonia Eagle office recently by County Judge John Whipple.

According to a report made by Sharrah recently to the county court, the road department office is now set up and able to put the cost accounting of all phases of the road department into effect. Through this, they can pinpoint costs of each individual road and piece of equipment.

All roads and equipment have been numbered and they are now in the process of getting a traffic count on all county roads. Two counters are being used, first on the most traveled roads and then on others.

Sharrah stated further: "I feel that consolidating the six road districts into four districts will enable us to do a better job at less cost and realize more out of the equipment. Instead of four foremen having three men each it is now two foremen with six men, four trucks, two graders and a loader each. Then of course, we have shovel and dozer operators that operate all over the county wherever needed."

We are making St. Helens headquarters for all purchasing and equipment repairing, which will be a saving. We will need to expand at St. Helens as we go along. Such as a lubrication building equipped with two post hoists and greasing equipment. Also more storage sheds are needed for equipment.

We have the sign department partially set up, and will now carry standard signs in stock and be able to make our own barricade signs and posts, for use over the entire county. This department will also do equipment and bridge painting.

With the cost accounting system, cost records will be kept which will be of great help in preparing the year's budget and will supply valuable information for future administrators."

Cancer Society Speaker Slated

A representative from the state office of the American Cancer Society will be here Friday evening to speak to the local group at a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric meeting room. Purpose of the meeting is for instruction and distribution of supplies for the drive which will be held April 21 along with the state wide drive.

This Saturday, April 18, has been designated as Cancer Sabbath for churches observing that day and Sunday, April 19, will be observed by the other various denominations in the community.

All persons interested and willing to assist in the local drive are invited to the Friday evening meeting.

Public Gets Prom Invite

The junior class this week issued an invitation to the public to attend the Junior Prom which is planned for Saturday evening of next week, April 25.

The Stardusters orchestra from Forest Grove has been secured for the occasion which will be semi-formal. Prices are \$1.50 for couples and \$1.25 for singles. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, three senior girls were selected by the vote of the senior class as candidates for prom queen. Those named were Janille Thomas, Carolyn Garlock and Evelyn Kyser. Later this week, the boys of the student body will vote to select one of the three for prom queen. The other two will be her attendants.

Four Bands to Play in Festival

The Columbia county elementary band festival will be held here at the Washington school this Saturday with bands from Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose-Warren and Vernonia taking part.

The public concert will be presented at 3:00 p.m. and will be directed by guest conductor Harold Rowe from Benson high school in Portland.

Last Saturday, Robert Thornton took his high school choir to Clatskanie for the county chorus festival. Other schools entered were Rainier and Clatskanie. The festival is not a competition between schools but is an occasion where the schools present their best efforts for criticism by outside instructors.

The Vernonia group sang several of the same numbers presented last Thursday evening in the local spring concert and in the written criticism were given a favorable report and were especially commended for their good and neat appearance.

During the lunch hour Saturday, the grade school dance band entertained.

The high school band festival will be held at Rainier April 25.

Program Prepared

The kindergarten classes of Mrs. Laune Cousins will present the program for the PTA meeting which will be held Monday evening at the Washington school. During the business of the evening, officers will be elected for next year. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Sturdevant Files

Ralph Sturdevant has filed for the position as director from this area on the rural school board. He seeks the place now held by Harry Sandon who declined to be a candidate this year.

Concerts Exchanged

The Forest Grove elementary band was here Wednesday afternoon for an exchange concert presented at the Washington school. The Vernonia band played at Forest Grove several weeks ago.

New Manager Takes Post at Vernonia Bank

Eugene Steinmetz Jr., manager of U.S. National Bank's Vernonia Branch, will become manager of the bank's new Industrial Center branch upon its opening in northwest Portland in early June, according to announcement by E. C. Sammons, bank president. Steinmetz will be succeeded as manager at the Vernonia Branch by Barney R. Pilger from the bank's head office in Portland. The two appointments are effective April 16.

Steinmetz was appointed manager of the Vernonia Branch in May of 1957, having served with the bank since 1950 in its credit and lending departments at the head office. He has been active in civic and club work in Vernonia including chairmanship of Vernonia's Friendship Jamboree in 1958; serving as general chairman of last year's United Fund campaign and as treasurer of the Vernonia Lions club.

Pilger began his banking career in 1925 as a bank messenger with U. S. National. He has worked in nearly every department of banking including service as operations officer for the branch in Redmond. He was for six years managing officer of the Valley National Bank of Milton-Freewater, returning to U. S. National as a senior loan analyst in 1958.

Pilger's wife and 12 year old daughter plan on joining him in Vernonia as soon as housing can be procured.

Memolog Benefit Being Planned

"The best entertainment of this kind ever put on at Vernonia high school" is the way Harold McEntire, financial advisor for the Memolog describes the Memolog benefit planned for tomorrow evening, Friday, in room 4 of the high school.

The fun begins at 8:00 o'clock and promises to be exciting for every moment of the evening. Free refreshments will be featured.

Money raised will be used for getting out this year's Memolog, high school annual.

Johns Chosen as NEA Delegate

At the meeting of the Columbia County Education association held Monday evening at St. Helens, James Johns, vice-principal at the Washington school, was installed as vice-president of the association. He also was chosen as county delegate to the National Education association convention in St. Louis in July.

Eight teachers from here attended the Monday meeting.

LBE Day Program Offers Guest Speakers, Displays

Live Better Electrically Day, a program presented by the West Oregon Electric cooperative, is set for this Saturday, April 18, at the West Oregon building and invitations to attend were mailed this week by Manager Guy I. Thomas to all members of the cooperative.

Two outstanding guest speakers are scheduled on the program who will bring information on styles and interior decorating to

those who attend. Patti Cooke, the Woman's Voice of KPOJ, and authority on fashion and charm, will speak on "Three Roads to a More Wonderful You," dealing with poise, posture and charm. She will give the rule of three for correctly selecting a new hat, as well as three secrets of smart women throughout the world.

Patti Cooke in reality is Miss L. Mila Warn who has spent a

number of years in the fashion field as model, fashion coordinator and teacher of classes in poise, posture and charm.

Glenn Behnke, manager and director of the interior design and decorating studios of Meier and Frank company in Portland and Salem, is one of the West Coast's top authorities on design and interior decoration. He is a native Oregonian, born in Tigard and attending grammar school at Coos Bay and high school at Benson in Portland. He received his specialized training in Los Angeles.

Since coming to Portland, Behnke has completely furnished and decorated more than ten model homes including the "Idea Home" sponsored by Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

According to Behnke, his lectures consist of "more showing" and "less talking" and he will augment his talk with literally hundreds of samples of the newest creations in decorating fabrics, carpeting and accessories and will show the newest fashions in all types of window treatments.

The electrical display will be open Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and the program will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Electrical appliances are being displayed by the dealers.

Candidates Offered Extra Cash for Campaign Effort

Candidates in The Vernonia Eagle subscription campaign have shown such interest in the extra cash prize which was offered last week, that a second cash prize was announced today by Bud Weik, campaign manager.

The new \$10 cash award will go to the candidate in either district who turns in the most points on subscriptions—either new or renewal—from now until the campaign closes at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Candidates and subscribers are urged to read the advertisement on page 4 of this issue to be sure all details of this offer are clear. The new prize is in addition to the bicycles and cash awards listed earlier in the campaign. Interest in the campaign mounted

rapidly this week as parents and subscribers from the various neighborhoods and communities got behind their candidates to help them win the best prizes and highest honors. Increasing numbers of subscribers are calling at The Eagle office and paying for their subscriptions to the credit of their favorite worker.

Workers receive full credit for any subscriptions mailed or brought to the office. Subscribers are urged to name their choice of workers when payment is made.

Pictures of the workers and comparative vote standings of each appear on this page, and these will set the pace for the final week of enthusiasm among the boys and girls.

Listed below in alphabetical order by districts, are the boys and girls who were considered active in The Vernonia Eagle subscription campaign up to Wednesday night, together with comparative vote standings up to press time. Candidates sharing the awards will be those from this list who remain active by reporting with at least two subscriptions on each of the three remaining report days—April 18, April 22 and April 25.

DISTRICT ONE (Inside City Limits)	
Gordon Blackburn—159 North Street	50,000
Steven Gibson—Texas Street	45,000
Gary Hanson—538 Weed Avenue	54,000
Douglas Johnson—987 2nd Avenue	52,000
Russell Redmond—558 3rd	51,000
Denny Thomas—1070 Weed Avenue	46,000
DISTRICT TWO (Outside City Limits)	
Hank Bodenhamer—Cedar Street	55,000
Gary George—86 OA Hill	53,000
David Larson—Birkenfeld	52,000
Janet Schuh—Timber Route	47,000
Billy Shaw—Box 212	48,000
Charlotte Weaver—Timber Route	49,000

Conservation Value to All Citizens Being Emphasized

Soil, water, forests, grasslands, minerals and wildlife are important to every person in Oregon, Glen F. Hawkins, conservation week chairman, said in urging all citizens of the county to support conservation week, May 3 through 10.

He said that the purpose of conservation week is to acquaint people with the important stake they hold in these resources and to stress the need for careful and wise stewardship.

"There is no way to maintain

prosperity but to maintain the resources on which prosperity is founded. It remains for us to recognize the need to care for and protect these life-giving resources so that they may produce to the limit of their ability," the chairman emphasized.

He asked every citizen to make it his business to learn about these resources, their interdependency, their uses and values. "Join with your club, civic organization, or county group and give full support in whatever event may be planned during conservation week," Hawkins concluded.

Science Program Assembly Topic

David Williams will present a timely science program in the National Assembly series at the high school tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on which he will use liquid air to perform a number of unusual and fascinating laboratory experiments. Liquid air is one of the coldest substances known and in fact is the ordinary atmosphere we breathe which has been subjected to extreme pressure, reduced in volume and cooled to the unbelievable temperature of 297 degrees below zero.

Williams also carries a model jet plane that flies on a swivel. The program is open to interested persons.

Dance Jamboree Slates 3 MC's

The program for the square dance jamboree to be held here May 24 as a benefit for the Little League baseball program will be divided into three parts with an outstanding master of ceremonies for each part according to an announcement made by the committee in charge this week.

The three MC's, in the order they will appear, are Barney Barnes of Banks, Bud Deputy of Portland and the well-known TV caller, Mel Stricklett, also of Portland. In addition, 26 callers have already been signed for the program which will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. on May 24.

Knappa Takes Track Honors

Knappa topped the field in a three-school track meet held here last Wednesday, April 8 in which Corbett, Knappa and Vernonia were the competing high schools. Final tallies showed 49 points for Knappa, 40 for Vernonia and 37 for Corbett.

Among Vernonia boys who placed were Larry Hickman who took first in low hurdles and second in high hurdles; Bill Howard, first in javelin throw, 145 feet 8 inches and also in shot put, 39 feet 8 1/2 inches; Craig Davies, second in shot put, 36 feet 7 inches; George Brown, first in discus throw, 121 feet 5 1/2 inches; Bill Howard, third in discus throw; George Brown, second in pole vault; Steven Bateman, third in 880; Jim Barlow, third in the mile and Byron Hawkins, second in broad jump.

The relay team composed of Tom McFarland, Larry Hickman, Craig Davies and Charlie Davis took second place.

The next track meet will be next Wednesday, April 22 when Clatskanie, Rainier and Neah-Kah-Nie come here. The meet will start at 2:30 p.m.

The excellence of the Vernonia track is the determining factor in the meets being held here.

Towne Named to Head Commission

Columbia county development commission members and its board of directors elected Louis Towne to succeed himself as chairman of the group when they met Wednesday night last week at Rainier.

Working with him as other officers of the commission for the next year will be Henry Koski, Clatskanie, vice - chairman, and Bill Caldwell, St. Helens, secretary-treasurer.

The Wednesday meeting was the 1959 annual meeting of the organization. New directors elected to the board were Ron Puzey, Clatskanie, Al Bustrin, Rainier, Cecil Johnson, Scappoose, and Caldwell. Hold-over directors are Towne, Koski, Gene Drips of Vernonia, John Wittwer, Rainier and Wray Hudkins, Scappoose.

The commission heard reports concerning a prospective pamphlet to be printed for centennial distribution and a natural resources survey now being made of the county.



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