

Mathews to Seek Post as Commissioner

Walter Mathews of Mist filed petitions in the office of the Columbia county clerk, Robert Welwood Tuesday of this week to place his name on the November ballot as an independent candidate for Columbia county commissioner.

Mathews first announced his intention to file for the commissioners post the middle of July. Petitions circulated since that time which he deposited with the county clerk Tuesday carried over 700 signatures and several petitions were yet to come in. Only 495 names were needed for filing.

Medical Help Course Offered

Plans are now underway for a class here in which the Medical Self Help course devised by the department of defense, office of civil defense of the United States health department in cooperation with the American Medical association will be taught. It is aimed at preparing people to survive in emergency and to teach them what to do until the doctor comes.

The classes here will be taught by Spencer Younce and the county nurse, Grace Roumagoux, and are open to all persons interested. It is hoped to have at least 25 in the class.

All persons interested should sign up now with Mrs. Charles Minger. Those who had signed last spring should contact her again now.

Building Code Plan Proposed

A special public meeting of the Vernonia Planning commission has been called for Tuesday, August 21, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the adoption of a city building code. The meeting will be held at the city fire hall.

The planning commission has been discussing the various phases of several different building codes over the last several months. Codes being considered include the uniform building code, which is the code adopted by the Columbia county court for all areas outside incorporated cities, and the building code for small cities.

Copies of each of these codes may be examined at the city hall. Persons interested in any phase of building codes are asked to be present at the meeting next Tuesday.

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Faculty Complete Now For Opening of School

The faculty for all schools in district 47 joint is now complete, according to an announcement made this week by J. W. Acaiturri, district superintendent. The last teacher to be hired was Mrs. Dorothy Sloop who will have the first grade at Lincoln school. She is a graduate of Willamette University, Salem, where she received her bachelor of arts degree and she also has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Oregon College at LaGrande.

For the past five years she has taught at Pilot Rock. Her present home is at Hillsboro where her husband is employed. However, she plans to live in Vernonia during the week.

Parents are reminded that the schools open August 31 with that day devoted to registration. All children entering for the first time must have birth certificates and those who do not have them should secure them at once from the Oregon State Board of Health, statistics section, P.O. Box 231, Portland 7, Oregon by sending \$1.00 for abstract copy or \$2.00 for photocopy.

The first day of classes will be September 4 but the August 31

registration day counts on attendance records.

A complete run-down of faculty, bus routes and schedules and other pertinent information will be given in next weeks paper.

Women Golfers Name Officers

Tuesday, Aug. 7 after a game of golf, and a delicious luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Acaiturri, for which Mrs. David Knowlton was co-hostess, the Vernonia Women's Golf association was organized.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Dave Knowlton; vice-president, Mrs. Horace Hertel; secretary, Mrs. W. A. Rumbaugh; treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Hanson; telephone committee, Mrs. James Davies and Mrs. Guy Thomas; food chairman, Mrs. J. W. Acaiturri; social chairman, Mrs. O. T. Bateman and Mrs. H. E. McEntire; tournament chairman, Mrs. Gordon Reed; handicap chairman, Mrs. Ben Brickell; publicity, Mrs. Paul Gordon.

The group will gather at the Vernonia Golf club Tuesday morning at 9 for play. All women golfers are invited to attend, beginners as well as advanced players. They may call Mrs. Davies or Mrs. Thomas for more information. They are to take a sack lunch.

Score cards are to be turned in to Mrs. Reed after playing so that handicaps may be established.

Grid Squad to Meet Tuesday

Robert Wendel, new football coach at Vernonia high school, announced this week that there will be a squad meeting at the high school gym next Tuesday evening, August 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Things that will be cared for at that meeting will be the fitting of mouth pieces, the making of plans for the coming season, the discussion of plays and practice and the purchase of shoes. Estimated cost of shoes is \$12.

Coach Wendel also announced the following practice schedule: August 27, 28 and 30, 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.; August 29 and 31, 2 to 4 p.m. only. All practice sessions are open to the public.

School starts September 4 and regular schedules for practice will be in effect then.

The first game of the season will be September 14 when Rainier comes here.

Speaker for Meet Named

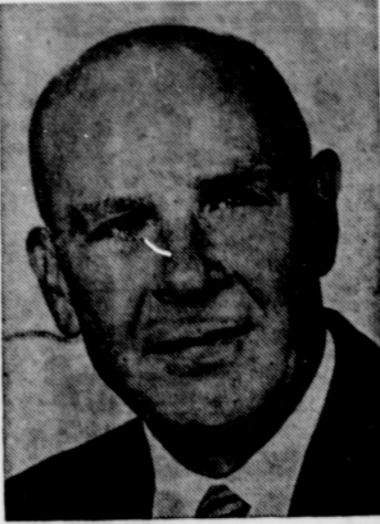
Gerald F. Diddle, director of Western Area Electric for REA, will be the principal speaker at the West Oregon Electric cooperative annual meeting October 20, President George L. Smith announced this week.

The meeting will consider the operations of the cooperative for the past five years and include the election of two board members. The meeting will be held at the cooperative headquarters in Vernonia.

The directors whose terms are expiring are Noble Dunlap of Mist route, Vernonia and George Smith, Timber route, Vernonia.

Nominations for directors will be held August 28 at Natal Grange for a director for district 2 which includes Birkenfeld, Mist, Pittsburg, and Chapman. Nominations for director from district 5 will be held at the Vernonia Grange hall on August 29. District 5 includes that portion of Vernonia west of the SP&S tracks, the Nehalem valley to and including Timber and Beaver Creek to the Cone place. Cards notifying members in the two districts will be sent next week.

Welwood Named To Clerk Post



R. A. WELWOOD

R. A. (Bob) Welwood was appointed Wednesday of last week as county clerk of Columbia county to fill the unexpired term of Harold F. Jensen who has recently resigned. The appointment will run for the remainder of Mr. Jensen's term. He assumed office Monday.

Jensen, who earlier this year filed for re-election, then withdrew, asked to be released now to accept a position in the office of the county clerk of Multnomah county.

Mr. Welwood is 58 years of age and his family consists of himself, wife, Naomi, and a son, Michael J. Welwood who is a lieutenant serving with the U. S. engineers at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He has been in business in Oregon for the past 18 years, seven years of which he was the owner and operator of a retail lumber yard and hardware store in Medford. He later moved to Manzanita where he owned and operated a shingle mill and for the past eleven years he has owned and operated the Columbia finance company of St. Helens.

His college training, past business training and clerical experience in financial affairs weighed heavily with the county court in making this appointment.

His civic activities in Columbia county have been extensive as indicated by the fact that he is the past chairman of the Columbia County Red Cross. For many years he has been on the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and Kiwanis club and has served as vice-president of both of these organizations. He is presently serving on the city planning commission, is a charter member of the Elk's lodge of St. Helens and is a member and past vestry man of the local Episcopal church.

A sizeable delegation attended the meeting of the court last Wednesday at which the appointment was made. Law requires that the appointment be from the same political party as the one who resigns.

Louis Wasser brought up the fact that since Welwood is the Republican candidate for the election this fall, his appointment would give him an unfair advantage. However, it was noted that precedent had been set in the county in 1958 when J. A. Davis, commissioner, died in office. Dane Brady, who had filed October 15 as an independent candidate for the office, was appointed just 13 days later to fill out the term of Davis.

Judge John Whipple stated that since the appointment of Welwood was the recommendation of the Republican Central committee, he felt the court should follow through on it. When neither Wasser or Clark would make the nomination, he asked Wasser to take the chairman's chair and he made the nomination himself.

Bowling Tabulated

Some 70 or more persons participated in the Jamboree bowling tournament at Dessy's alleys and considerable time was required to tabulate results. Trophy winners were announced this week as follows: Women's singles, Althena Burnham, Rainier, 501; men's singles, Larry Halsey, Hillsboro, 654; men's doubles, Larry Halsey and Ray Christians, Hillsboro, 1121; mixed doubles, Fran and Ray Christians, Hillsboro, 1067.

Annual County Fair Event To Open Gates August 23

Columbia county's 47th annual fair which opens Thursday, Aug. 23rd for a three day stand is expected to have the largest displays in livestock and agricultural products that the event has had in a good many years, according to Matt Erickson, board member in charge of the building.

Erickson states that all buildings will be overloaded, according to all indication. With new paint on the outside and in many cases renovations and new fixtures on the inside, all efforts are being made for the comfort of animals and the best possible display of products and domestic skills.

The commercial space at the fair has been taken, including a new area opened up under the bleachers.

The fair board has installed new and more lights throughout the grounds and fairgoers will find this especially pleasing in the arena area in front of the grandstand where new fixtures and new type lights, including floodlights, have been installed for the evening events. New and more lights are also throughout the entire grounds.

As an indication of the increased exhibits, officials stated this week that eight granges and the Farm Bureau and two junior granges have already been allotted display space in the agricultural building in addition to individual farms and the many plate displays.

A civil defense booth will be manned at the fair this year by the Clatskanie Future Homemakers club of CUHS and new material has been secured.

Political activity is not to be missing from the fair grounds as the Republicans have already contracted space and the Democrats are making plans for their booth.

The board announces that admission to the fairgrounds will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Parking is 25 cents. The only entertainment at the fair for which a charge will be made will be the Friday and Saturday evening rodeos for which admission is \$1.

The horse shows all three days of the fair and the small circus acts are free.

Four-H home Ec. activities at the Columbia county fair begins Monday, August 20 when exhibits will be received from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Then Tuesday morning style revue judging begins and the junior and senior demonstrations, individual and team.

All clothing exhibits will be judged Wednesday.

Thursday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. are the dollar dinner contests; at 10 a.m. the home ec. judging contest and at 1:30 p.m. the salad making contest.

Friday are the cake baking, bread baking, canning contests and the style revue.

Thursday, all day, will be devoted to judging in the 4-H livestock classes for every type of domestic animal. 4-H showmanship contests will start Friday morning at 8:30 for horses, beef and sheep and judging will continue in all classes.

Saturday is another full morning of 4-H agricultural and livestock demonstrations and the various showmanship contests as well as the identification competition in forestry and crops and weeds.

The highlight of the fair's 4-H activities is the grand parade of champions which will be held in front of the grandstand at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The following program and information has been received from A. A. Wainwright, president of the Columbia Riders, who with the Columbia county Sheriff's Posse, is sponsoring the rodeo and horse show, both of which will be in front of the grandstand.

Friday and Saturday afternoons are the open horse events with the following: pole bending, figure eight stake race, scurry, Texas barrels, two-man flag race and a new event, cow daubing for ladies.

The rodeos will be Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 in front of the grandstand. The events are bareback bronc riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, cow milking bull riding and open Texas barrels.

Featured at the rodeo will be Heck Harper and his horse, Jody. The stock contractor is John Van Belle of Outlook, Wash., and the rodeo clowns will be Ben Bidwell and Chuck Blaylock of Redmond. The St. Helens Junior Chamber of

Commerce, the Trail Blazers, have an act which is known as the Zany Gray theatre.

A trophy saddle will be awarded to the all-around cowboy. The rodeo announcer is Wallace Kirk of Goble; rodeo secretary is Mrs. Ray Nelson Rt. 1, Box 174, Goble.

High Scorers Win Fair Trip

One Columbia county fair event, the 4-H rifle match, has already been completed and winners announced. The event took place Thursday evening on the rifle range on the Garner property at the south edge of Vernonia, just outside the city limits and was held here because there is no rifle range at the fairgrounds.

Members of the two 4-H clubs in the county competed. One club is the Vernonia Sharpshooters, led by Ben Fowler and Larry Garner and the other club is from Apiary. Its name and leader were not obtained.

High scores in the senior division were as follows: 1, Mark Medges; 2, Ben Fowler Jr.; 3, Ed Kamholz; 4, John Curtis, Apiary; 5, Alan Bozarth, Apiary.

Intermediates: 1, Frank Curtis, Apiary; 2, Rodney Aldrich; 3, Kenneth Vealey; 4, Geoffrey Proehl; 5, Ronald Russell; 6, Curtis Hickman; 7, Edwin Sanders and Daniel Walker, tied; 8 Ron Bozarth, Apiary.

Jack Bergerson and Art Odam acted as score keepers.

If arrangements can be made and the use of target rifles assured, the top three in the senior division, Mark Medges, Ben Fowler Jr. and Ed Kamholz, will be taken to Salem September 1 to compete at the state fair.

Group Seeks Special Meet

Six or seven members of West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc., met August 6 for the purpose of investigating the necessity of the recent increase in rate of the charges for service. Hans Slette, owner of Sunnyside Grocery and Service Station at Trehame, was elected chairman of a committee to prepare and circulate petitions for the purpose of calling special meeting of the members of the cooperative in order to investigate and determine justification of the increase in rates and look into the entire operation of the organization.

According to the by-laws of the cooperative it will be necessary to secure signatures of 10 per cent of the members in order to call any special meeting, and according to the records of the cooperative it serves approximately 2000 members in the Nehalem Valley and adjacent territory including large portions of Clatsop, Columbia, Yamhill and Washington counties in Northwestern Oregon.

Chairmen for Chamber Named

The directors of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Monday of this week, approved the slate of committee chairmen selected by President Robert C. Lindsay. These are: Rocks, Albert Schalock; recreation, Ralph Bergerson; civic improvement, Jim Davies; roads and highway, Joe Magoff; membership, Dr. T. M. Hobart; agriculture, Louis Towne; industry, Guy Thomas.

The directors gave their support to the city planning committee in their effort to provide a building and zoning code for Vernonia. It was cited that one Oregon city had failed to attract an industry because of lack of a building code.

Tickets Available

Ten or twelve tickets are still available for the Cleveland-49ers football game in Portland Saturday evening of next week, August 25. The Vernonia Lions club has made arrangements for a reserved section for Vernonia fans and the ticket sale has been going well. Persons who still want tickets should contact Joey Acaiturri, Red Ade or Bill Horn at once.



MISS KATHY DUDLEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dudley of Scappoose was named last Saturday evening as queen of the rodeo court which will reign at the Columbia county fair at Deer Island next week, August 23, 24 and 25. Her coronation took place at the fairgrounds after she was tapped by last years queen, Linda Thayer of Rainier, with the royal scepter, a white leather braided quilt. Princesses are Sheryl Tarbell, Pam Lousignoni, Judy Morris and Eleanor Mainey.