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## New County Tax Levy Down For Year; Assessed Value Rises

County assessor Frank LeMont released a report last week which shows that taxes levied by the Columbia county court this year for all county needs amounted to \$498,541.67, which is \$76,938.75 less than last year. The county levy includes the county general fund, county road fund, county oiling fund and the mosquito control fund which is assessed only against the property inside the boundary lines of the St. Helens port district.

The total monies levied by all school districts in Columbia county amounted to \$2,377,673.18, which is \$355,947.45 more than last year and which does not include the county school fund of \$77,860.00 which is included in the county general fund.

The school budget requirements have varied to a great degree among school districts, ranging from 53 percent increase in the Warren school district to only one half of one percent in the Vernonia district.

The assessed valuation of all taxable property in Columbia county has risen from \$33,346,965 for 1963 to \$34,765,430 for 1964, an increase of \$1,418,465.

Properties exempted under the 1963 senior citizens tax exemption act amounted to \$192,580.00 assessed valuation, leaving a net taxable value of \$34,070,440.00 to be placed upon the 1964-65 tax roll.

## County PTA to Hear Official

The Columbia County Council PTA workshop will be held at the Grant Watts grade school in Seapooose on Monday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be furnished by the school for a nominal fee.

The meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Leonard Smith, the regional vice-president for this area. Others from the state office will also be there. Mrs. George Cowles of Rainier, the county PTA president, will assist Mrs. Smith.

All interested members of the local PTAs throughout the county are invited.

## Doors Opened By Two Firms

The City Cafe was opened for business last Saturday under new management, by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Frazier of Portland, who for the time being are driving back and forth until they find a location here. They have been open all this week and will announce regular hours after they determine the local needs and how they can best serve them.

The Coffee Break has also been open since last Saturday evening and is holding its grand opening today. Edna Berg is the new proprietor.

A summary of the various millage rates for areas throughout the county and the various funds which taxes are levied appears elsewhere in this issue for the information of those interested. These summaries were all supplied by LeMont.

## Four Injured In Accidents

Accidents last week end took a heavy toll in injuries to local residents.

Thursday evening, Thomas Tomlin was trying out a motorcycle on Tenth street and went on further onto a Crown Zellerbach logging road where he piled up with a broken leg as the result. His family did not know which road he had taken so did not find him until about 10 p.m., though the accident occurred about 7 p.m. When his wife and son Bill found him they got him into the car and took him to the hospital.

Tomlin had secured two sticks to use as crutches and had managed to get about one and a half miles before he gave out completely and had to wait for help to come. His improvised crutches caused bruises under both arms which have added to his pain this week.

He is at Tuahly hospital where the leg was set Thursday night but required resetting Tuesday when pins were put in. The large bone in the right leg is broken just above the ankle and the small bone in the same leg, near the knee.

Friday evening, brothers, Jim and Jack Gaston were both injured when their pick-up truck overturned on them on Keasey road. Both are in Tuahly hospital but the family could not be reached Wednesday to learn just what their condition was.

Henry Hudson was quite badly hurt Saturday forenoon at his home, when his tractor tipped over onto him. His daughter, Debbie was watching him work and saw the accident which gave them a chance to get help quickly.

With the help of the wrecker, a neighbor's car and several men digging, he was freed in about one-half hour and taken by ambulance to Columbia District hospital in St. Helens. He was quite badly burned by gasoline and his entire right side is bruised but there were no broken bones.

## Brady Seeks Post

Dane Brady announced this week that he will be a write-in candidate for county commissioner and said he had made the decision because of the urging of people from all parts of the county. He will be in competition with Ori Clark who received the Democratic nomination in May and Mrs. Reta Kerry who was selected as Republican candidate after the death of Francis Gill who received the nomination in May.

## Loggers Drop Friday Tilt to Columbians

Vernonia's debut on the home field Friday night proved to be a big fizzle as the local Logger grid team went down to defeat at the hands of the Rainier Columbians to the tune of 25-0.

Vernonia played the Columbians on equal terms during the entire first period and part of the second quarter, only to let the Rainier eleven score in that period. Try for point failed with the halftime score 6-0.

The visitors from down on the river crossed the Logger goal once again in the third quarter and twice in the fourth stanza to make the final score read 25-0 in their favor. One thing can be said for the local team, however, they did stop those extra point tries.

According to Coach Wendel, defensively, John Weller, Ray Hartzell and Mark Medges stood out and Gunny Cox and Bill Pringle were outstanding in the blocking department, according to the game movies.

Wendel stated that the team's passing attack was off and that the various mistakes that the local eleven made accounted for the one sided score. The Loggers gained 84 yards rushing and 96 passing which is only about half as much as they had in the previous tilts.

Passes to the ends were dropped and all around the locals played a very poor game. Holsay was one bright note, however, as he showed up very well in both carrying the ball and being on the receiving end of passes.

The Loggers will have to be up this Thursday night when they meet the Banks eleven on the local field. Banks has the longest losing stretch in the state going, with 39 straight losses. According to the experts the Banks eleven should beat the locals based on comparative scores. Rainier beat Banks only 12 to 0. If the Loggers make the mistakes they made last Friday night and block and tackle as though they had never been taught the two subjects, then Banks is going to bring home a Logger scalp.

## Scouts Camp At Wilkerson

Vernonia Boy Scouts of Troop 201 spent the past week end camping at Camp Wilkerson. The active scouts arrived in the forenoon Saturday, established sleeping areas, fire pits, and gave attention to the colors.

The afternoon was spent in a variety of training exercises which included knots and lashings, trail signs, log hoisting, cover and concealment. Contests were staged and points were awarded to winning and placing teams.

Favorite game of the afternoon was the log hoisting event which demanded that a coiled rope be thrown over the limb of a tree and attached to a free log with a timber hitch. The log was then hoisted head high, dropped, the rope freed, and the team scampered over the finish line. Points were based on timing, with the Eagle patrol winning in 28 seconds.

Meals were prepared over coals or open flame on an individual basis. Saturday evening, the boys entered into a flashlight war combined with capture of the flag. At the close of the evening, the scouts gathered at a fire site to share skits, stories, songs and yarns.

Weather for the week end was perfect as the camp was above the level of low clouds. Sunday morning, the troop struck camp and returned home in time for the boys to attend the church of their choice.

Training and instruction were under the leadership of Scoutmaster Ray Lamping, Assistant Scoutmaster Don Jackson, and Instructor Gordon Blackburn. The sixteen boys attending were Scott Davies, Scott Mitchell, Don McLimans, Mike McLimans, Pat Workman, Stan Rumbaugh, Robert McNair, Jerry Thibodeau, Allen Robertson, Mark Peterson, Myron Dennis, Gary Davis, Gary Harris, Gary Michener, Steve Mishler, Mike Clason. Transportation was provided by Carroll Clason, Jackson and Lamping.



NEW line truck placed in use by West Oregon Electric month and a half ago provides equipment for complete line construction and repair work in one unit. Truck is 2 1/2-ton International with hydraulic winch on boom capable of lifting 9000 pounds and extending to 41-foot height. A nine-foot section at the end of the boom and the bucket is constructed of plastic and is fully insulated. Man in bucket can control action of boom. Earth borer is constructed to bore through rock where necessary and can dig 12-foot deep hole in three minutes in earth. Truck also operates generator to provide power for hand tools. Buck Holsay was in bucket when photo was taken. Tracey Hanson is on pole and Charley Hickman is beside truck.

## PTA Host to Annual Reception For District Teachers Monday

There was a good turnout for the teacher's reception at the high school Monday evening when the PTA was host for the special event.

The grade school band, led by director James Fiske played three numbers after which Eagle Scout Gordon Blackburn led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Don Jackson, vocal music instructor, then led the audience in the singing of the national anthem.

A clever program, introducing the teachers as football players on a team according to their years of experience, was presented with Wilbur Wilson acting as sports commentator on radio station PTA.

PTA President, Mrs. Robert Curl

## Rule Told on Registration

Under the new election laws as adopted by the 1963 legislature, all registered voters must re-register at their new residence address whenever they move, even if they live within the same precinct as before moving. This holds true if a person has moved at any time since last registering to vote even if only across the street.

Persons who have moved at all without re-registering should register again before October 3, which is the close of registration for voting November 3. Failure to do so, will require the election board to challenge voters when they come to vote.

Under the new law all voters who did not receive their voter's pamphlet for the primary election, and who have not corrected their address by the close of registration October 3, will not be sent a voter's pamphlet for the general election, and will have their names checked off in the poll book to be challenged by the election board when they present themselves to vote at the general election.

If they do not vote in the general election they will be dropped from the list of registered voters without further notice.

## Formula for Underpayment Being Sought

At a meeting held September 24 at Eugene, the county courts of all 18 of the O&C counties were present and spent most of the day in an attempt to work out a formula whereby Columbia county could receive as soon as possible the remainder of the underpayment to them from O&C timber receipts.

"The balance due our county is \$457,610.20 and a formula was discussed and will be submitted to the O&C executive committee which, if approved, will remit to Columbia county in a lump sum the above amount no later than January 1. This would be in addition to the \$614,565.92 received by Columbia county on August 21, 1964," stated Judge Whipple.

In addition to Judge Whipple, Commissioner O. D. Clark was present at the meeting to represent Columbia county.

## Chamber Hears Report on Sale

Lloyd Quinn, chairman of the retail committee for the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce expressed his pleasure and appreciation to the response given the Saturday evening "moonlight sale".

He and his committee, Cread Morgan, Bill Rundle, Mrs. Stora Serafin and Mrs. Doris Skidmore also expressed appreciation to the 39 business people who participated in the promotion, to the Vernonia school board members and James Fiske, director, who provided the concert to start the evening, and to those who took part in the style show.

The style show took place in front of Fabrics 'N Fashions with Mrs. Serafin as narrator and fashions from Fabrics 'N Fashions, Montgomery Wards, Mar-Ona Bootery and Brunsmann Hardware were shown, with hunting and woodsman attire featured by Brunsmann. Hair styling by Anne Bartles of the Mar-Lee Beauty Salon also was featured.

Following the store opening, music for a street dance was supplied by a combo composed of James Fiske, Cread Morgan, Harold Fowler, Rus Redmond and Wayne Welch.

An interesting evening is being planned for the quarterly dinner meeting of the chamber on October 12. Victor Atiyeh, representative from Washington county and the house minority tax expert, will talk about the inventory tax measure to be presented in the Oregon legislature in the next session. This should be of interest to all merchants and others who pay the annual inventory tax.

## Eye Test Date Set

Columbia County School Nurse Geraldine Malakowski has arranged for free eye examinations for high school students in Vernonia on Tuesday, October 13 at the school. Students who wish them must sign up at the high school office now, or parents may call the school office to arrange for the tests if they so desire.



TWO Rainier men brought Terry Smith to a stop in top photo after successfully completing pass play Friday night in Logger-Rainier football game. Below, Danny Steele drove around end for three-yard gain before being stopped.



THE FEDERAL Civil Defense hospital was increased Wednesday of last week when additional supplies were received from the depot in Spokane. Several items required refrigeration storage which is being donated by Dean's Market. The city of Vernonia is required to keep the hospital unit stored and provide personnel to set up the unit when and where needed. Holding cases, from left: Jack Martin, assistant manger, John Miller, market manager, Cread Morgan, Deans manager, and Bill J. Horn, civil defense coordinator for this area.