

Medicare Applications Available Now at P-O

Postmaster O. T. Bateman of the Vernonia office announced today that application blanks for supplemental Medicare benefits are available at the main window of the Vernonia post office.

The application blanks are being made available as the Social Security Administration seeks to contact 3.1 million senior citizens before a March 31 deadline imposed by the Medicare law.

President Johnson has proclaimed March as "National Medicare Enrollment Month." He urged all

federal agencies and all citizens to cooperate in enrolling senior citizens in the program.

Initially, some two and one-half million application blanks were distributed to nearly 34,000 main post offices throughout the 50 states. Additional forms are available as needed.

Through direct mailings and other means, the Social Security Administration has had contact with 16 of the 19.1 million citizens who will be 65 or over on July 1. Of the 16 million who replied, less than one million said they did not want to sign up for the supplemental program.

The supplemental program costs \$3.00 a month and provides doctor bills and other benefits. Everyone 65 and over is eligible for the basic hospital benefits under Medicare.

A copy of the application blank is displayed on the lobby bulletin board of the Vernonia post office.

Senior citizens who reached 65 before 1966 face a two year delay if they do not sign up by March 31. The application forms are pre-addressed to the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dinner, Dance On Agenda for This Saturday

Saturday evening is the time for that dinner out where both food and fellowship are offered along with the opportunity to aid a most worthy cause. It is the date for the annual Town and Country Day smorgasbord sponsored by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce which has designated this year's event as a benefit for the beautification of the Vernonia cemetery.

The dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening and promises the usual array of delicious dishes prepared by the ladies of the community. Tickets are now on sale for the dinner with the price for adult ticket of \$1.50 and for children, 75 cents. The committee hopes to sell as many tickets as possible in advance so as to estimate the number for which to prepare, but tickets will also be available at the door.

Following the dinner, a dance will be held, starting at 9:00 p.m. for which the Erik-K Quartet will provide music.

Science Fair Date Posted

The local science fair for schools in district 47J will be held April 15, according to Wayne Markham, elementary school science teacher, who is coordinator for the local fair.

Markham stated that students from all grades are invited to enter. Letters are being sent to parents explaining the classifications, rules and giving suggestions for source materials. The science experiments are done at home by the children, then entered in the local fair for judging.

Exhibits that meet the required standards in the local fair will be admitted to the county science fair and from that competition, the top exhibits will be selected for show ing at OMSI.



SAM CEBALLOS came home Saturday with a second place medal which he won in trampoline competition at the state gymnastics meet held at Eugene. He had taken first place honors the previous Saturday at the northwest district meet in Portland and at Eugene, he competed with 13 district winners. He was nosed out of first place at Eugene by a mere .05 of a point. The contestant from Sheldon high school at Eugene scored 5.10 and Ceballos scored 5.05. He had to break routine once in his performance which probably was the factor that lowered his score. Ceballos is a junior and looks forward to a first place medal next year. District Superintendent Wm. Ambrose accompanied him to Eugene.

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Road Group Elects, Hears Senator

State Senator John J. Inskeep, chairman of the Legislative Interim committee on highways, spoke to the members of Highway 99W Alternate Road association when they held their annual dinner meeting at the Timber Nook in Nehalem Lanes Wednesday evening of last week.

Other out of town guests were State Senator Arthur P. Ireland, Washington & Yamhill counties; Sate Representative Hugh McGilvra for Washington county, Daniel O. Potter, city manager, Arnold Franks, chamber of commerce manager, Homer Waltz, president & B.R. Pilger, director of the association and Harry Sherman, all of Forest Grove; A.T. Beall, chamber of commerce manager; Neil Macaulay & Cliff Elliott, directors, from McMinnville; Eleanor Mitchell, news director radio station KMCN.

Senator Ireland, Representative

Hugh McGilvra and Neil Macaulay were re-elected as directors of the association for three year terms.

Highlights from president Homer Waltz's annual report were: "New brochures have been approved, ordered and distributed. August 23, delegations from all areas along the route, including McMinnville, Yamhill, Carlton, Banks, Vernonia, Rainier, St. Helens, Gaston and a bus load from Forest Grove, filled the hearing room of the highway commission in Salem. Representative Hugh McGilvra gave the history, and made a plea for programing construction on the Forest Grove-Gaston section. Don Potter expressed the interest of cities along the route. Judge Earl Seawright presented a deed to the Oak Ranch Creek road to the commission.

(The deed was later returned to the district attorney of Columbia county with explanation that due

to lack of funds for improvements of all roads in the state, the highway commission did not feel that at this time they should accept the deed and added responsibility.)

Members of the commission expressed a personal interest and it is the objective of this association to continually remind the commission and engineers that the association has not lost interest and will continue pressing until their objective is achieved.

A conference with Columbia county representative, Wayne Turner, Judge Earl Seawright, Washington county representatives, Hugh McGilvra and John Mosser, resulted in a plan to take this problem to the legislative interim committee. A hearing has been set for March 31 at Rainier with the interim committee. Time and place will be announced later.

It is hoped that a good turn out will be present for this important meeting. There are many demands for state highways, but the lack of a good north and south highway from the only toll free Longview-Rainier bridge to McMinnville with its potential for industrial development of the area, tourism and recreation, is the most glaring void in the state highway system."

Representative Hugh McGilvra stated that the highway commission has bought up extensive rights-of-way along the Gaston, Yamhill county and Forest Grove section.

Senator Inskeep told of the duties of the interim committee, mainly that of acting as a sounding board for the people around the State. There are 16 hearings scheduled for the immediate future. He said that the maintenance, building and specifications for roads and the purchase and maintenance of parks is up to the highway commission and must be approved by the U.S. commissioner of public roads.

He feels that the new Transport Institute at Oregon State College (similar to Stanford Research In-

stitute) which will be doing a two year study, mainly on how to apportion highway funds to cities, counties and state will be good. The gas tax money is under close scrutiny of the ways and means committee, which is trying to get more money for the cities.

In giving suggestions to the group in preparation for the interim hearing at Rainier March 31, Inskeep said that those who attend should be ready to say what they think about raising the gas tax from six to seven cents per gallon, yes or no; increasing license plate price from \$10 to \$15, yes or no; compulsory auto inspection, yes or no; legalization of use of studded tires, yes or no.

He quoted that in 1964-65 the six cent tax brought in 45 million dollars; the \$10 license fee, 14 million; ways and means 16 million and fines \$160,000. If increased, the total would raise to 89 million. Counties would get 17 million, cities, 10 million and highways 57 million.

The Senator hoped that when federal highway funds are used up and the roads completed, members will write to congressmen to get busy to get money to go ahead on the A.B.C. system of roads in this state. He urged the group to get representatives from the large industrial companies in the area to attend the hearing March 31, loaded with factual data pertaining to expected growth of the area.

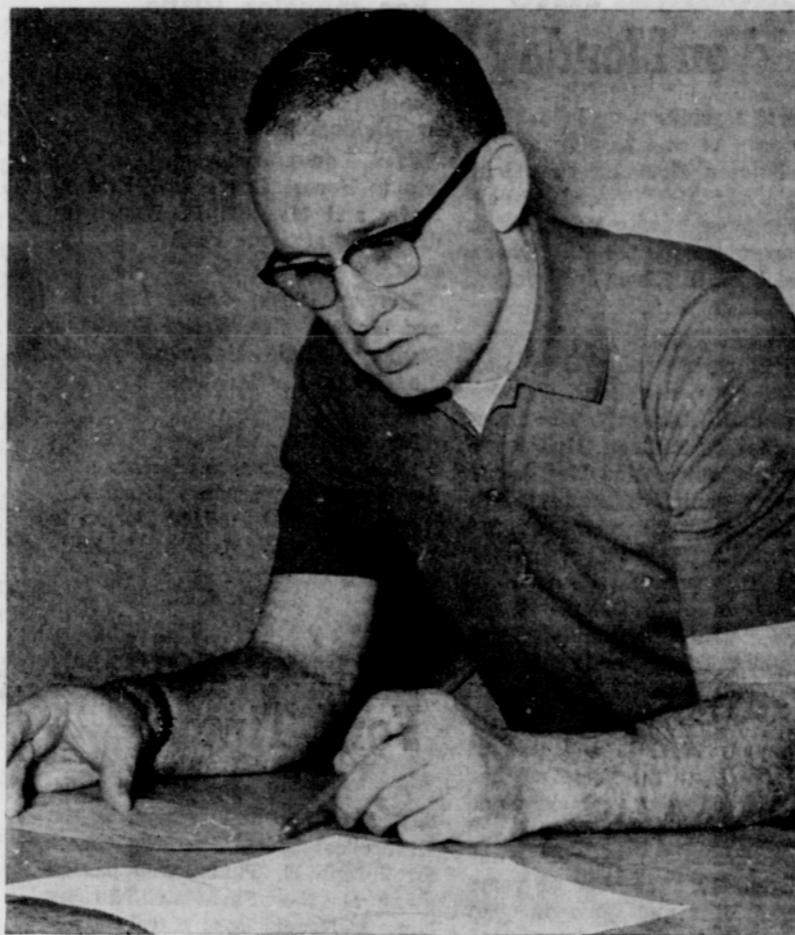
Letter Scores Curve Hazard

The hazard to safe driving of the sharp curve at the bridge south of Vernonia was discussed by the Chamber directors at the Monday evening meeting. Several accidents resulting in serious injuries have occurred in the past two years and each time involved out of town drivers who were not aware of the dangerous condition. A letter, calling attention to these accidents, has been written by the chamber to the state highway department.

A letter of protest to House Bill 10518 was also written to Representative Wyatt. This bill concerns the payment of a minimum hourly wage to agricultural workers. It is thought that if the bill passes it will prevent many boys and girls being hired in the strawberry and bean fields and paid on piece basis.

School to Try New Schedule

Starting Monday, March 21 and extending for two weeks, Vernonia high school will be operating on a college type schedule on a trial basis. Under this schedule, lecture sessions and regular classes will be held in the morning and two and a half hour lab sessions in the afternoon. The purpose of such a schedule is to provide longer lab periods in science and more library use. Whether or not such a schedule is to be adopted here will be determined after the trial period ends.



COACH Bert Kronmiller looks over listing of basketball awards presented Wednesday at Vernonia high school assembly. This past week end, Kronmiller was voted to the ranking of number two A-2 coach in the state.

Coach Elected to A-2 Place

Vernonia Logger Basketball Coach Bert Kronmiller was selected this past week as the number two A-2 coach in the state. Kronmiller was runner-up to Barry Adams of Nestucca. Adams garnered 11 votes, Kronmiller followed with 6.

The Oregon Journal poll showed Kronmiller to be the only Cowapa League coach to receive votes in the selections.

The dedication, hard work and personality of Kronmiller have

made him a popular part of the local scene. His selection to this honor has brought additional favorable attention to the local sports program, school and town.



CARL A. BLUNK

Commissioner Position Sought

Carl A. Blunk of the Hudson district near Rainier filed recently as candidate for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket. He has been a resident of the county for 35 years, is married and has 10 children.

He graduated from Rainier high school in 1944 and has been logging and farming since that time. He has been a member of the Clatskanie Soil and Water Conservation board for nine years, and of the Hudson school board from 1955 to 1965. He is also a member of the Intermediate Board of Education for Columbia county.

Postal Service Fees to Rise

Effective March 25, fees on various postal services will be increased, according to information received by Postmaster O.T. Bateman. Included in these are fees for money orders which will go up five cents on each classification, making it 25 cents for money orders up to \$10, 35 cents for those from \$10 to \$50 and 40 cents for those from \$50 to \$100.

For registered and insured mail, the classifications have been changed and fees raised. Certified mail has been increased from 20 cents to 30 cents.

Snow Falls Again

Winter seems reluctant to give up and determined to have at least one more fling as was evidenced Wednesday morning when snow fell heavily for a short time and whitened the area briefly.

This flurry followed the heavy rainfall both Monday and Tuesday. Winds accompanied the rain Tuesday morning, also.

Mist Prepares For PTA Meet

The March P.T.A. meeting will be held at the Mist school Monday evening, March 21 at 8:00 p.m. The Mist students have been busy preparing an entertaining program for the occasion.

The sixth grade will enact a one-act play with a St. Patrick's Day theme called "Where's Timothy?". Under the direction of Don Jackson, the fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys will sing, "Roll on Columbia" and the girls will sing, "Shenandoah", followed by the combined singing of "The Ballad of the Green Beret." Each band student will provide a solo number, followed by three numbers by the combined band.

Mist residents hope to see a large attendance for their annual hosting of the P.T.A.

Mrs. David Banta, Mrs. Robert Curl, and Mrs. William Eckland were elected as a nominating committee at the February P.T.A. meeting and have been busy since lining up nominees for next year's officers.

Two Players Given Mention

Two Vernonia basketball players received honorable mention in the selection of Oregon state A-2 all-stars.

In the Journal poll, seniors Jerry Hanson and Fred Smith were both named for fifth team honors. According to Oregonian tabulations, Fred Smith was the lone recipient of honorable mention listing.

Warrenton's Loren Gramson was the only player from the Cowapa League to receive first squad placing. Gramson is a senior at Warrenton.

In earlier balloting, Hanson and Smith had received recognition in the selection of Cowapa League all-stars, along with Dave Larson. Larson and Smith were named to the league's western division first team and Hanson, second team.



Agnes Marie Petersen has filed for the position of state representative from Columbia county on the Democratic ticket. She will oppose Wayne Turner on the Democratic ballot at the May primary election. She states that she has lived all her life in St. Helens, attended the University of Oregon and has B. A. and L.L.B. degrees. She has been a practicing attorney in St. Helens since 1960. During that time she states that she has appeared before the legislature several times in support of or opposition to proposed legislation.

Ministers Plan Easter Events

The Vernonia Ministerial association met last Sunday afternoon and planned the schedule of union services for the Easter season.

Good Friday services will be held April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vernonia Bible church on Adams avenue at Maple street. The speaker will be Reverend Robert Sargent of the First Christian church and music and other parts of the service will be supplied by other churches.

Easter morning, April 10, sunrise services will be held at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery at 6:00 a.m. and Reverend Milton Gudmundsen of the Church of the Nazarene will speak. In the event of inclement weather, this service will be held at the Assembly of God church.

Ring of Fire Due

Local viewers of the Tuesday night movie on TV channel 8 heard the announcement this week that next Tuesday, March 22, Ring of Fire would be shown in color. This is the movie made partially in Vernonia several years ago. Time for the Tuesday night movie is 9 to 11 p.m.