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Forest Fire Threat Avoided For Four Times

CCC MEN ACTIVE IN SUPPRESSION

Blaze Springs up in Former Burn in East Side Territory

CAMP REEHER'S, Westimber, Aug. 30—Threat of major forest fire losses was avoided four times in recent days in territory delegated to protective agencies including personnel of Civilian Conservation corps company 1313.

Four men patrolled until late this week around the territory of the East Side fire at the head of Clear creek which had been quiet since it was first brought under control more than a month ago. Smoke starting Friday in the former burn caused renewal of suppression activities.

A fire at Tide creek, near the headwaters of Tide creek and some three miles north of Trenholm, started a week ago Tuesday, was brought under control after burning nearly 80 acres. Fifteen men from Wilark side-camp and 20 from the Reeher's main camp controlled the fire.

Two fires near Hoffman lookout, covered 100 and 180 acres respectively—and provided more than a bit of excitement for a number of the fire fighters.

Jack Nance, forester in charge of Hoffman detachment camp, and five men caught by the fire when it "crowned" over them, were forced to retreat to safety. No one was injured.

A total of 70 men were required to quell the conflagrations. Two donkey engines, felled logs and second growth standing timber were lost and a bridge damaged by the fires.

Earl Atkins Is New Commander Of Legion Post

Clyde McDonald Named Vice-Commander

Earl Atkins was elected commander of Vernonia post 119 of the American Legion at the meeting Tuesday night. Clyde McDonald was chosen as vice-commander, Charles Biggs as adjutant, J. E. Tapp as finance officer and H. H. King as sergeant at arms.

Installation is planned for a week from today. There will be a corn feed up Rock creek. Members of neighboring posts are expected and all Legionnaires are looking to a big crowd to start the new commander on his way, says Gene Shipman, retiring commander.

Ban Is Lifted, Loggers go Back To Work Tuesday

Clark and Wilson went back to work Tuesday, the ban being lifted because of increased humidity. Hours during the hot spell are from 5 to 1:30. Two sides and a skidder are employed.

Dustin Named as Janitor at Grade School for Term

Chet Dustin was reemployed as janitor at the Washington grade school by the directors Saturday night.

County Supt. E. H. Condit was present and discussed with the directors a question of boundary involving schooling of pupils whose parents live on cut-over lands in the vicinity of Chapman. The directors arranged for submission of the question to the boundary board.

Previous to the executive session friends of one of the teachers presented a petition asking for her reelection.

Vernonia Wins One, Loses One In Sunday Play

Defeats Apiary 13-10; Vanquished By Deer Island 8-3

Vernonia won from Apiary 13 to 10 and lost to Deer Island 8 to 3 in a double header Sunday on the local field.

The first game was a lustless affair, Vernonia being entirely too good for the Apiary team. The locals fattened their batting averages considerably, collecting 15 hits in seven innings. Nelson, Vernonia pitcher, was in rare form, allowing only one hit in this game. He retired after the fifth inning and Byers worked the last two allowing one hit.

In the second game Vernonia started in good shape pushing over a run in the first and this looked big for just two innings. In the third the fireworks started. Deer Island scored 7 runs on two hits, two walks and four errors. After this it turned out to be a ball game, Deer Island scored one run and Vernonia two in the remainder of the game. Hits were evenly divided, each team collecting 11.

Sunday, Sept. 2, Vernonia plays Hillsboro here at 2 p. m. The team is anxious to make a good showing in this game for they are anticipating a berth in the Sunset league next season.

There is a possibility that this will be the last game of the season so the team would like to have every one out to end the season in great shape.

First Carload of Cascara Leaves Vernonia Today

The first carload of cascara bark ever shipped from Vernonia is to leave today. The bark was bought by a Port Orchard, Wash., concern from the Vernonia Trading Co. for shipment direct east.

The load consists of 15 tons, 13 of which were bought from local people who stripped and dried the bark, and two were shipped in by truck to make up the balance. The price paid was approximately \$70 a ton, involving a distribution of over \$900 for the 13 tons bought here. It is estimated that about five tons were bought independently and already shipped out.

New Man Comes To Local Church Sunday, Sept. 9

C. R. Pritchard Replaces F. C. Stephens Here

C. R. Pritchard of Gooding, Idaho, who has been named as the new pastor of the Vernonia Christian church, will occupy the pulpit Sunday, September 9. He comes highly recommended by his ministerial associates in Idaho and Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard are specialists with young people, and both are good in song and music. Mr. Pritchard is a young man. There is one son, age six.

F. Claude Stephens will preach his last sermon here next Sunday. On Tuesday he moves to Lebanon. During his pastorate of several years in this community he and Mrs. Stephens made many friends and won high respect both in and out of the church.

Rod and Gun Club Plans Banquet For October 8

The annual banquet of the Nehalem Rod and Gun club is being planned for October 8. The state game commission, which meets in Portland that day, is expected to be out, and Dr. Irving E. Vining of Ashland, nationally known lecturer and a member of the commission, will be the principal speaker.

The banquet will be free to members, who may purchase additional tickets for guests. An effort is being made to build up the membership, which now numbers 35.

Mrs. Condit Injured After School Meeting Upon Entering Car

Mrs. E. H. Condit was severely injured Saturday night by being struck in the back while entering her car after the school meeting. No motive is known, as she took no part in the discussion and did not enter into argument with any one. She was alone at the time.

She was confined to her bed Sunday and Monday and Tuesday was taken to her home in St. Helens.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

SEEN AND HEARD

Judge Hieber sunning himself on the city hall steps . . . Red Seseman fitting tin shields over the wheels of Kenneth White's car . . . The "Oregon Loggers", in red hats and coats, waiting outside Jack Bush's . . . Pulp wood overflow from the railroad yards piled on Third and Maple streets . . . Leslie Scott, chairman of the highway commission, buying a cigar from Ken McNeill . . . C. S. Hoffman back again.

Voters in Dist. 14 Exclude Provision For School Busses

After a heated discussion the provision in the budget of school district 14, Pleasant Hill, for the operation for busses was voted down by a majority of four at the budget meeting Friday night. The budget was passed after this item had been eliminated.

At the annual meeting in June the voters of the district directed 35 to 28 that the bus routes be continued, but the action at the budget meeting fails to authorize the funds. Elmer Bergerson has a contract for the school year, but whether or not he will contest the matter is not known.

Swim Safety Is Sought by New Society

Adequate Pool and Instruction Are Objectives

The widespread interest in swimming exhibited during the recent hot weather has again brought forward discussions of the possibility of providing better facilities for this sport than the community now affords.

In an effort to capitalize on this interest, the first meeting of the Vernonia Improvement society was held this week. The objectives of the organization are the construction of an adequate pool, preferably in Rock creek, possibly as an SERA project; provision for instruction in swimming for those whose opportunities to enjoy the sport have been limited; and the establishment of life saving classes.

It is felt there is considerable hazard in the indiscriminate use of river water holes by persons unable to protect themselves when they get over their depth. Several recent instances of narrow escape from drowning have been reported, in one of which a young local matron was only saved by the prompt arrival of an experienced swimmer.

While it is realized the swimming season is getting late and probably not much can be accomplished this year other than to lay plans for another season, it is felt by the sponsors of the movement that sufficient interest has already been shown to warrant the formation of a permanent organization. Full details of personnel and objectives will be announced later as will the names of the sponsors of the movement.

Order Excludes Loel Roberts as Council Candidate

Orders have been received from Aubrey Williams, acting federal relief administrator in Washington, D. C., that no relief employee may be a candidate for any political office, whether national, state or local.

This order will make Loel Roberts, local relief agent, ineligible as a candidate for the city council, for which he was nominated at the citizens' caucus several weeks ago.

City Council Picks Budget Committee

SEVEN ARE CHOSEN AND FIVE TO ACT

Meeting of Committee Slated For Thursday Evening

The city council at a special meeting Tuesday night named seven members of the budget committee: Judge W. A. Harris, E. M. Bollinger, R. M. Aldrich, Guy R. Mills, Emil Messing, B. J. Cline and H. Van Blaricom.

The committee consists of five, but seven were appointed to provide for possible absence.

A meeting of the committee was being planned for last night.

Raleigh Shiffer, Timber Young Man, Dies in Prosser, Wn.

TIMBER—(Special.) — Coming as a shock to his many friends in the Timber vicinity was the news August 23 of the sudden passing of Raleigh Shiffer, 20, at Prosser, Wn., from heart failure.

He was born in Timber October 13, 1913, and lived here all his life until he went to Washington three weeks ago to be employed by the Pacific Fruit and Produce Co. He was associated with his father in the garage business, and had attended grade school at Timber and high school at Forest Grove.

He is survived by his father, Oscar Shiffer, and three sisters, Gladys, Sylvia and Hazel, all of Timber.

Services were held Sunday in Forest Grove, and interment was in Forest View cemetery, beside his mother in the family plot. Rev. Claude Sabin officiated. Pallbearers were Paul Hankins, Paul De Remer, Dean Kiesel and Harold Byers of Timber, Harold Bateman of Washburn and LaVerne Forbes of Portland.

Steelhead Are Planted in Creek And Lost Lake

CCC Boys Perform Work at Lost Lake

3500 steelhead were planted Rock creek Wednesday. C. R. Watts and Emil Messing of the Nehalem Rod and Gun club watched the planting. The fish were from the Bonneville hatchery.

Lost Lake was also stocked with steelhead, 11000 being planted there Monday from the Necanicum hatchery. The fish were carried to the lake in 10 gallon cream cans by 50 boys from the Boyington CCC camp. The work was in charge of Virgil Powell, forester at Camp Boyington. This lake is near Elsie in Clatsop county, and is visited each year by many Vernonia people.

The CCC boys have also just completed a fine foot trail from the Nehalem river to the lake.