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## Fire Destroys Dwelling and All Contents

### OVERHEATED STOVE IS REGARDED CAUSE

### Blaze Is Under Headway Before Alarm Is Sounded

The house on Rose avenue occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Strong and owned by Mrs. Alma Sitts was ruined by fire Tuesday afternoon, and the furnishings were destroyed. Damage to the house is estimated at \$300 and to the furniture and clothing \$150. Insurance on the house had lapsed a short time previously.

Apparently the fire started from an overheated stove in the living room. Mrs. Strong was at a neighbor's and the fire got under good headway before it was discovered. The department made a quick response but before they arrived the interior was a mass of flames and nothing could be saved except the shell of the building. Part of the furnishings were the property of Mrs. Sitts, and part was new furniture owned by Mr. and Mrs. Strong. The roof appears to be in fairly good shape and the outer walls are intact. The interior is nothing but charred ruin.

## 44 Families Need Christmas Help Says Community Board

The community chest board has a list of 44 families that need assistance this year if their children are to have the pleasure of a special dinner and Christmas gifts.

Churches, lodges and other organizations wishing to help are getting lists of families from Mrs. H. V. Holcomb, Mrs. H. M. Bigelow and other members of the board.

The Christian church, the Evangelical church and the Odd Fellows lodge have already secured names of families which they will help.

## Bert B. Hawkins Enjoys Visit From Two Iowa Sisters

RIVERVIEW — (Special.) — Bert B. Hawkins is enjoying the visit of two sisters, one of whom he has not seen for 27 years and neither of whom has ever been in this part of the country before. They are Mrs. Chas. Jividen of Onawa, Iowa, whom he has not seen since 1907, and Mrs. Rose Brooks of Whiting, Iowa. With them are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell and baby of Portland. They came Wednesday and expect to remain for a week.

### HARRY CONDIT INJURED

Harry Condit sustained cuts and bruises in a speeder accident at Sunset camp Monday.

## Mrs. Mike Hanon, 82, Dies Saturday After Prolonged Illness

Ella Hannon, 82, a resident of Vernonia since 1928, died Saturday at her home here after a prolonged illness. Graveside services were held in Seaside, Oregon, Monday under the auspices of Maple chapter 95, Order of Eastern Star, Seaside. Pall bearers were Ed Peterson, Lou Henry, F. H. Leighton, Clyde Mason, John Selnes and Fred Moore, all members of O. E. S. at Seaside. She was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania, and was married to Mike Hanon in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1887. In 1905 they moved to Seaside, where they resided until they came to Vernonia.

Surviving are Mr. Hanon and three children, Ruby Smith of Vernonia, Mrs. H. D. Hardesty of Seaside and Reed H. Hanon of Oakland, California.

## Chapman Dist. Gets Decision For Boundary

### Question Involves School Facilities in Logged-Off Region

Question of boundary between school district 47, Vernonia, and the Chapman district was decided in favor of Chapman at a hearing in St. Helens before the district boundary board Monday morning. The board is composed of the county court and the county school superintendent.

The question involves the providing of school facilities for children of parents who have settled on logged-off lands on the divide in the vicinity of the Chapman tunnel on the Clark and Wilson logging railroad. Although within the local school district this locality has no outlet into Vernonia, the only access being by way of Chapman. Two families having three children of school age moved into this locality during the year and sought to have their children attend outside schools at the expense of the Vernonia district. Because of the liability of other families moving into the region and the possibility of the local district's being forced to establish and maintain a school there for which no funds are available a petition was circulated asking for a change of the boundary so that the locality would be included in the Chapman district, where it geographically belongs. Two of the children involved are now said to be attending the Chapman school and one the Scappoose grade school.

In opposing the petition Chapman contended that Vernonia enjoyed the tax income from the locality when the land was timbered and should bear the expense of educating children who have moved in there since that time. The boundary board accepted this view.

Vernonia's further attitude in the matter will be determined at a future meeting of the directors. Thus far the local district has disclaimed all responsibility for

## Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

Years ago when the swiftest automobiles were high-wheeled buggies with one-lung motors under the floor boards, well equipped fire departments had trained horses that would trot into place in front of the fire wagons the instant the fire bell sounded. Noon bell, or curfew, or anything like that made no difference. They trotted out all the same and trotted back when they found they were not wanted.

The old-time horses had nothing on Vernonia's motorized fire department. Yesterday morning the boys heard an alarm, hot-footed it to the station and got the truck out. At the intersection of Bridge street they stopped, looked and listened. The alarm was coming over Ken White's radio on the sidewalk upstreet. Ed Wynn on a new schedule, or something, with a first-class siren blowing full blast.

Anyhow no one can say the boys aren't alert and right on the job.

## Library Lists Donations in Cash and Books

Forty books and over ten dollars in cash have been donated to the Vernonia public library since the Book Week drive, according to reports of board members at the regular meeting of the board at the home of Mrs. F. E. Malmsten Tuesday night.

Additional donors of cash or books not included in a list published two weeks ago are Vernonia grange, Judge W. A. Harris, Vernonia Eagle, Doris Lindgren and Mrs. A. E. Jennings.

The report of the librarian, Edna Owens, indicated a substantial increase in circulation and membership for the month of November. She reported also the receipt of five new books for the International Mind Alcove, donated by the Carnegie foundation.

Several hundred books are being mended and returned to the shelves as the result of SERA funds which have been used to employ three, and more recently four, local women for book repair work in the library during a period of about two months.

Members of the board decided to apply for SERA funds for a second mending project when this is completed.

## TOWN TEAM SCHEDULES GAME WITH ST. HELENS

The Vernonia town team will go to St. Helens Tuesday night to play a basketball game with St. Helens high school.

### Boy Catches Big Steelhead

A steelhead 26 inches long and weighing six and a half pounds was caught Sunday by Raymond Thacker, age 12, in Rock creek near Keasey.

board, tuition or transportation of pupils attending the Chapman or Scappoose schools.

## Americanization Class to Be Formed Under Mrs. Lofgren

A class in Americanization will be organized under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Lofgren to meet in the high school building Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9. The cost of instruction will be paid from SERA funds and texts will be furnished by the government, so there will be no expense attached. While the course is intended primarily for those who are taking out citizenship papers it will be open to all who are interested, and membership is not restricted to those on relief rolls.

The first meeting will be held in the high school at 7 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 19, to find out how many wish to take the course. Texts will be sent for so that regular instruction will begin after the holidays.

## Ted Thye and Bert Hall Are To Meet Here

### Former World's Lightweight Champ to Wrestle

A wrestling match is to be held tonight in the Legion hall between Ted Thye, famous grappler who was formerly world's lightweight champion, and Bert Hall, local favorite who resided here until a few months ago. There will also be a match between Young Walda, the Swiss Wonder Boy of Gaston, and Young Hobin of Vernonia. The McDonald twins, Dick and Dan, will also put on a lively tussle.

The matches were arranged by Mike Stolen.

## MRS. C. A. VAN ALSTINE RETURNS AFTER TRIP TO OLD HOME IN OKLAHOMA

After an absence of two months to a day Mrs. C. A. Van Alstine returned Monday from a trip to her old home in Bartlesville, Okla. She traveled by train, Mr. Van Alstine going to Portland over the week end to meet her.

Mrs. Van Alstine reports a wonderful visit, but is glad to get back. The depression is quite evident there, she says, there being no work to be had.

## Railroad Man Is Killed By Falling Tree Near Pittsburg

Z. Gianasi, section hand on the Clark and Wilson logging railroad, was killed by a falling tree Friday while in the woods near Pittsburg. He is survived by his widow and a brother, C. Gianasi of St. Helens.

Mr. Gianasi had worked for the company for four years. About two years ago he had the misfortune of losing his arm in a powder explosion.

Services were held Sunday at the White funeral parlors in St. Helens.

## Tournament Is To Be Played Off Tonight

### WINNERS TO GET TROPHY AT MEET

### Four Teams Competing in Initial Games of Season

The winners of the basketball double-header last night in the pre-season tournament in the grade school gym will play for the championship tonight, and the losers will play the losers. In the drawings for places Wilark CCC was scheduled to be matched with the town team, and Reehers CCC with the high school.

At a meeting of the various managers Monday night a schedule for practice hours in the gymnasium was arranged. The high school team will use the gymnasium from 6 to 7:30 every school night. The Blue Jays will practice from 7:30 to 8:30 Mondays and Wednesdays, and the town team from 8:30 to 10. The CCC boys will use the gym Thursday nights from 7:30 on.

Monday will be the game night for the town team, Wednesdays for the Blue Jays, Tuesdays and Fridays for the high school. The grade school team, which practices at 3:30 o'clock every afternoon, will as far as possible schedule its games in the afternoons.

Representing the various teams were Mrs. Don Grable for the Blue Jays, O. T. Bateman for the town team, Lieut. Taggart for the CCC teams, Harold McEntire and Wallace McCrae for the high school, I. N. McCollom and Paul Gordon for the grade school.

## Tax Payment Is Due December 15 Says Collector

The last date for payment of the fourth quarter of the 1934 tax is December 15, according to notice from the sheriff's office. After this date all unpaid 1934 taxes become delinquent.

H. E. Veazie, deputy in charge of the tax collection, requests that first payment receipts be returned with this payment. There will be a charge for interest if other quarters have not been paid. If none of the 1934 tax has been paid the interest is three per cent to Dec. 15.

## SEVERAL ATTEND LODGE MEETING IN ST HELENS

Earl Smith, J. W. Brown, R. M. Aldrich and Harry Culbertson attended a meeting of Avon lodge, K. P., in St. Helens Tuesday night. There were five candidates for the page rank. The supreme vice-chancellor and several grand officers were present.

### WINDOWS REPAIRED

Bob Carland has repaired the windows in the Legion hall to keep out the cold drafts during the boxing and wrestling matches.