

Vernonia Eagle

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Another door of escape from the electric chair has been slammed in Hauptmann's face.

A peculiar thing, sometimes, is public conscience. To slaughter a nation of men, women and children is a patriotic duty if your country happens to want the territory they dwell in—an ancient idea deep rooted ages before Mussolini. For speed maniacs and drunken fools to scatter potential death all along the highway is a mere commonplace that calls for no prevention—a modern notion mass-produced along with motor cars. But to execute a convicted criminal before his attorneys have exhausted every legal subterfuge that he or his friends can pay for would be a travesty on justice, a violation of a right old as Magna Charta.

A news dispatch to the daily press, in telling of the reappointment of Judd Greenman as chairman of the state relief committee, says that the chief function of the committee will be to administer old age pensions.

No sales tax, no pension, we are told. And it looks like no pension, and nothing, presumably for the committee to do.

To judge by some of the blanks that must be filled out in accordance with the new social security act in the nation and the state it looks as though there will be some dandy jobs for government clerks checking up on them.

The depression must be over in royal circles. Kings are getting their jobs back again.

Ten Years Ago

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Mac's Pharmacy is going to move into the building formerly occupied by the Mellinger Hardware Company.

There will be a strict enforcement of the law against slot machines and punch boards, says Marshal Kelly.

Chas. Dubendorf, who has been on the sick list for some time, is much improved.

Harv Emmons was badly hurt at the shingle mill Monday when he was struck by a swinging plank.

W. H. Kent, a recent arrival from Wheeler, has purchased four lots on B street and J. R. McKee is building him a modern home on one of the lots.

Koster Products Co. has been

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granted permission by the Public Service Commission to build a logging road across the Beaver Creek road near Vernonia.

Much success is being had with various radio sets in Vernonia. The radio is a wonderful invention or discovery.

The Open Forum - -

Editor, Vernonia Eagle:

In one year the entire amount paid to nine million citizens 60 years and past would be \$19,200,000. The amount is given by the Brookings institution as the necessary increase in consumption required to balance production and consumption in the United States.

The Brookings institution in Washington D. C. is the most reliable statistical organization in America. It is non partisan and non political, and is financed by big interests of America, so it certainly could not be prejudiced in favor of the Townsend Plan.

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What Other Editors . . . Think

Unlighted Bicycles

Now is that time of year when rain blurs the windshield, and unlighted bicycles, instead of a mere bother, grow into a nightmare for the autoist.

Of course, the leniency of the police and of the public is understandable. The subconscious reasoning is that the child or adult who rides an unlighted bicycle along the streets is endangering himself more than he is endangering the autoist and the pedestrian traffic; and if he wants to take the risk, that is his affair.

But it is not his affair. The traffic dangers are multiple, and the mind of the autoist is tense enough at best. To have to strain for the foolhardy cyclist is another problem added to an already impossible situation. And the decent autoist knows that whereas a court of law doubtless would exonerate him, the figure of the falling cyclist would cry out in his memory.

The police should be more hard-boiled about it and accept no excuses. Likewise, the weakness or indifference of many parents is impossible to forgive. What they can be thinking of when they permit children to go out on bicycles at night without lights, especially on rainy nights, is difficult to make out. There is not much they can say in their own behalf when the gamble fails and a broken body is carried in.

—The Oregonian

Natal

L. R. Rutherford from St. Helens was here last week on business regarding the new Nehalem Valley-Apiary and Pittsburg-Seappoose roads.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tides have finished remodeling their house and have treated it to a coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsay and their guest Mrs. H. O'Hara were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap.

J. H. Miller, track watchman for Clark and Wilson, has moved his location from Oak Ranch to a point above the Jim Moran place.

Jake Neurer butchered a baby beef last week.

Ira Peterson is remodeling and enlarging his dairy barn to make room for young stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Osborn are painting the inside of their new house this week.

Mrs. H. O'Hara from Idaho arrived here several days ago to visit her cousins here. She is the daughter of Gus Peterson. She was born and spent her childhood days here at Natal and has many relatives here.

John McMullen has been sick for several days with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daggett and little Betty from Riverview were week end visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Otis Seal's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson, Mrs. Anna Osborn and Mrs. Hilda O'Hara spent Wednesday afternoon in Clatskanie.

Marian McMullen will be home from Portland after completing her beauty course, to spend her vacation here at her home.

The Natal school has adopted the winter hours for school, 30 minutes for lunch and dismissal at 3:30.

Mrs. J. W. Neurer has been ill for the past week and is now recovering.

Mrs. Melvin Chapman has been on the sick list this week.

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOTES DOWN ROAD LEVY

(Forest Grove News-Times) Special road tax of not to exceed two and one-half mills was voted down 170 to 73 in a poll taken Saturday following an open meeting in the circuit court room.

The proposed tax which would have raised \$51,980 for road purposes was requested to provide the county with funds to be used in supplying materials and equipment to cooperate with \$225,000 in labor on county roads from WPA.

While the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and voting on a road tax, it turned out to be largely a criticism of the New Deal methods of handling labor relief.

A straw vote poll taken at the meeting would have shown the New Deal lising out among representatives of the county outside of incorporated cities. At

least it would have found an emphatic sentiment opposed to matching WPA funds with local contributions, if the cooperation necessitates any direct tax.

Mist

Mrs. A. A. Dowling

Cecil and Clyde Lane spent a couple of days last week at Cannon Beach.

Mrs. Clarke Fenton is here from Silver Lake, Wash., visiting relatives and friends.

L. Wicksfrom was at home from Taft over the week end.

Shady Lane and John Ellis took a trip up through Banks and vicinity Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Wilcox was a week end guest of Miss Anne Banzer.

Mrs. Geneveve Parker and children were recent visitors from Wash. to her parents home, Mrs. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson.

Jim Spike has been a patient at the Astoria hospital for some time.

Charleen George is assisting with the house work at the Wm. Bridgers home, Miss Ethel Kelly having gone away.

L. E. McGee killed a baby beef last week.

"Red" Lane is helping with the work at the E. T. Wallace farm.

Otto Bittner has leased the land of Mrs. Marie Holmstrom's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith were over from Clatskanie and spent the week end at the Wm. Bridgers home.

Ralph George was at home recently on a ten day leave of absence from the U. S. Arizona.

Mrs. J. O. Libel spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. E. Reynolds.

Mrs. L. E. McGee has as her guest her sister, Mrs. Hattie Williams from Seattle.

A Buckley is boarding with the Ray Garlock family and working for Ed Birkenfeld.

Mrs. Ed. Reynolds has had as her house guest for the past two weeks Miss Cecilia Buckley from Calif.

Fred Paulus is driving the state truck, and boarding at the

Knowles home.

Walter Larson was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall at Cannon Beach.

Mrs. Ashby was a village visitor Monday.

Ed. Birkenfeld is building a new house up the Eastman road a mile, where he has logging operations that will furnish him and his crew work for an indefinite time.

Grover Devine spent the week end at his home in Banks. He boards with the Dowling family.

Claude Johnson has been down to Tillamook during the week. Mrs. Ray Mills and her mother-in-law were down Thursday shopping from Vernonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sundland were Portland business visitors Tuesday.

Austin Dowling was able to return to work Wednesday after a two weeks illness of a very severe cold.

Irving Knowles recently butchered a beef.

LODGES

A. F. & A. M.

Vernonia Lodge No. 184 A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple, Stated Communication First Thursday of each month. Special called meetings on all other Thursday nights, 7:30 p. m. Visitors most cordially welcome. Glen F. Hawkins, W. M. I. D. Macpherson, Sec.

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