

**COLUMBIA YIELDS BODY OF SPENCER**

(Rainier Review)  
The body of Jack Spencer, 24, who was drowned in the Columbia River April 30, was recovered by Peter Matheison near Warrior Rock lighthouse Monday. Matheison, rowing his skiff in search of driftwood, saw a hand protruding above the water. He raised it and found the body which he tied to the bank until Coroner White and Sheriff Weed were notified.

Positive identification was made by the deceased's father, who is general attorney for the Pacific Telephone Company, residing in Portland.

Spencer is supposed to have been drowned on April 30 at the junction of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. His boat was found drifting next day. A reward had been posted for recovery of his body.

Young Spencer was the son of Omar Spencer, formerly of Vernonia, and a grandson of Mrs. Sarah Spencer, noted Nehalem valley pioneer who died at her home here about five years ago.

**TELEPHONE INSTALLATION CHARGES SUSPENDED**

It is announced by the West Coast Telephone company that service connection charges and installation charges for telephone installations would be suspended for the period of June 14 to June 30, inclusive. This is in the nature of a telephone sale and is somewhat of an unusual occurrence.

During this period the charges which are usually made to cover the cost of installing and establishing telephone service will not be collected from subscribers making application for service during that period. Orders for telephone service qualifying for installation without service connection charges will not be accepted later than June 30. Orders placed before this date will

be installed without service connection charges regardless of whether the company can actually make installation of service before June 30.

The response which the company has received to these telephone sales on three previous occasions has indicated that the general public looks forward to these events. To assist prospective subscribers in obtaining telephone service, all telephone employees of the West Coast Telephone company are acting as telephone salesmen and will take any persons order for service during that period. All employees are prepared to answer questions concerning the details of the installation of service.

Installation charges will not only be suspended for this period on the installation of the first telephone in the house but they will also be suspended on the installation of convenient extension telephones.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY GETS HIGH RATE OF PAY IN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

A high rate of pay per acre was given Columbia county on the new agricultural conservation program. \$14.30 per acre was the rate given Columbia county, and this rate is among the seven high counties of the 36 in the state.

The number of acres up to 15 per cent shifted from soil depleting to soil conserving crops will be multiplied by \$15.30. For example, if a man had 20 acres in soil depleting crops last year and he shifted 15 per cent or three acres of this to soil conserving crops like clover, alfalfa, or a green manure crop to be turned under, in 1936, he would receive \$14.30 per acre on three acres or \$42.90 according to the county rate if his farm rate was equal to the county, as each farm will be given an individual productive rating. In addition to this, he would have an opportunity to receive a No. 2 payment

which is in most cases figured at the rate of \$2 per acre.

Those wishing to take advantage of the grants in the new government soil conservation program should make application for their farms now before the closing date, July 3. No contracts are required to be signed so a farmer does not bind himself to do a certain thing by contract but will be paid for a grant provided he follows out the soil building practice as specified by the government.

**"FREE LOT SCHEMES" OPERATING IN STATE**

"Winning a lot may mean losing a lot," says a warning issued today by the Portland Better Business Bureau, "especially when the building lot you have won is a narrow-chested 20-foot wide lot in an undesirable location in a new and undeveloped subdivision."

The Bureau reports indicates that these "free lot" rackets have recently become active again in Oregon, and states that promotions of this character have been investigated in the past and it has been ascertained that there is always some catch to the supposedly free offer.

According to the report, promoters usually obtain the names of prospects by handing out cards at large public gatherings, advertising, of course, that a drawing is to be held and prizes offered. Ordinarily all who turn in cards are notified that they have "won" but when they visit the property they find that the lot they have been awarded is only 18 to 20 feet wide and is in an undesirable location in the subdivision. When the winner indicates that he is not satisfied with the lot the salesman offers to trade him a lot in the "restricted district." This second piece of property will probably be found to be more satisfactory, but it is impossible to let anyone have a lot in that district less than fifty feet wide,

so it is necessary for the "winner" to buy an additional 25 feet of property for from \$300 to \$500 in order to secure his prize.

When the victim realizes what has happened he finds that he has paid a substantial price for a piece of property he probably would not have purchased under ordinary circumstances.

Portland Better Business Bur.

**WORK ON WOLF CREEK ROAD IS PROGRESSING**

(Hillsboro Argus)

Excavating in the large cut through which the Wolf Creek highway passes as it leaves the Canyon road a half mile west of Sylvan, is progressing as rapidly as a gang of trucks and shovellers can move the dirt. When the 10 to 12 feet of dirt overburden is removed, blasting will be necessary to bring the cut to grade through the rock.

The dirt and rock will be used to fill a deep canyon about a mile farther along the road west. Much of the grade has been completed and this section of the highway should be connected with the Barnes road by autumn, it is reported.

On the Sunset camp sector of the Wolf creek project, the crews have cleared 24 1/2 acres of the right-of-way and completed the grubbing of 17 acres. In addition, the crew operating power machinery has completed grading 89000 feet of temporary road. The camp is 75 per cent completed, according to K. E. Tillotson, resident engineer for WPA. The report shows 153 men employed.

Along the Wilson river right-of-way, 25,000 feet of excavating has been completed and 13,550 feet of temporary road graded. The crews have completed 61.5 acres of clearing and 39 acres of grubbing. A total of 387 men were on the payrolls in the various crews at the end of the week.

**LOCALS**

Kenneth White has purchased a new Ford truck, and Mrs. W. O. Porterfield, Mrs. Lulah Fullerton, M. E. Turkington and Ray Taylor recently purchased new Ford cars from the Crawford Motor Co.

Stanley Ovesen was hurt on the back and on the heel while unloading logs Tuesday at Clatskanie. He is in the Clatskanie general hospital, and is reported to be doing nicely.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING**

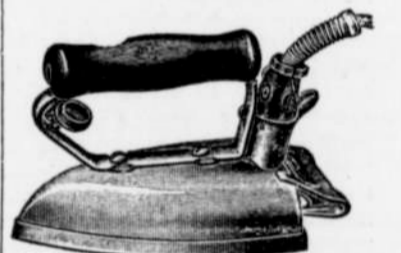
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School Dist. No. 1, Union High of Columbia County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at High School Bldg. in Vernonia; to begin at the hour of 2 to 7 o'clock P. M. on the fourth Monday of June, being the 22nd day of June, A. D. 1936.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for five years and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

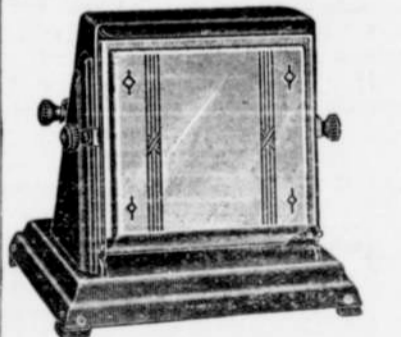
Dated this 6th day of June, 1936.

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