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## Electric Light Rate Reduction Is Now Effective

Object Is to Encourage Use of More Electricity by Lowering Rates for Quantity Consumers

Effective this month the Oregon Gas and Electric company with the consent of the public utilities commissioner of Oregon, puts into effect new rates on residential and commercial lighting.

After meeting with some of the business men of Vernonia and representatives of the public commissioner the company officials decided that if a reduction in rates was accompanied by an increase of use of electricity they would be justified in lowering their rates.

At the meetings it was clearly shown that the earnings of the company were entirely inadequate on their investment in Vernonia and did not justify a reduction in rates. However, they were willing to file a new rate schedule by which will permit of increased use of their service by their customers at a lower average cost per kilowatt hour.

The old rates will remain in effect for the small residential consumer, who uses less than the minimum, unless he elects to adopt the new rate, which he may do at any time, but having adopted the new rate must stay on it at least one year.

Under the new schedule the starting rate is 8 cents a kilowatt hour, dropping to 3 and 2 cents for quantity use. The minimum charge, however, is \$2.00. The old rates start at 12 cents, with a minimum of \$1.20, which may be retained by small consumers who choose to do so.

In discussing the new reduced rates Mr. Nichols said, "There rates were put into effect re-

## LICENSE EXAMINER UNABLE TO GET TO VERNONIA

Ice on the lower Columbia highway between Astoria and Clatskanie yesterday morning prevented R. J. Dooley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, from keeping his scheduled date in the local city hall.

## Five School Songs Chosen in Contest

Five songs set to various popular tunes were selected among a number of entries in a school song contest at the Washington grade school Thursday. Winners were Nora Vike, Barbara Nichols, Miss Condit's 6 - I class, Esther Williams and Letha Gaines jointly and Irene Valpiani. Judges were Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Marjorie Gray and Enoch Dumas. These songs were used at a basketball game Friday evening.

## COLD WEATHER PREVENTS GRADE SCHOOL SESSION

Inability to heat the Washington grade school in time for Monday's classes prevented use of the building that day, and the children were granted an unexpected holiday. No difficulty was experienced on other days.

Regardless of the low earnings of the company, with the hope that the increased consumption in electricity would increase the company's earnings.

"Similar rate reductions in other communities have been followed by increased use of electricity and it is the hope of the company that the same may prove true in Vernonia."

In commenting on the new rates Mayor Ben S. Owens remarked, "The company has been more than fair and certainly has treated the city fine." Councilman K. A. McNeill said, "Certainly sounds good to me."

## Moran to Resign As School Director

J. C. Moran, chairman of the grade school board, announced Tuesday in a long distance conversation with T. C. Graves, district clerk, his intention to resign from the board. For some time his duties in the state forestry department have kept him away from Vernonia, and he is now residing temporarily in Salem.

Action on the part of the local board awaits definite notification from County School Superintendent E. H. Condit that Mr. Moran's resignation has been filed with him. His successor will either be elected by local voters or appointed by the county superintendent, at the option of the other two directors. In either case the term of Mr. Moran's successor will end at the annual meeting next June.

A. P. Bays will automatically become chairman, and retain the position next school year.

## Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

### SEEN AND HEARD

A new smoke stack looming up on the city hall . . . Clarence Watts expressing the opinion that walking on slush is better than walking on ice because the slush indicates that the snow is on the way out . . . K. A. McNeill telling about the new baby boy . . . Thor Gronbeck declaring that he doesn't like baching while his wife is away on a trip to California . . . The two loud speakers on Kenneth White's truck wrapped up in the cold . . . The county snow plow coming home after a day's work on the mountain . . . Marjorie Holtham shoveling snow all up and down the block.

## Program for Soils Meeting Announced

The program for the Columbia county soils resources conference to be held in the Legion hall, Rainier, January 21 and 22 was announced this week by County Agent George A. Nelson.

There will be noon luncheon served by the Methodist ladies each day.

There are more than 30 distinct soil types on Columbia county farms and this conference will be devoted to the many problems relating to the management of these many soil types. The response of the different soil types to various management methods and to fertilizers, as well as crops, varies considerably. Many of these problems will be discussed in detail.

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## MARGARET SHOP IS SOLD TO MARY SCHMIDLIN

Miss Mary Schmidlin, who has been engaged in beauty shop work in Portland, purchased Saturday the Margaret Beauty shop from Margaret Powell. Miss Schmidlin took immediate possession.

The shop is located above the Hoffman hardware store.

## WPA Project for School Lunches To Start Monday

A WPA project for serving hot lunches to school children at nominal cost will be started Monday at the Washington and Lincoln schools. The school district will pay for the equipment, and the WPA will pay the wages of the women who do the work.

Arrangements have been made whereby the community chest board will pay the cost of the lunches of children whose parents are on relief, and also undernourished children from needy families. At least one hot dish will be provided each noon.

## Railroad Freight Service Now Daily

The S. P. & S. railway is now giving daily freight train service to Vernonia in place of the three day a week service operated for some time past. The train arrives in the evening and leaves in the morning, averaging 13 cars of lumber outward bound.

There is no service on Sunday.

F. M. Ruhl returned from Kansas Sunday morning.

Mrs. L. H. Dewey was a Portland visitor Monday.

Garland McGee, who operates a barber shop in Skinny's Card Room, is seriously ill.

## Vernonia Post Meeting Monday Is Enthusiastic

List of Activities for 1936 Surprises Even Some of Most Active Members of Unit

Vernonia Post 119 had a very enthusiastic and well attended meeting Monday night, Jan. 11. About 30 were in attendance.

The post voted to give \$25.00 to the inhalator fund after J. C. Lincoln reported the status of inhalator finances.

The commander, "Happy" Thompson, arranged a membership contest between Navy and Marines against Army, and if the post membership is raised to 100 members, the post will pay for dinner. If not, the side having least members will pay for the dinner.

A very fine report was turned in by the Christmas charity committee. Bert Tisdale and George Baker spoke on how successful the committee was in having the cooperation of the entire community. Mr. Baker spoke especially of how the teachers of the schools cooperated to make this the most successful Christmas Vernonia ever had.

A long list of post activities since Aug. 3, 1936 was read, which greatly surprised even some of the most active members. They were in part:

Vernonia post sent in the first 1937 members in the state; started program to purchase inhalator for city; continued to furnish ambulance service to city; sponsored Boy Scout movement; erected safety signs on highways; repainted bulletin board and put new names thereon; started school award at grade school; sponsored boxing and

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## Vernonia Loggers Achieve Brilliant Win over Beavers

The Vernonia Loggers made history on the local floor Tuesday night by dropping the Beaverton Beavers 30 to 4 without allowing a single field goal. Beaverton, one of the strong teams of Washington county, was unable to penetrate the tight zone defense of the Loggers, while the Loggers' offensive functioned smoothly to rattle the net for 30 points. The Vernonia boys using a new type of offense never before used here of alternately passing and rolling the ball on the floor to penetrate a zone defense baffled the Beavers as well as some of the fans.

The game started slowly with little scoring for several minutes, but the Loggers soon pulled away to lead at the end of the first

quarter 9 to 1. The score at the half was 15 to 3. Coming out for the second half the Loggers opened up with a fast breaking offense while holding the Beavers to a single goal shot.

All eight men on the squad were used by Coach McCrae with Storey and Adams leading the scoring parade.

The lineup was as follows:

Condit	(4) F (1)	Gibson
Storey	(12) F (1)	Karpenstein
Adams	(8) C	West
Schalock	G	Brown
Meeker	(4) G (2)	Iassacson
McDonald	(2) S	Barnes
Byers	S	Bixby
Thompson	S	Whiting

In a preliminary the B squad defeated the freshman team 34 to 7.

## Small Crowd Braves Cold To See Wrestling Match

### Carl P. Linn

Only a small crowd braved the cold to take in the wrestling at the Legion hall on Tuesday night.

Because of the inclement weather some of the contestants did not show up and some not until late so that Promoter Tisdale was about to call off the festivities. At this time Noel Franklin, Portland "meanie", Jack Hagen and Dilly Davis, three of the headliners arrived on the scene and agreed to go ahead with the Franklin-Hagen match with Davis for referee. The spectators being given their own choice as to how much "mazuma" to dig up to be allowed to witness the spectacle.

The match, a one hour or two of three fall affair, was a good

show from the start. Franklin dragged out his usual line of rough tactics with Hagen running a close second at hair pulling, ear chewing, etc.

Franklin took the first fall in 19 minutes 30 seconds with a body press after Hagen was groggy from too much rough treatment at the hands of the Portland ruffian.

Hagen came back strong and took the second in 17 minutes 10 seconds with a headlock forcing Franklin to pound the mat. After fifteen minutes more of rough going Davis awarded the third fall and the match to Hagen on a foul after Franklin persisted in using strangle holds and other unfair tactics.

Davis had the approval of the cash customers on the decision.