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### J. E. Tapp Named to City Post

**Former Councilman, Mayor in Harness Again; Succeeds McNeill in Office**

J. E. (Ed) Tapp, Vernonia fuel company owner, was appointed Monday evening by the Vernonia city council to succeed K. A. McNeill, resigned councilman.

Tapp, for a period of five years a councilman, for a year the city's chief executive, was again drafted into the city's officialdom following the resignation of the former councilman. He was present Monday evening at the meeting.

Mayor Ben S. Owens was ill Monday night and could not attend and the councilmen present rustled around hurriedly to get McNeill there in order to open the meeting and then seat Tapp. Councilman A. E. Adams chairman of the council, acted as presiding officer.

#### FIRE LIMITS LESS

An emergency ordinance, that of reducing the fire limits 100 feet each side of Bridge street to extend from Rose avenue to Washington, east and west, was given its three readings and then passed by the council. The change was made due to potential residential construction due for East Bridge street.

#### ASK SIGNS ON STREETS

An interesting bit of business revolved around the request of the ladies of the Home Economics club of the Vernonia Grange that the city council place street signs at intersections throughout the city.

The suggestion came in the form of a letter sent to the officials. Some discussion was heard concerning the suggestion but due to the stress of business, Councilman Stacey moved to table the point until next meeting. The councilmen seemed to favor, more or less, the idea, and will give the matter study in the ensuing time prior to the next meeting date.

Other regular business included a refund of a \$5 wine sale permit fee, reading of the minutes and minor details.

### Local Woman's Father Dies In Portland

**F. A. Nobes, 66, Passes Following Operation; Was Father of Mrs. R. D. Eby**

Funeral rites for Frederick A. Nobes, 66, father of Mrs. R. D. Eby of Vernonia were conducted yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from Finley's funeral home in Portland.

Mr. Nobes was recuperating in the Portland Sanitarium following a major operation when pneumonia complications forced a relapse and eventual death.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Eby attended the services yesterday. Mrs. Eby had been in Portland several times recently to be with her father during his period of illness. Death came unexpectedly.

Aside from the local woman, the deceased is survived by his widow, Portland; a brother and a sister.

#### Visits Ill Man

Mr. and Mrs. H. Forquer, Mrs. Curtis Haskew and Claude Knapp visited Mr. Haskew at the General hospital in Forest Grove Monday evening.

#### Goes To Portland

Dick Lynch was a business visitor in Portland Monday.

#### In St. Helens

Leo Ludwig spent Monday in St. Helens transacting business.

### FATHER OF FIRST BABY IN 1938 LAYS CLAIM TO AWARDS

A. A. Woolsey, father of John Henry Woolsey, winner of the First Annual Baby Derby in Vernonia and vicinity, formally laid claim to the long list of awards this week when he called at The Eagle office with his official credentials. He said that Mrs. Woolsey was "doing fine" but little John Henry, at that time in the Doernbecher hospital in Portland, was not so well. Hopes, however, for the derby winner were optimistic and it was felt that he would "pull through" okeh. The awards due Mr. and Mrs. Woolsey will be given them sometime this weekend as soon as The Eagle management can conveniently "make the rounds" and contact the participating merchants. John Henry is the second son for the winning parents, Albert Franklin, 5, being the first.

### Announce Affiliation With CIO

**Local Bartenders, Culinary Workers Join Portland Parent Organization**

Officials of the local CIO organization announced yesterday that with one exception all local restaurants and taverns had accepted CIO affiliation. An organization committee from Portland recently contacted the local businesses and returned this week to complete its work.

The local people are now affiliated with the Culinary Workers and Bartenders Union No. 636, Portland.

The local cafes and taverns have, in the past, been affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

### Insurance Crews to Be Here 3 Days

**Former Bank Building to Be Scene of Operations for Time Being, Announced**

The registration crew, under the Oregon State Employment Service, and which is registering unemployed men for job insurance payments, will probably be in Vernonia three days each week until the local situation is cleared, Richard Buschman, interviewer, announced Wednesday.

The crew will take registrations and applications for the insurance at the former bank building on East Bridge street, it was said. If the bank building is not available, the post office will be used, the official said.

It is expected that the crew will be here Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, until further notice. Those registered are invited to call at the office for information, if they care, Buschman said.

#### Entertainment Due

Another of the enjoyable National School Assemblies is due for Vernonia Tuesday, January 25, at 2:30 p. m. in the Washington grade school auditorium. "Orendo, the Magician" is the next event billed for the local stage. Periodically, the programs are brought here and local persons are invited to attend. A small admission price is charged at the door. High school and grade students are assembled in the auditorium to see and hear the entertainments.

#### Go To Portland

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roediger were in Portland last Thursday on business.

### Church to Burn Debts Sunday

**Importance of Sunday Eve Service Stressed by Rev. W. O. Livingstone**

What will probably linger long in the life of the Vernonia Christian church as one of its most important and impressive services is slated Sunday night when the church debts, including a mortgage and notes covering the amount, will be lighted and allowed to dwindle into air.

Rev. W. O. Livingstone, pastor, in making the announcement yesterday of the debt-burning ceremony at the church Sunday evening said it was expected that George Stankey and J. W. Skinner, of this community, and Dr. M. D. Cole, Longview, signers of the notes and mortgage, as trustees of the church at the time the indebtedness was contracted, would be present and be seated on the platform. "It will be an evening of great rejoicing for these men, I know," said the pastor.

Another feature of the service was outlined in the announcement. All charter members of the local organization who can find it convenient and will be present and will be given a place of honor on the program and be seated on the platform during the service. Special music is also planned for the evening.

### Inspector of Wardens Dies Suddenly

**Victor Olson, 54, Ill but Short While; Was Resident of Pittsburg**

Friends of Victor Olson, 54, inspector of fire wardens for this district, were shocked to learn Monday morning of his death early that morning.

Mr. Olson, residing at the time of his death at the Pittsburg forest station, had apparently been in good health. He contracted what he believed to be a minor stomach ailment which forced periodic vomiting spells but he disposed of his plight lightly. Monday morning he arose from his bed, after an attack, and made his way to the front room of his home to rest in a chair for a time.

Shortly thereafter he died, family members finding him sprawled on the floor nearby. A blood clot on his heart was attributed as the cause.

Funeral services were held at Astoria. He formerly resided at Mayger.

#### St. Helenites Here

Dr. E. C. Dalton, Columbia county chairman for the program which is cooperating to establish the infantile paralysis foundation, in conjunction with the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday; William Russell, a committeeman; and Edison I. Ballah, a second committeeman, were in Vernonia Saturday arranging for the ball here, the net proceeds of which will go as a part of this county's quota in the foundation work. Emil Messing, postmaster, is local chairman, acting in the place of Mayor Ben S. Owens, originally named.

#### Attend Birthday Party

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Knapp called on friends in Trenholm, Houlton, St. Helens and Portland Saturday and attended a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson of Fairview, Oregon, Sunday.

### School Children of Vernonia To Be Tested for Tuberculosis

The Mantoux skin test to determine presence of tuberculosis in the bodies of Vernonia school children, from the first to the senior grades, will be given Tuesday, January 25, according to an announcement this week by Miss Nettie Alley, county health nurse.

To clear several misconceptions which may have arisen concerning the test which is being offered to the children, Miss Alley issued the following statement:

"In the first place the Mantoux test is not injurious to the person tested. It will not keep any child from school and there is no 'hurt' excepting the sensation of a slight sting as the testing fluid is placed beneath the skin.

"A positive tuberculin test in a child need cause no worry. It does not mean that the child is diseased, but it does mean that he should be examined by the doctor and have his chest X-rayed. This helps to find out if the germs have done any damage and, if so, how much.

A positive test is like a red light, which is not dangerous in itself but warns us to look carefully for danger.

"Tuberculosis is a serious disease. Each day it kills 200 persons in the United States," the nurse went on, "and for each person who dies there are at least nine others who are ill.

"It is much better not to wait to have your child tested until you believe he needs the test because if you put things off until the child appears ill you may have missed an opportunity to have arrested that sickness, or a chance to have kept him well," the nurse concluded.

The Mantoux tests here are sponsored by the Columbia County Tuberculosis Association and are financed through the sale of the Christmas Seals at the Yule time. If there appear any questions as to the test, parents are invited to call their child's instructor, or the principal of the school attended by the child.

### OCF Unit Is Planned for Vernonia

**Mass Meeting Scheduled This Evening for Grade School at 8 p. m.**

The first step in the organization of a unit of the Oregon Commonwealth Federation is planned here tonight when a mass meeting of interested citizens will be held at the Washington grade school auditorium.

A discussion of current political issues by Dr. Shattuck of Portland is planned. He is to be assisted during the program by Monroe Sweetland, secretary of the state group, and Peter Zimmerman, well known state figure.

The meeting starts at 8 p. m. The committee in charge announced that motion pictures covering the bombing of Shanghai, presented by "Oregon Friends of China" will be shown during the meeting. The public is invited.

### Notables Angle Here Wednesday

**L. G. Skaggs, F. M. Stokes Of Portland Have Good Luck at Keasey, Reported**

Indicating the far-flung fame of Vernonia and its nearness to productive angling waters, C. S. Hoffman and Ross Duncan played host Wednesday to L. G. Skaggs and F. M. Stokes, prominent Portland men, during a fishing excursion to the "white water" of Rock creek near Keasey.

Skaggs is the former chain grocery owner and Stokes is a well known architect, having done considerable work on the new state-house and having been credited with the scheming for the Washington grade school here.

The local men called the two in Portland Tuesday instructing them of the favorable conditions and they arrived here early Wednesday morning to spend the day in the out-of-doors near here. Several tealhead were caught by the party, Duncan getting three.

#### Submits To Operation

Mrs. Iver Anderson, a former resident of Vernonia, underwent a major operation last Friday at the General Hospital in Forest Grove. Mrs. Anderson is slowly improving and friends may visit her the last of this week.

### Petition to Legalize Slot Machines

**Portland Men Back Plan to Give Governmental Agencies Cut of Profits**

Petitions appeared here yesterday calling for a constitutional amendment to legalize certain lotteries and other gambling devices, including pinball machines, horse and dog racing and punch boards. The petition included the names of seven Portland people as initiators and states the proposed amendment provides for licensing of the devices. It also provides for the distribution of license taxes as follows: 40 percent to municipalities, 10 percent public fairs and exhibitions, the remainder for old age security and other purposes provided by law.

### 100 Attend Legion Meet Here Monday

**Visitors From Several Communities Near Enjoy Festivities of Post**

Representatives of the Legion and Auxiliary from Banks, Gresham, Mist and Birkenfeld were present Monday night at a meeting at the local hall which featured the attendance of 100 persons.

Commander Cop of the Banks Post introduced members from Banks. Guy Bellingham of Birkenfeld introduced his community's representatives. Clyde Harman spoke briefly and invited local Legionnaires to the next Legion session at Clatskanie.

An enjoyable feature was "initiation" given the new hall kitchen by the Auxiliary ladies who served the refreshments Monday night.

The announcement that a court of honor for Boy Scouts would be held at the Legion hall February 7 was made. Visitors, including parents and friends of the scouts, are invited to attend the session, it was reported.

The senior Rifle club selected Tuesday nights for practice on the indoor range and Friday nights were taken by the Juniors.

#### Banks People Here

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eberly and sons, "Fat" and Ronny, of Banks, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in Vernonia with Mrs. Eberly's sister, Mrs. Harry H. Williams, and family, Mr. Williams and children, Arthur and Esther.

### Diesel Advocates Give Data

**Cost Estimates Submitted to Council Members Following Session Mon. Night**

The initial broadside in the city council's proposed Diesel power plant for Vernonia was fired Monday night following the formal council session in the city chambers when representatives of two large machinery manufacturers appeared and presented general figures in the plan which would give the municipality its own electrical manufacturing and distribution business.

Though the city has been planning for some time concerning the power issue, this is the first time that any company's representatives have been present to unfold information.

The power issue was discussed before the council following the regularly adjourned meeting. Word of the session had filtered out and several interested persons were present.

#### TWO FIRMS REPRESENTED

Included in the speakers at the informal discussion were G. G. Hall, former city and county engineer, representing the Caterpillar firm of Portland; and W. J. H. Vossbrinck, Seattle, representing the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.

There were no specific figures presented by either of the two companies' men. The discussion revolved for the larger part about generalities of operation and construction, together with the figures gathered by the council in a city-wide survey of power use and individual power bills.

#### NOVEMBER USAGE \$2,200

Figures presented by the Caterpillar representative were based on an estimated \$2,200 gross revenue within the Vernonia city limits in November.

From the estimate informally presented, for the council's consideration, the equipment needed to generate power enough to adequately serve the city would cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000 or \$50,000.

Construction of power lines and setting of poles, including transformers, would be close to \$20,000. The estimate intimated that four persons would be needed to operate the plant. Salary of the manager was set at \$150; three assistants, including two outside men, was set at \$325 total for the group.

#### TO GET DETAILS

Vossbrinck told the council members that he would compile for them a detailed statement of costs, covering all phases, and then include the manner of payment. It was said that the proceeds of the municipal plant would be able to pay for the investment in from eight to ten years, based on the city's findings on gross revenue for the month of November.

#### WOULD BOND CITY

If the plan is completely devised, a bond election would be held to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds the proceeds of which would be used to pay for the municipal plant. Lower power rates for the incorporation is the basis of the council's plan to gain the findings and possibilities of Diesel generated power, it was said.

The power issue, it was generally admitted, will form the nucleus for one of the most interesting city-wide discussions in many years, and should the point go so far as a bond election, still more interest is anticipated, the meeting indicated.

#### McNeills Move

The household belongings of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. McNeill were moved Wednesday to Portland by the Cason transfer and truck company. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill plan to go to Portland this week end to reside there. McNeill recently disposed of his drug business here to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nance.

#### New Books Here

Miss Edna Owen, librarian, said yesterday that four new fiction books were available at the local book lending station. They are: "The Crystal Tree" by Louise Platt Hauck, "The Eleventh Hour" by J. S. Fletcher, "Mountain Men" by Jackson Gregory and "The Moon's Our Home" by Faith Baldwin.