

## Vernonia Eagle

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## EDITORIALS

### WE'VE WAITED

Brought to our attention this week, for the third time since the highway department promised safeguards on the O-A. hill at the east limits of Vernonia, was the danger lurking there to pedestrian travel.

Some time back, you'll recall, a delegation of local business men met in Portland with the Oregon State Highway Commission and requested the erection of safeguards along the route. This was promised. To date, however, nothing has been done and some fear is being expressed that before action comes, someone may be injured.

And while we're on the subject, the suggestion has been made that more care should be taken by motorists using the same route near the Washington school. Just last week, again, a small 7-year old girl, running across the street, slipped and fell in front of a passing car. She did not suffer bodily injury but was frightened beyond words.

Perhaps a return to the plan which was worked out here once before, that of warning motorists to come to a complete stop 100 feet on each side of the school would not be amiss. Erection of signs on which would be lettered the "Stop" would be much more reasonable in cost than the sacrifice of a little life.

After all, human life is not . . . cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents.

### GIVE THE MAN FRIED CHICKEN

The recent newspaper strike in Portland brought home to many the important niche held in everyday life by the newspaper, whether it be a daily or a weekly.

The dissemination of news was practically at a standstill for six days and people were almost panicky for details, the basis of which they heard over the radio or by word of mouth. Many times we are prone to criticize and utter harsh or unkind statements about this or that publication, but have it eliminated completely from one's daily or weekly library and listen to the rashness on the contrary or watch a worm turn.

While the strike, of course, did not affect us in the office, to such a great extent as it might, due to our subscribing for several dailies on the coast, there were hundreds, yes thousands, who read nothing of a current nature during that time. One-hundred years ago the situation . . . being without a daily for six days . . . would not have been so bad; but with all people thoroughly acquainted with the suddenness and thoroughness of news gathering agencies in this day and age there was a binding aspect to the entire deal. Perhaps more appreciation will be expressed for the newspaper, at least for a few weeks.

Our only comment, as the strike ended, and the sighs of relief were heard here and there, was that in place of our good customers, whom we try to sell either advertising or commercial printing each few days, saying: "Good Lord, that newspaper man's here again!" they'd say to us: "Well, glad to see you. Ma! That newspaper guy's here again. Put on another skillet and warm up that southern fried chicken. Darned if I ever realized how important a newspaper bird was, anyway!"

### CONSULT YOUR DAILY, ETC.

The customary signature to the multiple news broadcasts over the ether waves is: "Please consult your daily paper for additional details."

What's a fellow to do when he hasn't a daily? There's a question that many Vernoniaites were asking each other following the strike of the typographers on the three Portland daily sheets.

One gets a bit disgusted at the termination of a breezy broadcast about the happenings of the day when he is instructed to look into the columns of his daily for the rest of the facts and then the daily fails to come.

As far as we are able to ascertain, at this writing, The Eagle staff will be intact next week and while you may swelter for lack of daily happenings, in ink, over the state and nation, you'll get the choice morsels of local gossip via the hometown newspaper office and press.

One may laugh, of course, all he wishes, and belittle the country weekly, but the fact remains that this week's edition is much, much larger, and contains far more reading material than all three of the Portland metropolitan dailies combined contained for a week not long ago.

Many persons make such speed motoring that one wonders if they are really in a hurry, or just taking a short cut to Heaven.

### CLEANLINESS

There is an old saying: Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

Many cities in this state, as well as neighboring states, have passed ordinances requiring food handlers in taverns, cafes and grocery establishments to pass; at stated intervals, health inspections.

Most of the towns instruct their health officer to make the examination and issue clean bills of health to these persons upon whose shoulders rest much of the responsibility of healthful and clean food.

The cost to the individual is usually around 25 cents each period, and oftentimes the city cares for the examination and health card issuance by its regular stipend to its health officer. Many states of the nation have now adopted laws governing this topic and reports are not alone encouraging but prove a lowering of disease spread.

With so many persons now engaged in the culinary art, the plan of regular health exams is spreading.

### CLOSER AND CLOSER

With ears wide open, hope kindled and with a prayer on our lips we've listened to radio broadcasts and read in the daily news of the reopening of mills and logging camps spotted over the Northwest.

Just this morning (as this is written) we heard a news broadcast which directly affected operations close to this community. Appearances indicate that gradual ironing out of labor difficulties seems to be the order of the day. With the passing of each 24-hour period more men seem to be able to return to their accustomed places in the industry which is so close to Vernonia's life blood.

It is our fervent wish that every man not now employed through some difficulty or misunderstanding in industrial and labor circles, or every man partially employed and who could be totally employed, may soon jauntily make his way back to the mill or forest, whichever may be the case.

### HOW DID YOU KNOW?

Recalling the issue of two weeks back, you may have noticed that we anticipated the Portland newspaper strike by placing a small classified in the want ad columns which stated that we had bundles of old newspapers to sell for 10 cents each.

Come the following Saturday (next day) the stream of bulky dailies ceased and firebuilders were beginning to look for their hole card. Of course, the ad in the Eagle. "We'll rush down and spend a dime with the boys, and by the time the bundle is used up the strike will be over."

Honestly, we had no idea the Portland typographers would strike. We merely had the old paper and didn't want to burn the stuff up so we wrapped it up and figured our time at a dime a shot. But we're out now. However, the strike has taught us a lesson. We're saving every envelope, every piece of scrap and every exchange. We'll clean up if ever another daily strike happens along.

We've a suggestion, however, to offer our friends. To offset the probability of another fire-building famine, the next time you drop in at your local store, grocery, hardware, drug or what-have-you, drop the hint that perhaps the dealer would do better if he advertised in The Eagle.

With enough pressure and cooperation from our readers (we wouldn't want our advertisers to read this) we can build up The Eagle to an all-week paper and aside from the reading that might be found in on publication day, by careful planning and budgeting of the paper contained therein, you may be able to stretch it over from Friday to Friday.

Just an idea. May not be worth a cent.

### IN PORTLAND SHOPPING

We realize we sometimes write to the limits of boredom but we want ourself clarified on certain points and a typewriter plus a warped editorial brain makes for about the only way we can get our point across. For instance:

We'll venture that many in this vicinity have wondered, after telephoning or handing in items to us, why they were changed from: "Mr. and Mrs. Snifflepuss spent the past weekend in Portland shopping," to "Mr. and Mrs. Snifflepuss were in Portland the past weekend transacting business."

We'll tell you why: We deplore the fact that our readers feel they must go to Portland to shop so we ease the sting of the item in the Eagle columns by substituting the word "business." We're so dad-gum busy we can't get into Portland and darned if we haven't been able to find about everything we need right here in Vernonia!

### WHEW-W-W!

Increased burning of the midnight oil at The Eagle office has prompted the management to suggest to correspondents, including schools and others, that unless copy is in the office by 4 p. m. Tuesday afternoon, it cannot be guaranteed publication the same week.

After all, we write nearly 80 per cent of the copy for The Eagle each week and in order to give important day by day coverage, as well as last minute important news its deserved spot in the columns we must establish some rule. Do not think us harsh but the wife is a bit perturbed at our consistent "nights at the office" . . . and sometimes we fail to hear the telephone when she calls us.

You know how it is! Remember . . . Tuesday afternoon.

We have to laugh at the stories concerning the danger foreign correspondents are submitted to in the war zones. These reporters are smart, and they know it! At home they might be expected to cover society news and that's dynamite with no chance for cover.

When the Federal Housing Administration steps up and tells us that the department will loan money with which to construct our trailer for weekend angling trips, then we'll borrow a little cash from Uncle Sam.

## Eagle Items Of Other Years

### 5 YEARS AGO—

Lee Schwab, former editor of the Eagle has been appointed editor of the Dufur Dispatch, newspaper recently purchased by Mark E. and Roger W. Moe.

The yearly meeting of the Natal Telephone company was held January 18, with the following officers being elected: Frank Peterson, president; Lincoln Peterson, secretary; Jake Neurer, Reed Holding, Lee Osborn, and Dave McMullen, directors. Their term of service lasted for the entire year.

Small damage has been reported from the heavy recent snowfall. The Clark and Wilson camp has been forced to shut down for a time. The snow depth at Camp 10 was reported at 20 inches.

### 10 YEARS AGO—

The Chamber of Commerce at its recent meeting, the first of the year, has set its membership at 300 for the coming year, according to R. M. Aldrich. The past year has been most successful with the Chamber being active in many fields.

The Parent-Teacher association at its last meeting decided to furnish the high school with current magazines.

Vernonia high school basketball team has come into second place in the Columbia county league through the win of its last game this week end with the Rainier team.

### 15 YEARS AGO—

Dunlap and Messing, contractors for the new Throop building have the construction work nearly completed. It is the largest business building in town.

A new contracting company is being organized, probably to be known as the Vernonia Contracting company. Its members are Fred Overson, C. A. Mills, and C. U. Enstrom.

Work of digging holes for the Vernonia Light and Power poles is progressing in town.

## What Other Editors Think

### A CRACKPOT STUNT—

One of the wierdest things yet to come out of the Chinese-Japanese war is the futile and fatal attempt of two young Canadians to blow up a Japanese munitions ship in Seattle harbor. Only the most reckless and fanatical crackpot would have tried it. If successful, the stunt would not have hurt Japan seriously, would probably have killed innocent citizens and would have plunged both England and the United States into a serious crisis in relations with Japan, just at a time when our government, and England's too, is trying the

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utmost to maintain peace.

Such half-crazy private attempts to punish a nation for real or fancied wrongs can cause a good deal of trouble. John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, Virginia, in 1859 was a stunt of the same kind and it had its share in leading to the American civil war. The lesson provided by these two rash Canadians should be a lesson to any other individuals who might feel called upon to right the wrongs of China or Ethiopia or any other down-trodden nation.—Astorian Budget.

### TRADE AT HOME—

So much has been written and said, asking the buying public to trade at home. From St. Helens to Podunk the plea is "trade at home."

But the plea in itself is not sufficient incentive to entice Mr. and Mrs. John Public to buy merchandise from local stores. So many other things have to be taken into consideration—and most of these call for outlay of a good deal of money on the part of merchants.

A community, its business districts and residential districts, must be made attractive, modernized. Streets and sidewalks must be in good condition. Civic landscaping should be considered.

St. Helens has come a long way in recent years so far as civic improvements are concerned. Sidewalks and streets are being improved. But it all calls for money—lots of it.

Merchants who invest thousands of dollars in construction and improvement are investing in the future of St. Helens. Naturally they want pretty good security for these big sums of money. They want local patronage and support. They need local patronage and support to aid them in making St. Helens busy, prosperous and happy.

Let's all carry the torch for the local business man. Through our cooperation he will be able to help make the community modern and attractive. It's not hard to see that supporting local enterprise will be beneficial to merchant and buyer alike.—St. Helens Sentinel-Mist.

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## C. I. O. PREXY RUNS INTO BAD SITUATION

Via Ennis, well known Vernonia man, president of the CIO local here, may be a swell fisherman in some parts but a 2-day fishing trip this week which took him to Keasbey resulted in a well-organized boycott by the steelhead. Prior to his arrival there the fish had gathered at Jittery Hole, according to the local union official, and had organized to such an extent that they had practically formed a picket line around his hook and failed to let in a single associate. The president is convinced that organization, whether it be among men or fish, pays . . . at least it paid the fish during the 2-day sojourn. He says he's going to find an AFL card and pin it on his chest next time. "Just a try," he said, "to see how it would work."

### Officer, Wife Here—

Lieutenant John J. Taggart, Mrs. Taggart and their daughter, Nancy, spent the week end in Vernonia visiting with Mrs. Taggart's mother, Mrs. Zelma Bush. Monday Lieutenant Taggart and Mrs. Bush motored to Portland for the day. The officer is stationed at Camp Nehalem, near Tillamook.

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