

Army Men Due in City August 1

Topographical Work to Get Vernonia 26 Added Population to Dec. 1

A total of 26 regular U. S. Army engineers, all connected with the 29th Engineers, the only outfit of its type in the entire army department, will shortly arrive in Vernonia to work here until December 1, The Eagle learned this week.

Lieutenant Eschbach, in charge of the work to be done here, was in the community this week and made arrangements to billet his men at the American Legion hall. The men will eat, sleep at the hall, plans now being underway to rearrange the facilities of the building.

Work to be done will cover 120 miles of quadrangles, it was said, and will take the men over all of the territory jutting out from here in all directions for from 12 to 40 miles. Almost each inch of ground will be mapped by the men, it was believed, when the type of work done by them was described.

The 26 army engineers will work here three months, completing their work December 1, and taking one intervening month away from the locality.

C. F. Hieber New City Treasurer

Former Recorder, Local Insurance Man Appointed at Special Meeting

Though not ordinarily appointed in such a speedy fashion, stress of Vernonia city business during the past week necessitated an almost immediate naming of a city treasurer to succeed the late J. W. Brown, it developed this week.

As a result of the urgency, a special council session was called Friday evening at the city hall and C. F. Hieber, well known Vernonia insurance and real estate man, was named to the position.

Mr. Hieber, known to many here as "Judge", served the city for a period of six years as recorder. Councilmen making the appointment said they believed the appointee had an excellent working knowledge of the city records and books and that little time would be lost, though the death of the treasurer dealt a severe blow to the governing body.

Mr. Brown was extremely interested in his work as treasurer, the councilmen said, and was of a most cooperative sort.

Death Takes Director off Grade Board

People Have 30 Days in Which to Elect; Superintendent May Name

The hand of Death changed the complexion of the grade school directorate this week when J. W. Brown was taken from the group.

Ed Condit, grade principal, said this week that the voters of the district can meet and elect a director to replace Mr. Brown. This must be done, according to state law, within 30 days.

If 30 days pass without any election action, the principal said, the county school superintendent shall then appoint, the information shows.

It was believed that a meeting of the grade school district voters would be called and another director named by popular acclaim rather than awaiting the appointment.

The board is composed of Ted Keasey, recently elected; Glenn Hawkins, both as members, and Mrs. F. K. Hammack as clerk.

BARONS TAKE WILARK—

Les Kerns' Beer Barons maintained their winning streak last night at the city park diamond when they took the Wilark nine 9-6 in a 7-inning fracas. Stan Parker did the hurling for the Barons.

Kerns' team has been defeated but once during the second half and the defeat came at the hands of the flashy Wolf Creek nine.

Ed Tapp Is New Legion Commander

Local Fuel Company Owner Gets Coveted Office; Jarvis Assistant

J. Ed Tapp, well known Vernonia fuel dealer and recently appointed councilman, was elected commander of the Vernonia American Legion Post the past week at the regular election held here.

Commander Tapp succeeds J. C. (Abe) Lincoln in the post. Clare Jarvis, Union Oil Co. manager here, was elected vice-commander. Arthur Tousley was elected chaplain.

J. L. Timmons will serve as sergeant-at-arms. Harry Culbertson as finance officer, J. W. Nichols as historian, Fred Zeiner and John Luther as executive committeemen.

A. L. Kullander, Commander Tapp and Harry Culbertson were named delegates to the state convention to be held in Pendleton in September.

J. W. Nichols was reappointed post adjutant by the commander.

Members feel, after checking the annual report form, that they will have been able to show much progress during the past year. The report is submitted soon to state officials.

Privies to Be Built By WPA

Outhouses Available Through Local Project; To Start August 1

Don't even smile! But Vernonia's newest manufacturing venture gets under way here Monday, August 1, when a half-dozen or more men will begin the construction of as many privies—sanitary pit type—as residents of the area will pay for at approximately \$16 each.

The project is under the direct supervision of the WPA and the local supervisor is to be selected from the group. Maurice Cotta, Portland, with the state department of health, is directly responsible for the project.

The attractive buildings, for use on farms or at residences not now served by sewage systems or by sanitary outhouses, will be constructed in the old building directly south of the Scott Studio. The concrete moulds arrived this week

Safeway Is Remodeling Store Front

Open Plan to Be Vogue for Vernonia Establishment; New Rack Planned

The Vernonia Safeway store is remodeling its arrangement from several of the more recently established open front stores, Gerald Horn, local manager, announced this week.

A crew of carpenters has been busy this week tearing away the old front and making way for the new sliding-door, open front. The entire east half of the store will be thrown open and a new, metal, sprinkler-type vegetable rack is to be installed at the front of the store on the west side. Change in the shape of the front along the west front is planned.

The change will allow the store four feet of display space at the extreme front and give more room for customers.

The change is the first of a series planned for the establishment. Mr. Slater, district manager, pointed out.

The Angler Lies

The angler lies in wait with hook and line and rod and reel, and perhaps at night he brings the cook a bullhead or an eel.

The angler lies forever at the mercy of the skeeters, of stinging fly and biting gnat and other blood depleters.

The anglers lies, but we surmise that this is idle chat, we'll merely say, "The Angler Lies," and let it go at that.

and lumber for use in the little "bungalows" is being delivered today.

The entire process, concrete and construction, will be done at the local shop and the houses made ready for installation by the WPA crew.

It was understood that farmers of the areas, or urban residents, interested in obtaining one of the sanitary privies, could place their orders for almost immediate delivery.

The privies are described as fly-proof and sanitary, with the pit portion composed of concrete. Plans call for substantial building and good materials. No charge is made for labor, the federal agency furnishing that much of the project. Materials, alone, constitute the average cost, it was said.

Clark and Wilson to Work Today

Skidder and "Cats" Start on East Side of Nehalem; No High Lead Slated

Indication that fire danger in the woods has decreased to some extent this week was evidenced late yesterday when Frank Baker, Clark & Wilson logging operation superintendent, announced that the skidder and tractors on the east side of the Nehalem river would be back at work this morning.

Crews thus affected were notified and the operation will go ahead. No action on the west side, however, was promised by the official.

Mr. Baker said that no high leads would be in operation for some time, or until the fire danger had been eliminated through a change in weather and humidity conditions.

The work order affects several Vernonia families and is heralded as good news in Vernonia.

Bill Heath Opening His Station Sat.

Three Departments Incorporated in New Structure; To Present Awards

Bill Heath announces the grand opening of his service station for Saturday in this issue of The Eagle.

The opening will be featured by the awarding of many valuable prizes, including a tire, tubes, sporting goods and free gifts for the "kids", he says. The prizes will be given away at a public drawing to be held Saturday evening at 8:30 at the station.

Every person in Vernonia, Riverview and surrounding area is invited to write his or her name on a slip and deposit in a barrel at the station between now and Saturday evening. The formal drawing will divulge the names of the winners. Merchandise of a substantial value to be given away, he said. Favors for the children are en route here now.

The new station, constructed under the supervision of C. I. Anderson, Riverview contractor, was completed this week following the painting by the Signal Oil Co. Three departments are incorporated in the structure—the lubrication store room and work shop, the main display room and the electric hoist

450 Acres Old, Second Growth Fir Taken in Hoffman Lookout Fire

BIG CREEK CONFLAGRATION CONTROLLED BUT STILL BURNING LUSTILY, REPORTED; EXPERIMENTAL GRASS PLOT HALF-BURNED IN FIRE; STRICT FOREST RULES STILL IN FORCE

"Jim" Brown Rites Held Saturday

Brief, but Impressive Funeral Service Conducted from Own Chapel

Vernonia and community paid tribute Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to James W. (Jim) Brown, the community's mortician, a merchant, and public servant when citizens gathered to overflowing proportions at his own funeral chapel to hear Rev. Harvey R. Scheuerman, Evangelical pastor, offer the last readings and console surviving family members.

Apparently in excellent health, and planning a vacation for him and Mrs. Brown but the day before, Mr. Brown had risen about 4 a. m. July 21, and then laid down on a davenport in the front room of the Brown apartment in the second floor of the funeral home.

Mrs. Brown said she heard an unusual noise and shortly went to investigate. She found her husband, apparently asleep, on the davenport. Failing to rouse him, however, she called W. J. Armitage who, in turn, summoned a physician. Mr. Brown was pronounced dead. It was believed that he passed while sleeping in the early hours.

The remains were kept in Vernonia and a friend of the family, a mortician of Forest Grove, called. Interment was in the Lincoln Memorial mausoleum in Portland near the remains of a son who had passed away prior.

The deceased had been a prominent merchant in Vernonia for over (Continued on Page 2, Section 2)

shelter. One of the features of the new equipment is the electric hoist installed at a cost of nearly \$400.

Accessories and sporting goods will be the two major items to be carried by the station, aside from the gas and oil, Mr. Heath said, but a stock of candy, smokes and miscellaneous items will be kept for accommodation of customers.

Many stretches of cutover and first growth timber land in this area were barren this week, of vegetation as well as human users, it was reported from the Pittsburg fire station.

About the only human element using the forests now in this area is the firefighter who uses the wooded stretches under protest and adverse conditions.

The week's greatest fire within the Vernonia area occurred early in the week when a small fire thought to have been started from a carelessly thrown cigarette grew to uncontrolled heights in the Hoffman Lookout district, southeast of the town. The blaze originated along the road to the station but spread to both sides, taking the easier path, however, just ahead of a west wind.

Starting about 2 a. m. Friday, the blaze burned over 50 acres at 9 a. m. and then, with its near mile-wide front, started in a business-like fashion to lay low the underbrush and timber in the area.

Fire officials said the blaze covered more than 450 acres. Several small farms were menaced during the blaze. Camp Reehers CCC men were called as were several crews of Vernonia men. Damage to the standing first and second growth timber was not estimated. The blaze extended from the Hoffman road to the Bacon-Buxton road.

At Big creek, near Birkenfeld, where one of the state's largest blazes has been damaging second growth and vegetation, an area estimated at 5,000 acres had been lain low.

Over half of the seeded 800 acres of the Northup Creek Range Experiment Station had been destroyed. One particular plot, seeded with an Australian grass, and valued highly by Herb Hoowell, supervisor, was destroyed during the week. The fire has given trouble to fighters all week and much worry to officials in charge. Spot fires have been a menace, the report states.

However, with large crews working on the fires, it was expected that all would be on the "mopped up" list or nearly so, barring unforeseen fires in other areas. Extreme fire weather maintained during the week.

Area Gets Hottest Day Thursday

Old Sol Leaps All Barriers to Soar to 106 at 3:30 in Afternoon

With 103 registered by The Eagle's weather bureau thermometer last Wednesday, July 20, and with residents sweltering under the warm sun, but thankful for a light breeze to freshen the air, Old Sol wasn't satisfied and shoved the mercury up three more notches the next day to 106.

Many old timers hereabouts declared that they believed that the warmest registered temperature in these parts for many, many years, perhaps ever.

A light west wind, however, kept the direct rays of the sun from feeling too severe during the sultry afternoon.

A week's resume of the temperatures follows:

Date	Max.	Min.	Date	Max.	Min.
22	91	50	26	89	45
20	103	46	24	86	48
21	106	52	25	88	47
22	91	50	26	89	45

J. T. SCOTT DOES DETAIL WORK ON PHOTOS—

J. T. Scott of Scott's Studio in Vernonia is responsible for the fine detail work which gave to readers of The Eagle the photos of the swimming pool and park. The photos, small snapshots taken by L. H. Dewey, were paneled and prepared for rephotographing for the cut by the well known photographer.

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce Is Wholeheartedly Behind Any Project of the Community

City Park and Recreation Project

Believing as we do that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." We assist in any way we can in the building up of our swimming pool and park facilities.

Where can you go that you can get as much FREE as right here at home.

Baseball, swimming, swings, slides all help to make this an ideal place to spend the summer.

Roads and Highways

We try at all times to keep our Roads and Highways in first class condition. By reporting and suggesting improvements and betterments.

There are many improvements that could yet be made to make our highways more safe and comfortable to use.

Agriculture and Industry

We are continually working to bring in new industry and improve the ones we have.

Farming and cattle raising are what we will have to look to for support when our trees are gone, so these are at present our main interest.

In general the Chamber of Commerce is

composed of progressive business men and women, but is not limited to these. Individuals can belong and we would like to have you. We need you whether you need us or not.

Come out and join us in our meeting and help us insure Vernonia's future.

Vernonia Chamber of Commerce

Lyman Hawken, Pres.

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