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## Fri. Game Lost by Point Margin

First Half of Game Ends With No Count; Crowd Large

Vernonia's Logger football eleven lost their second Columbia league game last Friday here by a 7 to 6 score to the Clatskanie gridders in a contest that provided fans with a full afternoon of entertainment. Neither team was able to outmaneuver the other in gaining a score during the first half.

During the second half period Vernonia gained the goal zone with a touchdown but failed on the point try which later cost the game for the Loggers when Clatskanie scored and converted.

A check with records revealed that the teams were evenly matched as to weight and experience with possibly the exception of one back field man for Clatskanie who is rated as one of the best in the county.

The Friday crowd of spectators was the largest to view a game here since 1936 it was stated. Bleacher seating capacity was completely filled and both sides of the field was lined. Business houses in Vernonia and Riverview closed their doors during game time.

The game was unusual on another count as it was the first ever broadcast via radio, the play-by-play account being made over KWLK, Longview.

## LOGGERS TO MEET RAINIER

FRIDAY CONTEST TO BE PLAYED UNDER LIGHTS

The Loggers will play their third scheduled game of the Columbia League Friday evening of this week when they meet the Rainier eleven on that field at 8 o'clock. Rainier has recently installed lights making possible night games.

The Vernonia team will undergo rigorous practice sessions this week under the direction of Mason McCoy, coach, in preparation for the encounter.

The Rainier team this year boasts a veteran line up of players and will prove strong competition for the Loggers.

## Fast Times Recorded for Fire Drills

Grade School Buildings Cleared of Students in Recent Tests

Very short periods of time were necessary for the complete clearing of the Lincoln and Washington grade schools in recent fire drills held under the supervision of E. H. Condit, superintendent.

The Washington school building was evacuated in 42 seconds of its approximate 310 inhabitants and the Lincoln school in 30 seconds of some over 80 students and instructors.

It was stated by Mr. Condit that both time recordings for the drills could be considered fast. Both buildings are fire proof in construction and the drills give an added measure of safety to students attending.

## First 6-Week Period To End Friday

Friday of this week, the 13th, marks the end of the first six-week period of study for students of the high school and grade schools. Students are receiving tests this week and the first issue of report cards will follow next week.

## New Books Added to Library

Additional Volumes Expected Next Week for Readers

Mrs. Edna Engen, city librarian, announced this week the addition of seven adult fiction books and one adult non-fiction volume to the shelves of the Vernonia City Library.

The books were catalogued and placed on shelves Tuesday in readiness for readers. Several new books are expected to arrive next week, it was stated.

Fiction books just purchased are: The Case of the Substitute Face—Eric Stanley Gardner; The Man in the Iron Mask—Alexandre Dumas; The Ugly Dachshund—G. B. Stern; Texas Triggers—Eugene Cunningham; The Web and the Rock—Thomas Wolfe; The Medicine Man—W. C. Tuttle; The Ownly Inn—Joseph C. and Freeman Lincoln.

The adult non-fiction book purchased was: The Country Lawyer—Bellamy Partridge.

## Dairy Herd Association Tests Made

New Member Added to Group; Value of Irrigation Shown

The monthly report of the Columbia Dairy Herd Improvement Association was released this week through the office of County Agent George Nelson for the month of September. Frode Lassen is the tester for the association.

With the report was a statement from W. C. Johnson of Mist who has just completed grazing a pasture which was irrigated from July 10, 1939, to September 15, 1939. The pasture in that time produced 220 worth of cream with an expenditure of \$50 for power. Mr. Johnson stated that about three acres of the field could not be reached for irrigation and did not produce any pasture in the same length of time—hence, it pays to irrigate, it was stated.

Figures of the report are as follows: number of herds on test, 25; number of cows enrolled, 528, of which 60 are dry; total production, milk, 297,862, fat 13,670.1. The average production (including cows in milk and cows dry) was 564 gallons of milk and 25.9 gallons of fat.

High herds with over 20 cows were those belonging to C. W. Sherman of Scappoose and W. C. Johnson of Mist; high herds with 12 to 20 cows were those of Albert Schmidlin of Vernonia and Einar Stenerson, Marshland; high herds under 12 cows in number were those of Richard Peterson of Mist and Theodore Flink of Rainier.

V. R. Wolff of Mist was added to the association. He has a herd of 20 Guernseys.

## High School Student Body Expresses Appreciation to Firms

Business Houses Here Thanked for Closing for Football Game

The student body of Vernonia high school this week wished by some means to express to the merchants of the city and Riverview their appreciation for the closing of doors last Friday afternoon during the football game between Vernonia and Clatskanie.

The game proved a decided success from the standpoint of the size of the crowd of spectators present and the support given the team although the score was not favorable to the home eleven.

The group statement, signed by its president, follows:

The student body of Vernonia high school wishes to express its appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation shown by each merchant in Vernonia and Riverview for closing their places of business during the time of the Vernonia-Clatskanie game last Friday.

This gesture made possible the largest supporting crowd attending any game in Vernonia since the Vernonia-St. Helens game of 1934.

—Jack Baker

## Claimants Get \$4,281 Here In September

8 Per Cent of Benefits Go To Residents Outside of State

Eight per cent of the unemployment compensation benefits disbursed during September went to Oregonians whose benefit rights were earned in this state but who now reside beyond state lines, the commission reported following tabulation of disbursements by employment offices.

California and Washington received 5.7 per cent of this amount which was paid on claims taken by employment office personnel in states acting as agents for Oregon under the nation-wide multi-state plan.

Although out-of-state benefits have been increasing steadily in recent months, officials estimated that accruing to Oregonians who earned their benefit rights in other states exceeded those paid out.

Columbia county claimants received \$4,281 of the \$184,881 paid out by the state unemployment compensation commission during September, officials reported.

It was the smallest monthly disbursement since the first month of benefit payments nearly two years ago, but the September total boosted the cumulative payment of job insurance to \$9,320,671.

## Junior Play Cast Chosen Tuesday Eve

"Button Button" to Be Presented within Short Time; Date Not Set

Members of the Junior class of the Vernonia high school chose those of the class to take parts in the Junior play which is to be presented within a short time by the students. The cast was chosen Tuesday evening.

It was given as follows: Mrs. Patience, Lillian Hedman; Button, Bill Duncan; Mr. George Woodhouse, George Turner; Maud, Barbara Nichols; Josie, Pauline Rollins; Emory, Calvin Davis; Rita Weed, Dorothy Austin; Phoebe Weed, Barbara Dusten; Ed, Walter Parcellis; and Al, Lyle Walker.

Practice will begin immediately under the direction of Miss Jane Wilkinson, to prepare the play for presentation as soon as possible although no definite date has as yet been announced.

## Clark-Wilson Men Start Work Wed.

Logging Crews Called for Duty Thursday at Close of Strike

Frank Baker, Superintendent of the Clark and Wilson logging crews at Willard, announced Wednesday evening that the full crew of men employed by the company logging camp were to start work Thursday morning, today.

The call was issued following the close of the boom men's strike which has prevented the rafting and moving of logs after they were transported to the Columbia river.

Part of the camp's crew began work at 1 o'clock Wednesday and the remainder of the men were called for the following morning. A total of 446 men began work due to the call.

## Seed, Phosphate Being Distributed

Distribution to Oregon farmers of large quantities of superphosphate, hairy vetch seed and Austrian winter pea seed has started. It was stated by the state AAA department recently. Orders have been taken in 14 counties for 1201.0 tons of superphosphate of which Columbia county will receive 38,600 pounds. Distribution of the pea and vetch seed, if it reaches the volume hoped for, will result in increasing Oregon acreage of these seed crops more than 100 per cent for 1940.

## Raymond to Act as Budgetman

Members of Budget Committee for 1940 Named by County Court

County commissioners, in session in St. Helens last week appointed a committee of three to compile the 1940 budget. Members named by Judge J. B. Wilkerson and Commissioners J. N. Miller and William Pringle were Ray Tarbell of Yankton, Roy Raymond of Vernonia and Clarence R. Eaverson of Clatskanie.

This special committee will compile the budget during a three-day session in the county court chamber starting October 20, says Judge Wilkerson. Aside from appointing the committee, the three members of the county court devoted time to consideration of routine business.

## Important to Prevent Forest Fires, Said

Man Blamed for 621 of Blazes During Current Season

National fire prevention week, sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, has been set this year for October 8-14. Cooperation in observance of this week is being extended by the U. S. forest service, particularly in the forested regions of America.

Foresters point out that while it is highly important to prevent fires in cities, towns and homes, it is equally important to prevent fires which burn the forest crops that are the support of many of these cities, towns and homes.

According to the forest service report for the current season ended September 30, there were 621 man caused forest fires in the national forests of Oregon and Washington. Of these, smokers are charged with 509; campers fires, 117; debris burning, 57; incendiary, 40; railroads, 21; lumbering, 10; and miscellaneous, 55.

Most of these fires, according to the foresters, have their roots in the same habits of carelessness which are responsible for many city fires. Education to correct such habits is cited as necessary to solve the problem both of city fires and forest fires.

## Barber Shop Gets New Floor

Patrons of the Museum Barber Shop owned by Norris Soden this week noted the installation of a new floor to the place of business. The old flooring was removed and the new placed in readiness for use Saturday evening and Sunday of the past weekend.

## Leaves on Vacation

Marlo Ruhl left Wednesday for California where he will spend a two-weeks vacation.

## Health Unit Meet Due Thurs.

Speaker to Tell of Features of County Medical Set Up at 8 P. M.

One of the series of meetings regarding the formation of a county health unit for Columbia county is scheduled for Vernonia this evening, Thursday, at the Washington grade school at 8 p. m. It was announced Wednesday by Jowett Bush, chairman of the county group recently organized to seek the unit. The group was formed at Clatskanie several weeks ago and since that time has held several meetings at different points, so that the unit might be explained.

Miss Nettie Alley, County Red Cross Nurse, will be present for the evening and will be accompanied by a speaker whose name was not known at publication time. The speaker will explain health units as they operate in other counties having such a set up.

Representatives are being invited from a number of organizations and the invitation has been extended anyone also interested to be present for the evening.

Organizations which have been invited to send representatives are: The Masons, Odd Fellows, the Vernonia Grange, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Business and Professional Women's club, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, I. W. of A., Study club, V.P.W., A. F. of L., and all churches.

## Plans Made To Call O.A. Loggers Mon.

Shipment of Logs from Camp McGregor Said to Be Present Intention

Judd Greenman, Superintendent of the Oregon-American Lumber Corporation, announced Wednesday evening that according to plans at that time loggers at the company camp, Camp McGregor, would be called to work Monday morning of the coming week.

The camp is to be started and shipments of logs made to mills other than the company plant located here.

That situation would prevail with the start of the new week unless later developments arose to change the present intention as it was announced.

## McDonald Ties for Fourth Position

Jack McDonald, member of the Beaver Creek 4-H club judging team, tied for fourth place in a stock judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock Show in Portland this week. It was reported. He gained points totaling 710 from a possible 800 in competition with 150 members of judging teams from Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Montana. He tied for second place against 72 competitors in Oregon. Other members of the team were Bill Crawford and Ralph McDonald who scored 560 and 590 respectively. Dotty Crawford was leader of the team.

## Scouts to Hold Meetings Wednesday

Members of the Vernonia Boy Scout troop have changed their meeting night time to Wednesday evening. It was announced recently. Meetings were formerly held on Saturday evening but due to inconvenience in attending the time was changed. Jowett Lloyd is scoutmaster of the group and Ira Bacon and Gene Gillard assistant scoutmasters. A large attendance was reported at the last meeting of the group.

## County Taxes over Three Million for Welfare

All counties in Oregon levied taxes in 1939 on real estate of \$3,217,145 for all forms of public welfare, including direct relief, old age assistance, county farms and hospitals, and all other welfare purposes.

The average ratio of public welfare budgets to county taxes for county purposes only, was 20.19 per cent through the 36 Oregon counties. In other words, a trifle over one-fifth of all taxes levied by the counties for collection in 1939, went for the various public welfare purposes.

Sherman county was way out in front in low ratio of property taxes for welfare purposes, to all taxes

levied by the county. Josephine county had the highest ratio of welfare taxes to general county expense, as shown by the following summary of per cent ratios of welfare budgets to county general budgets:

Baker 22.44 per cent, Benton 18.98 per cent, Clackamas 10.08 per cent, Clatsop 23.86 per cent, Columbia 25.83 per cent, Coos 14.74 per cent, Crook 9.94 per cent, Curry 10.60 per cent, Deschutes 13.10 per cent, Douglas 21.73 per cent, Gilliam 7.42 per cent, Grant 19.80 per cent, Harney 13.71 per cent, Hood River 13.24 per cent, Jackson 23.34 per cent, Jefferson 6.82 per cent, Josephine 30.83 per cent,

Klamath 10.50 per cent, Lake 12.60 per cent, Lane 21.11 per cent, Lincoln 18.43 per cent, Linn 15.48 per cent, Malheur 16.57 per cent, Marion 25.69 per cent, Morrow 7.53 per cent, Multnomah 24.42 per cent, Polk 21.98 per cent, Sherman 5.57 per cent, Tillamook 7.17 per cent, Umatilla 20.96 per cent, Union 16.70 per cent, Walla 15.01 per cent, Wasco 23.06 per cent, Washington 16.38 per cent, Wheeler 6.32 per cent, Yamhill 18.87 per cent. \$42,060,292 was the total tax bill levied on real property in Oregon, for 1939 collection. This amount includes levies for all purposes,

cities, counties, school districts, rodent control and fire prevention, port districts, and every other governmental activity that is supported by taxes. On basis of 1939 estimated population of 1,057,098 persons in Oregon, the average per capita tax was \$39.70.

Morrow county, in the wheat belt, the highest per capita amount of all taxes levied in the county, \$56.81 based on \$281,480 of taxes, all purposes, with a 4,955 population. Marion county had the lowest tax burden on each resident, \$24.06, based on total taxes, all purposes, of \$1,712,429 and a 69,444 population.