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## Post Office Shows Increased Business During Past Year

### Stamp Sales Gain Nearly Eight Per Cent Over Previous Year

A check with figures compiled during the year of 1939 at the Vernonia post office revealed an increase in business for the year just completed as compared with totals for the year 1938. The increase resulted even with consideration of the 11-week slack period during which the Oregon American mill was shut down.

Considering first the sale of stamps the total for the year 1939 was \$12,312.35. Stamp sales in 1938 totaled \$11,419.43, a figure \$892.92 less than for 1939. The increase amounted to almost eight per cent.

An examination of the postal savings records revealed that a total of \$98,717.00 in certificates had been issued in 1939 as compared with \$94,716.00 in 1938. Postal savings on deposit December 31st, 1939 amounted to \$113,291.00. An interesting sidelight was the amount of money on deposit September 14 just before the mill closed and on December 14. On the former date deposits amounted to \$118,925.00, the peak of the year. On the latter date the amount was \$112,571.00, the lowest amount. The amount had increased again to give the figure for December 31st.

A further check in the money order division of post office business revealed a total of \$271,744.92 for 1939 as compared with \$270,029.06 for 1938. Of interest are the figures of the total money orders issued per month during 1939: January, \$22,265.64; February, \$21,253.09; March, \$25,446.96; April, \$24,662.52; May, \$24,095.08; June, \$23,476.19; July, \$21,687.52; August, \$22,832.24; September, \$24,033.20; October, \$19,565.51; November, \$18,588.01; December, \$23,848.96.

## Business Census Started Here By Mrs. Ackley

### 2 Enumerators Assigned for County; Further Appointments to Be Made

Mrs. Marian Ackley was named recently as enumerator to compile facts and figures in the taking of a census of business and manufacturers for the year 1939. She began her work in Vernonia Tuesday of this week. Harry A. Wilson was named as enumerator for St. Helens. The appointments were made by A. R. McCall of Rainier.

Other districts in the county have not as yet been assigned. General population facts and figures census will start April 2.

## BONZO GETS DR. EBY'S GOAT, REPORTED WED.

A rumor circulated here Wednesday revealed that Bonzo, Dr. R. D. Eby's Doberman Pinscher dog well known throughout the city, was responsible for getting the Doctor's goat. It seems that someone gave a dressed goat to Eby and the meat was hung preparatory to being cut into table-size pieces and smoked. Shortly before that step was taken the Doberman Pinscher devoured a portion of the meat, rendering it useless, hence the rumor "Bonzo gets Dr. Eby's goat."

## Auto Accident Mars Opening Of New Year

### Wes Broughner Taken to Hospital; Hope Held for Recovery

Wes Broughner, 86, was taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital early on the morn of New Year's Day, owing to serious injuries sustained when he was struck by a car driven by Hulan Thacker. The elderly gentleman, alleged intoxicated, walked blindly into the path of the car on Bridge Street in front of The Vernonia Billiards. Little hope was held for his recovery; a later report reveals that Broughner has a 50-50 chance. He has no family.

## Auto Badly Damaged in Tues. Wreck

### Skid on Turn Near Treharne Results in Mishap

The automobile belonging to Frank Smejkal was badly damaged Tuesday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock when the machine skidded on a turn and left the roadway. The machine was taken to the Vernonia Auto company where an estimate placed the amount of the damage at \$90.

## Rifle Team Postpones Meet

The Vernonia Gun Club announces a change in schedule. The match with the Portland American Legion Gun Club slated for Friday, January 5th has been postponed to Sunday, January 7th. The meeting on the local range Sunday will be the first time the two teams have met.

## Council Passes Ordinance

### Liquor License Given Official Nod by Councilmen; To Buy Bond

City councilmen, meeting Wednesday evening instead of the usual Monday due to the Monday holiday, cared for routine matters usual to the first meeting of the month and launched into the reading of an ordinance. The city law which was passed before completion of the meeting dealt with licensing and control of dogs within city limits.

Further matters to be considered were placing the official okeh on an application for liquor license submitted by Clyde Butcher and voting to purchase a \$1000 water bond. The liquor license, if granted by the State Liquor Control Commission, will allow Butcher to open The Club which has been closed for some time.

The city ordinance passed at the meeting is reprinted elsewhere in this issue for the edification of those persons owning dogs.

## New Barber Shop Opened Saturday

### J. D. Woodruff to Operate Newest Business Establishment

Saturday marked the opening here of Vernonia's newest business concern, the barber shop to be operated by J. D. Woodruff. The shop is located next to the Federici and Bennett Shoe Store.

Mr. Woodruff has been active for some time in preparing the place of business for opening. He is also associated with the frog farm located a short distance from Vernonia on the Beaver creek highway.

## Seed Stock Refuges to Benefit Game

### All Hunting to Be Forbidden for Period of Three Years

A new project recently inaugurated by the State Game Commission through aid of Pittman-Robertson federal funds provides for the development of seed stock refuges in the Willamette Valley for the benefit of pheasants, quail and other small game.

Sites of not less than 1,000 acres each that are suitable for restocking purposes will be selected and easement control for a period of five years secured from the landowners, which will give the Commission the right to develop food and cover resources on the land, restock it with game and regulate the seasons and methods of hunting. (Continued on page 6.)

## E. H. Condit Named as Director

### Will Represent District Comprised of 3 Counties; Elected Last Week

E. H. Condit was named as director to represent a district comprised of three counties in northwest Oregon at the annual Oregon State Teacher's Association meeting held in Portland last week.

The official duties of the Board on which Superintendent Condit will serve for the coming year are: organizing the annual O. S. T. A. conference held in Portland, running the affairs of O. S. T. A. organization and the employing of the publisher of the O. S. T. A. Journal, official mouthpiece of the group.

## Rainfall for Month Totaled At 10 Inches

### Lowest Temperature Given as 20 Degrees Above Zero on December 26

An examination of the weather records maintained by Cooperative Weather observer Harry Culbertson this week revealed the results for the amount of rainfall and for temperature maximum and minimum during the month of December.

Totalling the amount of precipitation for the period revealed that 10.7 inches of rain had fallen and that two days the fall was over one and one-half inches for each day. On the 15th and 16th the excessively large recordings were made, 1.76 inches falling on the former date and 1.69 inches on the latter.

Recordings on several days revealed temperatures below freezing, the minimum on December 24 being 22 degrees, on the 25th, 21 degrees and on the 26th, 20 degrees. Maximum temperature for the month was 61 degrees occurring on both December 4th and 7th.

## Home Economics Class Serves Luncheon

The Home Economics class of the high school are preparing and serving a luncheon to the members of the faculty today, Friday. Miss Freda Beck, in charge of the Home Economics department has each year's cooking class arrange such an activity for the teachers of the high school. The actual experience of serving as well as preparing dishes for a number of people seated at a correctly set table is of great value when the girls in the class wish to entertain in their own homes.

## Communicable Diseases In County Reported

The report of the State Department of Health for the week ending December 30, revealed four cases of whooping cough and five cases of chicken pox in Columbia county. The percentage of physicians reporting was given at 78.

## Officer Election for Chamber of Commerce Slated January 30

### T. A. Poynter Services Held Tues.

### Death Takes 12-Year Resident of Vernonia on December 27

T. A. Poynter, a resident of Vernonia for 12 years, was taken by death last Wednesday while playing solitaire at his home. Investigation revealed that he had been dead for about three days before he was discovered.

Thomas Alvin Poynter was born June 8, 1868 in Flemming county, Kentucky and passed away December 27 at the age of 71 years, seven months and 19 days. He is survived by a son, Lloyd H. of Poplar Plains, Kentucky; a daughter, Ruth, of Chicago; two brothers, Dr. Omar Poynter of Nampa, Idaho, and Harry Poynter of Petersburg, Kentucky; a nephew, Omar Poynter of Vernonia; and three grand nieces, Mrs. Letha Tousley, Mrs. Blanton, and Mrs. Virgil Drorbaugh, all of Portland.

Funeral services were held at the Bush Funeral Home Tuesday, January 2, and burial took place here the same day.

## Game Due for Loggers, IWA Friday Night

### Scappoose to Be Competition for First Conference Tilt January 12

The Vernonia High School basketball team will play the I. W. A. team on the local gym floor tonight, Friday, January 5. The Loggers play a return game with Forest Grove there Tuesday, January 9, closing the preseason encounters.

The first conference game of the season is slated for Friday, January 12, at Scappoose. The entire schedule will be ready for release next week, according to Principal McCrae who states the League game dates have been set since last fall but arrangements for the non-league games are not yet completed.

## Two Arrests Made For Intoxication

Official records of the Recorder's court, when examined this week, revealed two arrests made by City Marshal A. D. Lolley last week. One was that of Nels Westlund, who received a fine of \$10 in the court and the other was M. A. McNutt.

## Evening Meeting, Program to Be Staged Is Statement This Week

Through an announcement made this week by Jewett A. Bush, president of the Chamber of Commerce, a meeting of the group is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 30. The meeting is to be held at the Masonic Temple, it was stated, and a dinner will be held to start the evening.

Entertainment will be arranged to follow the dinner. An attempt is being made to secure all local talent for that feature. During the business meeting the election of a board of directors to serve during 1940 will be held. From the board will be chosen officers of the chamber for the coming year. The board itself will name the officials, the business Tuesday being the naming of that board.

Other matters to be considered will probably be a review of projects completed during the past year and the hearing of suggestions for worthy ventures in the future.

## IWA Team to Play First Game Thurs.

### Rainier Basketeers to Offer Competition to Local Team

Playing their first game of the season other than practice tilts, members of the squad of the IWA basketball team will go to Rainier Thursday to meet the Rainier town team it was stated this week by Denny Ryves, manager.

The IWA five has been holding regular practices for several weeks and have played several practice games to prepare for later scheduled games.

## Cow Testing Important For Profit

### Scappoose Family Urges Value of Dairy Herd Improvement Association

Cow testing, instead of being an added expense, is just as necessary as the feed bought for the cows so far as making a profit is concerned, in the opinion of the Uhlman family of Scappoose. The Uhlman family "family" is used advisedly in this instance because testing there is more or less of a family project. They first joined a dairy herd improvement association in 1917, joined again in 1922 and continued until hard times after the 1929 crash. (Continued on page 6.)

## Events of Past Year Tabulated from Files of The Vernonia Eagle

January 6: Members of the Columbia County Stockmen's Association met in Vernonia for an all-day session. The stockmen discussed many matters of importance to the industry and heard speakers discussing different features of stock raising.

January 17: The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce met to outline a 10-point program to be achieved during the year 1939.

January 17: The Terminal Cafe was opened under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Romtvedt.

January 27: A report issued revealed that Vernonia made the largest contribution to the Columbia County Health Association through the sale of Christmas Seals.

The amount was \$220.06.

February 3: Nineteen ranchers with property bordering that portion of the "Big Burn" territory of which the Deer and Crooked creek water sheds are a part organized a grazing association so the land might be pastured.

February 17: The Treharne bridge, constructed by the State Highway Bridge Repair crew was completed.

February 18: The City of Vernonia passed an anniversary of the date of its founding on February 18, 1891.

March 6: Members of the Oregon State House of Representatives rejected the much-publicized legislative measure declaring the steel-

head a game fish.

March 22: American Legion Post No. 119 celebrated the 15th year of its existence and the 20th year of the founding of the Legion.

April 26: Ira E. Baucom of Centralia arrived in Vernonia to assume duties as caretaker for the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

May 12: The city council announced an extension of time for the use of more water than is ordinarily allowed for the regular two-dollar rate.

May 13: Announcement was made of the awarding of a Fellowship to Cathrin Hoffman. The award provided graduate work in the school of merchandising in an east-

ern university.

June 2: The frozen food lockers under construction by Oliver Graves, were opened to the public. The lockers numbered 285.

June 8: Chester Dusten was elected president of I. W. A. Local No. 37 and Lyman Wax business agent.

June 26: Mason McCoy was named by the board of directors of the high school as coach for the school.

July 12: Dwight Adams, State Softball Director, announced his decision that Vernonia hold the district tournament.

July 26: Residents of this vicinity suffered the highest temperature recording of the year when the thermometer soared to 104 degrees.

August 4: Roland Kelly, certified life guard, was employed to watch swimmers in Vernonia's public swimming pool.

August 4: An announcement made known that the Oregon American mill would operate for a time on a six-day basis due to availability of logs sufficient for the increased time.

September 2: The Vernonia Host Days celebration opened to crowds exceeding in number those of the previous year's affair.

September 25: The Oregon American Lumber Corporation mill closed due to a dispute arising among the men employed by the company.

October 27: The oldest building

in Vernonia, the original F. A. Zilgitt general merchandise store, was being torn down by Jack Tomlin. November 27: The Oregon Gas and Electric company began the extension of its power line facilities to Pittsburg.

December 6: Employees of the Oregon American mill returned to work following an 11-week shutdown due to a labor dispute.

December 9: Members of the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon held a hearing relative to the filing of preliminary petitions for the formation of a people's utility district in the Nehalem Valley.

December 22: The community Christmas entertainment was staged at the Washington grade school.