

# Vernonia Eagle

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## W. A. Harris Taken by Death Sat.

**Former Vernonia Resident Dies in St. Helens; Funeral Held Wednesday**

W. A. Harris, Columbia county pioneer, died in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Laws, of St. Helens, last Saturday evening at 10:30 o'clock after a lengthy illness. He was born in Florence, N. Y., on August 18, 1863, and came to this country more than 50 years ago.

Mr. Harris served as county judge from 1912 to 1914 and prior to that time had served as county clerk and deputy clerk. He had always taken an active part in affairs of the county. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Harris made their home in Vernonia. He was a charter member of the St. Helens Knights of Pythias and became affiliated with the St. Helens Odd Fellows lodge on June 23, 1906.

Surviving Mr. Harris are his widow, Ida, and a daughter, Mrs. Laws, both of St. Helens.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Rogers Funeral Home at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with the Rev. F. William Westwood officiating. The Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows lodges will also participate in the service. Burial will be in the Riverview cemetery in Portland.

## Herman Announces Candidacy

**Intention to File for Re-Nomination as Candidate Stated**

Fred W. Herman, Joint Representative for Columbia and Clatsop counties announced his intention to file for re-nomination as candidate for reelection it was stated in a communication this week.

The communication in part follows:

"I wish to announce my intention of filing for re-nomination as Republican candidate for the office of Joint Representative for Columbia and Clatsop counties.

"I feel that the experience gained in the legislative sessions of 1933 and 1939 will enable me to more fully represent the interests, of both counties, as well as that of the State at large."

Yours Sincerely,  
Fred W. Herman

## Clyde Sessman Interment Held

Clyde Sessman, better known to Vernonia people as "Red", passed away in the sanatorium in Arlington, California, January 24, after 18 months of illness. He was born in Vernonia, February 2, 1915, where he lived until two years ago. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sessman of this city, a brother, Lloyd of Alsea, and two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Behnke and Mrs. Earl Becker, both of Los Angeles, and a grandmother, Mrs. Mable Dent of Vernonia. Interment was held in Riverside, California.

## Christian Endeavor Banquet Due Friday

Members of the Christian Endeavor Union will attend a banquet to be held Friday evening of this week, February 2, in the social room of the Evangelical church. The affair will begin at 7 p. m. and will be pot-luck it was stated. It is sponsored by the Christian and Evangelical churches and will commemorate the anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor.

## Statement Issued by McCall

**Census of Population, Business Compulsory by Law Says Supervisor**

A. R. McCall, district supervisor for the 1940 census with headquarters in Salem, has received from William L. Austin, director of the census, Washington, D. C., the following statement of interest to the general public and to owners and operators of business establishments throughout the nation:

Considerable circulation has been given recently to an erroneous statement to the effect that there is no legal compulsion to respond to the inquiries of census enumerators.

The taking of the census of population is provided for in the Constitution. Since its results provide the basis for Congressional representation, all persons are required by law to give correct answers to the inquiries of census enumerators. From time to time the Congress has, by special enactment, provided penalties for failure to comply and for the giving of intentionally incorrect information. These penalties apply not only to the public but to census employees as well. Census employees are required to treat census information as confidential and divulgence of information about any individual or firm is severely penalized.

Fortunately, in the 150 years of census-taking, the records show that it has rarely been necessary to resort to compulsion.

The penalties provided for non-compliance with the 1940 Decennial Census were set by Congressional enactment of 1929. Similar penalties have been provided by Census law for more than 100 years.

Penalties applicable to the public range from \$100 fines or 60 days imprisonment for refusal to answer, up to \$500 fines or one year imprisonment for giving intentionally incorrect information.

Proprietors of hotels, apartments, boarding houses and similar enterprises who refuse to cooperate with the enumerator in registering guests are subject to a fine of \$500. Individuals or committees who conspire to cause an inaccurate count of a community are subject to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year or both.

Compulsory submission of reports by business firms dates from 1880. Penalties for refusal range from \$500 or 60 days imprisonment or both up to as high as \$10,000 fines or one year imprisonment for misrepresentation.

A census enumerator who refuses or neglects to do his official duty is subject to a fine of \$500. If he reveals to an outsider any information he has collected on his official duties, he is subject to a \$1,000 fine or two years imprisonment or both. If he knowingly reports false information to the Bureau of the Census, he is subject to a fine of \$2,000 or imprisonment for five years or both.

## Rifle Team Meets Defeat at Hillsboro

The Vernonia Rifle Club met its second defeat of the first half of its season last Friday, January 26, when the Hillsboro Rifle Club won the match held in Hillsboro. The score was 900-882. The five high point men for Vernonia were: Zimmerdahl, 184; Tomlin, 178; Kellmer, 176; Mellis, 172; Wagner, 172.

The Vernonia schedule for the second half of the Columbia-Willamette Rifle League has been released as follows:

Feb. 2	Hill Military	There
Feb. 9	Esco	There
Feb. 16	Oregon Gun Club	Here
Feb. 23	Canco	Here
Mar. 1	Hillsboro	Here
Mar. 8	Corbett	Here

## GROUND HOG MAY SEE SHADOW TOMORROW

Tomorrow, February 2, the ground hog will come from his burrow after his winter sleep to determine whether it is advisable for him to remain awake or return for another six weeks of slumber, according to legend. The story continues further to state that should the shadow be visible the hog will return to his nest for more sleep. If spring weather such as experienced here this week continues the shadow will be evident for certain. Then it will be possible to determine whether the story may be considered reliable or whether the Upper Nehalem valley will continue to enjoy spring weather in February.

## Residence Damaged By Fire Mon.

**Flames Destroy Furnishings, Personal Belongings; Stove Responsible**

The George McKay residence on First Avenue near the Lindsay saw mill caught fire Monday morning about nine o'clock due to an overheated heater in the living room. All personal belongings and most of the furnishings with the exception of some bedding was destroyed by flames which damaged extensively the interior of the house, owned by Harry Culbertson. The building itself was covered by insurance but household articles were not protected it was reported.

The fire alarm was answered by the volunteer department in a short time and the blaze quickly quelled but not before the damage had resulted.

## "Mystery Hour" Broadcast Due At High School

**Radio Club to Have Controls; Seek Hidden Talent, Reported**

"The Mystery Hour" is the title of the assembly program to be given in the high school this Friday afternoon at 2:45. The entertainment will be in the form of a radio broadcast emanating from the Home Economics room where members of the Radio Club will be in charge of the controls. The program will be broadcast in the study hall.

The reason for the program's name, "The Mystery Hour" lies in the fact that the listening audience will not know who is performing; the names of the radio performers are kept mysteriously hidden from the listeners.

According to Principal McCrae (who mysteriously mentions no names of performers for Friday) the theory behind the program is to unearth hidden talent. A number of students have never participated in school entertainments because of shyness or for other reasons. "The Mystery Hour" will provide the opportunity for the timid ones to reveal their talents without suffering the self-consciousness felt when facing an audience.

## Portland Orchestra To Play Here Saturday

Bill Hune and his nine-piece orchestra from Portland will play here Saturday evening, February 3, at the Legion hall it was stated this week by William Brosy, manager for the group. The orchestra previously performed for dancers here and was well received at that time.

## Election Due for Chamber

**Board of Directors for Chamber of Commerce to Be Named February 13**

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening of this week for its first session of the year 1940 at the Masonic Temple. Attendance for the evening was small which made practically impossible the transacting of any business scheduled for the evening. It was announced by 1939 President J. A. Bush that the next meeting of the organization is to be held on the 13th of February at which time the election of a board of directors will be held. As has been the procedure in former years the board named by the election will meet to choose from its members the chamber president, vice president and secretary.

The entertainment program for the evening was furnished by the high school sextette and by Miss Barbara Sneath who gave two cello solos. The sextette consists of Joanne and Barbara Nichols, Erma Koberstein, Mary Lee Hall, Opal Scheuerman and Kathleen Tomlin.

## Series of Sermons Planned

**Prophecies Relating to Present Day to Be Theme of Talks by Minister**

Rev. W. O. Livingstone, minister of the First Christian Church of this city, has planned a series of special sermons of the general theme of Prophecies relating to the present day and the current world events; this series will be given, beginning February 4th, each Sunday and Wednesday evening during the month, and the public is most cordially invited to hear them. The themes treated will be as follows:

February 4th, "The Coming Conquerors"; February 7th, "Is the Present Age Dying?"; February 11th, "Eloquence of Dead Empires"; February 14th, "What Will Tomorrow Bring Forth?"; February 18th, "Will Dictatorship Ultimately Rule the World?"; February 21st, "What is Meant by the Millennium?"; February 25th, "Prophecy and the Jew"; February 28th, "Will American Civilization Endure?."

These services will be held at 7:30 each evening.

## School Attendance Becoming Normal

Attendance in the three Vernonia schools has increased greatly since last week according to figures released Monday morning by school heads. Last week the grade schools had 130 absentees as against 57 for this week; the high school counted 18 absent this Monday as against 30 last Monday. The hope is that full attendance may be realized by next week. A large number of the grade school's absences are in the Washington primary grade where the chicken pox has just begun its attack; Lincoln school had only 8 children out.

## Lumm Elected Business Agent

Fred Lumm was named Business Agent for Local No. 37, IWA after results of last week's election were determined. Lumm will serve the remainder of the term of office vacated by resignation of Lyman Wax.

## Recherers in California

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Recherer and son, Howard, Jr., left for California Wednesday morning to be gone until next week. Mrs. Paul Gordon will be in charge of Recherer's Grocery during their absence.

## Vernonia 5--10 to Open Doors Saturday, Said; Interior Remodeled

## Saturday Dance Successful

**Net Proceeds Over \$60, Stated by President's Ball Committee**

The President's Birthday Ball, held last Saturday evening for the benefit of the infantile paralysis fund, proved successful it was stated Monday after a partial check of proceeds from the dance was made. A small amount of funds derived from ticket sales was not available to make a final accounting of the actual amount but with the money on hand and an estimate of the amount yet to be turned in it was believed that a figure close to \$70 would be that contributed by Vernonia.

Dime boxes which have been placed conspicuously on many business firm counters were to remain out until the end of the month before that portion of the contribution was considered.

The committee in charge of the dance expressed its appreciation to the public for attendance Saturday evening. Approximately 250 people were present.

## Delegation to Seek Change For Road

**State Highway Commission to Be Interviewed February 15**

Information released Monday announced the date of a meeting with the State Highway Commission at which time a change for the section of road between Treharne and Sunset camp will be sought. Some effort has been made in the past to have the road designated a secondary state highway. The meeting with the commission will seek definite action in that respect, it was stated.

Delegates from Columbia and Washington counties are expected to be present for the meeting which will be held in the Public Service building in Portland.

## Scholarships Offered by U of O Club

**Cash Assistance to Be Offered for Use During Freshman Year**

Announcement from the high school states that the Oregon Mothers, a statewide organization of mothers of the University of Oregon students, is offering this year three cash scholarships, one of \$200, two of \$150 each, toward educational expenses during the freshman year at the University of Oregon.

These scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding promise as a University student, together with the need for scholarship assistance in order to attend the University. Graduates of Oregon high schools expecting to graduate this spring, or of the two preceding years are eligible.

## Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline to Operate Newest Vernonia Business

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline announce the opening Saturday, February 3rd, of their variety store to be known as the Vernonia 5 & 10. The concern is located in the building formerly occupied by the Red and White grocery store at the corner of Bridge and Third streets.

The Clines have been busy since the first of the year in remodeling the interior of the store space, constructing new shelves along the walls and building display tables for merchandise. It was stated that none of the former shelf space was suitable for the purpose to which it will be applied.

As was stated by the owners sewing supplies, gifts and notions will be featured along with many other items in the store.

## Senate Bill S. 3162 Introduced

**Bureau of Fisheries Is Making Survey of Cultural Stations**

Announcement was made last week of the introduction into the Senate of the United States of a bill seeking a fish hatchery on Rock creek. The measure reads as follows:

**A BILL**

To establish a fish hatchery. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, that there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, for the establishment and construction of a fish-cultural station at a suitable location on Rock creek, a tributary of the Nehalem river, in Columbia County, Oregon, a sum not to exceed \$50,000.

A letter Monday from James W. Mott, Representative of the 1st District, expressed cooperation with Senator McNary and stated that to expediate the matter he was introducing an identical bill in the House.

## Laboratory Enlarged at Patersons

**Service Department for Furniture Store Changed for Better Service**

An announcement this week by Kenneth Write, manager of Paterson's Furniture Store here, made known an enlarged department of the concern to make possible more complete service to customers. The enlargement includes a radio and refrigeration service laboratory plus an extensive stock of parts for repair work. The enlargement will make possible the repairing and servicing of all makes of refrigerators it was stated.

Bert Eastman will be in charge of the repair and service work.

## Eastern Outfitting to Play IWA Five Saturday

The Eastern Outfitting basketball five is scheduled to play here Saturday, February 3, this week it was announced the first of the week by Denny Ryves, manager of the IWA five. The Astoria team is reputedly one of the strongest in that city.