

EAGLE EDITORIALS

THE CENSUS, A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL REPORT—

THE STATEMENT released last week by Albert R. McCall, 1940 district census supervisor, made clearer to many persons the taking of the census which was started recently. Comments have been heard here, especially regarding the business census, that owners of businesses did not wish to divulge many points of information required in the report. The statement as issued should clarify several points, probably misunderstood due to lack of knowledge of the manner in which the census is conducted.

The statement had this to say regarding the taking of the business census: "Compulsory submission of reports by business firms dates from 1880. Penalties for refusal range from \$500 to 60 days imprisonment or both up to as high as \$10,000 or one year imprisonment for misrepresentation," which reveals that the business enumeration has been practiced for a number of years. It is necessary that the information blank be filled out."

The McCall release also revealed information regarding the taker of the census: "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."

Thus it is seen that the census information is compulsory but that the information is kept strictly secret to the census bureau.

GROUND HOG DAY, AN AMUSING LEGEND—

LAST FRIDAY was officially designated by the calendar as Ground Hog Day, that day in February when the little rodent supposedly comes from his burrow to see if his shadow is visible. So the story goes, should the ground hog be able to see his shadow on that particular day he then returns to his burrow for the ensuing six weeks to avoid a period of wintery weather which will follow. It would be difficult and probably very foolish to attempt verification of that legend for it has been passed down to the present generation over many, many years.

However the legend does hold a certain fascination for on that day designated as the time for the rodent to appear, many persons take note of the weather to determine if the shadow will be visible, thus to determine if a continued six weeks of winter can be expected.

To say that a great deal of dependence could be placed upon the story would be to say that the ground hog was a reliable weather prognosticator and that would indeed be too much to believe. However the legend is enjoyable if not reliable as to its prediction.

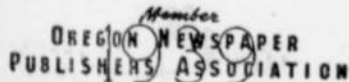
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TWO FIRES DESTROY FAMILY HOMES—

TWO FIRES were responsible for the destruction of furnishings and personal belongings of two families during the past few days. The first was that of Mr. and Mrs. George McKay, the second that of Mr. and Mrs. Huff of Treharne. Both families lost home furnishings and personal belongings due to destructive flames making too great a headway before discovered or before action could be taken to stop the fires. Assistance has been offered both families.

It is commendable to note the assistance that is given by neighbors when a family is stricken by loss whether it be fire or any one of many other means in which a loss may be suffered. Arrangements are made for a new place of abode when the former one is lost, clothing is acquired when the loss is of that nature, the family at loss is given aid in quantity.

Should the occurrence have been that in some of the European nations of which so much has been heard of late perhaps the situation would be somewhat different. At least the difference can be assumed judging from stringent rules under which the citizenry of those countries must abide or be punished, rules unheard of in this nation. In fact, due to the close supervision of the amount of clothing and food allowed each person, would it be possible for one person to have more than barely enough for himself without considering material aid to a neighbor?

1857, 1940, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?—

HERE IS an editorial reprinted from Harper's Weekly on the date of October 10, 1857:

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time.

"In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow-citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment and without the prospect of it.

"In France the political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly distributed relations in China.

"Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet mainly commercial and if we are only to lose money and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously despair.

"And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this wide-spread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity."

Yes, that was printed over 82 years ago! Yet the nation is still in existence and has been able to cope with each problem as it has arisen and has overcome it. The reprinted editorial could in many points be applied to the situation today, could have been written yesterday or the day before and have been timely, but it wasn't. Our nation has survived those 82 years and with the application of good common sense and hard work can do it for as many more and continue to do so again and again.

VERNONIA 5-10 DOORS OPENED SATURDAY—

IT IS commendable to note the opening of the newest business firm in Vernonia, the Vernonia 5-10. The store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline, brings an improvement to the building in which it is located, a building that has been vacant for some time, as well as adding to the city's business firms.

In opening their store the Clines have the good wishes of other firms of the city for a prosperous and successful business future.

1940 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY SENT TO SUBSCRIBERS—

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company's 1940 directories for St. Helens and Columbia county were placed in the mail last Wednesday. Subscribers are requested by the local office to destroy the 1939 directory as soon as the new one arrives.

The directory, which carries listings for St. Helens, its rural territory, Scappoose and Rainier, was printed on the presses of The St. Helens Sentinel-Mist as in past years.

LOCAL CHURCH FREE OF DEBT—

Final payment of the mortgage on the Christian church building in St. Helens will be observed at a jubilee celebration on next Sunday, says the Rev. C. H. Hilton, pastor. C. F. Swander of Portland, state secretary, will be present to serve as master of ceremonies.

The local church was organized in August of 1927, when Evangelist Garland Hay held a revival meeting and closed with 97 members. Later on, Evangelist Floyd Ross held another revival and the present site and the building erected. A mortgage had to be placed on the church to complete the building. The state board of Oregon was a helpful factor. While the church had many struggles, it has at last freed itself from the mortgage.

NIGHT DEPOSITS SOON AVAILABLE—

A new convenient service for its customers wishing to do banking after hours is being instituted by the St. Helens Branch of the United States National Bank of Portland, says C. H. Vaughan, local manager. This is a night depository located at the front of the building.

This depository may be reached from the street by a heavy bronze plate door which must be opened with a key supplied the customer by the bank. The moment the money bag hits the chute, the bronze door automatically closes making it impossible to reopen without a key. Each depositor will have a locked money bag.

The vault will be constructed of regulation steel in re-enforced concrete, to be opened from the inside by a double combination. Customers wishing this service are requested to see the management.

Construction of the vault will be completed this Saturday or next Monday, Mr. Vaughan reports.

THE SENTINEL-MIST TO START NEW BUILDING—

Construction of a new one story tile building, 50x116 feet with a full basement for car storage will be started next week by the Mist Publishing Company, publishers of The St. Helens Sentinel-Mist, on St. Helens street near Fourth.

The building will be occupied by The Sentinel-Mist and Gail Brownlow's photographic studio. It will also contain a four room modern apartment. Plans for the building were drawn by J. E. Doughty and the contract for construction will be let in the next few days.

Clatskanie--

CITIZENS URGE FINNISH LOAN—

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered at Quincy attended the dinner and meeting at the Association of Peace Finnish church Sunday for the benefit of Finnish relief.

Three hundred and twenty dinners were served but the total number which was at the meeting at one time or another is estimated at 500.

Approximately \$235 was cleared at the dinner. The food was donated and there were no expenses so the total amount goes to the Finnish relief.

DEATH TAKES

C. CULBERTSON—
Friends were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Charles E. Culbertson on Saturday at his home at Agate Beach.

Mr. Culbertson had been in apparent good health. He had gone out that morning to do some work about the place and around nine o'clock complained of feeling dizzy. He rested a short while there and upon getting back to the house he became seriously ill and passed away about the middle of the afternoon, according to reports received in Clatskanie.

Rainier--

RAINIER HARDWARE REMODELS DISPLAY SPACE—

The Rainier Hardware store is rebuilding a display window in the front of the store this week. Instead of a platform as formerly, the front will be on a level with the floor, making it easier to move the larger pieces on display. New floor space will make it just as easy to see all material on display while it is more convenient.

MANY ATTEND WEDDING DANCE AT BANKS; PARTY HELD

TREHARNE—(Special to The Eagle)—Mrs. Henry John and Mrs. Carroll Chance and daughter, Joanne, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Carl Wienecke.

William Falconer is off work this week with the flu.

Many from this neighborhood and Vernonia attended the wedding dance of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cutright (Fredia Lardy) held at the Legion hall at Banks last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and children spent last Wednesday at Forest Grove at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. George Ortman.

Mrs. Marvin Hult entertained with a turkey dinner party last Thursday evening honoring her husband on his birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smejkal and daughter, Wilmae, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith and son, Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith and son, Darold, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Holt and daughter, Sharron, Mr. and Mrs. George Hult, Sam Smith and Harold Purney.

George Carrick is much improved after his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stowell of Buxton were Sunday visitors at the Falconer home. Mr. Stowell will enter a Portland hospital Monday where he will undergo an operation on his back and legs. He was injured in a fall while working on the Astoria jetty several years ago. Since that time he has been unable to walk without the aid of crutches.

Ruby Smith and Ann Lindsley were Portland visitors Saturday.

Mary Lou Fulton and Leland Moellar celebrated their birthdays with a party, held at the school house. Mary Lou on Friday and Leland on Monday. At both occasions cake was served to a large group of children.

Grandma McDaniel spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. John Baker, of Riverview.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lund spent from Friday to Monday in Portland visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McDaniel of Gales Creek are visiting his mother, Mrs. McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wienecke of Hillsboro visited at the Carl Wienecke home Sunday. They also visited her sister, Mrs. Daisy Ornduff, in Vernonia.

Mrs. Frank Schmidlin was hostess to the Quilting Club last Thursday. Mrs. Huff and Mrs. Workman were guests for the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smejkal and Wilmae visited at the Oscar Smith home in Glenwood Sunday.

LODGES

V. F. W.
Meets First and Third Fridays of Each Month.
Legion Hall — 8 P. M.
John Grady, Commander

Vernonia F. O. E. (Fraternal Order of Eagles)

Legion Hall
Vernonia
Friday Nights
8 o'clock

Roy Barnes, W. P.
Marvin Kamholz, W. Sec'y.

Knights of Pythias

Harding Lodge No. 116
Vernonia, Oregon
Meetings—I. O. O. F. Hall, Second and Fourth Mondays Each Month.

Pythian Sisters

Vernonia Temple No. 61
Vernonia, Oregon
Meetings— I. O. O. F. Hall Second and Fourth Wednesdays Each Month

Order of Eastern Star

Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.
Regular Communication first and third Wednesdays of each month, at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.

Sara Drorbaugh, W. M. 1/40
Mrs. Helen Dewey, Secretary

A. F. & A. M.

Vernonia Lodge No. 184
A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple, State Communication First Thursday of each month. Special called meetings on other Thursdays nights, 7:30 p. m. Visitors most cordially welcome.

Special meetings Friday nights.
Roland Treharne, W. M.
Glenn F. Hawkins, Sec.

VERNONIA POST 119 AMERICAN LEGION

Meets First and Third Wednesdays
AUXILIARY
First and Third Mondays

Mr. and Mrs. Elton E. Clark and baby of Mayger spent the weekend at the E. L. Sehorn home. Mr. Clark is principal of the Mayger school.

E. L. Sehorn and Elton Clark attended the meeting of the Principal's Conference at Hillsboro Saturday.

Little Joy Smith is reported as getting along fine at the Shriner's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulan Thacker and Mrs. William Falconer were Portland business visitors last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Scharback and children were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Pickens.

Opal Carrick is back in school after a long absence due to the flu.

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COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

CITY CALLS FOR BIDS NEW JAIL—

A call for sealed bids on the construction of a new city jail for St. Helens has been issued by the city council. The bids will be received by City Recorder J. E. Beeler until 7:30 p. m. on February 13.

The plans, which were drawn by J. E. Doughty, architect, call for construction of a concrete, single story, building with floor dimensions 23 feet 2 inches by 23 feet. It will contain a four-bunk cell, a two bunk ward for women or juveniles, and a two-bunk cell for drunks.

The new jail will be located on

city property adjacent to the fire station on Columbia boulevard.

PERRY ADVOCATES FOOD STAMP PLAN—

Proposal that the Food Stamp Plan, which is being carried out successfully in Portland by the state public welfare commission, be extended throughout the state, is advocated by State Representative J. D. Perry in a letter to Elmer Gouley of Portland, administrator of the state public welfare commission. Perry is particularly interested in having the commission investigate the feasibility of having the plan instituted in Columbia county as a means of aiding needy families and relieving farmers of their surplus commodities.