

EAGLE EDITORIALS

IT'S POSSIBLE ANYWAY—

THE DEPRESSION may be considered past history but a story was told recently which might possibly explain the origin of such a period. Whether the story is reliable as to the cause is a matter not to be argued at this point. However the story is betold here for the amusement it may contain.

"There was a man who lived by the side of the road and he sold hot dogs.

"He was hard of hearing, so he had no radio.

"He had trouble with his eyes, so he read no newspapers.

"But he sold good hot dogs. He put signs up on the highway telling how good they were.

"He stood on the side of the road and cried, 'Buy a hot dog, mister?' And people bought.

"He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade. He finally got his son home from college to help him.

"But then something happened. His son said, 'Father, haven't you been listening to the radio? Haven't you been reading the newspapers? There's a big depression on. The

European situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse. Everything's going to pot.' "Whereupon the father thought, 'Well, my son's been to college, he reads the papers and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know.' So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost over night.

"You're right, son" the father said to the boy. "We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

INTEREST REVIVED ON RAINIER-APIARY ROAD—

INTEREST WAS revived again this week towards the naming of the Rainier-Apiary road as a secondary state highway, when a delegation of five men attended the noon meeting of the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce.

The road has been under construction for quite a period of time and is now open to travel. The desire of communities on the route and other communities to benefit by its completion is to see the state take an interest in the road and thereby bring about a paved surface to increase traffic flow on the connecting link of Highway 99. The route will serve as a direct link between the Longview bridge at Rainier and McMinnville thereby facilitating traffic by providing a much shorter road than is now taken by that highway. At the same time it will provide an improved highway through Vernonia.

REPAIRS FOR WATER SYSTEM VITAL—

WATER FOR the citizens of Vernonia is taken from Rock creek as is well known by those living in this vicinity but little thought is probably given by those citizens to the upkeep needs in maintaining that system. City councilmen recently authorized the City Recorder to determine the cost of lumber necessary to rebuild the intake settling basin. The system has been in operation for some time and has reached the stage where occasional replacements are necessary in order to maintain service. It is commendable to note that action has been taken to make repairs which will continue to provide service to water consumers.

It is probable that repairs are constantly being made as needed but little is known of them with the exception of those directly connected with the department. The system is vital to livelihood in Vernonia and its maintenance is matter requiring constant attention.

Long Arm of Russia



workers, all of them, but do they work as many years, as long hours for as little pay, as the parents of the state? The bread of the aged parents costs just as much as Mr. F. Q. Whitecollar's does, and when mom and dad reach the retirement age, they must have the same treatment as any other retiring citizen. There would be no great state if there had not been someone to rear those who now are at the head of the same state. This is still America where we are not supposed to have the cast system. But we are learning that way. Some folks are leaning that way. The retirement pension is as truly earned and is every bit due the old parents just as sure as any official's pension. We must demand quality before the law. So every fair-minded, pension-minded citizen meet with us and all work together to help ourselves. When all the aged are retired, and quit earning, then the young folks will have the work. So all young folks should help us vote for a just retirement bill. The Federation will soon get a paper started to give us news of our progress. They were an earnest lot at McMinnville, passing resolutions and doing much more than can be reported here. A good sprinkling of faithful Townsendsites were there. We know our plan is on the way, but we must live till it gets here.

Submitted by Mrs. A. E. Jennings Vernonia, Oregon

coming year with the exception of one who had previously tendered a resignation.

The date of the first meeting for the organization of a softball league for 1939 was set.

FIVE YEARS AGO—

Mrs. Earl Smith, who has been head operator at the telephone exchange in this city since it started in 1923, resigned. She will be succeeded by Mrs. Bill Lindsay of Camp 8, a former Forest Grove operator.

Hearing on an application of Wilbur Davis and Frank Hartwick to operate a truck line between Portland and Astoria by way of Vernonia was held before the public service commission in Salem.

The Lindsay Lumber Mill to be operated by Ben Bennett and George Johns will start about March 1.

TEN YEARS AGO—

A. Bennett who has been in busi-

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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.

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

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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 all other Thursday 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

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SEVERAL ATTEND 4-H ASSOCIATION MEET SATURDAY—

KEASEY—(Special to The Eagle)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris and daughters, Evelyn and Elma, Mrs. DeWitt and son, Donald, Marjorie Keasey and Gene Cleveland attended the 4-H Club leaders association meeting at Deer Island Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Counts and daughter, Joy, visited at the W. J. Lindsley home Friday evening.

Miss Ruth Boeck visited at the DeVaney home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris, Mrs. Roland and two children, Dorothy and Melvin, and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Lindsley spent Wednesday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis White, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd White and Lloyd Faraby of Portland visited Mrs. G. A. White Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. DeVaney and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Dussenberry spent the weekend in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Dussenberry returned Sunday evening and Mr. and Mrs. DeVaney stayed until Tuesday. They went to see "Gone with the Wind" while there.

Ruth White of Portland visited Priscilla White Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blackburn and Mrs. L. C. Boeck and daughter, Ruth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herb Counts and family Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Luther and son, Jimmy, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lincoln, the occasion being Mr. Lincoln's birthday.

Lois McDonald visited at the W. J. Lindsley home Wednesday evening.

Eagle Items Of Past Years

ONE YEAR AGO—

Delegates representing seven different organizations were in attendance at the Jewett Bush home for discussion of plans relative to the formation of a program for the beautification of the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Vernonia high school district No. 1 offered contracts to all instructors serving at that time for the

gon State Hydro Electric commission was held in Clatskanie at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called at 1 p. m. and continued until after 3 p. m.

Arguments in favor of the proposed district included the following points, concisely formed: compact with high density of population; balanced load with good diversity; people in the district have the common interest; much better chance to succeed than if they were in a larger district; there are drainage districts within the proposed PUD, and not one has defaulted on its bonds.

Negative arguments brought to the floor and discussed were mostly concerning boundaries. The Mist community was represented and stated that at a recent Nehalem Valley PUD hearing they asked to be omitted as they wanted to be included in the Clatskanie district. The Rainier-Drainage district asked that their pump be eliminated as the east boundary of the Clatskanie district included the lower end of their holdings and they would like to have their entire district eliminated.

The Forum

Editor

At McMinnville, Oregon, on the 17th of February, 1940 the Pension Federation met to hold a convention. Mr. Walter Tooze of Salem was chosen chairman. Miss Dodson as recording secretary. Our hard-working State Secretary, Mr. Theo. Nelson was there. Among those who spoke were Attorney Le Roy Hewitt, of Salem, Attorney Skewelson of Portland, State Senator R. E. Jones of Salem, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Parks of Salem. We have organized to formulate a just, non-discriminatory retirement bill. Our plan is to place a bill on the ballot that will be the result, after we have sifted out all the many other ideas and kept the most workable and formed them into a just retirement bill, that we all can vote for. We are urging all pension minded folks to sit in with us. There are no dues, no salaries, no graft in any of it. We do not believe in class legislation. Our policemen, firemen, mayors, judges, governors and sheriffs, they are

the construction of a sidewalk on the northly side of West street between 6th and 11th streets, the cost to be paid by owners of the adjacent property.

SPORTSMEN PLAN SALMON DERBY—

Preliminary plans for the annual salmon derby to be staged early this spring were made by members of the St. Helens Rod and Gun club at the monthly meeting held in Kelley's recreational hall in West St. Helens last Wednesday evening. Ed Laws was appointed chairman of the committee to arrange for prizes and other details of the derby.

The members voted to increase the cash prize fund from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The first prize to be offered will be a 16-foot boat made of Port Orford cedar donated by the Copeland Lumber Company.

TO CONSTRUCT PLANE HANGAR AND RUNWAY—

An airplane hangar and landing field is to be constructed soon at Scappoose by Joseph Trtek of the Chapman district on property leased from the Watts and Price estate. Trtek, who has kept his plane at the Hillsboro airport for the last year, has built several planes which he sold, and his present model carries but one passenger.

The landing field will be 800 feet in length and 100 feet wide. Trtek reports.

DAVID LUND TO SERVE AS HEAD OF REPUBLICANS—

David Lund of St. Helens was elected president of the Columbia County Republican club at the organization meeting held in the county court house last Wednesday evening. Harvey Hembling, who served as temporary secretary of the committee responsible for the Lincoln Day banquet last Monday, was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer.

Clatskanie—

PUD MEETING DRAWS CROWD—

The public hearing of the Ore-

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COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

NEW PLANT WILL PROCESS SCAPPOOSE IRON ORE—

Negotiations are under way by representatives of the Rich Manufacturing Company of Los Angeles, Calif. to locate a smelter in Portland for processing of iron ore taken from the vicinity of Scappoose. While the site for the new industrial plant has not been definitely selected, it will probably be located north of terminal No. 4 in Portland, according to an authoritative source.

The ore will be mined from a 60-acre tract back of Scappoose owned by D. W. Price. There is a 12-foot ledge of ore which averages between 61 and 62 per cent iron. When this deposit is depleted there is another 300-acre tract adjoining that will be mined. The smelter will use 100 tons of ore daily in its first unit, and manufacture iron soil pipe for a number of large firms.

A site on the Columbia river adjacent to Columbia City was at first considered by the company representatives. It is understood that the concern has entered into a contract with the Union Pacific Railway to transport the iron ore from Scappoose to Portland over the S. P. & S. railroad. The California firm is not a stock company but financed by private capital.

COUNCIL AWARDS JAIL CONTRACT—

Contract to construct a new city jail was awarded to William Quigley, Portland contractor, by members of the city council at their meeting last Tuesday evening. Quigley's bid was \$3,380.00. Other bids submitted were: A. C. Myer, \$4,126.00, and Oscar M. Johnson, \$4,120.00.

The councilmen authorized the moving of the top story of the old city hall to a site near the warehouse owned by McKie, and it is to be available to the National Guard as an armory. Cost of moving the building and constructing a foundation is set at \$1,780.00.

An ordinance passed provides for

persons in this city for the past five years managing the Vernonia Variety Store leased his building to Herman Schindler, who now conducts the Terminal Cafe in the Carter building.

Neal Bush, Miss Catherine Hoffman and Miss Charlotte Green, representing the local high school student body, have been invited by J. C. Lindley, president of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce to address the members of the meeting.

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