

COMMENTS OF THE WEEK

OREGON IS TOPS IN LUMBER PRODUCTION

A NEWS account appearing this week in The Eagle tells of the board feet production of lumber in Oregon for 1939 and the production of Washington for the same year. It is worthy of note that Oregon leads Washington and also tops other states of the nation.

This top rating brings to mind the fact that the production provides a good proportion of Oregon's business both from the payroll standpoint of those employed in the industry and from the standpoint of other businesses which serve the industry the supplies it needs and workers with their needs.

The lumbering industry from both points of view is one that provides a livelihood for many, many people and one that will mean a great loss when the supply of standing timber is cut.

The day when that timber will be cut is one that must be anticipated and some provision made. In many places there are a number of industries which may arise to replace lumbering. In others there may be no industry to replace the loss.

A community, such as Vernonia, must awaken itself to the need of providing for that future day when lumbering will cease

as a major industry. The present time, today, is none too soon to give deep consideration to that problem.

ATTENDANCE AT MASS MEETING SHOWS LITTLE INTEREST

THE STAGING of a mass meeting Monday evening and the small attendance by city residents would seem to indicate but little interest in affairs relative to the election of officers at the November 5th ballot.

A count of those who were present for the evening totaled 14 of which one was not a resident of the city and therefore took no part in the nomination of candidates.

Thirteen men remained as active participants. The selection of candidates was made and will be submitted the recorder to be included on the ballot.

It is quite possible that comments will be heard which will indicate dissatisfaction with selections made. Such comments, if they are made, will be entirely out of place.

Such a small attendance points to lack of interest in city business, an interest which should be held by everyone, for everyone is effected by what action is taken by the men who are elected.

FRIDAY THE 13TH PASSES WITH NO DIRE RESULTS

THAT DAY when, during the time of the old windjammer, ships made no sailings from port and when, through superstition, everyone's actions were of the most careful nature passed with little if any dire results. Last Friday, the day-under discussion, was a day much like all the other Fridays of the year but with one exception, it was Friday the 13th.

If there are any who still hold the old superstition which fears some evil happening on that day he or she will have little to fear during most of the remainder of the year for all the remaining Fridays are free from the supposedly evil number 13 except one and that doesn't occur for some time yet—not until December to be exact. Fear of the day, if there is any, can be forgotten until that time anyway.

Washington Snapshots

Flash! Common horse sense is beginning to make itself felt against emotional hysteria in some Congressional quarters!

That's news. It means that if the trend away from emotionalism and toward logic continues, the nation may yet be able to arm itself for satisfactory defense.

Legislative debate over conscription of men led to pure hysteria in which some solons talked unthinkingly of conscripting wealth and industry. Now, they are beginning to realize that conscription of industry and wealth would mean conscription of the whole nation.

The sounder thinkers are now convinced that only the unwilling industries and dollars should be confiscated. They realize that if "wealth" is conscripted it means forcing everybody to buy government bonds even if they have to borrow the money to do it. And, they say, they can get the unwilling dollars through taxation.

Thus charges that industry is "sabotaging" national defense are boomeranging against the accusers. The President, the National Defense Advisory Commission, the Secretary of War, Secretary of Navy, and so on down the line, insist that industry is doing its part. That should satisfy the most violent critics.

As a matter of fact, an increasing number of legislators are becoming convinced that the hurrying of such charges against industry in itself simply creates doubt and uncertainty in industry at a time when it should be allowed to produce national defense without having to defend its unquestioned patriotism.

In this connection, some legislators have been brought suddenly up against the realization that they are now passing their tenth tax bill in the last nine years. As one of them put it, "we've been following a let's-tax-this-tax-that theory until we don't know what we are taxing."

He points out that out of these ten tax bills, eight have been passed as late as June and only two earlier in the year. That means that industries which would like in December to plan their activities and program for the next full year can't do so because they won't find out until June or later what taxes they will have to pay for the year.

Incidentally, newspapermen who allow tax legislation are usually pretty sound judges of the wisdom of tax bills. In a recent press gallery discussion, a group of them suggested an amendment to the so-called "excess profits" bill. It was this: Strike out everything and insert: "Excess profits is stuff that if the government says you got any, whether you understand it or not, it will tax 'em—and heavy!"

The tax bill may be big (at last count it was 105 pages) but the defense job is bigger. In a recent address, H. W. Prentiss, Jr., President of the National Association of Manufacturers, emphasized this. He reminded that building a two-ocean navy is a tremendous job because it means increasing the size of the navy 100 per cent. But the Army is to be increased 1,000 per cent.

In addition, he said, the original 100 per cent has to be modified to meet modern warfare requirements. He said, too, that another example of the size of the job is the fact that in the construction of a single Martin bomber, 400 to 600 subcontractors are involved.

About 19,000 sheep from eastern Oregon and Washington are being pastured in Columbia county, according to George Nelson, county agent.

TEN YEARS AGO

The per capita debt based on the estimated population of Vernonia (1,700) is \$74.55, according to a statement compiled by J. C. Lindley, city treasurer. There is \$149,500 of outstanding bonded indebtedness, \$8,037.40 outstanding in warrants. The sinking fund is \$30,833.65, leaving a net debt of \$125,739.75.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The baseball game between the business men of the south side of the main street and those of the north side was postponed one week because of rain.



The latest edition of the Oregon Driver's Manual, published by the state motor vehicle department, will be placed in the glove compartment of all new cars sold in Oregon in 1941, it was disclosed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

Snell said his department was cooperating with car dealers in all parts of the state in the project. The new manual contains complete information on rules and regulations pertaining to the safe operation of motor vehicles in Oregon. It is the manual studied by those who wish to pass the law test for a driver's license in this state.

"I urge every driver who obtains one of these manuals to study it thoroughly, even if he has been driving for some time," said Snell. "We sometimes neglect keeping up with changes in our vehicle laws and by reading this booklet, this situation can be remedied. It often is wise to refresh our memory on the vehicle laws and by passing the book around among members of the family, many others may be benefitted by the information included."

Car dealers have expressed approval of the plan to put the manuals in all new cars, declaring that the person who understands the vehicle laws is a much better and safer driver than one to whom the law is vague.

Hunters Bag 2-Point Buck

TREHARNE—(Special to The Eagle)—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell spent the week-end deer hunting back of Manning. Mr. Howell was lucky in bagging a 2-point buck.

Maxine John, who is attending Northwestern School of Commerce in Portland, spent Sunday with

LODGES

Vernonia Lodge No. 246



Meets Every Tuesday 8 P. M. Sam Hearing, Jr., N. G. Paul Gordon, Secretary

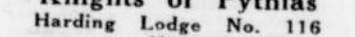
Vernonia F. O. E. (Fraternal Order of Eagles)



L. Lion Hall Vernonia Friday Nights 8 o'clock

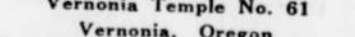
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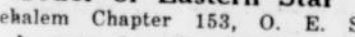
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Pythian Sisters



Vernonia Temple No. 61 Vernonia, Oregon Meetings—1. O. O. F. Hall Second and Fourth Wednesdays Each Month

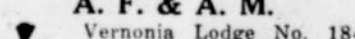
Order of Eastern Star



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

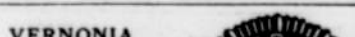
A. F. & A. M.



Vernonia Lodge No. 184 A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple, "State Communication First Thursday of each month. Special called meetings on 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



Meets First and Third Wednesdays AUXILIARY First and Third Mondays

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry John.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Keene have moved in to one of the Bergstrom houses.

Betty Thacker motored to Corvallis Sunday with Betty Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hedgepath and children and Oral Hoover of Hillsboro visited Saturday night at the H. E. Schram home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ortman of Forest Grove were Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson.

School children were happy to have an extra day vacation over the week-end while their teachers had institute.

Mrs. Hulian Thacker, Raymond, Betty and Patsy Thacker were Portland business visitors Saturday.

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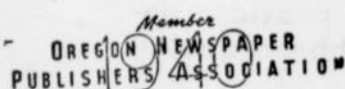
Attorney at Law Joy Theatre Bldg., Phone 663 In Vernonia Mondays and Tuesdays

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COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

GUARDSMEN LEAVE MONDAY FOR FT. LEWIS

Fully equipped with foot lockers and new dishes, purchased from merchant-contributed funds, Co. K entrained at 10:10 Monday morning for Fort Lewis and a year's active service with other citizen-soldiers in the 41st division.

The unit, which was mobilized Monday, will be at its fully authorized strength of 114 men and four officers, Capt. Leland Austin, company commander, said. Physical examinations, which were planned for last Friday may take out a few men but replacements will be available for most of those lost in this way.

Contributions by individual St. Helens merchants and business houses raised nearly \$600 in a two-day drive here with the money being used to buy 55 foot lockers and over 100 new dishes. In addition, enough funds are left from the contribution to buy athletic equipment and provide for a mess fund, Capt. Austin said.

'EXTINCT' DEER TYPE FOUND IN COUNTY

Oregon deer hunters may have the privilege in a few seasons of hunting a species of deer in Columbia county which game men had thought extinct as far as western Oregon was concerned. This species is the Pacific white tail deer, several herds of which exist in eastern parts of the state, and which has been found in considerable numbers in the Westport-Mayger section of the county.

State Patrolman Warren For-sythe is largely responsible for discovery that that deer still roamed

the hills of the coast range. As a result of his findings the state game commission has closed the area from the S. P. & S. tracks to the Columbia river between Westport and Mayger to hunting for this species. The area is open for other hunting, but not for Pacific white tails.

STOCKMEN FAIL TO RE-RECORD BRANDS

Columbia county stock owners who have failed to re-record their brands as required by the legislative act of 1938 are operating under conditions "conducive to rustling," C. S. Merydith, representative of the state department of agriculture in Columbia and Clatsop counties, said this week.

The state law demanded that stockmen re-record their markings by July 1, 1940 with the department of agriculture and with the clerk of their home county. Failure to do this was to result in the stock owner's brand being considered dead.

To date, Mr. Merydith said, not one Columbia county stock owner has filed with the clerk, although in 1938 there were 27 brands re-recorded in the county.

CARL STROM ENTERS RACE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

The race for county judge became officially a three-cornered one Tuesday when Carl Strom, Chapman, filed as an independent for the post. He had previously indicated that he would file.

H. R. Dibblee is the republican nominee for the judgeship and Ray Tarbell is the democratic standard bearer.

Mr. Strom lost the judgeship by less than 10 votes four years ago when he ran on the democratic ticket.

Clatskanie--

BOYS ENLIST IN U. S. SERVICE

A large number of young men in Clatskanie and the surrounding territory are signing up for service with Uncle Sam. Many are entering the national guard, some the regular army and some the navy.

Those who have signed up with Company K unit of the Oregon National Guard include Paul Kallunki, Bill Leys, Spencer McCabe, Ervin Wright, Arnold Pillola, Chas. Wirkkala, Wayne J. Oja, Phil Martell and Webster Anderson. Some of these boys have taken part of their examinations. The final examinations will be given on Friday, Saturday and possible Sunday of this week.

LOTTA ASSOCIATION TO GATHER CLOTHING

The Clatskanie Lotta Association has made a decision to gather clothes to be sent to the unfortunates of Finland.

If people should desire to send some personal gifts to relatives in Finland, the gift could contain 2 lbs. coffee, 2 lbs. sugar, 2 lbs. rice, 2 lbs. macaroni and one-fourth lb. of tobacco and also clothes. The package should contain not in excess of 15 lbs. Each package should be accompanied by one dollar to cover postage charges in Finland.

Eagle Items Of Past Years

ONE YEAR AGO

The Oregon-American Lumber Corporation mill was closed to work Monday due to a dispute arising among men employed by the company.

A survey revealed that 26 students who graduated from Vernonia high school plan to attend various schools of higher education in the state. Choice varied among nine schools in Oregon.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Alvin Hanson, train dispatcher for Clark and Wilson and George Berdahl, mechanic at Wilark, were killed when their automobile sideswiped the Heath Service Station at the mile bridge in Riverview.

The budget of Union High School District No. 1 was approved by a vote of 24 to 5. The budget was about \$12,000 higher than the previous year. Increase was made to finish the gymnasium and allow for tax delinquency.

The city council elected E. A. Stacey as councilman to replace W. A. Davis, resigned.

Oregon-American LUMBER CORPORATION

Vernonia, Oregon