

Comments of the Week

ONE SECTION WILL BE SEEDED

County Agent George Nelson is in charge of work this week which will seed a section of burned-over timber land in a portion of the land subjected to the fire starting last summer west of Sunset camp on the Wolf Creek Highway. His work is carried out by finances gained by county appropriation for seeding and well it should be for the successful seeding of any great portion of land comes as somewhat of a burden to the individual when the question of funds for the work is considered.

When county funds are available, the agent may carry out the seeding at a time and to an extent which will prove beneficial in the future in providing pasture facilities for stock on land which would likely be useless for any other purpose.

OREGON NEEDS A NEW VITAL STATISTICS LAW

There is an increasing need in this state for vital records. Almost every age is now in need of a birth certificate. The defense program demands a birth certificate for practically all workers and many records are requested by persons whose birth occurred before registration was required by law. The work of issuing proofs of birth has increased over ten times during the last year. Additional proof is also required in cases of death, marriage and divorce. The present law is inadequate to meet the situation.

Oregon's first vital statistics law, enacted in 1919 was satisfactory until recent years when certain provisions were proved inadequate to cope with present needs. That the citizens of Oregon were becoming increasingly aware of the importance of birth registration was evidenced by the tremendous increase in requests concerning the status of individual birth certificates. Also evidenced was a rapidly increasing demand by state, federal and private agencies for certified copies of birth certificates as legal proof of birth for many purposes, foremost of these being requirements for work on national defense jobs and verification for the army and navy.

At the same time, thousands of native Oregonians were discovering that their births had never been recorded due to the birth having occurred before registration was required by law, or to imperfections in the registration system.

The proposed new vital statistics law, Senate Bill No. 62, is not a radical departure from provisions of the present law. Most sections of the Act may be considered as a clear-cut, better defined model of procedure which is now established practice under the administration of the present law.

An accomplishment of the new law will be adequate definitions of all terms to conform with standards recommended by many federal agencies and approved by the 1939 Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

PGE CO. SLICES COMMERCIAL RATES--

St. Helens commercial users of electricity will join with other commercial units in the territory served by the Portland General Electric Co. in saving approximately \$485,000 annually as a result of the new Bonneville-type rate schedule filed by the company with Ormond R. Bean, state utilities commissioner, late last week. The new schedule will become effective with all meter readings taken after March 25.

Company officials explained that the new schedule is in effect the Bonneville standard rate for commercial establishments as recommended by Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver for public utility districts and municipalities distributing power from the federal project.

AUDIT OF CITY'S BOOKS SHOWS DEFICIT--

A net deficit in all funds of \$24,284.15 for the year 1940 is shown in the auditor's report of the city books submitted to the council last Monday evening. This in the red total compares favorably with the deficit of \$34,587.04 carried December 31, 1939 and is accounted for by property and debt improvement items of \$34,514.52 and \$1,614.48. This property item is largely made up of lots which the city took over for sewage assessments some years ago.

Despite the auditor's report of a deficit, expenditures in the city last year ran \$2,069.46 under what was estimated would be spent. The budget approved for 1940 allowed for expenditures of \$42,568.75, while the amount actually spent was only \$40,499.29.

STRAWBERRY MEN TO MEET FEBRUARY 22--

Production and marketing problems of Columbia county strawberry growers will be considered Saturday, February 22, at a meeting

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THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

PLASTIC
ONE OF THE FIRST PLASTICS DEVELOPED NOW HAS MORE THAN 15,000 USES. CONCEIVED BY INVENTORS PROTECTED BY THE U. S. PATENT SYSTEM.

IN COLONIAL TIMES A STRIP OF CALF SKIN TIED AROUND THE NECK WAS CONSIDERED A CARE FOR A SORE THROAT.

INDUSTRY DOES COMPLEX DEFENSE JOB--
TO BUILD A RIFLE NOW USED BY THE U. S. ARMY REQUIRES 19 DIFFERENT SPECIFICATIONS OF STEEL!

CANDY WAS FIRST MADE NOT AS A CONFECTION, BUT TO SERVE AS A SWEET COATING FOR BITTER MEDICINES.

ONE LARGE CHEMICAL COMPANY ALONE HAS ADDED 7,300 JOBS SINCE 1929 DUE TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENTS.

Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

American industry, in its day-to-day defense production, is making poor prophets out of all the writers who contended that "you will never make a satin purse out of a sow's ear."

So far as modern researchers know, James Howell, in 1659, was the first man to put that phrase into writing. Now, 300 years later, Washington hears daily of new industrial accomplishments for defense which make transformation of a sow's ear into silk look like child's play.

The handicaps in many instances are tremendous—but since the government is setting the policy and needs weapons and machines for defense, industry is producing them.

To the layman, this production might seem a simple job. But facts talked privately in Washington show that it is far from simple. Here is one especially interesting illustration:

When drafting men for military service was under consideration, some government officials favored deferring watchmakers because they would be useful in making the fuses which explode shells and bombs. But now these fuses are being produced. And men who regularly work on women's minute modern wrist watches are too clumsy for fuse making.

Watchmakers just didn't have the required skill. So the fuse producers turned to women who are needle-workers, doing embroidery, crocheting, and other fine handwork. The result is perfect fuses.

It sounds surprising to change embroiderers into fuse makers. But other similar transfers are just as surprising.

For example War Department officers originally planned for an army of only 400,000 men. But now they are planning for 4,000,000. Consequently, they need more of everything to arm, feed, clothe, and care for these 4,000,000 men.

Mosquito netting is important, with many training camps being located near water, to keep soldiers from getting malaria and other diseases, possibly even yellow fever. But existing mosquito netting makers couldn't supply the necessary quantity.

So now some of the leading producers of women's lingerie are making mosquito netting.

There are many other such samples. One factory, which made machines for tobacco plants, is now producing Diesel engine parts; dyes and tools are being produced in a button plant; a maker of laundry machines is turning out machines which will bore and rifle gun barrels.

The willingness of these manufacturers to do even more in making a definite impression in Washington. One man who processes fish oil says his four fishing steamers were available for use as mine sweepers if the government needs them; a chemical company owner offers to go out of that business and let his plant be used for something else if the government wishes;

a creamery plant owner suggests that his facilities might be converted into chemical production.

While all these things are being done BY industry, Washington is watching closely what is done TO industry. Strikes, of course, continue to hamper production in important fields. And labor unionists in many cases are slowing down rather than speeding up production. Here is an authenticated report of such a case:

One defense manufacturer employed a new worker who was ambitious and energetic. The first week this man turned out 1,100 of a particular article. A union leader asked him: "Are you trying to show up the rest of us? You'd better cut down that production rate." So the next week, the new man's production dropped to 600—it was either that or lose his job.

Slow-down is just as bad as actual striking. That's why Congress is getting interested in the matter.

Eagle Items Of Past Years

ONE YEAR AGO--

City councilmen authorized the rebuilding of the city water intake settling basin. Cost of the construction and materials was given at \$832.92.

E. H. Washburn sold his lumber-hauling business to O. E. Johnson of Banks. Washburn had operated the business for the two previous years.

FIVE YEARS AGO--

Local Seven Day Adventists, who have been meeting in a hall at Bridge street and Weed Ave., are building a church at the corner of First avenue and Nehalem street.

Repairing and redecorating of the old MacMarr store next to the rateron Furniture store was started Monday by John Erickson. The store has been rented by Phillip Mulkey who will start a grocery store.

V. R. Lapree, Medford, has established a delivery service in Vernonia under the name, O. K. Delivery.

TEN YEARS AGO--

The Vernonia Mercantile company store closed its doors and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gilchrist, proprietors, moved to Portland.

Quick work by the fire department saved from complete destruction early Tuesday morning the building at Bridge street and Weed avenue.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to my monk friends who brought and sent gifts at my recent stork-shower.

Mrs. Geo. Hoerle
(Delpha Killian)

When a car is used mainly for short trips, as in city driving, there is greater chance of crankcase oil dilution and hence the need for changing oil oftener. Short runs do not permit thorough warming of the engine and it is during the warming up period that dilution of oil by raw gasoline usually occurs.

Book Talk . . .

By EDNA ENGEN

"This Life I've Loved"

I stood "Alone" "At the South Gate" that leads to "The Land Below the Wind". My thoughts drift "On the Long Tide", I looked down the "Lonesome Road" of memory. "Across the Years" I saw the "Long Valley" of my childhood. "How Green Was My Valley" surrounded by "White Peaks and Green". There, my childhood days were days of "Gay Pretending", of "Reaching for the Stars". Each day was an "Invitation to Live".

Perhaps, after this "World's End" "We Shall Live Again" in childhood's "Secret Valley" that lies somewhere "West of the Pecos" in the "Land Below the Wind".

—E. E.

"Hildreth" by Harlow Estes.

This is the story of Hildreth who has been brought up to hate her father who deserted her and her pretty weak-willed mother, when Hildreth was still a child. She hates the thought that she is like her father in looks, but doesn't realize that she has inherited his talent for learning and his ambition too.

Hildreth loves big, good-natured Geoffrey but desires something better for him than stagnation on a New England farm.

How she meets her father and becomes reconciled with him makes an interesting story.

Also the minor plot of Hildreth and Geoffrey's love affair is complicated by the arrival of an aunt to be a companion to Hildreth's mother; but the aunt turns out to be very pretty and still young enough to be Hildreth's rival for Geoffrey's love.

The world's tallest building—the Empire State Building in New York City—was struck by lightning at least twenty times between April and October, 1940. No damage resulted, however, as the skyscraper is well grounded.

LODGES

Vernonia Lodge No. 246

I.O.O.F.

Meets Every Tuesday
8 P. M.
Mike Willard, N. G.
Paul Gordon, Secretary

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

L-gion Hall
Vernonia
Friday Nights
8 o'clock

Alford Doree, W. P.
Willis Johnson, W. Sec'y.

Knights of Pythias

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

Pythian Sisters

Vernonia Temple No. 61
Vernonia, Oregon
Meetings—L. 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.

Allie Dickson, Worthy Matron
Mona Gordon, 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.
C. L. Brock, W. M.
Glenn F. Hawkins, Sec.

VERNONIA POST 119 AMERICAN LEGION

Meets First and Third Wednesdays
AUXILIARY
First and Third Mondays

NOTICE
Dog owners, get your dog's license before March 1st; 50c penalty if not obtained before. Obtain licenses at the city hall. 8t2—

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