

# Comments of the Week

## FIELD LIGHTS GET MUCH AID

Lights for night sport events on Vernonia's city park were given much impetus Monday evening as the city council which will provide \$250 for the installation. Certainly that amount should make much easier the job of obtaining the additional \$250 necessary to bring about the installation. Lights will be a great aid to increased spectator attendance at softball and football games by making possible the attendance of those employed during daytime hours. The time of employment has previously prevented many from seeing athletic events they would otherwise attend.

The request for donations remains as the only method of gaining the additional \$250. When that request is made, a favorable response will greatly increase the chance of obtaining lights. If that response is sufficiently favorable it may be possible to have a lighted field for the playing of this summer's softball games. Vernonia surely can afford lights when they are already in use at Rainier and St. Helens.

## ON THE SUBJECT OF THROWING BRICKS

It seems that some difficulty has been experienced by city police officials in bringing justice for an offense of throwing bricks from the top of one of Bridge street's buildings at cars passing by in the street. According to law, those apprehended for the deed can not be punished in the city court but must be brought before the county judge following an action by the district attorney. Those who performed the deed are juveniles. Explanation of the law was made Monday at the council meeting at which time it was stated that city police had sought action from the district attorney at a previous time for other unlawful acts by juveniles. To date no such action has been taken and with the latest act of violence it seems that two moves are necessary. One of these is that the law regulating trial of juveniles be changed and the other is that the district attorney be approached with sufficient force to shake off his lethargy and bring legal action.

## SPORTSMEN GET A BREAK, MAYBE!

The Governor's signature on the steelhead bill gives sportsmen a break they have long sought in bringing protection to the game fish which has provided so much sport for fisherman. The fight has been a long one in that the sportsmen have had previous legislative measures defeated. Commercial fishing interests proved too strong at other times and brought pressure on legislators to defeat previous bills. With the present measure a law, a difference in the steelhead catch on the upper Nehalem and on Rock creek should be noted. Increased catches may not be too evident next year but later years should bring much better luck when steelhead runs increase as they will increase with restriction on the use of nets by commercial fishers. Then will the number of sportsmen increase in this locality when the steelhead start running. All these things can happen if—and that "if" is a big one.

It is this. The bill must come up for a state-wide vote by referendum a year from November of this year. In the meantime the commercial interests may continue to operate as they have been. So the fight is not yet won by sportsmen for an adverse vote on the measure at that future election would destroy all the advantage which the bill would provide if it becomes law.

# COUNTY NEWS--

## St. Helens--

### CLARK, WILSON DONATES ACREAGE TO POMONA GRANGE

Land for the establishment of a county Pomona grange park became available last week when the Clark and Wilson Lumber Co. deeded to the grange a 30-acre tract adjoining the Natal school. The area, which is next to the Vernonia-Mist highway and is about 10 miles north of Vernonia, has recently been logged off and was presented by the lumber company free of charge.

The Pomona grange, according to Mrs. Pearl Becker, county deputy, intends to clean out the area of brush and fallen timber and then seed it to grass this spring. Also on the schedule of park work is the planting of Port Orford cedars over the entire 30-acre tract.

Seeding of the area will be done by the county, while the cedar trees will be obtained from the state. Work of planting these trees, it is hoped, will be done by grange members assisted by various youth clubs in the county.

### PROJECT AT DEER ISLAND SLOWED

Aided by premature spring weather, work on the \$500,000 Deer Island reclamation project is going forward steadily, but winter rains, coupled with other delays have set the probable finish date of the job back from late summer to about November 1. At present a 30-man crew is being used with two eight-hour shifts being run for work on the 6 1/2 mile levee.

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50 per cent of the job is done, and this included nearly two-thirds, or approximately 26,000 feet, of the levee. High water coupled with muddy ground has held up work on the two-mile-long drainage canal and operations will not be resumed there until the dry weather of the summer.

### "ASSESS YOURSELF" PLAN BRINGS RETURNS

Returns are already being received at the assessor's office on the new "assess yourself" form of statements which were sent out the first part of last week. Approximately 2600 of the blanks were mailed and April 1 has been set as deadline for the return of the completed form.

By means of the new system, being tried in this county for the first time since 1915, data on personal property will be in the hands of the assessor nearly four months earlier than under the old arrangement of having field deputies gather this material.

### DECISION NOT EXPECTED FOR THIRTY DAYS

No decision on the Monish et al vs. Columbia River PUD case heard Tuesday by Judge E. C. Latourette in circuit court here will be rendered for at least a month. This delay is occasioned by the fact that the attorneys will submit their pleas by brief instead of making oral statements.

This process is granted a period of 25 days by law and it is usual for the judge to take a few more days to study the briefs before rendering his verdict, so it will probably be at least a month before a decision is handed down.

### LAWMEN MEET HERE WEDNESDAY

There'll be cops all over the place Wednesday evening, March 19, when the Southwest Washington and Lower Columbia River Peace Officers association holds its session at the Methodist church. Hosts for the session are Sheriff M. R. Calhoun and his staff.

# THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE by TOPPS

THE CRISIS OF SEWING BUTTONS ON MEN'S COAT SLEEVES ORIGINATED IN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WHEN FREDERICK THE GREAT ORDERED ROADS OF BUTTONS SEWED ON THE SLEEVES OF HIS PRUSSIAN GUARDS TO KEEP THEM FROM WIPING THEIR FACES WITH THEIR SLEEVES—THUS SOLVING THEM.

IT TAKES 1,850 MEN 2 1/2 YEARS TO BUILD ONE CRUISER

IN ANSWER TO THE NATION'S DEFENSE NEEDS U.S. AIRCRAFT FACTORIES LAST YEAR NEARLY DOUBLED THEIR FLOOR SPACE

THE TYPICAL WORKER EMPLOYED ON A 5-DAY WEEK "WORKS ALL OF MONDAY AND EVEN A LITTLE OF TUESDAY" TO PAY PRESENT TAXES

"YOUNG BLADES" OF 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ENGLAND GAVE GROWING TOMATO PLANTS TO THEIR SWEETHEARTS AS SYMBOLS OF THEIR LOVE

## Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

Strange times make strange bedfellows in Washington—and all because the new getters-in-bed don't understand what their new bedmates are up to.

The story is that some of the Capital's theoretic planners were very disturbed when practical, experienced businessmen were allowed positions of some influence in the new defense set-up. The planners want to run the show themselves, so they are anxious to discredit the businessmen in the hope that the latter will be eased out of the program.

An original point of attack was based on the charge that defense contracts haven't been spread around the country, but have been concentrated instead in present industrial areas. Critics making this claim conveniently ignore the War Department's own explanation that the reason is the necessity for speed—that if you are anxious to get machine guns rapidly, it is usually far quicker to convert a manufacturing plant already operating in Pittsburgh rather than build an entirely new one in Idaho.

Indeed, building a new plant in some non-industrial area would be only the beginning of the problem. In its wake, would come the necessity to bring raw materials to localities to which they had never been directed before; of drawing skilled and semi-skilled labor from their home localities and home communities; and of making other changes and adaptations in dozens of new directions.

Those who are assailing businessmen in-defense, however, seem to care less about whether their specious arguments would or would not retard defense, and much, much more about whether they constitute good political capital.

Incidentally, to show how such minds run it is interesting to note that this criticism of the businessmen in the defense set-up who are trying to get things accomplished rapidly contradicts the criticisms that their enemies were trying to pin on them a short while back. Not many months ago the effort was being made to condemn the businessmen by getting out rumors to the effect that they weren't turning out equipment for defense as fast as they should.

This fell flat because it quarreled with common sense. Not only trained experts, but plenty of ordinary Americans, knew that the change-over from making peacetime articles to making defense products took a little course-charting at first to avoid delays later. Getting orders out to industrial districts where the change-over could be made most swiftly was one of the big, important moves the businessmen made that is beginning to show real results now.

But the "we-don't-like-it" boys, nothing daunted, changed direction like a weather-vane hit by a high wind, and began criticizing the businessmen for doing the very kind of thing they had previously been assailing them for not doing before.

The second point of attack has been directed against the businessmen themselves. There are many score businessmen who are working in the defense effort for \$1 a year. The professional critics hope to make much of the fact that some defense contracts have gone to firms with which these men were connected.

What the theorists overlook is that in choosing personnel for the Defense Commission, successful "producers" got first call. If they were successful, their firms were too. If their firms were successful, then often they were capable of turning out defense goods satisfactorily and in a hurry.

So, whether the industrialists and businessmen were in Washington or not, their firms still would have won contracts. And if contracts had been denied to those firms just because they had representatives in Washington working for the good of the country, the defense program today would be in a terrific log jam.

The situation seems to boil down in essence to a feeling in the minds of certain planners which might be defined somewhat as follows: "We don't trust you, because we don't see why you'd give up good jobs to go to work for your country. There must be something more to it than meets the eye."

Maybe the ingredient that the smart boys in Washington can't quite understand is called "Patriotism." If that's the case, their frame of mind is far more a reflection on themselves than on the men who are making the defense program work and, in the course of doing so, have aroused the incredulity of a few noisy critics.

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By BAAL SWELL, Secretary of State

Sixteen Oregon counties reduced their fatal accident toll during the year 1940, as compared to the 1939 toll, it was announced recently at the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state.

Outstanding in reduction of fatalities were Yamhill county, which reported but six fatalities last year compared to 16 the year before, and Lincoln which showed a reduction of from 10 in 1939 to five in 1940.

Counties which went through the entire year without fatalities were Crook, Gilliam, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman and Wallowa. In 1939 Wallowa had three fatalities, Wheeler county while reporting four fatalities in 1940 reported no injuries from traffic accidents, the only county in the state with a clear record as far as injuries were concerned.

Next to Multnomah county where 92 fatalities were recorded, Klamath county was second highest with 30 fatalities during the year. Marion county was next with 23 deaths while Clackamas followed with 20. Josephine county jumped from two fatalities in 1939 to eleven in 1940 while Umatilla jumped from seven in 1939 to 17 in 1940.

## Book Talk . . .

By EDNA ENGEN

"To the Bookworm there is nothing as soul-satisfying as browsing around in a book store or library and there is no thrill comparable to that of discovering, all by one's self, some gem of literature, old or new.

There are many book-lists to be obtained to guide you in your selection of books and many wise and learned men to advise you in what to read, but the Bookworm finds these poor substitutes for the joy of discovering them for himself. It is too much like having someone tell you in the most exciting part of a show that the heroine dies in the end or gets the wrong man."

"Daughter of the Eagle" by Nexhmie Zaimi.

We usually, when Albania is mentioned, think of the little country conquered by the Italians and now the scene of Greek-Italian warfare. In this book written by the only Albanian girl to come alone to this country, we find a different Albania. A land of contrasts, beauty and barrenness, kindness and brutality. A land deep in conflict between ancient barbaric customs and modern trends of today.

Miss Zaimi has told an interesting story in an exceptionally interesting manner.

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Allie Dickson, Worthy Matron  
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