

# Vernonia Eagle

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## Birkenfeld Students to Attend Here

### Addition to High School Student Body Anticipated This Year

The enrollment of students in the Vernonia high school will have 10 students from the Birkenfeld area this year, according to Wallace McCrae, principal.

The Birkenfeld district, a joint district made up of areas in both Columbia and Clatsop counties, decided to discontinue the school which at that time had an enrollment of 16.

The plan, states McCrae, is to pay tuition to other schools for the transportation for the students, those in Clatsop county going to the nearest high school and those in Columbia county coming to Vernonia. The bus will extend its trip to an additional three miles to pick up the 10 students to bring them to Vernonia high school.

## Car Wrecked Friday Eve

The car belonging to Frank Floeter is in the Vernonia Auto company shop this week as a result of a head-on collision with a California car. The accident occurred on Friday evening about 8 o'clock on the Forest Grove highway just on the edge of the city limits on the crest of the hill near the Berger home. It was not learned who the other occupants of the local car were with the exception of Lyle Galloway who sustained an injured elbow. This is the second time that the Floeter car has been involved in a head-on accident, the other occurring near Pittsburg.

## Special Days Set For State Fair

Fittingly enough, the opening day of the Oregon state fair at Salem will be dedicated to the laboring man and woman—for the fair opens on Labor day. Other special days arranged for the week are:

Tuesday, September 2, Townsend day and Service clubs' day; Wednesday, Governor's day and Salem day; Thursday, Portland, Realtors' and American Legion day; Friday, Farmers and Farm organizations' day; Saturday, Editors' and Children's day; Sunday, September 7, Fraternal day.

Women of this locality who expect to enter exhibits in the textiles and domestic baking departments at the fair are reminded that the entry deadlines are the night of August 30. Further details may be obtained from the premium books, copies of which are still available through the fair office at Salem. Entries for amateur photographic art close at 4 p. m. August 30.

An innovation this year will be free parking on the fair grounds for all cars arriving before 9 o'clock each morning. This is especially for benefit of those who like to arrive ahead of the crowds so they may examine exhibits and displays more at their leisure; it will also help relieve later congestion at the gates.

### Smiths Take Vacation—

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, owners and operators of the Cozy in Vernonia and in Tigard, left last Sunday for Breitenbush where they will vacation. During their absence Bessie Bell and Margaret Haiman will have charge of the local Cozy while Edith Ludwig will be in charge of the Tigard shop.

### In Portland—

Mrs. John Hatfield and Mrs. Cleo Caton motored to Portland Tuesday afternoon to visit Mrs. Merlin Whedbe and new son, Michael, who are in the St. Vincent's hospital.

## Lolley Commends Defense Group

Marshal A. D. Lolley wishes to express his thanks to the members of the volunteer police reserves who just recently signed for action as civilian defense workers. Seventeen members assisted in street patrol during the movement of the caravan of the 40th infantry this week. Lolley stated that this mock war emergency was met patriotically and is an example of how important members of the civil defense groups will be in event of actual war.

## Band and Choral Man Engaged

Thor Bendixen has been engaged as band instructor for both the grade and the high schools and as teacher of public school music in the grades, it was announced Wednesday.

The new instructor is a graduate of Milwaukie high school and of the University of Oregon where he majored in music. While attending Oregon he was a member of the University band and is at present a member of the Elks' band in Portland. Bendixen has had six years experience in band and choral work and has taught in North Powder, Klamath county and in Mosier previous to his accepting the position; offered him here in the Vernonia schools.

## Frank Wilson Dies Friday

Frank L. Wilson, former resident of Vernonia, died in Portland on Friday, August 15; graveside services were held in Vernonia on Wednesday, August 20, at 1:30. Reverend H. R. Scheuerman officiated.

The deceased was born in Springfield, Missouri, October 22, 1866, and with his parents, two brothers and a sister, came to Oregon in 1876, settling near Vernonia where he lived and grew into manhood. For the past 10 years he has been living in Portland.

Two brothers and three sisters are left to mourn the loss.

### Grables Visit Here—

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grable and two sons of Los Angeles arrived in Vernonia Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Grable's family, the Charles Bergersons. Mr. Grable was employed at the O. A. mill when it first began operating.

### Home from School—

Robert Tindall arrived from San Diego last week for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. O. Poynter. He is enrolled in the naval training school in San Diego and must return there by Sunday.

### Take Vacation—

Mr. and Mrs. John Grady and son, Michael, and Mrs. Ollie Roberts left on August 9 for a two week's vacation. They have visited in Burley, Idaho, and will stop at Reno and in San Francisco before returning to their home. The Roberts formerly lived in Burley.

## Army Trucks Cause Unusual Incidents

Big day—flags waving—cheering kids lining the sidewalks—cheering girls eagerly snatching the empty cartridge shells containing notes requesting the receivers to "write a lonely soldier at such and such"—a barber also eagerly snatching one of the bullets and retiring to his den to read first the contents—one patriotic lady chiding you at 5:30 p. m. for not waving a flag after you have stood for two and one-half solid hours grinning at the boys—marveling how the poor fellows could wave and smile after traveling in that fashion for so long a time—wondering what the general's car would look like and

## Commission Refuses Okeh On Purchase

### Further Negotiations Necessary between OG & E, PUD District

Information released Monday disclosed the fact that the Hydro-Electric Commission of Oregon refused to okeh the purchase of the Oregon Gas and Electric property by the PUD district. Two reasons for the commission's refusing to sanction the buying of the property were given as follows:

1. The price agreed upon by the Oregon Gas and Electric and the PUD board was too high.
2. Existing facilities for power were inadequate.

Directors of the PUD met Wednesday evening for the purpose of discussing the decision given by the Commission.

## Funeral Service Read Monday

The funeral services for Rena Estella Hanna were held Monday, August 18 at the Bush Funeral Home. Reverend Harvey Scheuerman officiated. Interment was at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery. Mrs. Hanna was born January 11, 1890, at Prineville and had lived in this vicinity for 13 years. She passed away at her home at Wilark Friday, August 15. Left to mourn her loss are her husband, James C. Hanna, one daughter, Dorothy Lee; three brothers, Jesse and Ira Cox of Bend; and Howard Cox of Cottage Grove; three sisters, Edith Snyder of Mountain City, Tennessee; Lucy Helms of Fossil and Laura Prindle of Bend.

## Reichardt Named Service Chairman

Forrest Reichardt of the Vernonia Auto company has been appointed by the Selective Service Board of Columbia county as chairman of the selective service advisory board in Vernonia, according to information received Wednesday.

Those seeking information, advice and aid in signing for service will, in the future, see Reichardt. In addition to being qualified to give answers to queries concerning the draft, recently appointed chairman is also a notary public.

### Attend Baseball Game—

Charles Wall and his brother-in-law, W. English, and his son, of Houston, Texas, Lowell Hieber and Loel Roberts attended the baseball game between Portland and Oakland Sunday.

### Attend Picnic—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick, their daughter, Maxine, and their two drivers attended Sunday a picnic for the Eastside Drivers. The affair was held at Carver's park near Estacada.

### Nettie Alley Here—

Miss Nettie Alley, county nurse, was in Vernonia Tuesday. She returned recently from a vacation trip to Salt Lake.

when does it appear, fore or aft—wondering a lot of things about army life—why is a uniform so exciting to the rest of us and why is the army so unexciting for many who are in it?—who gets to drive a Jeep—would it be more exciting to drive one or to get to drive a state patrolman's car and go like the dickens, blowing the siren, feeling sure that the whole road was yours?—a little lad disappointed because the boys didn't wave back to him, he being too small—mama suggested that a group of them (some girls) stand with him on the curb and then the boys'd wave—bet they would too—waving is bet-

## George Johnson Named Mayor

### Part of Army Caravan Moves Through Vernonia

Eight serials of the 40th division stationed at San Luis Obispo are moving this week to western Washington where they will participate in war maneuvers. Approximately 100,000 soldiers will take part in the mock war.

Point for the troops on Tuesday and Wednesday. They took different routes from Forest Grove. Part of the men and equipment took the Cornelius pass to St. Helens and then to Rainier; the remainder proceeded through Vernonia to Clatskanie and then to Rainier.

### 218 Pieces Pass

On Tuesday, Vernonia turned out to see in the afternoon 218 pieces of equipment pass through the town as series 8 of the 40th infantry made its unimpeded way to Clatskanie, Wednesday, series 6 and 8 with 300 pieces of equipment proceeded through.

It is expected on Thursday that series 11 of the infantry with 75 pieces will pass by. Since the entire movement is conducted as if during war, definite information was learned only when picked up by short wave and relayed by State Patrolman Raleigh Wheeler who remained Tuesday at the home of Ed Sessman where radio reception was good. Wheeler then acted an informant to Marshal Lolley and his deputies who were stationed at intersections to prevent vehicles from obstructing the path of the oncoming army equipment.

### Highway Cleared

Patrolman Wheeler met the troops at the county line and cleared the highway for the cars carrying men and equipment; on Tuesday the state man conducted the caravan to Rainier and returned to meet the official officer of the 40th infantry to conduct his car

## Safeway to Sell Stamps

Beginning Friday, August 22, the local Safeway Store in conjunction with all other Safeway stores will sell Defense Savings Stamps of denominations of 10c and 25c. This announcement was made by Herb Pallant, manager of the Vernonia store, following a meeting of the store managers of the district. The meeting was held in Longview Tuesday evening.

### Visit in Long Beach—

The J. W. Nichols and the E. J. Preston motored last week-end to Long Beach, Washington, where they spent the day with the J. A. Burnsides who are spending their vacation there.

### Arrive from Los Angeles—

Miss Charline Durant, Mrs. F. M. Ruhl's sister, of Los Angeles and her friend from Kansas City arrived in Vernonia Sunday night. The two guests and Mr. and Mrs. Ruhl left Tuesday morning for a trip to Mt. Rainier and to Victoria, B. C.

### At Neahkanie—

Emil Messing and his daughter, Mrs. Marvin Porterfield, and children motored to Neahkanie Sunday.

to the head of the series 3 which had already passed through Vernonia.

### Vernonia Commended

According to reports, the commanding officer of the 40th infantry commended Vernonia upon its being so splendidly policed. The thought was expressed that Vernonia was one of the best policed towns the troops had passed through.

It was reported that in Clatskanie, due to the narrow streets and the double-parking problem, a number of cars which had remained on the street during the movement of the infantry were left with crumpled fenders.

## Barn Swallows Offer Interest

Bird lovers and students of bird lore may be interested in observing the home life of Mr. and Mrs. Barn Swallow and their four children whose residence is located on Third street on a cornice of the city hall. Attention was engaged when Mrs. Swallow created notice while bringing fat bugs to her gapeing hungry little ones.

City hall frequenters revealed a lack of knowledge of birds for each one when asked to identify the specie named the birdies things they are not. At last, Tuesday of this week, consultation with the librarian and a bird book acclaimed that Ed Sessman knows his birds when he definitely stated that the family was directly descended from the barn swallow tree.

Several persons who often pass by the birds' home find it difficult to go on their ways, for watching the feathered creatures is so fascinating. And now that Mama Swallow (or Papa Swallow, depending on who rules the roost) should be giving flying instructions any day, a record-breaking group of observers is predicted.

## Powder-Man Killed Tuesday

Herman Petersen of Portland met accidental death Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the Oregon-American Lumber Corporation property near Camp McGregor. The man, "powder monkey," was blowing choker holes near a group of his fellow-workers. According to J. C. Boyer, employer, a loud explosion attracted his attention, the intensity of which made him realize that more than the usual amount of powder had been used.

The body was brought in by the Bush ambulance and remained at the Bush Funeral Home until Wednesday. The family consists of two brothers, who are employed by the O. A. and work at Camp McGregor, and the parents who live in Portland.

## Swim Meet Scheduled

The Columbia County Swimming meet will be held in St. Helens on Monday, August 25, at 4 p. m., it was announced this week by Noble Dutton, swimming instructor. All amateurs in the county are eligible and Dutton urges that anyone interested in trying for the meet, contact him soon.

The Vernonia teams chosen are as follows: Girls: Roberta Sward, Jonnibel Hatfield, Ruth Hausler and Nora Vike; boys: Elmer Goodman, Melvin Schwab, Calvin Sasse, Glen Justice, Delmer Michener and Max Ensworth.

## Vacancy Filled By Appointment Of Council Mon.

### New Truck for Water Department Is Purchased; Price Told

The City Council met Monday night for their regular meeting with the special business of the evening the appointing of a mayor to fill the unexpired term of E. M. Bollinger whose resignation was accepted on July 21. To fill the office left vacant by Bollinger who moved to Beaverton, Ed Tapp oldest man on the council from the standpoint of service refused to take the office, necessitating the council's postponing the appointment until a willing and capable candidate had been named.

George Johnson, owner-operator of the Vernonia Service Station, was appointed Monday night by the council to serve the remainder of the term, that is until the next general election. Johnson, who has been a resident of Vernonia for nearly 20 years, has been active in serving on the city council in years prior to this.

The second important decision of the council was the okeing of the purchase of a 1941 half-ton truck for use by the Water Department. The price of the truck is \$1825; \$400 trade-in on the old truck was allowed by the sellers, the Vernonia Auto company.

## Logger Swim Team Team Loses

The Vernonia Loggers lost to the St. Helens swim team in the match held in Dewey Pool Sunday, August 17. Although defeated, the local boys and girls deserve credit, Noble Dutton, coach, stated. The boys on the St. Helens team were on the average much bigger and older than the Vernonia boys. Dutton praised particularly the girls; they earned 31 points over 26 gained by the visiting girls team. Final score for the meet was 65 to 48 in favor of St. Helens.

Results of the meet were as follows:

50-yard free style, boys: Gail Rutherford 1st, S. H. time 35 sec. Tom Buss, S. H., 2nd, E. Goodman, Vernonia, 3rd. 50-yard free style, girls: Ruth Merrill, S. H., 1st, time 35.9 sec. Ruth Hausler, Vernonia, 2nd, Roberta Sward, Vernonia, 3rd. 50-yard back stroke, boys: Glen Justice, Vernonia, 1st, Bert Chamberlain, S. H., 2nd.

50-yard back stroke, girls: Betty Dowler, S. H., 43.7 sec. Ruth Hausler, Vernonia, 2nd, Roberta Sward, Vernonia, 3rd. 50-yard breast stroke, girls: Barbara Evans, S. H., 1st, time, 55.5 sec. Nora Vike, Vernonia, 2nd; Long, S. H. 3rd.

Boys medly relay: S. H., 1st Time, 2 min. 6.2 sec. S. H. team: Jim Ford, Sausler, Bigelow. Vernonia team: Sasse, Michener, Goodman. Girls medly relay: (Vernonia first—Time 2 min. 33.2 sec. Vernonia team: Sward, Vike, Hausler. S. H. team: Dowler, Long, Tatro.

200-yard free style relay boys: (S. H. 1st). Time 2 min. 12.8 sec. S. H. team: Sausler, Chamberlain, Ford, Rutherford. Vernonia team: Sasse, Justice, Schwab, Goodman. 200-yard free style relay girls: (Vernonia 1st). Time 2 min. 50.2 sec. Vernonia team: Vike, Hatfield, Hausler, Sward. S. H. team: Long, Evans, Dowler, Merrill.

### Examiner Slated

Earl Snell, secretary of state announces that on Thursday, August 28, at the City Hall, there will be a traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs on duty from the hours of 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.