

Comments of the Week

CIVILIAN DEFENSE WEEK

The week from November 11th to Sunday, November 16th has been set aside by presidential proclamation as Civilian Defense Week, every day during that time being set aside for a special phase of that work. Along with Armistice Day, the week deserves special significance in the building of defense for this nation. Armistice Day, Tuesday, was the day dedicated to our country. Wednesday, November 12th, is devoted to the war against waste now that materials are essential and should be conserved in every way possible.

Thursday, November 13th, was the day set aside for explaining the existence of the volunteer offices of the civil reserve and for explaining the range of their activities. The health and welfare of the population is the theme for Friday, November 14th. The importance of a healthy and secure people as a foundation for strong military defenses is emphasized.

A need for civilian protection will be stressed and also a need for civilian participation in community service activities everywhere is the theme for Saturday, November 15th. A stimulation of the desire of every one to volunteer for service will also be attempted on that day.

The final day, November 16th, is the day to reaffirm our faith in the fundamental freedom upon which this nation is founded. It has been urged that every citizen learn how he may fit himself into some civilian defense activity and thereby be of service to his community.

THE RED CROSS DRIVE BEGINS

Beginning Tuesday was the Red Cross roll call drive, which is to be concluded by the end of November. The drive will be made in this county as it will all over the nation. An approximate \$3,000 is to be raised in the county as its portion of the national fund.

MORE USE FOR THE PARK CABIN

A recent action of the city council will make the cabin at the city park of greater use and benefit to the community. That action, taken at a recent meeting, permits use of the cabin by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in addition to the use formerly made of it by the Camp Fire Girls.

Beginning this week, repair work was started to make the structure suitable for the greater benefit which it will give to people of this community. Vandalism has been responsible for the breaking of at least 40 panes of glass in the building's windows as well as other minor destructive acts.

VERNONIA LOSES ITS FIRST GAME

As everyone is probably informed, Vernonia's Loggers met Prineville on the Prineville field last Friday afternoon in a prime-season game and was defeated. The defeat was one of those things that may be expected by any football team but the manner in which that defeat came about is a "pill" that is not too easy to take and those people who have followed the Loggers in this season's play are having a difficult time taking that "pill."

Both teams fought to the limit but every opinion expressed here indicates that the work of officials was not dedicated to impartiality for both sides hence the bitterness of the "pill."

COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens

MEET TO MARK START OF CASH DRIVES--

Marking the official start of the drive to fill St. Helens' miniature "community chest" with funds for the Girl Scouts, China relief and the Louise home as well as the launching of the annual Red Cross campaign, a "kick-off" meeting crossed by Tuesday night, November 11 in the K. of P. hall.

The Red Cross this year is seeking a membership equivalent to 15 per cent of the population of Columbia county. In view of the fact that this county has about 20,000 people and memberships sell for \$1, some \$3,000 will have to be raised before the campaign concludes November 30, Charles Rogers, county chairman, said.

CUT IN CASH FOR RELIEF PROTESTED--

Discussion of the relief budget for the seven-month period from December, 1941 to June, 1942 in which approximately \$2,000 was slashed from the general assistance program is expected to occupy part of the meeting Monday of the Columbia county welfare commission.

Mrs. Eva L. Tice, county administrator, said last week that if the budget goes through as it was adopted by the budget committee it will be necessary to sharply reduce medical care offered general assistance cases, effective December 1. Medical care for teeth, tonsils, eyes and dietary troubles will have to cease for most cases at that time, she declared.

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COMPLETION OF FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT DUE--

The Columbia river and a pair of rambunctious creeks called Tide and Merrill will have to cease and desist from their annual practice of inundating approximately 70 per cent of the 20 sections which make up Deer Island, thanks to a \$600,000 flood control job which will be completed on the island by mid-December, blizzards and floods excepted.

Most of the work is done now on the big job and Parker-Schramm, contractors on the project, will be entirely through with it by end of November, it is expected. The army engineers will have to remain on the job until shortly before Christmas to see that seeding is done on the levees and to check alignments.

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JUBINVILLE IS VOTERS CHOICE--

The city election held on Tuesday of this week resulted in the election of Elmer Culbertson, Ed Dear, Geo. Dye and Ray Jubinville as councilmen. Mr. Culbertson received 31 votes, Ed Dear, 30 votes and George Dye 17 votes for the two-year terms. Dye also received 11 for the one-year term.

Officers will assume their duties after the first of the year.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. Just what is inflation and how can it be minimized?

A. Inflation is a decrease in the buying power of the dollar caused by a rising cost of living. This, in turn, is brought about by a heavy public demand, resulting from a rapid increase in the national income, for things which cannot be produced in large enough quantities. Every citizen can help minimize inflation by buying Defense Bonds and Stamps.

Q. How can I get cash for my Defense Savings Stamps if I should need to redeem them?

A. Go to any post office. NOTE.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post

U. S. NAVY RECRUITING OFFICER PRESENTS APPLICANT WITH NEW "BADGE OF HONOR"



COMMANDER F. K. O'BRIEN, of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Service, is shown here placing the new Navy "Badge of Honor" on the lapel of an applicant for enlistment in the Navy. (Badge shown above at right.) All ambitious young men who apply for service in Uncle Sam's "Two-ocean" Navy, whether accepted or not, are given this new badge as a mark of their patriotism. To learn of the many opportunities the Navy and the Naval Reserve offer, local men of 17 years and over can get the official illustrated free booklet, "Life in the Navy," from this newspaper's Navy Editor.

office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps now are on sale at most retail stores.

The Forum

St. Helens, Oregon
November 3, 1941

Editor, Vernonia Eagle
Vernonia, Oregon

Dear Sir:

For four successive years, possibly more, the Columbia County Fair shows a big deficit. This year it is around \$2500 and unpaid bills are on file with the county court and will be paid from the county (or taxpayers') funds when the annual budget is adopted. This, notwithstanding the fact that receipts of the fair totaled approximately \$7100 shows that it costs \$10,000 to run the fair.

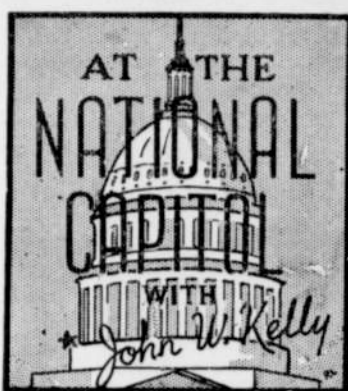
Each branch of our county government, in the prepared budget, is allocated just so much to conduct that particular branch, sheriff's office, clerk's office, judge and county commissioners, jail, roads, etc., etc., and those responsible do not dare exceed their respective budget allowances. But such does not pertain to the fair board; the members of the board can run up expenses as far as they wish and if there is not money in their treasury to pay, the unpaid bills are handed to the county court with the simple explanation "we have not got the money to pay the bills so let the taxpayers of the county pay them."

There is a movement on foot, and I understand that our county judge approves of such, that there be a manager of the fair appointed by the court, he to run the business of the fair as he would any other business and endeavor to make it self supporting as it was some years ago and there seems to be no reason it should not be in view of the fact that it gets a goodly sum from the state tax as well as from dog and horse racing.

In a letter published in the St. Helens Sentinel-Mist, E. E. Malla, secretary of the board, states "It is a fact well known by all that at least for the four years that Mr. S. F. Heuman has been manager of the fair a complete and correct audit has been made." This is not true for this year, for like previous ones, there has been no audit. Those engaged to look over the books (if there were any) have simply checked the receipts and expenditures. An audit means checking and confirming the transaction as appear on the books, not preparing the books.

Your paper, Mr. Editor, has a wide circulation in the Nehalem as well as other parts of the county and I trust you can find space for this article which is just a talk from one taxpayer to another and that if you take the time and trouble to investigate you will find that my statements are correct. From interviews with many taxpayers I find that they favor a county fair but do not understand the reason that each and every year they should be taxed for its support when thousands of dollars are poured into its coffers from admittance fees, state and racing allocations, fees paid for concessions and many other revenue-producing items.

Yours truly,
L. A. DuBois
Deer Island, Oregon



Washington, D. C., November 19

—Pulp and paper mills of the northwest are "tops" with the office of production management. This is one industry which has not indulged in a strike since the preparations for war started. Other industries (lumber, shipyards, etc.) have had disturbances which have slowed down production and interfered with the national defense program, but the pulp and paper mills have sailed along without a rift. These northwest mills are playing an important role, for with the stoppage of material from Europe there is an increased demand upon their facilities. Annoyances must be put up with, however, such as the withdrawal of vessels which brought sulphur into the northwest from Texas, and the reduction in the amount of chemicals which the mills have been using.

With all the means of transportation being called into service in the emergency, the central motor transportation committee is requesting congress to remove the weight and size limitation on trucks operating in interstate commerce. The legislation is designed to authorize interstate commerce commission, and has the approval of that body. Oregon is one of the states having restrictions and which would be affected if such a law is enacted. The case of Oregon has been considered by office of production management and also by the White House, and it has been suggested that the restrictions be eliminated as an emergency measure. These views were sent to Gov. Charles A. Sprague a month ago. The state highway commission agreed to the proposal last winter but the legislature rejected it, due to railroad influence, it is alleged. The transportation problem is now of greater importance than when the legislature was in session last January and transportation division of OPM is desirous of smoothing the way for the trucks. Owing to restrictions, trucks entering Oregon must stop at the state line and remove part of their load.

A young man of Hood River called at Senator McNary's office last week on his way home from the Red sea. He said sailors of the American merchant marine hoped no guns will be placed on the boats. As a seaman he has been delivering war supplies to the British. He said his shipmates had witnessed four different air raids while on the Red sea voyage but no bombs fell near their vessel.

In an effort to have agriculture produce in 1942 as never before and raise bumper crops (weather permitting) Secretary Claude Wickard stresses the need of more milk and cheese and asks that dairymen and cheese factories put on three shifts if necessary. The secretary promises that there will be funds to expand existing plants coming from lend-lease money. To date not

a penny has been advanced to the milk industry in Oregon for milking machines or for equipment for cheese factories.

Harry Slattery, REA administrator, is alarmed at what is happening to his particular project to electrify the farms of America. To the farm readers he says, "Unless we do something about the present, there will be no future." The commercial rating REA received for copper wire does not meet the situation and REA cannot obtain wire for the lines Mr. Slattery, of course, thinks that the private utilities are at the bottom of this and says so. For the private companies, it appears, having the same priority classification as REA have acquired almost enough copper for their needs. What Slattery wants is a priority ahead of the utilities which will place REA as a utility of national defense. Private companies have no such rating.

The bureau of reclamation is still receiving letters from people who have purchased land in the Grand Coulee area and explaining that they have been "strung" by land speculators. The federal government has done everything possible to prevent the practices complained of and maintains a free information bureau from which prospective settlers may obtain all desired information about the land, its classification, prices, and when water will be delivered; yet notwithstanding this service, there are victims.

One woman writes that she made a contract for land in the Grand Coulee district and now discovers that it will be 15 years before water will be delivered to it, by which time her husband will be 85 years old. The salesman, she says, assured her the acreage would be a nice place to retire to and enjoy life. Since the acreage is practically worthless without irrigation, the possibility of "enjoyment" may be questioned. According to the woman's letter she also paid too much for the land.

NEED DETERMINES TIME

Enlistment in the U. S. Naval Reserve is for four years, but if a man enlists today and the emergency ends within a period of several months, he will be returned to his civilian job as soon as possible after the emergency is over, and will not be required to complete his four year term in active service.

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At The Churches . .

Christian Church

—The Livingstones, Ministers
9:45—Bible school, M. L. Herrin, superintendent.

11:00—Communion service.
11:30—Morning sermon; subject, "The Man Sent by God." Special men's service.

6:30—The two Christian Endeavours.

7:30—Evening worship; sermon subject, "The Lost Sheep."

7:30—Wednesday evening, prayer meeting.

Evangelical Church—

—Harvey K. Scheuerman, Minister
9:45—Bible school with Robert Acord as superintendent.

11:00—Morning worship in which the pastor will speak from the subject, "Deepening Our Prayer Life." There will be special music.

6:30—The E. L. C. E. will hold the group meetings of prayer, fellowship and topic discussion.

7:30—This will be the first meeting of the series in the Evangelistic campaign. Rev. Lee C. Fisher, world traveler will be the speaker.

Assembly of God Church

—Rev. John W. Hodges, Pastor

Sunday services:

9:45 A. M.—Bible school, directed by Alban Colsen, superintendent.

11:00 A. M.—Morning worship.

6:45 P. M.—Christ Ambassador's services.

Wednesday night, 7:45—Bible study and prayer meeting.

Thursday, 2:00 P. M.—Ladies missionary and prayer band.

Friday, 7:45—Christ Ambassadors. We invite everyone to be in our services.

"SHIPPING DAY"

The day on which a young candidate for the U. S. Navy is officially accepted and sworn into service is known as "Shipping Day." It is the day he is sent off to one of our Navy Training Stations for his course in instruction and discipline. His parting gift is a booklet filled with useful information called "Helpful Hints to the Navy Recruit."

Lodges

Vernonia Lodge No. 246

I.O.O.F.

Meets Every Tuesday

8 P. M.

Alton Roberson, N. G.

Paul Gordon, Secretary 4-41

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(Fraternal Order of Eagles)

I.O.O.F. Hall
Vernonia
2nd and 4th
Friday Night
8 o'clock

Arthur Kirk, W. P.

Willis Johnson, W. Sec'y. 7-41

Knights of Pythias

Harding Lodge No. 116

Vernonia, Oregon

Meetings—I. O. O. F.

Hall, Second and

Fourth Mondays Each

Month.

Pythian Sisters

Vernonia Temple No. 61

Vernonia, Oregon

Meetings—I. O. O. F. Hall

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

Each Month 2-41

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Allie Dickson, Worthy Matron

Mona Gordon, Secretary 1-42

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Vernonia Lodge No. 184

A. F. & A. M. meets at

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Thursday of each month.

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C. L. Brock, W. M.

Glenn F. Hawkins, Sec. 1-42

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of Each Month.

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