

# Vernonia Eagle

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## Fund Amount For Red Cross Over Quota

**O-A Employees Contribute \$863.25; Vernonia Asked to Give \$500**

Vernonia's contribution to the most recent Red Cross request for funds from this county has been well answered in the Nehalem Valley it was revealed this week. The county was asked to raise \$3,500 of which the local portion was \$500. That amount has been raised and more than doubled to date with the possibility that a few more dollars yet remain to be turned in to E. H. Condit, Vernonia chairman.

In a check of the turn-in Tuesday, employees of the Oregon-American Lumber corporation contributed \$863.25. That figure was augmented by a check for \$25 from the corporation. Clark and Wilson employees at Wilark added another \$277 and residents of the City of Vernonia have contributed \$70 in the drive conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary. Individual contributions totaled \$58 to make the total turn-over from Vernonia \$1301.25 according to Miss Lillian Hedman who has acted as secretary for the funds which have been turned in.

## Lumbermen to Meet Friday

"Wood for Victory" will be the major theme of the Annual Meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association at Portland on Friday, January 30, with President Corydon Wagner, Secretary-Manager W. B. Greeley, and H. W. Murphy, WCLA representative in Washington, D. C., addressing the meeting on the situation and prospects of West Coast lumber in the war effort, the Association announced Wednesday.

Judd Greenman will act as interlocutor on the witness-stand quiz, a portion of the morning program. During that part of the program, stockholders are invited to submit questions on any association activity or policy.

Col. Wilhelm De Styer, of the Construction Division, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, will be the featured speaker of the program, at a dinner tendered by the Association to its stockholders and their friends and guests, and to military, naval and defense agencies of the Pacific Northwest, the announcement said. Governor Charles A. Sprague of Oregon will introduce Col. De Styer on the dinner program. Major General Eugene Reynolds, Chief of Engineers, who was to have been honored at the dinner meeting, is detained in Washington by important official business, the Association stated.

## Paterson Adds Store Space

Additional display and storage space has been added to the Paterson Furniture store by a change made Saturday with the Vernonia Bargain store which was formerly managed by Warren White.

The building formerly occupied by the Vernonia Bargain store will be used as a warehouse and display space for the Paterson store in addition to the merchandise at the regular location.

### Here from Portland—

Miss Daisy MacDonald, who is employed at Henry Thelle's in Portland, spent the week-end in Vernonia visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. Dave MacDonald and Nina.

### Returns to School—

Evelyn Hearing returned to school activities Monday, following her recovery from pneumonia.

## Borrowers from Library Increase During Year

The number of borrowers from the Vernonia Public Library showed a considerable increase during the past year as did the number of volumes on library shelves, according to information contained in the statistical report of the library for the year 1941. The report was prepared by Mrs. Lee Engen who has resigned the position after serving eight years as Librarian.

At the beginning of the year 1941, 1758 borrowers, 1103 adults and 655 children, were registered. During the year 101 more borrowers were registered, 80 of them being adults and 21 children, to bring the total to 1859. From that figure, however, 22 borrowers were lost due to death, leaving the city, etc., to make the total 1837 borrowers at the end of December 1941. Of the people who have cards at the library, 818 of them reside outside the city. Also reported is the fact that 73.5 per cent of the local population is registered as borrowers.

Another part of the report gives information regarding the number of volumes on library shelves. At the beginning of the year the library contained 2502 volumes, of which 1993 were for adult and 509 for children. Added during the year either by purchase or binding were 31 more books and nine were added by gift or exchange to make a total of 2542 of which 2029 were adult and 513 children. Three adult volumes were withdrawn to leave a total at the end of the year of 2539.

Loan statistics for the year revealed that less volumes were circulated than was true during the previous year. Adult loans amounted to 6430 and children to 950 to total 7386, a decrease of 2356 from the previous year of 1940. Of the total circulation the percentage of fiction is 85.7 per cent; the circulation per capita is 2.95 per cent; circulation by volume is 2.91 per cent; and circulation per borrower is 4.02 per cent. The financial part of the report shows a balance of funds on hand of \$118.50 at the close of the year. An itemized listing of funds is as follows:

Receipts amount to \$867.48 from these sources: city funds \$565.81; fines, etc., \$41.99; rental collection \$53.90; other sources, \$16.44; and unexpended balance from previous year, \$189.34.

Expenditures totaled \$748.98 and were made for these purposes: books, \$166.93; binding, \$22.93; salaries, \$420.00; repairs and alterations \$106.95; stationery, supplies, printing, \$7.58; postage, freight, express, telephone, \$3.96; traveling expenses, \$5.75; and other expenditures, \$14.88. The millage rate of library tax for the past year on city property has been .16.

### High Herd Listed

The December report of the Columbia Cowtesting association lists the herd of 16 grade Guernseys and Holsteins owned by Albert Schmidlin as rating high in the production of milk and butterfat during the month. The herd averaged 703 pounds of milk and 32.1 pounds of butterfat during the month.

### Speaker Plans Made

Should a sufficient number of people be interested, plans will be made for a speaker here February 12, Lincoln's birthday, was the announcement made Wednesday by Frank Taylor, Republican State Central Committeeman. He urged that those interested leave their names at The Eagle office and should the number be sufficiently large he will make plans for the event.

### Injuries Suffered Sat.

George Smith suffered injuries Saturday in a 30-foot fall from the O-A monorail. Smith was taken to the Emanuel hospital in Portland by the Bush Ambulance for treatment for a broken arm, broken ribs and a spine injury. Latest reports from the hospital Wednesday evening state that Smith is making a good recovery to date.

## Bonneville to Continue Plans

Two representatives from the Bonneville authority talked to Nehalem Basin Utility District directors Tuesday evening to inform the latter that the Authority intends to continue with previous plans for the construction of a power line into the district from Clatskanie. The information will probably be of interest to many people living in the district due to the war preparation which has limited the purchasing of many articles.

However, in this instance, the directors were informed that it has been definitely established that a power shortage exists here and upon that basis it will likely be possible to obtain necessary supplies for building such a line. A priority rating will be required in order to purchase the materials.

### Map Shows Plan

According to maps which have been made of the proposed line, it will connect with other Bonneville lines at Clatskanie. From there the line will cross the Clatskanie mountain to Mist and thence up the Nehalem river to Vernonia where a substation will be located. A connection will also be made with Bonneville power at Forest Grove to serve as a standby in event of line difficulty between Vernonia and Clatskanie.

## Council Passes Two Ordinances

City councilmen met Tuesday evening to give official approval to two ordinances in a meeting that had been postponed from Monday, January 19th due to lack of a quorum at that time.

One ordinance was that which officially gives an increase in salary to city employees.

The city occupation license for laundry concerns was reduced to \$15 per year in the second ordinance to be acted upon.

## Defense Stamp Sale Increases

The recently ended Defense Bond Pledge campaign in Columbia county has already resulted in a considerable increase in the purchase of bonds and stamps from the Vernonia post office, it was stated by postal officials Wednesday.

Monday of this week was an outstanding day for the sale of stamps, the most outstanding day since the stamps went on sale. On that day a total of \$126 worth were sold.

Local purchases of defense bonds have averaged a thousand dollars a day since the first of January, records reveal.

### Dr. Poling to Visit

Dr. D. V. Poling, chairman of the Oregon State High Schools Relations committee, will visit the high school next Wednesday, according to a report from Principal Wallace McCrae. Dr. Poling will speak to the entire student body to explain the system of higher education in the state and will confer with the seniors throughout the day, advising, informing and answering questions concerning the state colleges and the university.

### Correction

A recent news item giving information on a turnover of \$37 to the Red Cross from a Grange dance at Natal also stated that music for the evening was donated. To be correct, the item should have omitted the statement that the music was donated.

## Aliens Given 6 Days to Get Certificates

**German, Italian, Japanese Nationals Must Be Identified**

German, Italian and Japanese aliens living in this area along with those living in eight western states will be affected by new regulations which were announced this week by Attorney General Francis Biddle.

The new regulations, issued under authority of the Presidential proclamation of January 14, 1942, relating to alien enemies, require all German, Italian and Japanese aliens to apply at the nearest first or second class, or county seat, post office for a Certificate of Identification. The requirement applies to all enemy nationals 14 years of age or over who have not yet taken the oath of allegiance before a Federal judge, the final step in acquiring American citizenship.

The identification program, which will affect approximately 1,100,000 German, Italian and Japanese non-citizens, will be directed by Mr. Earl G. Harrison, former Director of Alien Registration and now a Special Assistant to the Attorney General advising on alien problems.

### Separate Periods Set

The regulations provide for two separate periods for the submitting of applications for identity certificates, as follows:

1. All German, Italian and Japanese nationals residing in the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Utah and Idaho are required to file applications at the nearest first or second class, or county seat, post office between February 2 and February 7, 1942, inclusive.

2. All German, Italian and Japanese nationals residing elsewhere in continental United States are required to file applications at the nearest first or second class, or county seat, post office between February 9 and February 28, 1942, inclusive.

Failure to comply with the new regulations may be punished by severe penalties, including possible interment of the enemy alien for the duration of the war.

### Photographs Needed

The regulations require enemy aliens, in applying for identification certificates, to provide a photograph of themselves (to be attached to the identity card) and to answer a number of questions concerning their current activities. Printed directions for the filing of applications will shortly be available at post offices.

The regulations provide that after a careful check has been made of each application, the applicant will be provided with a Certificate of Identification bearing his photograph, index fingerprint and signature. He will thereafter be required to carry the certificate with him at all times.

In announcing the new regulations, the Attorney General said:

### Dual Purpose Noted

"The objective of the Department of Justice in issuing identification certificates to aliens of enemy nationalities is the dual one of strengthening our internal safety and protecting the loyal alien, even if he has become technically an alien enemy. The plan for issuing these certificates was worked out after consultation with Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commander of the Ninth Corps Area.

"I want to make it clear that in no sense will our issuance of identification certificates be a re-registration of a portion of the alien population. We are entirely satisfied with the results of the 1940 national registration of aliens, and this new procedure will not duplicate it. We deem it essential, however, for the protection of loyal alien enemies as well as for our own national safety, to obtain supplementary information of all German, Italian and Japanese non-citizens and provide them with identification certificates bearing their photographs."

## Match This If You Can

Tuesday of this week marked an unusual occurrence for two members of the Vernonia post office staff when considered from the standpoint of the number of years which those two have been employed together here. The event was the 56th birthday for Emil Messing, post master. On that birth date 18 years ago Tom Bateman first started working at the post office and has been there steadily since that time to make the period possibly the longest which any two men in Vernonia have worked together. Another unusual aspect of the event is that Messing was 38 years of age then while Bateman is 38 years of age now.

## Milk Shortage Expected Here

A shortage in the local milk supply can be expected here was the information made known this week. In announcing the possibility, it was stated that many people who have formerly been keeping a few cows and selling the milk to dairymen for distribution to their customers have discontinued and have gone into more remunerative activities thereby bringing on the shortage.

In further explaining the shortage it was stated that those who have been selling the milk cannot afford to keep their barns in good enough condition to meet lawful requirements for the sale of milk to dairymen. In order for milk to be purchased by a dairy for redistribution to customers, it is necessary that the product be of a class A standard.

## Memolog Drive Started Monday

At an assembly Wednesday afternoon, the drive for Memolog subscriptions had its initial start. The high school year book will be published under the supervision of Miss Freda Beck with the following members named on the production staff: Editor, Opal Scheuerman; Assistant Editor, Virginia Redner; Business Manager, Martha Tapp; Production and Advertising Manager, Joy Willard. Staff members of Timberline, the high school bi-monthly publication, will also be engaged actively in the Memolog work. According to the announcement from the high school, the annual will be distributed not later than the first week in May.

## Managers of Bakery Named

The management of the Vernonia Bakery has been changed and is now operated by Mr. and Mrs. R. Massey, who, with their children, are making their home here. In addition to the three children here, Mr. and Mrs. Massey have two boys serving in the armed forces.

The bakery was formerly operated by Jack McCormick who assumed the work after Mr. and Mrs. Jake Boss.

The bakery is featuring a full line of pastries and breads.

### Grange Council to Meet

The Columbia County Grange Council will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening, January 31, at the Fern Hill Grange hall beginning at 8:15 p. m. All masters, secretaries and lecturers are urged to attend. Luncheon and a program will be a part of the evening.

## Birthday Ball To Be Given Saturday

**Proceeds from Dance to Aid Infantile Paralysis Research**

With the completion of last-minute arrangements it is possible to announce this week that Vernonia will stage the annual President's Birthday Ball to raise funds for the campaign against infantile paralysis. The dance is to be held Saturday evening, January 31st, at the Legion hall. Music for the evening will be furnished by the Glenn Davis orchestra with which nearly everyone here is familiar.

Heading the Vernonia committee in charge of arrangements for the dance is George Johnson, city mayor. Johnson did not receive notice of his appointment as local chairman until Monday of this week thereby making impossible previous arrangements for the dance.

### Hall Donated

Previously to that time a commercial dance was scheduled for the hall but through cooperation from the American Legion, use of the hall has been donated for the evening.

Practically everyone is familiar with the use of funds which are raised from the birthday dances and the "march of dimes," but it is likely that few know that for a second time in a succession of three heavy epidemic years the number of reported infantile paralysis cases in the United States has topped the 5,000 mark. Figures released on the subject disclose a total of 9,056 cases for the 52 weeks of 1941 and reveal that Nevada was the only one of the 48 states which was left untouched by the recent epidemics. In Oregon the ratio of cases per 100,000 of population is given at 7.8

### 60th Birthday Noted

Although the local dance is being given January 31st, the President's birthday, his sixtieth, falls on January 30th.

As far as is known, the "march of dimes" part of the fund-raising campaign has been carried out locally only at Nance Pharmacy where customers of the store may contribute for that purpose.

## Report Tells of Pledge Success

An almost complete report of the results of the Defense Bond Pledge drive in Columbia county was available Wednesday to show that 6969 residents in the county signed pledges totaling \$412,682 for an average yearly pledge of \$59.21. The report was made by Charles N. Rogers who has directed the drive. Rogers sent word to Vernonia Tuesday that all pledge books be sent to him at St. Helens so that figures telling results of the work could be compiled.

The number of signers total 34 per cent of the county's population which is one pledge for every three residents.

### Valentine Dance Planned

According to an announcement from the high school, Girls' League members are sponsoring a Valentine dance to be held in the school gym on February 14. The affair, open to only high school students, will be headed by Elsie Killian, Joy Watson, Virginia Redner and Wilma Hanson. An effort to secure an orchestra is being made so as to provide the dancers an "extra-special" time.

### At Fort Lewis—

Mrs. Wesley Pace spent the week-end at Fort Lewis, visiting her husband, Corporal Pace. Mrs. Pace left here Thursday; Mrs. Massey substituted as instructor in the Washington school.