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## Public Utilities Commission Talks Reduction

### Friday Meeting Held to Take First Steps to Establish New Rates

Information gained from communications received here this week reveal that steps have been taken towards a rate reduction of electrical users here and that a move has also been made for the immediate correction of low voltage conditions as were testified at a hearing held here April 8.

The procedure to be taken by the Utilities Commission as agreed upon at the hearing were:

"That we (Utilities Commission) submit to you, (PUD) as soon as our investigation is completed a rate reduction based on our determination on a basis of original cost depreciated, and providing for a fair rate of return on the property used and useful in the service of the public in Vernonia and vicinity.

### Investigation to Continue

"That we are to continue our investigation of voltage regulation and service conditions begun previous to the receipt of your complaint.

"That we are to lay before the management of the company in detail the complaints as to low voltage and inadequate service compiled during our meeting with your group on April 8, and to continue our efforts for the early correction of the conditions causing these complaints."

A quotation from a more recent letter reveals that a meeting was held Friday, April 17, between the Public Utilities Commission and the management of the Oregon Gas and Electric company at which time discussion was held on "the necessary steps for the immediate correction of low voltage conditions in Vernonia" and at the same time were taken "steps towards such rate reductions as the present earning position of the power company will permit."

## Commerce Group Asks for Pump

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce went on record at its Monday meeting as favoring additional equipment in the form of pumping equipment for greater protection in case of fire and placed its request before city councilmen Monday evening to seek action on the matter.

As expressed at the commercial club meeting, a serious fire or two serious fires would likely see the destruction of much property for which there is now insufficient fire fighting equipment. The suggestion made to councilmen was that a pump be purchased for emergency use, that pump to be usable for taking water from Rock Creek or any other body of water that might be in the vicinity of the fire and thereby augment that water available from city mains.

O. T. Bateman and Harry Kerns were named on the chamber of commerce committee to present the matter to city councilmen.

## Letter Certifies Naming of Stage

Recent chamber of commerce activity requesting the naming of one of the new stages which are to be delivered to Oregon Motor Stages soon as the "City of Vernonia" brought results in the form of a letter from M. A. Reed, general manager of the concern, a few days ago.

In the communication it is stated that the stage company is to take delivery of some busses about the first of June and that one of them will be dedicated to Vernonia.

## High Students Named

Opal Scheuerman was named valedictorian and Winifred Romvedt, salutatorian, for the graduating class of '42. The representatives are chosen on the basis of their grade averages for the four years of high school.

## Men 45-65 to Sign April 27

The Columbia county registration center for all men who attained their 45th birthday since the last registration, and have not attained their 65th birthday on April 27, 1942, will be registered on April 27th between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., it is reminded this week.

The selective service registration center for Vernonia is the IWA Union hall, the same as the previous sign-up.

The registration at Vernonia is being supervised by R. A. Bramblett who will be assisted, as nearly as is possible, by those people who conducted the last registration on February 16th.

Those who are not employed during the early hours of the day are urged to register early by Mr. Bramblett so congestion will be avoided in the evening.

As was mentioned last week those who go to register should know definitely the month, day and year of their birth, place of birth and permanent residence and mailing address, if different from their permanent address.

## Councilmen Vote Two Resolutions

The Vernonia city councilmen, meeting for the second April meeting Monday, voted favorably on two resolutions and gave consideration to a request from the chamber of commerce which asked that a pump be purchased to be used in the event of a serious fire here.

One of the resolutions dealt with a "no parking" zone which was established along the curb of Vernonia high school. A previous ordinance dealing with parking regulations is so devised that councilmen by resolution can declare "no parking" zones wherever they are deemed necessary.

The second resolution authorized the vacating of certain city property in Evergreen Park addition to the city. The property vacated had at one time been platted into lots and streets but no development in the form of home construction has been made. The resolution authorized that property to be returned to acreage.

### Purchase Deemed Worthy

The council, in a discussion of the pump asked by the chamber of commerce committee, deemed such a purchase worthy as fire protection in case of an emergency and planned to take steps to purchase such equipment.

Further steps toward preparing a city budget were taken by the setting of Wednesday evening, last night, as the meeting time for the budget committee. Naming of the committee was made at a previous meeting.

The evening's business was terminated with the decision to order 50 cement water meter boxes which, when obtained, will be installed by the water department.

## Kate Lolley Is Elected Queen

Kathleen Lolley will rule over the annual May Day festivities to be held on the high school lawn Friday, May 1. Elections were held last Friday in the high school with candidates named by the seniors and voted on by the boys of the entire student body.

Attending Queen Kathleen will be two representatives from each class: seniors, Lillian Laird and Florida Graves; juniors, Vesta and Lesta Christiansen; sophomores, Ida Bond and Nina MacDonald; freshmen, Mary Beth Lish and Marjorie Lolley.

## Salvage Group For Valley Organized Fri.

### C. F. Hieber Named as Chairman of Committee; Ask People to Save

Further plans for the salvage of waste materials under a different set-up than has operated here formerly were undertaken last Friday at the Washington grade school when a group of ten men named by Governor Sprague met to organize a workable system for the collection of waste materials that may be converted into usefulness.

The meeting was called by Price Schroeder, chairman of the Columbia County Salvage Committee, and included the following men appointed by the governor: C. F. Hieber, Nehalem Valley chairman, H. G. Sandon, T. M. Crawford, R. Valpiani, Albert Schmidlin, Clyde McDonald, C. L. Anderson, Cass Bergerson, W. G. Heath and R. L. Spencer.

In addition to those men, Glenn Hawkins, Wilark, was named to arrange for salvage work at that place. The valley has been divided into districts with members of the committee heading the work in the districts. Mr. Hawkins will arrange for collections at Wilark and the material will be transported here by Mr. Crawford. At Pittsburg R. Valpiani and Harry Sandon will arrange for collections as will W. G. Heath at Riverview. C. M. Johnson will have charge of collections at Mist. Material collected will be brought to Vernonia to the old post office building.

### Vernonia Arrangements Made

In the City of Vernonia arrangements have been made so that any resident having waste paper, boxes, rubber, etc., may bring it to the salvage center, the old post office, or call Mr. Hieber at the bank building, phone 231, and a truck will be dispatched once each week to make collections. It is likely that the collection work here will be cared for by Walter Kent.

In explaining the work of the committee, Mr. Hieber asks that every individual consider him or herself a member of the committee by bringing in articles of salvage or notifying those who will make the collections.

It is asked that old papers and magazines be bundled separately to facilitate handling.

Scrap metals are also on the salvage list but those articles are to be brought to the Harry Culbertson blacksmith shop, the previously-announced collection center. Further information regarding those things to save is given as follows:

**Scrap Metals:**  
Iron, steel, brass, copper, zinc, aluminum, lead, etc., are needed. Dispose of discarded tools and farm implements such as worn-out rakes, mowers, hay loaders, cultivators, binders, tractors, scythes, boilers, metal roofing, stoves, wash basins, broken milk pails, pipe and hardware, batteries, fruit jar tops, and anything else made of metal, except tin cans which in most communities cannot be reclaimed.

### Eurlap Bags and Old Rags:

**Save Burlap, Urged**  
Cotton bags and all kinds of burlap can be reused. Try to return these in as good condition as possible. Old shirts, underwear, mattresses, sheets, pillows and towels, discarded carpets, flour, sugar and feed bags are needed too—for reuse in factories as wiping rags and as roofing and flooring materials in emergency construction.

**Old Rubber:**  
Discarded auto tires and tubes, rubbers, and overshoes can be reclaimed for military uses—and to make new tires and tubes.

**Waste Paper:**  
Save waste paper—don't burn it! Wrapping paper, cardboard cartons and boxes, paper bags, newspapers, and magazines are needed to make new paper-board to pack foods, airplane and tank parts, shells and ammunition and other articles. Save baby chick boxes for reuse, too, if you can return them to hatcheries. Keep rags, metals and rubber separately. Flatten out cartons, and

## February Bond Sales Reach Impressive Total

### Columbia County Sales in Feb. Reach \$52,326; Feb. Sales Second

Sales of series "E" war savings bonds in Oregon for February, latest month for which figures are available, reached the impressive total of \$4,383,483, it was announced by Ray Conway, state administrator. This is the second largest single month since the program was launched in Oregon last July. January broke all records with a total of \$6,713,682, while December, the "war" month, hit \$3,712,921. Figures do not include sales of "F" or "G" bonds.

February sales brings the total receipts for "E", or "people's" bonds in Oregon to \$22,260,644 for the eight months since the promotion campaign began in this state.

Of the total, Columbia county sales accounted for 1.44 per cent, or \$320,909. Sales in February were \$52,326. Promotion of bond sales in Columbia county is under the direction of Irving T. Rasmussen, county chairman.

### Pledge Campaign Responsible

War Bond sales in Oregon in February, a short business month, reached a high total largely because of the work done by volunteer workers under the direction of county committees on the pledge campaign and on pay roll savings purchase plans, Mr. Conway stated. Necessity of raising funds for the nation's war program was brought to the attention of practically all citizens in every county by those conducting the pledge campaign, while hundreds of firms have installed the payroll deduction plan for purchase of bonds by employees.

The excellent Oregon showing was achieved in spite of the tendency on the part of many citizens to curtail investments in order to meet income tax payments, it was pointed out, and it proves people of the state are making every effort to make the war bond program a success.

A statewide campaign to get all firms to install the payroll savings plan of bond purchase for employees is now under way, and should help swell totals in future months, Mr. Conway stated.

## Police Reserves Get First Aid

The beginning of additional instruction for the civilian policemen was started Monday evening of this week with the first class of first aid work in the standard course which will be given that department. The first aid instruction will augment the training already received by reserve policemen in the work they may be called upon to perform in the event of an emergency here.

Although the first meeting of the class was held Monday evening, those present at that meeting decided to change the meeting times to Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week thereafter, that time being considered most convenient to the majority.

The class is being taught by Noble Dutton.

## Cub Scout Meet Set for Friday

Announcement of a meeting Friday evening, April 24th at 7:30 is made this week. The meeting is being called for all persons concerned with the continuance of the Cub Scout troop which has been organized here. Those people, Den Mothers, Den Dads, committee members and a prospective Cub Scoutmaster and assistant are urged to attend at that time.

Boxes. Tie in neat bundles; keep dry and clean. Pile newspapers and magazines separately and tie in separate bundles.

## Sugar Registration For Rationing Told

### Trade Registration

The registration for rationing to trade users of sugar is somewhat more complicated than that of the registration of civilian users. Trade users are divided into two classifications: 1. institutional and industrial users and 2. retailers and wholesalers. Users of sugar under those classifications are being issued blanks which they must call for, fill out and return to the school. The trade registration is being conducted by the Vernonia high school for users in the Upper Nehalem Valley.

Trade users are responsible for calling for the blanks and returning them it was stated by Wallace McCrae, school site administrator. Dates for calling for the blanks are: Wednesday, April 22, Thursday, April 23, Friday, April 24, and Monday, April 27. The high school office will be open to distribute the blanks when called for during the time of the school day.

### Return Dates Set

After the blanks have been obtained they must be filled out and returned to the school on Tuesday or Wednesday, April 28 or 29 between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. on those days.

Users should come to the high school serving their community. That is, trade users in Birkenfeld, Mist, Wilark and Vernonia will get their blanks from the Vernonia high school.

Mr. McCrae will be assisted in the work of issuing the blanks by Miss Elizabeth Galloway, high school instructor, who, in this instance, is acting as registrar. Mrs. J. C. Lincoln of the Nehalem Valley Rationing Board is acting as the advisor representative from that board while Neal Bush and J. W. Nichols have been designated as legal advisors.

## Defense Rangers Being Organized

Due to requests from many people in this vicinity a move was started here several days ago to organize what is to be known as the Oregon Defense Rangers. Forms for signatures have been devised, the heading of the application appearing elsewhere in this issue, and have been distributed to other communities in the Nehalem Valley, including Wilark, Birkenfeld, Mist and Timber. Signatures will also be taken at Buxton, it was stated.

The ranger organization has no connection with the Home Guard or State Guard organizations, it was explained, and will not be subject to marching. Forms for signatures have been placed at Paterson's Furniture Store, Hoffman Hardware company and Millers in Vernonia and at Lynch's Auto Parts in Riverview in addition to the above mentioned places.

## Improvements at Golf Course Made

Golfers of this vicinity will enjoy their game on the local course this summer according to information revealing the condition of the course and the work that is intended thereon this summer.

The greens have been given considerable work, moss having been removed and fertilizer having improved the growth of grass, it was stated. Fairways are being mowed and maintained in first class condition and the watering equipment is being repaired for use this summer so that better playing will be afforded.

The course is now under the management of Olin Robbins and George Robbins who are devoting much attention to the work.

### Civilian Registration

Further information than that already released to people of the Upper Nehalem Valley as to the rationing of sugar is made known this week as the dates for the registration approach.

The respective grade school districts and the instructors in those districts who will care for the work are mentioned so that residents in those respective districts may know the individual to contact in being released rationing books.

Registration for civilian consumers will take place on the dates of May 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Rationing books will be released at grade school headquarters in the following districts by the people named:

Natal	Mrs. Grace Bolster
Birkenfeld	Mrs. Myrtle Slinger
Mist	Mrs. Floyd Detering
Kist	Miss Grace Hendrickson
Vernonia	E. H. Condit and teaching staff

Registrants will be given ration books at the time of registration. It is estimated that 200 people will be registered at Natal; 225 at Birkenfeld; 250 at Mist; 100 at Kist; and 3200 at Vernonia.

## Singers Rated Well in Contest

With their director, Mrs. Sam Hearing, 23 Vernonia high school singers and their accompanist, Eileen Enos, competed at Hillsboro last Friday in the opening day of the annual northwest Oregon district state high school music contest. The girls, entered in the girls' chorus, class C, were given a 2 rating. The system, according to rules of the Oregon State Music association, is to rate contestants from 1 to 5; those receiving a rating of 1 are eligible to compete in the regional contest to be held in Eugene May 15 and 16.

The competition was close in the girls' entry; Estacada received 1, Vernonia and Rainier, 2; Yaquina and Sherwood, 3.

On the following day, Saturday, the girls' sextette and 4 soloists attended the contest. The vocal ensemble was rated a 2 in Class C entries with Estacada again receiving 1, and Sherwood receiving 2 rating.

For the first year Vernonia sent soloists to compete in a musical tournament. The vocalists and their ratings were: high voice, Opal Scheuerman, 2; medium voice, Joy Willard, 2; low voice, Mary Lee Hall, 3, and Virginia Redner, 3.

## Ambulance Wrecked Wed. Morning

An ambulance call to the O-A mill Wednesday morning resulted in the wrecking of the ambulance and the injury of its driver, Jewett A. Bush. Bush, while enroute to the mill, attempted to pass a truck near the intersection of Washington Street and Bridge but failed to complete the maneuver, the ambulance leaving the roadway, crashing into a power pole and injuring the driver.

Bush was rushed to a doctor for treatment for a broken nose, head cuts and bruised neck and shoulders.

The ambulance call was made due to the injury of D. S. Clements who suffered a foot injury at the mill.

### Dance Date Postponed

The dance regularly scheduled for this Saturday evening at the Legion hall has been postponed to Saturday, May 9th, due to the Junior Prom this week-end. Dances at the Legion hall will be continued every two weeks after that time.