

# Vernonia Eagle

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## Draft Board Vacancy Filled This Week

### Glen Metzker of St. Helens Fills Vacancy of 3 Months

Glen Metzker, prominent St. Helens attorney, was named this week as the third member of the county draft board. He fills the vacancy left early in July when P. A. Dixon passed away.

In order to accept this position, Mr. Metzker had to resign as Legislative chairman of the Legal Appeal Advisory board. During the first World War, he served as a member of the selective service advisory board.

## City to Donate Its Scrap Metal

Two tons of scrap metal, which is laying around the city pumping plant, will "get into the scrap," it was decided Monday night at a regular meeting of the city council. The old ejectors and other useless material, mostly cast iron, will be donated to the scrap drive as soon as the heavy metal can be lifted and hauled away.

Other business at the meeting was the passing of monthly bills, and the passing of a resolution granting a deed. Councilman Tapp presided at most of the meeting in the absence of the mayor.

## St. Helens and Vernonia Tie (6-6) in Friday Game

A tie of 6-6 was the result of the football game played between Vernonia and St. Helens at the local ball field at twilight last Friday October 2. The game was regarded here as highly successful, both from the standpoint of the outcome and the crowd present. The St. Helens fans present and the pleased Vernonia fans paid gate receipts amounting to nearly \$140, while only \$75 was expected.

The game was played quickly and was over before 6:30—before the sun was scarcely down. This was the Loggers' first test, while the heavier, more-experienced Lions had already been through one encounter this year. It seemed a trick of fate that the Vernonia boys didn't score that extra point to win, as the ball, received inside the end zone from a pass, was dropped with no hungry Lions near.

The Loggers scored early in the first period. A punt was run from the Loggers' 40-yard line to the Lions' 10 by Lusby. After three unsuccessful plays, Helce scored in a wide sweep around his own left end.

The St. Helens boys fought right back. After exchanging kicks, they scored midway in the second period with the help of Kinney in wide end runs. The touchdown was scored by Miller (on a fumble play). The ball was fumbled as St. Helens was tackled short of the goal line. It scooted into the end zone, and was fallen on by a St. Helens player. The try for an extra point, a dropkick by Crosto, failed.

In the second half, neither team dangerously threatened the other's

goal. At the sound of the gun, Vernonia was engaged in a march on St. Helens, with temporary headquarters at the 40-yard line.

Features of the St. Helens team were hard-driving Miller, fullback, the running of halfback Kinney, and the work of the whole St. Helens forward wall, which is reputed to be one of the strongest. Vernonia stood out for the hard fight it put up, the kicking of Lyle Galloway, the covered kicks of Clyde Lamping and the running of Lusby and Helce. Timekeepers were E. H. Condit and Sheriff M. R. Calhoun.

The second game, and league game, for the Loggers will be this Friday, October 9, at Clatskanie. It is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. On Friday, October 16, the local football squad will return to the local gridiron to meet the Rainier Columbians in the third game of the year.

## First Aid Meeting Set for Tuesday

All local people who are interested in enrolling in either advanced or standard first aid classes should be at the high school at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13 to sign up.

Harry Culbertson has already organized a man's class in first aid, which will meet at 7:30 p.m., Friday, October 9 at the Legion hall.

Several St. Helens people, including Mrs. Kathleen Kope, executive secretary of the Red Cross, are expected to be present Tuesday.

## City Officers Nominated on 10 Petitions

### Ballot to Include Eight Candidates for Five City Offices

Petitions filed with Loel Roberts, city recorder, on Thursday, October 1 reveal that there will be competition for all but one city office which is to expire at the end of this year. One petition puts M. B. Willard on the ballot as mayor candidate, while another names George W. Johnson for reelection as mayor. Two petitions were filed to reelect C. F. Hieber as city treasurer.

For the four-year term as councilman, John Hatfield, incumbent councilman, was nominated on two petitions. L. G. Adams, incumbent, and L. W. Skuzie will also be placed on the ballot as candidates for the same office. Two of the three will be elected. Hubert E. (Steve) Stevenson and J. E. Tapp will run against each other for the office of councilman for two years.

Each petition was signed by 37 or more registered voters, as 10 per cent of 37 or the number of voters in the last city election must sign each petition before it may be certified for placement on the ballot. As October 1 was 32 days before election, it was the last day on which petitions could be filed.

One set of candidates were nominated on September 21, a day before the certification deadline, September 22. Due to several technical errors, however, the nominations could not be accepted.

## New Book Being Read

The latest non-fiction book being currently read in Vernonia is the new telephone directory. Although a directory doesn't seem especially interesting, many find that it should be included in their reading in order to be up-to-date. The new edition, dated September, lists few new phones, but more new names. The edition which became outdated when new ones were mailed on Friday and Saturday, was dated August, 1941.

## Walt Parcels in Thick of Action

"Walt's really in it," was the remark many local people made or thought after seeing Walter Parcels' name mentioned in a front-page story in the Oregonian Tuesday morning. Although his last name was spelled "Purcell" there is little doubt that it was he. He has written that he flew to England in a Flying Fortress, and his home address is Kingston, Washington—both facts tie in with the story. Walt graduated from high school here.

The story said that the Flying Fortress Phyllis was 5 miles above France when it was attacked by German fighter planes. During the battle which ensued, Walt's oxygen was cut with a 20-millimeter cannon shell, and he fell unconscious. The pilot started on a long glide down to save the lives of the radio men, one of which was Parcels, the article went on. They were too high to go without oxygen.

The plane was described as having 2 motors out of commission, 3 shell holes in the rudder, 3 shell holes in the stabilizer, half of the controls shot away, a big anti-aircraft shell hole in a wing, a landing gear smashed, and 200 holes in the fuselage. And still the plane was able to land, and, the story concluded, only one member was kept in the hospital—it wasn't Walt.

## Mrs. Church Is Manager

Mrs. Theda Church of Portland is the new manager of the telephone office here, replacing Mrs. Virginia Aleott, who is leaving this week after three months in Vernonia. Mrs. Church has two children who are entering grade school here.

Mrs. Church urges local people to call the numbers, rather than the names of their parties as they are prone to do. This is in line with what is being done all over the country, and is a necessary practice when personnel changes often.

## Sewing Days Set

Red Cross sewing is being resumed and will be held each Wednesday and Friday, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the home economics room of the high school. Their project at present is men's outing flannel pajamas. Materials have arrived for the comfort kits, and the sewers will begin work on the moon.

## Public Hearing To Be Tuesday At 7:00 P. M.

### Electric Company Ordered Present at Meeting at City Hall

Ormand R. Bean, commissioner of public utilities of Oregon, has ordered a public hearing, springing from the matter of the adequacy of service and general operating condition of the Oregon Gas and Electric company, to be held in the Vernonia city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13. The gas and electric company is required to appear and give testimony pertinent to the issues involved.

The "Notice of Hearing" states that: "numerous complaints have been made verbally and in writing to the commissioner with respect to the quality of service furnished, inadequate service and in general as to the conditions of the property and service rendered."

"The commissioner's engineering department has made a survey of the property and has submitted to the company certain recommendations with respect to the relocation of transformers and has suggested other changes and improvements to its property with a view of improving said service."

"The commissioner is of the opinion that good and sufficient cause exists for an investigation on his own motion of such matters as herein set forth."

R. M. Burley, attorney for the PUD, objected to the notice of hearing Tuesday on the grounds that the petition made no mention of lower rates. It is possible that the hearing may be held up for this reason.

## Wed. Program to Feature Mexicans

Three boys, known as the Gay Vaqueros, and their guitars from Old Mexico will appear in a National School assembly program at the Washington grade school auditorium at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 14. The public is especially invited to attend, as this program is one of the most entertaining ones put out in the series.

This group of boys consists of Ponce Espino, Carlos Tarin and Gabriel Guitierrez. All three are accomplished musicians on their native instruments. And the ensemble singing is proclaimed a highlight of their novel program. The picturesque costumes of the Gay Vaqueros add to the charm of the whole presentation.

The program is made up of musical numbers with Mexican instruments, early California and Mexican dances, group folk songs, solos, and humorous songs by these artists. There will also be included the beautiful native melodies so well loved by all Americans—El Rancho Grande, La Cucaracha, and others.

The Nation's steel mills are running out of scrap. They haven't enough on hand for even 30 days more. When this is gone they may have to shut down—for all new steel is 50% scrap. Get your scrap ready to turn in now!

**WHOSE BOY WILL  
DIE BECAUSE YOU  
FAILED?**

*Or maybe you don't care!*

We think you do. We feel that our whole community is ready to rise up and bring in the scrap as soon as you get a chance. So you're going to get that chance!

Next week we're starting the biggest drive you've ever seen, to get in this precious material. And you're going to pitch in, too, because this situation is serious.

Start looking around your place for scrap today. If you've got a son in the service, do it for *him*. Do it for the neighbor's boy—for those fine young chaps you just passed, out on the street.

Above all do it for your country... and do it now!

THINK about it as revenge—a way to get back at the scum who have attacked us. Or think about it as a little more protection for our fighting men—something you, yourself, can do to bring as many as possible home alive.

But think about it now—for the scrap in homes, farms and factories has got to be moving to stockpiles within the

next few weeks or it may be too late!

Maybe you don't know what it means to have production fall off. Maybe you can't imagine how it feels to be hunkered down in a foxhole wishing for just one more clip of cartridges. Or to see the enemy rolling through your lines because you didn't have just a few more tanks.

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**NEWSPAPERS' UNITED SCRAP METAL DRIVE**  
This adv. contributed to the scrap salvage campaign by the Vernonia Eagle



**Those Who  
Are in It**



Robert A. DePue, who was inducted January 2 of this year is in the Engineer Corps overseas, and was promoted to Technicians Corporal in June.

Milo John is taking training for 13 weeks at Camp Roberts, California. He left for army duty on September 2, and is in the Field Artillery.

Via Ennis has been in the Navy for several weeks, and is stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas. He is going through the "boot" period, which all Navy recruits must go through before becoming "full-fledged." Ennis is in the Optical division.

news story appearing in this issue from the Astoria Recruiting station says that 11 men from Vernonia enlisted in the Navy in September. The Eagle has published the names of 12 men who have enlisted. They are: Mancel Lee Rose, Nelson Byrd, William "Pete" Wilson, Phillip Claire Estebrook, Ed Horn, Ellis Lindsley Austin, Walter Eugene Seifert, James Levi Loops, Halbert D. "Harold" Fowler, Chester J. Reynolds, Clifford T. Lines.

That's only 11, but Via Ennis is just being listed this week, and did enlist in September. Did the Eagle get someone out of thin air? Anyone know?

Robert C. Lamping left here September 18 for Nashville, Tennessee. (Continued on page 6)

Figures don't seem to agree. A