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City to Enforce Dimout; Army Okays Lighting

Fine of \$300, 90-Day Jail Sentence Maximum Penalty

Violators of the dimout proclamation here may now be arrested by city officials. The city council, meeting Thursday evening, November 12, after adjourning their meeting of November 4 to that date, made the dimout proclamation into a city ordinance which provides for a maximum jail sentence of 90 days and a maximum fine of \$300, or both. The ordinance includes the same material on the dimout as the proclamation handed citizens by their air raid wardens.

Representatives of the Army, a captain and a major from Ft. Stevens, after spending several hours in Vernonia Friday evening checking up primarily on street and industrial lighting, said that Vernonia was conforming very well with the dimout order; in fact, they reported that it rated better than any other town they had checked.

After leaving here at about 9:00 o'clock they had yet to check Wilark, Mist, Jewell, Birkenfeld, and Kerry.

After locating themselves at a point well above the city, the officers could see positively no glow from the city. Street lights were checked by measuring with the foot candle meter underneath the lights. Incidentally, because of the canopy tops already on street lights here, no changes were required. The lights on the bridge over Rock creek however, were painted black on the upper halves.

So few infringements on the dimout were found, that the officers decided to leave it up to local authorities to see that they are eliminated. J. W. Nichols, civilian defense chairman for the valley, who accompanied the army men on their check-up, warns local householders to remember to pull down their shades at night, and to watch their porch lights if they aren't shielded, he says, take out the bulb. Another warning is that skylights must be blacked out, as all lights shining below will shine through. Residential lighting was a minor part of the checkup.

Housing Group Staff Complete

The recently organized registration and housing committee for the Red Cross is now complete with Mrs. C. L. Anderson at the head of the group. The registration committee is composed of the following: Mesdames Robert Holcomb, Herman Dixon, and C. L. Anderson, and Miss Ivy Masters.

Those in charge of housing are: Mesdames Jack Heenan, Robert Spencer, Merle Ruhl and Fred Olin. On the information committee are: Mesdames Phil Taylor and Guy Wilbur, Misses Margaret Anderson and Nina MacDonald.

Dec. 12 Set As Dance Date

The Vernonia Service club is planning a benefit dance for Saturday, November 12. The profits will be used to send Christmas gifts to Vernonia service men inside the continental United States and those who have left since gifts were sent to those overseas.

Mrs. Louise Emmons at 441 First avenue is collecting names and addresses of the service men to whom gifts will be sent. However, only the names of those who enlisted or were inducted from here are desired.

Two Men Naturalized

Bernard Killingsberg and Walfred Johnson received their final naturalization papers in St. Helens on Monday. They took their final test and the oath of allegiance.

Coffee Rationing Details Made Known Locally

According to a bulletin received by the local rationing board from Clark C. Van Fleet, state rationing officer, no coffee is to be sold in retail stores from midnight November 21 to midnight November 28 to any consumer. Beginning Sunday, November 29 and through Sunday, January 3, 1943, one pound of coffee may be purchased by the use of stamp No. 27 in War Ration Book One. The same applies to any mixture or compound containing coffee other than soluble or liquid coffee.

Registration of institutional users of coffee will take place at the city hall on Monday, November 23, and November 24 and 25. These applicants must furnish the facts on their actual usage during September and October of this year and also on the coffee inventory as of midnight, November 21. Names and addresses and quantities purchased from each coffee supplier during the two months must be furnished. This registration is for the period up to and including January 31, 1943.

For the institutions commencing operation after November 21, one pound of coffee for every 60 meals served will be allowed. The meal

classification must not be coffee alone with milk, cream or sugar, but shall consist of at least one food item.

Must Get Books

Consumers who do not have ration books because of an excess supply of sugar must contact the local board for War Ration Book One from which stamps 1 to 16 inclusive have been detached. In each case when a customer becomes eligible for either a sugar book or eligible to again use his original book, the coffee book is to be surrendered, all expired sugar stamps and coffee stamps to be detached from either the original book or a new issue.

Consumers, who, because of transportation difficulties, find it a hardship to purchase roasted coffee at times specified in the regulations may apply to their local board for a certificate authorizing them to purchase a quantity of coffee not in excess of five pounds. The local board may grant the application in whole or in part.

Coffee stamps may in no case be used by any person who is under the age of 15 years, and no consumer is permitted to purchase green coffee.



Those Who Are in It



Bill Shepard enlisted in the Coast Artillery of the army recently and left for Portland Tuesday to be sent to his training base. Bill had been doing forestry work not far from here since his graduation from Vernonia high school last spring.

Luke Ball, Nehalem Valley Motor Freight truck driver, was inducted into the army Monday, November 9. His bride of nine months, the former Barbara Wright, is working at the Pal Shop now that her husband is gone. Luke returned from Dutch Harbor several months ago. He arrived there as a civilian worker 10 days before the bombing.

Cpl. Wilton Rogers, who is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, arrived here last Saturday and will leave this Saturday.

Gene Elliott has been at Norfolk, Virginia since October 18. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in April.

Nelson Byrd was transferred the latter part of last week from San Diego to the Diesel school, U.S.N.T.S. at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Seaman First Class Robert A. Tindall is now in the South Pacific area serving in the Navy as a radio operator. His mother, Mrs. O. S. Poynter, says that letters from him take 15 or 16 days to arrive here by airmail.

Daryl E. Errend enlisted in the Navy Monday at the Portland recruiting office.

Pvt. L. L. Acord, propeller man in the army air corps, has arrived safely in Hawaii, as has also George Crawford, apparently as the two met on the boat going over. Prior to leaving San Francisco, "Buster" spent 10 days in the hospital due to a hand infection. He reported a pleasant voyage.

Reports of Scrap 14th Is Rainiest Day on Record Remaining Wanted

Residents of the vicinity who know of hidden or heavy scrap metal or scrap that has for some reason not been reported can help the local scrap drive by letting Harry Culbertson, C. F. Hieber, or some other salvage committee member know about it. Not only can they do that. The scrap piles need sorting and old cars and the like must be dismantled.

Weather permitting, collecting scrap and work on the piles will progress this Sunday. Volunteers who are not able to work on Sunday should find out how to go about the task on other days of the week.

Scrap collected here will be shipped directly from Vernonia to the Bethlehem Steel company plants in Seattle or San Francisco. However, it will not be shipped for some time because steel plants are first endeavoring to collect that east of the Rockies before snows and freezing weather make it hard to handle. The important task locally is to gather the scrap into piles, as is being done.

Restaurant Reopens

The Terminal Cafe reopened Wednesday under the management of Mrs. Oscar Vike. The restaurant had closed the week before as one of the women who had been renting it was to be married in the east.

November 14, that is, from 6:00 p.m. November 13 to 6:00 p.m. November 14, was the rainiest 24 hours on the weather records of Vernonia for the 13 years for which they have been kept. During that period 1.90 inches of rain fell. Rainfall on other days of the recent storm was also considerable, as follows: November 13th, .32; 15th, .48; 16th, .70; 17th, .63. This is a total of over 4 inches in 5 days.

No serious damage at least, was reported through this seige of rain and strong wind. One telephone pole however, very neatly broke off at the ground when hit by a strong gust of wind. Logging operations were impossible most of Saturday and part of Monday. Rock creek swelled considerably and graded country roads were in a bad condition.

Snow was reported on the higher hills in the vicinity, and a flurry of it cut in on the rain in town Monday morning.

Examiner Coming

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia on Tuesday, November 24 and will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to a recent announcement released from the secretary of state's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Drill Is Plan For Civilian Defense Here

Needs of Civilian Defense Cited at Meeting Tuesday Night

All units of civilian defense in Vernonia will participate in an all-out drill at a date to be announced later, heads of the various defense groups agreed Tuesday night at a meeting called by J. W. Nichols, civilian defense chairman for the Nehalem valley. Three weeks notice must be given army officials so there will be time for additional meetings before the practice.

Reports from each department were heard, and it was learned many of them lack sufficient personnel. It was explained that certain telephone numbers have been red-capped on the local switchboard so that they will be answered first in case of an emergency. Other calls would be answered only when the operators finished with the special numbers.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE NEEDS THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL HERE

6 men for fire department
15 or 20 advanced first aiders
3 women for decontamination work, 5 men for bomb clearance,
3 men for an ambulance crew
An entertainment group
6 women for motor corps
75 men for Oregon State guard
3 first aiders (2 for ambulance) for casualty station

Harry Culbertson, head of the fire reserves, reported a staff of 11 men, all with some training. This staff is enough to handle the equipment available, but he said more men could be used.

More advanced first aiders were called for by Glenn Ely, head of Red Cross first aid here. Seven or eight instructors are available and several pupils have been signed up but not enough for a class. Casualty station workers need this training, and letters are being sent to those who have taken the standard course urging them to enroll in the advanced course.

Lee White, who is handling decontamination, cited the need for 3 women for that work, 5 men for bomb clearance, and 3 men for an ambulance crew. Instruction will be given all these people at the same time. A truck equipped with pump sprayer, and 6 gas masks is the equipment ready.

Warden Well Organized

The air raid warden group is complete. W. W. McCrae reported. They are 10 division of 4 each all headed by a capable adult.

Of the 40, some are high school boys and women.

Canteen service workers are certified and could serve 400 people every 24 hours. In case evacuees were received, additional help would be called for. Mrs. John Hatfield, captain, reported that service for 25 is possessed and that more is needed.

Mrs. R. D. Fletcher, housing committee head, has her 16 women ready and 450 beds available. The registration bureau would be set up at the Evangelical church. After registration there, evacuees would be given food tickets. They would be fed and housed until moved out of town. In connection with this, an entertainment committee will be organized.

Ed Frazee said that the Boy Scouts, who number about 18, are taking junior first aid, learning signaling, and are prepared for messenger work on the casualty station.

Wilark Represented

Earl Atkins explained Wilark's set-up. They have about 30 workers altogether and are quite well prepared, although they do need practice. Any severe casualties would be transferred to Vernonia. Motor corps' women are needed. Mrs. Frank Hartwick has not succeeded.

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Thanksgiving Plans Made

Churches, schools and business houses will observe Thanksgiving which is Thursday, November 26. Churches will individually observe the day this coming Sunday, and the annual Union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Christian church on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30 o'clock. Reverend W. O. Livingstone will give the message.

Schools will close both Thursday and Friday, while the business houses and post office will close Thursday only.

A Thanksgiving-time event of the Christian church is the Harvest Home service, which will also be observed Sunday with the bringing of gifts of food for the Home of the Aged at Beaverton.

Loggers Win Final Game of Season

Victory over Sheridan's football squad brought the Vernonia high school Loggers' season to a close last Friday in a game played at Sheridan. Although there was talk of playing the final game this Friday, efforts were abandoned, partly due to the weather. This week is being spent in checking in and storing football equipment and in beginning basketball practice.

By chalking up 32 points against Sheridan, who didn't score, the Loggers won their fourth game of the season. A loss of 24-7 to Scappoose and a 6-6 tie with St. Helens were the other game results. During the season, Vernonia scored 143 points worth of touchdowns, compared to her opponents' 30 points.

Without a doubt the Loggers played their best game of the year, as well as their mudsiest. Playing in a rain-soaked field which was becoming wet and muddy as the game progressed, friend and foe were difficult to distinguish.

The offensive blocking of the Loggers was good, and the entire team worked smoothly. Chief ground gainers were Holce, who scored 3 times in long runs, and Lusby. Les Galloway's defense was excellent, and Lane did an exceptional job of leading interference. Numerous subs saw quite a bit of action in this final game.

Library Now Has 16 New Books

Patrons of the Vernonia Public Library now have more books from which to choose. The library recently purchased 16 new books, and a number of State Library books are to be on display for six months. On Library day, Tuesday, November 17 books from J. K. Gill were on display. The ones best liked were chosen, and are being kept.

The new books on the shelves are: "Signed with Their Honour"—Aldridge, "Pink Camellia"—Bailey, "Happy Birthday, Judy"—Becker, "Drivin' Woman"—Chevalier, Disney's "Bambi," "The Robe"—Douglas, "Reading I've Liked"—Fadiman, "The Cup and the Sword"—Hobart, "Make Way for Ducklings"—McCloskey, "The Seventh Cross"—Seghers, "The Sun Is My Undoing"—Steen, "The Illustrious Dunderhead"—Stout, "Plume Rouge"—Terrell, "Everything for the Party"—Meyer, "The Uninvited"—MacCardle, "The Song of Bernadette"—Werfel.

Safety Program Being Planned

John H. Carter and George I. Baker were here Tuesday planning a State Industrial Accident commission safety program. So far two safety meetings have been held at the mill, and plans are being made for a general safety program.

Mr. Baker moved from this vicinity to Portland over a year ago to work for the commission.

City Takes Steps to Set Electric Rates

City Council Passes Resolution to Be Followed by Ordinance

Rates covering the sale of electricity within the City of Vernonia will be adopted by the city council—that, at least, is what they will do if the Public Utilities commissioner of the state does not object to the copy of the resolution stating the council's intention. The commissioner must do so—if he thinks it is not to the best public interests—before the first city council meeting held 90 days or more after the passage of the resolution (November 4). Should he object, the voters of the city would be asked to accept it.

This resolution was passed on the recommendation of the PUD and was drawn up by Bonneville engineers. The council is given power to take such action by Section 112-461 O.C.L.A. The original law was passed in 1911 and enlarged in 1930.

Would Prescribe Sales

The resolution calls for: "an ordinance prescribing the rates for electric power and energy furnished by any public utility within the municipal boundaries of the City of Vernonia and for putting it into effect." The charge is made that the owners of the Oregon Gas and Electric company "have no interest in the maintenance of an efficient and dependable electric system in Vernonia and the development of the region by cheaper and dependable electric service, but are interested solely in the realization of as large profits as possible."

The facts that electric rates here are among the highest in the state and that the company was unwilling to sell properties here to the PUD at a price considered reasonable are also brought out. Therefore the city council feels it necessary to take immediate action to protect the residents of the city.

The rate schedule accompanying

Effective One Year

the resolution would be effective for 1 year after the effective date of the ordinance, which would be the first monthly billing 30 days or more after the passage of the ordinance. R. M. Burley, attorney for the PUD, says this ordinance would save the electrical users affected between \$4000 and \$6000 per annum. A fine of \$50 for every day any provision of the ordinance is violated would have to be forfeited by the public utility doing so.

Although the resolution was passed November 4, it was further discussed at the November 12th adjourned session of the council. Most of the Nehalem Basin PUD directors and R. M. Burley were present so that the PUD and the council could formulate the policy which they will follow until the ordinance is put into effect, and to acquaint each other with it.

Canteen Women Get Certificates

Red Cross canteen service women here received Tuesday their National Red Cross certificates from Washington, D. C. These women have completed a course of study and have given one public demonstration of their work. The certificates make them official canteen workers.

They are: Peggy Hatfield, captain, Helen Spoffard, Grace Bundy, Viola Eckland, Gertrude Rusow, Margaret Walrath, Hulda Midden-dorph, Diana Marshal, Dortha Boddell.

UNION TO HEAR SPEAKERS

Major Rickenback and Lt. Riley of the U. S. Army and a representative of the U. S. Employment Service will address Local 37, IWA Monday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. These men will discuss the lumber shortage.