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## Nehalem Hotel Has Stubborn, Ruinous Blaze

Fire Starts Before 9:00 p.m. Sunday; Damage Said \$5000

A stubborn fire of indefinite origin beginning shortly before 9:00 o'clock Sunday night almost completely consumed the roof of the Nehalem hotel here, almost completely destroyed the second story rooms, and in places broke through the ground floor ceiling. A dresser in a room in the middle of the right side of the second story was found ablaze, and from there the flames spread quickly through the frame building.

### Gets Good Start

After Mrs. Stanley Oveson, daughter-in-law of the hotel owners, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oveson, had turned in the alarm, the city fire department truck quickly arrived at the scene to find smoke and flames covering the roof. After the arrival of the Oregon-American truck, three streams of water were used because of the difficulty of getting water into the individual rooms from the ground, the blaze kept spreading and bursting out anew, thus not appearing to be under control until about 10:30. It was not until nearly midnight that dousing could be relaxed and even later before the fire was considered "out."

Had a wind been blowing and the roof less moist, it is probable that the entire building would have gone. Most of the furniture and bedding downstairs, including that of an apartment in the rear, was saved. Little was rescued from upstairs. All the rooms were rented, but few were occupied at the time. Most of the guests' personal belongings were destroyed.

### Insurance Had Expired

Damage to the Oveson's property is estimated at \$5000, and, although their insurance had expired, they plan to rebuild if it is possible to get lumber. The roof remaining was removed Monday and the building boarded up. Approximately \$2400 was spent last year for new coil springs and coils which cannot be replaced, and repairs in the kitchen. They feel that the downstairs was saved due to the splendid cooperation of local people and the work of the fire department.

N. J. Sherburn suffered a badly cut and bruised elbow while fighting the blaze and C. C. Hensley's eyes required slight treatment as a result of being in the path of a stream of water. Mr. Oveson has small cuts after going through the window for his citizenship and other papers.

The Ovesons purchased the hotel in the fall of 1936.

## Few Individuals Have Given Books

By Tuesday afternoon only 4 books had been turned in by individuals to the city library in the Victory book campaign now in progress. However, the library has donated 105 books, mostly second copies, to the drive to make a total of 109 volumes. The campaign was to end March 5, but has been extended indefinitely.

With the expanded program of the army library service planned to meet the needs of the increasing size of the armed forces, the demand for books has increased accordingly. However, quality, rather than quantity, is stressed.

Types of books desired are as follows: biography, history, religion, travel, fiction, poetry, best sellers, adventure, westerns, mysteries, classics, recent technical books. Not wanted are children's stories or women's books, trash, sexy novels, magazines, or any books in bad condition.

## Board Explains Details Of Meat, Fats Rationing

Simplicity is the keynote of the new meats and fats rationing program just announced by the office of price administration, according to the local rationing board.

Housewives will have no difficulty at all in shopping with their red ration stamps in war ration book two when the new program goes into effect on March 29.

Although the ration list includes a wide variety of foods, including all meats and many cheeses, as well as shortenings and salad oil, butter and margarine, canned fish, and many other items, from the point of view of the housewife who does the shopping, it will really be a simple matter.

All these foods will be rationed with a single set of stamps and the busy housewife will have to consult only one table of point values to find out how many ration points any of these foods will cost.

This latest program requires no registration of any kind. War ration books are already distributed—and when the program goes into effect, housewives will already have had a full month's experience in the use of their point ration books in buying processed foods. Neither will consumers be asked to report any stocks of foods they may have on hand.

One of the few differences between the use of the blue and red stamps in war ration book two is the order in which stamps will be declared valid.

### Valid for Week

When rationing begins on March 29, the first set of stamps marked A—worth 16 points—will be valid. Beginning on April 4 and then on each succeeding Sunday throughout April, an additional set of stamps will be validated. All these stamps from A through E inclusive will remain in use all month—making a total of 80 points for April.

Another difference in the use of the red stamps is that it permits retailers to make "change" in ration stamps when a customer finds it impossible to give the exact amount of valid stamps when making a purchase. Only one-point red stamps of any series currently valid may be used for this purpose.

Customers are reminded, in this connection, that they must use stamps they receive in change by

## Getting Book No. 1 Complicated Task

Those who do not have war ration book one, or two, may now apply at the rationing office for them, but prompt action is not assured. Applying for book one is a complicated procedure—to make sure that one person does not secure two of these books.

The following information is required before book one may be issued: proof of identity and present address, name of employer (this must be checked by the board) record of all different addresses held since May 4, 1942 and proof of each, reason for not before getting book one. The local board must then inquire at each board and receive a written reply. If no reply is received in 30 days, the application will be sent to the district office for decision.

For new babies, of course, this procedure is not followed. In all cases applications should be made in the district where the applicant lives.

## Boy Scout Honor Court Due Friday

Scheduled for this Friday night, March 19 at the Legion hall, beginning at 8:00 o'clock is the Boy Scout Court of Honor. The principal ceremony of the evening will be the advancement of tenderfoot scouts to second class scouts. Ray Peterson, district scout executive, will be present to take charge of the meeting and award the badges.

Parents of Boy Scouts and friends are invited to attend.

at the end of the month in which they are issued and before they expire—just as they must, use the stamps in their own books.

### Buyers May Choose

As red stamps are declared valid, they may be used with complete freedom of choice by the housewife to buy any one or any combination of the foods for which they must be surrendered. There is no distinction made at all in the use of the red stamps as between meat and cheese or any of the other foods for which these stamps are to be spent.

Point values will be the same in every retail store in the country—just as they are for canned goods. Point prices of different cuts of meat will be different—just as the point price of apricots and peas, for example, is different. However, there will be no difference in point price between different grades of the same cut of meat—nor between different grades of hard cheese, nor the same quantity of any kind of butter.

### Farmers Not Restricted

Many farmers produce some of the foods included in the new ration program for the use of their families. Although the new plan places no official restrictions on the use of any of these foods at the farmer's own table, the government is requesting that farm families retain red stamps in their family ration books in an amount equal in point value to the foods produced and eaten at home.

When a farmer sells any of these home-produced foods, he must collect ration stamps from his customers—even if they are neighbors—on the basis of official point prices, and turn these stamps in to the office of price administration.

Farmers will be instructed later on just when and how to turn in these stamps.

## City to Decide On Rate Order At Next Meeting

Citizens Committee Chosen to Advise Council and PUD

If, by the next city council meeting, Monday, April 5, the Oregon Gas and Electric company is unable to set a purchase price for its property, located in the Nehalem Basin PUD, low enough to be approved by the hydroelectric commission, the city council will put its electric-rate-reducing ordinance in the form of an ordinance. The decision was reached at a city council meeting Monday night.

Following the passing of a motion made by John Grady, Mayor Johnson appointed a special committee of three citizens who are to work with and advise the city council on the proposed ordinance and the PUD on rates if and when it purchases the property. This committee consists of Jewett Bush, Sam Hearing, and Harry Kerns.

### Request Cause of Delay

The delay in action as a result of a request by Mr. Lause of Tacoma representing the owners of the Oregon Gas and Electric company. This was the first formal request for deferment of the ordinance. The company has hopes of setting a price for its property low enough to be approved by the hydroelectric commission. It is understood that the price and other reasons, including service, were the causes of the commission's failure to approve the PUD's purchase at a Salem hearing recently.

Accompanying Mr. Lause were Mr. Merris also of Tacoma and J. W. Nichols of the local office.



## Those Who Are in It



Murvel Frank, who was inducted into the service recently, was chosen for the army, and sent to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where he is in the field artillery.

Seaman 1/c Richard Robbins underwent an appendectomy on March 1 in an overseas hospital. He wrote a letter to relatives here on the third day, and at that time had been able to sit up for 15 minutes. Richard was at one time a member of the submarine crew which was given a medal for the rescue of a group of fishermen. At another time he was stationed on the "Silver Side," reputed because of an emergency appendectomy performed while the sub was far below the surface. However it is not known whether or not he was on board at that time.

Pvt. Lloyd Gillham, Jr., landed in North Africa on February 22, his mother learned from a letter she received Thursday of last week. He said to tell all his friends "hello." He had been stationed at Ft. Crockett, Galveston, Texas before his departure.

To Camp MacKall, Hoffman, North Carolina from Camp Tocca, Georgia—Paratrooper Pvt. Charles Roeser has been transferred.

Having been sworn into the navy, Melvin Schwab, Elmer Goodman, and Jimmy Snider left Monday for Camp Farragut, Idaho to begin training. Melvin was a high school senior here.

Hary Culbertson, Jr., left Sunday for Boka Raton, Florida, where he will begin training as an air cadet in meteorology. He had enlisted in the reserves some time ago, and has completed sufficient work at Oregon State college to be eligible for a degree. He arrived here Friday the winter term having ended, and the word to report to duty was

transmitted from Corvallis. His parents drove him to Portland from where he left by train.

Boka Raton is located between Palm Beach and Miami.

No longer can Francis Davis be called "corporal." He's recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant. As a member of the army air corps, Francis has been stationed in India since last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis are his parents.

Vernonia can claim another WAAC. Miss Marjory Meeker, who attended high school here and graduated in 1933 has become a member of the WAAC, and left last Friday to begin training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. She is a graduate of the Oregon Normal school and taught in Columbia county for several years. She is a sister of Everett Meeker, a lieutenant in the army air corps in Alaska, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Meeker of Portland.

Bill Duncan, member of the 1941 graduating class of Vernonia high school and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Duncan of Portland, has been accepted for naval pre-flight training at St. Mary's academy in California. He expects to leave soon. Bill had been taking civilian pilot training in Eastern Oregon.

MIST—David C. Ray, who joined the navy early last spring, has been stationed in California since he left. He had made his home with the J. O. Libel family for the past several years, working for them when not employed elsewhere. When he enlisted he was employed by the Mathews brothers on the burn, hauling logs.

He has been home once since leaving, and will soon be a full-fledged seaman.

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## New Librarian Chosen Tues.

Miss Delores Bonsilaw was elected at a called meeting of the Vernonia library board on Tuesday, March 16 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Zonweiss Douglass, librarian. Miss Bonsilaw graduated from Vernonia high school last spring and will begin as librarian when Miss Douglass is called for training with the WAACs.

## Forestry Classes Have Started

Forestry classes started last Monday night at the high school and will be held every two weeks beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Fifteen boys have enrolled in the class, which meets in two-hour periods. The conductor of the class, Frank Hamilton, state training office representative of the Northwest Region Forest Protective association, was here last week and left manuals and material for the class.

Any other boys interested should see Mr. McCrae at the high school. To be eligible for employment in the state forestry fire suppression crews, the boys must be 16 by July 1. Others may take the course, however.

## Norwegian Labor Secretary to Talk

Haakon Lie, Norwegian Federation of Labor secretary, will speak at the IWA union hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25.

When the Nazis attacked Norway, Mr. Lie enlisted in the armed services of his country, and after 62 days of fighting and the Nazis had occupied Norway, he escaped. He is now in this country in the interests of his native land. Lie has many interesting stories to tell of his people's resistance to Nazi domination.

Mr. Lie says: "A war must be won in the factories before it can be won on the battlefield. America has already won the battle of production. We are marching towards victory and peace."

## Periodic Checking Of Tires Unrelaxed

Periodic tire inspection requirements are in no way relaxed by the office of price administration's recent order freeing tire recapping with passenger type camelback from ration restrictions, the local war price and rationing board said this week.

The OPA officials made this statement to correct a mistaken belief apparently held by some motorists.

It is true that a car owner can get his tires recapped with reclaimed rubber without first getting the recommendation of an official OPA inspector but the periodic inspection program to preserve tires remains in effect. Motorists who do not get the inspections made and recorded on their tire inspection records will not be eligible for renewal of gasoline rations or for purchase of tires in the future.

Passenger cars with B and C mileage ration books and those which get bulk rations as members of fleets were required to get initial tire inspections not later than February 28. This was the deadline for commercial vehicles also. Motorists who have only A rations have until the end of March to get their initial inspections.

## Dimout Aid

Sunrise and Sunset Hours	Sunrise	Sunset
March 18—7:18	7:20	7:20
19—7:16	7:22	7:23
20—7:14	7:25	7:26
21—7:12	7:27	7:28
22—7:10	7:28	7:29
23—7:08	7:29	7:30
24—7:06	7:30	7:30
25—7:04	7:30	7:30

## March 29 CD Incident Drill Discussed Mon.

Drill to Occupy Hour During Day; All Departments Active

More definite plans for the civilian defense incident drill to be held on Monday, March 29, were discussed at a meeting of CD heads last Monday night. As it is not possible to use the air raid warning signal, some other signal will be used to signify the start of the drill—some time after 8:00 a.m.

The signal which would be used in an actual raid is sounded on both the siren and the mill whistle. The warning and signal for a blackout is staccato (cut short by gaps of silence). The all-clear is a continuous blast. Each lasts two minutes. These signals will probably be tested some other time during the day.

### Originate from Field

All incidents in the drill will originate from the field; that is, the air raid wardens will discover casualties, burning buildings, gas and the like, and report them to the appropriate departments. There will be things for each group, including the state guard, to do, and at the beginning of the drill each will report to his station to await orders. All departments will not be called upon at the same time within an hour.

Watching the drill will be a local and an outside observer. Residents who are not in civilian defense are also asked to observe the drill and offer criticisms. J. W. Nichols, head of civilian defense here, also asks that they cooperate in every way, as on that would depend the success of an actual air raid.

Members of the various departments will receive definite instructions from their leaders.

## Navy College Tests Due Here

Tests which will determine young men's ability to be admitted into the navy college training program (V-12) which produces naval officers will be given at Vernonia high school on Friday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. with W. W. McCrae as administrator for the Nehalem valley. Applications should be made ahead of time at the high school. These tests are being given through the office of the regional director of the naval college training program, and Carl M. Cowdery of Stanford university asked that the local school serve as one of the centers.

Boys who appear to have potentialities as officers will be admitted to college in uniform with regular pay, and under naval discipline, but will live on the campus and do college work. High school and preparatory school graduates and seniors, and those who do not have graduation certificates from a secondary school but are now in an accredited college or university are eligible if they will have attained their 17th and not their 20th birthdays by July 1, 1943.

To be eligible for selection the candidate also must: be a male citizen of the United States; be morally and physically qualified for this program, including a minimum uncorrected visual acuity of 18/20 in each eye; be unmarried, and agree to remain unmarried until commissioned, unless sooner released by the navy department; evidence potential officer qualifications including appearance and scholarship records. Men now enlisted in any branch of the armed services, including V-1, V-5 and V-7 reserves on inactive status are not eligible to take the test.

### SHOTS TO BE GIVEN

The county health nurse will be at the Washington grade school at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 29 to give the second diphtheria toxoid shot to those children who missed it when she was here last week.