

# Vernonia Eagle

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## Higher Wood Ceiling Here to Be Considered

### Matter Referred to OPA Regional Office Following Meeting

As a result of a meeting held Wednesday, July 21, at the grade school, rather than the city hall as was scheduled, J. E. Turley, district fuel rationing representative and E. A. Westering, associate price specialist, have recommended to the regional OPA office in San Francisco that the ceiling price on wood in the Vernonia area be raised. Portland OPA officials had been under the impression that this is a wood "surplus" area, but were convinced by local dealers that the low ceiling prices in effect here in many cases makes it impossible for wood to be profitably delivered, making this a "shortage" area.

About 25 people, including Judd Greenman, vice-president and general manager of the O-A corporation, J. E. Tapp, O-A wood dealer Frank Baker, who heads the Clark and Wilson logging camp, which supplies its employees with wood, and Archie Adams, who has probably been the most handicapped by low wood ceiling prices, were present at the meeting. All dealers requested that the ceiling be raised.

An explanation of wood rationing was made, the priority No. 1, or industrial users class, being clarified. At the meeting it was stated that the bakery, two creameries, and Emmons' hatchery only could be classified as industries here. However, Mr. Turley investigated the matter more thoroughly, and Monday gave the interpretation that commercial cooking in hotels and restaurants would be given first priority for wood fuel. Heating space in hotels and restaurants is not included in the No. 1 priority.

The opinion was expressed by several that a decision on the ceiling price might not be made in time to help the wood situation this season.

## Pioneers of Dixie Mountain to Picnic

The annual Dixie mountain pioneer picnic will be held Sunday, August 8, beginning at 10 o'clock at the Tannock picnic grounds, states Charles L. Nelson of Seapooze, president of the association. All former settlers of Dixie mountain, their children, and friends are invited to be present at that time.

All those attending should bring a basket lunch, states Mr. Nelson.

### Book Threes Obtainable

Those who have not received or applied for ration book No. three may apply at the local rationing office from August 1 to 15. The supplemental form, which is available at the office, should be accompanied by the part of the original application which was kept—if application was made and all or part of the books were not received. If no application was made for any members of the family the supplemental form alone is required of course.

### CARETAKER HIRED

Robert Thompson has been hired as caretaker for the cemetery replacing Ed Sessman, who quit last week. Mr. Thompson and his family are moving to the house provided for the caretaker this week.

### PORTLAND SUBSCRIBERS ATTENTION!

Please check the address label of this paper. If it contains no zone number, or an incorrect one, please notify the Eagle as to your correct zone number.

## Week August 1-7 to Honor AWS Civilian Volunteers

The week of August 1 to 7 has been designated by the IV fighter command as aircraft warning service week. Governor Snell, along with the governors of Washington and California, have issued proclamations to this effect. The purpose of this week is to honor the more than 150,000 Pacific coast men and women who are giving freely of their time as volunteers in the U. S. army air force aircraft warning service to protect coastal communities from enemy air attack.

This service is truly the eyes and ears of the IV fighter command. The ground observer corps maintain hundreds of observation posts strategically located throughout this area. These posts are constantly manned by volunteers who report all aircraft sighted to the filter centers. The aircraft warning corps also a volunteer organization man the filter centers, then plot the reported planes so that they may be identified by army, navy, or civilian aircraft authorities. If they find any plane so plotted, unidentified, orders are immediately issued by the fighter command to intercept the aircraft in question. This is a 24-hour a day, every day of the week job, without which our air protection could not function.

### ISSUE TO RECOGNIZE OBSERVERS

As next week's edition of the Eagle will fall during AWS week, or August 5, it will be an AWS issue, in particular recognition of those who serve as ground observers at the local post.

The main efforts in holding a concentrated aircraft warning service week are four-fold. First, the recognition of persons now serving as volunteers in the vast aircraft warning service for the work they have done. Second, to make it a sustaining program, keeping these full-time volunteers on the job; for they have learned to do their work efficiently, and have spent many months gaining valuable experience. As in any organization these veterans are, indeed, valuable, and must be made to feel that they are still needed. Third, the identity

of the wings of the AWS, though familiar to its members, mean very little to the general public. The aircraft warning service is an active part of the army air force, and the members of the ground observer corps and the aircraft warning corps are as much a part of the army air force as any pilot or other military personnel. The letters "AWS" should be as familiar to the public as are OWI, OCD, or OPA.

### Volunteers Wanted

Last, but not least, an effort toward recruiting new volunteers will be made. In many of the areas, an acute need for additional volunteers is felt, while in others, a waiting list is quite desirable because there are constant changes in personnel, so it is necessary to make an effort toward recruiting in practically all areas. Thus the policy of AWS week will be recognition of the AWS by the public, a sustaining program to keep people on the job, identity of the AWS as part of the army air force and recruiting to get extra personnel.

### Examiner Due August 5

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia on Thursday, August 5, and will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 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.



## Those Who Are in It



Homer Michener, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michener, has completed his primary flight training as a naval aviation cadet at the U. S. naval air station at Livermore, California, and has been transferred to another station for intermediate training. He is a graduate of Vernonia high school.

In a letter, received July 16 by his mother, Mrs. O. S. Poynter, Bob Tindall of the navy wrote that he is in a hospital in Australia. No information was given as to his injury.

Melvin Harper, who is with the Seabees at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, has been promoted from fireman 1/c to machinist's mate 2/c.

Mrs. James Loop received word recently from her husband, James L. Loop, BM 2/c, and thereby learned that he is stationed in Alaska. He had just received his rating of second class boatswain's mate.

An Associated Press dispatch from "with the United States seventh army in Sicily, tells of the landing of the first flying fortress in Sicily—"Dirty Girty," and guess who was on board. Yes, it was Technical Sgt. Walter Parcells, the radio operator, who is a graduate of Vernonia high school and the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Parcells, now of Kingston, Washington.

Although the emergency landing "Dirty Girty" made was interesting reading, probably the best news the dispatch contained was that it was Sgt. Parcells' last flight before going home for a well-earned rest. He has flown on 50 missions over enemy territory and thus qualifies for home leave.

Walter Ray Ballard of Vernonia entered the navy through the Portland navy recruiting station on Wednesday, July 21.

Larry Marshall, who is a CM2/c in the Seabees, was recently transferred from Camp Perry, Virginia to Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina; his wife, the former Montana French, who is in the WAC, was also recently transferred—from Camp Ruston, Louisiana to Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Friends who wish to write should use the following address in writing to him: L. T. Marshall, CM 2/c, Plat. 3, C.D. 2013, N.C.R.G., Marine Base, Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina. Her address is: Aux. Montana Marshall, 5th Co., 21st Reg., Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Clayton Aldrich, 17, enlisted in the marine corps at Portland last week. He was placed on an inactive status and returned home, awaiting a later call to duty. Private Aldrich played football at Vernonia high school for three years, graduating in May. He is working for the Oregon-American Lumber corporation. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Aldrich.

KEASEY—Pvt. Verle DeVaney is now in a replacement battalion in Australia. He wrote that they are having winter there now. More "Those Who Are," page 6

### Dimout Aid

July 29—5:50	8:45
30—5:51	8:44
31—5:52	8:43
Aug. 1—5:53	8:41
2—5:55	8:40
3—5:56	8:38
4—5:57	8:37
5—5:58	8:35

## Vernonia Men In Last Draft Call Total 13

### Eighty-nine Men Inducted Into Armed Forces from County

In what appears to be the second largest induction call for Columbia county, 89 men were accepted for service in the various branches of the United States armed forces two weeks ago. The June call of 61 was above average, but 90 were inducted in April, 1942. Most of the 24 men who were inducted into the navy left for training last Friday, while many of the others took a three-week furlough and will leave next week. Fifty-six went into the army; two were accepted as army aviation cadets; and five as marines.

Of the 13 Vernonia men who were called, four, Keith Walker, Lynn (Elmer L.) Brady, Calvin Sasse, and Fred Lusby, graduated from Vernonia high school this spring. Leland Errend is a graduate of 1942. Several others are undergraduates or have attended the high school in recent years. It is interesting to note that nine, or exactly half, of the boys who graduated this spring, are now in the service, although two will probably not be called until fall.

### List Given

The following men were recently inducted into the army of the United States:

James H. Malone, Jr., Houlton; Keith W. Walker, Vernonia; Merwin J. Tuom, Clatskanie; Lyle K. McDonald, St. Helens; James William Burns, Rainier; Lyle W. Williams, Rainier; Lowell R. Anderson, Clatskanie; David B. Williamson, St. Helens; Robert Junior Hall, Vernonia; Ralph Henry Olsen, Rainier; Elmer L. Brady, Vernonia; Marvin Anderson, St. Helens; Harley P. Thomas, Goble; Calvin K. Wemmer, Rainier; Wayne C. Bredreau, Houlton; Edward W. Larsen, Houlton; Verland R. Pierce, St. Helens; Everett B. Newland, Rainier; Ralph L. Kreiger, Vernonia; Marion A. White, Goble;

Leo J. Haberman, Vernonia; Robert D. Griffith, Portland; Leland S. Errend, Vernonia; William H. Johnston, St. Helens; Robert E. Davis, Rainier; Edward J. Zahorak, St. Helens; Clyde A. Davis, Sandy; Roy Salmon, St. Helens; Daniel I. Heman, Rainier; George H. Guentner, St. Helens; Clyde C. Lepin, Rainier; Ernest Rolf Rosen, Scappoose; John R. Kennedy, Warren; Owen R. Johnston, Rainier; Raymond J. Johnson, Clatskanie; Ethelbert I. Harrington, St. Helens;

### Many in Army

Edward B. Arner, Vernonia; David R. Tucker, Rainier; Robert Eugene Olinger, Vernonia; Walter T. Mollenhour, Scappoose; Dale L. Heglund, Columbia City; Carl Randa, Clatskanie; Robert Alfred Johnsen, Rainier; Robert W. Thomas, Woodson; Charles L. Vale, Jr., Rainier; Gerald L. Turner, Vernonia; Charles D. Hanson, Forest Grove; Wallace C. McGilvra, St. Helens; Dale M. Miller, Prescott; Joseph Sienko, Jr., St. Helens; Hugh C. Ellsworth, St. Helens; Donald C. Dewey, St. Helens; George R. Gressett, Rainier; Archie L. Karovnen, Clatskanie; Bernard C. Japs, St. Helens; Robert Dale Gasser, Vernonia; Vernon Vincent Griffin, St. Helens; and Earl Daniel Roberts, Kerry.

### Navy Men Listed

The following were inducted into the navy:

Melvin J. Beyer, Woodburn; Orin W. Adams, St. Helens; Roy E. Boothe, St. Helens; William E. Schoning, St. Helens; Roy Marvin Elliott, Rainier; Lyle G. Paulsen, Rainier; Nevin L. Hawk, Clatskanie; Calvin J. Sasse, Vernonia; Wilfred E. Holce, Mist; Helfred A. Carlstrom, Goble; Donald Lloyd Gish, Goble; Warren C. Levecke, Clatskanie; Fred L.

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## Night Shift Due for Some

While repairs are being made to a turbine at the Oregon-American mill here, beginning Monday, August 2, men and women employed in the dry assorter, shipping department, and planing mill will work a night shift, from 5:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The repairs are necessitated by wear and tear, and it cannot be determined exactly how long they will require.

Because a number of workers affected by the night shift are observers on the local AWS post and have been serving at night, it is urgently requested that extra volunteers take over their duties while the night shift is in effect. The night shift at the post is 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and the two on duty take turns sleeping. Anyone who can serve should see Chief Observer M. A. Oakes or call 774.

## Trapper Funds Added to Budget

Walter Keene of Vernonia, government trapper for Columbia county, will be kept on the job due to protests made at the county budget meeting at St. Helens on Wednesday, July 21. When the original budget was drawn up, the usual allotment for that purpose was omitted partly because it was felt that Columbia county was paying for control of predatory animals in bordering Washington and Clatsop counties, which do not provide for such work.

When the Nehalem Valley Goat Milk Producers' association was formed late in June, the tentative lack of protection against predatory animals was mentioned and representation at the budget meeting was planned. It is understood the state and federal governments will appropriate similar amounts, making a total of \$900 a year.

## Teachers Start Gym Roofing Job

Because of the difficulty of getting help, the work of reshingling the high school gymnasium is being done by teachers when they are not working at their summer occupations. In addition to applying new shingles to the sloping part of the roof, the flat roof over the locker rooms will receive new composition roofing. The job was started Monday and will probably take several weeks.

In addition to R. L. Spencer, janitor, and teachers W. W. McCrae, Harold McEntire, Ray Mills, and O. E. Robbins, Emil Messing is taking part in the work.

### Skull Fractured

Marlene Schroll, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schroll, suffered a fractured skull Monday night when she was hit by a 2 by 4. A scaffolding was being put up at the high school gym and the little girl, unseen by workers, slipped into the path of the falling timber. Wednesday morning she seemed to be getting along satisfactorily, but will be in bed several weeks.

### Many Books Issued

Between 800 and 850 A renewal gas books have been issued by the local rationing board, and applications are still being received and the books sent.

An A book holder who has lost the back of his old A book may apply for a new book without it if he includes with his application his car registration card and a statement that he is entitled to use the car and that no renewal has been issued.

## Aircraft Rec. Classes to Be Next Week

### Instruction Open To All Observers, But Not Required

Aircraft recognition classes will be held two evenings next week at the union hall at 8:00 p.m., Mrs. M. B. Steers, teacher of the classes, announces. The two evenings will be Tuesday, August 3 and Friday August 6, and attendance either night is all that is necessary, although those who can be urged to be present both evenings. In addition, afternoon classes will be given if necessary. Those who cannot be present at night should get in touch with Chief Observer M. A. Oakes by phoning 774 or sending a card.

The classes are open to all who are registered as regular or substitute observers on an AWS post. More observers are needed at the local post and new observers who sign up before classes start may have the instruction. Mrs. Steers is post instructor as she attended an AWS school in Portland for a week during June. She will teach the recognition of both American and enemy planes.

Although it is highly desirable that observers take the course, it is not necessary that they do so.

## Several to Camp At Church Meet

A good representation is planned by the Evangelical church here for the annual summer camp and convention at Jennings Lodge. Scheduled for August 1 to 10 is the C. E. convention, while from August 9 to 11 the women's missionary convention will be held. The Evangelical conference will be from August 11 to 15. As Rev. Backer and his family plan to camp at Jennings Lodge throughout the session, all services at the church here will not be held.

There will be Sunday school every Sunday, but no evening services on August 1, 8, and 15. On August 8 the laymen will conduct the morning worship service, which will be omitted the 15th.

Leaving Sunday afternoon with Rev. Backer for the C. E. meeting are Eileen Enos, Dorothy Roland, Norman Riggins and Sally Kasper. Eileen will stay for the entire session, while the other three will return the 9th. Delegates to the missionary convention are Mrs. Bill Nissen and Mrs. Mary Smith, although only Mrs. Smith plans to attend.

Mrs. Gerald Riggins is lay delegate to the conference, while Mrs. Dave Marshall is her alternate.

### Apply for Sugar Early

Those who need more canning sugar than the 10 pounds allowed from ration stamps 15 and 16 in book one are asked to make application for additional sugar several days in advance of the time they will need it. With many other assorted rationing applications to take care of, the clerks for the local board cannot be expected to act immediately on sugar applications, which must be accompanied by ration books one for the applicant's family.

### NO MORE ACTION REQUIRED ON BOOK 3

No local board stamp or action is required on the new ration book three. A space on the front cover of the book provides for "local board action," and some people have inquired at the local rationing office to see if some processing had to be done there. The space for personal description is to be filled in by the owner of the book.