

FORMER LOCAL BOY IS CLATSKANIE MURDERER

RAINIER—Rainier unexpectedly developed a "personal" interest in what previously had been the Clatskanie murder mystery.

The 16-year-old boy now facing a first degree murder charge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Myers who operated a shoe shop here last year. He attended Rainier high school and was involved in the theft of a microscope and was at one time found in the store-room of a local drug store attempting to obtain chemicals.

THIRTY-ONE BLOOD DONORS GO FROM HERE

CLATSKANIE—Thirty-one donors from Clatskanie went to the blood plasma bank in St. Helens on Friday of last week. This is the largest number from Clatskanie since donations have been made at the county seat.

A large number of those who went were repeaters, many of them on their third or fourth trip to the bank. Need now appears to be for more new donors, for their are not enough of the repeaters to keep the bank operating to capacity.

WORK ON SHIP PLANT TO START SOON

ST. HELENS—The 45-day job of erecting a pier, a machine shop and a warehouse and completing the present unfinished office building at the site of the Columbia Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. at Columbia City will get underway soon and the concern expects to be repairing ships at the expanded yard in about two months. O. Alexander Mechlin, new general manager of the company said last week. He estimated that the yard would require 200 men "to start" and added that the company planned on employing a maximum of 400 men eventually.

HIGHWAY HEADS WARN AGAINST ROAD 'MIRACLES'

ST. HELENS—Members of the state highway commission who paid an official visit to Columbia county a week ago Monday heard post war road construction plans as conceived by the county court and also listened to suggestions by representatives from various portions of the county. When the job of listening and discussing was ended. Merle Chessman, Astoria publisher who was appointed to the board some months ago, expressed the commission's thanks for the suggestions but cautioned that road conscious citizens should not "expect miracles."

He pointed out that Oregon's commission expects to have some federal money at the end of the war to help finance a road construction program, but said the exact amount would depend on a measure now pending in congress. In any case, he warned, there would not be enough cash to pay for all the roads that Oregon citizens want built.

RAINIER PRESENTS PLEA FOR BUILDING HIGHWAY SOUTH

RAINIER—Rainier's long-sought highway development, the Longview Bridge-Nehalem valley link of the north-south highway project, was placed last by the county court when it met with the state highway commission Monday at St. Helens in a conference upon post-war construction and as well declared for rebuilding of Highway 30 beginning at St. Helens and continuing west. This opposes the Rainier proposal that the "bottleneck" section between Rainier and Tide creek be improved first. It is the local view that the road between St. Helens and Tide creek is a fairly satisfactory one, but that curves and grades on this end of the route make it difficult and relatively more dangerous.

Fred W. Herman, speaking for a delegation from here laid out a map showing the proposed north-south highway as it would extend from Canada to California, bringing travel over the Longview bridge and thence south to 99 west via the Apilary route, Vernonia and Forest Grove—or also providing a connection for travel to Oregon coastal points.

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Packages for Service Men Are Mailed

Mother's Service Club Wraps, Sends 100 Parcels Overseas

Members of the Mother's Service club met for three days last week to wrap 100 packages for overseas service men. All packages to overseas army men were mailed and some to the navy men. Other packages are being held for lack of the correct address.

The ladies of the club urge all those having sons in the service to hand their addresses to some member of the club or send it to Mrs. H. H. King, secretary.

The Mother's service group will hold a regular meeting at 2 o'clock Wednesday, October 27 at the Legion hall. At that time it will be decided what Christmas gift will be sent to the service men still in the United States.

Columbia County Men Inducted

The following men were inducted into the military service on October 12 through the Columbia county local board.

Arthur Walter Clawson was placed in the coast guard.

In the navy are: Gordon Lyle McClincy, formerly of Vernonia; Troy Raymond Grimshaw, Harold Norman Foshaug, Clarence Lowell Hamilton, Daniel Boulton McCallum, Delbert William Zerke, and Robert Herbert Mattson.

Inducted into the army are: Carl Edison Putman, Zedie Henderson, Theodore Alfred Pelletier, Richard Aurelius Guentner, Robert Birch Ziemer, Robert Riley Timmons, William August Crawford, Vernonia; Paul Gene DeShazer, Robert Lloyd Hartney, Edward Carl Sirmio, Johnnie Donald Weaver, and George Bud Armstrong of Vernonia.

Transfers were Marvin Wesley Hawkins from Troy, Missouri and Charles Secundo Marson, from Oakland, Calif.

Park Lights Hard to Obtain

In order to use city park lights it was necessary to obtain permission from the 9th Regional Civilian Defense board, with whom Wallace McCrae, principal of the high school, dealt to gain the permission. It was learned that recreational lighting for football is permitted up to a maximum of thirty foot candles, but only when it is used for sports or recreation. A report also had to be made by J. W. Nichols as to the complete information on the lighting installation, the actual footcandles of light on the ground and what percentage of light was emitted above the horizontal.

Mr. McCrae also asked about an outdoor bonfire and found that permission could not be granted as the light would not be shielded above the horizontal.

Rod and Gun Club to Meet

Members of the Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club will hold their October meeting this Friday, October 22 at 8 o'clock at the Bush Funeral home, according to an announcement Wednesday by the club president, Jewett A. Bush. At that time members of the club will discuss problems relative to bettering fish and game conditions in the Nehalem valley.

To date the club has 92 members and all are urged to be present Friday evening.

Friday Football Game Here May Decide County Title

Vernonia football fans will have the opportunity to see what may be the game that will clinch the Columbia county championship title for the Loggers this Friday when Scappoose will be here for their annual game with the Loggers. Reason for the opinion that this may prove the deciding game for the county title is the record of both teams to date in this years play. Scappoose has been defeated by two other elevens, neither of them being league teams, and must win over St. Helens and Vernonia to win title honors and the championship for the second consecutive year.

So far this season the Loggers have a better record having won over Tillamook and St. Helens and losing only to Seaside, the latter not being a conference game. Should Vernonia win Friday's game over the Indians, the only hurdle between the Loggers and title honors will be Rainier as Clatskanie is not entering a team in league play this year.

The Friday event will be the first game of the season under city park lights and the first time for two years that the lights have been used due to dimout regulations which have been effect.

Both teams will be in top form for the event, both having rested over last week end in anticipation of the contest. Vernonia's eleven will be strengthened by the return of Glen 'Scooter' Justice who has not seen action so far this season.

Defendants Win In Court Cases

In a case heard in the circuit court in St. Helens last week, the jury found for the defendants in an action filed by Baxter S. Moore against the United Loggers. The plaintiff was suing to recover some personal property which he alleged United Loggers had removed without his consent. The property included a gasoline donkey.

In his complaint Moore asked for \$1874.50 damages, plus \$57 per day from April 28, 1943.

The case of Christine McKenzie against T. B. Mills, also was scheduled for hearing Friday, October 15 but has been postponed indefinitely.

Clarence Steel of Vernonia, who has been held in the county jail for several weeks on an auto theft charge, appeared before Circuit Court Judge Howard K. Zimmerman last week and entered a plea of guilty to the court. Zimmerman sentenced him to four months in the county jail and gave him credit for the time already put in at the jail.

Revival Meetings Prove Interesting

The revival meetings at the Christian church are becoming increasingly interesting and the church is lending its heartiest cooperation, it was stated this week by the minister, Rev. W. O. Livingston.

The young evangelist, Douglas Winn, is a young man of unusual talents for his work and his sermons are attracting much attention. He plans to give a feature sermon on Tuesday evening of next week on the story of his life and how he became a preacher at the age of eight years. The public is cordially invited to all of the services.

BARBER SHOP OPENED

E. P. Richardson has started operation of the barber shop formerly operated by Wendell Kuper-smith. Mr. Richardson and family moved to Vernonia last week from Gresham.

Vernonia Loggers

Lyle Galloway (38) 164 lbs. LE 165 lbs. (30) Carlton Dudley Larry Brady (32) 160 lbs. LT 176 lbs. (19) Eldon Anderson Ralph McDonald (35) 165 lbs LG 145 lbs (29) Thomas Satchell Dan Rollins (30) 166 lbs. C 195 lbs. (15) Gordon Johnson James Johns (31) 142 RG 176 lbs. (27) Wallace Johnson Gerald Riley (34) 170 lbs. RT 164 lbs. (31) Leonard Martin Jack Riley (41) 158 lbs. RE 165 lbs. (16) Warren Lund Les Galloway (40) 176 lbs. Q 150 lbs. (50) Ernest Cardwell Glen Justice (33) 136 lbs. LH 181 lbs. (25) Robert Anderson Fred Larsen (36) 142 lbs. RH 170 lbs. (51) Ronald McReary Lewis Lane (39) 178 lbs F 155 lbs. (21) Jim Shearer

Scappoose Indians



Those Who Are in It



HOME ON LEAVE

Bob A. Tindall is home on a 35-day leave from the navy hospital at San Diego. He is visiting with his mother, Mrs. O. S. Poynter and sister Betty.

FOUR BROTHERS IN SERVICE

A letter received a few days ago by Ed Frazee from his mother told of the various locations of his four brothers, all of whom are in the armed forces. Hubert L. Frazee is with the Seabees in the 97th N. C. Battalion and is stationed at present in Ireland.

Cpl. Joe Frazee of the army is located on Guadalcanal in a signal company and has been there for 16 months. Aviation Cadet Merle will graduate about November 1st as pilot at Thunderbird Field at Glendale, Arizona.

Outside Lights Effected

There seems to have been some misunderstanding as to how strong the lights may be on the outside of buildings. According to J. W. Nichols outside lights over 100 watts are still effected by the lighting restrictions.

Fortress Flies Low Over Vernonia

Many Vernonia people were startled and then left to wonder why a flying fortress was circling and flying so low over the city Tuesday afternoon. It was later revealed in a telephone message to the former Alice Hoffman that her husband, Major Donald Tower, was just saying hello to her. Mrs. Tower left immediately for Portland to visit with her husband as he left Wednesday morning for Moses Lake, about 80 miles from Wenatchee, Washington, where he is stationed.

The arrival of the plane over Vernonia created much comment and brought people to the streets to see a plan that probably few civilians have had an opportunity to witness at such close range.

Examiner Due Here

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia Thursday, October 28 and will be on duty at the city hall between 10:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

CARETAKER NEEDED

The Vernonia Golf club announces this week that a caretaker is need for the Vernonia course and that the individual who is interested may avail himself of free house rent in addition to the income from the course. Applicants are urged to see C. L. Anderson for details.

NO SHOE STAMP DUE NOW

Information was released this week by Mrs. Paul Gordon, ration board clerk, that no special shoe stamp will be issued between October 15 and November 1.

SEES LOTS OF PACIFIC

In a letter received this week by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bush, William Larson writes that he has seen quite a lot of the Pacific ocean lately and that all of the country that he has seen so far doesn't compare with the good old U.S.A. He also thinks that the West Coast is pretty wonderful.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Lt. Phillip Millis Jr., is home on furlough from the army air corps.

War Chest Drive Gets Under Way

The war chest drive was started in Vernonia Saturday, October 16 with a dance sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Mother's Service club at the Legion hall. After the expenses of the dance were met they were able to turn over \$55.30 to the drive. Several business places have been visited by the committee members under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. M. Culbertson and the response has been very good. To date the total amount received is \$337.80.

Revival Meeting Cancelled Here

Revival services with Rev and Mrs. A. J. Prinic will not be held at the Assembly of God church as was scheduled to start October 17. At the last moment an unforeseen difficulty arose making it impossible to carry out the plans. It is felt by the Pastor, Rev. Clayton E. Beish, that to get a substitute speaker at this time would be unsatisfactory due to the fact that the Christian church is having their revival.

A fellowship meeting and prayer conference was enjoyed and felt very profitable by visiting ministers and representatives from this section of Oregon.

The same meeting schedule will be continued as was in effect before the announcement of the special meeting.

SUGAR USE EXPLAINED

According to Mrs. Paul Gordon, clerk of the local rationing board, there seems to be some misunderstanding about the sugar that is obtainable with the blue ration stamps. This sugar can be used only for canning and not for table use.

Registration For War Book 4 Dates Set

Schools Here Will Be Closed for Thursday, Friday Sign-Up

According to word received here Wednesday by Paul Gordon, grade school superintendent, war ration book four will be issued in the elementary schools in Columbia county on October 28 and 29. The hours of registration are from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on October 28 and from 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 29. The registration will be held for two days only.

Otto H. H. Petersen, county school superintendent who has charge of issuing war ration book four in Columbia county, announced that the following people will be the site-administrators in the Vernonia ration board area:

Natal—Mrs. Bertha Smith Birkenfeld — Miss Frances Sharp Vernonia and Keasey—

Paul A. Gordon Mist—Elva J. Owen Kist—Mathilde Bergerson

Mr. Peterson states that all elementary schools will close Thursday noon and remain closed until Monday, November 1. He asks that no person apply at the school for book four until Thursday, October 28, but urges that applications be made as early as possible after that time to avoid a last-minute rush.

Any person may apply for war ration book four for a family group but the applicant must be sure to have with him war ration book three for each person for whom he is applying

War ration book four will be distributed to all persons except members of the armed forces who are subsisted in kind, or who are members of officers' messes, persons confined to institutions and persons residing less than 60 days in the United States.

Application blanks for war ration book four will be found at the schools on the dates of registration.

Mr. Peterson states that he has been informed that stamps from book four will be used on November 1 in lieu of the blue stamps in book three. It is therefore important that each person register on October 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and October 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. since it will be impossible to obtain book four from the local ration board for some time after November 1.

Bonds Aid in Plane Purchase

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Vernonia helped to a considerable extent the purchase of a Flying Fortress with bonds purchased by members of the two groups according to information released by Emil Messing, postmaster this week. The two lodges purchased \$14,888 in series E bonds during the 3rd war loan drive between September 9 and October 2, that money being earmarked to apply on the purchase which was made by the members in Oregon.

The name "Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Oregon" will be placed on the plane.

Dimout Aid

Sunrise and Sunset Hours		
October 22—6:38	5:13	
23—6:39	5:12	
24—6:41	5:10	
25—6:42	5:08	
26—6:43	5:07	
—6:45	5:05	
28—6:46	5:03	