

County News

CITY RECORDER RESIGNS POSITION

RAINIER—The city council a week ago Monday evening accepted the resignation of Blaine Bradley as recorder and appointed N. N. Blumensaadt to serve for another 30 days. Mr. Blumensaadt's tenure may be controlled by developments in the operation of the soap factory of which he is manager and which is now under new ownership.

Mr. Bradley, who was elected to the office of recorder in the election of 1942, two months ago asked for a leave of absence on account of his health.

TRAFFIC PATROLS TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR KIDS

ST. HELENS—The city council has given its blessing to establishing safety patrols at six danger points on the city street system where school children cross. The patrol is sponsored by the American Legion and that organization will provide the white Sam Browne belts and hats the youngsters directing the traffic will be required to wear while on duty.

The patrols would be established on the highway at McBride school, the highway and Columbia Blvd., in Houlton, 6th st. and Columbia Blvd., 4th st. and Columbia Blvd. and at 3rd and St. Helens streets.

The city also agreed to establish a 25-mile speed limit within the city limits on the highway and will contact the highway department who will, it is said, erect appropriate signs.

LOCAL SOAP PLANT CHANGES HANDS

RAINIER—Sale of the Rainier soap factory to J. L. Schilling Co. of New York is reported by N. N. Blumensaadt, local manager. The sale was effective October 27.

The plant here was formerly owned by D. J. Keefe of Boston

Mr. Schilling was in Rainier October 10 and inspected the plant.

Mr. Blumensaadt received the information that Schilling plans reopening of the plant and the manufacture of at least 4,000 gross of soap bars. Further activity will be dependent upon market conditions and the ability to acquire materials from which to make the soap.

The plant was operated briefly a few months ago but difficulty in supplies and lack of a ready market probably discouraged the Boston owner.

LUMBER TAKEN BY BARGE 240 MILES

ST. HELENS—Years ago transportation of lumber from the lower Columbia to points on the upper river was not dreamed of but in this year of 1943 it is a reality, and lumber from the St. Helens mill of the Pope & Talbot company is being taken some 265 miles or possibly more, upriver. Almost every week three barges loaded with from 225,000 to 250,000 feet of lumber are towed to Portland and there delivered to the Portland Tug & Barge company whose fleet of tugs take the barges to Kennewick, Wash., some 240 miles upstream from Portland.

From Umatilla north and east the Columbia either narrows or becomes more shallow—deep in some places and shallow in others, so the barges are loaded to draw not in excess of four feet, whereas for towing in deep places of the river they could be loaded to draw from 6 to 8 feet in depth.

So far as St. Helens is concerned the lumber delivery is an outlet for approximately one-sixth of the output of the mill and furnishes employment to a number of persons loading the barges as well as the local towing company whose tugs tow the barges to Portland.

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One Hour of Pay to Go to War Chest

Union to Help Boost War Chest Drive for Vernonia

At a meeting held on October 29, Local 5-37, IWA, voted to adopt the national CIO plan which is to deduct one hour's wages per month to go to the war chest drive.

Vernonia's quota for the drive is \$3,500. The chairman of the local committee, Mrs. H. M. Culbertson and Mrs. Harry Hall, have turned in \$703.80 of this amount.

The drive for funds in this locality will be relatively brief as it is anticipated that it will be entirely cleared up by the end of the month, if not before. It is felt that the wage deduction of the union will be a big boost in bringing Vernonia over its quota.

Schools Observe Armistice Day

There will be a joint observance of Armistice Day and National Education week by both the grade schools and high school on Friday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Washington grade school auditorium. American Education week is scheduled from November 7 to 13 inclusive and the theme to be carried out will be "Education for Victory." Victory on all battle fronts is the goal of the schools.

The schools are rendering indispensable service to the national war effort and in preparation for the peace to come, they are confronted with a deepening crisis. Many of our local teachers have been lost to the profession and many throughout the country are in the armed forces.

American Education week is sponsored jointly by the National Education association, the American Legion, the U. S. Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Program to Be Given

The program here will open with a bugle call and is outlined so that both schools will take part and also the local American Legion Post will participate. The principal speaker for the afternoon will be Neal Marfitt. There will be an introduction of the Legion commander and taps will sound at the close of the program. The public is invited to attend the program.

Long Time Resident Dies

Newton Jasper Parker died at his home in Vernonia on November 9 at the age of 76 years. He had been a resident of Vernonia for 69 years. He was born in Brown county Kansas on February 22, 1867. He is survived by one son, Walter Parker, Vernonia; two daughters, Mrs. Della Leavitt, La Grande and Mrs. Hazel Hazen, Portland; four brothers, Andrew and George Parker of Vernonia, Albert of Clatskanie and Pete of Powers, Oregon; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bush Funeral home with Rev. Allen H. Backer officiating. Interment will be at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Pomona Grangers Hear Explanation of Prices

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Pomona grange at the Yankton grange hall on November 6th heard an explanation by County Agent George Nelson of the government roll back of prices. In his report, Mr. Nelson stated that the government will pay the farmer dividends for the milk and cream that he has sold during the months of October and what he will sell during the months of November and December. The payments will amount to 5c for each pound of butterfat and 45c per hundred pounds of milk. The purpose of this program is to help keep down inflation, it was explained.

J. D. Perry, county representative, spoke of post war work that is now being carried on in parts of the county, but stressed that there is still much to be done. Worthy Master Ray Tarbell appointed each subordinate grange master as chairman of a committee to plan post war work in their respective communities.

H.E.C. Chairman of Pomona grange, Inez Langdon of Chapman stressed that we must save more food, for we now waste as much at home as is needed to feed the men in service. The saving is necessary also to provide for the lend-lease program.

Oil Companies Bid for Lands

ST. HELENS—Although no lease has been signed with the county court, representatives of one of the major oil companies seeking drilling rights on Columbia land are busy at the court house checking titles to find owners of properties they are interested in. It is believed that the county is owner of the bulk of the property sought.

Exact number of acres on which a lease will be sought has not been announced, but the oil company men indicated that it would be considerably in excess of 5,000. One of the two concerns which are currently bidding for the chance to do some "wildcatting" on Columbia county land has had a core-drilling crew and four geologists conducting testing operations about five miles east of Vernonia.

Because of wet weather, these workers have stopped their operation. It was indicated, however, that they will resume work in the spring.

Before the court can grant a lease of county properties to any of the oil companies, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing and to advertise the location of the lands up for lease.



Those Who Are in It

TRAINING AT CAMP LEE
In attendance at the four-week army service forces depot course No. 8 at Camp Lee, Virginia at the quartermaster school is 2nd Lieutenant G. L. Hieber who was specially selected to take the advanced course of instruction in modern depot and warehousing methods. In addition to intensive classroom work, the officer is also undergoing an intensive program that stresses physical hardening, military tactics and weapons.

IN AUSTRALIA

According to a letter received by Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Eby, from Capt. Robert Rushing, he is convalescing in a hospital in Australia.

vide for the lend-lease program.

The meeting was presided over by Worthy Master Ray Tarbell of St. Helen's and Warren grange acted as host. An interesting and well balanced program under the direction of Laura Carmichael, lecturer of Natal grange, was given during the evening session.

Dimout Rules Not Abolished

Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, commanding general of the western defense command disclosed this week that some question had arisen in several communities as to whether or not shielding of street lights should be removed as a result of the western defense command's proclamation No. 20.

Proclamation No. 20, dated October 28, 1943, suspended regulations on the Pacific coast effective November 1. It did not abolish them.

"The matter," General Emmons said, "depends entirely on future events. Should the military situation make it necessary, the dimout might have to be reinstated."

Shield Removal Explained

"Removal of street light shielding is entirely up to the communities themselves."

"It should be pointed out, however, that such removal would be expensive and require considerable manpower. It should also be mentioned that reinstallation of shielding, if it should be necessary, would not only be expensive in money and manpower, but would require critical material and time.

"Available information indicates that approximately 40 per cent of skyglow in metropolitan areas comes from unshielded street lighting. This information also indicates that horizontal shielding of street lights does not materially reduce the volume of light upon streets and sidewalks.

"It may be advisable in certain areas visible from the sea to remove street light shielding to the seaward and thereby remove a hazard caused by reduced light in those exceptional areas. Should the dimout be restored, these lights could be kept out entirely until shielding were reinstalled."

Dimout restrictions were originally proclaimed in August, 1942, to reduce skyglow that might silhouette shipping as targets for enemy submarines.

TRAINS AT SIOUX FALLS

Pvt. Lewis R. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva E. Adams, has been assigned to the technical school, army air forces training command, Sioux Falls, South Dak. for training as a radio operator-mechanic. Upon completion of a 20-week course he will be fully trained to take his place as a member of a highly skilled bomber crew of the army air forces.

In civilian life he worked as a logger for the Hobin Logging Co. He graduated from Vernonia high school in 1942, and while in school he played football with the Loggers.

He was inducted into the service on June 17, 1943 at Portland and was previously stationed at Kessler Field before going to Sioux Falls.

Delinquent Registrants Get Warning

Selective Service Board Policy Calls for Care

Selective service registrants who have failed to keep in touch with their local board should remedy this error at once, it was urged last week by Columbia County Local Board No. 1. Together with this announcement there is released a list of registrants present carried by this local board as delinquent or suspected of being delinquent.

Local boards throughout the country are presently reviewing the file of each registrant who is a delinquent or suspected of delinquency. Commencing November 1 the local boards have listed all delinquents and suspected delinquents and have begun the process of reclassifying the registrants and ordering them to report for induction. A complete list of the delinquents failing to report for induction will be presented to United States attorneys and facilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be utilized to round up selective service registrants who have failed in their duties.

The board pointed out that local boards are now reclassifying fathers to fill calls and that delinquents will not be allowed to play a game of hide-and-seek with local boards. Asserting that many of the delinquents may be delinquent through neglect rather than wilfulness, the board states that the best time to clear up any misunderstandings which have arisen through neglect is now.

The list of registrants now carried by Columbia County Local Board as delinquent or suspected of being delinquent follows:

Carl Ingmar Sundberg, Howard Lyman Nutt, Loranzo Revs, Chas. F. Mattingly.

Loggers to Play Rainier Nov. 11

The Vernonia Loggers will meet the Rainier Columbians on the Rainier field on Armistice Day at 2:00 p.m. This is the last league game for this year and may mean the championship for the Loggers if they come through victorious. The team seems to be in good condition and promises a good battle and an interesting game for observers.

Quota Increase Noted for Stoves

According to information released by the local rationing board there has been an increase in the quota of stoves. Coal and wood heating stoves have been increased 50 per cent and oil heating stoves have been increased 100 per cent. Also coal and wood cooking stoves have increased 50 per cent.

MEETING ATTENDED

Wallace McCrae and Paul Gordon attended a meeting Sunday in St. Helens at the home of George Conyers, president of the Columbia County Health association. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the annual sale of Christmas seals.

Save Gas Urged Here

Commander H. H. King of the local post of the American Legion announces a campaign here to conserve gas due to increased war activity in the Pacific theatre which necessitates additional need of gas for fighting.

Mr. King urges drivers to share their cars with others as every car on the road today is a vital part of our fighting material strategy. It is a lifeline between the home front and our battlefronts across the world. Civilian transportation keeps the production line at work and keeps the equipment moving to our fighting forces.

In the campaign it is urged that every car be given a rest when possible and that cars that are used carry a capacity load of persons. Every car that remains at home is doing two things: lengthening their lives and saving gas, thereby strengthening the war effort.

Shoe Rationing Information Told

According to information released in a rationing news letter to shoe dealers from the local rationing board it was revealed that when making a refund to a person who returns a new pair of shoes or in cases where an order cannot be filled to a person who has surrendered a valid ration stamp, this person should be given a special shoe stamp obtainable from the ration board (in no case return a loose stamp from a ration book). Instead of the stamp being dated as in the past, it should have written on it the number of the last war ration stamp which has become valid. Such special stamps are then acceptable during the same validity period as the stamp indicated on it. This doesn't change the fact that dated stamps issued by ration boards are good only for 30 days from date issued.

Childrens Shoes Increased

Additional childrens shoes are to be manufactured containing no leather and no rubber except scrap rubber previously combined with fabric. These shoes of size three and smaller in youths, misses and childrens ranges and all sizes in the infants range will be ration free.

The ordinary gym shoe, tennis shoe and sneaker containing no leather and which have a sole made and fastened to the upper by a vulcanized construction have been released from rationing.

Flue Fire Damage Small

A flue fire damaged the roof of the J. W. Brimmer house on Rose avenue Tuesday afternoon. Water damaged some articles in the house but the furniture was not removed as Mrs. Brimmer had the fire nearly under control by the time the fire department arrived.

Brotherhood to Meet Nov. 16

The Brotherhood of the Evangelical church will meet Tuesday, November 16 at the church at 7:30 p.m. All fathers and sons are invited to attend.

A special program and speakers will be arranged for the evening and refreshments will be served.

November Is Christmas Mail Time This Year

To Mail Early Is Only Way to Avoid Emergency in Dec.

Delivery of the annual flood of Christmas gifts and cards on time, always a serious problem, "will be more than a problem this year—it will be impossibility — unless Christmas mailings are made large in November," Postmaster General Frank C. Walker warned in a dispatch received this week by Emil Messing of the Vernonia post office.

"Transportation facilities burdened to the limit with materials and personnel of the postal service has sent more than thirty-one thousand experienced employees into the air and navy," Mr. Walker warned. "The only solution to the Christmas problem is: Mail November. Mark your parcels 'Do Not Open Until Christmas.' That is the only way to avoid disappointment on Christmas Day not only for many civilians but also for millions of members of the armed forces who are still in this country.

Only Way to Avoid Emergency

"It is also the only way to avoid the possibility of a Christmas emergency in the transportation and postal services. The public will cooperate in mailing their Christmas parcels during November, we can handle a small volume of light-minute mailings, such as cards, up to December 10—then we can do that and avoid emergency only if November really 'Christmas mailing month.'"

Postal officials pointed out that the volume of mail now is far above any previous records, that railway cars by hundreds have been diverted for war service and that the airlines have only about half many planes as they once operated.

More than two hundred thousand temporary employees normally are employed to help with the holiday postal rush. This year, the extra employees will be largely women and high school boys and girls who are unable to work the long hours usually required and whose work will be relatively slow.

Mail Must Cover Longer Period

To deliver the Christmas mails on time, therefore, it is necessary that mailings spread out over a longer period so that available transportation equipment and postal personnel can be used during more weeks. It will be utterly impossible to make the deliveries by Christmas if mailers wait until the last three weeks before the holiday, as in normal years.

There is another reason for shopping and mailing earlier than ever before. Retail stores are short handed. Purchase can avoid shopping in crowded stores, long waits for service and other inconveniences of late shopping if they buy now.

Postmaster General Walker observed that his warning was not an attempt to tell the public what to do; it is only an advance notification of what will happen if they mail late. He feels that the public is entitled to the facts and that when they know them, they will decide to mail in November.

CARDS REQUIRE 1ST CLASS

Information was received from Emil Messing, postmaster that Christmas greeting cards for soldiers overseas must be sent in a sealed envelope and prepaid at the first class rate.