

County News

AGENT ASKS FOR REPORT ON ALDER

ST. HELENS — In a letter to Judge Ray Tarbell, Kenneth C. Miller, industrial agent for the S. P. & S. railway last week asked for an approximate cruise of the amount of alder in this county. Miller added that his company had in prospect a party who wishes to install a mill and dryer to cut alder for furniture.

There is a considerable amount of alder in the county, and in the past its disposal has been somewhat of a problem since it is not suitable for sawmills or for pulp wood. Miller asked that the report to him disclose whether the alder was tributary to Clatskanie or Westport, but indicated that if the stand was suitable it would not necessarily have to be in those districts.

RED CROSS AIDS FIRE LOSS SUFFERERS

CLATSKANIE — Through the efforts of the local group of Red Cross workers and the county organization, the Tackett family which recently lost all belongings in the fire that destroyed their home and took the life of their three-year-old son, are now able to keep house.

A money purse was collected by the local directors of the county Red Cross board, Vilas Shepard, Harriette Bailey and Merle Harrington. Woolen blankets were sent from the county Red Cross and other articles needed at once have been supplied.

PAY RISE OF 5c HOUR EFFECTIVE AT PAPER MILL

ST. HELENS — Employees of the St. Helens Pulp and Paper Co. are enjoying a 5-cent an hour increase in base pay, as the result of approval, given to the negotiations of union and company representatives last September. Base pay for common labor is now 90 cents an hour, effective from the first day of employment. All other classifications in the mills will receive the 5-cent raise uniformly.

SCOUTS HARVEST YULE TREES; SALE UNDERWAY

ST. HELENS — St. Helens people in the market for Christmas trees won't have to waste gasoline and time in an excursion into the hills after them, for members of Boy Scout troop 205 and their scoutmaster, B. D. Lund, spent most of a recent Sunday collecting the Yule trees.

ST. HELENS REACHES WAR CHEST QUOTA

ST. HELENS — This city has reached its quota of \$8,750 in the Oregon war chest drive, the figure being pushed over by a \$3,000 contribution from the St. Helens Pulp and Paper Co. management and another \$835.60 contributed by paper mill employees. The total announced unofficially last week was \$4,400 in round figures.

Other major contributions recently announced were \$1,816 from Pope & Talbot employees and \$1,273 from the employees of the Fir-Tex plant.

Magician Speaks To School Mon.

Mr. Hensler, a magician who is sponsored by the Oregon State Health department, was a speaker at the Washington grade school Monday evening. His talk was an illustrated lesson on the four principals for healthy teeth, and this was brought out by his tricks of magic.

During the school assembly program on Friday, December 10, Mr. Ruh was in charge of a program entitled, "Stage Door Canteen" and during the week he made a canteen in the hall of the school and sold candy and trinkets which brought receipts of \$16 which will be turned over to the USO or the Red Cross.

Club Plans Sing Time

A community sing is being sponsored by the Business Womens club of Vernonia. The program and a tree will be given in the Washington grade school auditorium on December 20 at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening.

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New T Coupons To Be in Use On January 1

Coupons Will Be Similar to Motion Picture Tickets

According to information released by the local ration board, new T coupons will be issued in strips similar to strips of motion picture tickets. They are to be issued for use beginning January 1, 1944 in a new identification folder containing on the front all the information (such as name of operator, make of car, etc.) previously noted on the cover of the T book. In addition, boards will mark on the folder the range of serial numbers of the ration coupons enclosed within. This folder must be kept with the coupons.

Present TT coupons issued during the past quarter became invalid for use by consumers after December 31, 1943.

Under the new plan of issuing T coupons in strips, only coupons within the range of serial numbers written on the outside of the folder may be used by operators of commercial vehicles and taxis in obtaining gasoline. Thus it will be relatively simple to detect and trace the illegal acquisition and use of such coupons.

Clerks Have No Authority
Some people may have the impression that the clerks in the ration office have been given authority to pass on different types of business but this is not true. The clerks have no authority or power to perform any adjudicative function. Their duties and responsibilities are vital to the efficient functioning of a board but are limited to the performance of administrative acts under the direction of the board chairman.

Charles H. Nevius of Astoria, who is the field price representative for this district, spent most of Tuesday at the rationing office checking the meat and restaurant surveys and also the price files.

E. A. Landis, field operations officer from Portland was also a business visitor at the local rationing office on Tuesday. He makes regular trips to assist the board with its business.

Legion to Deliver Needed Messages
The American Legion of Vernonia has planned a program whereby its members will be able to accommodate people living in the outlying districts of the Upper Nehalem Valley by having an emergency delivery service to deliver important messages from men who are in the armed forces.

Sometimes it seems to be almost impossible to get telegraph and telephone messages delivered to persons living out of town and who do not possess a phone.

The legion feels that it can eliminate a great deal of delay by volunteering its services and asks that anyone feel free to ask any members of the Legion for this assistance if at any time there is the problem of receiving a message for someone and there is no way of delivering it.

War Chest Fund Growing
The War Chest fund is steadily growing and it is felt that the quota of \$3,500 will soon be reached. The amount turned in by the committee working with Mrs. Harry Culbertson is \$995.55. This does not include the sum that will be donated by the union for which the mill workers and loggers worked overtime to help in the war effort.

New Food Rationing Token Plan To Start February 27, OPA Says

The manufacture of two million ration tokens, smaller in size and more than twice the number called for in the original plan, was started this week by the Osburn Register company of Cincinnati, the office of price administration announced last week.

The order calls for the manufacture of 1,100,000,000 red tokens to be used in making ration change in buying meats and fats and 900,000,000 blue tokens to be used in buying processed foods.

To Be in Effect Feb. 27

The OPA has announced: (1) The new ration token plan will go into effect on Sunday, February 27, 1944.

(2) Food retailers will get their supply of tokens from the nation's banks. Application should be made immediately.

(3) Tokens will be distributed about February 22, 1944.

(4) Strips of stamps, each having a value of ten points under the plan, regardless of the numeral now appearing on the stamps, will be validated on a horizontal or across-the-book basis rather than on a vertical or up and down basis, as at present.

(5) A regular schedule of validity dates will be established. This will provide a total of five processed food stamps worth 50 points for each consumer at the start of each month. Three meat-fats stamps worth a to-

tal of 30 points, will become valid every two weeks.

Tokens Smaller Than Dime

It was planned originally to make the tokens a shade smaller than a quarter. The size has been sharply reduced and the tokens will be smaller than a dime.

It costs the government nearly \$1,500,000 to produce a ration book. With tokens in use to sup-

plement ration stamps of a single denomination, war ration book four can last 96 weeks. At least three ration books, at a total cost of about \$4,500,000 would be required to carry through this period if ration tokens were not used. The total cost of the new ration token order will be about one-half the cost of three ration books that otherwise would be used.

Consumers will obtain tokens from the retailers as change in connection with a given purchase of rationed foods. The consumer may then use these tokens when purchasing rationed foods from any retailer at any time, since tokens will not have an expiration date.

Stamps Have 10-Point Value

Under the processed foods and meats-fats program all stamps will have a value of ten points each, regardless of the numeral now appearing on the stamps. Strips of stamps will be validated on a horizontal basis, beginning with A8, B8, C8, etc. It was decided that validating the strips of stamps on a horizontal, rather than a vertical basis would not only make it easier to tear them out of the books but would assist in eliminating the present numeral value of 8, 5, 2, and 1 from the housewife's mind and in educating her to the fact that, regardless of the value now printed on the stamps, they will all be worth 10 points.

Schools to Close For Yule Time

The high school and grade schools of Vernonia will close for their Christmas vacation on Friday afternoon of December 24. Programs have been arranged in the schools and in individual rooms where the students will receive treats and exchange Christmas greetings and wishes after which they will be dismissed and will not return to school until January 3.

Services Held Here for Soldier

Services were held here for Cpl. Donald Marvin Osborn, who died at Los Angeles, California from injuries received when he was struck by a car. It seems that Cpl. Osborn and a companion had hitch-hiked a ride from their camp to Los Angeles and were thanking the driver of the car for their ride when another car, apparently with a sleeping driver, ran upon the sidewalk, hitting both of the boys. It was reported that Cpl. Osborn lived but three hours after the accident. No report as yet has been received as to the condition of his companion.

Cpl. Donald Marvin Osborn was born on December 30, 1911, in Wheatland, Oregon and died in Los Angeles on December 5, 1943. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bittner, of Vernonia; three brothers, Lloyd of the army, Thomas of Vernonia and Louis Bittner of Portland; two sisters, Hazel Linfoot and Ruby Hoyt of Portland; and his grandmother, Mary Osborn of Salem.

Funeral services were held here Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bush Funeral home with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating, after which he was taken to Hopewell where the interment was made on December 15.



Those Who Are in It



GETS PROMOTION

George Laird who has been stationed in North Africa, has received a promotion to captain. He writes that the weather there is much different than ours. He says it seems rather odd to see fresh garden peas growing this time of the year.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

KEASEY — Pvt. Philip Keasey who is stationed at West Virginia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Keasey, and family recently. He has returned to his camp.

HAS FIVE-DAY FURLOUGH

Pvt. Albert Kreiger Jr., who is stationed at San Diego, California, spent a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kreiger and family.

WRITES FROM NEW GUINEA

KEASEY — Verle DeVaney, who has been in the service for nine months is now a staff sergeant. He reports that he is now in New Guinea and that Tojo drops some of his funny little bombs there every night. He says one landed 900 yards from him.

STATIONED IN ENGLAND

According to a letter received by Mrs. Laird, Lt. Desmond E. Laird is now stationed somewhere in England.

VISITS PARENTS

KEASEY — Pvt. Ivan Reed, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed, left Monday to visit his sister, Mrs. Johnny Ballreck, in Portland. His parents and brother accompanied him. Mrs. Albert Kreiger went as far as Forest Grove with them and visited Mrs. Al Bohma.

SPENDS LEAVE HERE

Mitchell DeHart arrived home Tuesday, December 7 from Camp Farragut to spend a two-weeks leave visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. DeHart.

HOME ON LEAVE

Eugene Slape, brother of Jack Slape of Vernonia, is visiting the Slape family while on a 15-day leave from the navy. He has been stationed at Camp Farragut and expects to return to that camp on December 21.

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Christmas Cantata Date Set for Dec. 19

Churches to Give Evening of Music for Public Hearing

There will be two Christmas cantatas given on the evening of December 19 at the Evangelical church at 7:30 p.m. The cantatas are entitled, "The Birthplace of Christmas," and "The Chorus in the Skies." They will be given under the direction of Mrs. Irvin Ackley with Miss Eileen Enos accompanying. Those singing in the cantata in the soprano section are: Leola Cason, Ann Summers, Murel Knight, Mary Stubbs, Helen Frank, Cassie Livingstone, Sue Eversaul, Ivy Masters, Olive Masters, Pauline Holcomb, Bonnie Holcomb, Evalyn Morris, Vona Weidman, Joyce Culbertson. In the Alto section there are: Grace Laramore, Beth Frank, Amy Kamholz, Zella Junkins, Alice Malmsten, Allie Dickson, Maude Wells, Lona Weidman, Delia Jones, Minnie Malmsten, Beth Backer, Juanita Green. For the tenors there are: Elbert Stiff, E. J. Douglass and Allen Backer. The basses are: Elmore Knight, W. O. Livingstone and Sidney Malmsten.

Francis Davis Dies December 8

Francis Davis died on December 8 at the home of Mrs. Maude Rogers where he was being given care. He was born on January 11, 1864 in the state of Illinois.

He is survived by two sons, Merle Davis of Vancouver, Washington and R. E. Gardner of Vernonia; one brother, W. A. Davis, Vancouver, Washington; two nephews, Carl and Art Davis of Vernonia.

Funeral services were held December 12 at the Bush Funeral home with Rev. Clayton E. Beish officiating. Interment was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Package Quota Reached Here

According to Mrs. Harry Sandon, chairman of the camp and hospital committee for Vernonia, the quota has been reached for Vernonia which was 100 packages to go to hospitalized service men and men in isolated units.

Several more donations were received for the fund: the Pythian Sisters donated \$4.00; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kerns gave \$2; and the American Legion auxiliary gave \$6; the Rainbow Girls have donated \$14.45; in addition the Mother's Service club and the Rebekahs both have made several packages and donated them to the fund.

Mrs. J. W. Nichols, Mrs. H. H. King, and Mrs. Sandon, the committee, wishes to thank the people of Vernonia and vicinity for their cooperation in helping to fill the quota.

1 SHOPPING WEEK LEFT
—AND I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A THING FOR THE REINDEER—OR NEW BELLS FOR THE SLEIGH!

Buy Christmas Seals