

TYPEWRITER CASE TO BE HEARD

ST. HELENS — Judge H. K. Zimmerman postponed, at the request of District Attorney W. W. Dillard last Monday the trial of Mrs. Christine McKenzie of Vernonia, who was indicted by the grand jury in October on a larceny charge. Mr. Dillard informed the court that Bert Mills, who signed the complaint and who was the state's principal witness, was ill in bed and could not be present. Judge Zimmerman reset the case for Wednesday of this week, stipulating that Mr. Mills' condition should be ascertained well in advance of that day so that if he was still too sick to attend the defendant, witnesses and jury could be notified. Mrs. McKenzie had been accused of taking Mr. Mills' typewriter from his office in Vernonia as security for an alleged debt.

GARDENING SCHOOL IS STARTED AT RAINIER

RAINIER — A school in gardening started Monday, March 20 at the Rainier high school. There is no charge for the instruction as home gardens are deemed important, more so than ever, in aiding the war effort.

"Victory gardens will be more important than ever this year because of labor shortage on farms," Governor Earl Snell said last week in calling attention to victory garden campaigns that will be held in all Oregon counties.

SUNDBERG AWARDED \$19,785 FOR INJURIES

CLATSKANIE — A federal grand jury recently awarded a \$19,785 verdict to Adolph Sundberg, fisherman, formerly of Mayger.

Sundberg sued the Washington Fish and Oyster Co. of Seattle for damages sustained when he was accidentally shot in the hand on a company boat May 21, 1940

Arthur Moulton of Portland is Sundberg's attorney and he stated that the latter was permanently disabled.

FAMILY OF FIVE BARELY ESCAPES AS HOUSE BURNS

ST. HELENS — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Skipworth and five children narrowly escaped injury when the house in which they lived, on property belonging to the Jewel Ice Cream company near the highway between Warren and Scappoose, burned to the ground last Monday afternoon.

Mr. Skipworth, who works at night, was asleep when the fire broke out about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and he had an especially narrow escape. No one was hurt but extremely few of the family's belongings were saved.

DONORS TWO SHORT OF QUOTA

ST. HELENS — Despite the halving of the blood bank schedule for Columbia county, from two calls a month to one, the quota was not quite filled last Friday, first call under the new schedule. There were 138 donors, two short of the 140 quota. The fact that this call came two weeks after the previous one and that some groups coming from a distance had not been able to make arrangements for the new date, may have had something to do with the deficit.

TEACHERS SALARIES UPPED BY BOARD

ST. HELENS — The school board at its regular meeting a week ago Monday night increased the starting salaries of both grade and high school teachers to conform to increases given in other schools of the county and surrounding counties. The grade school teachers were increased to \$1,650 from \$1,400, and the high school teachers from \$1,800 to \$2,000. Grade school teachers were given the greater increase because it was felt the spread between the starting salaries of grade and high school was too great.

In addition all principals were given raises, their salaries for next year to be as follows: Mrs. Belle McCrummen, McBride, \$2,500; Lloyd Gooding, John Gpumm, \$2,700, and Dale J. Ickes, high school, \$2,950.

Prevention of Accidents Is Theme of Week

Injuries to Children Are Increased as Shown by Report

Oregon's Safety Week, this week, is focusing public attention on the problem of preventing accidents involving young children. State and national figures indicated an alarming upward trend in accidents involving children under 14 years of age. Figures compiled by the national safety council indicate child fatalities have increased from 21 to 25 per cent during wartime years, as compared to the year immediately preceding Pearl Harbor. This upward trend was observed in fatalities involving children in the home, which went up 25 per cent, and fatalities in public places which went up 21 per cent.

Child Fatalities Increase

An example of the trend in Oregon was indicated by figures released from the secretary of state's office indicating that child fatalities in traffic accidents constitute 24 per cent of the total death toll during the first six weeks of 1944.

Oregon's Safety Week is not intended as a campaign or a drive, but as a means of directing public attention to the important problem of preventing accidents in every phase of modern life. The slogan for the week is "It's Patriotic to be Careful."

As an illustration of the extent to which accidents cut down the war production power in Oregon, it has been determined that man-hours lost as a result of accidents in 1943 were sufficient to build an additional 83 Liberty ships.

Terminal Cafe Has Fire Sat. Eve.

Fire broke out in the rear of the Terminal cafe about eight p.m. Saturday evening, but caused very little damage. It is believed that it was started by sparks from a chimney close to the fire. Due to quick action by the Vernonia fire department, the fire was prevented from spreading and doing any damage.



Those Who Are in It



HAVE 15-DAY LEAVE  
George Smith and Bill Hodgson are both home on a 15-day leave from Camp Farragut where they are stationed with the navy.

RECEIVES PROMOTION  
Word was received here recently by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Michener from their son, Sgt. Elmer Michener, who is stationed in Australia, that he has been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

VISITS RELATIVES HERE  
Homer Norris from Longview, who is on a 15-day leave from Camp Farragut spent Sunday visiting with the C. D. Norris family.

MAJOR ENJOYS EAGLE  
In a letter received by Mrs. Mylan Hunt from Major "Red" McDonald, he states that he is just fine and likes his job very well. He said that he ran into Bobby King a couple of times and they certainly enjoyed their visits.

The following are his reasons for fighting. He says, "I'm not fighting for rank, pay, bronze stars or ribbons. I am over here fighting for America, my buddies, for our homes, for the way we like to live and for the things we believe in."  
He also stated that he received

Six Donate Blood Friday

Six Vernonia women donated a pint of blood at the Hillsboro donating center Friday, Mar. 17. Mrs. Frank Lane drove her car and also gave her first donation. Those going with her were Mrs. Virgil Powel who gave her third pint of blood, Mrs. Leslie Waters, donating for the second time and Mrs. Leslie Lane who went for the first time. Two other donors who motored to the donating center on the bus Friday morning were, Mrs. Howard Frank donating for the second time and Miss Helen Frank, donating her sixth pint of blood.

The next trip to the Hillsboro donating center will be made on Monday, March 27.

Change Made In A and B Gas Ration

Validity period of the A-11 rations and each subsequent series of A coupons in areas A and B are extended from two months to three months. The value of each A coupon remains at three gallons. Occupational mileage of sixty miles per month is removed from the basic A books in areas A and B.

The B ration ceiling in area A is reduced from 460 to 400 miles per month. Accordingly, B books shall be issued without deduction for the sixty miles per month occupational mileage previously available in the A book.

Persons now holding supplemental rations which prove insufficient because of the A reduction may apply for further rations within thirty days prior to exhaustion of current rations. Application for restoration must be carefully reviewed to determine whether restoration is needed and whether there is compliance with car sharing and other requirements.

Persons in areas A and B holding only a basic A ration, which was heretofore used partially for occupational purposes, may apply for supplemental rations if he meets the requirements necessary.

Geo. Bell Receives Prize

George W. Bell received a prize of \$50 for first place in group three in the national marathon contest for writing car insurance. He was high agent in his group in the United States during the contest.

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the Eagle and enjoyed the service mens' column very much.

KILLED IN ACTION  
Word was received here recently that Ralph Carlson, who was a resident of Vernonia 10 years ago, had been killed in action in Italy on February 1, 1944. His stepfather was piledriver foreman at Clark and Wilson at the time he lived here.

EXCITING ADVENTURE  
Radioman Lavon M. George, of Vernonia, was a member of the crew of the "Green Hornet" a tank landing ship, when the vessel participated in the shelling of Momote airstrip.

HOME ON FURLOUGH  
George Getman, T/5 of the Army Engineers, is home on furlough after being in service in India and also working on the Burma Road.

HELPS IN SHELLING  
Radioman LaVon M. George, according to information made known here this week, was a member of the crew of the Green Hornet, a tank landing ship, when the vessel participated in the shelling of Momote airstrip in the Admiralty Islands.

City Park Facilities to Be Enlarged

Supervisor for City Playground Suggested At City Council Meet

Two new members were appointed to the Park board at the city council meeting which was held Monday, March 20. They were Mrs. M. J. Lamping and Mr. Orile Robbins. Other members of the board are Pat Field, Wallace McCrea and E. A. Stacey.

Wallace McCrea appeared before the council with the idea that there should not only be a swimming instructor at the city park pool, but that the playground should be enlarged and a supervisor put in charge. Facilities for tennis, basketball, football, volley ball, horseshoes, badminton and other games, could be installed, and that this would inaugurate a program of beneficial character building in this community which would be decidedly advantageous to the children.

The council was in complete agreement with the idea that was put before them and plans are now being drawn up to finance the program. Regular bills were also approved at this meeting.

Vernonia Man Called by Death

John Lester Timmons, a resident of Vernonia for 23 years, died at Milwaukee, Oregon on March 19. He was born on Dec. 17, 1890, in Atlanta, Georgia and is survived by his wife, Waineta Timmons of Vernonia; his mother Mrs. Annie Timmons of Sentinel, Oklahoma; five brothers, Oscar, Homer and Ray, of Texas, Thomas of Oklahoma, and Glen of California; one sister, Maye Stowers of Bakersfield, California.

He was a member of the Vernonia Masonic Lodge and was a veteran of World War number one.

Services were held Wednesday evening, March 22, 8 p. m. at the Bush Funeral Parlors with Rev. Backer officiating. The Masonic Lodge and the American Legion took part in the services. Interment was made at the Portland Mausoleum.

Price Survey Completed Here

In the recent price survey which was made by the local war price and rationing board, 11 stores were contacted which included the cities of Vernonia, Mist, Birkenfeld, Wilark and Treharne.

Ten items were checked which included some meat. However, very few violations were found. This survey took a total of 51 hours and was done by Mrs. Paul Gordon and Mrs. Ray Mills of the local ration office and three volunteer assistants who were Mrs. Ralph Valpiani, Mrs. Frank Lane and Mrs. Roy Hughes.

ROBERTSONS BUY COZY  
Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Robertson purchased the Cozy confectionary from Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hausler, and took over management on Thursday, March 16th.

CLASS TO GIVE PLAY  
The Senior class has chosen its play, which is entitled "The Patsy." It will be given on April 18th. The cast has not yet been chosen.

SAFETY LANE REPAINTED  
Jim Latimer has just completed renewing the safety lanes which forms the crosswalk in front of the Washington school.

REA Directors Accept Offer

At the meeting Wednesday of last week of directors of the rural electrification district formed here a short time ago, a resolution was adopted by the board accepting the price offer of the Oregon Gas and Electric company for the sale of its property here. Negotiations for purchase of the company property had been carried on by the REA committee, Harry King, Charles Uhlin and Noble Dunlap, the district's attorney, R. M. Burley and E. G. Keffer, REA field representative of the applications and loans division.

The price agreed upon was \$130,000. According to information divulged at the meeting, the local REA board now awaits the loan contract which will be drawn up and signed by both parties, the REA and the Oregon Gas and Electric.

Scholarships To Be Awarded Soon

Several scholarships will be awarded to students of the Vernonia high school at the close of the school year. The Aaron M. Frank, scholarship, is a four year course given to one student in the state of Oregon. The student will be permitted to attend any school in the state. The students will be chosen by the first of April and the twelve outstanding students are sent to Portland to meet a committee which makes the final choice.

In previous years the following students were chosen as candidates for this scholarship; Elizabeth Schalock, Jack Olin, and Barbara Nichols.

The Oregon Mother Scholarship Association has three scholarships available, one for \$200, and two for \$150, allowing the students to attend only the University of Oregon. The students are chosen from any school in the state.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education has a scholarship for \$66.00 which allows the student to go to any state institution. The system has about 40 of the scholarships that are given throughout the state.

The Pacific University offers scholarships in music and also in Academic subjects.

The following are scholarship winners of previous years. Those receiving scholarships from the Oregon State System, are; Joy Willard, Jack Olin, Winifred Romtvedt, Barbara Nichols, Joanne Nichols, Bill Thompson and Elizabeth Schalock. Opal Scheuerman received one from Willamette University, Virginia Redner to Pacific University and Clifton Hiatt to Linfield. These scholarships were granted for outstanding high school achievement and unusual college promise.

O-A Donates \$500 to Red Cross

The Oregon-American Lumber corporation turned over a check for \$500.00 to Mrs. Harry Culbertson, local chairman of the Red Cross drive, on Wednesday, March 22. This contribution will be a big boost towards the goal for Columbia county.

According to Mrs. Culbertson, the solicitation work that is being done in this vicinity, is nearly finished but a final announcement of the amount received will not be available until next week as all returns are not in as yet.

Church Plans Services

The Christian church will hold one week of services before Easter, beginning April 2nd. An interesting variety will be supplied during that week and it will be introduced on Sunday evening, April 2nd with a service conducted entirely by the 90 and 9 Men's class of the church. Services will be held each evening except Saturday.

TEACHER HIRED

The school board of District 47, in electing the instructors for the coming year, named Mrs. Mary Lavine as teacher for the first grade at the Washington school. Paul Gordon was named as principal of the schools.