

County News

LUMBER WORKERS "GO FISHING"

ST. HELENS — Paralysis of the lumber industry in the Pacific Northwest, which spread to St. Helens on Tuesday, had extended even farther by Thursday and there were strong indications that it would come to no early termination. Starting in Washington last week the tieup moved into Oregon on Monday when Portland mills "went fishing" in accordance with a unanimous vote taken at a Sunday meeting.

DAVIS SUES FOR \$20,000

ST. HELENS — William E. Davis of Vernonia, this week filed a damage suit against Charles J. and Frances V. Christianson, also of Vernonia, asking \$20,000 for damages done to his reputation as the result of an information filed by the pair with the county court charging Mr. Davis with insanity.

According to the complaint, the Christiansons filed the information on May 6, and on May 8 he was arrested and brought to St. Helens for a sanity hearing. He was forced, according to the complaint, to return to this city on May 15 and "appear before said court and an insanity commission and submit to an examination as to his mental condition and capacity." He was released after the examination.

Mr. Davis is represented by Glen R. Mitsker.

Tax Installment Due June 15

Those people who decided to pay their income tax on the installment basis are receiving notices from the collector of internal revenue telling that the second payment is due on or before June 15, this month.

The notice contains among other information, the amount of the last credit, the amount of the unpaid balance and this notation: "Under the current tax payment act, the second quarterly installment of your estimated tax for the current year will be due on the date shown hereon. If you have previously paid one-fourth of the estimated tax, the amount now payable will be one-third of the 'total unpaid balance' entered hereon. In other words, the amount now paid should be sufficient to make your total payments (including this one) equal one-half of the estimated tax, unless you are now amending your declarations. . ."

Seven Donate Blood Monday

Seven ladies from Vernonia motored to Hillsboro Monday to donate a pint of blood at the donating center. Those making the trip were Mrs. Otto Carlson, Mrs. M. J. Lamping, Mrs. Wm. Heath, Mrs. L. L. Wells, June Wasser, Mrs. Gerald Ball and Clara Kerns. The mobile unit will make only one visit a month at the Hillsboro donating center throughout the summer. Their next visit will be made on the third Friday of the month and on each third Friday thereafter. The next visit will be made on June 16 and it is hoped that several car loads will be able to go from Vernonia.

Mrs. Grenfell Dies Here

Mrs. Francis E. Grenfell died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Choate, Wednesday, May 31. The body was taken to the Bush Funeral home from where it will be taken to McMinnville for interment.

MEETING ATTENDED

June Wasser, Orville Robertson and Eurma Hartwick attended the Red Cross meeting which was held in St. Helens Monday evening, May 29, at which time Mrs. Emma Mae Erickson, who is field representative of the Red Cross of Oregon, was the guest speaker.

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Those Who Are in It

SENDS PICTURES

A letter and pictures of scenes where he is stationed in the Pacific theatre of war were received here this week from DeLoss Powell, BM 1c. The pictures were sent to his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Powell and the letter to Emil Messing. In it he mentioned that the war situation was improving and that he hoped it would be possible to be home for Thanksgiving and for Christmas.

MAIL COMING BETTER

Sp. (M) 1c Tom Bateman is receiving his mail more quickly than he did when first stationed in New Guinea he writes to postmaster Emil Messing in a letter received a few days ago. The letter arrived in 12 days, which to him meant that the ink was hardly dry. Tom also mentions that air mail is delivered there more quickly than is V-mail.

ITALIAN MONEY SENT

Sgt. Harold (Bob) Wagner, writing from somewhere in Italy tells of visiting Naples and Pompeii and of seeing Mt. Vesuvius in eruption. He also mentions that he is getting along fine, gets good chow, sees lots of shows and has one day off a week. He included in a letter to J. W. Nichols two pieces of paper money used in Italy. One was of Italian issue and is valueless at the present time while the other was issued by the armed forces and is acceptable to merchants in Italy.

TAKES BASIC TRAINING

James Fluke is now stationed at Farragut, Idaho, for his basic training.

GETS PROMOTION

The promotion of Hugh E. McDonald from the grade of Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant was announced recently somewhere in England by the Commanding General of the AAF eighth fighter command.

Sgt. McDonald, 27 years old, is a crew chief with a P-38 Lightning group, whose planes are engaged in escorting heavy bombers to Germany and occupied countries. He entered the Army in March 1942 and has nine months of service overseas.

Before entering the service Sgt. McDonald attended the Vernonia high school and was also a clerk in the E. J. Bell Hardware store in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

BROTHERS TOGETHER

Two brothers, Bill and Jim Byers, former residents here and former students of the Vernonia high school, write from England to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jesse that they are flying together and in the same ship. Both are lieutenants in the AAC.

Jim writes, Well a miracle has finally happened. Bill and I are together in the same squadron and it is really swell. We fly together all the time. We have been going pretty steady lately and the going is sometimes pretty rough. It is not too bad though.

"Bill and I have the same ship and we call it 'Detour'. I sure hope the Heinies take it to heart.

STATIONED IN ENGLAND

A letter has been received from Sgt. Loren Lionberger that he is in England. He states the countryside there is beautiful, much like a well kept lawn. Gladys, wife of Sgt. Lionberger has enlisted in the WAVES and will enter Hunters College in New York for her boot training in July. She hopes to get in the nurses corps.

GETS PROMOTION

According to word received recently by Mrs. D. P. Spofford from her brother, Claude Veal he tells of being promoted to ship-fitter third class, in the Seabees. He also states he has finally received the February issues of the Vernonia Eagle. He put the poems written about the Yanks in Australia and it's reply on the bulletin board and he reports the guys got a big laugh out of them.

Tour Arranged To Experiment Station June 10

Farmers to Make Study of Forage Growth, Possibilities

A tour of the Northrup Creek Experiment Station has been arranged for Columbia county farmers for Saturday, June 10, according to Geo. A. Nelson, county agent. Important experimental work on forage production is being carried out at this station on logged off land and will be of importance to Columbia county farmers.

It is important to improve our forage production to meet the constantly increasing supply of livestock in the county.

All farmers interested in attending this should arrange to arrive at the experiment station about 10:30 a.m. Bring a lunch along which can be eaten at the buildings or on the grounds.

For those who have not made the trip to the Northrup Creek Experiment Station before, it is located in Clatsop county below Birkenfeld. A sign on the main highway gives directions to the station.

Grade Buildings To Get Repairs

The closing of the grade school here last week makes possible the start of necessary repairs to the Washington grade school structure, Paul Gordon superintendent, said this week. The work this year will not of necessity be as extensive as has been the case in former years.

To make the work of the primary teachers easier and more convenient, the primary library books are being separated from the other library books and are being placed in the primary rooms. Other interior work will include refinishing of the art room and a new roof, the old roof being badly cracked.

Little work is necessary at the Lincoln school but a new flag pole will be erected sometime during the summer.

Work at the Washington school will be under the supervision of James Latimer, janitor.

Pre-med. Student Helps on Com.

Joy Willard, Vernonia, freshman in pre-medical, at the University of Oregon worked on the cleanup committee for the freshman fireside held late last week in the alumni hall in Gerlinger.

The fireside was sponsored by the freshman commission of the YWCA. Two freshmen and two seniors discussed, "What Have I Gotten Out of College?" Skits, group singing, and refreshments filled the rest of the program.

Miss Willard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Willard, Vernonia.

Hearing Slated June 10

The annual hearing of the Oregon State Game Commission regarding prospective hunting regulations will be held at ten a.m. June 10, at the Commission offices in 616 Oregon Building, Portland.

Under consideration will be seasons bag limits and other regulations concerning game birds and game animals, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

ALMOST USO DANCE

At least 25 service men were in attendance at the Legion dance Saturday night. Ticket Taker Harry Culbertson stated this week, the number being sufficient to make the affair a USO dance. All servicemen are admitted free to Legion dances and are not charged for lunch served during intermission, it was stated.

Postmaster Undertakes Dish Turning Project

A project of considerable magnitude has been undertaken by Vernonia Postmaster Emil Messing who is making two sets of dishes, one a service for six and one to serve four people. The making of the dishes is being done as a part of his hobby of wood working, and when completed one set will be a gift to his daughter, Mrs. Helen Annala and the other will go to a friend, Mrs. Hilda Wheeler.

Included with each service is a cup, saucer, bowl, plate, and plate and with each complete service a cake plate, salad bowl, creamer and sugarer.

The work of forming each dish is done with a lathe in Mr. Messing's shop. In order to make each dish uniform with other similar dishes in the set, dies were first made to be used as patterns. For example, in making cups, a pattern was first made and used for all cups in the set thereby making it possible to have all cups of the same size and shape.

Canning Sugar Program Modified

The two periods in which consumers may apply to local OPA boards for home canning sugar allotments have been designated by the Portland district OPA rationing division, Willard Case, food rationing executive, indicated Tuesday, under the modified program for obtaining canning sugar just announced from Washington.

In the first period, from now through June 15, consumers may apply for up to ten pounds of sugar per person. In the second period, beginning June 16 and continuing throughout the remainder of the canning season, consumers can get an additional allotment not to exceed a total of 20 pounds per person with that granted in the first period. Applications during the second period must show disposition of sugar issued during the first period, Case explained.

Applicants still get 25 lbs of sugar per person for the season, Case said, 5 pounds of which are obtainable with sugar stamp 40 in ration book 4.

Persons who do not apply in the first period may obtain their full 20-pound-per-person allowance in the second period if their application justifies this amount, Case indicated. Those who have already obtained their full 20-pound allowance for the season are not affected by the new ruling, he added.

Song Convention Slated Sunday

A singing convention is to be held at the Assembly of God church, 2nd and Maple streets on Sunday 2:30 p.m. Churches in Vernonia are invited to participate. The afternoon service will be given over mostly to singing with many special numbers to be sung. The service will be climaxed by a gospel message.

EXAMINER DUE JUNE 8

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia, Thursday, June 8 and will be on duty at the City Hall between the hours of 10 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.

REPORT CARDS MAILED

Report cards are being mailed this week to Vernonia high school students due to the fact that school was in session until the last day of the term which made it necessary to fill in grades after the close of school.

Monday Set for Opening of Park Grounds

Orile Robbins to Head Activities There During School Vacation Time

Definite results of several weeks planning by members of the city park board will be evidenced Monday, the opening date set for the beginning of activities at the playground. Announcement of the opening date was made Wednesday by Wallace McCrea who has been instrumental in bringing about organization of the grounds for recreation of Vernonia children for the summer.

Supervisor to be in charge of the swimming pool and athletic games will be Orile Robbins, high school coach, who will spend regular hours at the park each day. His hours will be from 10 to 12 a. m. and the swimming pool will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. when the weather permits.

Supplies have been ordered for softball so that both boys and girls teams may be organized immediately and a tennis court net has also been obtained. In addition to these two games those who wish will have facilities for horseshoes, basket ball and football. Some interest has been shown by adults for a softball team, it is mentioned. If sufficient numbers wish, a team for grownups will be organized.

School Plans Repair Activity

Refinishing and repair work is underway this week at the Vernonia high school building with the close of school last week making possible the start of that activity this week. Calsomining and painting of walls and woodwork will be done where needed, floors will be refinished and a new covering placed on inclines.

Another annual job will be the application of tar to the roof, the first warm day being awaited for that part of the repairs.

The work is being done by C. A. Mills and Herb Condit under the supervision of Bob Spencer, janitor.

School Budgets Being Published

Readers will find on inside pages of the Eagle this week two budgets, one for the high school district and one for the grade school, both setting forth information regarding proposed expenditures for the districts for the coming 1944-45 school year. Along with the budget publications are several other legal notices telling of the dates and purposes of the school districts' annual meetings.

Farm Slaughter Rules Taken Off

All restrictions on farm livestock slaughter have been removed for an indefinite period effective May 25, the WFA has notified the region state AAA office. This puts all livestock on the same basis in this respect as hogs have been for several months. The change is intended to facilitate the movement of livestock from farms to the consumers, better to balance the numbers of livestock on farms with present and prospective feed supplies.

Fall from Bridge Results in Death

Harry Howard Henderson, 22, son of Mr. Beryl Henderson, fell from the Youngs Bay railroad bridge trestle at Astoria Sunday morning and was drowned. A coast guard patroling boat recovered the body shortly after the accident but artificial respiration did not succeed.

What Henderson was doing on the bridge was a mystery. The tender of the S. P. & S. bridge said he saw a man coming along the bridge trestle, coming from the Astoria side toward the open draw. He said the man stopped once at a platform, looked around, then resumed his course toward the open draw, until he slipped and fell into the water. He apparently swam a brief time before disappearing. He was a fisherman living in Warrenton and also a former resident of Vernonia.

Burial services were held Thursday, June 1 at 4:30 p.m. at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Canning Equip. Outlook Good

All of the types of home canning jars and closures which were available on the retail market last summer will again be manufactured for 1944 canning, reports Miss Lucy A. Case, Oregon State College Extension Nutritionist, on return from the Chicago food conservation conference. Glass manufacturers are however, required to make a considerable percentage of glass top jars, which gave trouble last summer when screwed down too tightly before processing.

Rubber rings for 1944 will be made from reclaimed rubber and synthetic rubber and will contain no new rubber. They will be black and will require different handling from previous rings. The directions which will come with new rubbers should be carefully read.

No restrictions have been placed on the manufacture and sale of tin cans for home use. About 50,000 new hand-operated tin can sealers are expected.

Pressure cookers will be much improved, as the war production board has approved use of aluminum for 400,000 of which 300,000 will be 7-quart size and 100,000, 14-quart size. Manufacturers promise dial gauges on the majority of 1944 pressure cookers.

Approximately 400,000 hot water bath canners have been allowed. They will be deep enough for proper coverage of quart jars, it is predicted. Like pressure cookers, they are unrated.

VISITS BROTHER

Lt. Merle Frazee and a friend, Lt. Henry Fredricks, visited at the Ed. Frazee home last week while enroute to Moses Lake, Washington, from Thunderbird Field, Arizona.