

**RATION BOARD APPEAL DENIED**

ST. HELENS — The ration board is about to lose its happy home, unless a good fairy or angel appears on the scene before rent day is due again.

The committee of interested business men and a delegation of Kiwanians who attended the taxpayers hearing Saturday were turned down by the budget committee flatly when it was requested by the county court to reconsider the action of the budget committee, which eliminated the ration board rent.

The final budget figures were announced Wednesday as \$136,543.30 for the general fund, or a 9.9 mill levy, and \$92,408.15 for the general road fund, which means a 6.7 mill levy.

Changes in the budget made before its adoption was the addition of \$25 to the county superintendent's appropriation for institute, \$150 for blind assistance, and \$3,000 additional for the emergency fund. These additions still left the county budget under the 6 percent limitation by \$471.86.

The total millage of 16.6 is higher than last year's rate, and is accounted for partially by the lowered assessed valuation of the county.

**OIL COMPANY SEEKS EXPLORATION LEASES**

RAINIER — A representative of the Texas oil company, J.O. Sysal, has been in the Fern Hill district for the past ten days securing leases for exploration work planned by the company in its expansion program. More than a dozen of the leases have been secured, in an area formerly investigated by oil company geologists.

**CLATSKANIE IS NEAREST GOAL**

CLATSKANIE — Only \$1400 is needed to put Clatskanie over the top in the quota established for this locality in the Fifth War Loan drive.

As of noon Wednesday of last week, figures stood at around \$80,000 sold in this area. Up to the 8th of July, first date set for the close of the drive, the figures stood at \$69,124.25.

Clatskanie was the only city district that looked as though it would be possible to reach its quota at the end of the month according to an announcement made last week end by Irving T. Rau, county finance committee chairman. At that time 92.6 percent of the quota had been reached.

**STORE PAINTED**

Interior and exterior painting is being done this week on the grocery store building owned by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrin. The Herrins are doing the interior work while Amison J. Hensler, aided by his brother Laurence, are doing the outside painting.

**PAL SHOP TO CLOSE**

Mrs. Aaron Wagner announced Wednesday that the Pal Shop will be closed within several days and will remain so until after she returns from visiting her husband. Wagner will complete his boot training at Camp Farrago in September.

**NAME OMITTED**

Not included among the names of those who gave blood at the bank at Hillsboro on July 21 was that of Charles Briggs who also should have been included in the list.

**Waste Fat Collections Reach Large Figures**

The monthly collection of waste fats by grocery stores here reaches a figure that will probably astonish many people as to its size. A check with groceries was made this week with the intention of determining what the average monthly turn in totaled and the result came to a figure well over a thousand pounds. An average month's amount is 1250 pounds.

Several store owners mentioned details which would aid considerably if followed by the housewives who make the collections. First, the fat is supposed to be stored in cans, not glass jars, as was the case mentioned by one grocer who said that the jars

**Bond Drawing Time Told By Chairman**

**Impetus Added to Fifth War Loan Drive by Awards**

Irving T. Rau, Columbia county chairman of the war finance committee, announced this week the time and place of the awarding of the three war bonds and the radio phonograph, as 8:00 p.m., Wednesday August 9th on the court house plaza at St. Helens. These inducements to bond purchasing were a feature of the fifth war loan drive in this county in order to stimulate the sale of E bonds.

In addition a special award of a rocking chair will be made to the local chairman who has done the best job during the recently-completed campaign. Chairman Rau announced that he hopes to have the 32-piece Vancouver barracks band and probably E. C. Sammons, state war finance committee chairman present for the event.

**More Red Ration Stamps Useable**

Three more red ration stamps, each worth 10 points, became good for buying rationed meats, fats and dairy products July 30, Willard Case, OPA food rationing executive, announced last week.

These stamps are A-5, B-5 and C5 in war ration book four, and represent the housewife's quota for a period now set at four weeks, July 30 to Aug. 27.

At the same time OPA announced that the July ration point value charts for meats-fats and for processed foods would remain in use at least until August 13. The 16-point value for one pound of butter, established on July 23, continues in effect.

Point value charts normally require two weeks for printing and for distribution to the nation's 600,000 food retailers. The extension was planned to allow for full consideration of possible changes in the meat supply and its effect on rationing.

**Picnic Date Set**

The Dixie Mountain Pioneer picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 13, at Tanneck picnic grounds beginning at 10:30 a.m. All former pioneers and descendants, friends and present settlers are invited to attend the picnic. Bring basket lunch.

**ROOF REPAIRED**

The building housing the former Armitage Drug Co., now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nance, was reroofed Sunday. The building is owned by Mrs. C. S. Hoffman.

**BREAK CLOSES MILL**

The O-A sawmill was closed most of yesterday due to the breaking of a shaft which operates the log haul. The break may close the mill for most of today, too, until repairs can be made.

**Those Who Are in It**

**WORKING ON MOTORS**

One of the hundreds of air force mechanics working on motors, damaged fuselages and tail assemblies at an air service command strategic air force base in England is S-Sgt. Charles W. Dubendorf. Dubendorf's work was made known a few days ago in a release from the air service command.

Before entering the service, Dubendorf was employed as a resaw helper at the O-A mill. Mrs. Dubendorf, the former Mary Lee Hall, is at Battle Ground, Washington.

**ENROLLED AT SCHOOL**

Arthur H. Tousley, son of Mrs. Leatha Tousley, has recently enrolled as a sophomore in civil engineering at Case School of applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio.

Tousley, a member of the Navy V-12 unit here, previously attended the University of Wash.

**TRAINING COMPLETED**

Thomas Lester Galloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Galloway, has recently completed training at the aviation ordnance school at the Technical Air Training Center, Norman Oklahoma, according to word received from the navy department.

**MANNING PROMOTED**

1st Lt. William H. Manning, whose wife is the former Millicent Olin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olin, has recently been promoted to the rank of captain at the Pueblo Army Air Base. Captain Manning is the base classification and assignment officer.

Captain and Mrs. Manning are now living in Pueblo, Colorado.

**SOEJIMA IN SERVICE**

Roy H. Soejima, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Soejima, formerly of Wilark, is at Camp Blanding, Florida, to begin basic training.

**GETS PREFLIGHT WORK**

Lewis Lane is engaged in pre-flight training at Amarillo army airfield, Texas. He reports his work interesting and the weather hot. For his friends who would like it, his address is available at the Eagle office.

**THANKS GIVEN ? ? ?**

(Note—The following article has been submitted by T-3 Carl L. DeVaney who is located somewhere in the South Pacific.)

We, the undersigned, representing a minute fraction of the whole in numbers, but the vast majority in thoughts and opinions wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation to the marine corps and the U.S. air forces for allowing us, the army ground troops, to participate in the war in our small way.

Several thousand army ground troops are petty enough to feel nauseated and disgusted at the unceasing ovations of said marine and air corps shoved down our throats by song, story and motion picture. Since the feeling is becoming universal here among the pampered troops, and realizing the utter lack of us we suggest we be sent home.

We also recommend that the several million U.S.O. commandos be awarded some sort of medal, such as the purple heart, no doubt many are suffering shell shock or war nerves as a result of the news reels.

This request is fostered to compensate for our selfishness. Yes, we are selfish, here a few thousand of us have hogged the whole show for 28 months, leaving those sad and neglected millions to face the perils of U.S.O. hostesses and dimly lit beer gardens.

Not wishing to bore the public with our unimportant desires to be relieved and sent home before our health and home ties are entirely broken in the tropics, we close.

Remaining as ever, and it looks like forever, THE BOYS IN NEW GUINEA

**"Stay on Job" Service Men Urge in Talks**

**Lumber Said Dire Need for Success At Battle Fronts**

Lumber is a dire need of the armed forces in carrying on winning battles in this war and workers must stay on the job every day in order to meet the need for this product, was the general theme of a meeting held last Wednesday evening at the Washington grade school. The meeting, attended by about 350 employees of Clark and Wilson and the O-A, was scheduled by Frank Baker who arranged for three men, who have seen considerable battle service, to speak on their experiences and the great part that lumber plays in winning battles.

All three of the service men have been overseas in battle theaters. Principal speaker was CMM James W. Lockhart, USCG who has been in the coast guard ten years and overseas 23 months. He participated in two major invasions and ten landings. With him were Pfc Gordon J. Roth, USMCR, who has been in the service three years and has spent about 22 months in the Southwest Pacific, and AMM-1c Charles F. Bailey, USNR, who entered the service in December, 1941 and who had been overseas 22 months. All are in this country again to recover from the effects of the time spent in battle areas.

**Mill Goes on 9 Hour Shift**

Starting Monday, July 31, the saw mill, the stacker and the timber dock crews began working on a 9 hour a day schedule, beginning the day at 7:30 and ending at 5:30. Because of the increased log supply and until the second head rig is under operation again the 9 hour day will continue, was stated from the office Judd Greenman, O-A executive. The planing mill is working under the normal schedule, 8 to 5.

**SERVING AS LINEMAN**

Cpl Roy A. Juola, Vernonia, son of Thomas Juola, is a telephone wire stringer assigned to the telephone section at a strategic air force service command station in England, where battle-damaged eighth air force bombers are repaired. Such was the information received from station headquarters this week. This section is responsible for erecting and maintaining the communication system at this station, vital to the supply and repair of aircraft used in constant combat against the enemy.

Before entering the service, Cpl. Juola was a timber faller for five years.

**IN NEW GUINEA**

In a letter received here a few days ago Pvt Clair Sunnell writes that he is stationed in New Guinea, is feeling fine and that the climate seems to agree with him for he is weighing 195 pounds. All the food they have is dehydrated which detracts from its tastiness but does not seem to affect it otherwise for it has been agreeing with him. Mosquitoes, snakes and alligators are bothersome. He has sent home pictures of the natives and several souvenirs.

**ON ADMIRALTY ISLANDS**

Melvin G. Chapman, S 2c, was inducted January 19 and was shipped out April 27th, according to his sister, Mrs. Shelby Cook of Camp McGregor. Chapman, a former student of the Vernonia schools, has a wife and 2 children who live in Portland. He is now stationed on the Admiralty Islands.

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**Utility Sale Hearing Date Set for Wed. at City Hall**

An approaching move toward the sale of the Oregon Gas and Electric Co. property here was announced this week with notice of a hearing from George H. Flagg, public utilities commissioner of Oregon, for next Wednesday. The hearing is being held to consider an application filed by the company on July 27 1944 requesting the commissioner's approval of the sale of all of its electric properties located in the counties of Clatsop, Columbia and Washington to the West Oregon REA.

The hearing notice states: "It appearing to the commissioner that it is appropriate in the public interest that a hearing be held with respect to said application, he does now therefore give notice that on the 9th day of August, 1944, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the city hall at Vernonia, the undersigned commissioner (Geo. H. Flagg) or his examiner will proceed to hear the aforesaid proceeding and consider and determine such matter and make such order or orders as may be proper in the premises."

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**Accident Causes Loss of Leg**

Howard Fowler, 19, of Portland suffered the loss of his right leg and severe injury to his left in an accident at the Clark and Wilson loading platform about noon Saturday of last week.

Fowler was third loader and had released a railroad log truck to place it in position for loading. Other trucks broke loose and pinned him between them, causing the injury. He was given first aid and a blood transfusion and taken to the Emanuel hospital in Portland in the Bush ambulance. Fowler had worked for about a month as a logger, it was stated.

**Jack Graney Killed By Rolling Log**

Jack Graney met his death Wednesday morning during loading operation for Clark and Wilson. According to information given by several men working with him, the last log had been put on the truck and the tongs were being lifted when it was noticed that a log evidently caught on a knot had started to roll. Shouts of warning were given and one of the members of the crew ran around the truck to warn Graney, only to find that the log had already struck him, knocking him to the ground and causing death immediately.

Jack R. Graney was born in DeRidder, Louisiana, September 23, 1917. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; one son, Jack; and one daughter, Colleen; his mother, Mrs. Mary Graney, two brothers, Tom Fulton and Robert Fulton; and one sister, Mrs. George Johns, all of Vernonia.

Tentative funeral services have been made for Friday night, August 4 at 8 p.m. at the Bush Funeral home.

**HOUSES MOVED**

The two houses which were built by Jack McGown and Noble Dunlap for United Loggers were loaded on logging trucks Monday and made ready for moving to the company camp near Camp Adair.

**BABY BURIED WEDNESDAY**

Graveside services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery for Bonnie Kay, infant daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl King last Friday, July 28th at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiated.

ginning of the actual sale of electricity by the West Oregon Electric cooperative was completed Saturday night here when directors of the REA met to vote into this group the Tualitan Valley cooperative. The voting was done so that the West Oregon REA may begin its operation as a district which will include the local territory served by the Oregon Gas and Electric, the Jewell cooperative, the Mist area now served by the Clatskanie PUD and the Tualitan territory.

**G. W. Parker Is Buried Monday**

Funeral services for another of the Upper Nehalem Valley's longtime residents was held here Monday at the Bush Funeral home for George W. Parker who had been a resident of this vicinity for about 69 years.

George Parker was born on the sixth day of March, 1869, in Brown county, Kansas and died at Portland on the 28th day of July, 1944, at the age of 75 years, 4 months and 22 days. He is survived by his wife, Anna; three sons, Thomas of the USN, Harold of Vernonia, and Henry of Bay City; one daughter, Mrs. Beulah Gill of Vernonia; three brothers, Andy of Vernonia, Pete of Powers, Oregon and Albert of Clatskanie; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Interment took place at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery. Rev. W. O. Livingstone conducted the services.

**Four Softball Teams Listed**

Made available this week are the names of four softball teams which have been organized at the city park under the supervision of Orile Robbins. Two of the teams are from the west side of town and two from the east.

Two of the teams are composed of older boys including ages up to the eighth grade. Members of the east are: Donald Shepard, Donald Cline, Ed Fowler, Ronald Graham, Dave Buhl, Paul Shepard, Gene Wall, Delbert Fowler, Bill Wilcoxon, R. A. George, Gerald Melis and Bob Zimmerman. West side team is: Dickie Renfro, Donald Renfro, Loren Weidman, Darrel Roberts, Roy Lamping, Harold, Croston, Wesley Ade, Bobby Ray, Billy White, Alvin Tapp and Jack Frank.

The two other teams are composed of boys up to 11 years of age inclusive and are: east, Kenneth Zimmerman, Ira Zimmerman, Jim Brownhill, Loren Mills, Grant Robbins, Pat Sauer, Richard Schroll, Raymond Hahmeyer, Larry Fowler, Dan Morgan, and Dale Robbins; west side team members' names were not complete but those mentioned are: Dick Gwin, Albert Fuller, Speed Lusby and Larry Hall.

The Junior kids played Wednesday and will play again Friday. Seniors will play Thursday and probably Tuesday of next week. Both groups will play a five-game series. Lineups for Wednesday's game follow:

West 12	East 13
J. Middleton	c Pat Sauer
W. Ade	p Loren Mills
H. Ade	1b G. Robbins
Speed Lusby	2b I. Zimmerman
G. Croston	ss G. Middleton
D. Gwin	3b R. Schroll
H. Urbin	lf K. Zimmerman
F. Croston	cf R. Hahmeyer
A. Fuller	rf T. Brownhill

**POMONA GRANGE TO MEET**

The regular meeting of the Columbia county Pomona grange will be held Saturday, August 5th at the Scappoose high school beginning at 11:00 a.m. Chapman grange will entertain.