

COUNTY SMASHES RECORD FOR BLOOD
ST. HELENS — The blood mobile took its full capacity of blood back to Portland a week ago Friday, and to take care of all the donors, about 20 were sent into the Portland center by the Red Cross motor corps. This was the biggest day in the history of the mobile unit in its visits to Columbia county, and the record of capacity load of 200 pints has been equalled in only a few instances outside of Multnomah county.

The capacity of the mobile unit was raised this month from 140 pints to 200.

GRANGES HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION
CLATSKANIE — Marshland and Clatskanie Granges held a joint installation of officers at the Highway Pavilion on Wednesday December 20th with Elsie Kupari, county deputy, there as the installing officer.

William Armstrong and Pat Dennison are the masters-elect for Marshland and Clatskanie Granges.

Clatskanie grange met on Wednesday of last week and one of the business matters that took place was the decision to purchase \$500 worth of war bonds which at maturity will net the Grange \$700.

WAR CHEST TOTAL JUST UNDER \$21,000

ST. HELENS — D. O. Bennett, county chairman of the Oregon war chest, announces that the drive is over and no more money is anticipated. The total of the fund to date is a little under \$21,000, Mr. Bennett reports, which is over the quota by about \$4,000.

FALL FISHING SEASON CLOSES

CLATSKANIE — Last Friday at noon the fall commercial fishing season closed. It opened on September 10th.

Few salmon have been taken from the river, reports show although early in October there was a large run of silversides, the largest on the Columbia river for several decades.

The silversides brought the total catch up and made it to exceed that of several years past.

During the last two weeks the catches of all kinds had been slow.

H. L. Fowler Dies Monday

H. L. Fowler passed away at 5:45 a.m. at the Emanuel hospital in Portland December 18, following an operation which was performed on December 12. Complications resulting from pneumonia brought about death.

The deceased, who until recently was employed as night watchman at the O-A mill, lived at intervals in the Nehalem valley for 15 years, coming to Vernonia to reside a year and a half ago. He spent 6 years in the South Sea islands as a Seventh Day Adventist missionary, meeting and marrying his wife there. The 2 older children, Mrs. Maeva Stillwell and Mrs. John Winslow were born there.

Survivors are 8 children and 16 grandchildren. The children are: Mrs. Maeva Stillwell of Vernonia; Mrs. John Winslow of Berkenfeld; Mrs. Ruth Brownlee of Laurelwood Academy near Gaston; Mrs. David Kimball of Sweet Home; Halbert with the Navy stationed at Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Charles Melis of Albany, Oregon; Benjamin with the army in France; and Mrs. Dan Blehm at the St. Helens junction. Final arrangements for the funeral services have not been announced yet, pending the arrival of son, Halbert.

Many Stores Plan Late Closing This Week

In order to provide greater convenience to late Christmas shoppers, many Vernonia stores will remain open after the regular six o'clock closing time this week. Some of them started the later closing Monday while others waited until later in the week. Several proprietors mentioned specific reasons for making the

Loggers Win Two Early Season Games

McMinnville Will Seek Revenge Here Next Tuesday Eve.

The Vernonia Loggers opened their basketball season impressively by defeating the defending Tualitan valley champions Forest Grove, 28 to 23, in the Washington county town last Wednesday night. The local quintet took an early lead but was followed closely by the hard-driving Vikings. The half-time score favored the Loggers 10-8.

Following the intermission, a Viking scoring spree sent them ahead 14 to 10 in the third period. The locals steadied as the final period opened to insure victory by a succession of field goals to lead at the gun 25 to 23.

An enthusiastic crowd was treated to an unusually well-played pre-season game as both teams drove determinedly through the entire 32 minutes.

Vernonia 28 Forest Grove 23
Byers 1 0 Johnson
Sturdevant 5 7 McKichan
Rollins 3 0 Jones
Larsen 3 6 Stanley
Nance 13 G 9 Greason
Millis 2 S 1 Young
Referee—Gates of Pacific University.

The Loggers notched their second successive victory by running rough shod over a big Amity high team in the Yamhill city Saturday night. The local squad broke out with an early rush to rattle the hemp with field goals. They left the floor at the half leading 22 to 10.

Following the half time intermission, Coach Robbins substituted freely. Every player in uniform was given a chance to show his ability. Jack Nance led the local scoring with 17 points. The whole squad showed improvement over last week's game at Forest Grove.

Vernonia 28 Amity 17
Byers 2 F 2 Lee
Sturdevant 0 F 4 Johnson
Rollins 2 C 11 LaSalle
Nance 17 G 1 Wallis
Larsen 3 G 5 Worden
Millis 5 S 0 Treshen
Referee—John Voll of McMinnville.

The Loggers enter the holiday week with the toughest opposition of the season when the McMinnville high Grizzlies invade our court Tuesday night, December 26. The Grizzlies, always a strong hoop contingent, are harboring state tournament ambitions this year. Coach Dan Wilson's boys will be intent on avenging their football loss to the Loggers.

Coach Robbins has been sending his charges through intensive practice sessions and an ambitious pre-season game schedule. It appears he will choose his starters from among, Nance, Larsen, Rollins, Sturdevant, Byers, Millis, Riley and Parker. Tuesday's game will be played at 7:30.

SEWING POSTPONED

There will be no Red Cross sewing this Friday, December 22, but the work will be continued Friday, December 29th, the last Friday of the year, reports Mrs. Harry Culbertson. The change was made because of the nearness of Christmas to the former date.

Those Who Are in It

INJURED IN ACTION

According to a recent telegram from the Adjutant General's office to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lander, their son, Private Delbert E. Lander, was wounded in action in France on November 9th. Last word received from Delbert had been a letter informing them that he had been transferred to overseas duty.

HEY! FELLOWS, IT WORKS

The first collect telephone call from a serviceman was received here a few days ago when George Turner called his mother to inform her of the time of his arrival home. Toll for the call is paid by Vernonia Service club which has provided a fund for servicemen who wish to communicate with relatives here.

SENDS GREETINGS

Sgt. Fred E. Ritchie, in a letter dated December 2 and received by The Eagle Monday, sends Christmas greetings stating: "I would like to wish you, your staff and all the people of Vernonia a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fred is in Belgium now."

GETS ADVANCEMENT

Paul Coburn has been made Carpenter's Mate 3c. He has been overseas 20 months now and hopes to be home in six or seven months more.

WINS BOND PRIZE

Hugh Coburn, BM1c, writes his wife from the Admiralty Islands: "We held a bond drive here and as I am one of the hut captains, I worked hard selling chances. I won four cases of beer, two cases of coke and a \$25 bond. I had bragged to the officer that I would win some beer, so had to make good. We got the beer today. Oh boy!"

CLUB GETS THANKS

The Vernonia Service club has received a number of letters from those in the service expressing thanks for Christmas gifts the club sent this year. Angelo DeRoria, CMME, in the Mariannas writes that his gift this year was the third received from the club. He is working on a day's rest from duty to date, he mentions. Sgt. Robert Glesner, in a letter of thanks for his gift, told of taking part in the bombardment of Jap territory and of the damage inflicted. In that particular instance no American boys were injured or lost. He compared his feelings during the bombardment with those experienced while on a deer hunting trip.

Other letters of appreciation have been received from WAVE Alma Jean Norman, Corpus Christi, Texas; Cpl. Walter Larson, Camp Butner, N.C.; Charles M. Benson, New Britain in the S. seas; RT2c B. M. Spencer; and Sgt. Jack Childs, stationed in the Galapagos.

SCHOOL ATTENDED

Harvey L. Redmond, WT1c, who returned from the south Pacific a short time ago after nine major battles, has completed a course of study at the naval boiler and turbine laboratory in Philadelphia. Redmond finished third highest in the class. He has now been sent to Norfolk, Virginia for a six-weeks course at pre-commissioned school. Mrs. Redmond, who has been with him, will return to Vernonia soon to stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Vike, for a short time. She will then rejoin her husband when he finishes his course at Norfolk.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Arrangements have been made for a dance this Saturday by the Vernonia Service club with music to be furnished by the Seabees orchestra of Clatskanie. Funds from the dance will be devoted by the club to the welfare of servicemen.

SEVEN DONATE AT HILLSBORO FRIDAY

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Amount of Bond Sale Below Quota

Victory Exchange To Close Dec. 30; Many Sales Made

With all the work done by house-to-house canvassers and others who have devoted much time to the sixth war loan, the amount of sales, especially E series bonds, is below the quota for Columbia county, Irving T. Rau, county war finance chairman, mentions in stating that the E bond sales have reached only 70 per cent of the amount needed. The slowness exhibited for purchases of these bonds to date will make necessary "fast and furious" buying before the end of the month in order to reach the quota.

Although the Victory Exchange in the old post office building will close December 30 and people are asked to start collecting things not sold after December 26, many worthwhile articles remain on display. The exchange is to remain open from December 26 to 30 specifically for the collection, but sales will be made to anyone wishing to buy.

Sales at the exchange totaled \$810.00 through Tuesday of this week. Of this amount, \$350 was sold in bonds, the remainder being stamps.

Payroll savings deductions at the Oregon-American mill and solicitations made in addition have brought bond purchases there to \$13,700 during this drive. The IWA dance sponsored a short time ago, produced \$100 in stamp sales.

Bond sales to Clark and Wilson employees totaled \$16,700 in maturity value of series E and the house-to-house canvass brought \$33,575. The total of all bonds, including the \$350 sold at the Victory Exchange, is \$64,325 which drops below the quota of \$68,000 assigned to this area. However, all sales for the remainder of this month will be counted towards the quota so that it is possible that it may yet be exceeded. The \$64,325 figure above is the maturity value of series E bonds and does not include \$8,250 in other series bonds of stamp sales which have been made.

Benefit Dance Slated Saturday

Arrangements have been made for a dance this Saturday by the Vernonia Service club with music to be furnished by the Seabees orchestra of Clatskanie. Funds from the dance will be devoted by the club to the welfare of servicemen.

In order to make the dance more enjoyable for those who attend, members of the American Legion and Auxiliary were busy Wednesday cleaning the floor and applying wax.

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Christmas Program Will Be Friday Eve Event

The annual community Christmas program which each year draws one of the largest crowds of any event locally, is dated for Friday evening of this week at the Washington grade school auditorium. As usual, an appropriate program has been prepared with Mrs. Kobow directing. She is being assisted by Mrs. Ruth Griffin who has supervised preparation of the art decorations, and by Mrs. Noma Callister, Mrs. Grace Dantwell and Mrs. Harry Sandon.

Mrs. Sylvia Turner will open the program by singing "Tell Us the Story of Jesus." The story will be told by the singing of carols and the presentation of tableaux. Music will be furnished

by the two 8th grade sextets, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choruses, the 5th grade octet and by duets and solos.

The Lincoln school will sing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and the high school sextet will also sing. The program will end with everyone singing "Joy to the World."

In anticipation of Christmas, all rooms at the school have been decorated with trees and the first grade students, in addition to the tree, have erected a castle which presents a beautiful picture. The students will enjoy their Christmas parties Friday afternoon and grade school teachers will gather to exchange gifts after school Thursday.

Appropriate Christmas Programs Are Planned

Three special programs in keeping with the Christmas spirit have been arranged here by the Evangelical, Assembly of God, and Christian churches for presentation during the next few days.

The Christmas program of the Evangelical Sunday school will be given at the church Sunday evening, December 24th beginning at 7:30. An interesting program is planned and will be followed by a play of the traditional Christmas story.

Members of the cast are: Misses Vona Weidman, Sally Kappas, Delores Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Landers, Oscar Wilde, Henry John, Louis Laramore, J. Stiff, Richard Fletcher, F. R. Olin and Rev. Allen H. Backer. Christmas music augmenting the play will be provided by a choir of 16 voices recently organized under the direction of Mrs. Delbert Dow. A treat to all present will be given at the close of the program.

A Christmas play, readings and songs will feature the annual holiday season program at the Assembly of God church Thursday evening, December 21. Everyone is invited to attend this program that night.

Children of the primary department at the Christian church will participate in a miscellaneous program and adults of the church will present a pageant "The

Light is Come" during the 5 o'clock Vesper hour Sunday. Mrs. Luther Herrin and Mrs. W. O. Livingstone are directing the program.

Range Summit Query Posed

Several fishermen here are puzzled by a question which has arisen regarding the legality of taking fish over ten inches in length from the Nehalem river and Rock creek at the present time. A letter from the Oregon State Game commission written in answer to one sent by Hoffman Hardware states:

"It was not our intention to prohibit such fishing in these streams when we specified that such fishing could be done in the streams lying west of the summit of the coast range.

"As there seems to be some question about this, we will clarify the regulation when the commission meets in January. In the meantime, we shall ask the state police not to make any arrests in that area for fishing for trout over ten inches in length."

Sale of Seals More This Year

Response to the sale of Christmas seals is greater this year than has been the case in previous years according to Mrs. Connie Anderson, local chairman in charge of the sale. Up to Wednesday, \$535 had been returned to her for the 850 letters sent out at the start of the campaign. In addition, 55 people returned the seals, not wishing to make the purchase.

An interesting sidelight of the returns is that one person returned \$10 for his quota of seals and four others returned \$5 each for theirs. These amounts are included in the \$535 total listed above.

Within a short time follow-up cards will be mailed by Mrs. Anderson to those who have not responded, reminding them of the worthwhile cause to which funds from the seals are devoted.

Returns this year far exceed those of last year when approximately \$350 was the return from about 400 letters sent out.

Dance Fund to Buy Wheel Chair

A recently-completed project of the Vernonia Service club has been accomplished with funds from a benefit dance held during November. The amount of money cleared from that event plus a small additional amount was placed with Mrs. Harris, executive secretary of the county Red Cross chapter, for the purchase of a wheel chair.

Mrs. Harris will purchase the chair and send it to the hospital for servicemen at Astoria.

New Owner of Club Named

Roy M. Edwards from South Dakota has been granted a license to operate the Club by city councilmen who met Monday night of this week. Mr. Edwards is planning to move here sometime during the coming week. The license still requires the certification of the Oregon Liquor Control commission.

Other recent business of the council includes the certification of licenses for Safeway Store and Lew's Place and the sale of two city lots at Second and Maple streets to the Nehalem Valley Motor Freight.



PUBLICATION DELAYED
The Vernonia Eagle will be a day later for the next two weeks, owing to the falling of Christmas and New Year on Monday.

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