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## Drilling for First County Well to Start

### Equipment Expected At Site of First Well Near Clatskanie

Texas Company authorities, in an official statement to The Eagle Tuesday afternoon, announced that drilling operations in accordance with the company lease would start within a very short time near Clatskanie. The first well will be located about five miles southeast of that place in the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 7 North, Range 4 West and will be within a half mile of land owned by the county.

This location, company officials mentioned, complies with the agreement as specified in the lease with the county. The equipment to be used will include a steel derrick 136 feet high, drilling machinery and pipe which is enroute now from California. Actual drilling is expected within three weeks and will be done by a crew of 25 men, 20 of them having families. Some difficulty has been experienced in finding living quarters, it was mentioned.

## Services Held For A. W. Poetter

Funeral services were held May 14th here for A. W. Poetter who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lottie Moulton in Portland May 11 after being ill for some time.

Mr. Poetter was born in Germany April 17, 1865 and passed away at the age of 80 years. He had lived in Vernonia since 1925.

Immediate relatives left to mourn his passing are: two sons, Charles and Ed, Vernonia; two daughters, Mrs. Lottie Moulton, Portland, and Mrs. M. E. Slack, Dallas. Services were held here and interment was at Scappoose.

## Legion, Auxiliary Name 2 Students

Marvin Turner and LaRue Moon have been chosen by the American Legion and the Auxiliary respectively to represent and Girls' State within a few weeks.

The Legion representative will go to Corvallis from July 1 to 8 inclusive where he will receive training in citizenship, government, elections, and making and enforcing laws. State officials will be present to give their help and to discuss their duties and explain how democracy works.

The Auxiliary representative will go to Silver Creek Falls from June 11 to 17 in a similar capacity.

## Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the Vernonia Booster club for Monday evening of this week was postponed until Monday evening of the coming week, May 28th. Due to the fact that several officials of the organization could not attend the meeting if it were held this Monday, the postponement was deemed advisable.

## Ordinance Rules on Gun Use In City

Quite a number of residents in the city limits of Vernonia have mentioned recently the use of guns which have been fired within the city and which have been dangerously used. Police officials are aware that guns have been fired and believe that juveniles are principally responsible.

The use of guns within the city limits is definitely prescribed in city ordinance No. 56 which

## THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

### ASSIGNED TO AIR BASE

Cpl. Helen J. Hershey, daughter of Mrs. Julia M. Hershey, Buxton, Oregon, is currently assigned to the Santa Ana army air base at Santa Ana, Cal.

This army air forces base is a reassignment and convalescent station of the personnel distribution command. Here thousands of combat veterans of the AAF return from 21-day furloughs at home to be refitted for duty in the continental stations of the air forces, while their places are taken by men who have not yet seen overseas action.

Corporal Hershey is a cook at this base and as such her job is preparing food in the WAC mess hall.

She entered the service on Jan. 26, 1943, and has been stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, before transferring to this post.

### IN GERMANY

Eugene Cleveland, Cox, USN, son of Mrs. Herb Counts, is in Germany and says it is very hot there.

### KILLED IN ACTION

T5 Thomas Kuge, former resident and school student here, was recently killed in action in Italy according to word received here. A brother of the deceased, Toshi Kuge, has seen action in France.

### AT CAMP ROBERTS

Pvt. Thomas W. Osborn has been sent to Camp Roberts, Cal. for his training. His wife and daughter left last Saturday to be with him while he is there.

### GRADUATES

Dale Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Roland, graduated May 12 from the naval air technical training center at Norman, Oklahoma as Seaman Second Class and will be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work. He entered the service last August and was formerly employed as a burner by the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation.

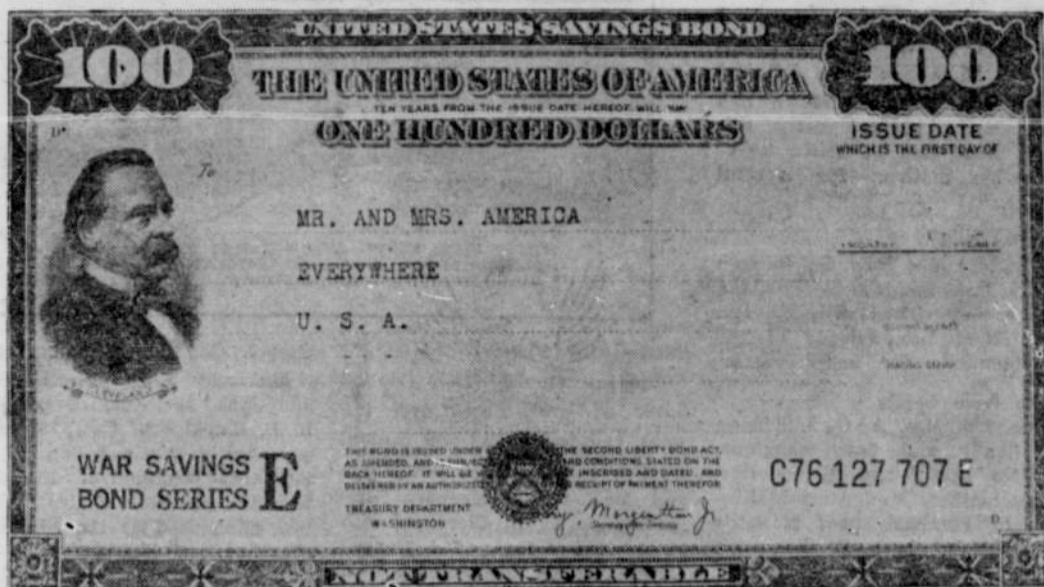
### RATING RECEIVED

Mildred E. Weed, daughter of Mr. Oscar G. Weed, has been rated as Specialist (Gunner Instructor) Third Class at the operational training school, Treasure Island, Cal.

Specialist Weed has been assigned to the operational training school since October, 1944. Before entering the Navy she was a grammar school teacher.

At the operational training school she spends duty hours teaching Navy men how to operate machine guns through the use of specially devised trainers. Primarily, her students are crews of destroyers and classes are held in trainer buildings especially designed to house machine gun trainer equipment. These machine gun trainers are special devices developed by the bureau of aeronautics to develop proficiency in machine gun firing and the use of automatic gun sights, particularly against air craft. The trainers give realistic problems as would be actually encountered aboard a ship as far as the actual target is concerned.

After duty hours she often practices her marksmanship with 22 pistols or rifles on the Treasure Island pistol range. She also goes for practice to the anti-air (Continued on page 8)



## Volunteers to Give Aid To Application for Sugar

Probably everyone is familiar now with the reduction in the amount of canning sugar which may be issued to each applicant or each family group, the limitation now being 15 pounds to each applicant and a maximum of 120 pounds to any family group even though there may be more than eight persons in such family group.

The local war price and rationing board will have two volunteer workers available Wednesday afternoons to issue sugar coupons and aid in filling out applications. Mrs. John Grady, Mrs. C. L. Anderson and Miss Margaret Sturdevant have volunteered for the work.

The sugar quota available for home canning will be only 70 per cent of the quota for last year. The local board issued 59,

905 pounds last year for canning and the quota this year will be 41,900 pounds. This quota is for the entire year of 1945 and must not be exceeded without application to the district office for quota adjustment. This may be necessary in some cases because of population increases.

## Eligibility for Top Tires Strict

According to a recent bulletin received here by the rationing board some confusion exists in the proper application of the new preference grouping list for applications for Grade I tires. This preference grouping list has been approved by the war manpower commission and the use of the list by boards is now mandatory.

The following procedure is used in applying this grouping list for Grade I tire applications. The list applies only after the eligibility of the passenger car for Grade I tires has been established. Then all applications are segregated according to the group in which they belong and if everything is in order, each application may be approved, pending sufficient quota to permit the issuance of tire certificates. However, no certificates should be issued to applicants outside of group one until all of those applications in group one have been filled.

## Brake Check Here Shows 80% Good

The recently-completed brake check, which was conducted here a short time ago by City Marshal A. D. Lolley revealed that 80 per cent of the cars checked were in good mechanical condition as far as brakes are concerned. The check was conducted under the direction of Police Chief Harry M. Niles, Portland, state coordinator for the program.

Further information revealed here about local cars is that 15 per cent of the brakes needed adjustment to bring them up to a condition which would afford safety and 5 per cent were definitely in bad condition.

## 4th Conference Due

Rev. Paul P. Petticord, district superintendent, will be the speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service at the Evangelical church Sunday morning, May 27th. At 2:15 that afternoon he will hold the 4th quarterly conference of the church. All are invited to these services.

## Sewing Continues

Red Cross sewing will continue this Friday afternoon at the high school home economics room, it has been announced. As many women as can be urged to attend. The work this Friday will be the sewing of "housewives."

## SOLICITORS FOR BONDS SELECTED

Further arrangements for contacting every individual in this area regarding the purchase of war bonds were announced a few days ago. Two ladies of IWA Local No. 5-37 have been named to see every employee in the O-A mill. The ladies who will make these contacts are Mrs. Cecil Huss and Mrs. Alfred Jones.

The list of solicitors published last week lacked the name of Mrs. W. T. Graves who will contact residents in the Stoney Point area.

Irving T. Rau, county war finance chairman, hopes that a good representation of local people will be present for the bond rally at St. Helens next Monday, May 28. Coupons covering the amount of gasoline necessary to make the trip will be available to those attending Mr. Rau has stated.

## Services Read For McMullen

Funeral services for James Oliver McMullen were read here Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for James Oliver McMullen of Mist, who passed away at Clatskanie May 18th at the age of 23 years, 6 months and 21 days. He was born on the 26th of October, 1921 at Mist and lived there all of his life.

Survivors of the deceased are: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David McMullen, Mist; one brother Robert, Mist; four sisters, Millie Dowd, Elsie, Ann Salmie, Marshland, Marian Dickie, Portland and Marie Benson, Clatskanie.

The services were read at the Bush Funeral home with Rev. W. O. Livingstone officiating and interment was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

## Recommendation Sermon Preached

Norman Riggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Riggins, preached his recommendation sermon Sunday morning at the Evangelical church. Riggins is planning to enter the ministry and following the morning service all members of the church were given the opportunity to sign a petition of recommendation which will be presented to the quarterly conference. There he must answer satisfactorily a number of questions and if answered satisfactorily, he will be recommended to the annual conference for a license as a "preacher on trial."

## Secretary to Speak

Dr. C. F. Swander, secretary of state Missions of Oregon, will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Immediately following the morning service, a potluck luncheon will be served in the dining room with Mrs. Mertie Cline and Mrs. Olive Powell as hostesses.

## Program to Feature May 30 Memorial Day

### Invitation Extended People to Attend Services that Day

A complete program for those who intend to be present at Memorial Day services which are planned for Wednesday of next week, May 30th, has been announced by the American Legion. The Memorial Day schedule begins at 10 a.m. that morning when those who plan to take part will assemble at the Legion hall.

From the hall the Legion will lead a parade to the bridge across Rock Creek and that parade will include the Legion colors and Legionnaires, Woman's Relief Corps colors and members, the Legion and V.F.W. Auxiliaries, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and religious and fraternal organizations.

At the bridge the Woman's Relief Corps will conduct the water service and the group will march back to the hall for a program which will include further observance of the day.

## County News

### NEXT WEEK SEES END SCHOOL YEAR

ST. HELENS — Graduation exercises for the three St. Helens schools will be held this week. The high school exercises will be held Thursday evening May 24, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

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### STANWOOD SUES OFFICER FOR \$100,000

ST. HELENS — Caley A. Stanwood, St. Helens real estate and investment broker, has filed a suit in the Columbia county circuit court in which he seeks \$100,000 damages from Sheriff M. R. Calhoun.

The action, filed in Stanwood's behalf by Attorney W. J. Prendergast of Portland, claimed the sheriff had closed Stanwood's place of business on east first street and prayed for general damages amounting to \$50,000 and "for the further sum of \$50,000 punitive and exemplary damages and for costs and disbursements herein incurred."

Stanwood previously had been arrested by the sheriff and had been released under bond in a civil action brought by H. T. Anderson of Scappoose and had been named defendant in a number of other civil actions.

### RADIO PROGRAM TO FEATURE BOND RALLY

ST. HELENS — Program for the big Columbia county war bond rally to be held in the St. Helens high school auditorium Monday, May 28, at 7:45 p.m. took on new importance Thursday with an announcement that the entire Joe Fisher radio show on that night will be brought to the high school stage for broadcasting over station KALE.

The Singing Sentinels, Swan Island quartet, are a part of the show.

Other features of the big rally will be talks by Capt. Robert Augur, wounded hero of Corregidor, who was 33 months in Bilbid, the Jap prison camp; E. C. Sammons, president of the United States national bank and chairman of the Oregon war finance committee, and Wilbur Carl, director of the Portland metropolitan district war finance committee.