

# CROWDS JUBILANT-WAR ENDS

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### Celebration Is Reaction To Announcement

Tuesday afternoon's radio announcement of V-J day brought a spontaneous demonstration of happiness from Vernonia people much the same as it did from all other Americans. Many radios were tuned to get the latest announcements, one of which everyone hoped would tell that the Japs had accepted the surrender terms. Only a few moments elapsed when the announcement did come before sirens and whistles sounded and people began the celebration which lasted late into the night. Sounding of the city's fire siren brought firemen who drove the fire truck for several blocks. Flags in abundance appeared immediately.

#### Stores Close

Far more people than usual appeared on city streets, some of them inquiring the latest word about the war because they had not heard the first radio announcement. Most stores closed their doors immediately and all remained closed through Wednesday as did the mill and camps which also remained closed through Thursday. One restaurant opened Wednesday afternoon due to numerous requests because no other eating place was available to those who regularly patronize restaurants for their meals.

As the mill closed and workmen started home, a bedlam of auto horns sounded to express their joy at the war's end. One boy was riding a well-decorated bicycle which he evidently had prepared in advance of the announcement judging by the completeness of the decorations.

#### Church Service Held

While many people were rejoicing on downtown streets and in homes, others gathered at the Christian church to express their thanks in that manner for the end of the war.

Tuesday's celebration continued into the evening with a street dance that attracted many who heard music by the Rhythm Vendors orchestra. The dance was arranged by the American Legion and Commander Cleve Robertson in behalf of the Legion expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the orchestra, the firemen who prepared the street, and for the help of all others who made the dance successful.

Adding to the general feeling of thankfulness for the end of hostilities was the news Wednesday of no further gas or fuel oil rationing and the knowledge that motorists could go to a filling station and say "fill 'er up" for the first time in several years.

Along with no further gas and fuel oil rationing came the release from rationing of blue point foods and oil stoves.

### Backer to Retain Pastorate Here

Rev. Allen H. Backer has been appointed by the annual conference of the Evangelical church to return to Vernonia for another year is the information this week following the close of the conference at Jennings Lodge Sunday, August 12.

This conference was the 62nd annual affair for Oregon and Washington. On the closing day Bishop E. W. Praetorius preached the ordination sermon after which seven young men were ordained. Four were given licenses to preach, their first step in preparing for the ministry. Among them was Norman Riggins who preached his recommendation sermon at the Vernonia church on Sunday, May 20th. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Riggins.

Rev. Rodney Sundberg, the Vernonia church's missionary on furlough from China, brought a message challenging greater service and told of the faithfulness of the Chinese Christians in spite of the sorrows of seven years of war.

### THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

#### CLIPPING TELLS STORY

Enclosed with a recent letter from S-Sgt. Bob Wagner to A. D. Lolley was a newspaper clipping which told of activities of the 27th fighter group with which Wagner has seen action overseas. The 27th flew escort for President Truman on his recent trip to Berlin. The group is five times recipient of the presidential citation. Wagner was employed by the Vernonia Auto company before enlisting in the service.

#### HERE ON LEAVE

SM3c Melvin Schwab, son of Lee Schwab, arrived home early Sunday morning for 21 days of leave after spending two years overseas. He saw plenty of action in the Pacific area during that time. Melvin graduated from Vernonia high school and received his recruit training at Farragut.

#### PARENTS VISITED

Captain Stanley C. Hirsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hirsch, arrived here Tuesday of last week to spend several days with his parents. He is a finance officer AC and is stationed at Lemore Field, California. He is on leave before being sent overseas. This year marks the ninth year of his service in the army.

#### ENLIST IN NAVY

Gordon L. Cline and Darrel J. Rose have been enlisted in the navy at the recruiting station in Portland.

Cline is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merl Cline and has been employed by the O-A. Rose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rose and has been working for the Bush Furniture store. After recruit training they will be sent to one of the navy trade schools or assigned to duty with one of the units of the fleet.

#### STAR VET DISCHARGED

Pfc. George H. Peachey, originally with the 41st Infantry Division, received the Bronze Star on the eve of his honorable discharge for his heroic action during the engagement at San Manuel in the Philippines. The Japs had cleverly concealed a number of tanks and machine gun nests in the coverage before San Manuel, and volunteering to locate the same, Pfc. Peachey established reconnaissance from a high dikes, thus being able to observe the direction of the Jap fire, even though he was himself in imminent danger.

Out of his four and one-half years of service, Peachey spent 43 months in the Pacific area, and is entitled to wear the American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic Theatre Ribbon with two bronze stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star.

As to the future, Pfc. Peachey has very definite plans, for during his years in the service he managed to keep his eyes open and thus discovered an opening in silver mining somewhere in the Philippines. He plans to return there as soon as practical.

Peachey arrived home here Saturday and on Sunday accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Peachey, to Longview, Wn. for a visit with his sister, Mrs. C. R. Shepard and her family. On Monday he went to Clatskanie on a fishing trip.

#### HERE FROM SALEM

RIVERVIEW — Max Millis, USN, who is stationed in Salem, came Sunday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Blanche Millis. His sister, Miss Dorothy, who works in Portland was also home for the day.

#### HERE FROM BREMERTON

RIVERVIEW — S2c Everett Rundell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Rundell, came Thurs. for a week's visit with his parents. Enroute in Portland he met his wife and her father, Mr. Bond, both of Medford who came here. Everett's sister, Mrs. Ora George, Portland, is also visiting her parents and the Ed Buckner family. Everett is stationed at Bremerton and is working in a print shop there.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

RIVERVIEW — John Wilcoxon, S1c, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcoxon that he was moved out of San Diego so fast that there was no chance to notify them of his change of address. His letter came Sat. from San Bruno, Cal. where he will receive six to eight weeks of special marine training and then be sent overseas.

#### CO-PILOT HERE

Lt. Donald Carr and his father of Bremerton were here the fore part of this week to transact business and visit at the G. W. Laird home. Lt. Carr was co-pilot with Lt. Dessy Laird in flights over Germany and were in the same POW camp in Germany.

#### HERE FROM FORT LEWIS

Pvt. Lee Engen spent the past week end here with relatives. He is stationed at Fort Lewis.

#### NEPHEW HERE

S-Sgt. Leslie V. McMullen, nephew of Mrs. Hugh Divine and who is stationed at Hamilton Field, California, was a visitor here Aug. 8th to 10th. He visited his sisters, Mrs. Norman Twiss and Neoma McMullen, clerks at Girods and left for Vulcan, Alberta, Canada to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMullen. He will stop here again when returning to his station.

#### TWO IN 41ST

Only two of the original group of Vernonia boys who joined the national guard in 1940 and were in the 41st division yet remain in the service, contrary to a news article last week. Remaining in the 41st now are George King, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King, and Francis Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis.

#### GETS DISCHARGE

Cpl. Frank Lusby arrived here with his army discharge Wednesday evening after notifying his mother, Mrs. Frank Lusby, by telegram Tuesday morning to be expecting him.

#### CITED FOR SERVICE

Pfc. Elmer L. Brady, Vernonia, recently was cited by his commanding general for meritorious service in action.

He served on the fifth army front in Italy with the 1st armored division's sixth armored infantry battalion.

His mother, Mrs. Roxie F. Brady, lives in Vernonia.

#### Lodge Hall Changed

A new meeting place for the Fraternal Order of Eagles was taken last week when members moved the parhannalia to the upper story of the McGee building at the corner of Bridge and Second streets. The former F. O. E. meeting place was the building at the east end of the Rock creek bridge where IWA members formerly met. Lodge members completed the work of moving Sunday.

### CONSTRUCTION OF LINE STARTS

The contractor and his equipment for building the Bonneville supply line arrived here Tuesday of this week and will begin work shortly on the connection from Clatskanie to Vernonia. This line will supply Bonneville electricity to the West Oregon Electric and when completed will be the first connection with that source of power.

Completion of the work will be carried out as fast as materials are available, local authorities stated.

### Souvenir Items On Display Here

A display of souvenir items collected during the time he saw action in Europe and especially in Germany has been placed in the Hoffman Hardware Co. window by Andy Brimmer who was recently discharged from the army.

Included with the items are several guns and pistols including an air pistol, leather goods, paper money and coins, German army medals and insignia and swords. The display is interesting especially from one standpoint—that of showing something of what the Germans provided their men in equipment.

### Repair Shop Starts At Tillamook

Another change in the location of a business establishment here some time ago is announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Robertson who are moving to Tillamook. Mr. Robertson, besides his regular employment, has been conducting a home appliance repair service for all types of household electrical and appliance equipment.

The equipment has already been moved to Tillamook and Mr. Robertson is there now. Mrs. Robertson plans to move the household goods August 20th to the home they have purchased there.

### Aug. 20 Antelope Tag Draw Date

Applications for antelope tags should be sent in by August 20 to the Oregon State Game Commission at 616 Oregon Building, Portland 4, in order to be included in the drawing if one is necessary. Only 800 tags have been authorized, and a drawing will be held if the applications exceed that number on August 20.

The antelope season will be open from September 22 to 30, inclusive, in all counties having antelope. However, no hunting will be allowed this year in the same two areas closed last season, the Drakes Flat area and the Millican-Fort Rock-Wagontire area.

Applications for the 800 doe deer tags to be sold for the Fort Rock-Silver Lake area for a post-season shoot from December 1 to 5, inclusive, will be held until October 29, after which a drawing will be held if the number of applications exceeds 800.

Applicants are requested not to send money for special tags at this time. Successful applicants will be notified to remit after the drawings are held.

### Post Office Asks Early Mailing to Overseas Points

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 Period Designated as Christmas Parcel Time

Arrangements have been made with the post office department for acceptance of Christmas parcels for members of the armed forces serving outside the continental U. S. during the period beginning September 15 and ending October 15th, the earlier the better, Emil Mesing, Vernonia post master announces this week to relatives and friends of servicemen overseas.

"Armed forces overseas" includes personnel receiving mail through an APO or FPO. Parcels destined for delivery in China, Burma, India, the Middle East and the islands in the Pacific should be mailed as early as possible during the period stated, preferably not later than October 1, in view of distances involved. No Request Needed

During this period requests from addressees are not required in connection with Christmas parcels mailed to army personnel. Patrons should indorse each gift parcel "Christmas Parcel." Special effort will be made to effect delivery during the periods stated in time for Christmas. Christmas cards for army personnel may be mailed at any time but patrons must mail such cards prior to November 15 if they are to have a reasonable expectation of delivery prior to Christmas. Cards should be sent in sealed envelopes at the first class rate.

Christmas parcels for army, navy, coast guard and marine corps shall not exceed five lbs. in weight or 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. Armed forces members are amply provided with food and clothing and the public is urged not to include such items as gifts. Not more than one Christmas parcel or package shall be accepted for mailing in any one week to the same person by the same sender.

#### Strong Wrapping Desirable

Boxes for overseas transmission should be stronger than containers used for parcels which do not go overseas. Because of the great distance these parcels must travel and the handling and storage, it is absolutely necessary that all article overseas be enclosed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiberboard or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard, testing at least 200 pounds.

Each box should be securely tied with strong cord, preferably by four separate pieces, two lengthwise and two crosswise, knotted at crossings. Sealing the flaps with gummed tape where they meet strengthens the box but the use of such tape alone is not satisfactory since the tape loosens if the boxes become wet or exposed to moist atmosphere.

#### Don't Mail Perishables

Perishable matter will not be accepted and intoxicants, inflammable material (including matches of all kinds and lighter fluids) and poisons, or compositions which may kill or injure another, or damage mails are unmailable.

It is preferable that the outside addresses be hand printed directly on wrappers rather than on labels pasted to the wrappers. Full address should be given including the full first name, rank, serial number, branch of service, organization, APO number and the post office through which the parcels are to be routed.

### UNION SERVICE V-J DAY PLAN

All Vernonia churches will unite in a union thanksgiving service when V-J day is officially declared, Rev. W. O. Livingstone stated Thursday morning. Date of the service will depend upon the declaration which will officially designate this day.

The services will be held at the Christian church and everyone is invited.

By presidential proclamation, Sunday, August 19 has been declared as a day of prayer which will be observed by all churches here.

### Verdict of Jury Returned Monday

A verdict by the justice court jury of "not guilty" was returned Monday afternoon for the case of State of Oregon, plaintiff vs. Leonard B. Johnson, defendant, which involved a charge of failure to stop at the scene of an accident on the O-A hill on the evening of July 11.

Glen Metscher, St. Helens, was attorney for the defendant. Walden Dillard, district attorney, did not appear to present the state's case. Sitting on the jury were L. W. Skuzie, R. M. Aldrich, William Brimmer, Frank McCabe and Cass Bergerson. Ben Breckel was also called for jury duty but was excused by mutual consent of the plaintiff and defendant.

### Jacobs to Open Clatskanie Store

W. T. Jacobs will open a jewelry store in Clatskanie, possibly next week, he said Tuesday when mentioning the progress made to date toward starting the business. Mr. Jacobs has been engaged in watch repairing here for several years, having maintained his shop at his home, and carrying on the work while being otherwise regularly employed.

The store to open in Clatskanie will feature a watch and jewelry repair service in addition to a display of jewelry stock. The Jacobs plan to move there as soon as possible and are selling their home here.

#### Pioneer Meet Dated

Columbia county pioneers will have their annual meeting this coming Sunday, August 19, at Hudson park near Rainier according to a notice issued by Mrs. E. H. Frederickson, secretary of the group. A picnic dinner is scheduled at noon with coffee to be served and the election of officers and business meeting will follow at 1:30 o'clock. President of the pioneers is Mrs. W. F. Schneider.

#### Plumbing Shop To Open

Frank Hirsch, who recently purchased the building owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Horn, plans to remodel the structure by building a display room and plumbing shop. The work will be done as quickly as time will allow and materials for the work are available. The building formerly housed Elizabeth's Beauty Salon.