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## IWA Sponsors Basketball Town Team

First Court Action Scheduled Saturday With Forest Grove

A town basketball team sponsored by the IWA will take the floor here Saturday night, January 19th, against the Forest Grove town team to open the IWA's winter hoop schedule. The organization of a local team this week marks the first such activity since the start of the war and also begins a revival of interest in sports again.

The IWA is furnishing suits and equipment and giving its financial backing to the team. Ralph Aldrich will coach the squad and John Roediger will act as manager.

Saturday night's game is scheduled for 8 p. m. at the high school gym.

## Club to Select New Officers

The election of a new list of officers for the coming year will occupy part of the next scheduled meeting of the Vernonia Booster club President Edw. Salomonson said Tuesday when he announced the next dinner date. The club will convene January 28th at the Chat 'N Nibble cafe.

Tickets for the dinner will be sold in advance of the date by the ticket committee composed of Lyman Hawken, Lou Girod and Walter Wagner.

At the club's last meeting in November a nominating committee was named to propose new names for the organization's officers. Members of that committee are Jack Nance, E. J. Douglass and Mrs. Frank Hartwick.

## Remodeling Starts

Members of the American Legion started work this week remodeling the Legion hall club room, members of the group stated. Materials for the work are being purchased by the Legion Auxiliary. The room is to be enlarged and firtex will be placed on the walls.

## Work Problem Serious for Returning Soldiers Vet Administration Says

A serious employment problem confronts Oregon's homeward-bound GI Joes this winter and from present indications the situation is not likely to improve for another two or three months. This was disclosed this week in an analysis made by Hugh E. Rosson, director of the department of veteran's affairs.

Selective service, U.S. employment service and state employment compensation commission officials were queried in an attempt to get an over-all picture of the employment situation as it affected the 65,000-odd Oregon veterans who have been discharged, and the estimated 20,000-plus who will be coming home in January and February. **Jobless Not Estimated**

No estimate of the number of unemployed veterans can be made until February because figures from local USES offices throughout the state are not yet in. Besides, many veterans either have not yet filed job applications with the USES, or have found employment on their own, or plan to do so.

However, the facts are these: 1. Selective service reported 61,270 servicemen discharged as of Jan. 1, with 14,000 estimated discharges in January, or about

## THOSE WHO ARE IN IT GETS NEW RATING

Word has been received by Mrs. Thomas Osborn that her husband has received another rating, it being T5. He is still stationed on Okinawa with the machine records unit.

## HOME SUNDAY

Pvt. Dean Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brady, was home Sunday of this week for a few hours before returning to Ft. Lewis. Pvt. Brady is serving with the combat engineers.

## PARENTS VISITED

RIVERVIEW —George Wood, S1c, recently of Tokio, Japan spent three days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wood. He had spent the greater part of a 30-day leave with relatives and boyhood friends at Evanston, Ill. George is very active and found Riverview rather slow and dull. He left Sat. for San Diego, Cal. to await further orders. Geo. was in Tokio on V-J Day.

## GETS 30-DAY LEAVE

RIVERVIEW — Darrel Rose, S2c, who served aboard the USS Iowa and thought he would be shipped out soon was surprised to be informed last week that he was to have a 30-day leave. He arrived here Sun. for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose, and other relatives. He will report at Bremerton and end his leave there.

## HERE FROM FRISCO

RIVERVIEW — John Wilcoxon, S1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcoxon came Thursday from San Francisco on a 10-day leave. He will go to Bremerton Sunday to see what Uncle Sam has in store for him. He may get a discharge but says he is willing to be sent out with a replacement group if such orders are given.

## GETS SHORT LEAVE

RIVERVIEW — Gordon Cline, S2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline came from San Diego on a five-day leave. He arrived Friday and will report back to San Diego at the close of his leave.

## TO LEAVE SAT.

Jackie Nance will leave Saturday evening for San Diego, California where he will begin his basic navy training.

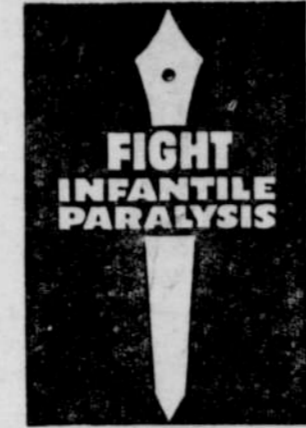
the same as December, with a tapering-off in February to about eight to 10,000. On Jan. 1, there were 76,708 Oregon men still in service. These figures do not include servicewomen.

**14,000 File Claims**  
2. The unemployment compensation commission reported that of returned servicemen, about 14,000 have filed claims for their GI readjustment allowance benefits, and are filing at an increasing rate. A total of 5408 checks amounting to \$107,573 was paid out for the week ending Jan. 5, the highest yet, and this figure also is growing weekly.

3. The USES had a total of 78,688 calls in their offices throughout the state in the past three months by veterans applying for jobs, filing claims, and seeking information on related subjects. Many were repeat calls.

4. A total of 12,448 veterans were referred to job openings in the last three months, and of these, 5166 were placed on jobs, as verified by USES.

**Job Condition Serious**  
Veteran's employment officials said job conditions are serious and will not improve at least until April. This is due partly to seasonal weather conditions causing shutdowns in logging and



## Norblad Wins In Friday Vote

Walter Norblad of Astoria won over Bruce Spaulding of Salem in the special election last Friday in the 1st congressional district by a wide margin. Unofficial but almost complete returns for the district listed Norblad as receiving 20,117 votes to Spaulding's 9,782. In Columbia county 30 of the 32 precincts gave the Astoria attorney 989 to Spaulding's 417.

Voting in the four Vernonia precincts was:

Precinct	Norblad	Spaulding
Precinct 1	32	19
Precinct 2	39	15
Precinct 3	48	11
Precinct 4	20	20

## Kullander Is Service Officer

Veterans who have received their discharges from the service can obtain assistance here, if they so desire, on the many details concerning benefits to which they are entitled due to their service to their country. A. L. Kullander said this week.

Mr. Kullander is acting as service officer for both local veteran posts, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He has information available to give assistance on rehabilitation such as loans, unemployment compensation, surplus property, etc. Any serviceman who needs aid can obtain it from Mr. Kullander.

## Cream Prices Changed

A new schedule of retail prices for whipping cream was announced this week by the Nehalem Dairy Products company. The new charges are half pints, 22c; pints, 40c.

lumber industries and on farms, and in great measure also to the following factors:

1. From 60 to 80 percent of returning veterans never had a steady job before they went into the service and are unskilled, while about 80 to 90 percent of available jobs call for skilled workers.

2. The GI apprenticeship training program is not providing as many jobs as it should, largely because of lack of information on the part of both employers and the veteran. On-the-job training, Rosson pointed out, is a splendid feature of the GI bill because it offers unskilled veterans positions with good pay, at the same time insuring advancement because it gives them the training they lack.

## Jobs Needed Now

3. Many federal, state and local government construction projects will not get under way at least until spring, and some not until months later. While eventually these will employ thousands of veterans, the great employment need is now, according to USES officials, and the only answer they see is for private industry to absorb as much of the load as possible at this time.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS, INC.

## Play Scheduled By Junior Class

The Junior class of Vernonia high school will present its play, "Drums of Death," Friday evening, January 18th at the Washington grade school. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Betty Jean Sherman who has been assisted by Miss Dorothy Voge.

The presentation will be a mystery-comedy offering lots of chills, thrills and amusement for the audience. Members of the cast are: Evelyn Stevenson, Celeste; Bob New, Sheldon Harley; Dale Grenia, Jules; Dorothy DeHart, Mrs. Oakley; Jean Peasnal Eugenia Bowles; Willette Floater, Amelia Gillette; Tommy Holce, Newton Cooper; Lynn Michener, Dr. Cameron; Mary Ann Johns, Paula Bailey; and Jimmy Rusow, ghost. Production staff members are: Cora Dusenberry, Donald Tiffney, Jim Briggs, Terry Brady, Earl Spofford, Thelma Rainwater, Theresa Hanel and Mildred Wolff.

The play will start at 8 p. m.

## Loggers Add \$46 to Polio

A total of \$46 was added to the infantile paralysis campaign drive Tuesday evening by the donation of receipts from the Vernonia Logger-Central Catholic basketball game here. The Loggers came close to capturing the high part of the score although the visitors left the floor as victors 38 to 31. Vernonia led the scoring for three-fourths of the time but was unable to hold the lead until the final whistle. Paul Gordon and Glen Hawkins also contributed their time as officials.

Scoring by quarters gave the Loggers the lead up to the fourth period by: 1st—12 to 4; 2nd—22 to 10; 3rd—25 to 18; 4th 38 to 31. Lineups were: Vernonia 31 — 38 Cen. Cath. Cline 8 f 3 Connor Renfro 7 f 4 Anderson Eyers 6 c 15 Vranizan Frank 5 g 9 Petros Tapp 5 g 5 Hittner

The Loggers meet Rainier here Tuesday evening for another county league game.

## Motor Registration Gains Over 1944

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported that 4,299 more motor vehicles registered in Oregon at the end of November of 1945 than for the same period of 1944, in a report on automobile registration, issued this week.

There were 421,844 vehicles registered in the state at the end of November, compared to 417,545 a year ago.

Of the total registration, 330,525 were private passenger cars, slightly less than the registration of 331,449 vehicles a year ago. There was one more bus registered, 1,215 compared to 1,214 a year ago.

Trucks total 48,808 compared to 46,164 a year ago. Registration fees amounted to \$3,595,501 compared to \$3,475,525 at the end of November in 1944.

## GET DONATED ITEMS, ASKED

Articles which were contributed by local people for use at the casualty station which was started as an emergency hospital in 1942 soon after Pearl Harbor are to be returned to owners, Mrs. R. D. Eby said this week. Mrs. Eby mentioned four days when owners may call at the I.O.O.F. hall and obtain their property which has been stored at that place.

The date set are January 22, January 25, January 28 and February 1 between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m. Mrs. John Grady has been placed in charge of the distribution and will be assisted by several other ladies. Articles that are not claimed will be sold at a later time, Mrs. Eby said.

## COUNTY NEWS

### SMELT RUN ON IN COLUMBIA

CLATSKANIE—It's good news when the delicious little smelt hit the Columbia and now it is news.

With weather conditions as bad as possible owing to the fact that the Columbia is so high, the smelt hit suddenly Sunday of last week.

Smelt, last week end were selling for 18c per pound, or two pounds for 35c in Clatskanie. In Portland the price was said to be 22c per pound.

### SHIPS WAITING BASP BERTHS

CLATSKANIE — Seven heavy freighters, Liberty and Victory ships, loaded with ammunition from the South Pacific, are in the lower Columbia river area from Maytag to Astoria, waiting to be unloaded or being unloaded at Beaver ammunition storage point. Unloading operations at Beaver have been slowed up greatly the past week owing to the inability of securing railroad cars.

Thousands of railroad cars are said to have been taken off the lines entirely since the war on account of being completely worn out and new cars are far from being placed on the lines fast enough to replace them.

### COURT AWARDS GAS CONTRACT

ST. HELENS—Columbia county will get its gasoline about two cents a gallon cheaper this year in comparison with the 1945 price, Commissioner Wm. Pringle Sr. said Wednesday when the court opened bids from six distributors. Richfield Oil Co., which offered to supply gasoline to the county at Vernonia for 13.1 cents per gallon and for 12.6 cents per gallon in the St. Helens area, was awarded the contract.

### TWO INDICTMENTS ARE DISMISSED; FOURTH DUE

ST. HELENS—Caley A. Stanwood, who was charged with embezzlement in four indictments returned by the Columbia county grand jury early in the summer, was acquitted Thursday on one of the charges by a jury which deliberated only 25 minutes. The case was tried in Portland before Circuit Judge Walter L. Toozee.

Mr. Stanwood was charged with misappropriating \$2,077 paid to him as agent for the Washington Federal and Loan company of Hillsboro by John Ramey of Seapooose. The evidence, introduced by Fred Miller, assistant attorney general, and District Attorney W. W. Dillard of St. Helens, who prosecuted the case, failed to support the charge of embezzlement.

### Dime Boxes Put Out

Paul Gordon, Vernonia march of dimes chairman, said the dime collection boxes would be placed in stores this week and also that coin cards would be mailed to star route boxholders so that they might make their contributions to the cause.

## Grange Plans Celebration of Power Hook-up

Natal Group Sets Saturday Date for Event's Celebration

The Natal grange is planning for a celebration this Saturday evening at the hall to commemorate the building of line and connection with the Bonneville power source, Noble Dunlap, master said last week. The celebration will be the first event of its kind to mark the new source of electricity and also the providing of service for people living between Pittsburg and Mist.

Previous to the power line construction late last fall, people in the Pittsburg-Mist area were unable to obtain electricity although attempts to get service had been made for a number of years.

The grange program will begin at 8 o'clock and will include several speakers and a lunch. Principal speaker will be the Oregon State Grange Master and others scheduled to talk are George A. Nelson, county agent and a representative of radio station KGW.

## Gun Club Match Schedule Drawn

A schedule of matches for the Vernonia Gun club has been prepared for the 1946 season. J. W. Nichols, secretary, said this week when he announced the matches. This schedule is the first for the local group since the start of the war and places the club in competition with a number of other clubs from this part of the state and some in Washington. Competition is open to any 10-man team which becomes a league member and the five high scores count in shooting. Any ammunition may be used and any .22 caliber rim-fire rifle.

The first match for the Vernonia club is on January 18th and the remainder of this year's matches are given in the schedule below:

1st half	Position	Where
1-18	Ore. 2 Pr. & St.	there
1-25	Port. 3 Sit. & St.	here
2-1	Camas 2 Pr. & St.	there
2-8	Hills. 2 Sit. & St.	here
2-15	Ore. 3 Pr. & St.	here
2-21	Vancou. Sit. & St.	there
3-1	Hill Mil. Pr. & St.	here
2nd half		
3-8	Ore. 2 Sit. & St.	here
3-15	Port 3 Pr. & St.	there
3-22	Camas 2 Sit. & St.	here
3-29	Hills. 2 Pr. & St.	there
4-5	Ore 3 Sit. & St.	there
4-12	Vancou. Pr. & St.	here
4-19	Hill Mil. Sit. & St.	there

## Store to Get Talk-A-Phone

The installation of a Talk-A-Phone for Girod's Food Store is planned as an improvement to that place of business this week, it has been announced. The phone will make it possible for employees at the checking counter to talk with employees at the back of the store and will save considerable time and many steps in addition to giving customers faster service.

Installation of the equipment is to be done by United Electric L. G. Van Doozer said Monday.

## Car Hits Horse

The automobile owned by George Kristensen was damaged last Friday at the Treharne "Y" when it collided with a horse. Damage to the car was estimated at between \$50 and \$60.