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## Loggers Bow To Seaside Friday Night

### Two-Point Margin Gives win to Gulls; Columbia Prep Next

Coach Hergert's Loggers aggregation invaded the Seaside Seagulls' territory last Friday night to lose a close grid game 14 to 12. Both elevens contacted scoring territory twice, but the conversion of points after each of the Gulls' touchdowns provided the margin for them to win.

The Loggers' passing attack that clicked so well a week before against St. Helens failed to work with the result that very few passes were completed. On the other hand, Seaside made both scores with passes, one in the first quarter and another in the second period.

Vernonia's first counter was also made in the opening period when Duke Byers drove over from the 19-yard marker. A try for the extra point failed. Again in the third quarter the Loggers made yardage into Seaside territory and scored another drive.

Eleven first downs were tallied for Vernonia on a sandy, slow field.

A sidelight of the game which created much unfavorable criticism by local fans present there was the reaction when a local doctor offered his assistance to an injured Seaside player. The admonition "You're not one of us," was the expression made.

Vernonia fans will see the Loggers in action against Columbia Prep this week when that Portland team appears on the local field at 8 p.m. Friday night.

## Banks Wins Mon. Grid Contest

By MELVIN SCHWAB

At 2 p.m. Friday afternoon the Vernonia Loggers second string was defeated by Banks high school on the local field.

Vernonia drew first blood in the first quarter of the game by scoring on a series of line bucks. The touchdown being scored by Brownhill who went right over center for the first score of the game. Grenia made the extra point by another line buck.

Banks drew blood next by intercepting a pass on their own 40-yard line and made their first touchdown. The try for extra point was good which brought the score 7 to 7.

In the second quarter Banks threw a 30-yard pass which was taken by Cobb of Banks making a very beautiful one-arm catch. He ran the rest of the field for another Banks touchdown. The try for the extra point was good making the score Banks 14, Vernonia 7.

The third quarter was about a draw for the two teams with both of them playing good ball. In the fourth quarter Vernonia drove the ball down the field in another series of line bucks and scored the second touchdown with Renfro finally making the score by carrying the ball from his own eight-yard line over for a touchdown. The try for that most important point failed, making the score Banks 14, Vernonia 13 as the game ended the game.

The local team showed a fairly good line and backfield and two men stood out in these two places. John Brown, a freshman, played a bangup game defensively and offensively. In the backfield Richard Thompson seemed to have wings when carrying the ball and made several good runs. The Loggers' pass defense is still weak, but much improved over last week.

## COUNTY NEWS

### "BLUE BABY" MAKES GOOD RECOVERY

ST. HELENS—Good news comes to St. Helens from Baltimore, Md., where Earl Jennings, the local "blue baby," is a patient. Earl, who underwent his operation last week, is reported well on the road to recovery. He has been in an oxygen tent since the operation, but was due to be released from the tent.

Earl's condition is still in the critical stage, and probably will remain so for some time. But according to information received here this week, the odds are rapidly swinging in favor of a complete recovery and a return home in a few weeks.

### "BLUE BABY" FUND STARTED

CLATSKANIE—The Wauna local of the International Woodworkers Alliance, C.I.O., has started a campaign to secure funds for an operation for Jimmy Bristow, "blue baby" of Wauna.

Jimmy is twelve years old and doctors have given him only three years to live. Jimmy attends school but cannot play with other children as a slight exertion uses up the insufficient supply of oxygen his blood gets as a result of the impaired opening in the heart valve. It is the lack of oxygen that causes a "blue" appearance in these cases.

Reading of the apparent success gained by a new operation devised by Johns Hopkins scientists in treating such cases the members of the IWA decided to raise a fund of \$2500 to send Jimmy to the Baltimore clinic to have a chance of becoming well.

### CLATSKANIE CORPS EIGHTH IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

CLATSKANIE—The Clatskanie American Legion drum and bugle corps placed eighth in the stiff competition between corps from all over the United States at the national legion convention at San Francisco Monday of last week.

Sixty-three drum and bugle corps were said to have been at the convention but only fourteen of these considered they had a chance and entered the national competition.

### AUGUST BUILDING DECLINES IN S.H.

ST. HELENS—Construction in St. Helens during August slumped sharply compared to the preceding month, a 172 per cent decline being recorded. Nineteen of the 41 northwest cities surveyed showed similar drops in building.

During August, construction here totalled only \$9500, while in July the total was \$25,850. However, in August of 1945, only \$2500 in building was done.

### FARMERS FORM NEW CO-OP

CLATSKANIE—A total of 42 signed up members, 30 of whom have paid in their membership dues of \$50 each, is the current standing of the newly organized Clatskanie-Rainier Co-op.

A complete farm supply business to take care of farmers' needs in gasoline and petroleum products, building supplies, farm machinery, refrigerators, electric appliances and other farm and home needs is the goal of the new organization.

## Stolen Car Wrecked Tues.

Held by police here early Wednesday morning and later taken to the county jail at St. Helens were Albert and Delbert Landers who live on the Stoney Point road and Elwin Hillsberry who are charged with taking and wrecking the automobile belonging to Andy Ramer, former Vernonia resident now living in Washington.

The auto was taken from its parking place on Bridge street near Nance Pharmacy late Tuesday night and wrecked on the Stoney Point road near the Calhoun place.

## Valuation in County Gains For Year 1946

### Assessor Releases Figures Showing Increased Figure

Valuation of Columbia county property is up nearly a quarter of a million dollars, a summary of the assessment roll of the county for the year of 1946, as released by Assessor Fred Watkins, showed Monday. The assessed valuation this year made by the assessor and equalized by the county board of equalization showed a total value of \$11,317,985, compared to \$11,059,995 last year.

Timber land in the county continues to shrink both in acreage and value, but not at such a rapid rate as in some previous years. There are now 8922 acres of timber land in the county worth \$232,785, while a year ago there were 8876 acres worth \$274,895.

Mineral reservations have shown a decided rise apparently as the result of prospecting by Alcoa Mining Co. crews searching for laterite from which aluminum is eventually obtained. This year there are 13,380 acres of county land classified as mineral reservations, with a value of \$13,380—thus being valued at the nominal price of \$1 per acre. A year ago there were only 9040 of such acres.

There has been some reduction, in the number and in value, in the acreage of tillable land in the county, the present figure being 26,800 and valued at \$1,727,725, while in 1945 it was 28,333 with a value of 1,735,650.

A drop in virtually all classifications of livestock is shown in this year's figures. In 1946 the county has only 857 horses and mules compared with 1081 a year ago; cattle 12,744 compared to 1945's 19,182; 723 swine instead of the 1090 reported in 1945. There are even fewer bees in the county now—232 stands in comparison with 302 last year.

But if some items are going down, taxes seem to be headed the other way. Total levy for the general fund this year is 11.80 mills, where it was 5.40 last year, and the amount to be raised for this fund by taxation is \$164,372.05 compared to \$74,710.81 in 1945. Heaviest jumps in millage are recorded in the county school fund (from 1.58 to 2.73 mills), relief items (from 1.05 to 2.99 mills) and in the miscellaneous county department (from .56 to 2.08 mills.) A new tax of .12 mills was added this year to raise \$1950.18 in tax money to help pay the county's share of its employees' retirement fund, a fund which was started at the first of this fiscal year.

## Jury Convicts On Game Charge

A justice of the peace court jury returned a verdict of guilty last Friday in the case of Spurge Golden who was charged with a violation of the fish and game laws by having a game bird to wit, grouse, in possession during closed season.

Attorney for the defense was J. E. Burdett of Hillsboro and for the state, Walden Dillard, district attorney from St. Helens.

A sentence of \$25 and costs was levied by Justice of the Peace Oscar Weed.

### New Books Added

New books added to the Vernonia library shelves this week are "Mortgage on Life" by Vicki Baum and "Crescent Carnival" by Frances Parkinson Keyes, author of "The River Road." The library is open for patrons every afternoon, Monday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Vernonia to Have New Bank

### Electric Service Asked By 10 Wilark People

A request for membership in the West Oregon Electric Cooperative was asked of the board of directors at their monthly meeting Tuesday evening by 10 people living in the Wilark area and the request was granted at that time. The board, in accepting the request, instructed Manager Frank D. Seelye to perform the necessary engineering and present the required documents to the rural electrification administration asking for additional finances for the work.

Construction of service lines will be required to provide service for people asking membership. Tuesday evening's consideration of new members by the board of directors is a continuation of the expanding need for electricity in this area.

Named in the request were James E. Burk, J. J. Troy, Ella Roeser, Robert T. Read, Mary E.

Read, Frank Floeter, D. W. Bunde, L. D. Smith, E. H. Potter and George A. Nelson.

At the present time the Cooperative is serving 1465 consumers of which 311 are farm users, 947 residential and 207 commercial.

## Enrollment in Schools Greater

The number of students in the high school and in the grades exceeds last years figures in both cases school authorities said this week. At this time the enrollment has reached a point where it will be pretty well stabilized for the year. Most late registrations have been made and changes from now on will be about equal as to new students entering and regular students dropping out.

For the grades Paul Gordon lists 476 students in his first monthly report, an increase of 15 over last year.

Principal Ray Mills reports a gain of 30 students over last year with the present enrollment standing at 198. Of the high school students, 112 are boys and 86 girls.

## Reid Services Set for Sat.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Anna Luetta Reid have been made for Saturday at the Christian church at 2 p.m. Mrs. Reid was born February 3, 1863, in Indiana and passed away October 7 at the age of 83 years at the home of her son, Charles Reid, of Vernonia.

The deceased spent the greater part of her life in Iowa and Idaho, coming to Bend, Oregon, to live in 1923. She was known and loved by all her friends there as Grandma Reid. She spent the last year of her life here.

Mrs. Reid is survived by 10 children: Al and Aura Smith of Nebraska; Mrs. Vesta Wilson of Texas; Eva Burkhardt, Agnes Kimble, and Myrtle McCarthy of Portland; Edna Shepherd of Colusa, California; Nellie Aker of Warm Springs, Oregon; Clifton L. Reid of Magna, Utah, and Charles B. Reid of Vernonia. There are also 29 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren surviving.

Rev. Ernest P. Baker will officiate and the Bush Funeral Home is in charge of the services. Interment will be at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

## Activities Get Greater Show

By JANET PETERSON  
Keen interest is being shown this fall as the activity classes of the Washington grade school gets into swing. A variety of sports is offered for both boys and girls such as: boxing, archery and gymnastics.

For those interested in the fine arts there are dramatic classes, journalism, Campfire, Junior Red Cross and leather work. Shop work is also offered while the sewing and weaving class is fine for girls interested in that type of work. All in all, it promises to be a lively year at Washington grade school.

### To Attend Conference

Paul Gordon, grade superintendent, and Ray Mills, high school principal, will go to Salem next Monday and Tuesday for the annual conference of Oregon school administrators.

## Authority to Establish Branch Asked

### Firm to Use Old Bank of Vernonia Building, Fixtures

An application has been filed with the Superintendent of Banks and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation by The Commercial Bank of Banks, Oregon, for authority to establish a branch in the City of Vernonia, Oregon, according to George G. Laver, manager of the Banks institution.

The new bank will be located in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Vernonia, and which is owned by the City of Vernonia. The building is equipped with vaults and bank fixtures and with some repairs and renovation will be modern in every respect. Vernonia has been without banking facilities since the suspension of the former Bank of Vernonia in 1932.

Mr. Laver states that Vernonia is the largest incorporated city in the state without banking facilities. At this time it is estimated that there are 2000 people living inside the city and 1000 just outside the city limits. Vernonia is the center of a trade area containing 6000 people.

Earle A. Bowman is president, Geo. G. Laver, cashier, and R. E. Coe, Jr., assistant cashier of The Commercial Bank of Banks. Mr. Coe will be the manager of the new institution.

The Commercial Bank of Banks is an affiliate of The Commercial National Bank of Hillsboro with its affiliates at St. Paul, Newberg, Tillamook and Banks has capital funds of \$850,000.00 and deposits of over 20 million.

## 4-H Leaders to Meet October 19

Columbia county's 4-H club leaders' annual meeting will be held Saturday morning, October 19, beginning at 9:30 o'clock at the Columbia county fair grounds in Deer Island, according to Mr. L. E. Rennells, president of the association.

L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, will be present at that time to discuss with the 4-H leaders some of the problems in connection with 4-H club work. There will be other important discussions among the 4-H club leaders and other business to transact including the annual election of officers for the coming year.

It is desired that there be a good turnout of 4-H club leaders and parents and friends of 4-H club work.

## Council Orders Duo-parking Ban

Complaints and more complaints have been coming the way of city officials concerning the double-parking problem that shows growing proportions on Bridge street's business sections and the result was an order to arrest issued by the council Monday night. City policemen will be on the lookout from now on for infraction of the ordinance dealing with double parking.

Allowance will be made for loading and unloading of cars and trucks city police say, but cars must be attended by a person capable of driving if the driver leaves the auto double-parked momentarily.