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## Energizing Of Line in Dec. Planned

### Service Possibility For 31 in Chapman Area Outlined Mon.

Attending a community meeting at the Chapman school house Monday evening to explain the service possibility to people of the Chapman-Spitzenberg areas were Frank D. Seelye, West Oregon manager, Floyd Ensworth, Pete Hing and A. D. Jackson, all officials of West Oregon Electric.

The meeting was asked by George A. Nelson, county agent, and Carl Stuart of Chapman to discuss the extension of elementary service lines through that section.

It is contemplated to install a substation in the Chapman area to take service from the Warren-Vernonia 33,000-volt transmission line and to construct a standard REA distribution system in that locality. Mr. Seelye explained that a transformer for the substation there is on order and delivery has been promised by the manufacturer for September, 1947. Temporary facilities will be established as soon as distribution transformers are available because the transmission line will operate for the first year at 12,400 volts under the present Cooperative and Bonneville plan. As soon as the proper transformer can be obtained, the voltage on the Warren-Vernonia line will be increased to 33,000 volts.

Present plans call for energizing the main line about December 10, depending on the delivery of critical material. The Cooperative now has on order \$33,000 worth of transformers.

## City Advertises For Light Bids

The City of Vernonia's new business section street lighting system came closer to reality a few days ago when Recorder Albert Childs placed advertising for bids for materials needed in the project. The bids are to be received for opening Nov. 4 which is the council's first meeting for that month.

Delivery of materials needed probably won't be made until the second quarter of next year.

## Dad Buffmire Dies Tuesday

Information received here Wednesday from Mrs. Ethel Buffmire of Albany told of the death of Dad Buffmire who passed away October 15 at 6:30 a.m. from a heart attack.

The death occurred at the age of 93. Arrangements are in charge of Fisher Funeral home of Albany and the funeral will be held Friday.

## New Butcher Hired

Al Herra, formerly of Kansas City, began work as head of the meat market at Girod's Food Store Monday. Mr. Herra was recently discharged from the navy. At present he is searching for a home here for his family.

## Loggers Chastised by Prep Crusaders Friday

By MELVIN SCHWAB

The Columbia Prep Crusaders like the Crusaders of history, invaded the Vernonia Loggers' gridiron last Friday intent on chastising the Logger team, which they did very thoroughly.

The game started with the Crusaders kicking off to the Loggers. The Loggers rolled up a first in ten and it looked as though they were on the march. The second

try for a first down lacked enough yardage so Vernonia kicked to get out of hot water. Columbia Prep took the ball on the Loggers' 25 and kicked on the second down. The first score of the game came in the last of the second quarter when Paustain of Columbia Prep plunged over for the first score of the game. The try for extra point was made by Morrison going over center on a line buck.

### Break Doesn't Pay Off

At the start of the second half Vernonia kicked off to the Crusaders and they fumbled the ball on their own 12 yard line. It was the break of the evening and a chance to tie up the old ball game, but the Crusaders' line dug in and wouldn't budge an inch for the Logger team. The locals lost the ball on downs and then the Crusaders started to move. Moving the ball from the eight-yard line the Preppers marched to their own nine-yard line where Morrison plunged over for the Crusaders second score. The try for extra point was good with Coughlin receiving the ball on a pass, making the score 14 to nothing.

### Place Kick Adds Point

The Crusaders started on the move again when the Loggers lost the ball on downs on the Crusaders' 35-yard line. The Crusaders, through a series of line bucks, drove the ball over for another score with Morrison carrying the pigskin. The try for the extra point was good with a place kick, making the score 21 to nothing.

The last score of the game came in the last few minutes of the third quarter when the Crusaders threw a nice pass for about 18 yards which was good for another score. The try for extra point was not good.

### Cline Injury Leaves Hole

The fourth quarter was scoreless with both sides playing fair ball. Vernonia's apparent weakness which was noticed and commented on by all who saw the game was the lack of a defensive and offensive line. At half time the Loggers main pillar on the line, Gordon Cline, was injured and couldn't play the rest of the game. Nearly all the gains that took place in the remaining half of the game seemed to be coming right through the center of the line which Cline had been holding up.

The Loggers did show some new talent, however, in Wallgammott who was playing end and doing a pretty fair job of it. John Brown also stood out in the forward wall defense. The tackle of the game went to Owen East who took one of the Crusaders backs while carrying the ball and carried him on his shoulder for no gain on the play.

The first downs were as follows: Vernonia seven, Columbia Prep 25. Final score of the game Columbia Prep 27, Vernonia 0.

Local fans will have the chance to see the Logger B team in action again when the Scappoose B's come here Monday night at 7:30. The Logger regulars go to Scappoose this Friday for an afternoon game scheduled for 1:30 o'clock.

## Court Fines Two

The city recorder's court levied fines against two this week. Jack Parker, who had previously posted and jumped bail three times, was fined \$25 on each of those counts and also \$25 for intoxication last week end. Pete Exline was fined \$25 on a reckless driving charge for driving over a city fire hose.

## Grouse Season Opens

Blue or sooty grouse season is open now in this county and will remain open to October 25. Grouse may also be taken in Clatsop, Tillamook, Curry, Lincoln, Coos and that part of Douglas and Lane counties west of highway 99. Bag limit is two birds a day, but not more than four during the entire season.

## City Census Approved by State Sec'y

### Purpose to Tell Capite Turnover Of Highway Funds

Residents of Vernonia will be counted in a special census, the taking of which was authorized by the last legislature, City Recorder Albert Childs was informed last week by the secretary of state's office. A request for the census was made a short time before that by Mr. Childs upon authorization by the council that the count would prove beneficial.

The number of people residing within the city limits determines the basis upon which appropriations from state highway commission funds are turned over to the city. This turn over amounts to \$2.21 per capita.

Advise from the state office was that six or seven enumerators be engaged and that they would receive special instructions at an early date for carrying out the work.

An estimate of the population residing in the city now is placed at close to 2000, but that estimate is not sufficient basis for increasing the turn over of funds from the commission. At the time of the last census Vernonia's population was listed at 1425.

## Hole for Tank Being Prepared

Work started last Wednesday toward preparing the hole for installation of an 8000-gallon oil tank for the new oil burning furnace which the City of Vernonia will place in use this year. The oil burner will replace wood which has been used in previous years.

Contract for digging the hole was taken by Harold Calhoun. The space for the tank will be seven feet, seven inches by 24 feet by 12 feet deep. The city's new air compressor and jack hammer was first put to use in breaking pavement and sidewalk to start the digging job. The compressor and hammer will be used later for opening trenches which will be used for cable for the new street lighting system.

## Engineer to Leave

Ed Reichwein, engineer for the West Oregon Electric Cooperative for the past seven months, will end his work here October 20 to take a position as salesman with Madewell - Hartzell, a concern manufacturing electrical transmission and distribution equipment. He will first go to San Francisco, then St. Louis, Missouri, for schooling before being stationed at Seattle.

## Organized Groups Unite in Opposing 3 Per Cent Gross Tax as Unsound

Labor, business and farm groups have united in opposing the Townsend plan 3 per cent income tax measure that is on November 5 ballot, according to Walter W. R. May, secretary of the committee against the 3 per cent income tax, whose summary of actions in opposition to the measure was related a few days ago.

"It is significant that organized labor, the organized farmers through the Grange executive committee, and many business organizations have united in opposing this measure," said May. The Oregon State Federation of Labor (AFL) and CIO, at their state conventions have adopted resolutions opposing the measure as unsound taxation, that would add an additional income tax on all

## COUNTY NEWS

### REGISTRATION GIVES G.O.P. 4370, DEMOS 5289

ST. HELENS—Compilation of voters lists for this county for the general election Nov. 5 shows a total registration of 9811, a smaller registration than for the last presidential election.

The two major parties have registrations as follows, Republicans 4370 and Democrats 5289. Other registrations account for an additional 152 voters.

### DEPOSITS OVER FOUR MILLION

CLATSKANIE—The First National Bank in Clatskanie (a locally owned institution) reached the all-time remarkable high of \$4,276,029.55 in total assets in the statement called for by the comptroller of the currency for September 30, 1946.

Total deposits were \$4,157,038.18. All of this was time and demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations with the exception of \$117,109.14 of U.S. government deposits and \$150,359.45 of state and political subdivision deposits.

Since June 30, this year, when the previous call was made, deposits have increased over a half million dollars.

### COUNCIL ORDERS ELECTION ON 5-MILL LEVY

ST. HELENS—The city council passed the necessary resolutions and ordinances to authorize the calling of a special election Nov. 5 when the question of a five mill levy for 10 years for the improvement of S. First st. and Columbia blvd. will be voted upon by the citizens.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$125,000, and it is estimated that five mills will raise about \$12,000 per year, which will be placed in a sinking fund and used when material and labor conditions become more normal.

## Statistics Show Death Rate Drop

Oregon's traffic death rate dropped markedly in August from the previous month's level, it has been announced by Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state.

The rate, based on the number of fatalities per hundred million miles, fell from almost 12 to 9.7. Although the actual number of deaths in August traffic neared an all-time record high, the lower rate of fatalities was made possible by the tremendous volume of traffic.

"We shouldn't be fooled by the statistical drop in death rate," warned Farrell. "We have nothing to crow about, since August's toll in lives was one of the most tragic in the history of the state."

He pointed out that, while authorities are doing their utmost to curb the traffic cost in lives and property, the final record of performance rests on the actions of drivers and pedestrians.

## Enactment of Fish Bill Aim Of Sportsmen

### No. 312 Intended To Save Salmon, Steelhead Runs

The Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club, sportsmen's group, is backing the fish bill, No. 312, which voters will see on the November 5 ballot. The local backing is in cooperation with other sportsmen's groups throughout the state and the Wildlife League of Oregon which is carrying the campaign for this measure which is designed to save Oregon salmon and steelhead.

The bill is designed to "save these fish for all time and remove set nets which fish streams almost the year round, bringing profits to but a few."

### Drift Net Season Shortened

Fish bill 312 shortens the seasons generally for drift net operations, but does not outlaw drift nets which are the main reliance of fulltime commercial fishermen. It does ban the use of set nets in streams south of the Columbia to allow more steelhead to escape upstream for spawning and consequently replenish the decreasing runs of this fish.

Sports groups point out that increased runs of steelhead and salmon would mean a No. 1 tourist attraction that should be protected. At the same time commercial interests realize that runs must be protected to a greater extent if a continuing supply of food fish is to be had. It is estimated that the bill, if enacted, would save about 90 per cent of the steelhead which is a true rainbow trout.

### Legislature Approved Bill

Fish bill 312 is the one enacted by the legislature in 1945 at which time the house approved it 42 to 17, the senate 24 to 5 and Governor Snell signed it. The measure was not satisfactory to all commercial fishermen, hence the referendum petition sponsored by fishermen from the Siletz, Tillamook and Nehalem bay areas.

January 1, 1946 was the original effective date for the act but the time was postponed and will now depend upon the action of voters November 5.

## Annual Banquet Set November 4

The annual father and son banquet which is sponsored by the Evangelical church is scheduled this year for November 4, the committee in charge announces this week. The affair is held each year in the church social hall.

The dinner will be served family style and a speaker for the event will be announced in a few days. The church brotherhood acts as the banquet sponsor.

In normal times sixty percent of all Oregon's income from manufacturing comes from her forest resources.

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