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Rehabilitation Of Toll Lines In Progress

Early Completion To Improve Local Service—Barber

General rehabilitation of toll lines between Vernonia and Forest Grove is now in progress according to word received yesterday from Harley Barber, district manager of the West Coast Telephone company. This work should be completed early in December according to Mr. Barber. It will greatly increase the efficiency of long distance calling in the area. Reconstruction of urban lines in conjunction with the West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc., is also in progress.

Local and long-distance service in Vernonia has improved greatly in the past 30 days, said Barber, and will improve steadily as more materials and equipment become available. A system-wide expansion program of over five and a half million dollars has been scheduled by the telephone company, but many phases of this work are being delayed due to shortages of materials.

"There are still 41 unfilled orders for telephone service in the Vernonia exchange," said Barber. "Since V-J day we have been able to get telephone instruments for only 25 per cent of our total orders. Other shortages such as cable, lead, copper wire, central office equipment, etc., also have slowed down the progress of our expansion.

"The West Coast Telephone company is doing everything possible to restore its service to its high pre-war levels. It has taken us much longer than we anticipated to obtain equipment and supplies, and many vital items are still difficult or impossible to secure. We will continue, however, to make every effort to speed up our expansion and service-improving program."

Loggers Win 1st Court Try

Coach Hergert's Loggers captured their first court win of the season Tuesday evening when Forest Grove invaded the local floor to lose 27 to 23. The coach has cut the squad from the number first turning out and will concentrate on the rough spots from now on. The lineup Tuesday listed Cline as high scorer.

Vernonia		Forest Grove
Anderson 2	f	9 Havernick
Cline 9	f	Parmley
Byers 2	c	Hodge
Tapp 5	g	Morgan
Grenia 4	g	4 Noah

Subs: Vernonia—Tiffany, Williams, Renfro 3, Parker 4, Frank, Walcott 2, East, New and Sabilino; Forest Grove—Simmons 4, Borst, Swanson 2 and Cunningham 6.

The Loggers led the scoring for the entire game. Tillamook is next on the schedule here Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Logger seconds lost to the Grove 22 to 27 after leading for the first two periods and tying in the third frame.

Part of Light Material Received; Census Taken

City councilmen met early this week to hear a report of the recently completed census, to take a stand on the hearing next Monday at which time the West Coast Telephone company will ask a tariff increase and to learn that part of the material needed for the intended street light installation has arrived.

At this meeting Neal Bush, attorney, was authorized by the councilmen to appear at the public utilities commission hearing in Portland December 9 when the West Coast Telephone company will appear before the public utilities commission to ask for emergency relief from in-

creased labor and operating costs through an increase in telephone rates. The city will register an objection to the increase.

On hand so far in the line of the necessary supplies to make the new mercury-vapor street light installation is the transformer, Albert Childs, recorder, mentioned. No word has been received as to delivery of the remaining supplies needed for the set-up.

Councilmen also learned results of the recently-completed census. City population now has been determined at 1420, somewhat less than estimated. Compiling the figures were Mrs. June Wasser, Mrs. Frances Mullins, Mrs. Frank Hartwick, Mrs. John Grady and Mrs. Arthur Nanson. The census was authorized by the secretary of state's office and carried out under the system authorized by that office.

Graney Rites Read Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Susan Graney were held at the Bush Funeral Home Wednesday, December 4 at 2 p.m. with Rev. E. P. Baker in charge. Interment was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Mrs. Graney was born July 22, 1887, at Mobile, Alabama, and passed away November 23 at the age of 59 years, four months and six days.

Surviving are two sons, Robert J. and Thomas W. Fulton, both of Vernonia; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine M. Johns of Vernonia; a brother, Joe Daniels of DeRidder, Louisiana, and ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Graney had been a resident of Vernonia for about 21 years.

IWA Meets Grove CIO This Eve.

The I.W.A. basketball team will meet the Forest Grove CIO five here tonight, Thursday, at the high school gym. The game will be the first for the local team this year, but the IWA squad has been turning out steadily for several weeks preparing for the winter's schedule.

The court action is scheduled for 8 o'clock sharp, John Roediger, manager, says.

Young People Expected

Guests this Sunday at the local Nazarine chapel will be a group of young people from Portland Central Nazarene church. Several special numbers in music will be furnished by the group. Rev. H. L. Russell will bring the message.

Dairy Club to Meet

The Nehalem 4-H Dairy club will meet Saturday, December 7, at 2 p.m. at the Washington grade school Jerry Oakes, secretary, announced Monday. All members are asked to attend and parents and visitors are welcome.



Sportsmen to Meet

The Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club will meet Friday night at the I.O.O.F. hall, Harry King, president of the group, said Tuesday.



(U. S. Public Health Service Photo)

These workers are lined up for their chest X-rays—to make sure that they haven't tuberculosis. Periodic chest X-rays, to find TB before its outward symptoms are apparent, are advocated by tuberculosis associations. The campaign of the associations against the disease is supported by the sale of Christmas Seals.

Lions to Get Charter Next Mon. Evening

District Lion Representative Plans Attendance

Preparations for the Lions club charter night here Monday, December 9 are nearing completion. Frank D. Seelye, charter night chairman, said Wednesday. The affair has been arranged to begin at 7:30 with a turkey dinner to be served at the Masonic Temple by the Nehalem Social club.

Present for the evening will be Kenneth Wilcox, deputy district Lion governor, who will present the local club's charter. Acting as sponsor for this club will be the Hillsboro Lions club of which Neal Bush is president.

Mr. Seelye, in outlining the Monday affair indicated that members attending the dinner must be accompanied by their wives or lady friends. At present the club membership exceeds 40 men and others who wish to be listed as charter members have but a few days to join before the charter is presented.

Ex-Vernonia Man Drowns

Thomas Bramblett, former resident of Vernonia, drowned last Saturday in the Umpqua river near Scottsburg. He complained of feeling dizzy while running a trap line and tumbled into the river. His son, Richard, 9, was present and saw the drowning after which he ran to a government housing project nearby to obtain help but it was impossible to locate the father. He was wearing heavy clothing, boots and a pack sack.

After the search, the boy hiked 13 miles to Reedport to tell his mother of the tragedy. Surviving are the widow, Jenny; a daughter, Betty, 12, and Richard. The Bramblett's left here about two years ago.

Honor List of Names Compiled

Twenty-one high school students attained honor roll rating with the completion of the last six-week period, Principal Ray Mills said this week. The Sophomore class led the school with eight students on the roll.

By classes the students were: Seniors—Elna Morris, Mary Ann Johns, Cora Dusenberry, Miriam Corll and Owen East; Juniors—Martha Wells, Florence Tisdale and Theresa Schmidlin;

Sophomores—Georgianna Mills, Sally Kaspar, Arlene Kirk, Delores Johnson, Maxine Hartwick; Alice George, John Berg and Mary June Armstrong; Freshmen—Betty Jane Snook, Donna Mae Barrett, Marjorie Roland, Sally Olin and Lois Frank.

Auxiliary Plans Dance

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars announces a Pearl Harbor dance for Saturday night of this week. The event is scheduled for the Legion hall.

Yule Program Dated

The Christmas program of the Evangelical Sunday school will be given on the evening of December 22 at 7:30 in place of the regular church service. A varied program of song, recitation and pantomime is being prepared as well as Christmas treats for all in attendance.

60,000 Trees Received for Planting; Work Starts

Glen Hawkins, Columbia County Tree Farm manager, announced the start of tree planting Friday when he said that 50,000 Douglas fir and 10,000 Port Orford cedar seedlings had been received. The work will probably require sev-

eral weeks time because much of it is done on week ends by high school boys. The first planting this winter was done Friday by 16 boys who were divided into 6 to 8-man crews.

It is likely that the number of planters will increase later Mr. Hawkins said and it is also likely that more seedlings than those on hand will be received before the work is completed.

The work this year is scheduled for the Crooked creek area in sections 15 and 16, township 5 north, range 4 west. This area was logged in 1941 before the state conservation act became effective and as a result few seed trees were left standing and some of those were destroyed by subsequent fires.

Phone Company Asks Rate Raise

A public hearing has been scheduled by George H. Flagg, public utilities commissioner of Oregon, to hear testimony concerning a petition filed by the West Coast Telephone company requesting tariff schedule increases.

The hearing is scheduled for December 9 at 10 a.m. in the Blue Room of the Multnomah hotel.

The company is asking that "emergency relief be granted to cover increased labor and other operating costs by permitting tariff schedules increasing existing telephone rates by \$205,000.00 and establishing certain new toll rates over free service interchange routes . . ."

The West Coast Telephone company furnishes telephone and telegraph service in 41 cities and towns in its Forest Grove, LaGrande, Klamath and Coos Bay districts in Oregon and 22 cities and towns in Washington.

Commission Tells Trapping Rules

Individuals desiring to trap furbearing animals during the open season from November 15 to February 15 are warned that it is necessary to mark all traps with a brand registered with the office of the game commission. Landowners are not required to have a trapping license to trap on their own land but are required to register the location of their land and their trap brands.

Furbearers for which the season is open include marten, mink, muskrat, otter and raccoon. There is no open season for fisher, beaver and ringtail cat. Unprotected species, such as coyotes, bobcats, cougar, fox, weasel, skunk and badger, may be taken at any time.

Attention is called to the new regulation prohibiting the use of the flesh of salmon and steelhead as trap bait, as well as the flesh of any game birds and game animals.

PLANNED ECONOMY

By PAULSON



"Here's a ten-page questionnaire from The Bureau of Bovine Contentment. The only way we can answer it . . . is to ask the cow!"