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New Vernonia Bank Receives F.D.I.C. Okeh

Improvements of Building to Set Date of Opening

George E. Laver, cashier of the Commercial Bank of Banks announced January 6 that final approval has been received from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the opening of a branch bank in Vernonia.

This approval has been pending since early October, 1946 shortly after officials of the Banks bank were here to examine the old Bank of Vernonia building, make preliminary arrangements with the City of Vernonia, owner of the building, and survey this area for banking possibilities. Application for the bank was made both to the F.D.I.C. and the state banking examiner at that time.

Mr. Laver is scheduled to speak here before the Lions club next Monday noon. At that time he will probably tell more of the bank's plans for the future.

The city building, which will be used by the new institution, is equipped with vaults and bank fixtures. Vernonia has been without a bank since 1932 and is the largest incorporated city in the state without banking facilities.

An official opening of the business is scheduled just as soon as the necessary improvements can be made which will consist of a new acoustical ceiling, fluorescent lights and a complete interior redecoration. Mr. Laver stated that this work is expected to be completed within 60 days.

The Commercial Bank of Banks, affiliate of the Commercial National Bank of Hillsboro, has capital funds of \$850,000 and deposits of over \$20,000,000. Other affiliates of the Hillsboro concern are located at St. Paul, Newberg and Tillamook.

Station Records Tell Cold Figures

Mrs. Helen Spofford's cooperative weather station thermometer officially establishes the low degree reading for this vicinity as 12, she announced late last week when making a report of the weather. The 12-degree reading was made December 30. Maximum temperature for December is listed for the second day of the month with 55 degrees.

Mrs. Spofford also checked the cooperative station records of the previous seven years to determine other low marks. They are: December 14, 1945, 16 degrees; December 11, 1944, 19 degrees; January 18, 1943, 1 degree; January 1, 1942, 12 degrees; January 2, 1941, 20 degrees and December 14, 1940, 13 degrees.

Anniversary Event Planned

An anniversary event, the second, and an opening sale is scheduled next week by the Brunzman store, Pete Brunzman, owner, said this week. Gifts for the ladies will be given away during the day, Thursday, and that day will also mark an opening sale for the store's enlargement which is nearing completion.

Mr. Brunzman will have some scarce merchandise on hand for the event which will complete two years that the store has been open here. The enlargement is the third since the business was started.

Gordon to Head Polio Dime Drive in Vernonia

Paul Gordon will head the Vernonia area annual March of Dimes drive to help raise this county's portion of the national fund which each year is devoted to the care of people stricken with the disease and to research concerning the disease.

Mr. Gordon received notification of his appointment by Cecil Johnson, Scappoose mayor and head of the county drive, a few days ago. The local chairman will receive supplies for conducting the local drive. The same procedure will be followed this year as last in that dime banks will be placed in business houses and remittance cards will be mailed to rural box-holders in order that everyone may have the chance to contribute.

The local fund already has re-

January 15 Is Report Deadline

The deadline for reporting agricultural conservation practices is almost here and only a small percentage of the money available for payment has been used.

Farmers signed with the AAA are again urged to come in and file their compliance reports. Meetings for the purpose of taking these reports have been held in various communities in the county, but the lumber reporting was not very large. The county committee feels that there are still a lot of conservation practices completed but not reported. These practices should be reported as there is enough money available to make 100 per cent payment on those practices carried out.

All indications show that not all of Columbia county's allocation will be used this year. This means that some other county will get a portion of this county's allotment for 1946 and probably the allotment for 1947 will be cut down if it is not all used this year. This is far from being a desirable situation for a county which shows from surveys and conservation work intentions that at least four times as much is needed as has been done.

Any farmer wishing to report should contact the county office in St. Helens before January 15. Farmers who received lime from the AAA office should be doubly sure that they make this report as they will be indebted to the government if no report is made on the use of this lime.

Power Shut-off Scheduled Fri.

The main business section of Vernonia will be without electricity for probably four hours Friday morning of this week West Oregon Manager Frank D. Seelye said Wednesday morning.

The shut-off is necessary in order to carry out the rehabilitation of the distribution system in that district he said.

The line crew has been working in the business section since the first of the week preparing for the change that will provide considerably better service there.

Shop Partly Done

The new building being constructed to house the Vernonia Welding Shop is partially completed, but cannot be fully made ready for use until the arrival of some construction materials. Remainder of the work is planned for completion in February. The structure provides 24 feet by 32 feet of floor area.

Father Dies Thursday

J. F. Fredricey, father of Mrs. Ira Lee passed away at his home in Portland January 2.

ceived a boost from last Saturday's Logger-Battle Ground basketball game. Proceeds from the evening's admissions were donated by the high school to the dime drive Principal Ray Mills said this week and amounted to \$28.70.

Other plans for the polio drive here include a Legion and Auxiliary dance on the night of January 25 at the Legion hall with net funds for that affair also to be devoted to the campaign. No orchestra arrangements have been made yet for that night.

This county has already had considerable use of contributions of other years, Mr. Gordon said Tuesday. During 1946 seven county residents received help from the fund the largest expenditure being \$4766.09 for Beulah Bardell of Goble. Two Vernonia boys have received treatments from the fund and one still is receiving help. They are Gene Beck and Ralph Bergerson, the former being the one who is now getting aid.

Other county people who have been helped are Claudia Reeves and Larry Lampman of St. Helens, Anna Hunt of Clatskanie and Delbert Kahr of Rainier. The county chapter is now indebted to the national chapter for the sum of \$1000 which it was necessary to borrow in order to pay for these treatments.

COUNTY NEWS

NEW YEAR QUIET AT RAINIER

RAINIER — Rainier business houses in general were closed for New Year's day following an exceptionally busy pre-holiday season.

The city remained quiet on New Year's Eve, and the passing of the old year brought only a few gunshots and auto horn blasts. In the distance could be heard extensive mill whistle blowing in Longview-Kelso.

The only formal observance noted was a program at the Assembly of God church and a dance at the Odd Fellows hall.

ANNUAL CLINIC PLANNED JANUARY 15

ST. HELENS—The annual clinic for Columbia county crippled children will be held in room 208 of the courthouse on January 15, according to Miss Ruth Peffley, Columbia county health nurse. Clinic hours will be from 9:00 to 12:00 in the morning and from 1:30 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

CLERK FEES TOTAL \$14,669 FOR YEAR

ST. HELENS—Total fees collected at the county clerk's office for the year 1946 amounted to \$14,669. Fees are as follows: circuit judge, \$578; district attorney \$595; reporter, \$640; law library, \$459.20; migratory chattel, \$278; dance licenses, \$40; liquor licenses, \$180; treasurer, \$11,898.80.

Fees collected at the county clerk's office in December totalled \$1170.65.

Angling Rules Next Game Topic

The 1947 angling regulations will come up for consideration when the Oregon State game commission holds its annual hearing on January 11 at its office at 1634 S.W. Alder street, Portland.

Season bag limits and regulations affecting the methods of taking game fish will be determined for the ensuing year.

Upon final adjournment of the hearing, the regulations adopted become effective and cannot be changed until the following year except in the case of an extreme emergency.

Co-op Annual Meeting Set For Jan. 18

Director Election, By-Law Changes to Get Member Action

The second annual meeting of West Coast Electric Cooperative is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, at the Legion hall here, Manager Frank D. Seelye said a few days ago when he announced plans for the event which is expected to draw a large number of consumers to Vernonia for the day.

The cooperative manager is making extensive plans for the day and has the assistance of many local business firms in welcoming the people who will be present. Merchandise displays and gifts are being arranged that will add much interest to the meeting in addition to the regular business meeting.

Seven directors are to be chosen to represent the seven cooperative districts served in addition to action concerning by-laws of the organization.

State F.O.E. Men To Talk Here

Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are requested to be present for the Order's regular meeting Friday evening of this week, January 10. The lodge at that time will be visited by Chester Capone, member of the state organization board and William King, district director.

Announcement of the planned visit of the state officers was made by H. W. Carrick, F.O.E. president and George Armstrong, secretary, of the local lodge.

Bowling Alley Opening Made

Another means of recreation was opened to the public of this area last week end when Desmond Laird announced that the bowling alleys, under construction since August at Dessy's Tavern were ready for use.

Erection of an addition to the present building and installation of new heating equipment and furnishings has been in progress since August. Some delay was experienced in opening sooner due to the usual present-day difficulties in obtaining building materials, Mr. Laird said.

The alleys will be under the management of Frank Chaney.

4-H Dairy Club Holds Meeting

The Nehalem Dairy 4-H club members held their regular meeting Saturday, January 4, with their leader, Ralph McKee. All the members were present for the meeting and nearly all of them now have calves. Each attendant answered the roll call by giving a short report on the feeding and care of his or her calf.

The club membership now lists six names. They are: Edwina Siedelman, Harold Schmidlin, Darrell McKee, Pat Lloyd, Margaret Buckley and Jerry Oakes.

Battle Ground Wins

Battle Ground won again from the Loggers Saturday night when the Washington team came here in a return game by a 25 to 33 score. The strangers top lineup included five boys all over six feet in height. Eleven points of the visitors score was made on free throws which resulted when the shorter Loggers attempted to gain possession of the ball.

Scouts Slate Honor Court

A Boy Scout court of honor is scheduled here Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Scoutmaster Ed Frazee said Tuesday evening when he extended an invitation to parents of Scouts and friends of the troop to attend.

Presiding at the court Thursday will be C. Byron Walker, field executive of the Forest Grove district.

Going before the court for first class rank will be Bill Shipman, Rex Normand and Billy Wells and for Second Class, Jerry Oakes. Several merit badges are also to be awarded that evening.

Loggers Win 1st League Game Fri.

Coach Jake Hergert's first-string Loggers, having completed their pre-league games of the season, took the floor last Friday night to meet and scalp the Scappoose Indians 36 to 23 in what may initial a winning season for the Vernonia boys.

The court action Friday marked the first appearance here of another team scheduled for competition in the Lower Columbia League which includes all the county teams plus Seaside. League play this year is reputedly going to be on a nearly even basis, with plenty of action promised.

Duke Byers was top tallyman for the evening, but was followed closely by Donald Clins with 12. Byers totaled 13 points.

Vernonia will go to St. Helens Friday for the second league try but the Loggers will again play on the local floor the Friday following when Clatskanie is scheduled here.

Last Friday's lineups were:
Vernonia Scappoose
Anderson 6 f 10 B. Baker
Renfro 4 f 3 J. Baker
Cline 12 c Colter
Grenia 1 g 2 Engstrom
Byers 13 g 7 Hammerback

Subs: Vernonia—Parker, Williams, Walcott, Frank, Tapp; Scappoose — Miller 1, Eckert, Hartshorn, Kaymeyer, Rickert.

Other league games played last Friday gave wins to St. Helens over Clatskanie and Rainier over Seaside.

The Logger and Scappoose seconds headed the evening's billing with the Loggers coming out second best with 14 points for the Indians' 30. Williams of Vernonia scored 13 points.

3A Relieved of Priority Work

From now on, farmers needing government approval or priorities for new construction will file their applications with the federal housing administration for dwellings or with the office of temporary controls for non-dwelling construction. Both of these offices are located in Portland. Although there has been quite a bit of confusion in the past few weeks as to the agencies handling this work, it has now been definitely established that county committees will not have charge of the details.

This is the last of a large variety of wartime activities involving priorities, rationing, and allocations that county committees took on as special services to farmers. Starting in the new year, however, the county committee will be able to give all of its attention to the regular agricultural program and to problems of production, marketing, and mainly to the job of soil conservation.

F.O.E. Dance Slated

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is planning a dance for Saturday night of this week at the Legion hall. The dance will be the first sponsored by this organization for some time and music will be furnished by Red O'Brien.

Large Order Of REA Wire Is Shipped

12,300 Pounds to Complete Warren-Vernonia Line

News that will be highly pleasing to practically all West Oregon Electric consumers was announced the first of the week by the Cooperative Manager, Frank D. Seelye. He said that the cooperative had been notified December 31 by the Aluminum Co. of America that shipment would be made January 6, 1947 of 12,300 pounds of wire.

As soon as delivery is taken here, cooperative employees will begin work of installing the conductor on the remainder of the Warren-Vernonia line and drive that work to completion as soon as possible.

A Bonneville substation has already been constructed at Warren where this transmission line will connect with Bonneville's Astoria-St. Johns circuit.

At present, Mr. Seelye said, the cooperative's power requirements have almost trebled over last year. In October, 1945 the load was 325 KW as compared with 864 KW demand in November, 1946. Cooperative officials say that the Warren-Vernonia line will provide an abundance of electrical energy as well as restore continuity of service that has been impossible under present arrangements where insufficient power was available. Further expansion is planned late this year which will make possible a boost in voltage to 33,000 and at the same time increase capacity another 50 per cent.

This contemplated expansion, when completed, should take care of the normal growth of the Nehalem Valley for 1948 and the first half of 1949. In 1949 the Cooperative plans installation of additional transformers in the Vernonia substation which will double the capacity of the substation and take care of growth for 1950 to 1955.

Estimating that the growth and requirements for electric energy throughout the valley will continue, the board of directors and manager have requested the Bonneville Power Administration to consider additional facilities in 1954. By laying plans to cover a 10-year period, the cooperative hopes to eliminate a possibility of facing a power shortage again.

Mechanics School Being Considered

The possibility of an automotive mechanics training school to refresh old mechanics and teach new mechanics the latest theories of engine mechanics was being considered here late last week by a local resident who did not wish his name divulged until more concrete action can be taken on the proposal.

The course will include history of the auto industry, theory and practical instruction of gas engines and a specialists course on ignition, carburation and starter and battery.

The entire course can be completed within eight weeks. All texts pertaining to the course will be furnished free including the necessary paper materials. Local people wishing further information are asked to fill out the coupon below and mail to Box 247, c/o Engine Mechanics, Vernonia, Ore.

Those interested in aviation mechanics may also fill in the coupon. Approximate cost of the course if a charge were made would be \$40.

Name

Address

Cozy to Open

N. B. Johnson, new owner of the Cozy Confectionery, re-opened the store again Wednesday after being closed several days for repairs. Mr. Johnson purchased the business several weeks ago from Mrs. Cleve Robertson.

Sportsmen to Meet

The Nehalem Rod and Gun club is scheduled to meet Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock Club President Harry King announced Wednesday. The meeting is scheduled for the I.O.O.F. hall.