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## Lions to Back Sale of Tickets for Grid Event

The Loggers will receive the backing of the Vernonia Lions club for the coming grid game when Vernonia's team meets St. Helens here September 24, Friday of next week, at 8 p.m. Decision to conduct the sale was made Monday evening at the club's meeting when Ray Mills, high school principal, brought up the subject.

Tickets for the game, one of the most outstanding annual classics of the two teams, are being prepared and will be placed on sale this week considerably in advance of the date in order to assure an excellent attendance.

The Loggers will go to Tillamook this Friday for their first showing and will spend the next week ironing out any difficulties

## Y. C. Rallies to Start in Oct.

Plans are being formulated for rallies by the Youth for Christ committee. Newly elected director for Youth for Christ of Vernonia is Rev. Howard Hollar, Pastor of the Assembly of God church. A youth council consists of two young people from each of the cooperating churches has been appointed. They are June Childress, captain; Barbara Bass, assistant; Lois Frank, secretary-treasurer; Ralph Sawyer, Barbara Brown, Marguerite Thomas and Lorin Weidman.

The first rally will be held some time in October.

The financial obligation is carried on a sponsorship basis a sponsor being one who has pledged to give one dollar a rally, to be signed and collected by the youth council. Sponsorship cards will be given to each sponsor.

Rallies will be scheduled from October through May and announcement of the date of the first rally will be made soon.

## Outage to Come Again Sunday

Another outage of electric service will take place early Sunday morning, September 19, when further work on the Riverview substation of West Oregon Electric and the Bonneville substation at Warren will be undertaken.

The power shut-off is scheduled for 1 a.m. until the work is completed which will probably be between 4 and 6 a.m.

During this time the change over to handle 33,000 volts will be made. The Cooperative will probably complete what work is necessary at Riverview earlier than the change-over required at Warren.

## 53 4-H Members Represent County At State Fair; Bring Home Awards

4-H Club members of Columbia county brought home a record total of 18 awards from the state fair at Salem last week.

Three championships, 7 blue awards, 5 red awards and 3 special awards were won by 13 members out of the 53 representing the County.

Many comments were received from spectators and representatives from the State 4-H Club offices on the gardening and the clothing demonstrations and the county homemaking exhibit, according to F. H. Dahl, county extension agent. "The general trend of the remarks was that Columbia County was leading the way for the whole state in the home-making project," Dahl said. He gave credit to the local leaders for excellent work with the individual members.

Largest individual winner was Clifford Shoemaker, Scappoose, with a championship in bachelor sewing, a blue award in cookery,

that may come up from that game in order to be ready for the Saints and the first Lower Columbia League encounter for both teams.

It is likely also that high school students will conduct a rally downtown previous to next week's event in order to heighten enthusiasm of both fans and students.

## 339 Eat School Hot Lunch Wed.

The hot lunch program went into its third day Wednesday to provide food for 316 school youngsters and 23 teachers Superintendent Paul Gordon said after the noon meal had been served. That figure is over double the amount estimated necessary to provide for by the state department of education when advice was sought this summer. The 316 youngsters also number over half of the grade school enrollment which now approaches 600.

By Wednesday most difficulties of starting the program had been overcome with the exception of dishes, more of which have been ordered.

The response of youngsters, their parents and townspersons has been gratifying from several standpoints, Mr. Gordon indicated. One purpose of the program is to provide milk for all children participating and so far, all but three drink the beverage. Some adults have requested that they be permitted to eat with the youngsters but so far it has been impossible to accommodate them. However, after this week it is possible that all can be cared for.

Payment of a dollar per week in advance is helping to eliminate the loss of time from school work teachers must devote to handling the money. In addition, considerable bookkeeping is avoided by the advance payment.

## Tourney, Picnic Events for Sun.

Golfers who are members of the I.O.O.F. lodge will participate in a handicap tournament at the Vernonia Country club next Sunday, Rex Hess reminded again early this week and he also announced that a picnic will be part of the day's entertainment. Play will start about 9 a.m. and the picnic about 2 o'clock.

In addition to the golf event, trophies for the club championship tournament, which ended a short time ago, will be presented Sunday.

and a blue award and the American Viscose company's special for clothing demonstration with Robert Patterson, Scappoose. The other championships, and a blue award, went to Mary Olive Kessi, Scappoose, in homemaking I, and to Carol Bennett and Iris Johnston, Warren, for their garden demonstration.

Other blue ribbon winners were: Ann Ortnier, Vernonia, knitting, and Robert Peterson, Scappoose, bachelor sewing.

Red awards went to Carolyn Bond, St. Helens, homemaking III; Venitta Mishell, Warren, homemaking III; Mae Ellen Mowery, Warren, homemaking III; Janet Mae Shoemaker, Scappoose, clothing IA; Rose Barr, St. Helens clothing III.

Other special awards went to Bernard and Kuhlman Miller, Deer Island, who were chosen to get registered holstein heifers at the annual holstein selection day at the fair.

## Glen A. Hall Services to Be Held Sun.

### Serviceman's Body To Be Interred Here; Dedication Planned

Funeral services for Glen A. Hall, local serviceman who met death during the last war during a battle at Mindanao, will be held here Sunday at 2 p.m. The remains are being shipped here and will arrive Saturday.

S/Sgt. Glen A. Hall was born May 14, 1922 and entered the service in 1940 with the National Guard when men in that branch were called into action. He served until March 30, 1945 when he met death at Mindanao at the hands of a Jap machine gunner.

The deceased serviceman is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. B. Killingberg; a brother, Bill Hall and two sisters, Jo Carrick and Mickey Hall.

Services are being arranged by the Bush Funeral Home to be held at the chapel at 2 o'clock with graveside services to follow at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery. Rev. Allen H. Backer will deliver the funeral sermon and graveside services will be in charge of Smith-Christensen Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Pallbearers will be friends of the deceased who accompanied him into the service. They are: Frank Lusby, Edwin Ade, George Turner, George King, George Peachey and Pete Vike.

After the graveside rites, memorial to the World War dead will be dedicated. The bronze tablet which is being provided by the Vernonia Mother's Service club for that purpose and the expenses of materials and labor have been provided from funds set aside when the club was active during the war.

## Billing Machine Being Installed

Installation was being made Wednesday of an Underwood-Sundstrand billing machine at the West Oregon Electric office. The machine will use post cards to notify consumers of the Cooperative about their monthly electric service charges.

Considerable savings in postage and labor in addition to the elimination of billing mistakes will be accomplished by the equipment so that eventually the installation will pay for the expenditure. Two cents will be saved by the Cooperative on each piece mailed by using the post card instead of the statement enclosed in an envelope as has been done previously.

## Church Painted

The exterior of the Assembly of God church was painted recently by Elgus Frank and his sons, Jack, after a group of men had prepared the building for the work. The men of the church also have strengthened the foundation of the church parsonage.

## Representatives Here

Lyle F. Ormsbee, special representative of Lions International was a guest of the Vernonia Lions club Monday evening. He spoke to club members concerning their activities and the projects that can be accomplished by such an organization.

## Booster Night Scheduled

Saturday, September 25, will be Booster night when the Vernonia Grange will entertain friends and neighbors with an evening program.

Lesta Garner, Grange lecturer is making plans for a large evening and a large crowd, as the public is invited to come and see and get acquainted.

## Short Gas Supply Felt

The shortage of gasoline, predicted last week, was a reality at local service stations this week as of Tuesday when most operators cut the sale to each customer to five gallons to bring back memories of war time rationing.

True, no coupons were necessary to get the prescribed amount, but the request to "fill 'er up" didn't bring that result.

A good many car owners were taking what precaution they could by keeping tanks full as much as possible and a few drivers were noted making the rounds of more than one station if their car tanks happened to be nearly empty at the start.

Service stations were being allotted 75 per cent of sales recorded in July. The allotment basis was set up for distributing plants on order by Robert Orman Case, coordinator for the state, but the station operators have been given no order as to how much they shall sell to each consumer.

## Women Start Bowling Season

The coming season of bowling started Monday evening of this week when four women's bowling teams competed. These teams were the first to use the new semi-automatic pin setters in league bowling.

The four teams their captains and points are: Dessy's (2), Dolly Laird; Vernonia Drug (2), Vivian Laird; V.F.W., (4), Mary Wiese and Johnson Service Station (0), Trudy Magoff.

Members of the teams who will bowl this year are: Dolly Laird, Marguerite Burton; Evelyn Holce, Margaret Juola, Lena Schroeder, Vivian Laird, Hazel Shipman, Gladys Greenwood, Bessie Hensley, Arlene Kirk, Mary Wiese, Mickey Roberson, Marge Junken, Dorothy Walker, Alice Gwin, Trudy Magoff, Mickey Davis, Bobbie Dyer and Jo Hanel.

High series was held by Marguerite Burton, 436, for three games.

## Daylight Time to End Sept. 26

Daylight saving time will probably continue in Vernonia until September 26 when Portland is scheduled to change the clocks back to the regular setting. That was the opinion advanced Tuesday by Mayor George Johnson. The Mayor pointed out that no definite action had been taken by the council when the change to daylight saving time was made and probably none would be taken to return to normal.

However, the opinion advanced about the change was not definite and some decision between now and September 26 may change the clock setting before that time.

## Public Invited To PAC Rally

September 19 is the date set for the next meeting of the Political Action committee of Northwest Oregon M. A. Oakes, secretary-treasurer of the committee, said Tuesday and the group will convene at that time at Seaside's city park or IWA hall, depending on the weather.

The meeting will be open to the public.

Manley J. Wilson, democratic candidate for U. S. senate, will be the main speaker of the day. Henry Niemela, secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's union and democratic candidate for the state legislature, will also talk at the meeting.

## 74 Miles of Line Completed By Contractor to Serve New West Oregon Electric Users

The construction work on 74 miles of electric distribution line will be completed this week by the Canby Electric Service to add over 200 new consumers to the list of those already served by West Oregon Electric Cooperative. Announcement of the completion was made public Wednesday by West Oregon Manager Guy Thomas. The Cooperative board of directors also received a report of the work accomplished so far at their regularly monthly meeting held Tuesday evening.

The new construction covers area up Pebble creek into Top Hill, Scoffield, Strassel, Bacona and roads leading into Buxton and Manning as well as the Chapman-

## 200 Sign Up Under Draft

The number of young men signing up under the new selective service law reached 200 here Wednesday morning according to Bill J. Horn, registrar, who is handling the work in this part of the county for the county board.

The total now lacks little of being double the number Thursday of last week.

Figures were released late last week by the county board for registrations up to and including September 7 as follows: 1922-43; 1923-130; 1924-119; 1925-150; 1926-37; 1927-10; 1928-6; 1929-3 and 1930-2 for a grand total of 500. Thirty-six transient cards were sent to other boards to bring the overall sign-up to 535.

## New Owners to Operate Station

W. H. Grosche and Ted Thorbergson have purchased the Chapman Service station and began operation of the business Monday, September 13. Harvey Redding will continue to work there. The station will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mr. Grosche comes here from Vancouver, Washington and Mr. Thorbergson from Warren. The men were formerly partners in the operation of a station at Scappoose.

## Leaves for School

Roy Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Frank, left Monday for Springfield, Missouri where he will begin studies at the Central Bible Institute and may also work part time in the printing plant operated at the school. Roy had been employed as printer by The Vernonia Eagle since June, 1944, working after school hours while attending high school and during the summer vacation periods.

## Lumber, Logging Workers Get Top Earnings in 1947; Climb Continues

Workers in Oregon's busy logging camps and lumber mills increased their average earnings last year by more than 20 per cent to pass the three-thousand-dollar mark, according to information compiled by the Oregon state unemployment compensation commission. Earnings approached the wartime record of \$3,090 established by shipyard and aircraft employes in 1944.

Median wages of 54,200 workers with principal employment in lumber and logging reached \$3,016 in 1947, while for the 44,400 employes who stayed with the industry throughout the year the median wage was \$3,134. The best previous record for this group of workers was \$2,539 in 1944, while in 1946 the median well to \$2,502.

Spitzenberg area. The latter area will be about 95 per cent served when work on a substation in that vicinity is completed within the next two weeks. The new line is being energized as quickly as possible to bring service to homes never before enjoying the conveniences of electricity.

At the board meeting Tuesday, no action was taken by West Oregon directors on the street light schedule of charges which has been a subject of controversy between the Cooperative and Vernonia city councilmen. Since the last discussion and action on the matter by the council, local Cooperative officials have forwarded the information to the rate section of the REA management division in Washington, D. C., but there has been no reply.

Disagreement on the street light rates arose some time ago when a proposed new rate higher than and the Cooperative asked that the two per cent gross earnings that formerly paid was suggested tax assessed West Oregon by the city be removed. Further action on the rate subject will probably be taken when word is received from Washington by the Cooperative.

The board acted Tuesday to send the manager and Paul A. Gordon, one of the members, to Great Falls, Montana October 4 and 5 where they will attend the national REA cooperative association meeting. Manager Thomas will also go to Eugene October 19 to 22 inclusive for a brush-up meeting sponsored by the REA management division for managers in most of region 9.

## Frosh Initiated; Pictures Taken

The mixed-up manner of dress could have been confusing to some people Wednesday had they not known that the day was devoted to Freshman initiation. The usual custom of requiring that some manner other than usual was stipulated by the Sophomores who had the chance to retaliate for the treatment they received last year.

The taking of individual pictures of the Seniors will be done today by Bruno Studio, Portland, in preparation for the annual edition of the Memolog which will be published later this year.

All students will be away from classes Friday during the one-day teacher's institute.

## P.-T.A. to Meet

The Parent-teachers association is scheduled to meet Monday, September 20 at the Washington grade school.

The commission report also has compiled figures to show that in the first complete year (1946) after the close of the war only 10.2 per cent of the regular workers in lumber and logging earned \$4,000 or more. Last year 11,490 or 21.2 per cent reached this bracket. With the average number of workers in this principal Oregon industry approaching the 80,000 mark, pay rolls passed \$230 millions for 1947, more than 50 per cent above any previous 12-month period in the history of the state.

Although this year's reports from employers have been completed for only the first quarter 1948 promises to establish much higher records, both for total payrolls and average earnings.