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## Councilmen Talk License; Business Definition Asked

City councilmen were again confronted Monday evening with a problem concerning the city occupation license, which recently was considered at a hearing in the circuit court at St. Helens. The council also heard City Attorney Neal Bush explain that the case may be appealed from the decision handed down by Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman that the license covers bread trucks which deliver here from bakeries located elsewhere.

The problem that councilmen were asked to decide Monday was what constituted a business under the wording of the license ordinance. The question was posed by John Kirk who operates a machine and repair shop as a hobby after regular hours of work. He

## Heavy Tree Seed Year Expected

Newell Wood, local Crown Zellerbach employee, brought into the Crown office last week a sample of an exceedingly heavily cone-laden cedar bough. The bough is now on display at the company office. Wood reported that he cut the specimen from the cedar tree at the spring on the old George Lawrence place. There have been several other reports of heavy cone crops on cedar trees in the valley.

Indications are that it will be also a relatively heavy Douglas fir seed year. Crown Zellerbach, which is planning to commence the purchase and collection of Douglas fir cones in the near future, plans the collection of a larger quantity of cones this year than last. Last year's cone collections in this area amounted to 178 bushels.

Also on display at the company's offices are several noble fir cones brought in by Carl Enneberg. These cones were found on an isolated tree near Mist in an area some distance outside the normal range for this naturally high altitude tree. The cones on this tree average approximately 8 inches long and grow upright on the branches similar to those of the grand or white fir which is found locally.

## Rites Conducted At Chapel Wed.

William Ancel Roberts, age 58, died here July 16 following a heart attack. He was born April 2, 1891 at Hall county, Nebraska. He came to Rainier at the age of eleven years where he spent his childhood and since then has spent most of his life in Portland and Vernonia. His survivors are his widow, Anna, of Vernonia, a brother, John Roberts, of Rainier, three sisters, Mrs. Pansy Blari of Rainier, Mrs. Edna Griffiths of Uria, California and Mrs. Myrtle Challott of Long Beach, California, his nephews and nieces and many friends.

Services for the deceased were conducted here at the Bush chapel yesterday, Wednesday, July 20 and interment was at the Memorial cemetery.

## Annual Grange Picnic Dated

The annual Pomona Grange picnic will be held Sunday, July 24 at Big Eddy park on the Nehalem river. All Grangers and their friends are invited to come, bring basket lunches and enjoy the program of sports and games prepared by the committee in charge of arrangements.

Local Grangers have been working at the park, cleaning up and preparing for the event.

pointed out that the tax, if it were to be assessed for part time work, should be levied equally on all people so occupied. He presented a list of businesses that were not being taxed under the ordinance.

The city attorney pointed out that the ordinance was not definitely worded to cover all types of business.

The council's decision on the matter was that, for the license to be assessed, a place of business must have been established and that part time work, such as the case brought to their attention, did not come under the tax ordinance.

Tom Henderson appeared before the council to ask what was to be done concerning Bear creek, which floods some property during the winter season. H. H. King, who serves also as city engineer, placed before the council a diagram of the creek bed and adjoining property subject to flood and suggested that part of the creek bed can be straightened. The city recorder will write the Harris estate asking permission to straighten the bed to prevent future trouble.

It was also suggested that a six-inch extension to the curb be constructed around the fire hydrant at the post office so that cars would not be able to brush the hydrant as is possible now. Quite a number of cars have been damaged as a result. The construction of a sidewalk from the east end of the Rock creek bridge to the Oveson property was also discussed because of numerous complaints from pedestrians that cars park over the gravel walkway now being used there.

## Forced Landing Damage Small

The forced landing of a Piper Cub plane in the Albin Bergstrom field at Treharne Sunday afternoon resulted in no serious damage to the plane and little injury to the pilot and passenger, according to Shirley Kirtland, city marshal. The landing was made about 2 o'clock after the plane's motor quit while flying in the vicinity of Vernonia.

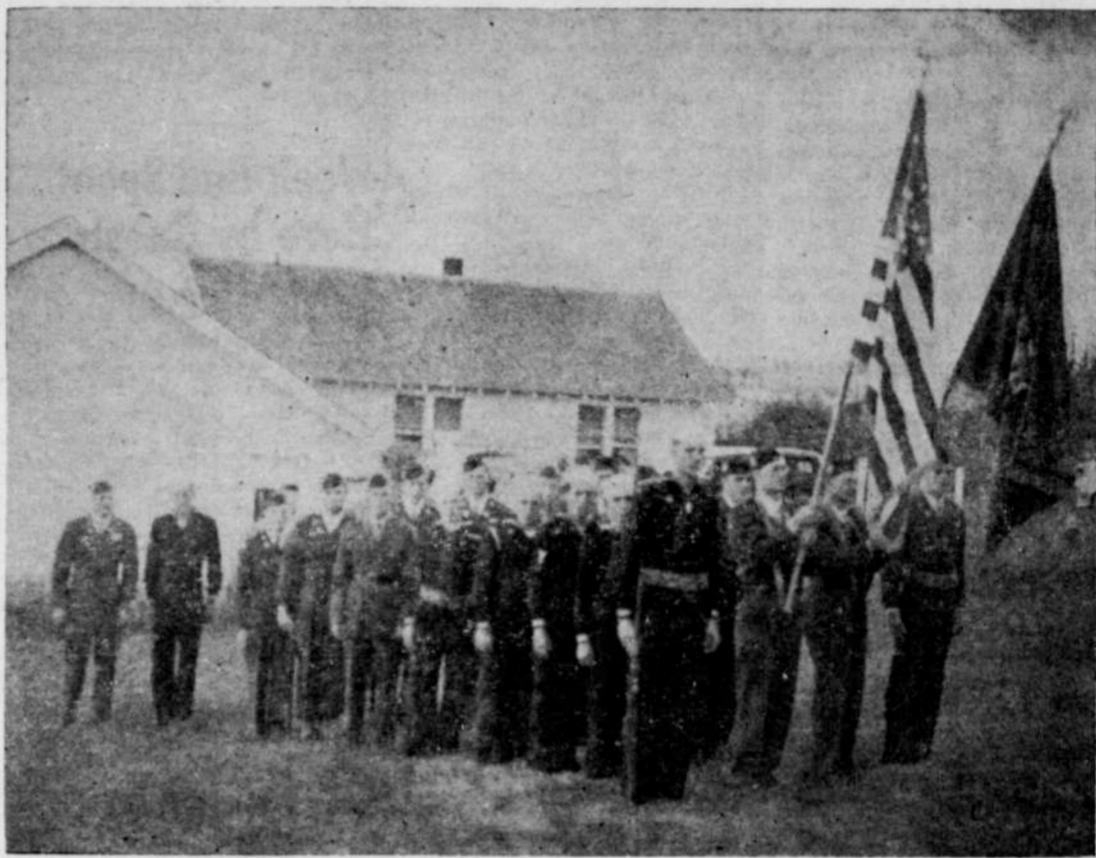
Pilot of the craft was Louis G. Cechmonek, Clatskanie, and he was accompanied by J.J. Mikalonis, ranger at the Pittsburg guard station. The pilot attempted to reach the field formerly used as the Vernonia airport, but was unable to do so and barely cleared power lines into the field where the landing was made.

The plane's landing gear and one blade of the propeller was damaged. It was partially dismantled by an insurance company and removed from here for repairs.

## 70 Minutes of Movies Scheduled

On Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. the Christian church will show 70 minutes of movies. A color film, "Red Wagon", will be shown. It is a stirring story of enterprise when the west was young; of Gustavus Swift whose vision crossed the frontiers. Two hymnologies will be shown featuring the singing of Nunc Dimittis. The final film will be a religious film entitled "Who Is My Neighbor?" It is a story of a Samaritan family and their unusual experience in Jerusalem. True to the events in the parable of the Good Samaritan, as Jesus told it, the story reaches its climax on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. The public is cordially invited to attend. A silver offering will be received.

## Back in Uniform



UNIFORMED, but only for a short time, was this group of veterans who posed last Wednesday after conducting the graveside services for Louie Tunnell. The men are members of Smith-Christensen Post, V. F. W.

## More Singers Expected Sun.

The Vernonia Community Sing will be held at the First Christian church next Sunday at 2 p.m. and it is expected that the attendance will be still larger than at the last meeting.

Everyone is asked to have in mind a favorite song to request and those who will be invited to give solos, duets and special combinations.

Among those scheduled to give special numbers at the coming meeting are Rev. and Mrs. W. A. McBride, duet; Mrs. C. E. Pierson, solo; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frank, duet; Mrs. Virgil Jones, Mrs. Ernest Jones, Mrs. Alfred Jones and Oliver Drennan, quartet; Charlie Castner, recitation and Mrs. Laramore's Sunday school class of little folk, song.

A group of singers from Portland has indicated a desire to attend and will come if possible.

## Berserk Dog Causes Damage

Four homes were damaged by a large police dog which evidently went berserk early Friday morning and which was killed by City Marshal Shirley Kirtland. Three of the homes were on State street and one on D street.

At the Pat Miller home on D street the back porch was damaged and the same procedure was followed at the other three homes, those belonging to Ernest Steen, Perry Browning and Frank Morris. General damage included chewing screen doors, knocking over mops and buckets and destroying anything that came in the animal's path.

Marshal Kirtland shot the dog at the Morris home. Owner of the animal was Joe Midge, a resident on Capitol hill.

## Cub Scouts to Picnic Sunday

The Cub Scouts will finally get their picnic, which was postponed some time ago because of unsuitable weather, and the date is set for the coming Sunday at 1:30. The affair is to take place at Rogers Park.

Committeemen and den mothers are being asked to be present for a meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 to go over plans for the picnic. The meeting will be held at the home of Jim Davies, Cubmaster.

## Post Office Fiscal Year Business Up Over 1948

Business for the fiscal year 1948-49 ended for the post office department as of June 30 and figures for the year were released earlier this week by Post-

master Emil Messing. Postal receipts at the Vernonia office were up over last year, his report shows, with a total of \$14,667.52 as compared with \$13,148.04 for the fiscal year ending in 1948.

Postal receipts include such items as the sale of stamps, box rent, newspaper postage and permit matter postage and these are the determining factors in deciding the office classification. To obtain a second class rating, under which the Vernonia office is now listed, postal receipts must amount to \$8,000.

In nearly all the other departments of the Vernonia office, receipts were down as compared with the previous fiscal period. The sale of Series E government bonds was the exception, with sales amounting to \$40,181.25 this year as compared with \$39,468.75 last year.

The amount of money orders issued is listed at \$245,983.66 and the fees charged totaled \$2,236.61. The amount issued is a decrease from last year. Postal notes, however, were somewhat greater, totaling \$22,583.36.

Postal savings deposits have also decreased during the past year with the amount on deposit as of June 30, 1949 being totaled at \$229,930. At the end of the previous year the amount was \$231,629. The Vernonia office issued postal savings notes totaling \$121,241 during the year and cashed notes amounting to \$122,940.

## Scouts Prepare For Camp Week

Preparation is well underway for the Boy Scout summer camp at Camp Meriweather from July 31 to August 7. The camp is located just south of Tillamook on the coast. At the last count, 16 boys from Vernonia were preparing the necessary gear for the week's outing.

Scoutmaster Ed Frazee, who has been unable to attend recently due to illness, was present Monday night to supervise and instruct the boys on their conduct while at the camp.

Plans are also being made to clean up the old cemetery again in conjunction with the Odd Fellows lodge. However, the work awaits information as to the correct time to cut fern so that the plants will bleed and anyone knowing that time is asked to call either Bob Spencer or The Vernonia Eagle.

## Donors Give 26 Pints to Blood Program

### 41 Offer to Give To Unit; Value Of Giving Noted

Dr. Gordon S. Dugger, chairman of the blood committee of the Columbia County Chapter American Red Cross, which is participating in the organization's national blood program, expressed appreciation of the 41 offers to donate blood and for the 26 pints donors were able to give when the bloodmobile visited Vernonia July 13. The neighborly spirit which is characteristic of this community has been amply demonstrated by the individuals who responded so generously.

"Although the number of donors did not meet our quota, we cannot believe that the showing made on future visits of the bloodmobile will continue to be disappointing. Blood cannot be made synthetically. It must come from human beings. Our program must be successful if we are to provide the quantity of blood so badly needed by our community. When our citizens realize the great need locally for blood, when they fully understand the benefits this program can bring, I feel confident that the necessary number of donors required to meet our quota will be forthcoming. A number of our citizens assumed the responsibilities and gave not only blood but time and energy to the project.

Tribute was paid to the large staff of volunteers who assisted the physician and nurses who accompanied the bloodmobile on its visit to Vernonia. The smooth manner in which the center operated a week ago Wednesday was largely due to the efficiency of the volunteer groups. Vernonia volunteers who worked at the center were Mesdames John Kirk, Bill Horn, Frances Mullins, Peter King, Gordon Larson, Lyman Hawken, H. E. Schelgel, Winston Walker, Roland Eby, Chas. Biggs, and Herbert Taylor. Mrs. John Kirk and Mrs. Guy Thomas spent a great deal of time and effort in signing up prospective donors prior to the visit of the bloodmobile.

The blood program is carried on by the people in the community for the benefit of people in the community. Mrs. Linda Justice was the first one on hand to give her blood when the bloodmobile was in Vernonia.

## Chairman Names ACA Secretary

Appointment of Wesley Fuller, Corvallis, to the position of assistant secretary for the Columbia County Agriculture Conservation Association has been announced by Wm. Armstrong, Clatskanie, chairman of the county committee.

Fuller replaces D. W. Cooper who resigned June 10 to attend summer school at Oregon State college where he will complete studies to get his Bachelor's degree in agriculture.

Fuller graduated from Oregon State college this June, majoring in agriculture economics. A native of Washington, he spent several years on a Puyallup valley general farm. Following three years service in the army he purchased a farm at Corvallis and attended Oregon State college. He will make his home in St. Helens.

## Premium Lists Available

People who are interested in the Columbia county fair and the premiums being offered at that time may obtain copies of the premium list at The Vernonia Eagle. Included are premiums for 4-H club projects, rules governing the awards, advisory committees and department superintendents.