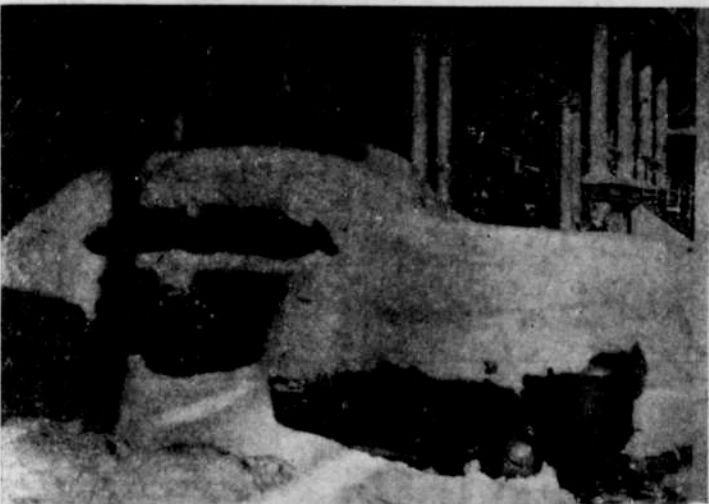


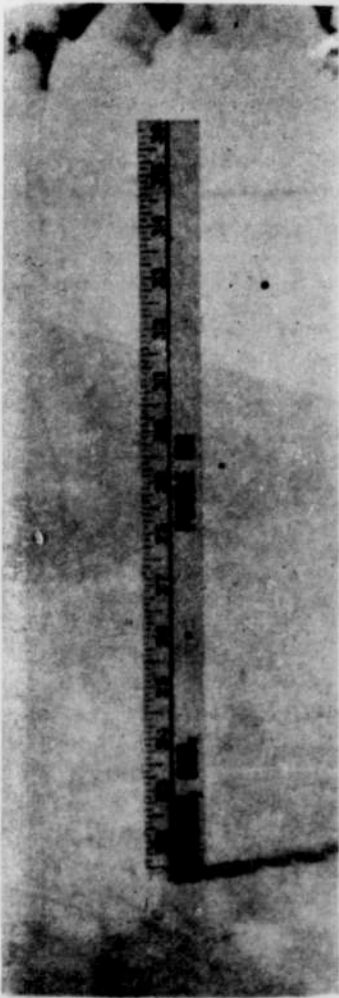
LOOKING east on Bridge street from the railroad crossing, this view greeted the eyes of those who drove into Vernonia last Saturday morning. Some snow had been cleared from the center of the street and piled at the curbsings. Owners of many buildings were busy last week clearing roofs to prevent possible damage from excessive weight.



FROM THE O-A hill Vernonia presented this snow scene Saturday to those who thought to look. Part of the day was clear and very appropriate for photo fans, many of whom have taken the opportunity to record in pictures the beautiful winter scenes. The mantle of white reached a depth here that exceeds any recorded for many years.



THE CAR above was one of many left outside late last week to be almost covered with snow. Below is the triangle at the entrance to O-A residences.



A LEVEL place on Maple street near the corner of Third street measured this depth Saturday morning. Higher elevations near here measured from five to seven feet depending upon the locality, according to reports.

Pick-up Delayed

There will be no garbage pickups this week due to the deep snow, H. A. French said Wednesday morning. Garbage pickups will be made next week providing there are paths to the cans or if they are set within reach.

Final Rites for Mrs. Hieber Read

Last rites for Martha Hieber were conducted here Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the Evangelical church following her death at Hillsboro January 15. Death came at the age of 77 years, three months and one day. She was born at LaCrosse, Wisconsin October 14, 1872.

Mrs. Hieber had been a resident of Vernonia for 25 years and held membership in the Order of the Eastern Star and in the Pollyanna Society of the Evangelical United Brethren church. For over 40 years, as a younger woman, she sang in church choirs and musical groups.

Surviving are her husband, Charles F. Hieber; four children, Charles Gordon of Corpus Christi Texas, George Lowell of Vernonia, Mrs. Helen DeCew of Salem and Melvin Glen of Hillsboro.

Interment was at Bellecrest cemetery, Salem and arrangements were in care of Donelson and Sewell mortuary of Hillsboro.

Legion Hall Braced

Repair of the American Legion hall was made a few days ago to correct a settling of the roof which resulted from weight of the snow. Noble Dunlap examined the structure to recommend bracing which corrected the trouble and which makes the roof structure stronger now than it has ever been. Over half of the redecoration of the interior of the hall has now been completed.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1950

West Oregon Annual Meet Postponed

Attendance Here Sat. Totals 28; Quorum Lacked for Business

The necessary number of members of West Oregon Electric Cooperative to form a quorum were not present last Saturday for the Cooperative's annual meeting with the result that the session was postponed until November 18 of this year, Cooperative Manager Guy Thomas said Monday.

In order to conduct the annual meeting, at least 87 members must be present to legally conduct business at that time. Weather conditions prevented a larger attendance than the 28 who did come.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Hattie Draper, member of the Cooperative, the postponement was given an unanimous voice vote and that the annual session be held at that time. Part of the program for November will be a change in the annual meeting procedure to place it permanently in that month when weather conditions will not prove a hindrance as they have for the past two years.

The present members of the board of directors will continue to serve until November.

Dimes Dance Planned

A March of Dimes dance is being scheduled for the latter part of this month or early in February by the American Legion and Auxiliary. Funds from admissions to the affair will be turned over to the current polio fund campaign as part of this area's contribution to the cause. A definite date will be set soon.

Report Shows Year's Deposit Increase at Commercial Bank

Deposits at the Vernonia Branch, Commercial Bank of Oregon show an increase during the past year, both for demand and time deposits according to Earl A. Bowman, president. Data on the increase was released here Tuesday at the same time as the combined statement of the Commercial Group of Banks which is published this week.

Demand deposits for December 31, 1948 totaled \$616,184.73 and for December 31, 1949, \$652,863.94 for a gain of \$36,679.16. Likewise for time deposits, a gain of \$91,074.92 is evidenced by the difference in figures for

Schools Plan Opening Mon.

Difficulties encountered by the school busses traveling their routes due to snow conditions led to the decision the latter part of last week to close local schools until the early part of this week.

Another decision this Tuesday continued the closure for the remainder of this week. School doors will open for classes again next Monday if roads can be cleared sufficiently for busses to make their trips.

Deputies to Give Income Tax Aid

Assistance to those who prepare their own income tax reports will be available in Vernonia February 20 and 21 when deputy collectors from the office of the collector of internal revenue will be here. The deputies will assist taxpayers in preparing their federal income tax returns for the year 1949.

The same assistance will be available at several other places in the county also according to a treasury department announcement. Deputies will be at Clatskanie January 24, Rainier February 6 and St. Helens February 7 to 9 inclusive.

In addition, assistance in preparing the forms is available at the branch office of the collector of internal revenue at 222 S. W. 5th avenue in Portland.

Red Heads Expected

Scheduled for Friday evening at the high school gym are Olson's Red Heads, popular women's basketball club, to meet the V.F.W. quintet. Fans are reminded of the date of the event which is expected to be one of the sport highlights for this winter.

Ice Prevents Work at Mill; Fall of Snow Nears 100 In.

The continuing breath of winter finally became so severe earlier this week that work at the Oregon-American Mill was discontinued Wednesday morning pending a rise in temperature that would remove ice from the mill pond. The ice prevented moving logs to the lift and made necessary a stop order. O-A trainmen started a drive Wednesday morning to clear tracks into Camp McGregor and reached there yesterday afternoon. At the same time telephone service to camp was being restored and the state board of forestry was breaking the car road into camp from the Sunset highway.

The opening of travel to the camp will make possible medical attention for Carolyn Waite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Waite, who became ill since the roads have been blocked.

Linemen who worked to repair breaks in West Oregon Electric's service to consumers probably feel qualified to travel in the far north if the method they have been using to reach isolated places is any indication. Last Friday's break of the transmission line between here and Warren was reached by men traveling on snowshoes. Depth of the snow at the break on the hill east of Camp 8 was five feet and the road to that point was not open so the crew could drive. A tree fell because of the high wind to cause the break which required 19 hours and 35 minutes to repair.

Linemen who worked that break began at 7 a.m. Friday morning and worked continuously according to Manager Guy Thomas for a total of 35 hours without rest.

About 70 miles of line in various areas served by the Cooperative are still out of commission and accessible by snowshoes only. Repairs to service on the Clatskanie mountain will probably not be made until at least part of the snow melts.

Telegraph service has not been restored from the S.P.&S. depot A. H. Landers, agent, said Tuesday and trains had been stalled on Tophill. A snowplow cleared the way Tuesday and arrived here that evening, however.

Snowfall as recorded at the cooperative station by Mrs. Helen Spofford lists 37.5 inches since Wednesday of last week for a total fall this winter of 97.2 in. Mrs. Spofford also lists the maximum and minimum temperatures from Wednesday of last week through Wed. of this week as: January 11, 38 and 27; January 12, 37 and 26; January 13, 36 and 20; January 14, 23 and 10; January 15, 36 and 15; January 16, 38 and 18 and January 17, 25

Smith Named As Supervisor

Ben Smith was named by the County court as road supervisor for Vernonia at the court's first session of the new year last week. He takes the place of G. C. Mellinger, former supervisor, who has retired.

Other county road supervisors named were: A. R. Mills, Mist; Lloyd Lynch, Scappoose; Fred Colvin, St. Helens; J. R. Parmer, Deer Island; R. H. McAdams, Rainier and Roy Tice, Clatskanie.

Also appointed by the court were: Dr. Gene C. Webb, Clatskanie, dairy herd inspector; Leys H. McCarter, deputy county assessor and James A. Bacon, horticultural inspector.

The county has contracted with the Shell oil company to supply gasoline during 1950 for 18.58 cents per gallon or 2.87 cents off the posted price. The agreement also provides that the price will not be increased during 1950 regardless of retail changes and stipulates that in event gas prices drop, the county will get the benefit of the decrease.

Meeting Wanted Of Delegates

A meeting of delegates appointed by the various organizations to the supervised playground board will be dated in a short time if those delegates will make themselves known to either Harold McEntire or Mrs. Clara Kirk.

The appointment of two delegates from each organization interested in the project was to be done some time ago, but names of the delegates are not known, according to Mrs. Bruce Bass. If those elected to serve will notify either of the two people above, a meeting will be called to plan further for the project to be launched during the coming summer.