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Tractor Use Tried



FOR THE past two weeks the Columbia Tree Farm has been conducting experimental thinnings in a very young stand of second-growth Douglas fir near Mist. The stand is actually only 29 years old and has grown on land which was once cleared. The above picture shows Frank Serafin operating the farm type tractor used to yard and cold deck the trees thinned from the stand in the background. Only enough trees have been removed in the first cut to give the remaining trees room to develop fully. The size that trees may attain in the Nehalem valley at such an early age is indicated by the logs shown. The log with the rule across the end is 24 feet long and 11 inches in diameter. The company has found this type of tractor to be very useful for skidding these logs and very economical to operate. At this cut only five cords per acre were removed. Another light cut is planned within two years.

Two Bills Opposed on Basis of Tax Levying

Two measures, senate bills 64 and 65, received opposition from four men associated with West Oregon Electric when they, along with other cooperative representatives, appeared at Salem Mon. Delegates from all over the state appeared at that time against the measures.

Both bills provide for taxes which would be levied against telephone firms and cooperatives. Discussion of the bills was one of the topics of the West Oregon board of directors meeting Tuesday of last week and at that time arrangements for a delegation to go to Salem were made.

Representing the local cooperative were Fred Knox, new president of the board, Frank Genzer, Lee Wooden and Manager Guy Thomas. Mr. Wooden is also serving as a lobbyist during the legislative session representing the Oregon State Rural Electric Cooperative association.

At last Tuesday's meeting W. G. Heath was named as a new member of the board of directors of West Oregon to fill one of the vacancies which have arisen recently. Mr. Genzer and Paul A. Gordon, members of the board,

Merchandising Program Starts

Pete Brunsmann, Frigidaire dealer, has announced that a cooperative merchandising program, "Save for a Frigidaire" banking plan, has been arranged by his firm with the Vernonia Branch Commercial Bank of Oregon.

This plan provides for a savings account established in the purchaser's name at the Commercial bank. Weekly deposits are accumulated over a desired period until the down-payment has been completed. A schedule of continued weekly payments has been arranged to complete financing.

The unusual circumstances of today's economy requires a far reaching savings program to assure many families of the benefits of today's price and material market. This savings plan allows the purchaser to comply fully with regulation "W" and to reserve merchandise for future delivery at comparatively low prices.

In supporting the banking plan, George A. Remnant, bank manager, said, "We are happy to cooperate in this new concept in merchandising financing and believe it marks a new step forward in banking and customer service. It is very timely and much-needed under present conditions."

were named last Tuesday to select another name to fill the remaining board vacancy which arose with the resignation of R. A. Peterson.

Crawford Rites Conducted Tues.

Tom Crawford, well known former Vernonia resident who in recent years had made his home at Hillsboro, passed away last Saturday, February 17. The services were conducted Tuesday at Hillsboro and were attended by many from here including a group from the Masonic lodge. The final rites were conducted by the Masons of the Vernonia lodge.

Mr. Crawford had been a Vernonia resident for many years and had owned an automobile agency which was located in what is now the Lee Motors building. In recent years he was associated with the Crawford-Olson Equipment company at Hillsboro.

The deceased was born August 25, 1876 at Tara, Ontario, Canada and passed away at the age of 75 years. Surviving are: his wife, Jeanie; two sons, Middleton of Beaverton and Dr. Percy B. Crawford of Philadelphia; two brothers, Steve of Portland and William, Bend, and a sister, Mrs. Edna Graham of Winnipeg.

Concluding services were held at Riverview chapel in Portland.

Sportsmen to Name Officers

The election of new officers for the Vernonia Rod and Gun club will occupy part of the time at a meeting of the club dated to take place next Tuesday evening, February 27. The election meeting will be held at the West Oregon Electric office starting at 8 p.m.

Other matters pertaining to sportsmen's activities will also be talked at the meeting.

Cubs to Meet

Scheduled for next Tuesday evening, February 27, is a meeting of the Cub scouts, at which time the charter will be renewed. Announcement of the meeting was made Tuesday by D. R. Proehl, cubmaster, who urged parents to attend the meeting with their youngsters. The meeting will start at 7:30 at the IWA hall.

Damage Results From Gunfire

Damage to livestock, domestic animals, lights, windows and children has been reported to city police within recent weeks as the result of discharging guns, principally BB guns, policemen have indicated in a warning that was sounded earlier this week.

Within the past week, one child has been shot and house cat was shot to death with a BB gun used by youngsters.

In sounding the warning, policemen point out that there is a city ordinance prohibiting the use of firearms within city limits and that adults or parents of children who disregard the ordinance are subject to arrest.

12-Pound Fish Week's Largest

Largest fish weighed in for the week last week in the V.F.W. steelhead derby registered 12 pounds, three ounces and was caught by Norman Hammett. Two fish, both caught by Ed Thinnies, were also weighed in at nine pounds, 10 ounces and eight pounds, 14 ounces and one by E. L. Kyser at seven pounds, 14 ounces.

So far this week two catches by Cecil Johnson and two by Andy Brimmer have been recorded in the derby.

Last X-ray Unit Visit In County Due in March

What will probably be the last visit of the mobile x-ray unit to Columbia county for a few years has just been scheduled for the towns of Rainier, St. Helens and Scappoose, according to Estella Harris, executive secretary for the county Tuberculosis and Health association.

This fact was brought out at a meeting February 13 in St. Helens when Paul Gordon, president of the association met with representatives from Scappoose, Rainier and St. Helens. C. R. Bradford, survey director from the State Tuberculosis association office in Portland, was present and explained several things to those interested.

Five years ago, the state and county tuberculosis associations financed the building and operation of the first x-ray unit for Oregon. Since that time, the unit has traveled the length and width of Oregon many times, going over both good and bad roads and into remote areas. Now, the engineers in charge have

Start of RC Fund Campaign Due March 1

Preliminary Meeting Planned Friday to Hear Talk on Drive

The 1951 effort towards accumulating funds for the yearly Red Cross drive will be initiated Friday evening when a meeting of officials and volunteers has been scheduled at the West Oregon Electric office.

Announcement of the Friday meeting was made earlier this week by George A. Remnant, Commercial Bank manager, who will act this year as district chairman of the Nehalem valley's part of the campaign. Included in Mr. Remnant's district will be Birkenfeld, Mist and Vernonia and the upper part of the valley.

A Red Cross official from St. Helens will attend the meeting Friday to talk on campaign details.

This year's campaign has received the endorsement of Governor Douglas McKay. The Red Cross has been given a large share in the responsibilities of organizing for civil defense and has been asked to give training in first aid, home nursing and nurses aides, to use its resources to collect blood for battle-wounded servicemen in addition to its normal program of blood collection for hospitals and clinics and to help with plans for mass feeding and shelter.

A total of \$85,000,000 must be raised during the March fund campaign. No figures have been released for this county and the various communities in it.

Bank Plan to Help Purchases

Local firms which offer appliances and other items which purchasers wish to obtain on contract can obtain assistance through an arrangement whereby the Vernonia Branch, Commercial Bank of Oregon will provide a savings plan for accumulating the down payment.

Announcement of the plan was made Wednesday by George A. Remnant, manager, who said that the plan is available for the convenience of local dealers to assist prospective purchasers to accumulate the necessary down payment through a savings account plan.

Six Regulations Adopted; Parents Made Responsible For Children by Ordinance

City councilmen completed an evening's business Monday that resulted in the adoption of six ordinances, the largest number to be adopted at a single meeting for many years. The ordinances, covering several subjects, were those that had been considered at previous meetings, but had been turned over to the city attorney for examination and legal phrasing before being officially adopted.

First considered was number 312 which prohibits the drinking of intoxicating liquors "in or upon any engine, cars, train or cars, wharf or depot of any common carrier" and "upon any street, alley or public highway or in any public place . . . which said premises does not have a license in good standing issued by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission . . ." A minimum penalty of \$25 is called for in the ordinance upon conviction.

Curfew Law Changed

The long-discussed ordinance change concerning when and how late minors may be on public thoroughfares and places became a city law also Monday. That ordinance provides that it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to be upon the streets or in any public place from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September, October, November, December, January, February, March and April and between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. during May, June, July and August unless accompanied by parent or guardian or suitable adult. An exception is provided when the child is traveling to and from a place of employment, school class, religious meeting or while on any errand of mercy or emergency under direction of his parent or guardian.

Further provided in this law is "when a parent, guardian or other adult, after having been notified that the child has violated the ordinance, knowingly allows the child to violate the ordinance a second time, he shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 and/or imprisonment in jail of not more than 30 days or both."

New Ordinance Backed

Still another ordinance that has been discussed for some time and which has received the approval of several organizations, concerns the punishing of persons causing a child to become or remain a dependent or delinquent child.

Pertinent sections of the ruling are:

Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person wilfully do any act which causes or tends to cause any child under the age of 18 years to become a delinquent or dependent child as defined by any statutes of the state of Oregon or to live and conduct himself or herself or remain such a dependent or delinquent child. Provided, that any minor upon a third violation of the provisions of the ordinance shall be deemed and is hereby declared to be a delinquent child for the purpose of this ordinance.

Section 2: It shall be unlawful for any parent, parents, or legal guardian, or any persons having the care or custody of a child under the age of 18 years to fail to properly supervise and care for such child in that such failure of supervision or care shall cause the child to become a dependent or delinquent child as defined by any statute of the state of Oregon or to live and conduct himself or herself as to be or to remain such a dependent or delinquent child.

Heavy Fine Possible

Section 4: Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, in the Recorder's Court of the city of Vernonia, be fined in a sum of not more than \$200 and/or shall be imprisoned in the city jail for a

period of not more than 30 days.

Ordinance 315 given council approval deals with national, state and local defense and authorizing the functions of the defense organization in the city. Included is authorization for the Junior Police club which was organized a short time ago as well as provision for the payment of expenses incurred.

Motor vehicles which have been abandoned in the city can now be disposed of through the stipulations or ordinance 316 which provides for the sale of such vehicles. City police have been confronted with several such instances of abandoned vehicles in recent months, hence the new regulation.

Welfare Considered

The defining of offenses against the public peace, dignity, safety, morals, health, property and general welfare of the inhabitants of the city is provided for in the final action of the evening which led to the adoption of ordinance 317. This ruling coordinates the wording of ordinances which became city laws in previous years and simplifies the work of the city recorder in the handling of court cases.

Earlier in the evening the council heard a suggestion from County Commissioner Clyde Henderson that the city turn over its share of the special three-mill road oiling tax levy to be applied on the oiling of roads leading into Vernonia. The suggestion, which will be considered at next city meeting in two weeks and if adopted then, will give the county more funds for such improvement.

At the same time, county funds which ordinarily would be devoted to road oiling in this vicinity this summer, may be applied to work on the Scappoose-Vernonia highway. Word from the state highway department indicates that the remaining six miles of gravel is scheduled for oiling on that highway this summer, but the county must take care of some of the work preliminary to the oiling.

The state highway department is scheduled to receive a request for the placement of "stop" and "slow" signs at several places on highway 47 through the city because of complaints that have been heard of danger places. One is the intersection at Bridge street and Rose avenue and the other at the Washington school.

Owners of Dogs Warned of Date

A warning to people who own dogs was sounded earlier this week by city police when they emphasized that licenses for the animals must be obtained not later than March 1 in order to avoid the payment of a penalty in addition to the regular license fee.

The license fees are \$1 for a male dog and \$3 for a female and after the first of next month an additional \$1 will be assessed for late payment. Licenses can be obtained at the city hall.

Meeting Scheduled

The high school Parent-Teacher association will convene its February meeting Monday, the 26th at 8 o'clock at the high school. An election of officers for the coming year will take place at that time.