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Brush Fire Stopped With Little Damage

Fire Trucks, Trail Work Prevents Big Spread of Blaze

A brush fire, which broke away Sunday afternoon, was stopped later that day by state forestry fire trucks, a Crown Zellerbach truck and city fire trucks along with extra labor engaged to prevent its spread to any great extent. The fire covered between two and a half and three acres on the George Wells and Ed Culbertson property in West Riverview.

The fire is believed to have started from stump-burning activity on the Wells place, although the stump fire was thought to be out. No permit covered the burning. A bulldozer was brought in to trail the fire.

State forestry officials indicated Tuesday that over 450 permits have been issued so far this season in the county and that none have gone beyond the permit area. Forestry department action has been necessary on two permit fires to assist in holding them within the boundaries allowed by the permits.

Senator to Talk For Eisenhower

One of the original backers of General Eisenhower for president, Senator Saltenstall of Massachusetts, is scheduled to speak four times in Columbia county on the date of Thursday, October 2. Word of the senator's visit here was released on Monday by C. R. Hallberg, Rainier, chairman of the county Republican central committee.

The senator will appear at the Scappoose school to speak from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Other speaking dates that day will be: St. Helens Plaza 11 a.m. to noon; Rainier city hall 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Clatskanie ball park 5 to 6 p.m.

High Place in Test Earned

Miss Sharon Magoff, 1952 graduate of Vernonia high school, now registered at Pacific University, Forest Grove, placed in the national upper 10 per cent of freshman students taking the English aptitude test given September 13.

Miss Magoff was one of 12 students placing in the highest 10 percent of students all over the nation who have taken the examination. One hundred twenty-one other Pacific University freshmen took the test.

Horns to Win Prize

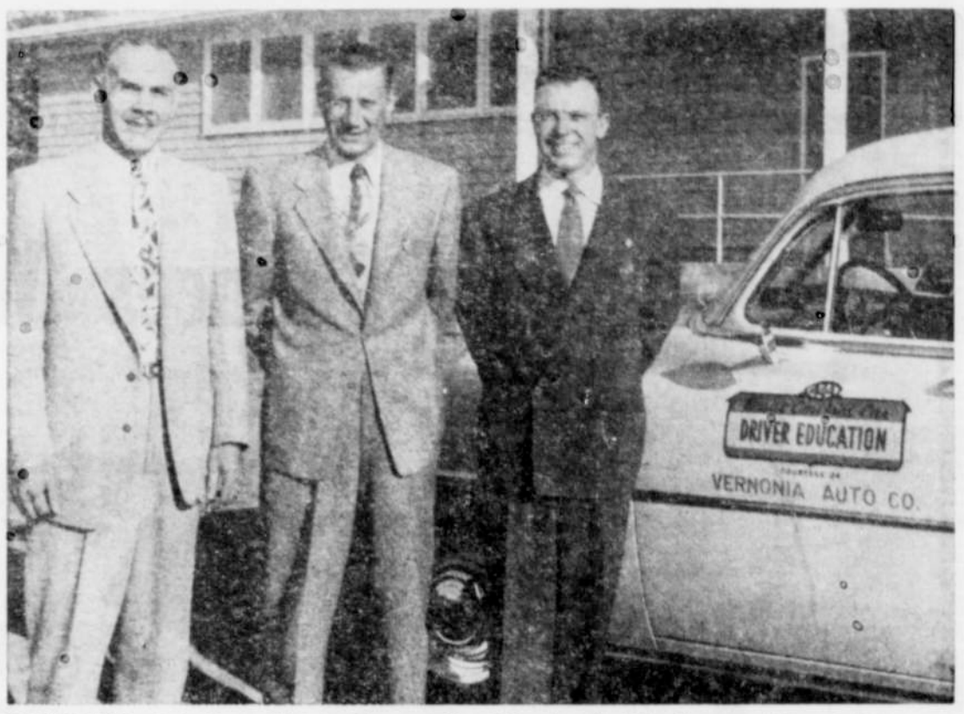
At a hunter's dance dated October 11 at Birkenfeld, the hunter who exhibits the largest rack of horns from a deer killed the first 10 days of the season will be presented a prize. The dance will be sponsored by Vernonia Aerie, F.O.E.

TIME CHANGE SLATED SUN.

This summer's session of daylight saving time is scheduled to change to the standard setting of clocks Sunday morning, September 28, when the reading should be set back one hour.

To make the change according to the manner prescribed, the clock setting should be done at 1:59 a.m. on the 28th. Who designated this particular date and hour would probably be difficult to determine, but it is likely that Portland figured it out when people there decided early this summer to change to fast time regardless of Governor McKay's proclamation to the contrary.

Driver Training Car Delivered



HIGH SCHOOL students enrolled to the capacity of the class to take the new driver training course, which started this week following delivery of the training car last Thursday morning. Superintendent Eugene Dove, left and Sid Scrensen, center, who instructs the class, accepted the delivery from Jim Davies. Twenty-four students have enrolled. The car is furnished by courtesy of the Vernonia Auto company.

Lions Tally 24-2 Win On Logger Field Friday

Last Friday evening the Vernonia Logger gridmen went down to defeat before the offensive machine of the visiting St. Helens Lions on the local field by the one-sided score of 25-2. This is the first time in 12 years that the locals have been defeated on the local field by the visiting Lions.

St. Helens won the toss starting this annual rivalry between the two squads and proceeded to tally three TD's in the first half. The Lions first score occurred when a Logger pass was intercepted on their own 25 and went around end for the tally. Again in the first period the Lions intercepted another Loggers toss and scored from the locals' 28 making the score 12-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The third score for the visitors came in the second quarter when the Loggers were forced to punt on the fourth down to the Lions 46 where Poff, St. Helens back, ran the ball 54 yards under excellent blocking by his teammates for the TD. End of the half revealed an 18-0 lead in favor of the Lions.

St. Helens' final score occurred in the fourth quarter when Lusby fumbled a Lion punt on his own 15-yard line which was fought for, but recovered by the Lions in the Logger end zone for a TD and a total of 24 points.

Vernonia's two-point safety took place in the fourth period when a Logger punt rolled out of bounds on the visitors seven-yard stripe. A bad pitch out by a Lion back sent the ball going back into and out of the end zone. Final score at game end, 24-2.

The Loggers this week began practice in blocking and tackling, which was rather poor Friday night, for the coming weeks game with the Seaside eleven. The Gulls, who the locals beat in the jamboree, have improved much since the start of the season and were only defeated 13-6 by the Rainier Columbians last week. The Loggers on the other hand will be without the services of quarterback Fulton and possibly Homer Fuller who are sidelined with injuries. Francis Crowston will possibly work out of the quarterback slot Saturday afternoon.

Vernonia will journey to the coast town for the contest, which will take place Saturday afternoon at 1:30 standard time. Otherwise the game will take place at 2:30 daylight time. Reason for the day game is because of the Gulls having no lighted field this season.

Lincoln Teacher Taken by Death

Services will take place at the Evangelical U. B. church this afternoon, Thursday, at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Mabel Blackwell who passed away September 20 after a short illness. She was stricken about 6 a.m. Friday morning at her home.

Grade schools will close at 1:35 this afternoon so that teachers may attend the rites. Busses will leave at that time to take students to their homes. The high school will dismiss for the afternoon at 1:45.

Mrs. Blackwell was born July 11, 1888 and death came at the age of 64 years. She had been a teacher in the Vernonia school system for nine years and had instructed previously at Marshland and also in Washington county. The service here will be followed by a short service and vault entombment at Pendleton.

Surviving are: her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Huff and two brothers, Wilber Reynolds of Long Creek and Samuel of Eagle Point.

Combat Forms Here

Veterans who saw actual combat in Korea may apply for combat pay here now. Application blanks are available at the Vernonia Insurance office from Bill Horn. Applicants must have served with a combat unit and have been under hostile fire to be eligible for combat pay.

RESTRICTIONS EASED WED.

The restriction on logging that has been in effect for the past few days to close down operation in this county was revoked at midnight last night in zones 1 and 2. Word that the restriction was to be lifted was received at the Pittsburg Guard station Wednesday by Burrell E. Birch, warden.

The notice he received indicated that the restriction in zone 3, which includes the Tillamook burn, is still in effect.

Health Council Approves Survey

Plans for a health survey in Columbia county were approved by the county health council at its meeting earlier this month, according to Mrs. Earl Chartrey, Clatskanie, council chairman.

Purpose of the survey will be to determine the health condition and health needs in the county. This information will be used as the basis for a health education program.

Reports of three committees set up several months ago to investigate the survey and to plan methods whereby it might be accomplished were approved.

While work in preparing for the survey is proceeding immediately the survey itself is not expected to be conducted until some time early in 1953.

Applications Up For Old Age Insurance Payments

More than twice the usual number of people applied for old-age insurance payments during July, according to Everell Cummins, field representative of the Portland office.

Cummins credits the sharp rise to the fact that a number of people now applying for old-age insurance have completed a year and a half of work after 1950. This, he explains, makes it possible for them to have their benefits figured under the new formula which can be used only when a person has one and a half years of covered work after 1950. In most cases, the use of this formula gives a higher monthly benefit to a retired worker than would be possible if his earnings before 1951 were used in figuring his average monthly wage.

Cummins anticipates a further increase in the number of 65-year-old applicants because of a new provision in the law which permits those who retire this year to have recent wages used immediately in figuring the amount of their benefit payments. If they have one and a half years of work covered by the law after 1950, it is no longer necessary for those retiring in 1952 to come back six months later in order to have such wages included in the computation of their benefit amount.

Another provision of the amended law, Cummins points out, is of special importance to self-employed people over 65 who retired or who plan to retire this year. Before the passage of the amendments their earnings for the year in which the application was filed could not be used to figure their old-age benefit payments. Now, a self-employed person who applies for and receives old-age benefits this year may re-apply after the close of his taxable year and have his 1952 earnings used in refiguring his monthly benefit payments.

Lights at Field Get Go Ahead

At a meeting of five men Tuesday evening at the high school, an understanding was reached that may solve the problem of installing the athletic field lights, which have been under discussion for several weeks.

Those present, who were Connie Anderson, Eugene Dove, Jim Davies, Paul Gordon and Glen Hawkins, were informed that West Oregon Electric has offered to underwrite the cost of installation of the poles and lights. That information was voiced by Gordon who represented the Cooperative board of directors and the offer is backed by a resolution adopted by that board at its last meeting.

The offer of the cooperative serves as an answer to a misunderstanding some have had concerning completion of the lighting project.

It is likely that the job of digging holes for the poles will be done by mechanical equipment. Anderson indicated that the O-A would donate pole crossarms in order to reduce cost of the project.

Gym Completion Assured Soon

The completion of work on the high school gym has been assured for next week by the contractor in charge, Eugene E. Dove, high school superintendent, said Wednesday morning, so that students can make use of that part of the building week after next.

There was indication also Wednesday that the work would be done because men installing the accoustical ceiling were placing the last of the tile at that time and installation of gym lights was also being made.

Work on the ceiling has delayed the finish of work on the gym floor and bleachers.

The first student body meeting this year will take place this week, but students will go to the Washington school auditorium to assemble. Before their next meeting is necessary the high school will be completed.

More library equipment was received yesterday, but there is more to come so that full use of that room is not yet possible. The school laundry is ready for use and instruction in the use of equipment was given students Wednesday.

Junior Loggers Defeat Saints

The Baby Loggers, showing their big brothers up, defeated the St. Helens JV's on the latter's turf 12-0 Monday afternoon.

Vernonia, after a scoreless first half, started their offensive gear rolling in the second period and accounted for the two TD's. Both of the local's scores were made by Billy Braun who skirted the Lion ends.

The JV's blocking and tackling along with their will to win was the deciding factor in the game Monday.

Leaders Select County Officers

Mrs. Alta Janes, Deer Island, was re-elected president of the Columbia county 4-H leaders association at their meeting in St. Helens on September 20.

Mrs. Inger Ashley, Mist, was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Vernonia, secretary.

The group voted to adopt the proposed constitution for the state 4-H leaders association which has been referred to each county association in Oregon for approval.

Contractor Starts Line Construction

Transmission Line To Connect Vernonia, Sunset Substations

Work on the West Oregon Electric contract for construction of a transmission line from the Vernonia to Sunset Juction substation was started this week by Walton-Brown Electrical Contractor, a Salem firm. The award of the contract was made recently by the Cooperative for the figure of $95,575, about $10,000 less than the next highest bidder.

The line between the two substations will be 34.5 KV and will be 13.3 miles in length. Also included in the contract is 3.8 miles of loop distribution feeder line on the Johnson road. The transmission line, when completed to Sunset, will also carry the present distribution system on Timber route.

The contract work started this week is scheduled for completion in 90 working days.

Former Resident Claimed by Death

Funeral services were read Monday morning at Tillamook for Mrs. Theolinda Strong who died last Friday in a Tillamook hospital after a two month's illness. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

She was born in Quebec September 25, 1877 and died September 19, 1952 at the age of 75 years less six days. She came to Springfield, Mass. at the age of 17 years and was married to Harry Strong April 16, 1901. She lived in Vernonia from 1924 until 1946 when she moved to Tillamook on the death of Mr. Strong.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Helen Wood, of Vancouver, B.C.; three children, Mrs. Lee Johnson of Tillamook, Mrs. D. R. Brown of Pendleton and Dwight Strong of Vernonia; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Vacant Teaching Places Filled

Vacancies which arose during the past few days on the teaching staff of the grade schools were filled earlier this week, one of them permanently, Superintendent Paul A. Gordon said Wednesday morning.

Miss Lenore Kizer is instructing the Lincoln school first grade to fill the vacancy which arose with the death of Mrs. Mabel Blackwell. Mrs. Paul Sisler substituted two days for W. F. MacDonald, who was ill early this week.

At Washington, Mrs. Grace Hendrickson has joined the staff as first grade teacher to serve during the school term.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT . . .

A2/c George Bellingham, Birkenfeld, is stationed at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, Libya. He writes that the weather there is very hot.

Cpl. Lonnie Justice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Justice, arrived here September 15 to begin a 30-day furlough after returning from 18 months spent overseas. For eight months of that time he was in Japan and the remaining 10 months in Korea where he saw action at the front.

When he reports for duty again, he will go to Ft. Lewis for assignment for his remaining year of service before being eligible for discharge.