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## Storm Damage Stops Phone, Power Service

### Extensive Outages Caused by High Wind Velocity

Extensive damage to telephone and power transmission lines resulted last Thursday night and early Friday morning from the extremely high wind that interrupted service by both the West Coast Telephone company and West Oregon Electric Cooperative.

Workmen for both concerns had not been able to fully restore their services by the first of this week, but full restoration was anticipated Tuesday.

West Oregon Manager Guy Thomas said the damage to Cooperative lines was the worst since West Oregon took over electric service February 1, 1945.

All electric service had been restored by Tuesday with the exception of the line between Keasey and Camp McGregor. Damage in the Dixie mountain area was repaired Monday afternoon, he said.

Temporary repairs were made in many cases in order to restore service as soon as possible. The Cooperative linemen were assisted by linemen employed by Walton-Brown Electric company who were working on the contract job for West Oregon. The assistance of the latter crew made possible quicker restoration of service than would have been possible otherwise.

Both local and long distance lines of the West Coast Telephone company were damaged extensively and not until Tuesday was the toll line to Mist repaired and ready for use again. Complete repairs to the long distance lines to Forest Grove were also not made until Tuesday. No long distance line was available all of Friday and most of Saturday. Some local lines were also out of service yet Tuesday.

## Amateur Show Date Changed

The amateur show sponsored by The Timberline for Saturday evening, January 24 has been postponed to Saturday evening, January 31 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The change in date was necessary due to the annual Old Timers dinner planned by the Masonic Lodge for the evening of January 24.

The Timberline welcomes entries of any kind and from all ages. Readings, skits, songs, dances—all are appropriate for entering. Those who would like to enter may call at the high school and leave their names with Mrs. McNair, the office secretary or may contact Joyce Jones, business manager for The Timberline. First, second and third prizes will be awarded to the best grade school entries, the best high school entries, the best high school club entries, and to the best civic organization entries.

## Death Claims Rose McGown

Final rites were performed at the First Christian church at 2 o'clock Wednesday, yesterday, for Mrs. Jack McGown who passed away at her home at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, January 11 following a short illness. Rev. C. F. Swander officiated at the services which were in charge of the Bush funeral home and interment took place at the Vernonia Memorial.

Rose McGown was born at St. Mary's Indiana June 17, 1887 and passed away at the age of 65 years. She was married to Jack McGown a Kelso, Wash., March 24, 1943 and he is the only survivor.

## THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Beryl (Teeny) Normand left Tuesday for Camp Kilmer, N.J. From there he will be sent to Paris, France.

Lester Wells, Jr., was inducted into the regular army, leaving Wednesday for Fort Lewis.

Charley Davis has joined the paratrooper and will leave on Thursday for Fort Lewis.

Chief Bos'n J. F. Breedin of Bremerton spent the week end with his family at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huntley.

## 300-Acre Planting Program Begins

Columbia Tree Farm employees began the current tree planting program for the farm this week in the Mansfield look-out area near the summit on the old St. Helens road, according to Bob Lindsay, resident forester for the farm.

This year's project calls for hand planting about 300 acres using two-year-old trees grown at Nisqually nursery from seed collected in this area in the fall of 1950.

About 20 men are engaged in the work. Completion of the present project will bring the amount planted on the Columbia Farm since 1945 to 2,146 acres.

## Revenue Agents To Give Tax Aid

People who wish to be given assistance in preparing their federal income tax returns for the year 1952 can receive that help here February 5 and 6 when an internal revenue agent will visit Vernonia. The agent will make his office at the Legion hall according to an announcement from the treasury department received here Monday.

Other places in the county to be visited by agents and the dates are: Clatskanie, Tourist hotel, January 19 and 20; St. Helens, court house, February 9 to 11 inclusive and Rainier, city hall, February 13.

In addition to these places, taxpayers may obtain assistance at the office of the director of internal revenue in the Lincoln building, 222 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Portland, including the last two Saturdays of the filing period, March 7 and 14.

Final date for filing returns is Monday, March 16.

## Loggers Tally Win Over Lions

Behind the scoring of Ken Nanson and Bill Braun, who each accounted for 14 points, the Loggers ran up the big end of a 64-54 score over St. Helens when they were entertained on the Lions' court last Friday evening.

The Lions started fast to tally in opening seconds of the game, but trailed near half time by eight points. A rally put them ahead 27-26, but they lost that lead when the Loggers stormed back. Vernonia held the edge and the 10-point lead at the final gun to give the Loggers fourth place standing in the Lower Columbia league.

The JV game was a reverse of the varsity with St. Helens winning 61-51.

The Loggers will entertain second-place Scappoose here Friday night.

## Death Word Received

Word has been received here of the death of Jack Potts of Portland, formerly of Vernonia, who passed away January 8 from a heart attack. He was buried Saturday at Longview.

## Bids Asked on Quarters for Post Office

### Lease Offered for Term of Either 5 Or 10 Year Period

Available either at the Vernonia post office or from the post office inspector in Portland are specifications for quarters for housing the local office, according to information released here late last week by Emil Messing, postmaster.

The notice states: "Proposals are solicited to be received in the office of the post office inspector, V. F. Worthington, at Portland up to and including January 24 to furnish quarters suitable for post office purposes at Vernonia under a lease subject to the provisions of the standard form of lease used by the post office department at a stated price per annum including heat, light, power, toilet facilities, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures for a term of five or ten years from February 19."

The present lease for office quarters is with West Oregon Electric and expires on the 19th of next month.

Floor space of about 1500 square feet is desired. Important considerations are a reasonably central location, good daylight and accessibility to rear or side entrance for mails.

General building requirements, equipment specifications and form of proposal, together with information concerning the provisions of the lease may be obtained from the postmaster here or from the inspector, room 215, Main Post Office building, N. W. Broadway and Gilsan, Portland.

## Dance Benefit Totals \$190

Last Saturday's benefit dance revenue plus donations from two organizations has provided a fund of \$190 for driver training equipment and Scotch lite for bicycles, Sid Sorenson said Tuesday afternoon after all money from the advance sale of tickets had been turned in.

The dance was held under sponsorship of the P.-T.A. which donated, prepared and sold the intermission lunch. Cash donations of \$10 each were made by the V.F.W. and the Lions club and the orchestra also provided dance music at no charge. Playing in the orchestra were Mrs. Marie Frazee, Mrs. Jim Davies, Floyd Bush, Mr. Tate and Mrs. Johnson from Timber.

The Scotch lite for bicycles has been ordered and when the material arrives a date will be set for a meeting to which youngsters with bicycles will be invited for a safety lecture. Arrangements for the meeting at that time will be handled by the driver training class, Claude Shaw and Merle Graham, Mr. Sorenson said.

All P.-T.A. members who have not done so are asked to return their tickets and money to Harold McEntire, treasurer, as soon as possible.

## First Match of Season Lost

The Vernonia Gun club rifle team lost their first match of the season Friday when they went to Clatskanie by a score of 1389 to 1366. Only four shooters represented Vernonia in the match.

Ralph Aldrich was high man with 284. Ben George was second with 276, Carl Schaumburg third with 272 and Jack Toothaker fourth with 267.

The Vernonia club will entertain the Old Crows of Portland here for the next match.

## Comparison of Welfare Program Cost Data in County Shows Increase

Welfare assistance in Columbia county is a growing program as is indicated by a comparison of costs for the current year with figures for 1939. The release of data was approved by the county welfare commission and prepared by Mrs. Eva L. Tice, administrator of the program.

For comparison, current costs of welfare programs were compared with 1939 figures. The year 1939 was selected inasmuch as programs were somewhat established by that year.

### NUMBER DROPS, COST UP

At year's end in 1939 the old age assistance list included 338 persons, the cost being \$16,730.00,

## Wilson Services Conducted Mon.

Final rites were conducted here Monday of this week at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson who passed away at her home at Trehame January 8 at 7:30 a.m. The services were conducted at the First Christian church with Rev. Kaub of Portland officiating.

Death claimed Mrs. Wilson at the age of 66 years. She was born September 22, 1886 in Illinois, but had made her home on Timber route for the past 30 years and in this part of the state since 1906.

She was the daughter of William and Emma McDaniel and was married to Harry A. Wilson January 17, 1903 at Hillsboro. Mr. Wilson passed away March 25 of last year.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Rilla Snyder; two foster sons, George Hult of Sweet Home and Gus Hult, Vernonia and two grandchildren.

Commitment took place at the Vernonia Memorial.

## Annual Banquet Date Determined

The banquet for Logger football squad members is scheduled to take place Wednesday of next week, January 21 at the Legion hall, according to arrangements made early this week. The affair is to be sponsored jointly by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Lions club, a procedure that has been followed for the past several years.

The grid squad and others attending will hear Johnny Carpenter as guest speaker. If available, he will bring all-star game movies for showing after the dinner.

Auxiliary members purchase and prepare the banquet while the club arranges for the sale of tickets to finance the cost. Cecil Johnson was named by the Lions in December to handle the club's part of the affair and he named Floyd Bush Monday of this week to take care of the sale of tickets.

### Society to Meet

The Columbia County Historical society will meet Tuesday, January 20 at the Clatskanie Grange hall near the Quincy school. The afternoon program will feature history of the Quincy-Mayger area, according to Pearl Becker, secretary of the society. The meeting will be cancelled if the weather is inclement.

### Visits Planned

It is hoped that more public health nursing services can be given the Vernonia area, according to Miss Grace Roumagosa, county nurse, who has announced her visit schedule to this area. Present plans are that she will be at the Vernonia schools the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

## Boards Give Approval to Bus Changes

### High School Board Authorizes Final Contract Payment

The boards of directors for both school district 47 and the union high school granted their approval to the sale by their owners of two busses which transport children when the two groups met Tuesday evening.

The decision to dispose of their busses was voiced by Bruce McDonald and C. A. Mills who interviewed both boards Tuesday, expressing their wishes to retire. The former has driven 24 years and the latter for 33 years.

New owners will be Bob Curf who will purchase the Mills' bus and W. A. Davis, the McDonald bus. Effective date of the change of ownership is to be February 1 when new bus contracts will be signed.

The high school board voted final payment covering the contract for construction of the new building and also approved to pay the architect's fee at the same time.

Final payments have hinged on a change of locks on the school lockers and that change, which conforms with contract specifications, was made last week end. Board action to make the final payment also hinged on the advice of John L. Foote, attorney for the district, who indicated the move should be made.

A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Foote by the board for work performed by him in investigating titles to property prior to letting of bids and also for his cooperation in preparing an agreement to enter the building before it was completed, all at no charge to the district.

## 4-H Leaders to Hear Official

Mrs. Lois Kent, Columbia county school superintendent, will speak to the Columbia county 4-H leader's association at its meeting on Saturday, January 17, at the Vernonia grade school. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Kent will speak on the subject "Working With Boys and Girls." She will discuss some of the opportunities, methods and problems in working with boys and girls of 4-H club age.

The regular business meeting will be held during the morning with the president, Mrs. Ross Janes, presiding.

In addition to Mrs. Kent's talk during the afternoon session, there will be a discussion of the proposed junior leadership project. Recommendations will then be submitted to the state 4-H office at Corvallis.

All 4-H club leaders and others interested in club work are invited to attend the meeting. Mrs. Janes states that parents are especially welcome. The noon meal will be potluck.

## Crew Completes Staking of Line

The Bonneville power administration surveying crew, which has made headquarters here for the past six months, left Tuesday of this week after completing the job of routing and staking for the power transmission line from Forest Grove to Glenwood, then to the Sunset junction substation.

Construction of the 115,000 KV line is scheduled for completion in September, 1954. When placed in service the line will provide this part of the West Oregon Electric system with two power connections with Bonneville.

an average of \$49.50. Today the list includes 310, the cost being \$17,961.00, an average of \$55.04.

Medical care was also given to both groups. In 1939, the total cost for medical care for all programs was \$1,569.00. Medical care in November, 1952 for old age assistance persons alone cost \$3,107.00.

The drop in old age assistance cases can be attributed to many things, the changed status of property, of legally responsible relatives, and the old age and survivors insurance program (commonly called social security). Eighty-two persons receive money from both programs.

Possibly increasing costs need no interpretation. Everybody who pays a grocery bill can interpret this change correctly.

### CHILD CASES DROP

In 1939, there were 73 aid to dependent children cases (174 children) costing \$6,405.00, an average of \$87.74 per case. The list now includes 70 cases (157 children) costing \$6,573.00, an average of \$93.90 per case. Medical care for this group cost \$405.00 in November.

The economic factors that are indicative in old age assistance seem to have little validity here. Only eight cases receive death benefits from old age and survivor's insurance. Legally responsible relatives are quite often in the groups with a waning earning power. There is little property to become involved. However, within the last year two cases were closed because of the sale of property.

### BLIND AID LESS

In 1939, there were three blind assistance cases costing \$226.00, an average of \$75.33. Now there are two costing \$128.00, an average of \$64.00. No money was spent for medical care for the blind in November.

Aid to the disabled started in November, 1950 when 30 cases cost \$1,661.00, an average of \$55.36 per case. Thirty-six cases now cost \$2,228.00, an average of \$61.89 per case. Medical care cost \$233.00 in November.

Poster home care cases now include 24 cases costing \$842.85, an average of \$35.12. Three of these children received survivor's insurance checks from their fathers' social security account.

### LIST CHANGES

The general assistance list fluctuates more than any other as it includes the unemployed. Currently there are 37 cases receiving \$2,355.00, an average of \$63.65. Medical care for this group cost \$517.70 in November.

Medical cases for the month of November included such diagnoses as arm and hip fractures, pneumonia, leukemia, kidney infection and heart failure.

## Health Theme Is Plan for Meet

The Vernonia P.-T.A. has scheduled its regular monthly meeting for 8 p.m. Monday, January 19 at the high school library. The program theme for January being health, it is planned to have short reports on the progress and work of the county health department and to show one of the newer health films furnished by the state department of visual education.

At an executive board meeting Monday afternoon, January 12, Mrs. Art Nanson, membership chairman, phone 846, reported that collection of dues is still quite low in number as compared to school enrollments. Paid-up memberships are also a very material aid toward the maintenance of a local P.-T.A.'s effectiveness.

Most of the group's work in the last month was devoted to the benefit dance, January 10 and it was successful in raising the major portion of the money needed for the safety projects.