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Non-League Tilt Friday Lost 20-7

Wy-East Outclasses Logger Eleven; Pass Defense Overcome

The Vernonia Loggers took it on the chin last Friday evening when they made the long trip to Wy-East where they met that team in a non-league conference tilt and were defeated by the score of 20-7.

Vernonia just couldn't seem to get started and was outclassed in practically every department by the Wy-East eleven.

Wy-East scored first in the starting period when they caught the Loggers napping on pass defense and completed a long, 30-yard toss which ended up in the end zone for their first TD. The rest of the first half play was a nip-and-tuck defensive battle with neither team able to start any sustained drives.

Third quarter play was the big quarter as far as both of the squads were concerned. Once again the same long pass play played havoc with the locals when another Wy-East TD scored from 20-yards out. The Wy-East squad then kicked off to the locals who let the ball roll to their own 25 without gaining possession of it with Wy-East taking over there on a recovery. From that point they drove it over after a drive, scoring from three yards out.

The Loggers' one and only tally came on a 55-yard jaunt by Speed Lusby. The try for point was good with Ozzie Ray converting.

Two Injured, One Killed by Shots

Two hunters were injured by gunshots near here Saturday and another was killed Sunday on Green mountain as the hunting took last week end in this part of the state. Both injuries took place near here.

Mrs. Frances St. Onge, 25, of St. Helens was wounded in the face while hunting near Baker point lookout by a bullet fired by George Koski, also of St. Helens. She was taken to the Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Portland for treatment.

The second mishap to occur Saturday was a leg injury for John R. Lowe, 30, of Portland who was hunting in the Stoney Point area on Timber route. He was brought here for emergency treatment, then taken to St. Vincent's hospital in the Vernonia community ambulance.

While hunting on Green mountain early Sunday morning, a shot took the life of Jack Eastham, 29, of Astoria. The shot was thought to have been fired by Jack Cummings, also of Astoria.

Tuesday Meeting To Hear History

The next meeting of the Columbia County Historical Society, which is dated to take place next Tuesday, October 27, will bring members of the organization to this section of the county. The society will convene at the Vernonia grange hall.

The affair will open with a potluck dinner at noon and a business meeting and local history program will follow. The history program is being arranged by Oscar Weed.

The annual election of officers is also scheduled for this meeting.

Girls Plan Dance

The high school Girls League will sponsor a homecoming dance after the Warrenton game Friday evening. Music will be supplied by the Swingsters and the affair is open to the public.

County Tax Valuation Up For Total of \$16,448,135

Columbia county's tax valuation jumped \$201,460 between 1952 and 1953 to reach a total of \$16,448,135, according to a summary of the 1953-54 tax roll issued last week by O. A. Ridenour, county assessor.

The tax summary, a 10-page pamphlet, outlined the tax situation of the county, listing valuation, a statement of taxes levied for the year and a breakdown of mill levies.

A comparison with last year's summary showed that the increase in total valuation was brought about through boosts in nearly every kind of taxable property.

Fall Handicap Won by Nanson

The fall handicap golf tournament has been completed at the Vernonia country club with winners as follows:

Ken Nanson 1st; Tom Corrigan, 2nd; Ben Brickel 3rd in the championship flight; Bill Nelson 1st place in the consolation flight. Trophies were awarded to the various winners.

In addition to the above winners, low gross and low net awards were won by Joe Magoff, Bill Nelson, Wesley Bolmeier and Kenny Nanson. These winners were awarded golf balls.

The next tournament will be the winter handicap which will start soon after the first of January. This will be open to any golfer in the community that has an established handicap or can establish a handicap by turning in score cards to the club house between now and the first of the year. The golf course is in better shape than it has been all year and this should prove to be an added incentive to get the golfers, and duffers out. There is still lots of good golf weather left.

Salvation Army Not in Drive

Through information released in a communication received here the latter part of last week the Salvation Army points out that it is not included in the current United Fund drive which began Sunday. Word of the Army's decision to conduct its own campaign came from Harry L. Larsen, divisional commander, Portland.

The decision, as made by Army officials and the county committee, was released in view of the fact that some publicity has appeared to the effect that the Army was included in the United Fund.

Jamboree Date Set

This year's LCL basketball jamboree is scheduled to take place here again this year December 4. Eight high school teams will compete, each team playing two quarters.

Loggers, Warrenton to Tangle Here Friday Night

Coach Vleck's Loggers will take on the Warrenton eleven on the local field Friday night at 8:00 p.m. in their fourth Lower Columbia league encounter this season and the last game to be played on the local turf. This will be homecoming for the Loggers and a good crowd is expected both from Vernonia and Warrenton.

To date the Warriors of Warrenton have a league standing of two wins and one loss, the only loss being suffered at the hands of St. Helens. The Warriors have taken wins from Rainier and Scappoose and will be out for blood Friday evening for the coveted second place berth in the league.

The booklet listed the value of taxable property for 1953-54 as: tillable land, 29,285.57 acres, \$1,889,370; non-tillable land, 228,273.78 acres, \$1,972,315; timber land, 4,259.04 acres, \$151,630; structural improvements on unplatted land, \$2,608,075; platted lands, \$842,480; structural improvements on platted lands, \$1,644,010; and mineral reservations, \$18,880.

This placed the total real property tax valuation at \$9,126,760.

Personal property was listed as: manufacturing machinery and logging equipment, \$1,718,930; boats, vessels and other watercraft, \$21,415; merchandise and stock in trade, \$1,449,080; farming implements and equipment, \$778,660; furniture and fixtures in commercial use, \$480,335; horses and mules, numbering 526, \$12,470; cattle, numbering 12,334, \$578,835; sheep and goats, numbering 2,309, \$10,695; swine, numbering 566, \$4,845; poultry, numbering 23,004, \$14,840; fur-bearing animals, numbering 2,303, \$9,075; miscellaneous, \$365.

Valuation of personal property totalled \$5,079,745.

Soldier's exemptions brought deductions of \$98,170 but Public Service corporation property added \$2,339,800 to the total valuation. A county tax levy of 7.7 mills is expected to produce \$123,650.63 in county taxes.

The summary showed that residents of Vernonia will pay the highest mill levy of any incorporated community in the county with a tax rate of 142.4. Vernonia's taxpayers are financing a new high school, accounting for the high tax rate.

Clatskanie residents will pay the second highest tax rate of 126 mills.

Third highest tax will fall upon Scappoose citizens for a total of 120.1 mills.

Rainier taxes will total 106.8 mills for residents outside the cemetery district and 109.8 for those inside. Goble taxpayers will be charged 84.8 mills for their government, while Prescott citizens pay 99.1 and Columbia City citizens, 92.9.

St. Helens residents face a tax levy of 96.9 mills.

Valuation of cities in the county with last year's valuation in parenthesis were:

Clatskanie, \$387,030 (\$381,530); Columbia City, \$88,755 (\$87,745); Goble, \$31,995 (\$17,715); Prescott, \$33,845 (\$27,360); Rainier, \$640,105 (\$681,950); Scappoose, \$301,870 (\$270,735); Vernonia, \$315,345 (\$323,300).

Rainier showed a drop of more than \$40,000 in total valuation while Vernonia fell nearly \$7,000. All other communities were given higher valuation.

The booklet showed that residents of Goble, like last year, will pay no city tax, but must pay a total levy of 84.8 mills.

The summary illustrates the steady climb of taxes in Columbia county during the last five years. Total taxes were listed as 1948-49, \$1,368,117.71; 1949-50, \$1,420,730.27; 1950-51, \$1,478,805.57; 1951-52, \$1,548,901.91; 1952-53, \$1,636,153.04; 1953-54, \$1,666,707.11.

Vernonia, on the other hand, has a record of three wins and one loss and is tied with the Rainier Columbians for second place to date. The Loggers defeated Seaside, Clatskanie and Scappoose and suffered a loss at the hands of the St. Helens Lions. Vernonia will also be out for blood to remain in the second place slot in the league, so this should be quite a game, which is rated by the armchair quarterbacks as a tossup.

Local fans will see fancy ball carrying with the efforts of Carl Rodrigues, speedy Warrenton back and one of the leading scorers in the league, and Bill Braun, Logger speedster.

Two Business Firm Changes Are Arranged

Thomas Variety Sold After Completing 26 Years in Business

Two transactions have taken place here within the past few days that will result in changes of ownership for two business firms within a short time. Official announcement of one of the changes was made earlier this week by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas, owners of Thomas Variety store, who have disposed of the business to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Steers, Jr. The latter will assume operation of the store the first of November.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas recently conducted a store-wide sale and since then have sold the business. Included in the transaction is the building in which the store is located.

The former owners would have completed 26 years here in the variety store business in March of next year. They opened the business originally in the building in which the Schaumburg paint store is now located, but moved in a few months to the present location. People who have resided here for many years will recall that previous to the time Mr. and Mrs. Thomas moved their store into the building it was occupied by the Gordon furniture store.

Previous to their variety business, the Thomases owned and operated a garage on Second street where the Nazarene church is now located. They will continue to make their home here.

The other change of business which has taken place in the past few days concerns the Palace cafe. Mrs. Jack Barry, former operator of the business, has disposed of her interest to Mrs. Luella Anderson who planned to reopen the business today.

Benefit Dinner Due Cafeteria

The need for more equipment for the grade school cafeteria is the reason for a benefit dinner which is scheduled to take place October 31 at the Washington school lunch room. The decision to help with the project was made Monday evening at the first fall business meeting of the P.T.A. Monday evening at the high school.

The association will give the grade school its assistance in making the dinner a success.

Members of the P.T.A. heard Mrs. R. O. Wickersham, Portland, state chairman of the parent education committee as guest speaker at the meeting. Her topic was "Study and Discussion Groups for Parents."

Convention Attended

Three delegates representing mill and timber workers returned last week end from Vancouver, B. C. where they attended the annual IWA convention last week. Going from here were Jim Cox, Jr., and Mrs. Cox and Sherman Fisher. The two men represented IWA Local 5-37. Charlie Duncan represented Camp Olson at the convention.

Jury Names Listed

The October term jury list for the circuit court for Columbia county was released the latter part of last week by the county clerk's office and lists the names of three people from this part of the county. Edward Garner was the only Vernonia name listed on the trial juror list. Mrs. Laura Carmichael and Clifford Fowler both are serving on the grand jury.

Outage for Power Users Announced

Electric power consumers served by West Oregon Electric will be without electricity from 1 to 5 a.m. Friday morning, tomorrow, officials of the cooperative announced Wednesday morning.

Reason for the outage is the completion of work at the Vernonia substation which will complete the job of changing a switch that will make it possible to tie in the new transmission line between this substation and the one located at Sunset junction.

Power users in the entire Vernonia area will be subject to the outage including residents at Birkenfeld, Mist, Pittsburg, Timber route, Timber, Hayward, Bacona, Top Hill and Keasey route.

Loggers, Rainier Tie for Second

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
St. Helens	4	0	1.000
Vernonia	3	1	.750
Rainier	3	1	.750
Warrenton	2	1	.666
Clatskanie	1	3	.250
Scappoose	1	4	.200
Seaside	0	4	.000

Friday's Scores

St. Helens 19, Clatskanie 0.
Rainier 26, Scappoose 6.
Astoria 35, Seaside 12.
Warrenton 19, Neahkanie 13.
Wy-East 20, Vernonia 7.

Vernonia's sole ownership for second place in the Lower Columbia league last week is shared with Rainier this week as the result of last Friday's games. The Loggers, playing Wy-East in a non-league play, didn't drop from second place even though they lost 20-7.

Rainier shares second this week because the Columbians overran Scappoose Friday 26-6 for their third league victory, thereby handing Scappoose its fourth defeat this season.

Warrenton also holds the same standing as last week as last Friday's game for the Warriors with Neahkanie was out of the league. Warrenton won 19 to 13.

St. Helens maintained its position at the top of the list by handing Clatskanie a third loss this season, 19-0, although the Tigers were able to hold the Lions' power in check for the first quarter and allowed only one touchdown for St. Helens up to the mid-way mark.

Students to Go To Conference

Both the high school Timberline and the Memolog will be represented Friday and Saturday at the 27th annual Oregon high school press conference at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

To attend this year's sessions will be Kathleen Sauer and Marylyn Good, representing the Memolog, and Margaret Buckley and June Cunningham from the Timberline. Miss Mary Harding, advisor for the Memolog, will accompany them.

The conference will feature general assemblies presenting representatives from the newswriting, literary and advertising fields. Students will also meet Saturday morning for roundtable discussions conducted by staff members of high school publications with high state and national ratings.

New Job Taken

Don Helm, who was in charge for part of the past summer at the Pittsburg guard station, has been transferred to Dallas where he is working as inspector for the forest service. He left for his new post early this week.

County Fire Record Lists 9 for Season

2.4 Acres Burned During Summer; State Record Good

Forest fires reported for the 1953 fire season hit an all-time low for Columbia county and the state record, as far as man-caused fires is concerned, also dropped to a number less than has been true for over ten years. Figures giving the county total came Wednesday from Dennis Mawhirter, assistant district warden at Pittsburg and from the Keep Oregon Green association headquarters at Salem for the state data.

For this county only nine fires have been reported up to date this year and they have burned only 2.4 acres. Last year's record of 20 fires and 47.32 acres was considered very good by forestry men, especially for the extremely dry summer season of 1952, but the record so far this season is even better.

The record for 1951 was 39 fires and 112 acres and for 1953, 14 fires and 29 acres.

Causes given for the fires in 1953 were given by Mawhirter as: two—logging; two—smokers and one each from lightning, debris burning, incendiary and miscellaneous.

Figures compiled by both state and federal units show that a total of 1,543 fires occurred in the forests of Oregon this past season and one of the very significant facts is that only 473 were man-caused while the balance of 1,070 were caused by lightning. Dean Paul M. Dunn, chairman of the KOG association released the information and also indicated that this will be one of the best fire-free years since 1941 when the association program was organized.

Causes given for the 273 total are: smokers 156, logging 60, slash and debris 66, campers 57, incendiary 23, railroads 19 and miscellaneous 92. Last year's man-caused fires totaled 1,045.

Scouts Without Leader Service

Boys of this community who are interested in Scout work are without the services of a Scoutmaster for the coming year an official of the I.O.O.F. lodge announced Tuesday night after the matter had been discussed at the Lodge meeting that evening.

The Scoutmaster post became vacant a week or so ago when Merle Graham resigned and since that time someone to take the post has not been found so that it may not be possible to carry on the program this year.

Scout troops are granted new charters each year in October for the ensuing year, but so far the lodge, which sponsors the Vernonia troop, has not applied for a charter for the coming year.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Staff Sgt. Leeman Lindsley surprised his parents Sunday evening by arriving on a 20-day delay enroute furlough. He is being transferred from Mare Island Naval base to a recruiting station at San Francisco.

Donald Blount who is stationed in Japan was promoted to Pfc. recently.

Death Call Received

Mrs. Paul Naviaux left here Tuesday for San Francisco where she was called because of the death of a son, Glen Morgan. She made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Portland, for-