

## TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Pearl Adams spent the Christmas holiday at Sweet Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Petersen enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of their son Fred in Portland. They were joined there by another son and his family from Bremerton.

Grayce Bundy went to Yamhill Friday to spend Christmas with her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heckenliab were guests for Christmas dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harold Shell of Aloha. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Heckenliab and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hollenbeck of Santa Ana, California, arrived Tuesday for a weeks visit with Mrs. Hollenbeck's sister, Mrs. George Biddle and her brother, Bob Cone, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hahn left Sunday to drive to Pasadena, California where they will see the Rose Bowl game on New Years. Enroute they will visit with relatives and friends and enjoy sight seeing.

Mrs. Dorothy Rice, mother of Mrs. John Serafin, who has been here since Thanksgiving, left on Christmas day by plane for her home at Long Beach, California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bush Jr. and Judy and Jon are leaving Portland today on the special Shrine train for San Francisco to attend the East-West game there on New Years day.

Mrs. Gladys Morrell of North Bend was here over the Christmas holiday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lulah Fullerton. Mrs. Morrell formerly taught in the Vernonia school system and is engaged in welfare work at Coos Bay now.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Weidman and daughter visited over the Christmas holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lona Weidman.

Guests for Christmas dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Knoll included Rev. and Mrs. Lee Knoll, Paul and Ruth, of Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knoll, Marilee and Jimmie, of Jennings Lodge; Misses Maty and Letha Knoll of Spokane, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knoll, Eleanor Barbara, and Kathy, of Richland, Washington and Mr. and Mrs. David Palmer and son Gary of Yakima, Washington.

Ray East spent the holiday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest East.

Chief and Mrs. George Lair and their children arrived here Christmas eve from Honolulu at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson. He is a brother of Mrs. Johnson. All of them spent Christmas at Longview with their parents.

Winners identified up to Wednesday morning for the Brunswick Hardware drawing were Arnold Ruffi, Bill Shipman and Mrs. Elvin Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gillham Jr. and children, Dennis, Randolph and Patsy from Klamath, California were in Vernonia December 24 to see friends for the first time in nearly two years. They were on their way to Portland to spend Christmas day. They brought word that Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Gillham Sr. of Klamath are well and are building a small store which they plan to open in the spring.

Here as guests at the home of his parents over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall and daughter, Brenda, from Seattle. They came Thursday of last week and will leave this week end for Portland for a day's visit with relatives before returning to Seattle.

Dr. H. E. Schlegel, who formerly was located here and has now established an office at Oregon City, was here Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davies and sons, Craig and Scott, left here Wednesday evening of last week for Huntington Park, California to spend the holidays with relatives. H. T. Blake, bookkeeper at the Vernonia Auto company several years ago, has returned to take care of that department during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Greenman were in Portland Christmas at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burrow.

Here last week to see relatives and friends during the holiday season were Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Russell of Myrtle Creek. He formerly was minister of the Nazarene church.

Mrs. Dick Fletcher was hostess for the O-A bridge club Monday of last week. Guests for the affair were Mrs. Harry Ford and Mrs. John Grady.

The mind is a wonderful thing. It starts working the minute you're born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

White lies often have to be from turning black.



## LUMBER LOOKS AHEAD TO '55

BY JUDD GREENMAN  
President, National Lumber Manufacturers Association  
Washington, D.C.

Look for greater use of wood in new home construction next year!

You'll see more of it on the outside of new homes and more of it on the inside. What's behind this trend? Public demand.

Today's home buyers are demanding the beauty, warmth and dignity that only wood can offer. They want a home of functional, advanced design that fits their needs and has a cheerful, friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

Today's home buyers are turning more to wood paneling—to relieve the glare from picture windows, to lend variety to their rooms, to cut down redecorating costs.

### MORE WOOD WINDOWS

They're turning more to wood windows—to escape the starkness of aluminum and steel, to minimize condensation, to avoid drafts.

They're turning more to wood floors—to give their homes lasting, practical beauty and the tread-resilience missing in most floor substitutes.

They're turning more to wood furniture—to accent style and durability in their home furnishings and because the desire to "touch wood" is ingrained in all of us.

They're turning more to wood siding and wood shingles—to give their homes individuality and distinction, to save on construction costs, to cut down their heating and cooling expenses.

The demand for lumber in all types of new construction should continue brisk next year. But home building is lumber's brightest spot in the construction picture.

### STUDIES SHOW USE

Recent studies indicate that the average U. S. dwelling unit contains approximately 10,500 board feet of lumber. If as many as 1.3 million new homes are started next year—as many government and private housing experts have predicted—the lumber used in home construction, alone, should total in the neighborhood of 13 billion board feet. That's roughly one-third of our industry's average annual production in recent years.

We expect the trend toward greater use of wood in homes to be given added impetus next year by the Federal Housing Administration. FHA officials have indicated that they plan to give greater recognition in their appraisals to homes of contemporary design and quality materials. Wood fits these specifications perfectly.

### NEW POLICY HELPFUL

FHA's new policy will permit builders to take full advantage of the economy, versatility and

livable qualities that wood imparts to a home.

As this is being written, furniture plants appear to be working out of the slump that plagued that industry during the early months of 1954. From the standpoint of hardwoods sold for furniture manufacture and other domestic uses, 1955 is expected to be better than the year now drawing to a close.

Hardwood flooring demand has been high during 1954 and should continue strong in 1955. Total hardwood flooring production in 1954 was up about 12 per cent over 1953.

The new housing law will give a boost to home repairs, alterations and additions, another important lumber market. Recent Census Bureau figures indicate that home owners, alone, are spending \$7.2 billion a year to fix up their properties. The National Association of Real Estate Boards estimates that owners and tenants of rental properties, who weren't covered by the Census Bureau survey, are putting an additional \$5 billion into fix-up work.

### DO-IT CONTINUES

That makes more than \$12 billion a year being spent to improve and modernize residential structures, or about equal to estimated expenditures for new housing construction in 1954.

The do-it-yourself movement will continue to figure prominently in the home repair and improvement picture, and lumbermen will continue to go all-out to service this important market.

Lumber production for 1954 is expected to total about 36.5 billion board feet—seven per cent below 1953 output. Lumber consumption, which includes exports and imports as well as changes in distributors' stocks, is figured at approximately 39.7 billion board feet for 1954—three per cent below 1953. Exports for the year are estimated at 680 million board feet—six per cent above 1953. Imports are calculated at 2.8 billion board feet—one per cent above 1953.

Extended strikes in the Douglas fir region were chiefly responsible for the decline in lumber output during 1954. If similar shutdowns can be avoided during 1955 and if construction prospects hold up, lumber production and consumption next year should at least equal—and may very well exceed—this year's figures.

The Navy distributes more than 1.6 million news releases a year to the home town newspapers of men and women in the Naval service.

Waiting for a lucky break wouldn't be a bad policy if pay days weren't so uncertain.

## YESTERDAYS Holiday Leave Spent at Home

FIVE YEARS AGO  
From The Eagle, Dec. 29, 1949  
Lois Schwab and Jean Turner recently were chosen as two of the finalists to compete for amateur hour prizes at Hillsboro in January.

County Christmas seal sales were reported to have reached \$3398.

The American Legion Auxiliary reported having sent more than 100 gifts to the Veteran's hospital bed side gift shop.

Marilyn Graves and Jack Frank were married December 26 at the Assembly of God parsonage.

TEN YEARS AGO  
From The Eagle, Dec. 28, 1944  
The ownership of the Vernonia Billiards was transferred this week from Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Edwards to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emmons.

Paul Gordon was installed as worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge, with Frank Lane acting as installing master. A few nights later a delegation of local Masons took the traveling gavel to St. Helens.

Influenza cases were very prevalent and everyone was warned to go to bed at first signs of the ailment to prevent serious developments.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO  
From The Eagle, Dec. 29, 1939  
Vernonia merchants announced a plan for giving gifts to the first Vernonia baby born after New Years.

Mrs. Katie McDonald was honored with a Christmas dinner at the I.O.O.F. hall at which all her children were present.

One of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tunnell's sons presented them with an unusual Christmas gift, an egg eight inches around the long way and six inches the other.

In a special drawing, Wallace McCrae received auto license No. 100.

**THE SHACK**  
Open under new management Monday, January 3. Open at 6 a.m. for breakfast. Closed 6 p.m.  
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- MEATS
- ETC.

## MILL MARKET AND LOCKERS

Remember—  
DELIVERIES TWICE DAILY: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
PHONE 1391

## LODGE AND CLUB NOTICES

**A. F. & A. M.**  
Vernonia Lodge No. 184  
A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple. Stated Communication first Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m.  
T. F. Tomlin, W.M.  
Walter Linn, Sec'y. 1-55

**V. F. W.**  
Regular meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8 P.M.  
V.F.W. Hall  
Ralph Hartman, Commander  
Leland Pugsley, Adjutant  
AUXILIARY—2nd and 4th Tues.  
Maeva Brimmer, President  
Shirlee Vike, sec'y. 4-55

**VERNONIA LIONS CLUB**  
MEETS EVERY MONDAY EVENING  
Vernonia Country Club  
Art Gardner, President  
George Hahn, Secretary 3-55

**Vernonia Lodge No. 246 I.O.O.F.**  
Meets Every Tuesday 8 P.M.  
Chris Fowler, Noble Grand  
Jim Davies, Secretary 1-55

**Columbia Encampment No. 89**  
will meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the I.O.O.F. hall.  
Homer Gwin, Chief Patriarch  
Wm. D. Shafer, Scribe 1-55

**American Legion VERNONIA POST 119**  
Meets First and Third Monday of each month.  
AUXILIARY  
First and Third Tuesdays 1-55

**Order of Eastern Star**  
Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.  
Regular communication first and third Wed. of each month at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
Lucille Tomlin, W.M.  
Mona Gordon, Sec'y. 1-55

**Knights of Pythias**  
Hardings Lodge No. 116  
Vernonia, Oregon

Meetings I.O.O.F. Hall, Second and Fourth Mondays Each Month

Oren Weed, Chancellor  
Commander  
Oscar G. Weed, Secretary

**Pythian Sisters**  
Vernonia Temple No. 61  
Meetings: I.O.O.F. Hall  
Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month  
Lesta Garner, M.E.C.  
Doris Garner, Secretary 2-55

**Vernonia F.O.E.**  
(Fraternal Order of Eagles)

Meets Every Friday 8 P.M.  
858 1st Ave.  
Vernonia

W. N. Noakes, W. P.  
Chas. Cederburg, Sec'y. 7-55

## MT. HEART REBEKAH LODGE

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month in the I.O.O.F. Hall.  
Alice Buckner, Noble Grand  
Evelyn Thompson, Vice Grand  
Gertrude Schalock, Rec. Sec'y.  
Hazel Cook, Financial Sec'y.  
Verda Cook, Treasurer

3-55

**PHONE 853**  
NEHALEM VALLEY  
MOTOR FREIGHT

**Joy Theatre**  
THURS., FRI. DEC. 30-31  
DRAGNET  
Jack Webb - Ben Alexander  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL  
SATURDAY JAN. 1, 1955  
LAST OF THE COMMANCHES  
Broderick Crawford  
SUN. MON. JAN. 2-3  
SUSAN SLEPT HERE  
Dick Powell - Debbie Reynolds

**KIDDIES FROM NEHALEM DAIRY**

**CALENDAR**  
THIS MONTH TODAY  
"N" stands for Now and Now means today.  
Drink lots of milk—BEGIN IT TODAY.  
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Grade A Pasteurized Milk & Cream  
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