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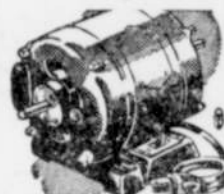
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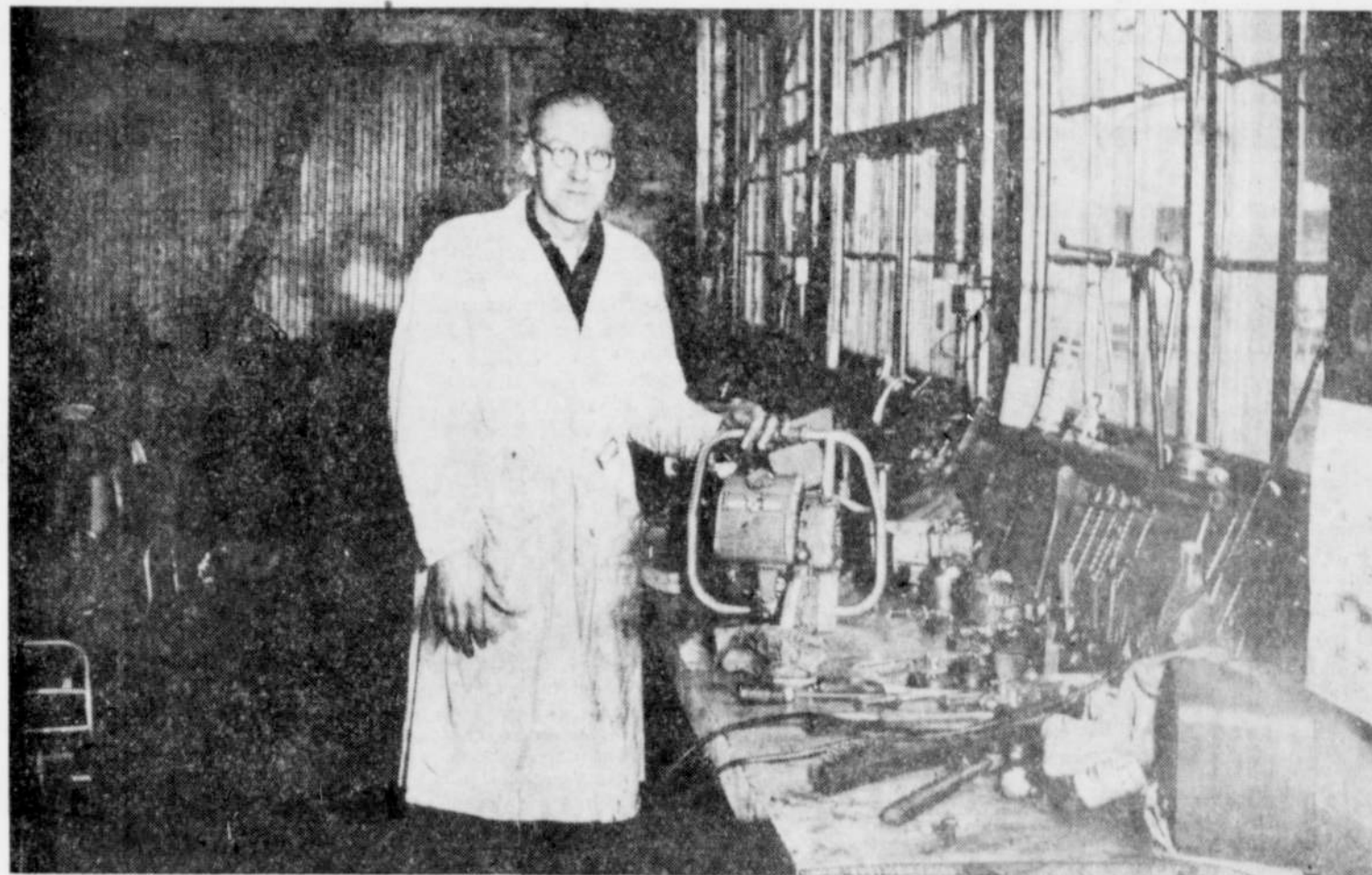
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proved property reflects in an improved appearance of
the entire area.

A business that is indeed essential to a community such as Vernonia that depends so largely on logging for its existence, is the one operated by Ted Keasey at the corner of Bridge and State streets under the name Ted's Saw Shop. To him is delegated the job of keeping the saws of the loggers sharp and in working order and the kind of saws with which he deals has changed over the years the same as everything else.

Mr. Keasey began working as a saw filer many years ago in the logging camps around Vernonia when it was the old cross-cut saws that must be kept sharp. In 1946, when he ended his employment with Sam Wilson, he began custom saw filing, caring for the saws of all who solicited his services. He established his first shop at Riverview and just last September moved to the location in the city.

In 1950, he began work on power saws that were beginning to be the thing to use. Now, the repair and servicing of these takes most of his time and he also is sales agent for the Home-lite saws and accessories. And,

since he is also a home owner and farmer, he also sells Fairbanks-Morse power lawn mowers, both the kind one walks behind and the kind which can be ridden. The latter draws many wishful glances from the men who would like a bit easier way of getting the task done.

Mr. Keasey comes close to being a home town product. His paternal grandfather, Eden Keasey, homesteaded on Rock Creek in 1839. His maternal grandfather, Isaac Detrick, homesteaded earlier, about 1882, at Pittsburg.

His parents, Carroll Keasey and Bertha Detrick, began their friendship and courtship here in those early days of the valley. When times got bad here and work was scarce, Mr. Keasey went to Missouri to work and later, Miss Detrick joined him there and they were married. It was there that Ted was born, but the lure of the Nehalem valley didn't relax its pull and when he was only a year old, they returned here to live for a number of years at Pittsburg and then to move to the homestead on Rock Creek.

When Ted was small, his parents moved into Vernonia and operated a general merchandise store located at the east end of the Rock Creek bridge at the site between the telephone office and the creek where an apartment house was destroyed by fire several years ago. They operated it from 1907 to 1913. Then they moved to Oakgrove, south of Portland, and later to Corvallis where Ted had the first three years of high school. However, they returned to the Rock Creek farm again in time for him to have his senior year at Vernonia high school where he graduated with the class of 1920. This was the fourth class graduated from Vernonia high school and had four members.

Ted's wife, the former Hilda Tucker, is a home town product. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker, homesteaded on Rock Creek about two miles from Vernonia and it was there that she was born and grew up.

With this background, Mr. and Mrs. Keasey could not help but have deep roots here and it was natural that when they were married they should settle here on

the homestead of his grandfather on Rock Creek. There is where they still live and where they have raised their fine family, of three sons and four daughters.

Mr. Keasey has been active in community affairs, especially with relation to the schools. He served on the board of directors for district No. 27 on Rock Creek, known as the Rock Creek school, for 13 years. When that district was consolidated with Vernonia he soon was placed on the board of directors for district 47 where he is now serving his nineteenth year. That he is a firm believer in education is evidenced not only his support for the local system and his continual efforts to better it, but also in the fact that all seven of his children have attended Oregon State college where five have graduated and the two youngest girls are now enrolled.

Mr. Keasey also maintains a firm faith in the future of Vernonia. He foresees changes, of course, but is confident that the transition can be weathered and that Vernonia can continue to grow and become a worthwhile community of the future.

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