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Death Claims Former Head Of Company

Word was received here Tuesday afternoon of the death that morning of Judd Greenman, former president of the Oregon-American Lumber company and later, general manager for the Vernonia division of the Long-Bell company, who retired in October, 1955 after 30 years in Vernonia. Since that time he has resided at 9911 S.W. Lynwood Terrace, Portland.

Funeral services for him will be held at the Colonial Mortuary, N.E. Sandy boulevard at 14th in Portland, at 2:30 p.m. Friday. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian, Portland; a son, Hale of Medford; a daughter, Mrs. Charles Burrows of Boston and by five grandchildren.

State to Build County Bridge

The Oregon state highway commission will receive bids in Salem on August 30 for construction of two reinforced concrete and timber bridges on the Scappoose Pittsburg highway in Columbia county.

Plans for this project call for the construction of a 66-foot bridge over the north fork of Scappoose creek approximately six and one-half miles northwest of Scappoose and the construction of an 84-foot bridge over the south fork of Scappoose creek in the city of Scappoose. Both the proposed structures will have a 26-foot roadway.

It is contemplated the construction of these two bridges will not commence until the spring of 1958. Columbia county road crews are to provide temporary detours to carry traffic around the bridge during construction.

PTA Committee Plans Program

Members of the PTA executive committee met August 21 to plan the program for the teachers' reception which will be held at the Washington school the evening of September 9. Music will be provided by the summer band under the direction of William Johnson. The teachers will be introduced in order to give parents an opportunity to know them. One business item which will be presented is the sponsorship of the Cub and Boy Scouts.

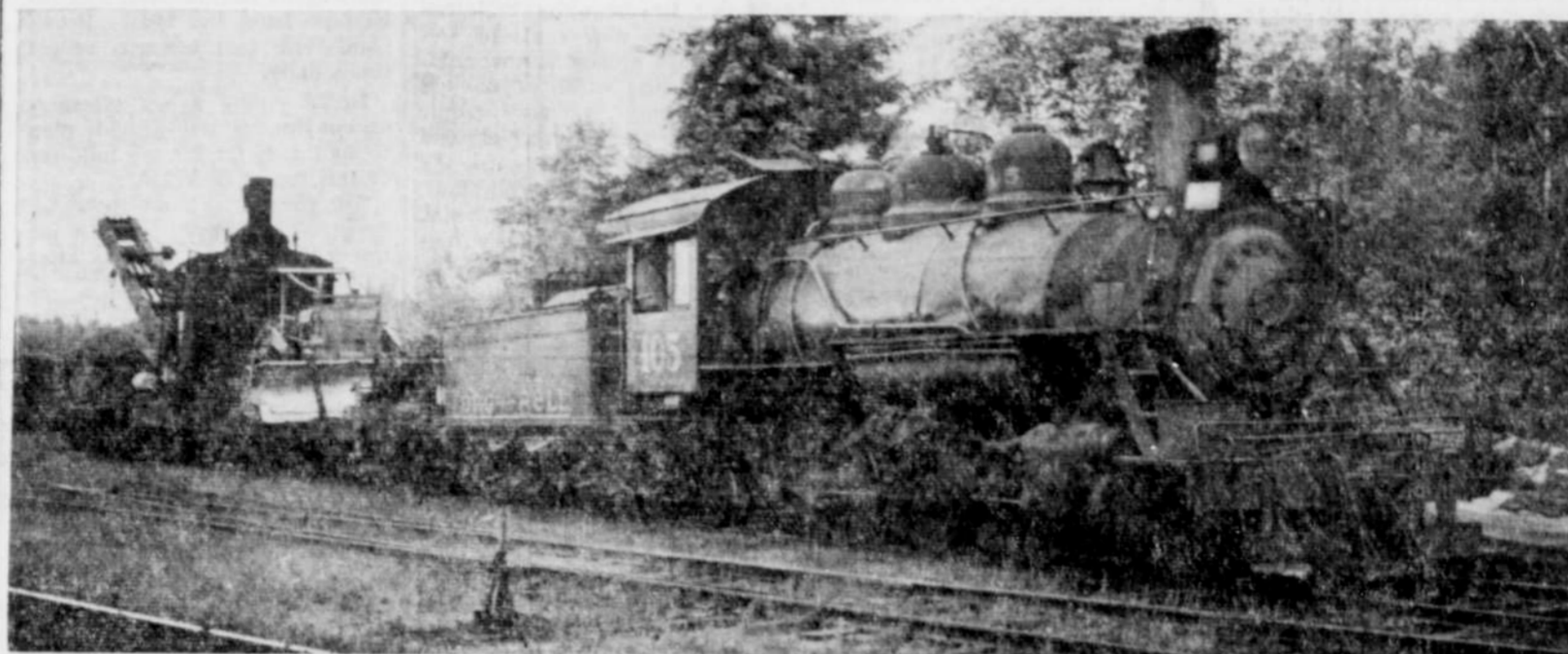
Also, that evening there will be an inspection of the work which has been done on the building during the summer months.

Planning Department Meetings Explained; Dinner Set

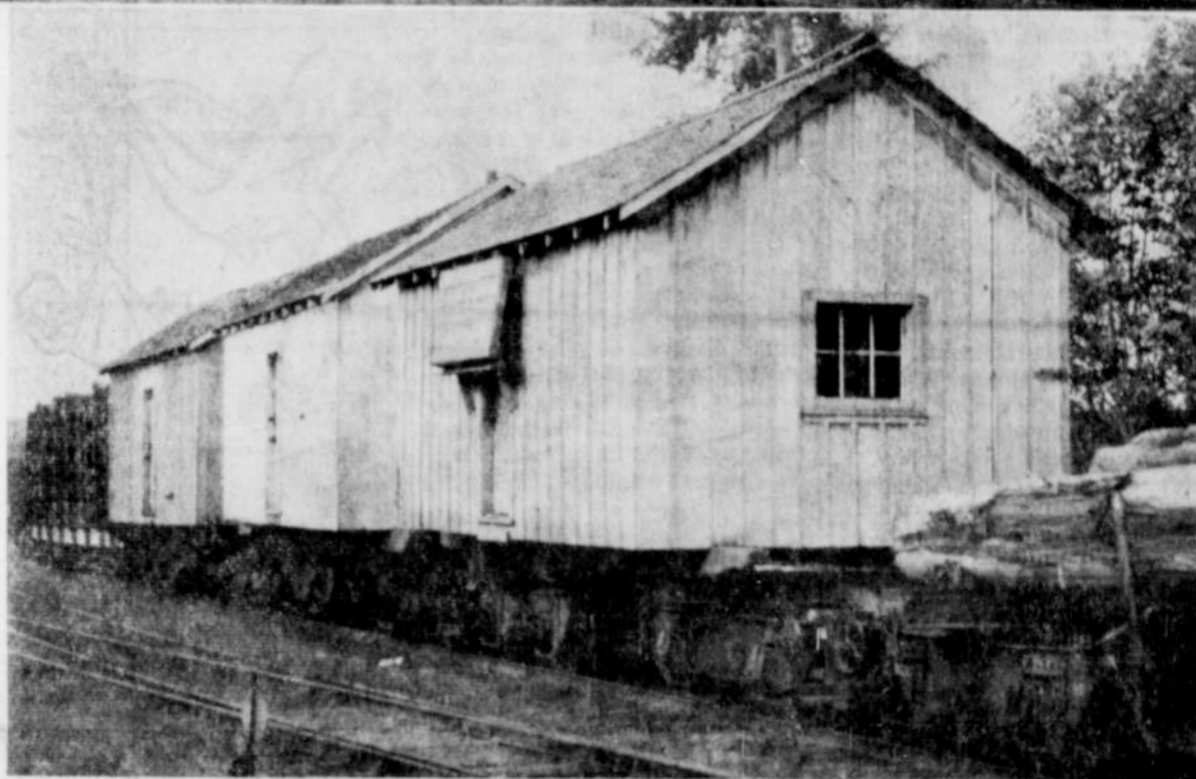
Directors and members of the Vernonia chamber of commerce were urged at their meeting Monday evening to attend one of the meetings of the whirlwind tour to be conducted by the state department of planning and development next month. Economic and industrial problems pertinent to Oregon communities will be presented at these meetings by representatives of the communities so the department may be of assistance in developing present and prospective industry.

Meetings for this area will take place at Tillamook, Astoria and Portland and will be attended by Governor Robert D. Holmes, Julius R. Jensen, executive director of the department, Harry Schenk, assistant director, Ivan Bloch, department consultant, and other state leaders.

Governor Holmes devoted part of his TV program a week ago



Locomotive 105 which brought the last load of logs from Camp McGregor to Vernonia Tuesday, is pictured here as it came into town last Friday. In addition to some logs, it brought in some of the logging machinery and tool sheds filled with the tools, pictured below. Old 105 has been in service here for many years and it and its crew were the friends of the many youngsters who are train enthusiasts and when possible were always on hand to see the train come in. Some of them have been wondering what they would do now that no more trains will come. It is anticipated one of locomotives used in International Paper Company logging operations will be placed here on display after final use of engines in woods is over. Some discussion of suitable location for unit has taken place, but no definite decision has been reached. If an engine is placed on display considerable attention will be attracted to it in future years.



Last Log Load Ends Era Starting 35 Years Ago

Tuesday Vernonia residents watched the last load of logs come by train from Camp McGregor to the pond at the International Paper company mill and thus end an era which began 35 years ago in 1922.

In 1922, the land for the mill was just being cleared and preparations made for building the "big mill." The railroad was being built into Vernonia which was then a small, isolated community surrounded by the finest stands of magnificent fir trees found anywhere in the world. Every road into the community led through beautiful virgin forests which in the course of the 35 years have become only a memory.

In the fall of 1922, about November it is believed, a logging camp was built far up Rock creek and named Camp McGregor for W. H. McGregor, manager of logging and land for the Oregon-American company whose mill was being built at Vernonia. The railroad had been extended on past Keasey to that point, and logging began.

The first trains of logs were brought out in 1922 and from then until 1924 when the mill was completed and ready for logs,

they were taken to Rafton, near Wilbridge on the Columbia and sold on the open market.

Some interesting sidelights concerning Camp McGregor are that it consisted of the bunk houses, cook house, dining room, commissary, office and school house. While many single men lived in the bunk houses and some married men worked in camp and left their families elsewhere, many families established homes at the camp and the school was a necessity. It is believed a Mrs. Perini was the first teacher. The third teacher was Miss Mary Patricia and it was at Camp McGregor that she met her hero and decided to become Mrs. R. B. Fletcher.

In 1933, fire destroyed Camp McGregor. Because the depression had closed the mill and shut down logging activities, it was not rebuilt until 1936 when the bunk houses were built in Vernonia and hauled to the camp site on disconnected log trucks.

In 1947 when timber was too far away from Camp McGregor, it was moved to the site known as Camp Olson, named after the logging superintendent in charge at that time.

In 1955, Cam, McGregor was

reactivated and Camp Olson dismantled. The buildings were moved by train back to the old site. At the peak of the logging operation approximately 300 men were employed.

This year the operations have gradually dwindled off and August 16 the cook house was closed and Camp McGregor began beckoning to ghosts to inhabit the buildings left behind with the memories of 35 years within them.

In the 35-year period, 28,000 acres have been logged. Figures as to the scale of logs brought out are not available, but it is reported that Judd Greenman told some of the train crew some years ago that it had passed the

billion mark. In April of this year, eight million feet of logs were put into the mill pond.

The man who brought the last train of logs in perhaps had a greater than usual feeling of nostalgia. He was Chet Alexander, engineer, who came here in 1922 when the track into the camp was being laid. He has been here continuously except for the few years when the operation was closed down.

Other men who were on the last train were Vincent Monaco, conductor; Swen Westerberg of Clatskanie, brakeman; Verne Chambers, Scappoose, brakeman and Howard Colvin, Vernonia, fireman.

Grade, High Teachers Meet, Plan for Opening Day of School Next Tuesday

High school teachers are meeting today and tomorrow and elementary teachers will get together tomorrow to get acquainted and make final arrangements for the opening of school next Tuesday morning. That day will be devoted to registration and students will remain at school only until noon. Wednesday, September 4, will be the first full day of school.

There will be seven new members on the grade school faculty, according to Darrold Proehl, superintendent. Also, a former teacher, Mrs. Jane Pace, will return this year and will teach second grade.

Mrs. Nora Rech of Portland will be librarian. She taught last year at Sandy. Leslie Caron, Longview, and a graduate of Lewis and Clark normal school, Lewiston, Idaho, will be one of the departmental teachers. Miss Carol Anne Smith of Livingston, Montana and a graduate of Montana State university will teach vocal music. Miss Vilene Edom, Portland will have second grade. Miss Lucille Edmundson, graduate of George Fox college and the Portland art museum school, will have arts and crafts. Mrs. Ruby McCullough Kyle, Gaston, and Mrs. Constance Wright, Hillsboro will teach first grade.

The other positions will be filled by the staff that was here last year, with some adjustments in classes. Tentative plans are for Mrs. Laune Cousins to have the kindergarten instead of sixth grade.

The lunch room personnel at Washington school will be the same as last year, Mrs. Ida Richards, Mrs. Vicky Nanson and Mrs. Carra Childs. In the school office, Mrs. Margaret Fuller will serve as school secretary, replacing Mrs. Kathleen Gwin who resigned last spring.

Nurse Urges Polio Shots

Miss Grace Roumagoux, county health nurse, has urged that all persons between the ages of 20 and 40 go to their personal physicians immediately for shots of the Salk vaccine. Also, if there are still those below the 20 year level who have not had them, they, also should get them now. The fall months are often the worst for epidemics and the germ attacks the 20 to 40 age group frequently.

First Annual Golf Event On Agenda

The Vernonia golf course will sponsor the first annual Northwest Oregon amateur golf championships on Labor day week: end Saturday, August 31 and on Monday, September 2, according to a joint announcement a few days ago by Bill Meadows, course owner, and Gil Frey, Portland, tournament chairman.

Play will be divided into four divisions: men's division medal play; men's division handicap; women's division medal play and women's division handicap.

All play will be conducted over a route of 36 holes; 18 holes on Saturday, August 31 and 18 holes on Monday, September 2.

Entry fee will be \$5 and will include green fees for the two-day event and practice rounds on Thursday, August 29 and Friday, August 31.

Appropriate merchandise prizes will be awarded in each division. A Jarman-Williamson bag boy golf cart has been chosen as the men's medal play first prize.

Pairings will be arranged so that families playing in the tournament will have starting times within a 15-minute period. Pairings will be arranged with men's foursomes and women's threesomes playing alternately.

Entries will be limited to the first 100 applications and should be submitted prior to midnight August 29.

Entries should include city and golf course affiliation and handicap and may be submitted in writing to the Vernonia course or by calling Bill Meadows, HA 9-3865 or Gil Frey, Portland, CA 3-3807.

Director Named For UF Drive

Ed Deal, Scappoose, last week was named county campaign director for the Columbia county United Fund chapter. He will head the annual drive of the organization which will be held in October.

The quota for the drive will be \$28,500 for the county. Cities of the county may add amounts to that which will be raised in their communities for local requests.

The new county campaign chairman was head of the St. Helens United Fund drive last year. He is assistant office manager of the Crown Zeilerbach mill in St. Helens.

The opening of the Columbia county drive will coincide with the opening of the Multnomah county drive.

The quota for the county was set at the budget meeting held in St. Helens last week. It will include money for 22 different charitable and institutional organizations.

Former Resident Dies at Seaside

Funeral services were held Monday at Seaside for Evan Treharne, 85, who was a resident of this area for about 30 years. He at one time owned much of the property now known as Treharne He, did a great deal of work as a highway construction contractor, and was road supervisor for a number of years.

Mr. Treharne was born in Wales in 1872 and came to the United States in 1886.

He is survived by four sons: Edwin, Seaside; Noah, Rockaway; Roland, Hawthorne, Nevada; and Elbert Kelley (stepson, Empire; four daughters, Mrs. Harold Penny, Pittsfield, Mass.; Mrs. Harry Wilson, Seaside; Mrs. Floyd Morrell, Philo, California; and Mrs. Ralph Brian, Hillsboro; 21 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

THOMPSON NAMED TO COURT POST

Robert L. Thompson was named to fill the vacant position on the Columbia county court Wednesday by a decision of the court made about 2 o'clock. The vacant position came about because of the resignation of Raymond C. Johnson last month and the court has been considering applicants since that time.

Thompson is also serving as councilman for the city of Vernonia and has been chief of the fire department for several years.