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## Rainfall Light, Temperature Readings Down

A summary of the weather for the past three months compiled from records kept by Frank Siemmons shows very little precipitation in the entire period. In August, there was a total of 1.13 inches with .32 of an inch on August 7 the largest amount on any one day. In September, a total of .75 of an inch was measured and in October, 2.71 inches for a three month total of 4.64 inches.

In August, the highest temperature recorder was 85 degrees on August 22 and the lowest was 38 degrees on August 15. In September, the mercury climbed to 92 degrees on September 14 and had been in the 85 to 90 category on the four previous days. Low in September was 32 degrees on September 19. October's high was 73 degrees on October 10 and the low was 25 degrees on October 21.

November has had more of a foretaste of winter with 21 degree lows on the third and fourth. High November 3 was 63 degrees.

## Service Held For E. Knight

Funeral services for Elmore Knight, 59 year old purchasing agent for the International Paper company at Vernonia, were held Wednesday, November 6 at 2 p.m. at the Christian church in Vernonia. Concluding services and interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with Fuiten's Chapel in the Hills mortuary, Vernonia in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Knight, who had been in poor health in recent months passed away at his home in Vernonia Sunday evening.

He was born August 5, 1893 in Alexandria, Louisiana and spent his early lifetime there. Following his marriage at Der-Ridder, Louisiana to Murel Hunter in 1920 he moved to California for several years.

In 1924 he started to work for the Central Coal and Coke company in Louisiana and then transferred with the company to the Oregon American mill at Vernonia in 1925, where he had lived and worked for the past 32 years.

Mr. Knight was a member and past master of the Vernonia Masonic Lodge No. 184 A.F.&A.M.; a member of the Royal Arch chapter No. 54 and of the Nehalem chapter No. 153 O.E.S.

Surviving besides his wife is a son, Truman Knight, Vernonia; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Culbertson, Medford; one brother, James Knight, Ferndale, Michigan; four sisters, Sadie Knight, Port Arthur, Texas; Mrs. Maude Waters, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Elizabeth Hembrick, Sulphur, Louisiana and Mrs. Nellie Morgan, St. Louis, Missouri and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Cassie Livingstone, pastor of the Christian church officiated at the services with lodge rites under the auspices of the Masonic lodge.

Serving as casket bearers were J. E. Tapp, E. East, G. L. Hieber, E. G. Dickson, R. L. Watson and W. E. Linn.

## Juniors Prepare For Annual Play

High school junior class students are preparing for their annual play to be presented this year on November 22. The play includes a cast of 12, eight girls and four boys, and will be a three act comedy entitled "O Promise Me."

Coaching the cast is Kerry Moran who has acted in this capacity for the two previous years.

## Schools Plan Open House During Observance of Education Week

Next week, November 10 through 16, is American Education Week and marks the 37th anniversary of such an observance by schools and various education organizations.

Cecil Posey, executive secretary of the Oregon Education association, and Governor Holmes, who has issued a proclamation asking observance of the week, both urge parents to visit the schools during the week and become better acquainted with their children's teachers and the program of the school. In line with this, all the schools in Vernonia are inviting parents to visit and will in effect maintain open house.

## More Franchise Changes Ordered

Further changes in the proposed new garbage franchise were given city council consideration Monday at the first November meeting and these changes will be incorporated in an ordinance to be drawn up for adoption soon. Councilmen ordered the recorder to have City Attorney C. F. Bradley draft the new franchise with the suggested changes included.

The council heard a request from International Paper company to supply water service to company property. As a result of the request, a council delegation will meet with company officials soon to discuss the matter.

Another item of business Monday was an order by the council to call for sealed bids for supplying river gravel. Details of the call for bids appear in an official notice in this issue. The gravel will be used as base rock for future alley and street work.

Councilmen also approved two applications for liquor licenses for the coming year, one for John Wilde, owner of Lews Place, and the other for Sam's Food Store.

## Book Week Tea Plans Announced

The 39th annual National Children's Book Week, November 17 through the 23rd, will be observed in Vernonia by the usual coffee hour to be held at the Vernonia public library. This event is sponsored jointly by the Vernonia Study club and the library board. The date will be given later.

Art students of the local schools are participating in the annual Book Week poster contest which has been sponsored by the Vernonia library for a number of years. These posters will be on display during book week. The slogan for this year is "EXPLORE WITH BOOKS."

## Bank 100% in UF Drive

First business organization to report a 100 per cent participation in the United Fund drive was the U. S. National bank, Vernonia branch.

## West Oregon Members to Receive Annual Report

Members of West Oregon Electric Cooperative are scheduled to receive this year's annual report featuring a resume of 20 years of cooperative power in the Nehalem valley. This will be the seventh year the cooperative has issued an annual report to its members.

Electric power supplied by an REA cooperative was first supplied in this state 20 years ago to people in the Jewell area by the Nehalem Valley Cooperative, the first in Oregon to receive an REA loan. Lines to members of that cooperative received their first electricity June 15, 1937.

Later, in 1945, the Nehalem Valley Cooperative became a part of West Oregon Electric when it was organized. Lee Woodson, treasurer of the present West

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Thema for this year is "An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward".

Wm. B. Johnson from the high school and Mrs. Velva Christensen from the elementary school are committee members for the local observance and plan as a part of it to place exhibits of some of the work done in the schools in down town windows.

Thursday, November 14, the parents of the fourth grade students of Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson's room will be guests for lunch at the Washington school cafeteria.

There will be a kick-off for the observance at the assembly tomorrow at the Washington school and a follow-up program is expected at the P.T.A. meeting November 18.

## Lion Benefit Date Near

More details were worked out at the Lions club meeting held Monday night for the pancake feed which will be staged by the club Saturday, November 16, at Kate's cafe. Committee chairmen appointed by President Tom Bateman who are active in the preparation are Edwin Ade, work detail; Sam Hearing Jr., food and Wesley Bolmeier, publicity.

Members of the club will work in two hour shifts and will be ready to start serving at 6:00 a.m. Those assigned to the first shift are Wilbur Davis, Jim Davies, Sam Hearing Jr., Cecil Johnson, Ed Roediger Jr., Bob King and Clarence Nance.

Some contributions to the fund which is earmarked for young Danny Lawler have already come in and because there are those who wish to contribute but cannot attend the hotcake feed, containers are being placed in some of the business places into which gifts may be dropped.

## Observance of Vets Day Asked

Mayor Don Bayley issued a proclamation this week asking the people of Vernonia to observe Monday, November 11 as Veterans Day in tribute to those who have defended our nation in the various wars. The days is a legal, postal, school and bank holiday, but other businesses will go on as usual, with flags flown in observance of the day.

At the Washington school, an assembly at 2:45 tomorrow will commemorate the occasion with a play, "The Talking Flag" and other numbers including numbers by the grade school band.

Plans of the various patriotic organizations had not been reported but it is understood that both the Legion and VFW do plan some observance of the day.

## Decisions of Contest Judges Expected Soon

Winners of this year's yard-of-the-month contest, a grand award for the best home improvement and an award for the best building improvement will be chosen soon by committees named last Wednesday evening by the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up group which has been active during the past summer.

The improvement committee, of which Mayor Don Bayley is chairman, heard a report on finances showing a total of \$59.02 on hand, most of which came from donations made by the Legion Auxiliary, Rebekah lodge, Lions club, PTA, Pythians, Nehalem Social club and Vernonia Study club.

Three awards will be made for the best yards of the month, one grand award for home improvement and a certificate of merit for the best business building improvement.

Weed control on vacant lots again came up for discussion, some of the most flagrant cases being pointed out by people present after a suggestion from the Study club was read to the group concerning this problem. The city has considered changes in the present ordinance governing weed control so that effective action can be taken, Bayley told the committee. He also pointed out that further action was being taken to remove or have removed old abandoned buildings.

## Burns Purchase Bush Building

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burns have announced that they are the new owners of the Bush Furniture store building as a result of a transaction completed this week. As soon as inventory has been completed, they will take over the disposition of the remainder of the stock there now for Mr. Purdy of Portland.

Later, they plan to move their TV and radio shop into part of the building and have plans for the remainder of the space which will be announced later.

## Grade Board Changes Date

Time for the meetings of the elementary school board have been changed from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Wednesday. This change has been made because one member of the board, Wilbur Wilson, is at present attending extension classes in Portland on Tuesday evenings.

Next meeting of the board will be Wednesday of next week, November 13.

## Grid Eleven Achieves Win Friday 13-7 Over Tigers

Coach Vicek's victory started early in the period when they recovered a Logger fumble on the locals' 38-yard strip. From that point the Tigers sporting a strong running attack and a pass completion drove all the way for the score. Clatskanie's points occurred on a 2-yard plunge through the center of the locals' line.

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Once again the Tigers scored in first quarter play when the Loggers punted to the Clatskanie 40, only to have the pigskin run back all the way for a T.D. Bad luck in the way of a five-yard penalty, however, robbed the Loggers of the score and the local eleven heaved a sigh of relief and took over possession once again and punted safely, this time to the opponents' 30.

At the end of the first quarter the Loggers on a sustained drive had penetrated from their own 30-yard marker to the Tigers' 30.

With the beginning of second quarter play, the Loggers, sticking to a steady ground attack, drove all the way to score with the try for point being good and sending the game into a tie at 7-7.

Once again in the second period the Loggers crossed the Tigers' goal. The second score occurred when an alert Vernonia defense grabbed a Clatskanie toss on the Tiger 20. The Loggers, wasting no time and with the clock steadily running out, drove all the way for the score and crossed the goal with one minute left in the first half. Try for point failed sending the Loggers ahead at halftime 13-7.

Second half play was a sea-saw battle with neither team threatening to score seriously until the latter minutes of the game when the Clatskanie eleven penetrated all the way to the locals' ten-yard marker, only to be stopped by a stubborn Vernonia defense on the fourth down with

## Grade Teacher Succumbs Sunday

Funeral services are being held this morning at St. Peter's Catholic church in Portland for Mrs. Leo M. V. Rech, Vernonia teacher, who passed away at Good Samaritan hospital Sunday following an illness which occurred shortly after the opening of school. Recitation of the Rosary was held last evening at the chapel of Hennessey, Goetsch and McGee who were in charge of arrangements. Concluding services and burial this morning will be at Mt. Calvary cemetery. Mrs. Rech was born June 11, 1901 in Kansas. She was an honor graduate of Ottawa University and had engaged in teaching in Portland, Sandy and this fall came to Vernonia.

She had been an active worker in 4-H and had recently received her 16 year pin. She had been both a local and district leader. She had been an active member of the Gilbert community club for 10 years and a member and chairman of the Gilbert school board. She also worked in the Gilbert and Gresham PTAs.

Surviving her are her husband, Leo; a daughter, Cecelia Anne Pratt and a son Leo, both of Portland; and three sisters.

## Flu Vaccine Arrives

A new shipment of Asian Flu vaccine has been received here this week and is available at the local doctor's office. More is also expected soon.

two yards to go. With the local eleven gaining possession, the Loggers controlled the ball and ran out the clock to take possession of their first game and handed the Tigers their seventh straight loss.

This Friday evening Vicek's eleven will take to the field for their final gridiron contest of the current season when they will entertain the Nestucca eleven on Greenman field at 8:00 p.m.

## Rites Held for John W. Scott

John W. Scott, 74 year old resident of 714 3rd Street in Vernonia, passed away late Wednesday evening at the St. Helens hospital following an illness of the past several years.

Funeral services were held at Fuiten's Chapel in the Hills mortuary, Vernonia, Saturday, November 2 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. F. M. Knoll, pastor of the E.U.B. church of Vernonia officiating. Concluding services and interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

John Wesley Scott was born February 7, 1883 at Stanhope, Iowa and spent most of his early lifetime in Iowa. When he was 21, he moved to North Dakota where for many years he was in the cattle ranching business with his father and brothers. He later lived in Dickinson, North Dakota for almost 30 years before coming to Vernonia in 1952. Mr. Scott was a member of the Nazarine church in North Dakota.

He was united in marriage to Lois Alverson at St. Louis, Missouri on November 2, 1909, who survives.

Also surviving are four children, Mrs. Esther Gieser, Beltsville, Md.; Stuart W. Scott, Tacoma, Wash.; Willard L. Scott, Vancouver, Wash. and Mrs. Patricia L. Pearson, Mount Lake Terrace, Washington; a brother, Clarence Scott, Banning, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Atlantic, Iowa and Mrs. Myrtle Maloney, Pasadena, California and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Shirley Bass was soloist at the services, singing, "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross" accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Thomas. Serving as pallbearers were Donald and Wayne Shafer, Harry Keith, Joe Grosche, John Lankston and Herbert Counts.

## Injuries Minor In Truck Upset

Ed Miller had cause to believe that the Halloween gremlins were on his trail last Thursday afternoon while he was on the way to Portland with a truck loaded with shingles. A front tire blew out, overturned the truck, and scattered the shingles. However, he crawled out with no injuries, the truck had only a broken glass and only six bundles of shingles were broken, so luck was really riding with him.

## Serious Injury Narrowly Missed

Frank Pongratz of Vernonia narrowly escaped with minor injuries in a logging accident November 1 while he was working for the Fake Logging company near Lees Camp.

Pongratz saw a rolling log coming toward him and he fell in a hole and let it roll over him. However, a later smaller log which he could not escape struck him.

He was taken to the Tuality community hospital at Hillsboro by Fuiten's Forest Grove ambulance where he was found to have suffered rib and back injuries as well as minor facial lacerations.