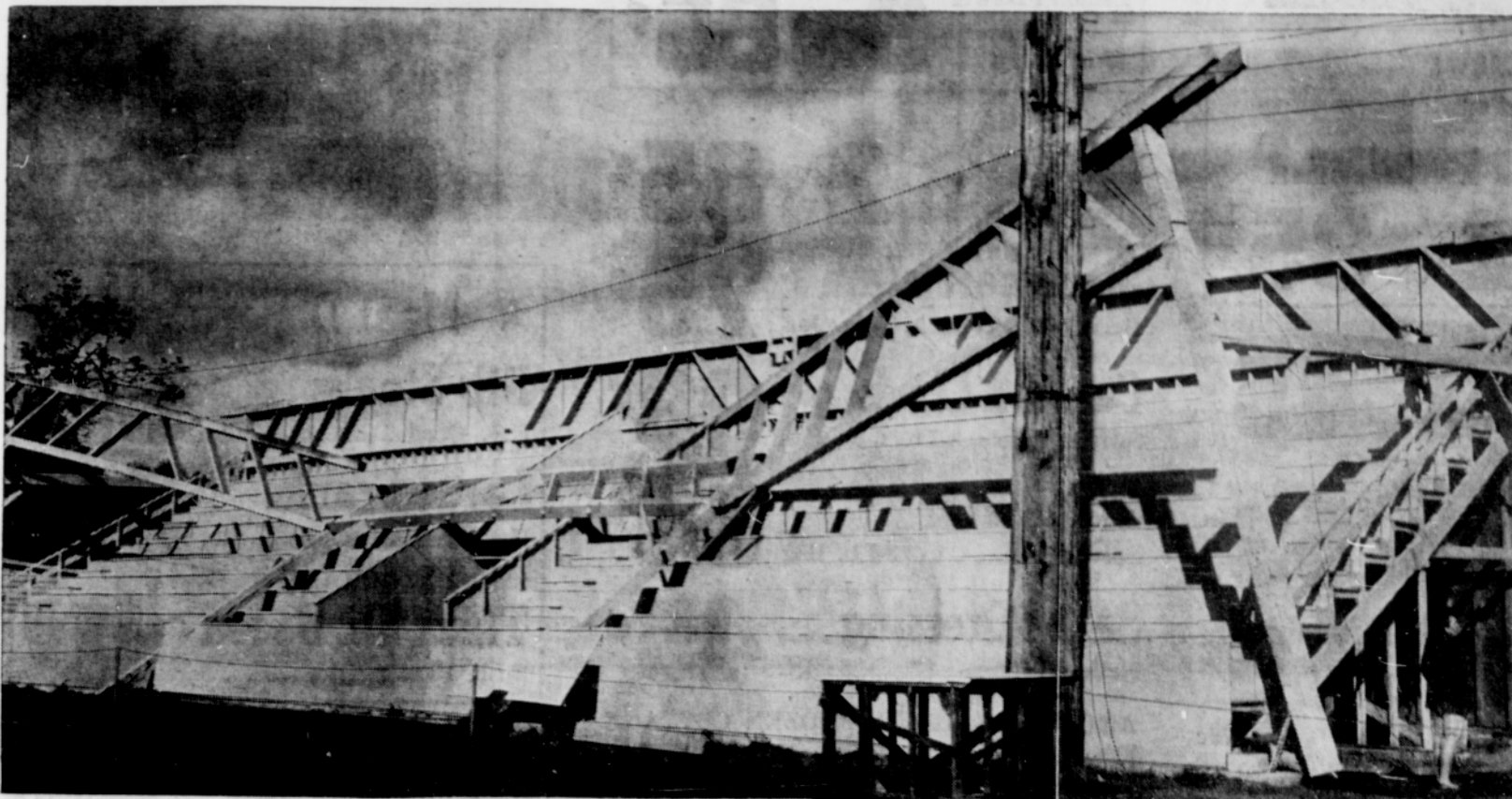


VALLEY REPAIRS DAMAGE OF 'MOST SEVERE' STORM



WIND completely removed roof of high school grandstand and left it on ground behind, leaving seats intact. Stand was completed last year by volunteer labor of Lions club and district to complete facilities at athletic field. Roof structure and some of framework had

been donated for project by Long-Bell Lumber company when mill was torn down and had been converted for use as grandstand. Damage is fully covered by insurance.

Storm Damage To Co-op Lines Tops \$10,000

The Friday night storm knocked out all electric service in the West Oregon Electric Cooperative system. Some of the consumers are still out and will be out for several more days.

Guy Thomas, manager, stated that approximately 25 extra men have been or will be used before the entire damage is cleared. He thanked members who have assisted by clearing trees from roads for easier access and who helped in many other ways.

The first effort is to get the greatest number of consumers on as rapidly as possible. In some cases the clearing of one span may restore service to 30 customers while in the next case ten spans may restore service to only one customer.

By Saturday night Bonneville transmission lines were restored and service had been resumed in Vernonia, Timber and Elsie. Not all accounts in these places have yet been restored.

Thomas' early estimate of damage was that it would be in excess of \$10,000. The worst previous windstorm was in December, 1961 and cost \$6,000 for emergency repairs.

No estimate of time for complete restoration of service can be given as every feeder must be checked out and cleared of trees and limbs before it can be re-energized. Every feeder from the various substations and main lines was broken or had trees on the line which had to be removed.

Thomas emphasized that the cooperative's annual meeting will be held this Saturday, October 20 as scheduled. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the cooperative headquarters building. Letters and programs have been mailed to all members of the cooperative and plans are to carry out the program as announced.

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County Taxes Hit Peak Total

The Columbia county tax roll for the fiscal year of 1962-63 was officially accepted by Columbia County Sheriff Spencer L. Younce on October 17 according to Frank LeMont, Columbia county assessor.

The total taxes to be collected in Columbia county, in the amount of \$2,922,658.54, is the largest tax roll in the history of Columbia county and was levied by the several taxing districts in the following proportions:

County general fund, 4.6%, \$135,466.17; county road and oiling, 9.3%, \$270,372.08; all schools, 70.2%, \$2,053,135.41; all cities, 6.0%, \$174,450.40; fire, port, cemetery, hospital, 7.2%, \$209,503.48; welfare, 2.7%, \$79,731.00.

Not included in the above are the state fire patrol tax amounting to \$17,589.70 and drainage assessments amounting to \$71,907.02. By way of comparison, the distribution of the 1961-62 taxes is shown below:

County general fund, 4.7%, \$118,288.62; county road and oiling, 10.6%, \$264,205.60; all schools, 69.4%, \$1,736,294.08; all cities, 6.5%, \$162,117.90; fire, port, cemetery, hospital, 5.8%, \$144,387.26; welfare, 3.0%, \$75,989.00.

The 1961-62 total was \$2,501,282.46 plus the state fire patrol tax in the amount of \$15,533.42 and drainage assessments totaling \$67,080.36.

Due to the disaster in Columbia county, tax statements will be a few days late, Spencer L. Younce, sheriff, states. Monday, October 22, will be the start of mailing of statements. All taxpayers are asked to bring in the double statements when paying. Any one having five or less statements may receive them in several envelopes as the cost is too much to group, and it permits the statements to be mailed much earlier by not grouping.

Yule Cantata Help Needed

An all-community cantata to be presented at Christmas time is planned if enough adult singers turn out to make it feasible. John Jensen, vocal music instructor in the elementary schools of district 47 joint, has offered to direct it and Mrs. Lois Clark and Mrs. L. H. Thomas will serve as accompanists. The EUB church on State avenue has been secured for practices.

Jensen stresses the fact that this is a community affair and that Mist and Birkenfeld are included. It is not sponsored by any one group. All singers are invited to participate. At least 30 adult voices are needed and there is an urgent need for more men and more sopranos.

Practice sessions will be each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Co-op to Hold Annual Meet As Scheduled

"The annual meeting will be held as scheduled," Guy I. Thomas, manager of West Oregon Electric stated Wednesday. "Even though the storm has created many problems, arrangements have been completed for the meeting and we are legally bound to hold the meeting at this time," he concluded.

The meeting will be held at the cooperative headquarters building beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 20. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Gerald F. Diddle, director, Western Area (Electric) REA, will be the principal speaker.

Two directors are to be elected. The terms of George L. Smith and Noble Dunlap are expiring. Both have been renominated. Dunlap is opposed by Robert Mathews of Mist. Smith is opposed by Hans O. Slette and Dudley Spofford of Vernonia.

Reports of the years' operations will be made by the various cooperative officials.

The cake contest which is a feature of the annual meeting will be held with junior and senior divisions. The Vernonia grade school chorus under the direction of John Jensen will sing a group of selections. The Christian church ladies will provide the lunch.

Vernonia and the entire Nehalem Valley reeled under the force of the storm Friday night and were shocked by the realization that "it can happen here." Since Friday evening, there has been little talk of anything else but the storm and the various damages done by it. The only previous storm to anywhere approximate it was one the pioneers told of about in 1880.

However, as the survey progresses, the most familiar comment is "This is a good place to live" for damage here has been much lighter than in communities on all sides and no lives were lost or serious injuries sustained.

Saturday morning, the town was a scene of havoc which only those who got around early really saw, for everyone went to work at once to clean up debris and put things back to normal. Trees were down everywhere and some homes have the appearance of a plucked chicken as they stand without the familiar trees surrounding them.

Among the amazing thing is that so few houses were actually damaged by trees when so many fell around them.

By Wednesday, a tentative estimate of insurable damage in the area had been placed at from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Of this, it is estimated that at least \$6,000 or \$7,000 will be needed to repair damage at the high school, the most heavily damaged place in the valley. This included the grandstand which lost its roof, the public address system which was on the grandstand roof ready for the scheduled Friday night game, the carport at the east end of the building where busses loaded and unloaded, damaged roof, broken windows, an aluminum awning and water damage in rooms.

Some damage was incurred at each of the elementary buildings in the district but was not extensive at any of them.

Two Escape Injuries

When the carport blew off the high school, it narrowly missed Darrold Proehl and Dale Andrich when it passed over the car they were in and struck the house of Herb Sturdevant, doing considerable damage to the foundation. He was not home at the time.

Many of the trees which were downed were uprooted due to the rain-soaked ground. Many freak-

ish things happened in connection with this, also. At one house on Second avenue on Corey Hill, tree roots under a part of the house lifted and tore it from the house. At the Sanden house on Scappoose road which recently was purchased by the Gene Calhoons, trees fell to completely surround it, but none hit the house. A huge cedar in the Thayer yard fell across the porch roof and breezeway between the house and cellar.

Several people felt they had a very close brush with death. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Acaturri, who had four tall trees fall at their home, one of which hit the house, were making their way to the R. C. Lindsay home when a tree fell just behind them. Mrs. Robert Pollock, coming from Staleys, saw a tree leaning dangerously over the road and stepped on the gas so as to just get by and have the tree graze the back of her car. Richard Peterson of Nataj was coming home from Clatskanie in his pickup when a tree blocked the road. He first thought he would sit it out, then decided to walk. He was only a short distance from the car when a tree fell, crushing the cab of the pickup completely.

Much Timber Down

At several homes, including the Joe Lawler residence in River-view and the Edith Crowston residence on Corey hill, falling trees tore the electric service installations from the houses. At the Otto Siedelman place on the Pebble Creek loop, the barn and other farm buildings were flattened.

Many people lost roofs or parts of roofs. At the Leslie Caron home three successive layers of roofing were peeled off.

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PTA Members to Start Census Job For District 47 Area Next Week

The school census for district 47 joint will be taken next week by members of the PTA with Mrs. Lynn Michener and Mrs. Calvin Bass acting as co-chairmen. They also will cover the territory of Pebble Creek and the part of the district that lies in Washington county.

Letters have been sent out through the schools to let parents know that the census will be taken starting Monday, October 22. Persons who have neighbors who may not get the letter from school or the paper are asked to inform them of the planned census taking.

Workers who will assist with the census and the area they will cover are as follows: Mrs. Earl King, downtown; Mrs. Larry Sutton, Capitol Hill; Mrs. Chet Ray, O.A. Hill; Mrs. Oren Weed, Timber road; Mrs. Frank Serafin and Mrs. John Serafin, Riverview; Mrs. Ted DeWitt, Keasey route and Stoney Point; Mrs. Kenneth

Tupper, Scappoose and Apiary roads; Mrs. Cliff Fetherston, Corey hill and Rose avenue; Mrs. Robert Mathews, Mist and Mrs. Francis Larson, Birkenfeld.

The school census is taken every two years, and includes all persons through 19 years of age, even though some in this age group may be married or in college or in the armed forces. Every person in the district who is enumerated in this age group means about \$120 in state school funds for the district.

All families are urged to have the necessary information readily available when the workers call. Information needed will be date of birth, place of residence and age as of October 25. Anyone who will not be home should call Mrs. Michener, Mrs. Bass or the school with the required information. Also all persons who have dogs that annoy strangers are asked to tie them up or watch for the census taker to avoid possible dog bites.

Loggers Tally First Victory of Season with Defeat of Banks 14-6

The Vernonia Loggers took to the gridiron Tuesday evening against the Banks Braves in a make-up game, which was originally scheduled to take place on Friday evening, but postponed because of the storm. The local eleven finally hit the win column in this tilt, defeating the Braves 14 to 6 in a game which was marked by many mistakes on both sides.

Vernonia scored their first touchdown at the start of second quarter play when they took over on the visitor's 40 after a desperation fourth down pass by Banks. With the local eleven using Monaco as battering ram they drove to the one-yard stripe and from that point Monaco dived over for the score. Try for point was good.

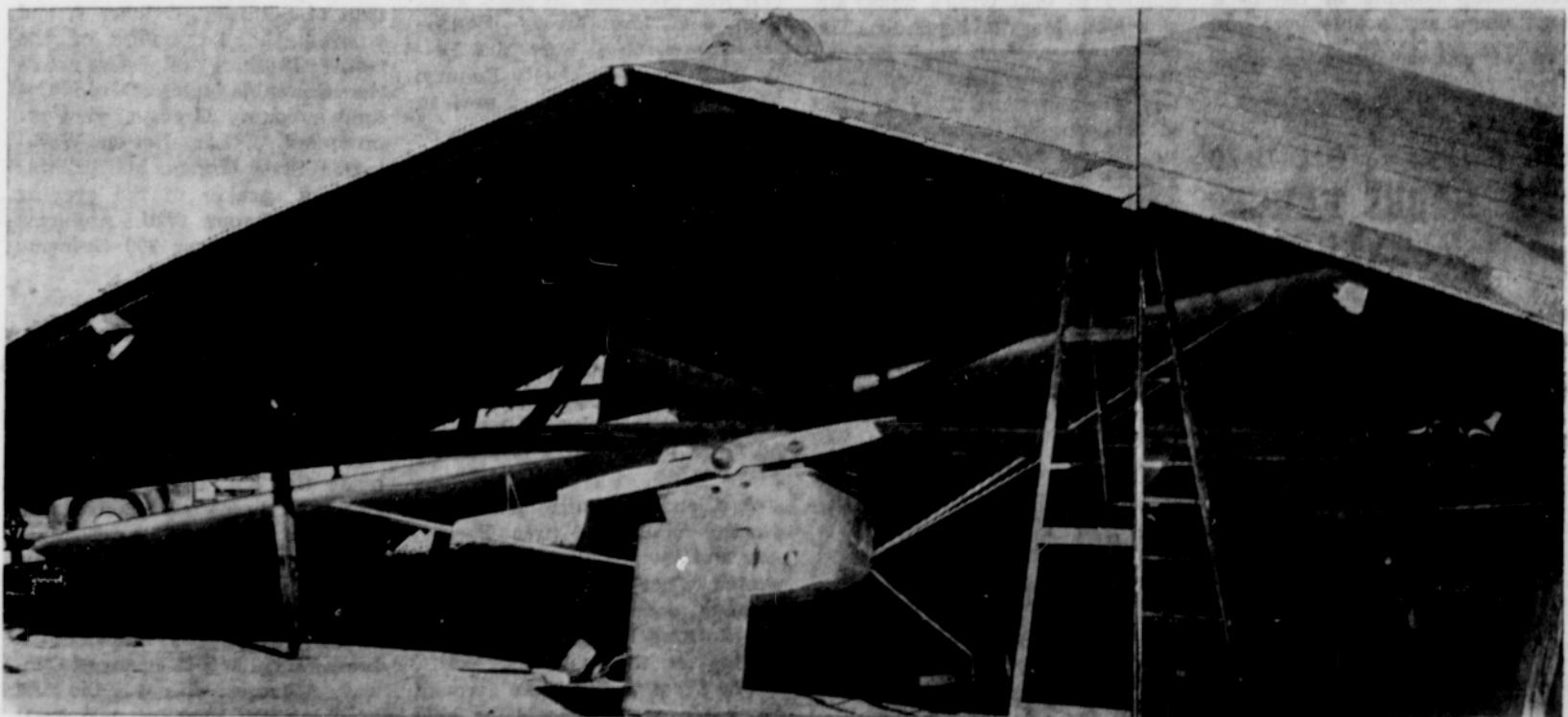
The local eleven scored once again in second quarter play with about two minutes left on the

clock when Cox hit Phillip Meyer from 25 yards out for the tally. Try for point was once again good making the score stand 14-0 at halftime.

Last quarter play saw the local eleven penetrate all the way to the visitor's 10 only to fumble and stop the drive. Banks with five minutes in the game took the ball on their own 12 and combining both a passing and running attack drove all the way to score. Final score 14-6.

In second half play the local eleven seemed to once again bog down due to mistakes and lack of a sustained offense.

Saturday afternoon the Loggers will journey to Portland to take on North Catholic. North Catholic is the same team which defeated Banks several weeks ago 60-0 so should be rated a definite favorite. Game time is 2 p.m.



FRONT of hangar at airport was blown away and roof fell across plane owned by Mrs. Frank Hays. Pine in back of hangar, owned by Wally Grosche, was not damaged. Four other planes owned by people

living here were kept at Scappoose airport where wind damaged all of them, the most severe loss amounting to \$1000 to \$1200 on the plane owned by Bud Atkins.