

## Police Capture Last Escapee

With the capture late Thursday night of Orville L. Stuart about 12 miles from St. Helens, the last of three escapees from the Coos county jail were taken into custody. Stuart was picked up by Sheriff Spencer Younce and Deputy Roediger as he walked along a road about two miles from Trenchholm. Earlier, Stuart had appeared at the George Patterson home in the area, and had asked for a drink of water. After he left, the Pattersons notified the sheriff's office, and a search of the area resulted in Stuart's capture.

According to Sheriff Younce, Stuart made no resistance, and made the remark, "I'm sort of glad you guys came along."

First reports of the escapees came in an all-points bulletin over the police teletype on Monday, and the report indicated that the escapees might be headed for the St. Helens area. Their escape was effected during church services at the Coquille jail Sunday afternoon.

Monday afternoon St. Helens authorities were alerted by Scappoose police that a car bearing the fugitives was seen passing through Scappoose.

St. Helens Police Chief Glenn Ray and officer Ray Wallis spotted the car as it neared the Milton Creek bridge on Highway 30 and gave chase.

In trying to shake the pursuing police, the escapees turned their car into the parking lot of the Heinie's Feed Store, not knowing they were turning into a blind alley. When they realized their mistake, they scrambled from the car and fled.

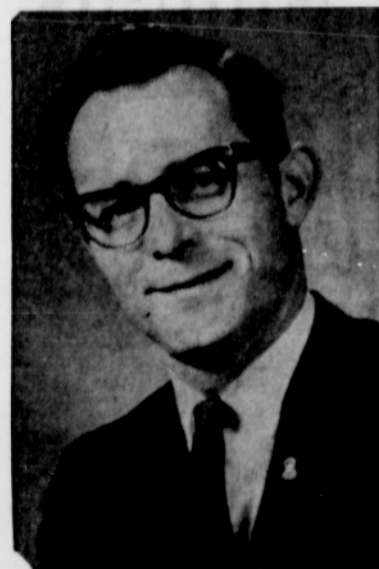
Charles Logan was caught by Officer Wallis as he attempted to hide under a car, while Paul Muns eluded capture for a little more time, with police in hot pursuit.

Muns was finally captured near the Columbia District hospital, after a warning shot gun blast had been fired over his head by Officer Wallis.

Meanwhile Mrs. Muns was apprehended at Scappoose where she was awaiting the return of her husband.

A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

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## Pages From Our Past

By Kenneth L. Holmes, writer historian

### STORM SHATTERS CIRCUIT RIDER STATUE

The recent devastating Pacific storm tipped over and broke up the bronze statue of the Circuit Rider on the Oregon Capitol grounds at Salem. This statue of a minister riding his horse on his preaching circuit was created by sculptor A. Phimister Proctor in 1921. It was the gift of Robert A. Booth to the people of Oregon in memory of his father, the Rev. Robert Booth, an old-time circuit-riding Methodist preacher.

The elder Booth was born in England in 1820 and came to America with his parents in 1830. He did the rest of his growing up in and about New York. He became a Methodist minister, and in 1852, with his wife and two children, crossed the plains to Oregon by ox team and covered wagon. From the time of his arrival in the Pacific Northwest until his death in 1917 at the age of 97, he was beloved, not only by Methodists, but by folk of other religious leanings as well in our region. Much of his ministry was carried out afoot and horseback. He was a typical circuit-riding preacher of the old schools.

But the statue of the Rev. Robert Booth was meant to commemorate more than the memory of one man. In his letter offering the gift of the statue, the younger Booth indicated that it was to represent the memory of such men of all denominations who "became their friends, counselors and evangelists to the pioneers on every American frontier and who so largely directed the thought of our citizenry and shaped the course of our civilization."

It was the Methodists who systematized the function of the traveling preacher and called him a "circuit rider." An example of such a circuit rider is described in a report of Methodist Superintendent William M. Roberts of the Oregon Mission, written to the national headquarters in 1848. He told how the "Yam Hill circuit" lay "between the Walamit and the coast range of mountains and includes the Tualatine Plains, Chehalem, Yam Hill, and Rickeral, an extent of country some 75 miles in length and varying in breadth with the meanderings of the river and encroachment of spurs jutting out from the coast range of mountains."

There were 135 members in the flock over that territory but "no Sabbath Schools." It was the work of the preacher in charge to visit the families, hold worship services in homes, conduct weddings, funerals and other functions of the church. The country was predominantly rural and the minister traveled on horseback with all his equipment in his saddle bags or pockets. The rider depicted in the statue is reading his Bible as he

prepares for his next sermon during the ride from church to church.

The Rev. William Roberts continued in the above-quoted letter, "The arrangement of our provisional government by which a person under conditions can secure a mile square of Land tends directly to distribute the people all over the country and operates most prejudicially against the gathering of any considerable congregation in any one place. Our only recourse is to go from one cabin to another through prairie and forest which is a slow process requiring more time and men, and shall I add grace? that we have at present. . . Add to this the almost impassable state of the roads during the rainy season. We have as yet very few bridges and the crossing of many of the streams is perilous and often impossible."

The statue of the Circuit Rider has depicted the traveling preacher over the years, and now the work of sculpture lies broken on its side. We hope that a way will be found to repair it so that once more we may look up at the bronze rider and wonder what his next sermon will be and what the text as he rides to his next appointment.

## Letters Must Be Signed

An Editorial

Letters to the editor which are published in The People Speak column are welcomed when they deal with topics that are of general interest, have something constructive to offer and are in no way libelous or written with intent to hurt anyone. Often, letters to the editor bring valuable bits of information which are appreciated and enjoyed.

The policy of this paper, however, is to accept for publication only letters that are signed. If, for some really good reason, the writer wishes his name withheld, that can be done but the original copy which is placed on file in the office must carry a signature.

Usually, those who have a legitimate cause for writing are willing to sign their name. Anonymity is a screen behind which those who write hide because they are ashamed to admit authorship. Sometimes it carries a barb which can hurt deeply. Often it is written because the writer has failed to look deeply enough to see the other person's point of view or to see that the good of a thing outweighs what they seek to criticize.

So, please, contributors, send in only those things you are proud and willing to sign. Probably one of the most vicious phrases that can be used to start a conversation is "they said" or "he said" for so many times the quote is worded differently than it originally was said, carries a different connotation because of tone of voice or emphasis and can cause a great deal of misunderstanding. In a community which prides itself on friendship, this fault should be carefully guarded against for it is a great destroyer of friendship.

If everyone took time to think before he spoke, and also used judgement in listening so as to determine facts rather than rumor, much ill will and confusion could be avoided.

This holiday season of the year is a good time to clear up misunderstandings and resolve to avoid them in the future.

A community full of buck-passers seldom gets very far in the march of progress.

The common sense in a man's head is often crowded out by too much money in his pocket.

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## UNION SERVICE

## AT THE CHURCHES

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Third St., back of Miller's Store  
A. W. and Lillian Wilson,  
Ministers

9:45 a.m.—Bible school. B. L. Mitchell, director. Orchestra prelude. Classes for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship  
6:15 p.m.—NYPS second and fourth Sundays. Kenneth Mishler in charge.

7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic services. Lively singing of favorite songs

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.—Midweek service. All are welcome to "The Homelike Church"

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

2nd and Maple  
W. C. Armstrong, Pastor

9:45 a.m., Sunday school. Classes for all ages.  
11:00 a.m., Morning worship.  
7:30 p.m., Evangelistic service.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday — Prayer meeting at the church.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

North and Washington Sts.  
Bruce Roberts, Pastor  
HAzel 9-6522

9:45 a.m.—Bible school.  
Mrs. Earl King, Sup't.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Oldsters and Youngsters for Christ.

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

2nd Ave. and Nehalem  
Gordon Geer, Pastor

Services on Saturday:  
9:30 a.m.—Sabbath school.  
10:45 a.m.—Preaching, missionary programs, or Bible study.

### VERNONIA BIBLE CHURCH

E. J. Ruff, Pastor  
First and Maple Sts.  
Gene Weller, Sunday School Supt.

9:45 a.m.—Sunday school  
11:00 a.m.—Morning service.  
6:30 p.m.—Classes for adults and high school age.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening worship service.

8:00 p.m.—Tuesday home study class.

9:30 a.m. Thursday—Ladies cottage prayer at Virgil Snooks.  
7:00 p.m. Thursday — Christian service brigade.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

E. T. Wilcox, Pastor  
A and Washington St.

Sunday services:  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday school.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship.  
6:30 p.m. — Training Union.  
7:15 p.m. — Evening service.

### VERNONIA EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

State Avenue  
Raymond Targgart, Pastor  
1768 N. Ainsworth, Portland, Ore.  
BUtler 5-8159

9:45 a.m. — Sunday school.  
Carl Holsey, Sup't.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship.  
Nursery for small children.  
6:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening service.

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.—Hour of power, prayer and Bible study.

### VERNONIA BRANCH CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

LATTER DAY SAINTS  
925 Rose Avenue

Branch Presidency — Elders Wilbur E. Wilson, Henry T. Hudson, and Clarence Updike.

Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. — Priesthood Convenes. I am still running my small store. But I am now earning less than \$1200 a year. I was told by a friend that after I started getting social security, I did not have to pay any self-employment tax. Is this right?

ANSWER: No. If you clear \$400 or more from your business, you must pay your social security tax.

QUESTION: I was in an automobile accident in May 1961, and was permanently paralyzed. I am 27 years old and was told by a friend that I could not get social security disability checks because I am too young. Is this correct?

ANSWER: No. Even though you are only 27 you can get disability payments if you worked under social security for at least five out of the 10 years before you became disabled and are so disabled that you cannot do any substantial gainful work.

QUESTION: I know that if I live thirty-odd more years I can begin to get social security benefits. Is this the only protection my social security tax dollar is buying?

ANSWER: No. Retirement payments are only one part of the protection you are buying. You also get protection against total disability and your family is protected if you die.

Education and religion are the prime requisites in drawing out the best that there is in mankind.

At Birkenfeld Community Center Sunday  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school for all.  
11:00 a.m.—Family worship. Nursery for pre-school children.  
Wednesday  
7:45 p.m.—Prayer and Bible study.  
Saturday  
7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship and recreation.  
At Mist Church  
8:00 p.m.—Sunday evening, worship service.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC  
Rev. William Delplanche  
Bridge St. at 2nd Ave.

First and Second Sundays, Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
Third, Fourth, Fifth Sundays, at 8:00 a.m.  
First Fridays, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

## Scholarship Fund Offered

A new scholarship loan fund of \$25,000 has been made available to Oregon College of Education students through the United Student Aid Funds Incorporated loan fund.

An appropriation of \$1,000, by the OCE Alumni Association has made the larger total available to OCE students. Interested applicants must have completed the freshman year of college and may receive blanks from hometown banks or through the dean of students.

Loans may not exceed \$1000 a year or \$3000 for undergraduate and/or graduate work. Repayments begin within four months after completion of college work and are spread over 36 monthly payments. No notes under this plan may bear more than 6% simple interest. No collateral is needed by students. Notes will be endorsed by the USA funds.

USA Funds is a private, non-profit service corporation which endorses low-cost, long-term loans made by local banks to college students.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

### GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the sign of noble souls. —Aesop  
A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.—Cicero  
Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech. —Mary Baker Eddy  
Words are but empty thanks. —Colley Cibber  
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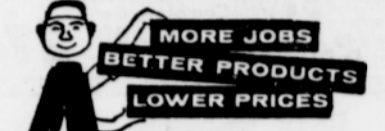
## Local Assembly Hosts Fellowship Meet Monday

The Vernonia Assembly of God church was host Monday for a sectional fellowship meeting at which they entertained representatives from the churches at St. Helens, Chapman, Goble, Westport and Forest Grove. About 100 attended the afternoon and evening services and about 85 attended the dinner served at the Legion hall by the ladies of the local church.

The speaker in the afternoon was Mrs. Ruth Lascell, a converted Jew, and the evening speaker was Rev. Batterson from Washington whose wife is a niece of Mrs. Agnes Barker.

## Young Ladies Continue Services At Fire Hall

Undenominational gospel services are being continued each Sunday at 3 p.m. and Friday at 7:45 p.m. in the Vernonia fire hall. These services are conducted by Miss Karen Willis and Miss Muriel Erickson. An invitation is extended to the public.



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## LODGE AND CLUB NOTICES

**V. F. W.**  
Regular meetings: Fourth Wednesdays, 8 P.M.  
V.F.W. Hall  
Donald George, Commander  
J. E. Ade, Adjutant  
4-61

**NEHALEM VALLEY COIN CLUB**  
Meets last Thursday every month West Oregon Electric Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.  
Patricia Burns, President  
Richard Burns, Vice-president  
Ruth Steers, Secretary  
Ralph Bergerson, Treasurer  
VISITORS WELCOME  
10-62

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS**  
Harding Lodge No. 116  
Vernonia, Oregon

**I.O.O.F. Hall**  
Second Monday of Each Month  
Jack Bergerson, Chancellor  
Commander  
Robert Wyckoff, Secretary  
**PYTHIAN SISTERS**  
Vernonia Temple No. 61  
Meetings: I.O.O.F. Hall  
Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month  
Cleo McNair, M.E.C.  
Cora Lange, Secretary  
2-63

**Vernonia Lodge No. 246**

**I.O.O.F.**  
Meets Every Tuesday 8 P.M.  
Pete Wiederkehr, Noble Grand  
Lee Rogers, Sec.  
1-63

**MT. HEART REBEKAH LODGE NO. 243**

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month in the I.O.O.F. hall.  
Gertrude Schalock, Noble Grand  
June Ray, Secretary  
3-63

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
VERNONIA  
POST 119  
Meets Second & Fourth Fridays of each month.  
B. J. Horn, Commander  
E. L. Towne Adjutant  
**AUXILIARY**  
Second and Fourth Fridays  
Otilia Heckenliable, President  
Leah Stiff, Sec.  
1-63

**Vernonia Barracks Veterans of World War I**  
Meets 4th Monday each month at the IOOF hall, 8 P.M.  
Art Gardner, Commander  
Carl Davis, Adjutant

**AUXILIARY**  
Meets 4th Mon., IOOF hall 8 p.m.  
Mabel Gardner, President  
Cora Lange, Secretary  
7-63

**VERNONIA LIONS CLUB**  
MEETS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH  
6:30 P.M., FIRE HALL  
John Jensen, President  
Neil Zimmerman, Sec.  
3-63

**IWA Local 5-14**  
Meets First and Third Thursdays  
7:30 P.M.  
A.F.L. — C.I.O.

Business Agent is at the hall, North and Washington Sts.  
third and fourth Thursday 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
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**Order of Easter Star**  
Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.

Regular communication first Wednesday of each month at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
Isabelle Brunsmann, W. M.  
Mona Gordon, Sec.  
1-63

**VERNONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Board of Directors report to members quarterly. Board meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 8:00 p.m., at West Oregon Electric office. Visitors invited.  
Robert C. Lindsay, President  
Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Secy.  
7-63

**A. F. & A. M.**  
Vernonia Lodge No. 184  
A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple. Stated Communication third Thursday of each month, at 8:00 p.m.  
Albert B. Brunsmann, W.M.  
Harry C. Sandon, Sec'y.  
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