



## Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I have received numerous inquiries asking for an explanation of how Columbia county could have been underpaid \$636,773.00 in its share of O&C timber receipts as well as the manner in which we are to be reimbursed. A detailed explanation would require considerable space as it has involved many months of research and hard work. The following is a synopsis of what happened:

We became aware two years ago that something was wrong and that some counties were receiving overpayments of the annual amount due them and that others were being underpaid. The management of all O&C timber in Oregon, 2.5 million acres, is handled by the Bureau of Land Management which is a branch of the U. S. Department of Interior, thus the auditing of O&C revenues is done in Washington, D.C. After they were alerted, a careful audit was made and it was determined that 12 counties in Oregon had been overpaid a total of \$1,559,444.00 and that four counties were underpaid a like amount and that there were two counties that had been paid a correct amount; that these over and underpayments had been going on for a period of nine years, from 1954 to 1963, inclusive. Two of the counties receiving the largest overpayments, were Lane, \$207,925.00, and Multnomah, \$857,694.00. The two counties receiving the largest underpayments were Columbia, \$636,773.00, and Cur-

ry, \$818,708.00. Columbia county's underpayment was due to the fact that seven full sections of our O&C timber had been clear-cut prior to 1915 and deducted from our total acres. A new Act of Congress in 1954 put the same number of acres back in the receipts formula but the BLM Auditing Department failed to include it; consequently, our percentage of receipts was shorted over the nine year period the amount we are now recovering. Multnomah county's overpayment was due to the fact that a part of the Bull Run Water Shed consisting of 4,900 acres had in some unexplained manner been counted twice. At a meeting held in Eugene August 18, 1964. Under-secretary, John Carver took full responsibility for the mistakes made and asked the counties to work out among themselves, if possible, an equitable settlement.

Before the meeting closer all of the "overpaid counties" agreed to surrender their overpayments to the "underpaid counties" except Multnomah, Clackamas and Klamath. As a result of this friendly agreement, Columbia county was to get immediately the normal payment to them this year of \$435,402.19 plus \$179,162.83 toward their underpayment of \$636,773.00. Consequently, a check payable to Columbia county was received today in the sum of \$614,565.02 and this still leaves a balance of \$457,610.20 due Columbia county. Clackamas and Klamath counties

have agreed to pay their share over three equal annual payments. Multnomah county who owes Curry and Columbia county total of \$818,708.74 is studying their dilemma and a solution with them is still to be worked out. I feel that it is Washington's responsibility to collect this money for us as they admit the mistake was made in their office. Putting the shoe on the other foot, however, had we been overpaid some \$800,000.00 I am sure it would be a terrific blow and we would want time to study the matter also. Of one thing the Bureau of Land Management has assured us and that is we still have \$457,610.29 coming and that we will get it. Enclosed is a photocopy of a check in the sum of \$614,565.02 we received today.

Yours truly,  
John W. Whipple,  
County Judge

It is estimated that between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000 Americans are not registered to vote who otherwise meet the requirements of age, residence and the like. I join with the President in urging every citizen to exercise his franchise — a privilege denied so many in other lands.

This is no year for indifference or inaction. "The Age of the Shrug" was described in a best-seller a few years ago, but we cannot shrug-off the implications of decisions emanating from the White House, the State House and the Court House which affect our very way of life.

September 13-19 has been set aside for special emphasis in voter registration. This period of time is particularly fitting in view of the fact September 17 is Citizenship Day. In the spirit of rededication may we do what we can to register those thousands of Oregonians who are not now eligible to vote.

Mark O. Hatfield  
Governor of Oregon

To the Editor:

The State Sanitary Authority, a branch of the Oregon State Board of Health has scheduled a hearing for September 10 at 10 a.m.

At this hearing the pollution of Castor creek and resultant Nehalem river pollution, by Empire Lite-Rock will be of top interest to everyone in the area.

Castor creek, once a producer of silverside salmon, steelhead and cut throat trout, will probably never recover from the intolerable situation of the plant in our lifetime.

As years go by the upper river has shown the sad effects also and unless the pollution ceases will no doubt go the same way and develop into a biological desert.

Smothering of spawning beds by layers of silt has a terrible impact over the years and suddenly it is discovered that runs of fish formerly in the stream are gone forever. The Vernonia Rod and Gun club backs the land owners and farmers, sportsmen and water users, by whatever means possible to help keep our streams clean and clear.

With a case history of pollution going back into the 1950's what would the city of Vernonia have done if the situation had been reversed and Rock Creek had been the silt laden stream? What of the city water supply? Our natural, clean swimming pool? Trout fishing on opening day? What good is river frontage property if the river isn't decent? Many days have occurred when farmers couldn't even water cows on the upper river due to heavy siltation.

We have been asked, along with others, to back the Sanitary Authority at the hearing. We shall try to do our best. Others who have the best interests of this area at heart should do no less.

Bob King, President  
Vernonia Rod & Gun Club

## LODGE AND CLUB NOTICES

**VERNONIA LIONS CLUB**  
MEETS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH  
6:30 P.M., FIRE HALL  
Robert Sargent, President  
Don Jackson, Secretary 3-65

**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.  
Ralph E. Bergerson, W.M.  
Walter E. Linn, Sec'y. 1-65

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

**I.O.O.F. Hall**  
Second Monday of Each Month  
Jack Bergerson, Chancellor  
E. E. Garner, Secretary  
**PYTHIAN SISTERS**  
Vernonia Temple No. 61  
Meetings: I.O.O.F. Hall  
Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month  
Marie Atkins, M.E.C.  
Cora Lange, Secretary 2-65

**Vernonia Lodge No. 246**  
**I.O.O.F.**  
First and Third Tuesday 8 P.M.  
Thomas Hall, Noble Grand  
Harry Culbertson, Sec. 1-65

**MT. HEART REBEKAH LODGE NO. 243**  
Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month in the I.O.O.F. hall.  
Reatha Horn, Noble Grand  
Irma Chance, Secretary 3-65

**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.  
Darrold Proehl, President  
Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Secy. 7-65

**NEHALEM VALLEY COIN CLUB**  
Meets last Thursday every month  
West Oregon Electric Auditorium,  
7:30 P.M.  
George Laws, President  
Harry Junken, Vice-president  
Stanley Enevoldsen, Secretary  
Ralph Bergerson, Treasurer  
VISITORS WELCOME 10-64

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

**AUXILIARY**  
Meets 4th Mon., IOOF hall 8 p.m.  
Lona Weidman, President  
Cora Lange, Secretary 7-64

**IWA Local 3-14**  
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. 4-64

**Order of Eastern Star**  
Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.  
Regular communication first and third Wed. of each month at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
Jean Bergerson, W. M.  
Frances Hershey, Sec. 1-65

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
Meets First and Third Mondays of each month.  
VERNONIA POST 119  
Albert Tandy, Commander  
Harry Culbertson, Adjutant  
**AUXILIARY**  
First and Third Tuesdays  
Beatrice Crawford, President  
Rose Valpiani, Secretary 1-65

## Club Members Are Entertained

**TIMBER** — Mrs. Richard Shaw was hostess to 38 members and guests of the Town and Country Christian Women club Monday evening. Special feature of the evening was "This is Your Life", honoring Mrs. Martha Greenwood, a teacher at Hillside elementary school. Guest speaker was Mrs. Albert Wallain of Cedar Hills. Special music was a violin and accordion duet played by Kathy Schmeltzer of Mountain Home and David Leeman of Manning. Guests from Timber were Mrs. Walter Bacon, Mrs. Zenos Parsho and Mrs. Marjorie Wilcox. Pot luck dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy May attended a birthday party at Banks Monday evening in honor of Joyce Eckhardt. Dancing was the highlight of the evening. Outdoor games were also enjoyed. Hot dogs, a birthday cake, pop and ice cream were served.

Sherrie Green of Manning was a house guest of Carrol Shaw from Sunday until Tuesday evening. They spent one day at Cannon Beach and Ecola Park, then a swim in the Forest Grove pool. From Tuesday until Thursday evening, Kathaleen and Carol Shaw were guests of Cheryl and Vickie Garremans of Manning.

The second in the line of five living generations is Sandra Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stain, new residents in Timber. She was born August 22 at Forest Grove community hospital. Her sister Suzan was the first. Great-grandmother, Mrs. Christiana Seig, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Alex Stain, lives in Salem. Grandmother, Mrs. Erna Goad lives in Portland. Mrs. Stain will spend some time in Salem gaining strength then will return to Timber.

Mae Tallman was a guest of Bee May at the pot luck dinner at Grange home economics at Manning Thursday. Thirteen members and two guests were present.

Guest at the E. D. Tallman home Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. E. Drury of Vancouver and Mrs. Edith Riggie of Buxton. Mrs. Riggie was on her way home after a week visit in Washington.

## Larson Flies Back To Boston To See Brother

**BIRKENFELD** — Marvin Larson left last Friday by plane for Boston for a weeks stay to visit his brother, Wayne.

Darrell Baker's father passed away at a rest home at The Dalles last week. He was 91 years old. Mr. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinchfield went to the funeral which was Saturday at Arlington.

The Vernonia football players were treated to a watermelon feed at the school Saturday. Those from here enjoying it were Terry Larson, Lloyd Johnston and Jim Bellingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey spent the week end at Pacific City on a fishing trip.

Visitors at the Baker home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Vick Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews. Richard Peterson visited Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Larsen and family of Medford were recent visitors at the E. T. Johnston and Roy Stuve homes. They also went to Taft to visit the Bruce Larsens before returning to their home.

## Former Postmaster Passes Away Thursday

**TIMBER** — Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Alfred (Florence) Pearson, who passed away in a Portland hospital Thursday at the age of 85. Mrs. Pearson moved to Portland nine years ago after serving as postmaster for many years in Timber.

Mrs. Ida Reed and granddaughter, Evelyn of Stockton, California, came Monday for a visit at the John Alviso home. Mrs. Reed is a grandmother and Evelyn a sister of Marian and Grant Reed, who live at the Alviso home.

Mrs. Marjorie Wilcox and grandsons spent Tuesday at Wheeler visiting her sister, Mrs. B. Clay. Friday she took them to Portland where they boarded a train for their return trip home to Monrovia, California.

A new miniature bowling alley has been added to the tavern recently.

American motorists take good care of their cars. They keep pedestrians in good running condition, too.

## AT THE CHURCHES

**VERNONIA BIBLE CHURCH**  
Don Wantland, Sunday School Sup't.  
Sunday:  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday school.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning services.  
6:30 p.m. — Youth group and adult study classes.  
7:30 p.m. — Evening service.  
Wednesday:  
7:30 p.m. — Mid-week prayer meet.

**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.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
North Third Street  
A. W. and Lillian Wilson, Ministers  
9:45 a.m. — Bible school.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship.  
6:15 p.m. — NYPS second and fourth Sundays.  
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."

**VERNONIA BRANCH CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
LATTER DAY SAINTS  
925 Rose Avenue  
Branch Presidency — Elders Wilbur E. Wilson, Robert E. McNair Sr., Wayne R. Markham, Henry T. Hudson, clerk.  
Sunday:  
10:30 a.m. — Sunday school  
David A. Zamarippa, Supt.  
6:00 p.m. — Sacrament Service. Wilbur E. Wilson, presiding.  
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. — Relief Society, except second Tuesday of each month, work meet, 10:00 a.m., Polly Hudson, Pres.  
Primary, Wednesdays 4 p.m.  
MIA, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Genealogy class, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Visitors Welcome at All Meetings

**VERNONIA EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN**  
State Avenue  
Raymond Targgart, Pastor  
1768 N. Ainsworth, Portland, Oregon  
Butler 5-8159  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School, Carl Holsley, 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.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Jess Waldrop, Pastor  
A and Washington St.  
Sunday Services:  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School, Mrs. Carl Yoresen, Sup't.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship.  
6:30 p.m. — Training Union  
7:15 p.m. — Evening service.

## Vernonia Eagle

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 1964 7

### Family Attends Polk County Fair on Friday

**MIST** — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimsbo, Kathy and Raymond were at Rickreall and attended the Polk county fair Friday. While there they had dinner with a nephew and family. Sunday, the Grimsbo family and the Charles Ramsey family were in Portland. Due to the rain the families ate their picnic in the basement of a cousin's home. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Deck, Mrs. Bill Hatfield and Roger returned to their home in Madras Wednesday. Bill and Fred Grimsbo of Madras visited Wednesday afternoon at the Grimsbo home. Bill Horn and Clarence Nance of Vernonia and Alma and Mary Garlock were visitors during the week at the Charles Sundland home.

It's a man's conscience that administers punishment — the law administers revenge.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC**  
Rev. William Delplanche  
Bridge St. at 2nd Ave  
First and Second Sundays, Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays, at 8:00 a.m.  
First Fridays, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**MIST-BIRKENFELD COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sulo A. Sanders, Pastor  
Mrs. Sanders, Sunday School Superintendent  
At Birkenfeld Community Center  
Sunday:  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday school for all.  
11:00 — Family worship. Nursery for pre-school children.  
Wednesday:  
7:45 p.m. — Prayer and Bible study At Mist Church  
8:00 p.m. — Sunday evening, worship service.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
2nd Ave. and Nehalem  
Reuben A. Hubbard, Pastor  
Services on Saturday:  
9:45 a.m. — Sabbath School.  
10:45 a.m. — Preaching, missionary programs, or Bible study.  
7:30 p.m. — Tuesday evening prayer meeting. All welcome.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
North and Washington Sts.  
Robert Sargent, Pastor  
HAzel 9-6522  
Sunday:  
9:45 a.m. — Bible school, Mrs. Earl King, Sup't.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning worship. Child care provided.  
6:30 p.m. — Youth meeting.  
7:30 p.m. — Evening worship.  
Monday (Second):  
7:30 p.m. — Missionary study.  
Wednesday (First):  
6:30 p.m. — Church night  
Thursday:  
7:00 p.m. — Choir practice  
8:00 p.m. — Study group  
1:30 p.m. (second and fourth) — Missionary service

**FUITEN-FRIESEN CHAPEL IN THE HILLS**  
VERNONIA, HILLSBORO, FOREST GROVE  
24-Hour Mortuary Service  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, Res. Managers  
Phone HAzel 9-6611

BEGINNING LABOR DAY AND CONTINUING EACH NIGHT ALL WEEK

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A series of talks unfolding the secret to victorious Christian living spoken of in Romans 6-8.

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Film and message presented nightly by Rev. Ed Ratzliff, popular conference speaker and regional representative of the Sudan Interior Mission.

SEPT. 7-13 — 7:30-8:30 P.M.  
**VERNONIA BIBLE CHURCH**  
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