

THE PEOPLE SPEAK - - -

To:
Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department

During the recent 1964 Christmas week flooding of the Vernonia area many persons lent their efforts to the protection of life and property and to them all the community owes a debt of gratitude. A particular citation was voted to the volunteer firemen of Vernonia by the City Council at their regular meeting on January 4, 1965.

To you of the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department who, by expenditure of considerable personal, exposure to bodily harm and sacrifice of many hours of sleep, assisted in this work of protection, the City of Vernonia and its people extend their great appreciation. We rest more securely under your guardianship.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Hobart,
Mayor

Veteran Loans Made in County

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs granted farm and home loans to 3,734 veterans last year in the amount of \$41,723,000, H. C. Saalfeld, director, reports.

This was an eight percent increase over 1963.

In Columbia county last year, loans were granted to 47 veterans in the amount of \$442,700, compared to 63 loans in 1963 for \$564,000. Since the start of the program, loans have gone to 611 veterans here in the amount of \$4,555,150.

Game at Corvallis Attended by Three

BIRKENFELD—Al Berg accompanied Don and Glen Meier to Corvallis last Saturday to attend the basketball game.

Roy Stuve entered the hospital in St. Helens last Tuesday and had surgery Wednesday. He is coming along fine and will be home this week.

E. T. Johnston and Howard Jones recently made a business trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge have two men from Portland rooming with them. They are putting siding on Richard Hammerberg's house.

Guests, Visits Noted for Week

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Callers during the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Grant and children Thursday evening and Bob Lindsay, his son Clarence and three boys from Redmond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCrone drove to Dallas Friday to visit an aunt of Mr. McCrone. On the way home they stopped at Sherwood and visited overnight with friends. Sunday they drove to Longbeach, Washington and visited with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gerald Phillips and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Grant and family accompanied by Mrs. Ike Dass drove to Longview Sunday and visited the John Buchanan family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tupper drove to Forest Grove Saturday on business. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Frank in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Dass visited Mrs. Bernice King and family at St. Helens Friday.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Davis were Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod and sons Joe and David of Yamhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Glienke of Portland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tupper Sunday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wolff.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Holding of Scappoose spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack. Ellen Divine called on Mrs. Oblack Monday afternoon.

Eye Witness Tells of Flood

BIRKENFELD—Roger Berg spent the week end here with relatives. They all enjoyed a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lonquist. Roger had been with his folks at Fortuna, California over the holidays and during the flood and he related facts of the flood which were almost unbelievable.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beach, Elsa Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Vick Berg attended the benefit gathering at Natal Grange hall Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Layman and little daughter visited at the Vick Bergs Sunday.

Douglas Bellingham and friend from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania came from Ft. Lewis and spent Saturday night with Doug's folks.

Shirley Berg and Erik were Portland caller Saturday.

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YOUR JOB

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QUESTION: Who is eligible for the Job Corps and where may we find out more about it?

ANSWER: Legally, anyone 16 to 21, who is a citizen of permanent resident of the U.S., is eligible to join the Job Corps. To be sure that the benefits of the Job Corps training reach those who need it most, additional criteria will be considered in accepting applicants. These criteria take into account the factors of poverty — home situation, neighborhood conditions, and the prospects for completing education or in finding work. In Oregon, more information may be obtained by contacting any public employment service office, Oregon Department of Employment, or the Job Corps, Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C. 20506.

U. S. National's Resources Rise

U. S. National Bank of Oregon's deposits and resources continued to climb to record highs through the last quarter of 1964, according to figures released by E. J. Kolar, president.

In reporting to James Saxon, comptroller of the currency, who issued a "Call" for the year end figures, Kolar noted that the deposit total was \$1,096,270,241, an increase of 7.1 per cent over the December 31, 1963 figure of \$1,023,459,251.

Total resources increased to \$1,212,203,567, a 7.6 per cent rise over the 1963 year end figure of \$1,126,988,969. Loans and discounts increased \$41,030,117 to \$635,466,590.

The Vernonia branch of U. S. National recorded total deposits of \$1,597,246.21 according to B. R. Pilger, manager. Loans and discounts for the branch stood at \$313,829.14.

Gross operating revenues for the year totaled \$56,351,025, a 9.4 per cent increase over the 1963 figure of \$51,517,916. Net operating earnings after taxes were \$7,841,010, up \$428,869 over 1963.

Earnings per share in 1964 were \$5.23 compared to \$4.94 in 1963, based upon 1,500,000 shares outstanding on December 31, 1964.

Kolar also reported that capital funds had increased \$6,416,338 to \$88,564,783. Capital stock changes made in 1964 included 75,000 share stock dividend and a subscription offer of 75,000 shares.

CARC to Hear Representative

State Representative Grace Peck (D-Multnomah county) will speak in St. Helens Tuesday evening, January 19, at a public meeting sponsored by CARC. The talk is scheduled for 8:00 in the chamber of commerce building.

Mrs. Peck, who is a widow, and who is famous for her hats, has won the affection of Oregonians through her vigorous championship of the cause of the aged, handicapped and needy during her long service in the legislature.

As a representative she has worked as chairman of a committee studying mental retardation, as chairman of the public health and welfare committee, and as vice-chairman of an interim committee on social problems. She has served as a member of the board of visitors at Fairview home for the retarded.

Mrs. Peck is a member of the American Legion auxiliary, and a former member of the executive board of the office employees' union. Her home is in Portland.

Since she is making a special trip from Salem to speak in this county, the Columbia Association for Retarded Children hopes that local residents will make a special effort to take in this meeting.

Geraniums Are Topic For Garden Club Meet

BIRKENFELD—The Nehalem Valley Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Mathews Wednesday, January 20. The subject will be Geranium Culture and there will be a slip exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey spent two days in Portland last week to be with her mother who is quite ill.

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