

WEEKEND VIEWPOINTS

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If some newspaper should bludge it in big headlines that a housing shortage threatens, most of its readers in the Tri-City area probably would rub their eyes and read it again, expecting to catch themselves in error. But although we do not use the big headlines, it is a statement that can be made in all sincerity.

It is doubtful that even a depression could change the rapid trend towards a state of home scarcity. The Tri-City area can be compared with Florida during the real estate boom there. When the crash of 1929 came, real estate developers awoke one morning to find they had a lot of construction on hand with no occupants and no prospects. A few years later there was a housing shortage in Florida.

Real estate developers in Kennewick who have continued their building operations, have been building for the future. Even if there is no expansion of Hanford Works and of the area of irrigated land, present housing will eventually fail to meet the demands. With expansion of the farmable area certain and some indications of industrial expansion in the three cities, it is a foregone conclusion that present housing will prove inadequate within another two years and maybe in less time.

For many years, editors have been emphasizing the drudgery of their work. They probably are faced with more deadlines than any class of workers in the world. Details pile on their desks by the hundreds and thousands. Every day bring a new stack.

Believing that readers might appreciate a glimpse of what goes over the desk, here is a close-up on a portion of a week: Dear JWH: Sorry I couldn't phone you due to the strike but I found I had picked up my glasses when I moved and I found them at home. I'm sorry for any trouble. Thanks for looking—Agnes.

"Daddy: Chucky, Joe and I are in town. Don't go home without us—EMTY."

"Note: Girl who lives in the Highlands wants a job working after school."

"Here is a legal from Moulton, Powell & Gess. See that it is run three times Sept. 16, 23, 30."

"I would like an ad. I'm going down to the station to see about some express and will stop on the way back. What time will you be in?"

"Daddy: I am in town at Eva's house. Don't forget to pick me up—EMTY." P. S.: Don't forget my school books."

"Please get in touch with Mrs. M. at other office."

"This legal runs in place of the one Mr. H. sent in by mail."

"Scribbled on the back of an envelope: 'Was in to see about that matter I talked with you about. Phone me as soon as you come in.'"

Picking up the telephone without thinking, "Number please." (number is given). "Is this an emergency call?" Answering, "I really don't know; I was asked to call this number. We are not handling any except emergency calls."

Dakotans Pick O. A. Otteson

Approximately 200 former residents of the state of North Dakota held their yearly picnic in the Kennewick city park on Sunday. Following the picnic, O. A. Otteson was elected president of the organization.

Otteson said the next year's picnic will be held in Richland on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Other officers elected yesterday were Art Peterson, Richland, secretary; M. Shiro, Richland, director; Milo Cander, Pasco, director; Mrs. Jack Hansen, Kennewick, director; and A. U. Sand, Kennewick, director and treasurer.

INTRODUCING Kennewick's Business And Professional People TO THE COMMUNITY

Emerald A. Silliman, Kennewick business man, is the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Silliman, who represents himself to be "the world's worst golf player," was born in Minneapolis, Minn. He came to Prosser in 1905 and engaged in wheat farming for 14 years before moving to Kennewick in 1930 to accept a job with the firm which he and his son Clint now own.

He farmed in the Rattlesnake mountains district north of Prosser.

Mr. Silliman married Miss Zelma Case of Prosser in 1914 and now they have four sons, two married. Kenneth, who graduated from high school here last year, will attend Eastern College of Washington in Ellensburg this fall. Glenn is in the navy.

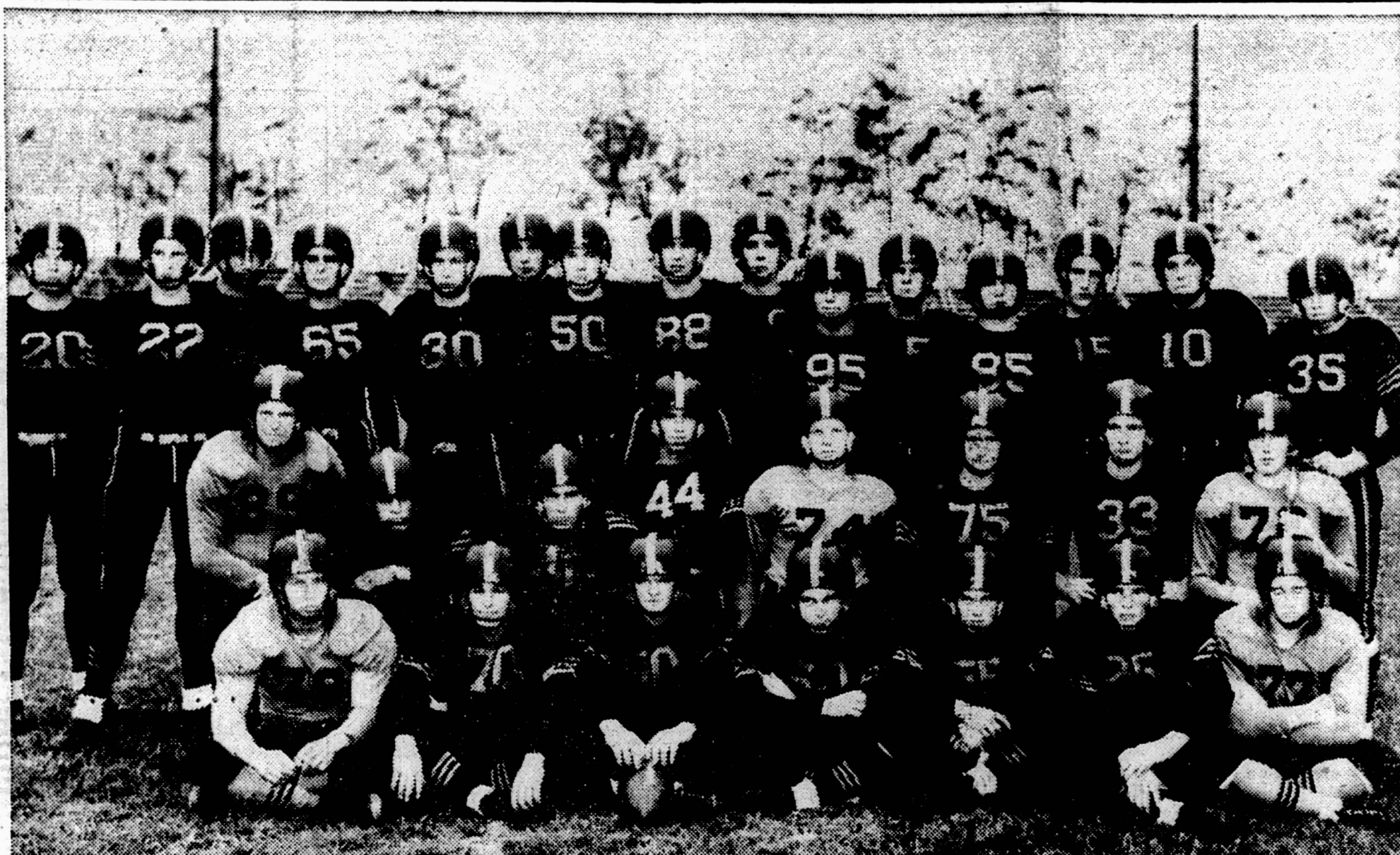
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Kennewick Lion Varsity Is Ready



The Kennewick Lion varsity football team, above, is all set for their important season opening game tonight when they meet Burlington at 8 p.m. Rated as one of the surprise teams

of the Yakima Valley conference, the Lions are figured to beat Burlington, the team they lost to last year in their opening game.

Pick Lions To Conquer Burlington

The Kennewick Lions tapered off their training program last night and today were scheduled for skull drill in preparation for the 1949 curtain raiser of the football season.

They will host the Burlington team Friday night at 8 p.m. in the first of their nine scheduled games. Kennewick is the first of the Tri-City teams to open at home this year. Richland plays at Wenatchee tomorrow night and Walla Walla comes to Prosser Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Last year the Lions bowed to the Burlington eleven, but the result is expected to be slightly different this year with the pregame odds favoring the Kennewick team at 5 to 9.

It will be model-T meeting model-T, both teams using the T-formation. However, the Lions under the tutelage of Coach George Karamatic use a modified version of the system with the ball usually going to one of the backs in the cross-arm of the T.

Lion players have suffered a minimum of injuries and Karamatic said he would probably vary the players on the offense and defense. The defense line will average about 200 pounds while the offensive line will top the scale in the 175 pound bracket.

Fans will see several possible all-Valley players tomorrow night. Leading candidate is Bob "Pogo-Hips" Olsen at halfback, who is being touted for all-state honors. The triple-threat star will rip off plenty of yardage if he can get away is the feeling of qualified observers. Jack Eads at fullback, letterman halfback Gene Reavis and Ralph Hull at quarterback will complete the starting backfield.

Other players that fans should keep their eyes on are George Black and Bob Pollock, right end and left tackle respectively. Don Beste is expected to stand out in the guard position.

Karamatic has cut the team and is now carrying 30 on the varsity squad.



Two Kennewick Lion ends, George Black No. 88 and Gerald Pollock, No. 60 use the helmet of Bob Schrier, guard, as a resting place for the football between pictures. All three of these players will be in the starting lineup Friday night when the Lions open their season at home by meeting Burlington at 8 p.m.

35 Churches Uniting For Religious Survey

At a meeting of the Mid-Columbia Council of Churches held at the First Christian church, Kennewick, Tuesday night, it was revealed that 35 churches have joined their forces together for a great bi-county wide effort to conduct a religious survey on Sunday afternoon, September 25.

The census is one phase of the Fellowship Evangelism mission conducted by the Mid-Columbia Council of Churches, with the cooperation of the Washington-Idaho State Council of Churches and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, during the week of September 22 to 29.

According to Miss Gertrude Apel, executive secretary of the State Council of Churches, who addressed the gathering, the mission will bring to the Tri-City area 40 guest pastors and observers from all over the state and from Oregon and California. The director of the mission is the Rev. Dr. Harry Kalas of Chicago,

who will lead in seminar discussion panels for all host pastors and guest leaders.

The mission opens on Thursday morning with a session at 9:30 a. m. in the First Methodist church, Kennewick, where all seminars will be conducted. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions in preparation for the visitation on Sunday afternoon.

Local arrangements for the mission are in charge of Rev. Eugene Muench, general chairman. Ministers of the cooperating churches met earlier in the day in a special session to hear reports and details of the plans that have been made for this all-out effort of obtaining vital facts and figures regarding the religious affiliation and background of persons and families in the entire area.

This is the first time a mission of this type and extent has been undertaken anywhere in America. It is therefore more than a usual or casual effort.

Kennewick Councilmen O.K. Water Bond Issue

Kennewick's city council Tuesday night approved the issuance of \$150,000 worth of General Obligation bonds as part of the million dollar purchase of the Kennewick Irrigation District and Pacific Power & Light water systems by the city.

The \$850,000 balance to complete the purchase will be available by the time the purchase is completed, Urban Keolker, mayor of the city said Wednesday. The balance is being financed through a syndicate of bond houses.

Dick Rector, city superintendent, added that the purchase would be as of Oct. 1. However, the actual exchange may not

take place for another six weeks, the city official said.

Bids for the improvement and additions to the systems will be offered as soon as the final plans are approved. The city officials said they believed that work would start this year.

The Benton county auditor has certified to the total number of voters in the last general election as 2119. This certification virtually assures the legality of the purchase which had been in doubt because of the low total of votes cast in the special election pertaining to the purchase. His action means that a total of 1060 ballots was required and 1065 were cast.

Bids For Kennewick High School To Be Called Soon

Smith Troy Reverses His Opinion

Kennewick area hospital and fire districts and the Mid-Columbia library, which serves rural residents of Benton and Franklin counties, had a new lease on life this week.

Attorney General Smith Troy has reversed an original opinion that virtually would have prevented the districts and the library from operating.

The new opinion, written September 8 for Benton county Prosecutor Malloy Sensney, holds that:

"Where a portion of a fire protection district or an inter-county rural library district is annexed to a city the tax levy upon the annexed territory should include levies for the payment of pre-existing debt service charges of the district but should not include any levy for current operations of the district, and there is no violation of the constitution in taxing the property in the annexed territory at a different rate than is levied on other property of the district or of the city."

This was interpreted to mean that areas recently annexed to Kennewick, but which were rural when the districts and the library were voted, could only be taxed to pay debts incurred by those districts while the annexed areas still were rural.

And since Troy held the annexed areas could be taxed at different rates than those for the rural territories the three mills available in Kennewick probably would take care of this.

Troy's original opinion was that the annexed areas still must pay taxes to the district and the library for operating expenses.

The original opinion also held that taxes must be uniform throughout the areas served by the districts and the library. This meant that, since only three mills would be available for the hospital, fire district and library in Kennewick, their requests must be cut.

However, the new opinion was that the levies for the annexed areas need not be the same as for the areas still remaining outside the city.

Sensney said the opinion was based on a state supreme court decision, P.U.D. No. 1 vs. Superior Court. He said the high court held that where services are different in different areas the levy need not be the same, or uniform.

Pick Committee To Discuss Phone Strike

Appointment of a four-man committee to join in a round table discussion with labor and management regarding the Kennewick telephone strike was made Thursday noon by the Kennewick Chamber of Commerce.

The committee was appointed on the suggestion of Gene Spaulding, president of the chamber, after two representatives of the striking union spoke to the Chamber.

The representatives were John Doran and J. Rowe.

Doran told the chamber that the basis of the dispute with the Interstate Telephone Co. was wages. He said a union negotiating committee has been meeting with management since last May. An agreement reached by the two and later ratified by the union was rejected by management.

Rowe said the starting scale for a new man in the company is \$2 1/2 an hour.

"I have been with the company four years," he said. "I earn a \$1.30 an hour as a combination man. I have a wife and daughter to support. That's hard to do here on that salary."

The committee appointed by the chamber will consist of C. A. Nybourn, Hugh Horton, Glen Sherman and Frank Maupin. The group will contact both sides of the dispute and see if some local solution can be worked out.

Fire Guts Kennewick Drive In

Fire early Monday morning gutted Stone's Drive Inn at 520 Columbia avenue, Kennewick. Fire Chief Herb Malchow said the blaze was started by a short in electrical wires at the meter box. The blaze started at 1:40 a. m., the chief added.

He estimated the damage at \$3500. All the fixtures were either destroyed or completely ruined by the fire, he said. Most of the stock of fish that was on hand was saved, and rushed to cold storage. However, most of the balance of the stock was destroyed.

The fire also got into gas lines that were in the building and created an additional hazard to the fire fighters.

Building Plans To Go Ahead

Bids for construction of a new \$1,800,000 high school for Kennewick will be asked in approximately three weeks, E. S. Black, superintendent of schools, announced Thursday.

Black said the school district's architect, Earl W. Morrison of Seattle, has informed him all details are nearly ready.

One third of the money for the new 800-student high school is on hand now, Black said. This money represents \$353,000 from the Atomic Energy Commission, \$172,000 from the state and \$300,000 from the school district. Additional funds will be derived from A.E.C., who have accepted the entire problem and will include specific funds for this purpose in their 1951 budget which will be up for approval in July of next year.

BOND ISSUE PLANNED

A state-wide bond issue which will produce \$528,000 will complete the total amount of funds needed.

The new school, to be built south of the present high school, will relieve the congestion now rampant throughout the entire Kennewick school system, the superintendent said.

Citing the figure of 3200 as the present school population, Black added that of this number 470 are in the senior high school and 125 in the senior class. However, he pointed out that today there are 360 in the first grade of the elementary schools.

"This very definitely points out that more school space is needed if we are to see to it that each child is given the consideration that is needed to give him a well-rounded education," the superintendent concluded.

Boy, Mother Hurt In Crash

Jimmy, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thompson of Umatilla, was admitted to Our Lady of Lourdes hospital Sunday night with a broken leg.

His mother was treated for a cut on the face. Details were lacking but it was reported the injuries occurred when the family car left the road near Kennewick.

Three Months Supply Of Mail



This is a photograph of Kennewick Courier-Reporter mail which was held in the Kennewick post office for approximately 90 days and released last Saturday afternoon. This is the reason much advertising did not appear for local business men. It also explains the reason that news and all matters pertaining to circulation were not taken care of.