

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## VERNONIA EXTENDS WELCOME N. EASTERN RETAIL LUMBEMEN

### Special Train Brings Over a Hundred Visitors to Our Oregon-American Mill.

Today there are approximately one-hundred retail lumber dealers here from the North Atlantic States Members of the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association who are guests of the Oregon-American Lumber Company. They arrived on a special train from Portland this forenoon, the train being switched into the Oregon-American yards where the visitors detrained and were conducted over the big plant by a representative of the lumber company, Frank Schopuin, vice-president, acting as host.

After inspecting the big plant and having the various processes of manufacture explained to them the visitors were entertained at lunch at the mess hall. A specially delightful feature of the entertainment of the visitors was the distribution of a novel souvenir post card with the cut of the Vernonia mill and appropriate wording together with the name of each individual guest on a thin piece of old growth yellow fir manufactured at the Vernonia mill and surfaced to a glossy finish on one of the mills high speed planing mill machines.

The visitors also enjoyed inspecting a very attractive exhibit of various patterns of lumber manufactured at the big mill.

The northwestern retail lumber dealers are looking more and more to the west for their supply of building material and are realizing the wonderful possibilities of fir lumber for its strength and beautiful texture and their personal inspection of the manufacturing process on the coast is sure to bring results beneficial both to producer and consumer.

The itinerary of the visitors included Seattle, Kelso, Longview, Portland, Vernonia and Eugene and an especially noticeable feature of their visit is the fact that their trip to Vernonia involved a hundred mile side trip which speaks well for the unusual attraction the big Vernonia mill has for Eastern visitors.

Vernonia is glad to have you lumber men with us today. We know you will be greatly interested in the large Oregon-American mill here, and hope you carry lasting and pleasant memories of your visit back to your eastern homes. We are sorry the city could not keep you another day and entertain you with detailed stories of our city, surroundings and many opportunities here.

### CATALOG BUSINESS GALORE

Tuesday's mail consisted of fifty big sacks. 32 of these sacks contained mail order house catalogues. Vernonia. It took one post office clerk five hours to handle the mail. How can a town be built under such conditions? Echo answers How?

When an individual loses his "pep," he's done. When a business man slows up on "Pep," he might as well quit. When a town runs out of "Pep," it is soon classed "among the dead."

Mr. and Mrs. William Folger and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kullander were in Portland last week; the men attending Masonic lodge there Thursday night. Other Vernonia Masons were there for the occasion including Albert Childs and Mr. Starkey.

### WARNING!

- All children under 16 years of age must be home by 9 p. m. unless accompanied by their parents.
- The church bell will ring at 9 p. m. sharp hereafter.
- There is also an ordinance prohibiting minors from entering pool halls and card rooms. This will be rigidly enforced from now on.

W. J. KELLY,  
City Marshal

### PROGRAM GIVEN IN HONOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Washington's Birthday was fittingly observed last Sunday with a program given in the High School Auditorium. National airs were sung by the audience. Mrs. Cole's class of girls gave a beautiful little song about Betty Ross and the flag, and the main address was given by Mr. E. E. Hayes. Mr. Hayes gave a splendid talk that held the audience in strict attention. He spoke on the life of Washington from cradle to grave, dwelling on the human life as much as the official and wisely remarking that a man's greatest greatness never comes until after his death.

The closing address was given by Mr. Chastein, who in his usual good manner of delivery, told of the last and good effect from the lives and history of Washington and other leaders.

### MARRIED

Mr. Wm. Favel and Miss Esther Urie were married in St. Helens Feb. 16. They will make their home in Vernonia.

Mr. J. C. Hobson, who has been with the Vernonia Drug Co., the past few months has moved to Portland.

### PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

All the people of this Inland Empire are now asking your support and your efforts at once to help secure the hard surfacing of the Inland Highway between Astoria and Portland by way of Vernonia. This will also aid Portland by getting some of the tourists that otherwise will cross at Longview for Seattle without seeing your city. The new bridge between Rainier and Longview will be built.

### SCHOOL GIRL PASSES AWAY

Last Friday, Feb. 13, 1925, Coy Laverne, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Smith, died after a brief illness with dreaded diphtheria. The little girl was well and at school the Monday previous. Near the end of the week she was removed from her home to the Vernonia Hospital, at the time the character of the ailment was not known. Friday morning she passed away. The funeral and burial took place in McMinnville last Monday. All Vernonia was saddened at the report of her death, and her parents have the sincere sympathy of all in this hour of bereavement.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our little daughter and sister Coy, also for the beautiful floral offerings and especially to the ladies of the Moonlight Apartments for their untiring efforts to ease and comfort us in our great sorrow.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith,  
Harold, Lysle and Helen.

Use Mother's bread—you'll like it.

### A VERNONIA LADY TAKES OWN LIFE

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Daisy Dobbs committed suicide while evidently temporarily insane. Mrs. Dobbs left a note to her husband the contents of which related to future care of the children, and walked the adjoining woods where she was later found dead with a chloroform bottle half empty in her hand.

Mrs. Dobbs was 39 years old; in her last note she made the assertion that she was "failing fast" and that her time had come. Poor health is assigned as the cause.

The family have lived here but two months, coming from Newberg. She leaves a husband and eight children ranging in ages from five to eighteen. The remains were taken to Portland Tuesday. The family has the sympathy of all.

Last Wednesday evening a birthday surprise party was given Mrs. Scott at her home. A good time was reported by those who attended. Those present were: Mrs. Linquist, Mrs. Brede, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Lee Hall, Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Inbeck. Not being satisfied with this surprise, the party visited the new weds Mr. and Mrs. Fravel at the home of the bride's mother. After the surprise the bride and groom were dragged out and up town where the bunch was treated to drinks. No one knows better than Mrs. Brede and Mrs. Pope just what a little scrapper the bride is for she sure put up one.

Miss Olive Smith, Mr. Wm. Ritter and Mr. Clarence Baldmore, of Portland, visited Miss Irene Smith Saturday and stayed over for the American Legion dance Saturday night.

## PEOPLE REPEAT DEMAND TO PAVE BRIDGE STREET

### Little Desire to Talk of More Rock or Extensive Storm Sewer, Citizens Trust in Council.

### AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. George Sitts, of Portland, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Sitts, of Vernonia, was struck by a heavy auto while crossing a street in Portland. Mrs. Sitts received severe head injury and fear is still with relatives that the accident might prove fatal. For ten days, at this writing, she has been unconscious.

### SCORE 31-19

The Vernonia High School boy's basketball team after a rather unlucky season, forged to the front and succeeded in defeating the Hill Military Academy team on the local floor Monday evening by a score of 31 to 19.

The game was a hard fought one the score being tied 10 to 10 at the end of the first half. In the second half our boys broke through Hill's defence and made numerous baskets.

Vernonia	F	Hill's M. A.
Roberts L.	F	Coe
Bennett	F	Ankeny
Mills	C	Livermore
Roberts T.	G	Hyson
Hawkins	G	Le Doux

Mr. Sage of Portland was the referee.

The city council needs the encouragement of all citizens. Their work is tedious and we, as citizens, placed them in chairs to decide various city questions of importance and elected them to direct and decide official affairs of the municipality. Among several necessary decisions and immediate puzzles to decide very soon, probably the most important are "cleaning up the town," and the "paving of Bridge street." On these two questions we certainly need co-operation. The citizens expect the early paving. It has been declared that we can't pave without first putting in a "storm sewer." Engineers know more about this than the average citizen, but the average citizen doesn't believe it. We know there is no storm sewer under the Pacific Highway, under the Columbia Highway, under the paving of Banks and hundreds of Oregon streets. We don't think it necessary here, although a culvert could cross Bridge at Third leading to Bear Creek. All other drainage and storm water would run to the Rock Creek. Bridge street is high between Weed Ave. and Third street; that excess dirt and rock could be used on Maple street, one block away, or given to contractors for hauling it away.

No, the average citizen says. Pave Bridge street and stop talking of extra \$5000 jobs of sewerage.

It has been suggested that curbs could be put in and the street rocked with tar on top. Vernonia citizens won't stand for such a move for a minute. We have about 13 inches of rock now—no more than for more rock year after year. For a pavement and storm sewer, the assessed valuation is too small.

For pavement alone, we can make the grade by a small bond issue to pave the intersections. We believe we are voicing the opinion of all voters in saying the big majority will aid by voting to issue small bonds to pave the street intersections. And we believe the Mayor and council will have the support on the plan.

### OBITUARY

Coy La Verne Smith was born at Garfield, Wn., May 5, 1916 and departed this life in the hospital at Vernonia, Ore., Feb. 20th, 1925, at the age of 8 yrs. 9 mos. and 15 days.

She spent most of her short life at Whiteson, Ore., where she finished her second year of school.

After her condition was considered serious, Dr. Patrick, a child specialist from Portland was called and a nurse stood by her side day and night, but God in his wisdom saw fit to take her little spirit home.

When the end was nearing she held her little weak hand out for the nurse's hand and with a smile on her face closed her eyes and without a struggle passed into the great beyond where she is now "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

She leaves to mourn her loss her father and mother, two brothers, Harold and Lysle and one sister Helen.

Funeral services were held at Mc Minnville cemetery conducted by the Rev. Cecil Phillips.

"Ere sin could blight,  
Or sorrow fade,  
Death came with friendly care  
The opening bud to Heaven  
conveyed,  
And bade it blossom there."

### NEW DEPT. STORE MANAGER

Mr. B. H. Bryan of Seattle, arrived this week and is now at the head of the local Halton store. A large new stock is arriving, and Mr. Bryan is making some telling improvements. He is a splendid gentleman to meet, and he expresses himself as very well pleased with the outlook of Vernonia.



VERNONIA HIGH SCHOOL

### BIG ASTORIA BUDGET

Astoria is one of the prettiest growing cities of the West—yes, of the whole country. The Astoria Evening Budget came out Monday with 52 pages illustrated and descriptive of the big development of the Seaport City. It was their annual "Development Edition," and the paper did itself proud. It is of much worth to the Lower Columbia Co.

### DR. LUZADER HERE NEXT MONDAY

Dr. Luzader, eye specialist, will be at Kullander's jewelry store next Monday and Tuesday, Mar. 2nd and 3rd. All who suffer from any form of eyestrain should call and have their eyes examined. To avoid waiting, please make appointment with Mr. Kullander.

A. Corey having disposed of his grocery department—selling to Skaggs—has now turned the "Crown Store" into a dry goods, shoe and furnishings for men and women. The store has been completely rearranged and a better display of goods afforded.

### RELIEF CORPS

The Woman's Relief Corps met last Thursday, Feb. 19th.

Mrs. Velma Hurley was initiated into the order. The President, Mrs. Gladys Smith appointed the following committees for the year:

Child Welfare and Home Economics—Mrs. A. J. Sitts, Mrs. Estella Munger, Mrs. Ethel Ray.

Relief—Mrs. Emma Greener, Mrs. Mammie Hall, Mrs. Emma Weed, Executive—Mrs. Mary Aldrich, Mrs. Velma Hurley, Mrs. Alma Mills.

It was decided to have a relief box and at any time any member or anyone having any articles of clothing they have no further use for to leave with Mrs. Alma Mills so as occasion arrives they will be prepared.

On Friday the Corps visited the High School in commemoration of Washington's Birthday. They had the pleasure of hearing Prof. Wilkerson, Cavils case recite, their subject was Washington, also had current events, Charles Hoffman and Margaret Smith gave extracts from the life of Washington and Mrs. Gladys Smith gave a short address on same subject.

They found four rooms without rugs and the Corps will supply them.

Last Friday night the Vernonia girls' basketball team played the St. Helens girls' team and defeated them. Our new forward, Oriene Counts, who is taking Julia Keasey's place showed that she will be capable of holding down the position. The guards seemed as though they had glue on their feet, for they did not play as they should have. They allowed the St. Helens forwards to make the highest score made against Vernonia this year. The St. Helens' guards held our forwards down to the lowest score they have yet made this year.

The line-up was:

Vernonia	F	St. Helens
Bergerson M	F	Thulman L
Counts O	F	Birchman R
Gibson L	C	McClenan J
Bayer T	C	Maston V
Condit L	G	Maston L
Akerstedt D	G	Tarbell T
Hawkins Ida M	S	
Strong E	S	

Mr. Austin of Vernonia refereed the game.

Next Friday evening the girls play the Seaside girls at Clatskanie for the lower Columbia championship. The girls hope that many Vernonia people will see the game.

### AMERICAN LEGION NOTES

A good size crowd attended the dance given by the American Legion last Saturday night. The hall was decorated so as to give a ball room effect and the color scheme was red, white and blue. Commander M. E. Carkin managed the floor, E. Shipman was at the ticket window, F. Brewer took tickets, Lee Schaub checked the cloaks while Guy Shields and H. E. McGraw sliced their tomatoes at the lunch counter.

A party of Legionnaires motored from Scappoose and stayed until the last dance. There was three cars loaded with dancers from Portland.

While E. Shipman and W. D. Smith were visiting Portland post, State Adjutant Moser informed them of the fact that Oregon was in a neck and neck race with Florida for the National trophy that will be given to the state having the greatest per cent of members over 1924.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McGee on Friday, Feb. 18, a baby girl. No wonder George is all dressed up in his Sunday clothes.