

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

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## BASE BALL SEASON OPENS

The past week has been the talk of baseball; everywhere you go you hear something or other about baseball, and there are also some who are real busy doing their stuffs, especially the Vernonia Athletic Club's directors and pilot.

Last Saturday night at the hop, Clarence Coyle, a hustling director of the club, paced McJensen to the middle of the dance hall and introduced him to the patrons of the Saturday night slick floor. Mac didn't say much, but what he did say came straight from his heart, and he meant every word of it. The people of Vernonia who were present at the light fantastic showed their stuff by making Mac welcome.

Sunday morning found all directors and the pilot around the hot stove in Kullender's jewelry store at the appointed hour of 10 o'clock, for their regular weekly meeting. Many matters of importance were discussed along the lines of baseball for the coming season, and the big benefit dance Saturday night.

Charlie White, a director of the club and a great Vernonia enthusiast, was chosen as score keeper for the coming season, while his son Willis will be the handy boy to see that all the players get their needs during the season, and will be known as the youthful caretaker or water boy, while Little Kay Brown will be the mascot.

The umpire has not been decided as yet. Something like twenty-two baseball clubs have been lined up for games this season with our hustling town of Vernonia, this fact alone shows that the boys are on the job.

Practice started last Sunday afternoon, although the condition of the field was very poor, weather had, the turnout was splendid considering there was about 56 who turned out to clout the apple for 1925. This alone shows baseball spirit for Vernonia. On the sidelines looking on there were something like one hundred fans. And here's one case that will never be forgotten. All the directors were there on time. Oh, Boy; I'll say that's being on the job.

According to McJensen, Vernonia can rest assured that they are going to see a mighty snappy baseball team representing Vernonia this season if the real spirit is kept up, and it will be, as said before, 100 per cent local. Lots of training and real attention, Vernonia will be darn tough to beat.

There will be a hard fight for several berths on the team, as Vernonia has plenty of youthful, snappy material, and above all things the best will gain the position on the diamond. There will be no predilection or partiality used whatsoever. McJensen has not stated who is sure of filling a position yet; it's too early in the game, but has remarked that Sheely looks real good on second, Freddie Farling, at shortstop, and Shotwell, commonly known as Tex, will no doubt fill the center job in the garden.

Shotwell does not look much like a ballplayer, but he's there with the stick, knows how to field a ball and what to do with it when he gets it, and, above all things, can peg that pill and judge fly balls correctly. He stands a little over six feet tall and runs like a rabbit. I am confident in Shotwell, said the manager. Now, Tex, do your stuff.

Seen amidst the ballplayers last Sunday was the old reliable Clarence Coyle. First time at bat he soaked the pill okey, but Clarence forgot he was getting old and was caught puffing for wind at third; the umpire hollered, "Out." Umps have no respect for age, Clarence.

Dempsey was not out for practice, Sunday. Now, Dempsey, the fans want to see your old-time fighting spirit. We know you've got it; let's have it. We know you are for Vernonia and Vernonia is for you.

There was plenty of fun watching the boys swinging for the apples last Sunday in the old mud hole by the school. What say if Old Sol is going to quit shining that we have a swimming meet.

We go to Westport Sunday, May 24. Bear this date in mind, for we want all the fans with us that date to let Westport know that Vernonia is on the map. This is one outfit we have got to beat in playing and rooting. Let's Go!

Mr. M. E. Carlin, commonly known as Jack, of the City Dying & Cleaning Works, has promised to clean the baseball suits for the club gratis for the start of the season. This is what we call co-operation, Jack, and thanks to you, the club wishes you success in your business. You deserve it.

This is going to be good. The Vernonia ball club will meet the high school lads no doubt, Sunday morning, April 12, and the Old Men of the town Sunday afternoon of the same day. This will certainly give a ball club plenty of practice and should they get defeated by either team, look out, Gee, the fans will certainly be able to get a kick out of these two games, while the Vernonia ball club will have to settle down and play ball. That's the idea—make these ballplayers watch themselves at every move. These two games will also give McJensen a good chance to see what prospective players he may have missed. Good idea, again.

Did you ever hear the band play, "Who do you think it is, well, they are now playing 'To Have and to Hold'—a real ball team for Vernonia.

Jimmie Putnam went to Salem this week. Yes, you bet he did. What for, James?

### GOOD SEED CHEAPEST

Good potato seed is the cheapest regardless of the cost, if within reason, says E. R. Jackson, crops specialist for the Oregon Agricultural College. Cost of producing an acre of potatoes is around \$80 in the Willamette Valley, around \$75 in Central Oregon and about \$100 in high-yielding areas, such as Malheur County, according to conclusions reached by county agricultural economic conferences. Most items entering into these costs are fixed and not influenced by the yield per acre. Cost of growing a bushel of potatoes is therefore reduced as yields per acre increase. Certified Burbank seed last year yielded 200 per cent more marketable potatoes than unselected seed stock on the farm of Fred Sewell in Washington County. Good seed made just as fine a showing in other parts of the state.

It is better business to buy all baby chicks at one time where only one range and one brooder equipment are available than to attempt to brood and range together chicks of different ages, says H. E. Crosby, poultry specialist for O. A. C. extension.

By all means plan to grow green feed for the Oregon poultry flock, says the college extension service. This is one of the four major classes of feeds necessary for growth and production. Kale is the one best bet. Root crops, alfalfa hay, cabbage, etc., should be provided as an emergency winter feed, because kale does not always live through the winter.

The A. L. Circus will be the big attraction tonight.

Next comes the band concerts, and they promise to be good.

The Willing Workers of the Christian church held their aid at the home of Mrs. Brendle. Twenty-three being present, securing five new members. Delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Brendle, Mrs. Porter, field assisting.

The loaf that will toast—Mother's Bread. Ask for it by name.

The W. B. A. held their usual meeting last Friday night. A box supper, including candy booth and a short program to be given in the near future. Watch for the date.

## REV. HERRMAN LEAVES CITY

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Easter will be observed in the church this coming Sunday, April 12. At 9:45 a.m. the Sunday School will meet for the study of the Easter lesson. The Easter sermon will be delivered during the eleven o'clock service. Some special features will make this service very attractive.

The Christian Endeavor meets at 6:45 p.m. The society is showing new life again anticipating an era of prosperity under the coming new church administration. It will be worth while to come out and see what is going on.

The evening service will be replaced by a pageant "A Living Christ for All" given under the auspices of the W. M. S. This is the first program of its kind ever put across in this community and promises to be of great interest. No time or effort has been spared to make this an evening worth while.

This will terminate the pastorate of the present pastor, Rev. Wm. Ralancher, of Albany, Oregon, will be the new pastor. He is a very efficient pastor and has built up the work at Albany wonderfully. The outgoing pastor together with his family wish to take this opportunity of thanking the good people of this community for all the courtesies and favors shown them. Some of you folks have been so kind to us that you have made a permanent impression on us for good. On account of family circumstances we cannot visit you as we like to and thank you personally so we take this opportunity. For reasons mentioned publicly we will have to retire at least one year and maybe permanently. We feel sure that we are clearing the way for more efficient men. So we bid you farewell with a hearty "God bless you every one."

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

There was rejoicing in Heaven last Lord's Day when three of God's children gave their hearts to Him. There were five in all, who came forward, to join in the work the christians have in Vernonia.

Provision will be made for baptism and announced later.

Next Lord's Day morning, which is Easter Day, Rev. Mathis will speak on "The Immortality of the Soul."

We are striving for a very large number at Bible School, and invite all to come, young and old, and bring your friends.

Communion and church at 11:00 a.m.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 p.m.

Evening church service 7:30 p.m.

There will be special music for that day.

Mr. Olson says a small ad in the Eagle sold a big farm last week.

M. E. Carkins was in Portland last week-end attending American Legion business.

All Vernonia people using telephones must learn to call by number. After the new directories are off the press, no calls will be recognized only by number.

R. M. Stokesbury returned from California last week. He says they had frost nearly every night, and as far south as San Diego it was cold and frosty. Between Redlands and the Oregon line he was in frost, rain and high snow drifts. Vernonia is pretty good, thank you.

A very pleasant time was had when friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Weed, Thursday, April 2, and gave a handkerchief shower in honor of Grandma Vail Blaricom's 82d birthday.

The afternoon was spent in talking over old times, after which a delicious lunch was served.

Those present were: Mrs. Van Blaricom, Mrs. J. Weed, Mrs. Sarah Spencer, Mrs. Ellen Mills, Mrs. Sitts, Mrs. Engstrom, Mrs. Greener, Mrs. T. H. Thrapp, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Brendle, Mrs. O. G. Weed, Mrs. Edw. Condit and Mrs. Earl Snyder.

Eat more bread—it is the best and cheapest food. Ask your grocer for Mother's Bread.

## BIG IMPROVEMENT IN TELEPHONE SERVICE

Vernonia local telephone service is being greatly improved. We will have continuous service from now on, daily, from 7 a. m. to 11 p. m., and all day Sundays. In addition emergency calls can be had at nights from 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. in case of a doctor's call or accident. That is as good as perfect.

### GOLD IN GOLD HILL

A few local Vernonia men are interested in the mining prospects around Gold Hill. Especially appealing to them is the "Kelmar-Vaupet mine," founders and officers being Kellogg, Martintat, Van Hart and Petersen. The mine certainly looks rich and the men have every confidence—in fact, are sure of a fortune. The smelter will be built this year within a quarter of a mile of this mine and the highway passes the property. We hope the local men and promoters all get rich.

### A BENEFIT TO RAINIER

The Rainier Review says: "The location of the Weyerhaeuser mill on the banks of the Columbia practically opposite Rainier is bound to result in lasting benefit to this city and section. The Columbia can be crossed in ten minutes' time and a landing on the Weyerhaeuser property will no doubt be permitted, and encouraged. Outside the question of taxation, the mill is almost as valuable to us as though it were located on this side of the river.

A public dock should be provided on the only street which reaches the river so that working men and others can tie their boats up without cost and without molestation.

Commenting on the Weyerhaeuser institution, the Kelsonian - Tribune summed the situation up just as it is in the following:

"The Weyerhaeuser Company is an independent institution, is not influenced in the manner of conducting business by any side issues in the matter of dealing in real estate, and its employees will be as free as the gentle winds that make living in this choice locality a source of congratulation to all who have the good fortune to be numbered among the inhabitants, to do just as they please, so long as they perform duties for which they are employed."

## EASTER SERVICES AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Easter morning the following program will be followed at St. Mary's Church:

5 a. m.—Confessions.

Easter Mass and Communion at 6:30 sharp.

Sermon by Father J. P. Clancy, "The Resurrection, Humanity's Hope."

Appropriate music by the choir.

Visitors welcome at all times.

Mrs. Brendle and Mrs. Benetta Condit motored out to the home of Mrs. Weeds, Thursday afternoon, taking with them Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Instrum, Mrs. Sitts, Mrs. Albert Parker, Mrs. Herman Greener, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Thrupp. The ladies enjoyed a luncheon at Mrs. Weeds' and presented a birthday cake to Mrs. Van Blaricom, who was 82 years old.

Each guest presented the venerable old lady with a handkerchief, wishing her many more happy birthdays. A very pleasant afternoon was spent.

Bob Hill, former wrestler of Vernonia, was shaking hands with friends here last week.

Get your Easter Lillies, Potted Plants and Carnations at Brown & Brown's Saturday, April 11th.

### HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

The Vernonia Hotel is being remodeled and is now under the management of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Malmsten. The entrance will be put in the front of the building instead of the side as at present. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard have gone to Portland, Mr. Malmsten going in this week.

Hand us a news item. Please.

Fire alarm at seven o'clock Tuesday morning awoke some late sleepers. A coffee heater at Steels restaurant was the little joker that would have caused a serious fire had not the rapid response extinguished the flames.

Expert plow work done at Harry Culbertson's blacksmith shop.

Mrs. J. W. Brown was in Portland the first of the week.

## VERNONIA FIREMEN ARE PROGRESSIVE BUNCH

Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department is more than entitled to a share of your praise. In a few days they will spring a surprise on the citizen when they demonstrate their new auto truck. The boys have a new combined hose, ladder and chemical truck all painted red and ready to go. The truck has been tried out and can easily make all the speed required and can climb any hill that comes in its way. The best part of it all is that the truck is paid for. Now the department badly needs a new tower to dry their hose in.

### COME

Remember last Saturday when the Flying Ape was captured by the Cave Man, just three miles west of Buxton and brought in to the theatre? Well, some of the folks here in Vernonia are pretty sure that said Flying Ape was not a member of this Post of the American Legion, but belonged to Timber or Mist, account of bum acting far be it from us pups to brag, but we're all pretty good actors.

Now then, its just like this, every one knows that the American Legion Circus and a night in Paris will be at Coyle Hall, Vernonia, April 10th, for every one should know, its advertised, I think.

And then again, you should have all received your copy of the Flying Ape, first edition, which showed its teeth on the streets of Vernonia, Wednesday, April 8th. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Paul Robinson, the editor of this paper, for turning out such a clean sheet for us, and in the prompt manner which he handled our orders for printing matters.

Our edition was carried to the four corners of the earth, Birkenfield, Mist, Timber, St. Helens, and all lumber camps, besides, Commander Carlin has been on the job and mailed some to different posts throughout Oregon.

One more word for the captured Flying Ape. He was captured sure enough, and without a doubt he misses his freedom of running wild, but on the whole, he knows that the CIRCUUS and A NIGHT IN PARIS IS COMING, so I really think he's happy about being caught in Vernonia as long as he had to be caught at all.

### NATAL

On Saturday, March 28, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. David McMullen. They have named the little one Marie May.

Mr. L. A. Peterson has bought a large bunch of sheep.

Mr. Nels Peterson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Her and his sister Mrs. Hill were both quite sick last week but are able to be up again.

Mr. Osburn and Mr. Holding were Saturday shoppers in Vernonia.

The Natar-Grange lost one of their members in the death of Mr. Malenburgh. He was buried Sunday at Mist. Most of the Grange members attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Estus, from Vernonia, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their daughter Mrs. David McMullen.

Mr. Ed McMullen and family and also a friend were out joy riding and sight seeing on the highways Sunday.

Game Warden Brown was a Natal visitor Friday morning.

The Grange will meet at the Natal Hall Sunday, April 12. All grange members are asked to be in their places. Visiting grangers are welcome.

Some sheeps of this earth poisoned a good tree dog for L. A. Peterson, Sunday.

Hazel McMullen was absent from school one day last week.

## LEGION HAS TWO BIG DAYS

### OUR CANDIDATES

I have traveled from South Sea Islands to the Artic Region, but never did I meet such charming James as the American Legion has on their ticket, running for the Vernonia peoples choice as their popular girl.

In interviewing Miss Irene Smith, I find that her ambition in life is to eat the first box of strawberries that come on the market. She don't like candy account of having her sweet tooth pulled when very young. Her favorite movie picture actor is Doug Fairbanks, and she states that she was very much put out when Marv Pick-a-foot captured him. She said she intends to win, if working hard and trying to sell votes and tickets count, and Miss Smith is sure a mighty hard worker.

Of a pleasing personality, a smile that would make a stubborn mule cake-walk, this girl will fight for first place until 11 p. m. Saturday night, April 11th, when the final vote is announced. The American Legion favors all the girls, so Miss Irene Smith, in the name of the Legion, we wish you success.

Miss Boots Wharton—boys when she rolls them eyes she throws a natural every time, so beware you who she approaches to sell tickets to, for you couldn't really resist, you know.

Miss Wharton's ambition in life is to see a cashier in a bank (meaning McGraw I suppose) make chaw with a pair of boxing gloves on. She don't like cross word puzzles, cause they take time to figure them out, and right now she's too busy selling tickets for the circus.

Her favorite moving picture actor is Jackie Coogan, and she thinks Baby Peggy is too sweet for words. Oh, how we envy Peggy.

If hard work goes for winning, she's it, for she is sure trying to help the Legion, and we appreciate it.

Miss Wharton is another one of young ladies who, when they favor a poor worm, like any of the Flying Apes with a smile, they feel so tickled they feel like biting themselves in the fore-head.

Miss Wharton, favoring all you sweet, nice girls, we wish you success.

Miss Agnes Barnett is as busy selling tickets as a wood-pecker on a new cherry tree, and I'll say that when she approaches the boys to sell them their tickets they buy beaucoup, tickets toot-sweet.

Miss Barnett's smile is one of those natural smiles that make a guy feel that this sure is a good old world to live in, and thusly the American Legion is very fortunate to be able to find girls of this type to help us in need.

Miss Barnett's ambition in life is to look down a bull frog throat and see what makes it croak every night.

She don't like sweet things, rather natural that, being so sweet her-self. Her favorite movie actor is Wallace Berry, cause he's got such a taking way about him. She thinks the captured Flying Ape is too vicious for words, and should be turned over to the humane society, and given a cup of baricoup-ar-juerty, to end his misery. Her favorit reading matter is the issue of the Flying Ape paper, and she has 66 pages of that famous book already. She is a booster for the Americana Legion and thinks we own the League of Nations.

Success to you, Miss Barnett, de ja She auos, H Order-de-transport.

### BIDS WANTED

Bids will be received by the clerk of Union High No. 1, for 100 cords of 4-foot wood. If bidder wishes to supply cord wood please state if cut from old growth or small trees. If slab wood, describe same. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids to be in by May 2nd.

By order of Board of Union High No. 1.

Mr. Chas. Malmsten, Clerk.