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NEW INDUSTRY FOR VERNONIA

Outlook for Year Steadily Coming to Front in Business.

PLANT TO BE BUILT

Large Planing Mill and Lumber Manufacturing Plant to be Built by Local Men.

News is out this week of the purchase of the land at Sheeley place, about a mile west of the depot and the purchase of machinery to install in a large new planing mill and lumber manufacturing plant. Twenty-five thousand dollars will represent the investment of the company and work starts immediately. All lumber will be finished and dried in large dry kilns to be built. The concern will both retail and wholesale lumber, maintaining an uptown office and be ready to supply every need for finished lumber. In the company are men known well in Vernonia and men that have done much in the past for Vernonia. Many have expressed delight in the new industry as a sure sign of Vernonia's growth and more prosperous dealings. The company is composed of W. L. and Henry Hall, Noble Dunlap and Jas. Culbertson.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

On the day war was declared with Germany, Enoch B. Carlson, a postal employe in Urtland, Ore., beat his thirty-first birthday by 13 days and enlisted in the army. He was commissioned from the first officers training camp at the Presido, San Francisco, and sailed for the war zone Dec. 13, 1917. He finally was assigned to the military police of the 6th corps, then he saw duty in the Meuse-Argonne. He returned to the states June 30, 1919.

Today Carlson lies ill in the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 94, American Lake, Wash., where he has been since August, 1924, when the American Legion aided him. Before that he was in the hospital at Boise, Idaho. His illness is the result of being gassed and an attack of influenza while across.

There are thousands of war veterans who today need attention and for whom the American Legion, in conjunction with government agencies, is trying to obtain permanent cure. It is the continuation of its endeavor to aid disabled veterans, and for the care of veterans' orphans, that the American Legion Endowment fund of \$5,000,000 is being established. Oregon is now working to raise this state's share of the fund.

The Legion's persistent efforts obtained hospitalization for Carlson. Recently he has been critically ill. He was sick three years before he obtained hospitalization, or enough compensation to take care of him. Carlson has been unable to work since 1920. He tried vocational training at the Oregon Agricultural college, but after six weeks was forced to give it up. The Legion was appealed to and aid was obtained.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET

Last Meeting of Fern to be Held in Grade School; Officers to be Elected.

The Parent-Teacher's organization of the Vernonia schools will hold its last meeting of the school year at the grade school building, Wednesday afternoon, May 20, at 3:30.

The meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, so states E. White, secretary of the organization. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

Mrs. H. H. Hixon returned this week from a visit with her folks who live near Astoria. She was called there on account of the illness of her father.

One of Vernonia's needs is a first class hospital, and we need it every day.

VERNONIA vs. VANCOUVER

Next Sunday at Vernonia; Game to Start at 2 P. M.

Next Sunday, C. F. Tombs, manager of the The Northwestern Equipment ball club of Vancouver, Wash., will bring his team to Vernonia to take on a pill smashing contest. Tombs is expected to bring quite a few rooters with him from the brother state. Well Tombs, old boy, you are sure welcome to Vernonia as Erl Lyles will have his straw hat rooting gang in full dress and the noise he will have with him will consist of bells, drums, etc. The game will start at 2 o'clock instead of 2:30, so warn your friends that dinner is to be had an hour earlier this Sunday. The results of last Sunday's game has put some new life in fans.

Jack Davis of the Horseshoe Cafe the new manager there offers \$5 to the Vernonian that makes three safe bingles in one game. The Old Mill offers \$2, two round somolians to the Vernonian that knocks the first homer this season.

The lineup this Sunday will be practically the same as last Sunday, only for the fact that McGraw, who was unable to be present last Sunday will be out in uniform this Sunday to do his stuff.

WHY CONCRETE PAVING

When the state highway commission decided to use concrete in repaving the lower end of the Columbia river highway—8.9 miles between Astoria and Svensen—the asphalt interests asked for a restraining order, in the plea that the asphalt bid was lower than that for concrete, the concrete bid being \$261,102, the other, \$257,715. The highway commission replied that it is within the province of the commission to lay such types of paving as best suit the locality and best serve the public. Upon what grounds they base their choice of concrete it will be interesting to state.

This nine miles of asphalt pavement which has broken completely down, is of the type called "bitulithis," laid by the Warren Construction company on a contract awarded in July, 1917. The original cost to the state of this stretch of pavement was \$194,918.97, less the engineering and grading. This was for the pavement alone.

The road went to pieces in its earliest years. So wrecked had it become that in July, 1922—the road then being about four years old the Warren Construction company was paid approximately \$36,000 to repair it. And again last year the Warren company made repairs at a cost to the state of \$12,000. Thus this stretch of road has cost the state more than \$232,000 and is today a total wreck. For nearly half its brief life it has been a poor road.

The road has an unusual percentage of short curves. For this reason if for no reason of durability, engineers would avoid the use of asphalt. It is significant that the state highway commission was presented with many petitions from people of the Astoria-Svensen district, asking for concrete.

Taxpayers who study the sources of expenses that breed taxes, will wish to know why they are obliged to pay \$22,000 for less than nine miles of paving that lasts less than seven years. If none of our paving were more durable than that, and we still had on paved highways when would we ever be out from under the highway bonded indebtedness?

Without going into the merits of the controversy between paving interests, it is at least reasonable to inquire whether so much asphalt has been a good investment for Oregon. Concrete is favored by the government aided roads, for two alleged reasons, greater durability and greater safety to life, limb and property. —Portland Telegram.

MUCH MONEY CIRCULATES FROM VERNONIA'S MILL

Large new timber docks under construction at the big O.-A. mill is adding more men to the already large pay roll. The mill is running both a day and night shift and with over three hundred men makes a splendid pay roll for our little growing city. Vernonia is indeed fortunate in having one of the best and largest sawmills in the world.

PROMINENT NORTHWESTERN EDUCATOR COMING HERE

Dr. Edward T. Mathes Appears Soon



Dr. Mathes' record is an unusual one: twenty years in professional life; seven years in business life; in welfare work seventeen months overseas; and a life student of social problems.

He served fifteen years as President of the State Normal School of Bellingham, Washington, and as a student of History is thoroughly familiar with Social and Political Problems.

Dr. Mathes has a number of lecture subjects, but the one which will probably be given here is "What Next in Our Public Schools?" a subject of vital interest to every lover of boys and girls, and replete with solid truth, freely interspersed with wit and humor. Dr. Mathes did welfare work in France and Germany during the war, and after the Armistice was assigned to lecture work and delivered practical and helpful talks to our boys in more than 150 army camps.

NEW CITY PARK FOR VERNONIA ASSURED

The Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting decided to at once solicit sufficient funds to purchase the Mill's three acres located in the center of town and a block off the business street. A good city park and play ground has been needed and if not secured now, it might be impossible to ever have one. The site selected can be made one of the pretty little parks of the state. Right on Rock creek in town and laying convenient for benches, stands, play grounds, water auto strips and pleasant walks. It surely behooves each of us to boost the new city park and show our home pride in helping to beautify it. It will be a big asset.

Commencement Week

The first event of Commencement Week is the play, "A Pair of Sixes" Thursday afternoon and Friday evening. The story of two partners who couldn't agree and settled their difficulties by one becoming the master the other the butler for a period of one year. The incidents leading up and following this state of affairs forms the plot of the best three act comedy ever put on a Vernonia stage.

Baccalaureate Services.

The Baccalaureate service for the graduation class will be held at 11 a. m., at the Evangelical church, The Rev. Radmacher will be in charge, C. R. Mathis, pastor of the Christian church the speaker. There will be special music. Quartette; solos by Mrs. Radamacher and Robert Noble. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The sermon is to be held Sunday morning.

Class Day Public.

Class day on Thursday, May 21, '25, at 2 p. m., in the high school auditorium. The parents and patrons of the school are invited.

Program.

Class Prophecy Doris Akerstedt
Class Will Burford Wilkerson
Class History Elbert Kelly
Class Poem Harold Smith
Senior Autobiography Ray Mills
Presidents Address—"Jog On" Lillian Condit
Class Grudge Robert Hoffman
Class Scrap Bag Loel Heiber, Ruth

BAND CONCERT BRINGS MUCH PRAISE

The concert and entertainment given by the high school band last Friday night was one of the best of its kind ever listened to in this county.

Every number was exceptionally good and the band equals many traveling organizations claiming a reputation. The boys are surely marvels. Miss Bettie Culver in her Scotch dance was indeed greatly appreciated and applauded. Loel Roberts with a bass solo proved that he has the instrument mastered and the overture by Hoffman orchestra was simply splendid. This orchestra is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Robt. and Charles Hoffman and Mr. McBerrior, and an audience never tires of their wonderful music. The Malmsten sisters, Lois and Louise, with their piano duet as usual brought much applause from an appreciative audience. Little Miss J. Gould in a Spanish dance was too cute for anything. She was perfectly at home and her presentation was a delight. Chas. Hoffman on the xylophone is always good and always wanted, as is his big brother Robert with the saxophone solo. Both young men also gave us a xylophone duet, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Hoffman. The entire entertainment brought forth favorable comment.

Last Saturday night the baseballers tried their level best to give a benefit dance for Mrs. Gordon and her three children. Unfortunately the dance financially for Mrs. Gordon was no success, as after the expenses were paid a certain party was out a few dollars. The following are the financial results:

Cash collected at door\$67.65
Cash collected by Mrs. Dials .. 20.00
Hat checks cash 6.10
Total\$93.75

Expenses
Rent for hall to Clarence Coyle..... \$50.00
Music to Myrtle Weston 41.00
Spangles for floor80
Ribbons and pins35
Cashier 1.50
Total expenditures\$93.65
This shows a balance of ten cents
The amount that was taken into the box for soda water and drinks will not cover charges of printing and costs of sodas. The above is the very best of my knowledge is an absolute true statement of financial affairs of said dance. Signed,
JACK McJENSEN,
Manager Baseball Players Dance.

YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES RELATED

The seniors secretly chose Wednesday, May 7, as sneak day, and went to Oswego Lake. They decided to go and then ask all the teachers if they could go. Everybody knew that they were going but it was "Sneak Day."

They left Vernonia about five o'clock Wednesday morning, and went in Mrs. Coyles and Mrs. McBarrons automobiles, but nevertheless the girls wore hiking suits. Once at Oswego Lake, Harold Smith donned a bathing suit and stayed in it for the remainder of the day. Now although he is as great a poet as ever, he doesn't want anybody patting him on the back. The seniors said they enjoyed a good time on their trip, but Miss Bell said she couldn't see how they could, for they had had a vacation all year.

The students of V. H. S. were surprised Friday morning after returning to the assembly hall from their first period classes. School was dismissed on account of the short supply of water. The Bible students took the forenoon for their final examination. It was hard to tell which of the two was more frightened, Oro or Florie.

The Baccalaureate service will be held Sunday morning, May 17, at the Evangelical church. Rev. Mathis will deliver the sermon.

Mrs. Carmichael and Mrs. Aamodt drove in from the Mist district and spent all day Thursday visiting the high school. The teachers were glad to see these parents taking so much interest in the school. We hope that next year every parent who has a student in the high school will visit the school some time during the year.

Tickets for the Senior Class play were placed in the hands of the students last Wednesday. Already they have sold approximately two hundred. This seems to indicate a large attendance for the Friday evening performance. A special matinee is to be given Thursday afternoon for the grade and high school students and also for those who work in the evenings.

The street in front of the high school is being graded this week. The pile of dirt left from the excavating of the church basement is being spread over the high school yard. If it could be rolled now we would have an excellent tennis court.

The senior being privileged characters, are having a vacation this week. They are practicing their class play which is to be given May 15.

The band concert was a decided success Friday night. The theatre was crowded and every one pronounced the band as A-1. Many compliments were received by Mr. McBarron on their splendid playing. The bass solo by Loel Roberts was the first ever delivered in Vernonia. He has been making a dark horse out of himself and will be called on again. The boys had a meeting last Monday and elected Dudley Spencer president; Loel Roberts, treasurer; and Chas. Hoffman, secretary. The boys were glad to find that Mr. McBarron can stay with them this summer and possibly longer. The boys cleared over a hundred dollars which will be used for buying instruments on the installment plan which will be resold to new band members on easy terms.

Lora Smith, Norman Pettijohn, Opal Coyle, Sheila Williams and Ida May Hawkins are among those reporting back to school again this week. We are sorry to say that Glen Hawkins and Opal Hall are very ill with the flu.

The following are the results of the student body election: Lena Gibson, president; Russell Mills, vice-president; Mildred Bergersen, secretary; Dudley Spencer, treasurer; Theresa Bays, girls athletic manager; Thor Roberts, boys athletic manager; Raymond Tiehenor, yell leader; Louritz Aamodt, sergeant-at-arms.

The majority of the dresses worn by the girls at the Junior Prom were made by themselves in the sewing class. Domestic art is still in the world.

LARGE MILL TO TURN OUT SHINGLES

Rumors State That Large Shingle Mill Is to Be Established.

LOCAL MEN INTERESTED

Another new Industry Is Promised in the Building of a big Shingle Mill at Vernonia.

Rumors have been going for some time concerning a large new shingle mill for our thriving city. Traced down we find that Messrs. McGraw, Johnson and about a half dozen associates are forming a company and have contracts in the making with the O.-A. people to build a large plant on the O.-A. property. It is given out that the new mill will probably be a five machine mill, which means a probable investment of \$30,000. This will mean the employment of more men, adding to our "Pay Roll Town," a considerable sum.

We hear that work on the buildings and plant will begin in the very near future. More particulars as work progresses.

This summer promises to be a busy one in Vernonia for boosters and workers.

NATURALIZATION DAY

Naturalized May 11th, 1925
Augusta W. Braun, Rainier; Johan Emanuel Engstrom, Warren; Shas. W. Britton, St. Helens; Frederick Warwick West, St. Helens; Erick Olsen Klep, Rainier; Gabriel Josepson Mattans, Warren; Carl O. W. Carlson, Houton; Ellis Edward Jackson, Kerry; Ernest Alexander Kola, Quincy; William Hugh Walker Coles Quincy; Kristian Olaf Sundelin, Quincy; Jacob Aution, Mayger; Geo. Konopka, Columbia City; Johannes A. Hesriksen, Kerry.

Naturalization Continued to Later Date.

Anna Marie Larson, Rainier; Annie Newbold, St. Helens; William Keller, Clatskanie; Jella Weiranga, Yankton; Peter Ericksen, Clatskanie; Andus Karlsson, Mayger; James Holland, St. Helens; Tellef S. Solberg, Clatskanie.

Naturalization Denied.
Axel Olson, Yankton; Carl Godhard Jensen, Timber, Ore.; Saad Joseph McKael, Clatskanie.

JERSEY JUBILEE MONDAY

The Columbia County Jersey Jubilee will be held Monday, May 18, at L. G. Smith's place at Scappoose, with a big picnic dinner. Stock judging by the boys and girls clubs and also the men and women, so state Mrs. May Briggs, secretary of the jersey cattle club.

There will also be a number of talks by Ivan H. Langley, field representative of the American Jersey Cattle club; O. M. Plummer, manager International stock show; H. C. Seymour, boys' and girls' state club leader; Harry West, jersey breeder, Geo. A. Nelson, county agent and Horace Adis of the Oregon Farmer. The occasion will also be enlivened by songs by the boys' and girls' club members.

NEW CHURCH PROPERTY SECURED BY CHRISTIAN'S

The Christian church this week purchased through Mr. Clark, the Ruben Hall property. This consists of the corner residence and two lots. It is the intention to move the house on the west lot and build a new tabernacle on the corner lot. It is a prominent corner and quite convenient and desirable for the purpose for which selected.

Geo. M. Nelson of Camp McGregor writes: "Here is \$2, send me your paper for a year." We like to get such letters.

Take two or three and go to "A Pair of Sixes" this Friday night at the Majestic theatre.