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PROGRAM IS BIG SUCCESS

HUGE CROWD WITNESSES VERNONIA HOME PROGRAM

Parent-Teacher Entertainment big Success; Participants Greatly Applauded.

Last Monday night, the Parent-Teachers entertainment filled every seat in the Majestic theatre. It was pronounced one of the best of its kind ever staged in the show house and all were more than pleased with the performance.

The selections by the high school orchestra were indeed splendid and compared with high class orchestras frequently heard at a high price. The folk dance was given by grade school girls, who showed the result of persistent and perfect training. They went through the entire dance without a mistake. Mrs. J. Lindley favored us with two excellent vocal selections which brought much applause. Miss Gladys Cooke gave a whistling solo, that was greatly appreciated by the audience and the male voices by the American Legion members was indeed well received. The singers were Messrs. Davis, McGee and Thompson. Charles Hoffman entertained to a small degree with a perfect xylophone solo. Then the comedy entitled "Too Much Married" was the main attraction for an hour. Favorable comment has been heard every day in praise of the little production. Alvin Olson, as Bob Henshaw was in a peck of troubles but had no lack of sympathizers who came to his rescue with a vengeance. Jerry Finnegan, his gardener, was played by Lawrence Dickson and Lawrence came out of his difficulties at the end. Deacon Silas Smith, was ably played by Elmer Olson and he proved to be a liberal and forgiving rich uncle. Miss Cordelia, represented by Miss Laura Smith was shy, bashful and willing to aid in any capacity and she played the part well. Sally, Bob's maid, who was Mrs. Shinn, not only made a perfect appearing maid, but an agreeable wife as well. She was willing to save the day for Bob and succeeded in getting out of the embarrassing circumstances. Every participant did their respective part without a flaw even to the numerous babies of various sizes, ages and nationalities. If the Parent-Teachers ever put on an entertainment in Vernonia, they are assured of a crowded house.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday evening, March 13, a birthday party was given in honor of Dr. Hall's mother, which was a complete surprise to her. The following guests were in attendance. Mesdames Stitts, R. Sessman, Sauer, Joe Tindall, W. J. King, A. Becker, Duane, J. Adams, R. C. Petty and M. B. Hatten. Mrs. Dr. Hall acting as hostess, arranged an interesting program which was followed with refreshments, and the presentation of birthday gifts, brought by each of the guests. The doctor's mother responded to the invitation to make a speech, mentioning the gifts presented and being especially appreciated to the fact that she had been remembered at a time while she could appreciate the kindness. It was said of Mary, who appointed the savior's feet and wiped them with her hair, "She hath done what she could. She hath appointed my body aforesaid for the burying." Mary poured out her love upon the savior while he was conscious of her devotion. And as he went down into the darkness of his great trial, he carried with him the memory of that deed, an earnest of the love that would be his from his redeemed ones forever. Could we not by following the example of Mary, the closing years of our fathers and mothers, who have passed many a sleepless night over us while we were unappreciative of the fact, more pleasant by bestowing our flowers "aforesaid?" "How oft we, careless, wait till life's sweet opportunities are past, and break our alabaster box of ointment at the very last! O, let us heed the living friends, who walk with us lives common ways, watching our eyes for look of love, and hungering for a look of praise." The dismemberment was pleasant, and all wished Mother Hall many similar occasions, bidding her good night.

Rev. Mae C. Past has sold her home in St. Helens and will make her home in Vernonia with her son, E. D. Cockrell. They will occupy Mr. Casson's new home on Rose avenue. Mr. Cockrell is an inspector at the lumber mill.

Bedtime story: Have the milk bottles been put out, John?

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued on Monday at Chehalis, Washington, to Perry H. Browning and Hilda Boeck both of Vernonia, Oregon.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING SHOULD BE BUILT THIS SUMMER

The schools in Vernonia are more than crowded. Proper instruction is impossible in a congested school room. Not many months ago a new school building was erected here, but the cry for larger buildings and the growth of the town and community were not taken so seriously as they should have been. Our Union High School building isn't more than half large enough. It is a vital question that should be solved as soon as possible. Nothing is gained by delay. Delay has cost dearly in the past. The timber owners here pay 96 per cent of this tax, citizens about 4 per cent. Why do citizens object to school buildings.

St. Helens pays a school tax nearly four times as great as does Vernonia. Isn't it time to satisfy our present school needs as well as to build for the future. A suggestion, good one in many respects, is that we sell the present high school building to the grade school district and build a new fireproof high school second to none in the county.

Advocates have been suggested a splendid location for such a high school building. The property known as the athletic park, comprising about four acres. One acre of it is upland or hill, enough for a splendid building site and the fenced three-acre would make excellent grounds for experiments, ball games and plays. The approach to these grounds could be made a beautiful driveway and walk. This location, so we understand, can be bought now for about half price. Here is a proposition that should be considered right now. Think it over citizens.

MARRIED

It was a pleasant surprise to learn that our townsman, Mr. Stankey, was married. A. F. Stankey and Mrs. Daisy Gebhart were married at Albany, Oregon, Sunday, March 7. The ceremony took place in the large Christian church at Albany. The bride is a Christian minister and her daughter, Mrs. Rex Dallas, is organist and pastor of the Albany church. At this wedding of Mr. Stankey and Mrs. Gebhart, the ceremony was performed by the daughter, Mrs. Dallas. The newly wedded couple are now at home in Vernonia, and the Eagle joins in wishing them a successful and pleasant life's journey.

LAW AIDS PENNILESS ST. HELENS ELOPERS

Baker, Or.—Howard Chambers, 23, and Mamie McFarland, 17, without funds to secure a marriage license or pay for a wedding ceremony, making a trek across the United States to the young man's home in North Carolina, were taken in charge by the authorities here Friday and were married by County Judge Dodson, after a marriage license had been issued free of charge. They were taken in charge at Huntington by Deputy Sheriff Frank Littlefield, who placed the boy under arrest and turned the girl over to a matron. The officers wired the girl's parents at St. Helens, Or., and the necessary permission was secured for the marriage. The trip to Dixie was temporarily postponed and the young people both went to work at the jobs secured for them. The young man was given work on a ranch while his wife went to work in a restaurant.—Telegram

Mrs. Pittman is enjoying a visit from her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Ryan and her brother and wife and baby, all from Lumberton, Mississippi. The party drove through from the southern state, taking sixteen days for the trip.

A 500 party will be held at the grange hall by the ladies of the Macabees, Friday night. Lunch served cafeteria style. Everybody welcome, come and bring your friends.

Though the ex-hanlit Cole Younger for many years carried 17 bullets embedded in his body, he died at the age of 72 in bed with his boots off.

ISN'T FAIR

The best brand of clothes made, are on sale in Vernonia, and Vernonia merchants are willing to take your order for tailor made suits—still over a hundred suits have been sold here this year by traveling, strange, out-of-town agents, who never leave a cent toward our taxes our schools, roads, churches or town good.

Opera Season Opens Up on the Farm



BOXING COMMISSION GIVES FIRST BOXING EXPOSITION

Vernonia has witnessed her first boxing exposition under the city's new boxing commission. The boxing commission is composed of business men who are desirous of promoting and seeing clean, healthy sport in our city, and they intend to work that idea ever in view. The town backed them with a fairly good house on the opening night. Paddy Hughes was referee for the nights events. Five events occupied the evening. The heavy fighters Harry Miller and Jim Jefferies was short lived. These 175 pound fighters were down for six rounds, but evidently Miller thought that one round would be plenty as he took the count at the end of the first. It was short and surprising. Two of the Brady boys carried off honors in two events and Cummings won from Heltzel in the second round. The main event was the ten fast rounds between Claire Bromo and Joe Jewett, 145 pounders of Portland. Both men were willing and forced the fighting. Bromo got the decision after flooring Jewett three successive times. The fight carried on for four rounds and the defeated scrapper was game to the last, unwilling to give up or lay down. It was the first contest for the town and the succeeding ones promise to improve with age. Several ladies were present, the men refrain from smoking in the building and a larger crowd is expected at the next event.

St. Helens Camp 4 of the Pacific Woodmen life lodge came over to Vernonia with eleven of their members, where with the assistance of W. T. Augustine, captain of the Columbia drill team No. 2 of Portland put on the initiatory work inducting 18 members into Vernonia Camp No. 8. This brings the membership of the local camp up to 22 and several more will be initiated at a later date. The meeting night has been changed to Thursday evening to be held in Sessman hall.

The St. Helens chamber of commerce is getting quite active. Among other things they are now going after a fruit and vegetable canery. The only way to get things is to go and get 'em. We are glad to note their activity.

Mrs. Wardle, who has been ill for some time with blood poison, is reported very much improved.

Challenged.

At the close of the fight last Tuesday night, a 175 pound logger of Camp McGregor issued a challenge to box the winner Jim Jefferies. The fight will be arranged if possible for the near future, and it should be a big event, Jefferies showed that he was a clever fighter.

SETTLERS NEEDED IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

In accordance with notice sent out by John L. Storka, secretary of the St. Helens chamber of commerce a meeting of those interested in the land settlement program of the state chamber of commerce was held at the office of L. R. Rutherford, St. Helens at 7:30 p. m. March 11. The meeting was called to order by President E. E. Wist, L. R. Rutherford was elected secretary.

Mr. Foster was called upon for a talk and after explaining the difficulties of the past years, gave an outline of the proposed organization for the coming season. His recommendation was that a committee of nine be appointed to cover the principal centers in Columbia county. A motion was made and carried that the following members be appointed to represent the communities as given below:

L. R. Rutherford, St. Helens; Rupert Dibblee, Rainier; Arthur Steele, Clatskanie; E. E. Wist, Scappoose; A. Olson, Vernonia; Fritz Aaliker, Beaver Homes; A. S. Skeene, Fern Hill; A. B. Mellis, Mist and A. J. Unruh, Delena.

After further discussion it was decided to have a meeting of the above committee to be held at Rainier, at the city hall, Thursday, March 18, at 8 p. m.

The Pythian Sisters have received an invitation from the Ladies of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Vernonia to aid in installing a temple there. Plans are being made to hold the induction March 24.—Sentinel

The town is certainly swamped with peddlers and agents. Evidently good picking for them, but not so good for home merchants. Recently we have noticed house to house callers for corsets, suits, stockings, wearing apparel, vegetables and apples, shoes and boots, jewelry, insurance, building and loan, lodge organizers. Probably more, but the list is all we happened to see.

If "Bob" Stanfield is re-elected to the senate, and very likely he will be he will owe his election to the country folks and smaller cities of Oregon.

Sometimes it takes blind faith to lead you through the dark places.

Opportunity.

More milk cows are needed in the Vernonia country. At Vernonia is needed an ice cream factory, creamery and cold storage all in one and headquarters for all the milk, from which place it can be delivered around town. If any man or company will put in such a plant, more cows will soon come.

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The subscription contest rewards were given out by the business manager, Charles Hoffman, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Cole was very ill Tuesday and was unable to teach Wednesday. Mrs. Pitman took her place.

Miss Bell offered a prize for the best short story and essay written for the annual. The contest was closed Wednesday afternoon at 3.

The senior play books arrived Monday. The cast will be selected by try outs and practices will start at once.

Vernonia has scored another triumph and this time in more than an athletic contest. The game at Westport last Friday night was not only the most important game we have ever played, but the crowd from Vernonia which supported us meant a great deal. We realize now what we have been missing by not having our people with us at our outside games, and they, we think realize what they have been missing too.

The annual staff held a meeting Monday night. They choose Florie Kelson as the staff typist and Eva Roles as artist. Another meeting was held Wednesday evening at the home of Lois Malmsten for the purpose of spacing the annual material.

Edna Strong was absent the first part of this week.

VERNONIA, THE CHAMPION OF THE STATE OF OREGON

The young ladies who are making Vernonia famous: Miss Gooding, coach; Mildred Bergerson, Lena Gibson, Lola Nance, Orlene Counts and Leggia Burt.

The Vernonia high school basketball team. This school's girls basketball team has never known defeat, never lost a game. They are state champions, and we will claim this title until it is proven to the contrary.

Last Friday night they went over to Westport and beat the team there to the score of 5 to 8. Vernonia citizens followed them to witness the game one hundred strong and each one was boasting for the home team. Hats off to the girls.

CONGRATULATIONS, B STREET

An item of interests in last week's Vernonia Eagle referred to the cooperation of property owners on B street in formulating plans for improving their parking strips. Landscape gardeners have been consulted and upon their recommendations, the above residents have definitely decided to place Norway maples the entire length of B street, both sides, in the parking strips. Property adjacent on Rock Creek road leading into B street will be likewise planted. This is one of the best examples of community spirit brought to our attention and illustrates what can be done in beautifying Vernonia through the cooperation of citizens. Nature has wonderfully and beautifully endowed our surroundings and with man's help in planting trees in our street parkings, we may add much to the appearance of our city. We trust this beginning may prove contagious and that others may say, "Planting time is nigh; let's plant a tree."

NORTHWEST EMPLOYMENT GAINS

Portland, March 15.—(Special.)—Nearly all districts in the Pacific Northwest report gradual and continued improvement of employment conditions, according to the 4L employment letter issued here today. The letter pointed out that both logging and lumber manufacturing are more active than they were at this time last year, while the exceptionally mild weather has permitted many other outdoor industries to get started earlier than usual.

Conditions in various districts of the Northwest were reported by the 4L organization as follows:

Portland—Logging in Willamette Valley increased by Hammond Lumber Co., opening four sides. Kelly sawmill at Westfir is operating two shifts, employing 600 men. Fewer unemployed here than last month at this time.

Aberdeen-Hoquiam, Wn.—Twenty Grays Harbor sawmills now operating a total of 33 shifts. All but one of the larger logging camps in this district are running. Clam digging and packing in full swing. Few unemployed here.

Tacoma—Employment conditions slightly improved over last week. Most camps and sawmills busy. There are still more men than jobs in this district.

Seattle—General employment in the Puget Sound country is increasing, although the number of unemployed is still large. Farm, dairy and ranch jobs offering in greater numbers. Fishing and canning crews have been signed up. A few copper miners for Alaska have been hired to go North next week. Labor turnover at camps and sawmills is light.

Spokane—A majority of pine saw mills are under way for the season and several summer woods operations have started logging. Calls for ranch hands are in large volume. Railroads are hiring some extra men for section work. The number of unemployed in this city has been greatly reduced during the past week.

Several lady friends and sister Rebecca of Mr. A. R. Stanton drove out to the Stanton home on Tuesday to spend the day and a delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Garfield Smith has been suffering for sometime with blood poison in her hand.

Couldn't a bunch of giraffes put on a hot necking party?

LET'S GO TO THIS!

Vaudeville and basket social at eight o'clock Friday evening, March 26th. The Pleasant Hill school will present a vaudeville at Trehanne hall. Baskets will be sold after the program. Ladies bring your baskets.

FAREWELL PARTY

Mrs. Greenman, assisted by Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hughes, entertained last Thursday evening at the beautiful Greenman home, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas, who leave soon for Marion county. The party was enjoyable and enlivened with bridge, dancing, music and dainty refreshments.

COUNTY WINS DAMAGE SUIT

EFFECT COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

Johnson Contract Company Claim Against County for Road Work Is Settled

The damage suit of the Johnson Contracting company against Columbia county which was heard before Judge Walter Evans in the Multnomah county circuit court last week, resulted in a compromise settlement which is regarded as a victory for the county.

The plaintiff asked for a total of \$21,457.57 and alleged that their work was delayed by fault of the county officials and engineers and also they suffered loss by reason of misclassification and under classification.

District Attorney John L. Foote and G. C. Fulton of Astoria succeeded in having the first cause of action dismissed upon the ground that the plaintiff had never submitted its claim against the county for the amount claimed as damage because of such alleged delay, the law being explicit in this, and their contention was upheld by Judge Eakin.

Attorneys for the county and the plaintiff got together and a compromise settlement and the classification claim was agreed upon, the amount being fixed at \$2,700 instead of \$5,300 which the company sued for on this item. In addition to getting a release from the Johnson Contracting company, District Attorney Foote also secured one from Mr. Wolf, the sub-contractor which ends all controversy in the matter.

Competition for declamatory honors among the successful district entrants of elementary schools in Columbia county will be staged at the John Gumm school auditorium Friday night at St. Helens beginning at 8 o'clock and students from the St. Helens, Clatskanie, Rainier, Vernonia, Scappoose and Birkenfield school zones will compete for the county championships. Those from Vernonia are: 5th and 6th. Inez Armstrong, serious and Betty Cameron, humorous. 7th, and 8th. Maxine Blair, serious, Ralph Warner, humorous.

A little 5 year-old daughter of Mrs. R. W. Anderson was operated on at a Portland hospital Monday for tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Burke and family spent Sunday in Portland.

G. C. Olson was in Portland Saturday attending an insurance meeting.

Mr. Dale Brous spent Sunday in Portland. Mr. Brous is a clerk in Millers store.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Mrs. D. L. Smith and Mrs. D. Marshall entertained at the Smith residence Tuesday night, with a "St. Patrick's Party." The rooms, the furniture and surroundings carried the green decorations, the color scheme extending to the caps worn by the guests and the ice cream and cake served. Four tables of bridge occupied most of the evening, the high score being claimed by Mrs. Will. Mrs. Greenman, Sr. won the prize in the musical guessing contest. Besides the hostess Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Marshall. The following guests were present: Mesdames Will, Rubl, Brunden, Greenman, Near, Bergman, McDonald, Hughes, Davidson, Anderson, Hanson, Black, Spence, Richardson, Cropper, Wahalter, Wharton and Bleile.

NEW ARRIVALS

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cameorb, March 14, a baby girl at Beaver Creek camp.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Crow, March 14, a baby girl.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Higdon, Thursday, March 11th, a baby boy.

Born—March 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Delgado, a baby girl.

Twins—A boy and a girl were born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams at Koster Camp, Wednesday morning.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Mateaco a baby boy Wednesday morning.