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SCHOOL TEAM WINS, LOSES

St. Helens Wins Basket- ball Game There 14-13

BANKS BEATEN 36-20

Scappoose Boys and Girls Teams to Play Vernonia Here Tomorrow.

The first league game of the season was lost to St Helens Friday night at that place, and the result was said to have been in doubt until the final whistle blew, with St. Helens having the edge of the 14 to 13 score.

Vernonia appeared to excel in floor work, but were weak on throwing baskets, and being unaccustomed to the floor there, but a few of their many attempts to score resulted in caging the ball. Coach Austin has developed a five-man defense system of play, which held St. Helens to six points in the last three-quarters of the game, but Vernonia's attempts to score lacked the placing of the ball through the hoop enough times to win.

The line-up:
St. Helens Vernonia
Bennett (3) F. Bennett
Hanniff (2) F. (6) Bergerson
Dietman (2) C. (2) Hawkins
Dolan (2) G. (2) Whittell
Moore S. (2) Ray
S. (1) Parker

The basketball team defeated Banks high school Saturday night in the local gym to a tune of 36 to 20. Our boys showed complete mastery of the Banks quintet and were able to make baskets almost at will. The local team uncorked a passing attack that had Banks and the spectators guessing. Vernonia, running three and four men down the floor, carried the ball to their basket many times, leaving their opponents far in the rear. Although the game was a one-sided affair, it was fast and our team showed real basketball ability. Next Friday the Scappoose boys and girls teams will play the Vernonia boys and girls teams here in the local gym.

The line-up:
Hopkins (9) F. (11) Bennett
Coffield (5) F. (4) Malmsten
Johnston (2) C. (16) Hawkins
Turk (4) G. (4) Whittell
B. Davies G. (1) Hodges
A. Davies S. Bergerson
S. Parker
S. Ray

The sophomore team will play the freshman team and the winner of this game will play the winner of the senior-junior game.

Seven members of the senior class have paid their subscriptions to the new 1926-27 annual. These are the only subscriptions which have been received in the high school except that of Professor Wilkerson.

The trigonometry class are working very hard problems these days. They are having a chance to show what they have learned this semester. This is the first trigonometry class ever held in this high school and is taught by Professor Wilkerson. He says that this class might take up calculus next semester. Trigonometry is a very useful subject and will help the boys in their college mathematics.

The parent-teacher organization will hold a meeting in the high school auditorium at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. The sophomore class will serve light refreshments for those attending. This will be the first meeting held by the organization in the afternoon. The program for the remainder of the year calls for one evening and one afternoon meeting each month.

A considerable number of the high school pupils attended the matinee Friday afternoon to hear the "Dixie Jubilee" quartet. The classes were not suspended, but all pupils who cared to go were excused. This attraction was sponsored by the grade school, and tickets were sold in the high school, by representatives of that school. A debate was held in the au-

Eastern Star Installs Officers For The Year

Nehalem chapter 153, Order of the Eastern Star, held installation of officers January 5 at the local hall. The installation was conducted by Mrs. Maud Space, marshal, and Wm. Folger, past worthy patron.

The officers installed were: Bessie Tapp, worthy matron; Catherine McNeill, associate matron; F. D. MacPherson, worthy patron; Leona McGraw, secretary; Fern Kullander, treasurer; Ramona Lindley, conductress; Mae Bergman, associate conductress; Alice Gooding, chaplain; Oril Robinson, organist; Mjanie Cropper, warder; A. L. Kullander, sentinel; Gladys MacPherson, Adah; Carne Childs, Ruth; Freda Folger, Esther; Mae Melinger, Martha; Ruth Johns, Electa.

Mrs. Alice Gooding was presented with a past worthy matron's pin by the officers and members of the chapter. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable social hour spent.

CHANGE BOUNDARIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

A communication was received recently by Lester Sheeley from Elizabeth Murray, county school superintendent and secretary of the district boundary board, that the boundaries of union high school district 1 have been changed to include the following described property:

All of union high school district 1 of Columbia county and that portion of school district 47 known as sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, the east half of section 26, the northwest quarter of section 22, the north half of sections 20 and 21 in township 5 range 4 north and sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30 in township 5 range 3 north, and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 11, township 5 north range 4 west of the Willamette meridian; the site for the location of the union high school building to remain the same as that now occupied by union high school 1. This section, which is near Natal, carries about \$1,000,000 valuation.

The letter also stated that the boundaries of district 47 shall now include the former district 53, which is near the head of Pebble creek, and is valued at \$384,785. No school has been conducted in 53 for the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bush and daughter Joy motored to Corvallis last Friday to spend the week end. Mrs. Sidney Shaw is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Moe today.

ditorium last Friday afternoon. A system of old age pensions was debated. Ruth Holaday, Norman Pettijohn and John Wardle supported the affirmative side and Helen Heiber, William Hill and Veldon Parker the negative. The judges gave a two-to-one decision in favor of the negative. The debate was thoroughly enjoyed by the teachers and pupils.

The senior class will furnish the program for the next assembly. Following this, the junior class will be in charge, and so on until each class in the high school has given a program. The regular assemblies are two weeks apart, the next one coming Friday, January 21. Parents and friends of the school are always welcome on such occasions.

The booklets submitted by the civics class were very well edited. Some were much better, of course, than others. The first prize went to Ruth Holaday, the second to Clarence Wardle and the third to Lewis Laramore and Wayne Hall. The class is now working on a small book on parliamentary law.

The seniors and juniors will soon begin on their annual plays. The junior play will probably be given in February and the senior play in April. The coaches should have no difficulty this year in selecting suitable characters from the classes and thus insure successful plays.

Russell Mills and John Wardle will attend the high school conference at Eugene next Friday and Saturday as delegates from the local high school. These young men are primarily interested in securing information which may be helpful to them in the preparation of this year's annual, Russell Mills being the editor of the forthcoming annual. Other questions of interest will be discussed on the program.

RECORD MEMBERSHIP IN TEACHERS ASSN.

The county drive for memberships in the Oregon state teachers association has resulted in 167 members. This is the largest association membership in the history of the county and shows that the teachers are awakening to a real professional interest.

The officers of the local county division had as their aim a 100 per cent membership in the county. Such a record would have placed the county upon the honor list of the state association. The membership campaign ended with 92.2 per cent of the teachers in the ranks. Membership of teachers is 100 per cent in all districts of the county with the exception of the following: District No. 9, Beaver Homes; district No. 11, Columbia City; district No. 13, Stehman; district No. 22, Nat'l; district No. 27, Rock creek; district No. 38, Apiary; district No. 39, Columbia Heights; district No. 52 Mist; U. H. S., district No. 1, Vernonia and U. H. S. district No. 3, Rainier. In each of the two union high schools mentioned, all but 2 teachers are members and in district No. 9, there is one membership.

The county division association was represented at the O. S. A. meeting in Portland by the following delegates: A. R. McClure, superintendent of Clatskanie schools, H. B. Ferrin, Superintendent of schools at St. Helens, C. L. Robinson, principal elementary schools at Rainier and Miss Zella Pierce of district No. 3, Deer Island.

Mr. McClure, president of the county association, has announced that two county meetings will be held at dates to be designated later. One meeting will be planned so as to be of interest to elementary teachers and the program for the other will be arranged for the benefit of high school instructors. Committees as follows will make preliminary reports at these sessions:

Teacher improvement committee: C. L. Robinson, Rainier; O. D. Byers, Rainier; J. B. Wilkerson, Vernonia; Miss Blanch Perry, Thenholm.

Professional relationship committee: Miss Zella Pierce, Deer Island; Lloyd Reed, Mayger; Otto H. S. Peterson, Warren; Mrs. Mabel Thompson, district No. 44; Mrs. Alice A. Tunnell, Birkenfeld. Publicity committee: Stephen E. Smith, Scappoose; Miss Mary L. Ewing, Rainier; H. L. Ingraham, Vernonia.

Paul Robinson Moves Newspaper to Ashland

Word was received last week from Paul Robinson, former owner of the Eagle, who since leaving Vernonia in August has been publishing the Central Point American, that he has moved his plant to Ashland, Oregon.

The newspaper will be known as the Ashland American. No reason was given for the change, but it is presumed that the field was too limited in Central Point. His many Vernonia friends wish him success in his new location.

Parent-Teacher Program Friday.

The program for tomorrow afternoon, which will be in the high school building at 2:30 p. m., is as follows: Devotional exercises; president's message, Mrs. Graves; business; song by glee club girls; talk on drug habits, Dr. Geo. Fasto; song by glee club girls; refreshments.

Every mother is requested to present, whether she is a member of the Parent-Teacher association or not. All the teachers of the high school and grade schools will be present and it is hoped that many new acquaintances will be made at this time. A record-breaking attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Grable and daughter of Longview, Wash., spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Grable and son, also the Charles Bergerson family. Mr. Grable left early on account of being due in Lewiston, Idaho, the last of the week, where he is now employed in building a new mill.

The library is open from 2:30 p. m. to 6 p. m. every day but Sunday and Monday. Please do not return books out of these hours. —Librarian.

JURY LIST DRAWN FOR JUSTICE COURT

A new jury list was drawn in justice court, now presided over by P. Hill, newly elected justice of the peace of district No. 4 of Columbia county, who called in J. W. Brown and R. S. Lindsay to select 75 freeholders qualified to serve as jurors for the coming year. The following were drawn:

G. R. Mills, Wm. Pringle Sr., Perry Mellinger, Bruce McDonald, Bert Wood, T. B. Mills, Harve Christenson, A. L. Parker, Walter C. Parker, G. B. Smith, Andy Coster, A. D. Hall, Chas. Malmsten, A. B. Counts, Ed. Tapp, H. M. Condit, Peter Bergerson, Casper Bergerson, C. W. Mellinger, Alfred Bays, J. C. Lindley, Albert Childs, H. E. McGraw, B. S. Owens, T. R. Throop, M. D. Cole, J. B. Bush, Ora Beck, Walter C. Repass, J. J. Purney, Robt. Spencer, J. P. McDonald, C. N. Rundel, Evan Hall, Otis Laramore, G. C. Mellinger, L. R. Gilchrist, A. L. Kullander, Harry Culbertson, W. J. King, Ed. Salmonson, Fred Overson, Vern Green, Earl Smith, G. C. Sales.

J. W. Brown, R. S. Lindsay, W. Lindsay, Franklin Malmsten, J. W. Rose, Gladys Smith, Mrs. Madge Rodgers, Mrs. Bert Hawkins, Mrs. Nan Hall, Mrs. W. A. Harris, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs. Ella Wight, Mrs. A. B. Counts, Mr. Tex Mills, E. S. Thompson, Wm. Folger, C. W. Shipley, Frank Enos, Mrs. Wm. Pringle Sr., Noris Soden, J. C. Lincoln, Mrs. Ben S. Owen, Sidney Malmsten, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Geo. Smith, Ben Jolly, R. C. Petty, Lizzie Parker and Mable Mellinger.

Justice Hill, who formerly was on the mail route to Mist, which is now being carried by George Parker, has established his office near the Brown Furniture company in the Throop building, where he keeps regular hours. The judge says that as soon as he disposes of his outside interests he may move into the store building next door, where more ample and comfortable quarters could be arranged.

It is Mr. Hill's intention to secure a notary's seal, and perhaps deal in real estate later on, as he is familiar with all the surrounding country in this vicinity. He made the statement that "a drunken man driving a machine is the worst menace we have," in commenting upon law violations. He stated that he would be severe in such prosecutions.

The new justice has performed no marriages yet, and is anticipating with keen pleasure, it is said, the uniting of happy couples.

McGee Buys Interest In Service Station

George McGee, city engineer of Vernonia, is now a member of the firm of Harding & McGee, proprietors of the Superway service station at East Twentieth and Sandy Boulevard the past few weeks.

Mr. McGee is very optimistic over the results of the first few weeks, when business is generally dull at this time of year. He states that the stations are equipped to give service in the quickest possible way with up-to-date machinery.

The interest owned by Danfirth of the firm of Harding & McGee was purchased by Mr. McGee. He is an old friend of Mr. Harding. He states that his family was in Vernonia Monday on business.

Large Crowd See Legion Show Here Tuesday Night

In response to the activity of Lee Schwab, newly elected adjutant of Vernonia post of the American Legion, who demonstrated the efficacy of advertising, a large crowd attended the showing of "The Unknown Soldier," the big war drama which was shown at the Majestic theatre under the auspices of the Vernonia post of the American Legion.

A bathing "girls" contest was held as a means of entertainment during the show. Covington, Shipman, Washburn, Schwab, Kullander and Fenner displayed their wares, with "Happy" Thompson as announcer. A bit of fancy dancing was performed by Mrs. W. H. Hurley and Mrs. J. C. Lindley. The Legion cleared more than was expected on the show, according to Adjutant Schwab.

Auxiliary To Receive Charter Monday Night

The Vernonia post of the American Legion will be presented with their charter at a joint meeting of the local Legion post and St. Helens Legion and Auxiliary posts in the Legion hall here Monday night, January 17. The officers of the St. Helens unit will install the officers of the local unit and also present the charter.

The newly elected Auxiliary officers for the ensuing year are: Leona McGraw, president; Mrs. Mark E. Moe, senior vice-president; Mrs. Ethel Wilson, junior vice-president; Lillian Washburn, secretary; Mrs. Geo. McGee, treasurer; Mrs. D. M. O'Donnell, chaplain; Mrs. J. C. Lindley, historian; Mrs. A. L. Fenner, sergeant-at-arms.

This joint meeting of the four organizations was planned for a month ago, but was postponed on account of the dangerously slippery roads prevalent at that time between St. Helens and Vernonia. It is expected that many will be present from the county seat, as well as a good local attendance for the occasion.

FIREMEN TO GIVE SERIES OF DANCES

The volunteer fire department of Vernonia will give a series of dances in the grange hall, beginning Saturday, for the purpose of raising money for new equipment.

The 16 members of the local fire department receive but \$300 per year from the city for maintenance. This does not meet their experiences and it is necessary for the boys to raise money by other means. They need helmets, rubber boots and belts, among other things and plan to purchase them with the proceeds from these dances.

NATAL

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Devine are visiting friends and relatives in Yoncalia and Cottage Grove.

Ados Devine was taken to Clatskanie one day last week for medical treatment. The doctor is fearing an abscess on the lung, but we hear at this writing that Ados is a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. Osburn spent one evening with the Holding family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Holmes have bought property on the Nehalem near Vernonia again and expect to move sometime in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Osburn called on Mr. and Mrs. Nuer one day last week.

Mr. Holding made a flying trip to Portland going on Friday and returning in the evening of the same day.

Visitors at the David McMullen home were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McMullen, Bill McMullen, Wm. Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. Estus and sons, Ole and Arol, and Bertha Holding. Robert Hemmiller of Scappoose called on Miss Schooley Sunday.

Natal grange met Sunday for their first meeting of the new year. Officers were installed by Mr. Watson of Yankton grange as follows: Master, Mr. Rose; overseer, Mr. Carmical; lecturer, Mrs. Carmical; steward, Richard Peterson; asst. steward, Fred Rumbough; lady asst. steward, Miss Ruth Carmical; chaplain, Mrs. Osborn; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Peterson; secretary, Mr. Dunlap; gatekeeper, Ole Estus; Ceres, Millie McMullen; Pomona, Heen L. Rumbough; Flora, Miss Jenny Schooley; musician, Mrs. Noble Dunlap; Mr. Burris was elected trustee for the coming three years.

Visitors from other granges were Mrs. Wooden, Mr. and Mrs. Carl from the Wienema grange of Birkenfeld, Mr. Watson and George Nelson of St. Helens. We are glad to have visitors and hope they will come again. Our lecturer, Mrs. Carmical, and Mrs. Frank Peterson left Sunday evening for Corvallis to attend the three days course in college for lecturers.

We hear we have a new road supervisor.

Mr. Lincoln of Portland spent Sunday with L. A. Peterson.

Mrs. Holding is having some dental work done in Vernonia this week.

Mrs. Burris and Miss Perry went to Mist Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Graven, Bill Graven, Bob Depuee and Miss Wilma Jones are enjoying a trip in to Canada. Mr. Depuee is an uncle of L. L. Graven. This is Mr. Depuee's first time to visit the west. The party left Friday morning and expect to return some time the last of the week.

A MESSAGE FROM GOV.

Governor Pierce Gives Administration

TO THE LEGISLATIVE

Expresses to the Public His Appreciation For the Great Honor.

At the close of my administration as governor of the state of Oregon I wish to express to the people my appreciation for the great honor that has been conferred upon me, and for the wonderful opportunity for public service which I have enjoyed for the four years last past. I am retiring in the firm belief that in the main my administration has been most successful, and that the real accomplishments will become more apparent as the years go by.

In fulfillment of my promise made in my first message, I am today returning the commission given me, as clean and as untarnished as I received it four years ago.

The legislature at this time should declare and outline a state policy on the following issues pressing for settlement.

- (1) Hydro-electric development
- (2) Reforestation
- (3) Taxation
- (4) Law enforcement
- (5) Irrigation

Hydro-electric Development

Water power is one of our very valuable natural resources. It belongs to all the people, and if we should allow this heritage to pass into the hands of special interests future generations would scorn our memory as we do today the men responsible for wasting the school fund of Oregon.

The development of Oregon's water power will bring a new era of prosperity to the state. Literally millions of horsepower are available from the streams coming down the sides of our mountains, fed by the eternal snows. I ask you to enact such legislation as will make it possible for any district or city in the state to organize, acquire power sites, issue bonds, construct hydro-electric plants and sell the power, so that the original investment may be absorbed within a reasonable number of years. This tremendous resource must be developed by the people, for the people, or the state of Oregon must yield first place to our sister state on the north, which has developed such a vast amount of electric power and is now selling it to her citizens at rates so low that it can be used economically even for heating the homes.

Not only should factory wheels be turned with this power, but the homes in both city and country should be heated and lighted. Purpose a constitutional amendment that will give the people the right to act through a municipal corporation. If you enact proper legislation at this session, Oregon's prosperity will double and treble, and come to know no bounds. If you yield to the propaganda of the special interests, you will do nothing. The people will be able to judge from your action in this matter whether you desire to legislate for the many or for the few.

REFORESTATION

Oregon is today the leading timber state in the Union. It can remain such, and the output of lumber can be quadrupled, if present existing forests are conserved and proper methods adopted for reforestation. This problem must be approached from the standpoint of the whole state and not from the standpoint of the vested interests. Even on privately owned land the forest growth should be cut under a selective logging plan similar to that now in use by the United States Forestry Service. An unripe tree should not be cut even on privately owned land. I recognize the right of the individual in privately owned land, but that right is subordinate to the rights of the entire people. If the beautiful

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