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SCHOOL WINS FROM RAINIER

Strong Defense Work Is Factor in Score.

FOOTBALL TROPHY HERE

Freshmen to Build Huge Bonfire for Rally on January 31

The Vernonia basketball team played their third league game Friday night at Rainier, winning 24 to 12. Leaving here in cold, snowy weather, the team was uncomfortable when they arrived in Rainier. After a rest and a much needed thawing the local boys wrapped themselves around a large steak and then went to the Rainier gymnasium to practice. Rainier is conceded to have the best basketball court in the county.

The game started off in whirlwind fashion, neither team scoring in the first few minutes of play. Hodges of Vernonia started the scoring for the local boys on a converted foul throw. Both teams fought hard and the score at the end of the first quarter stood 3 to 2 in favor of Vernonia.

In the second period Vernonia took a substantial lead which was maintained throughout the rest of the game. They were successful in caging baskets at regular intervals. The last periods of the game were hard fought, but the defense played by Vernonia was too much for Rainier and they were forced to make most of their shots from near the center of the floor. It was said that only once during the game was Rainier able to penetrate the Vernonia defense. Many times the Vernonia players carried the ball to their own basket without interference.

This win puts Vernonia in second place in the league standing. Clatskanie heads the list with no defeats to date. After the game the boys were treated to a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schunese of Rainier.

The second semester will soon be two weeks on its way. Very few changes were made in the schedule since only three or four new classes were organized.

Joseph Weberg and Jewell Lloyd entered the freshmen class this week. Joseph Weberg came from Yakima, Washington, and Jewell Lloyd recently completed the eighth grade in the local school.

The pupils from Mist and Natal deserve a great deal of credit for being so regular in attending school during the bad weather. It is a real effort upon the part of some pupils who reside with in a few blocks of the school to get up early enough in the morning to get to school.

La Velle Gosa has returned to school after having been absent for several weeks on account of sickness. La Velle is a good student and we hope that she can remain in school now until the end of the term.

The sophomore boys played against the grade school team last Friday evening. The score was 14 to 11 in favor of the high school team.

The freshmen class held a special meeting Thursday. The question of the big rally schedule for the evening of January 31 was discussed at some length. Glen Hawkins and Kathryn Hoffman made the principal talks urging the freshmen boys to prepare an abundance of material for the bonfire.

Seniors

The seniors have the 1926 football trophy in their room. This trophy was presented to Vernonia high school by Dr. F. R. Davis and Fred W. Herman of Rainier.

The seniors are writing narratives in English class. The best ones will be published in the 1926-27 annual.

The American history class is suffering daily tests. The members are afraid this is going to continue for the remainder of the semester.

FIRE BURNS ROOF OF E. A. SHIPMAN HOME

A fire which was believed to have started from an overheated stove completely destroyed the roof of the E. A. Shipman home at 3 p. m. Saturday. The local fire department was successful in saving all the furniture from the house without soaking it with water. The place is at the corner of Rose avenue and Bridge streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipman are living with Mr. Shipman's parents temporarily. Mr. Shipman, an ex-service man and member of the Vernonia post of the American Legion, is the local agent for Fuller brushes.

Good Roads Encountered In California Travel

(This is the first of a series of articles by A. D. Moe of Hood River, who left there January 11 with Mrs. Moe in a Studebaker car to drive to Florida and back, going by way of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida. He will give road conditions, and the general business outlook as they pass thru the different sections. Mr. Moe, who is manager of the Hood River Glacier is the father of the Eagle Editor.)

Yuba City, Calif., Jan. 14, 1927. We are safely over the mountains and it is a great relief. Leaving Hood River in a snowstorm, with rain in the Willamette valley as far as Eugene the next day, I feared that the storm might make bad going if it extended to the Siskiyou in the form of snow. But the clouds disappeared as we entered the Umpqua valley and the rest of the day was mild and pleasant. With a dry pavement we had no difficulty in reaching Medford Thursday night.

Getting an early start, we were at the foot of the seven-mile climb to the summit of the Siskiyou as the sun turned the clouds to a crimson red in the eastern horizon. There was very little snow in the mountains in sight from the highway, and none at all on the pavement. At the summit, and over the other side in shaded spots, there were a few stretches of frost, slowing down the traffic in these places, but no chains were necessary.

Leaving the pavement at the state line, the macadam road has been oiled, and it is in very good shape where it has been rebuilt. Ten or fifteen miles of the old road between Hornbrook and Yreka are not oiled, but kept quite smooth with scrapers. We made good time until we left the 25 miles of pavement between Weed and Dunsmuir. The 65 mile stretch of road from the latter town to Redding is being rebuilt, and in three years about 40 miles have been graded and rooked, with two new bridges completed and 15 miles of pavement, but 25 miles still remain to be rebuilt. This road is narrow and very crooked, although kept in good repair. It was still slippery from recent rains, and most of the traffic we met was going slowly and carefully. It is not safe to go above 20 miles an hour on this stretch.

After reaching good roads again we had no trouble in reaching this place about dark. Clouds have hovered all day, with a cold wind blowing a gale across the Yreka flats. We caught but one glimpse of Mt. Shasta, it being hidden in a heavy bank of clouds.

Northern California is looking more green than last year on account of good rainfall. Grain fields are a vast carpet of green, with the sprouting grain two or three inches high, and prospects bright for good crops.

Mrs. M. Bunker and son William moved to Forest Grove Saturday, where William will continue his high school studies. He has been employed in the mill here the last few months.

The senior class gave a program to the student body Friday afternoon. Russell Mills told about his trip to Eugene, what he did and learned. Loretta Johnson gave a little quotation entitled "The Courtin." John Wardle also gave an account of his trip to Eugene. The senior class ended the program by all singing, "When You and I were Young, Maggie."

The Juniors will present the next program one week from Friday.

OPENING HERE FOR LARGE PAPER MILL

Speaking with optimistic assurance of the steady growth of Vernonia and the Nehalem valley as a farming, dairying, poultry and industrial center, H. E. McGraw, president of the bank of Vernonia, said recently that there is a good opening for a large paper mill here to utilize the slab wood of the Oregon-American mill. At present it is being shipped to St. Helens.

"We need a creamery here," said Mr. McGraw, "to make butter and ice cream for the cream produced in the Nehalem. At present it is being shipped to Portland and Astoria. If there was a creamery here more dairy cows would be brought into the Nehalem, where ideal conditions prevail for the furtherance of a profitable dairy industry here. There is plenty of moisture to assure good pasture the year round and enough warm weather in the summer time to cure hay."

It is Mr. McGraw's opinion that three or four small sawmills could profitably operate here. The Turkish Timber company at Pittsburg will soon begin operations, and it is believed that Vernonia will receive much of the benefit of trade from that source. Just how much their operations will be developed has not been revealed, but it is thought that they will build and operate a large sawmill in connection with the camps. A saw and door factory operated there 40 years ago.

In the past year a number of small poultry and dairy farms have started in this vicinity, with prospects of more of that class of farmers coming in 1927. Business has been steadier, according to Mr. McGraw, the past year than any year since here four and five years ago had little or no capital, and the local banking business was not as good as it is now, with business steadier and a larger percentage of local people owners of real estate.

The local bank started two years ago keeping Saturday nights for the benefit of local merchants. "This bank is intensely interested in building up the community and giving encouragement to all worthwhile enterprises. The business is conducted in a safe and conservative way. There is no speculation on any business—just straight banking. This bank makes no discounts. If it cannot handle a loan it is not taken," said Mr. McGraw.

October 25, 1920, the Bank of Vernonia opened its doors for business. H. E. McGraw started in here at that time as cashier. A year ago last November Mr. McGraw sold most of his stock and became interested in the shingle mill. Last fall, when Mr. Meyer decided to retire because of ill health, McGraw bought back the stock and was elected president of the bank. He is probably the youngest bank president in the state of Oregon.

Others in the local bank are J. C. Lindley, cashier; Miss May Meyers, assistant cashier, and Miss Ruth Stubbs, teller. It is Mr. McGraw's plan to continue his former practice of going to the camps about the 10th of each month to take care of their document and notarial business.

Chamber of Commerce Meet at Noon Tomorrow

The Vernonia chamber of commerce will hold its second meeting of the year at noon tomorrow in the White Lunch restaurant. Pringle and Twineham have been delegated to see that a good representation is present. Word has been received from S. C. Moron secretary of the St. Helens chamber of commerce, that he will be present for the dinner.

It has been announced that the dinner will be served promptly at noon to those present and that the meeting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock sharp. Secretary Sheeley has been busy getting the affairs of the chamber in shape so that a membership campaign can be launched next week among the business men, residents of the city and farmers and others in the vicinity. He hopes to have a membership of 300 within two months.

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MAC'S BAND TO GIVE CONCERT WEDNESDAY

Mac's band and orchestra will give their second concert for the winter next Wednesday, February 2, at the Majestic theatre, under the auspices of the American Legion post of Vernonia. Crowded houses listened to this local organization last month and there were many expressions of appreciation for the manner in which the solo and ensemble numbers of many difficult pieces were played. It is expected that crowded houses will greet both performances that evening.

Every element of thrill is evident in the story of "The Speeding Venus," Priscilla Dean's new Metropolitan star picture which will be shown the night of the band concert. Speeding along the Santa Fe trail at sixty miles an hour, Priscilla Dean and Dale Fuller in their sport model Chrysler were photographed from the platform of the Santa Fe Limited which parallels the roadway, refueling their machine as they tear along at break-neck speed.

The roadster tears along and catches up with two high powered cars parked along each side of the road. As the roadster approaches, the waiting cars move forward and when abreast of the roadster, pass large cans of gas and oil to Miss Dean who takes the water, climbs out on the hood of the speeding car and fills the radiator. She then climbs back to the rear of the car and pours gasoline in the almost empty tank. This is a thrill that almost freezes your spine, it is only one of many in the picture. Robert Frazer is leading man.

The proceeds from the show will pay the band for the music expense and the rest will be placed in the Legion's building fund. M. E. Carkin is in charge of the entertainment.

Boys And Girls Clubs Are Organized Here

The following boys and girls clubs were organized here during the past week: The Nimble Thimble Sewing club; leader, Alice E. Eaton; members, Grace Mills, Betty Bennett, Margaret McDonald, Verda Chapman, Edna Crawford, Betty Cameron, Leona New, Naeem Murray, Louise Whitsett, Bernice Ellis, Adwina Alexander.

Pattie Cake Cooking club: Mrs. Mabel Graves, leader; members, Gladys End, Dorothy Black, Royaine Alexander, Florence Wall, Hazel Brown, Jewel Smith, Mary Ann Childs, Helen Murray, Joy Bush, Mildred Rogers, Mignon Dupue, Beth Davis, Audrey Austen.

Coffee Cooler Camp Cookery club: Leader Edwin Condit; members, Melville Malmsten, Andy Brimmer, Glen Cameron, Donald Holtham, John Urie, Kenneth Parker, Jewel Solomon.

The Gingerbread Girls club: The leader is Mrs. Pearl Krause. Members, Christine Rainey, Audrey Johnson, Louise Roberson, Marian Lindley, Margaret Bennett, Helen Charlesworth, Nelle Green, Delphine Cates, Vivian Wahlater, Edna Owens, Alice Parker, Alma Seaberg, Velda Mellinger.

EDNA KILBY IS NOBLE GRAND OF REBEKAHS

The officers of the Mountain Heart Rebekah lodge No. 248 were installed in regular form Thursday night January 13. Mrs. Irene Spencer was the district deputy president and her deputy grand officers were R. L. Spencer, Emil Messing, Hazel Miner, Lena Stanton, D. S. Cameron, P. O. Mellinger, and May Mellinger.

The officers installed were Edna Kilby noble grand; Lillian Hansen, vice-grand; Irene Spencer, secretary; Dorcas Bays, treasurer; Harold Thompson, warden; Gladys Smith conductor; Sarah A. Spencer, chaplain; May Mellinger, R. S. N. G.; Viola Treharne, L. S. V. G.; Nanette B. Hall, inside guardian; P. O. Mellinger, outside guardian. After the installation all enjoyed an hour of speeches and refreshments.

Have your butter wrappers printed at the Eagle plant. You may then sell butter properly dressed for market.

CLAIM MOTOR STAGES PAY EXCESSIVE TAXES

To the Editor: The public service commission report for November, 1926, shows some interesting facts in regard to the collection of taxes from busses and trucks, under the new law as voted by the people in November.

The report shows that 10 per cent of the vehicles affected by the law pay 66.8% of the taxes collected. Curiously enough this 10 per cent is composed of motor stages operating on pneumatic tires, although the basis of taxes was supposed to be the damage done to the highways.

The report shows too that the only classes of vehicles that will make reports and from which taxes can be collected economically are the regular route stages and trucks, whose affairs are conducted on a business basis. It has been well understood in the past and is substantiated by the November statement that it will be practically impossible to bring the any-where-for-hire bus or truck under the control of this law.

This additional tax amounts to 5.1 of the gross income of the motor stages affected.

In addition to this tax these cars pay a license fee, seat tax and gas tax and personal property tax amounting to 4.6 per cent of their gross income. Including this tax the motor stage will pay 9.7 per cent of its gross income in taxes.

It is further pointed out that the motor stage weighing one-half as much as the truck and running on pneumatic tires pays three times as much in taxes.

Oregon Motor Stage Association

STATE CHAMBER TO MEET ON TUESDAY

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce will be held in Portland in the Oregon building on January 31 beginning at 10:00 a. m. Representatives including presidents and directors of chambers of commerce throughout the state have signified their intention to attend and an unusually large meeting is anticipated.

Paul Shoup, executive vice-president of the Southern Pacific company will address the conference at luncheon when the state chamber will have charge of the members' forum of the Portland chamber on the day of the meeting.

The morning session will include an address on "Taxation," together with a report of the legislative investigating committee, by R. S. Hamilton, of Bend, a director of the state chamber and a member of the legislature.

"Opportunity and necessity for research work in Oregon" will be the topic of an address in the afternoon session delivered by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon.

The Vale and Owyhee irrigation projects also appear on the program in the afternoon to be discussed by Judge Dolton Biggs of Vale.

A report on the Oregon development fund work will be presented by W. D. B. Dodson, general manager of the Portland chamber.

At the business meeting an annual election which will follow the speaking program, eight new directors will be placed in office to succeed those whose terms expire. The outgoing directors are R. S. Hamilton, Bend; E. I. Stoddard and George Huntington Currey, La Grande; Julius L. Meier and John F. Daly, Portland; T. B. Kay, Salem; L. E. Vining, Ashland; and Peter Loggie, North Bend. The board will then elect officers.

In the evening there will be a dinner at which representatives of commercial organizations will review the activities of their respective communities.

ST. HELENS LEGION WILL MOVE CANNON

At a busy session of the St. Helens post of the American Legion Wednesday night of last week in which many important projects were discussed. It was decided to place the large cannon, which is now mounted back of the court-house, in the middle of the plaza on the site of the old fountain. The fountain will be cemented up, according to plans, and the big Howitzer, which was captured from the Germans in the late war, will be painted and mounted there where it should be an interesting and significant adornment.—Mist.

FARM PRICES STILL DECLINE

Production Is Above 10-Year Average.

COAST BUSINESS EVEN

Columbia County Growers Holding Crops For Better Prices

According to the latest general review of crop yields issued by the U. S. crop reporting board using the estimates as revised in December and combining the yields of all crops in proportion to their relative importance, it appears that the composite of yields per acre this season was 104.6. This indicates that crop yields were 4.6 per cent above the average of the last ten years. This composite of 104.6 is 1.6 above the composite of per acre yields last year.

The general level of farm prices continued to decline during the past month, being placed at 127 per cent of the pre-war level on December 15 compared with 130 per cent on November 15, according to the monthly price report of the United States department of agriculture. The December 15 figure is 16 points below that on the same date a year ago.

The department's index of purchasing power of farm products is placed at 80 for November compared with 81 in October, the five year period 1909-14 being used as a base of 100. The purchasing power figure has declined steadily since last May when it was 88.

Most of Columbia county apple crop sold. Slow market for balance of crop at present time. Part of potato crop sold at \$1.50 per Cwt. Most of crop being held. Livestock coming through winter in good shape. Sufficient feed for wintering under present weather conditions. Dairy cattle in good shape. Ample feed. Price of butter fat good, milk fair. Egg production increasing. Price falling. Prices ranging from 30c to 36c. Fair honey crop. About average amount to date.

Prospects are for lower butter prices during the next 30 days period, says the January issue of "Kansas agricultural situation." The price trend is seasonally downward. Only once in 15 years has the average price of butter been higher in February than in January. In the case of 92 score creamery butter at New York, an exceptional upward trend in February has occurred in only four out of 14 years.

Cheap substitutes, increased arrivals of foreign butter, the unusual strength of December prices, and the present trend of production do not argue for continued strength in butter prices.

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS GIVEN CLASS BADGES

The first class and second class Boy scouts of Vernonia received their badges at a public meeting held in the high school yesterday, for having completed required tests for the honors.

H. E. McGraw is the scoutmaster of the Vernonia troop. His assistants are Dr. W. H. Hurley, M. E. Carkin and C. J. Wardle. The patrol leaders in the troop are: Bordie Heiber, Neal Bush, William Culver, Eldoro Walker, Clifford Field is the scribe. The boys meet in the American Legion hall every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p. m.

What is a Boy Scout "Scout" used to mean the one on watch for the rest. It has been made to fit the town as well as the wilderness and suited to peace time instead of war. A scout is an expert in life-craft as well as in wood-craft, for he is trained in heart as well as head and hand. Scouting is broad enough to cover riding, swimming, tramping, trailing, photoplay, first aid, camping, handicraft, loyalty, obedience, courtesy, thrift courage and kindness, with many other subjects.