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SETTLE LANDS IS PROPOSED

Local Chamber Names Year's Objective.

S. C. MORTON SPEAKER

Membership Campaign Is Now Under Way; 100 By March 1.

The necessity for the settlement of cut-over lands in the Nehalem valley was voiced by the majority of those present at the chamber of commerce meeting at the White Lunch restaurant Friday noon as being the most important objective toward which the chamber should work this year.

S. C. Morton, secretary of the St. Helens chamber of commerce, was present and made a short address at the meeting. He complimented the local chamber on their attendance, which was nearly 50. He wished to leave on the 1:05 train for Portland, never having ridden on this railroad, even though he was instrumental in working for the establishment of this road, and fostered the "good-will special" train that made the first trip over the newly constructed road.

Mr. Morton pointed out that the Vernonia-St. Helens road is an important artery of trade for the entire county and that it should be maintained in good condition for the benefit of market travel that will be of material aid to both cities and the smaller communities between. He reported that Dr. A. Holmes Johnson, president of the St. Helens chamber of commerce sent his greetings to the Vernonia chamber and expressed the hope of lasting friendship between the two chambers.

Mr. Morton expressed himself as being strongly in favor of the noon meetings of the chamber for the business men, with one evening meeting each month for the longer discussions and attention to business matters of the chamber. He said that in the St. Helens chamber standing committees were appointed, one of which is a merchants committee, composed of eight persons. This committee sets the date and arranges for the merchants open house, when the whole countryside is invited to come to town more for the purpose of getting acquainted than for taking benefit of sales or special attractions.

On that day each merchant usually offers a little prize which is given away and in meeting the many persons who visit his store, he acquires a list of prospective customers and his last opportunity of getting acquainted with them. It creates a friendly feeling, said Mr. Morton, more quickly than by any other method of which he has heard.

The growing of small fruits and vegetables, especially strawberries, is recommended very strongly for this district. Climatic conditions here are ideal for this phase of agricultural endeavor, according to experts who have analyzed the soil of the Nehalem in various places. As soon as A. E. Allen returns from his sojourn in the state legislature, it is planned to have him address the chamber here with a view to interesting local farmers in the growing of strawberries.

Lester Sheeley, secretary of the chamber, reported that he had received answers to questionnaires from farmers in this vicinity that would insure planting of more than 100 acres of strawberries here if a local distributing plant is established in Vernonia. Mr. Allen has previously stated that he would install a distributing plant here is 100 acres of berries are planted.

Noodle Parlor Starts

Ed Chin, opened a Chinese noodle parlor in one side of the International pool hall building here Saturday. He formerly operated a restaurant in Portland. Mr. Chin says he believes the prospects for business here are good this spring.

Mrs. Wm. Pringle is at Pittsburg visiting her son Wm. Jr. on the ranch this week.

DAILY MAIL TO MIST HAS BEEN PROPOSED

Lester Sheeley, secretary of the chamber of commerce, recently wrote Senator Chas. L. McNary at Washington, D. C., asking him to recommend to the postmaster general that a daily mail route be established between Vernonia and Mist in place of the three-a-week deliveries now being made.

A telegram was received from Senator McNary Tuesday informing Mr. Sheeley that the recommendation had been made, and the latter is confident that the proposed change will take place in the near future.

Local Students To See O. A. C. Educational Show

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 1.—Representatives from Vernonia high school have been invited to attend the fourth annual education exposition at O. A. C. February 18, 19 and 20. The exposition is intended to give educational guidance to high school students planning to enter institutions of higher learning.

The college proposes to stimulate student thinking to the end that more careful consideration will be given the selection of a course which the student plans to pursue, than would otherwise be the case. Through lectures, demonstrations, exhibits and round table discussions the exposition plans to indicate in a definite way the work to which a curriculum leads.

J. R. Jewell, dean of the school of education at the University of Arkansas, has been obtained as the principal speaker. High school instructors will meet with Dean Jewell to discuss special problems such as the Platoon school system. Conferences for men students will be held in the different schools. Women students will meet in small groups with successful women graduates from O. A. C.

Every school on the campus will be open for inspection. There will be displays of work, activities and accomplishments of students in the different courses. The small group conferences with professors in the departments in which the students are most interested are expected to guide them in the selection of courses to which they are best fitted.

Representatives will be entertained while on the campus by fraternities and clubs. Special entertainments have been arranged for that week end. A horse show, athletic events, and concerts are intended to entertain between the more serious events.

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA TOURNAMENT IN MAY

A drama tournament, in which the leading high school theatrical companies of the state will compete, will be held the first week in May according to an announcement made by Miss Florence Wilbur instructor in English and director of drama.

This contest is one of the first of this kind ever held in the United States. Invitations have been sent to 50 Oregon schools and the first 12 answers received will be the only ones to be admitted. The university offers its stage, lights and scenery; but each school will do its own selecting and casting, managing, costuming, arranging, directing, and actual staging and lighting.

The purpose of the contest is to foster good drama and emphasize the advantage of the one-act play as a medium instead of the three act professional productions, according to Miss Wilbur.

Several nights will be given to the contest. A drama tournament committee will be chosen from the faculty to place the plays, accommodate the visiting casts and offer general information.

The contest is open to any standard high school in the state. Each group planning to participate is required to pay an entrance fee before April 1. Each high school is to select a one-act play requiring not more than 35 or 40 minutes for production, the name of which must be submitted to the drama tournament committee not later than April 1. No two contestants may use the same play, the group first submitting the name being given exclusive use of the play during the contest.

Robert King, assistant electrician at the Oregon-American mill, purchased a new Chevrolet coupe Monday of last week from the Gilby Motor company.

LOCAL BOY MAY RE- CEIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Five hundred dollars is going begging and a local boy may win it.

Somewhere in Oregon, preferably outside of Portland, is the right boy, to graduate in June from a high school, or equivalent preparatory school, qualified to enter Yale university, New Haven, Conn., and fitted by standing in studies, achievements in other student activities and qualities of leadership to be selected for the annual scholarship award of the Oregon Yale Alumni association.

Thrice before this gift of Oregon's some one hundred fifty graduates and former students of the famous university, with its centuries-old traditions of democracy, nationally-representative student body and high standards in athletics, etc., as well as scholastically, has been awarded, hitherto to Portland boys: Donald T. Nelson, Jefferson high, in 1924; Charles E. Wright, Lincoln high, in 1925, and Gerald Norman Burk, Jefferson high, in 1926.

"Not enough boys in the smaller cities and towns outside of Portland have applied for this scholarship," says Robert Treot Platt, prominent Portland lawyer of the firm of Platt, Fales & Smith, Platt building, to whom inquiries should be addressed. "We want qualified boys and their parents to know of this opportunity. This year we hope this honor may be awarded to a 'country boy.' Yale has been built up by 'country boys.' They have proved the backbone not only of the big cities but of Yale, which, seeking no numbers, but restricting its enrollment, is glad to admit a picked man chosen by its alumni."

With the \$500 toward his freshman year expenses, the cooperation of the university's bureau of self-help and the local alumni's backing, the boy selected is expected to have no difficulty in meeting the rest of his expenses while there, and completing the four-year course. The three previous recipients have all "made the grade" and are now Yale upperclassmen with good records.

Members of the scholarship committee include Chairman Platt, treasurer Gerald E. Beebe, Burnett Goodwin, Harvey N. Black, Rodney L. Glisan, Norman N. Rupp, Frederick H. Strong, Charles Carver, Jr., Mason Ehrmas, Aubrey R. Watzek Robert H. Noyes, and Ray W. Frohman.

Worker Bees Needed In Apiaries For Good Crop

Four conditions necessary to a honey crop in Oregon, according to H. A. Scullen of the experiment station, are as follows:

1. Suitable weather conditions for the bees to work when the main honey flow is on.
2. Honey-producing plants secreting nectar in abundance.
3. A strong force of worker bees, 75,000 to 100,000 at the beginning of the honey flow.
4. The colony devoting its entire attention to gathering nectar and storing honey rather than to swarming. In other words the storing instinct rather than the swarming instinct is dominant.

If any one of those four conditions not present the honey crop will be less than maximum. If all four conditions are present nothing can keep the beekeeper from getting a good crop outside of his own failure to put on the supers.

"Unfortunately, or possibly fortunately, the beekeeper has no control over the first condition," says professor Scullen. "He can control the second only by moving to a better location, or by encouraging to a limited extent, the growth of certain plants."

"His entire management throughout the year, with the exception of swarm control, is with one object in view, that of attaining the third foregoing condition. This obviously includes such manipulations as disease control, wintering, queen management, and all other factors that aid in permitting the colony to work at its best from the end of one season's flow to the beginning of the next."

"This is all there is to good beekeeping, but it involves much careful planning and conscientious labor."

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap of Natal attended the show here Saturday night.

SCHOOL TO HAVE ART EXHIBIT HERE

The Vernonia grade schools have completed arrangements for the loan of the World's Masterpieces in painting. This exhibit will be open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, Feb. 8 to 11, it will be a treat and an opportunity for the people of Vernonia, as it is not often that one is able to see such pictures without making special trips to museums, and other places for this purpose.

All proceeds from the exhibit will be used to obtain pictures for the grade schools.

BILL WOULD PROMOTE SETTLEMENT OF LAND

Promotion of the settlement and development of Oregon's agricultural lands is the aim of a bill which has been introduced in the legislature. The proposed legislation, known as House Bill No. 34, has called for the endorsement of the leading chambers of commerce in every section of the state, who see in it an effective means of perpetuating the work of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce in bringing selected settlers to the lands of the state.

Provision is made in the bill for a commission of five members, three of whom shall consist of the board of control and two selected by the board of directors of the Oregon state chamber of commerce. It is specifically provided that one of these members of the State Chamber shall be a resident of the section east of the Cascades.

The bill carries an appropriation of state funds amounting to \$30,000 annually for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930, to be used by the state chamber in inducing the location within Oregon of new settlers and new capital, the method of disbursing of these funds being subject to the approval of the commission.

Through the affiliated efforts of the Oregon State Chamber and the Portland Chamber of Commerce during the last two years, 2300 new settlers have been placed on Oregon farms. They invested more than ten million dollars of new capital in the state at a cost of less than \$40 per family to bring them here. There are now three thousand prospective settlers who have signed the questionnaires used by the Land Settlement Department, stating definitely that they are coming to Oregon.

Supporters of the bill explain that the funds which it provides will be used in securing settlers and giving them service, salaries and other overhead expense being otherwise secured.

LIBRARY TO GIVE PARTY

Mrs. Judd Greenman will very graciously open her home on February 14, for the Library party and is making every effort to make the party a success and attractive to the utmost. From two to four there will be tables to accommodate the guests desiring to play, either bridge or five hundred. From four to six tea will be served to those who do not wish to play cards.

Cars will leave Folger's Drug store at one forty-five and four to convey guests to Mrs. Greenman's.

The proceeds from this party will be used for purchasing new books for the library. Each guest is requested to suggest a book which she would like to read, this will be a help to the book committee.

State Sanitary Inspector Leech and Marshal Kelly put in a busy forenoon Tuesday inspecting the various eating houses and places where foodstuff are sold. Several notices were reported to have been given to proprietors to clean up. The Noodle parlor operated by Y. Koto was ordered closed up on account of unsanitary conditions and unfit building, by the state inspector, according to Marshal Kelly.

REPORT OF COUNTY NURSE FOR THE MONTH OF JAN. 1927.

Visits to schools, 26; Pupils inspected, 467; Pupils not defective, 173; Pupils seriously underweight, 48; Notification of defects to parents, 286; Visits to homes, 20; Truant cases, 7; Services to agencies outside county, 2.
NINA H. LITTLE—County health nurse.

"DIET FOR CHILDREN" IS PROGRAM TOPIC

The Parent-Teachers association will hold its first meeting of the month Monday night at 7:30 at the Washington school. The program will start with community singing, led by Miss Mitchell. Dr. J. A. Hughes will deliver an address on "Diet for Children." There will then be a general discussion by the mothers on the feeding of children. After a piano solo by Miss Mitchell refreshments will be served.

These talks given by the doctors of the town have proven very interesting, according to many who have been in attendance. It has been urged that no one miss the last of the series.

The association will give their annual show February 21 at the Majestic theatre, which will feature singing, dancing, a short play and stunts. Preparations for this show have been in progress several months.

Straightening California Ridge Route Road

(By A. D. Moe)
Los Angeles, Jan. 17, 1927.

The Glacier Leaving Yuba City in a rainstorm, which lasted most of the forenoon, we followed the Garden highway to Sacramento, then south through the San Joaquin valley to Tulare, where we spent the night. The storm, which had been general through northern California, did not reach farther south than Fresno. The next morning we left Tulare in a heavy fog, which was worse than the rain, as it required slow and careful driving. By 9 o'clock it lifted as we entered Bakersfield, but as we headed for the Tehachapi mountains great banks of clouds hung low, and we anticipated a disagreeable trip over the mountains, but the fog lifted. By the time we reached the 29 miles of curves the sun came out and the grand panorama of the scenic Ridge route spread out before us. About half of the curves have been widened and straightened and the work is being continued through the balance of the crooked, narrow road, which will speed up travel and lessen the danger of accidents. We arrived in Los Angeles early Sunday afternoon.

On account of the long journey ahead of us we will tarry here only long enough to visit our relatives and call on a few friends.

Dealers are having a good deal of grief this year with all northwestern apples. On account of the peculiar growing season the fruit is not holding up, and many cars of apples are coming in full of decay, overripe, and in general bad condition. Some of the dealers are repacking Hood River apples and are suffering a loss in many cases of 25 per cent. Some of the cars are being sorted out, selling the damaged stuff to the "buzzards" (a Los Angeles name for the peddlers). Mr. Baker says that it is now impossible to sell a car of apples until they arrive and are inspected. The market is strong for good apples, and sound, perfect apples are grabbed up quickly at advancing prices, while the fruit beginning to show decay is a drug on the market. All of the apple districts in Oregon and Washington are having the same trouble. There are in cold storage in Los Angeles at present about 200,000 boxes more than a year ago.

Los Angeles is still growing steadily, a good many large business blocks going up, and while the speculative real estate boom has quieted down, there is a steady increase in business generally. Coming in from the inland route we saw a Los Angeles city limits sign that had been moved several miles farther north than where it was last year. Automobile traffic is on the increase, but is handled very effectively. Now thoroughfares are being built, which relieves the congestion in the busy sections. Out on Santa Barbara avenue there is a 15-mile speed limit sign still standing, but it is a joke. In fact if traffic obeyed this sign it would be blocked in two minutes. All reasonable speed limits are removed if the driver is skillful enough to get through without hitting anyone.

Coyle Has Car Agency
W. R. Coyle, manager of the Hy-Van hotel here, has taken the local agency for the Hudson and Essex cars. He has sold a new 1927 Essex super-six to H. W. Swelwell recently.

LAST QUARTER DECIDES GAME

Clatskanie Is Beaten At Basketball Tuesday.

FINAL SCORE 30 TO 23

Alternate Lead Makes Exciting Contest Of Game

The basketball game between Vernonia and Clatskanie high schools on the local floor Tuesday night provided thrills aplenty for the spectators, with each team taking the lead in scoring at various times during the game, which Vernonia won 30 to 23.

Vernonia led at the end of the first quarter 9 to 5, by connecting consistently with the basket. In the second and third quarters Clatskanie had the advantage, Sundberg dropping numerous baskets, to give them the best of the score. Clatskanie led at the end of the third quarter 23 to 21.

In the last quarter the Vernonia team seemed to redouble their efforts, and the floor work of Hawkins stood out above that of the whole team, although he had difficulty in throwing baskets. Clatskanie was held scoreless in the last quarter. Whitsell also made two sensational throws from near the center of the floor.

Sage refereed the game.
Vernonia 30 23 Clatskanie
Bennett 6 F 9 White
Malmsten 11 F 9 Sundberg
Hawkins 7 C Puzcy
Whitsell 5 G 2 Zimmerdahl
Hodges 1 G 2 Bunce

Grade School Wins.

A preliminary to the game Tuesday night was played between the grade school teams of Clatskanie and Vernonia, the latter winning 16 to 6. The same style of play was apparent in both teams as that displayed by the varsities of both schools. The Vernonia team slightly outweighed and was more aggressive than the Clatskanie boys. A return game will be played in Clatskanie February 25. This was the first league game of the season for the Vernonia grade team.

The lineup:
Vernonia 16 6 Clatskanie
Oberst 6 F 2 Fricke
Smith 4 F 4 Holombo
Adams 6 C Henderson
Berg G Johnson
Bennett G Aplington

In the game with Hill Military academy Friday night the local high school won 21 to 18, maintaining a slight lead throughout the game. The score at the end of the first half stood 4 to 4, which was said to be due to close guarding by both teams. In the second half each squad played a more aggressive game, which ran the score up.

The Vernonia second team won from the Hill Military second team in a preliminary 17 to 14.

The local high school will attempt to avenge the defeat at the hands of St. Helens earlier in the season Friday night when the two teams meet on the local floor.

A touch of local spirit and enthusiasm was added to the game Tuesday night when five members of the local order of 40 and 8 bolstered up the spirits of the crowd with effective work on their drums. The local school expressed appreciation of the support given by this Legion organization.

MARY JANE THOMPSON

Word was received Wednesday of last week of the death in Portland of Mrs. Mary Jane Thompson, mother of E. S. Thompson and Mrs. V. D. McCabe of this city. She would have been 80 years of age the next day. She was buried in the Riverview cemetery, Portland, Saturday. Her husband and two other daughters survive her. Relatives of the deceased expressed thanks for the floral remembrance of Vernonia folk.

Ray Emmott killed a wildcat on Pebble creek Thursday of last week. The bounty on these is \$2.50. Mr. Emmott said the pelt has little value.