

Championship Game Tomorrow

School Quintet to Play at Clatskanie For Honors

Close Win From Rainier

Basket Thrown Just Before

Whistle Blew Broke

Tie Score.

Tomorrow night the local high school quintet will go to Clatskanie to meet the team of that place, the game to decide the county championship. Each team has suffered but one defeat this season in the county. Vernonia lost the first game to St. Helens. Clatskanie lost the game to Vernonia played here by a close score.

It is believed that the chances of victory stand about even. For that reason the importance of the game and the likelihood of seeing an exciting contest has influenced a number of local fans toward deciding to go to Clatskanie to view the fray. The winning team will play a series of the best two out of three games with Astoria for the district championship. Those winners will play in the state tournament at Salem.

In the game with Rainier, played here Friday, Vernonia was the winner by a narrow margin. With but a few seconds to play, Hawkins threw a basket from near the center of the floor, when the score was tied. Vernonia had maintained a slight lead throughout the game.

Rainier was especially adept at long throws, making most of their points that way. Vernonia's defense against Clatskanie and a little better luck throwing baskets, the combination of Hawkins, Whitset, Hedges, Malmsten and Bennet should win, believe close followers of the popular winter sport.

Need of Definite Program For Local Chamber Is Shown

E. E. Faville of the Portland chamber of commerce, who spoke at the chamber of commerce luncheon yesterday, stressed the need of a definite program for the local chamber, brought about by concentrated thought on the matter and accomplished through cooperation of the local citizens.

The importance of the agricultural committee in being of benefit to the community was pointed out. The three important functions of this committee are publicity, land settlement and marketing. He urged that an attempt be made to secure settlers here who have worked under much the same conditions elsewhere—those that have led to contend with logged off land.

To map out a definite program for the community it is first necessary to determine and solve the local problems, according to Mr. Faville. Find out who has been successful in this vicinity in certain lines that it would be desirable to develop and then advertise the facts in the case with truthful statements.

The aid of the Portland chamber of commerce was promised by Mr. Faville, who is chairman of the agricultural committee of that organization, to the Vernonia chamber in any of its publicity, land settlement or agricultural problems.

The Junior Class To Present "Sally Lunn"

The junior class play, "Sally Lunn," will be given in the high school tonight at 7:30 p.m. It is a two-act comedy that is said to be sparkling with wit and humor that will prove highly entertaining to those who attend.

Among the other numbers to be given in the evening's performance are songs by the glee club, speaking and some sleight-of-hand tricks. School folk urge everyone not to miss Ed Role's harmonica playing.

The cast of "Sally Lunn." John Randolph, Jr. Clarence Wardle Leo Randolph Norman Green Morten Glynn Ralph Peck Marjorie Randolph, Louise Simmons Mrs. John Randolph, "Sally" Helen Heiber. Mrs. Penelope Winslow, Ida Turner Vivian Winslow, Eva Roles

Incidents Along Road To Florida

(By A. D. Moe)

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 3, 1927.

We got here yesterday before one o'clock, leaving Lake City about 7, in a light fog, making the trip of nearly 200 miles in less than six hours. The roads were paved, except a stretch of about 10 miles of dirt road, and another stretch of rather uneven, oiled dirt road, about one track wide, and we had to slow up every time we passed a car, which was often. The speed limit in Florida is 45 miles an hour in the country, 25 in residence sections, and 15 in business districts, but many drive from 45 to 55. We tried to keep up to the speed limit on the pavement but went too slow for many.

For over 100 miles south of Lake City the country is uninteresting, mostly sand with small pines growing rather scattered in most places. Many of the pines are being tapped for the pitch, which is distilled for turpentine. We saw this all the way across northern Florida and Alabama. Many lakes and swamps can be seen from the highway. Most of the older trees have moss hanging from them. There are many live oaks in the Southland, and we saw a few very large ones, but as a rule there are no large trees of any kind. There are no flowers at this time of year, except an occasional bush of hibiscus in a sheltered spot in the city.

Our speedometer showed 4100 miles from Hood River to Tampa, which included some extra mileage in Los Angeles and 15 or 20 miles we traveled the obscure trails when we were lost in Mississippi. We may have added over 50 miles extra travel. The distance across the state of Texas was 900 miles. The old Stude came through like Pierce Arrow, but it was a sight. Mud had accumulated clear to the top from Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, until the color of the paint was entirely obscured. It took two niggers three hours to clean it up.

It is real summer here, much warmer than in southern California, and the nights do not get as cool either. But it is a great contrast to California. With all the warm weather there are no green lawns, no flowers, and many shrubs and vines are burned brown by the freeze of the first week in January. A few banana plants around the city are entirely frozen, but the citrus trees do not seem to be damaged, except some of the tender shoots. Most of the growers are prepared to smudge, but they do not have freezes often and the first cold caught much of the fruit. The big orange associations are holding the fruit for at least two weeks before shipping, to cull out all frost damaged fruit. Florida oranges are much sweeter than those grown in California, and we are enjoying them very much.

We were watching for alligators in the swamps along the highway, but did not see any. All over this southern country pigs run loose along the road, and we had to slow up many times to keep from running over them. Cattle are also loose and roam about, occasionally blocking traffic. We thought that the young shoats around the swamps would be great temptation to alligators, but were told the latter have been exterminated in the settled sections, as their hides have been profitable to hunters.

Hobos have lined the road most of the way to Lake City, but they are keeping away from this country as a rule.

We have not done any looking around here yet, just resting up and enjoying the sunshine weather. Have shed our winter clothes, and winter seems a faden dream. It has been a dry winter here, despite the excessive rains and disastrous floods farther north.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 5, 1927.

We have been enjoying the good old summertime weather since we arrived here and resting from the long trip. It is a little too hot here in the middle of the day for comfort, and the humidity is greater here, making the average 75 degrees of heat seem more like 90 on a summer's day in Oregon. The nights are very comfortable for sleeping, however, and we

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Library Board To Sponsor Community Flower Festival

Catalogues from the leading rose growers of Portland have been placed in the public library and can be had for the asking. These contain price lists of the roses that have made Portland's rose show famous. Pamphlets of instruction on sweet pea and dahlia culture may also be had.

Those books have been placed here in the interest of a rose, sweet pea, dahlia and flower show that is being planned to be held here in July under the auspices of the library board, with the cooperation of other organizations. Books on rose culture are also to be found in the public library and promises have been received of more to come.

The library board's plans are not complete as yet, but is expected that prizes will be given for the best in each class. The date will be controlled by the weather conditions leading up to July. The board hopes that this venture will receive the approval of everyone in the vicinity and that it can be made an annual occasion.

Influx Of Farmers To Oregon Will Start Next Month

Portland, February 21—The early days of March promise to witness the arrival of many new farmers in Oregon, according to the scores of letters daily reaching the land settlement department of the state and Portland chambers of commerce.

With final arrangements completed for his admission to the United States, H. Broeder of Saskatchewan, Canada, is eagerly making the journey to Oregon with his family to engage in farming, city life according to his letters, having no appeal for him.

Inspired with the desire to find ideal farm homes for his nieces and nephews is J. U. Otto Buechler of West Virginia. Mr. Buechler and his brother plan to come soon to Oregon to select a small farm on which they may establish a home, encouraging their young relatives to do likewise.

Ready to make an investment of several thousand dollars is H. W. Baker who has been farming in Texas recently and previously in Wyoming. Mr. Baker and his family are now on their way to Oregon where they desire to raise stock, beginning with chickens, turkeys and some milk cows.

Coming from Arkansas City, Kansas, by way of Mexico, Arizona and California, is J. B. Bastian with his wife and two boys of fifteen and seventeen years. Poultry farming is the cherished desire of the father who has long been engaged in refinery work with a live interest in full blooded Rhode Island Reds in his spare hours.

While the correspondence of the department indicates a steadily increasing number of single families who will come to Oregon during the coming year, the most promising increase of population, in the opinion of E. G. Ide, manager of the department, will doubtless come through various colonization plans now developing. Many colonization companies of the east and middle west who have formerly directed interested families in large groups to other sections of the west are now diverting their attentions with much energy to the northwest and particularly to Oregon. Several movements of considerable numbers are anticipated in the near future.

Listeners Club Organized Here

Local radio fans met at the city hall Friday night and organized the Vernonia Radio Listeners club. Their purpose is to purchase a testing set to locate radio interference of any kind and to pay an inspector to find the trouble. The inspector will have a deputy marshal's commission and will be authorized to make arrests whenever he finds violations of the local ordinance recently passed.

The club plans to have United States Radio Inspector Redford of this district come here in the near future to examine conditions and prosecute all violations. Meetings will be held the first Friday of each month. Dues of \$1.50 per year are being assessed. Officers elected at the meeting are: Robert King, president; Lester Sheeley, secretary; D. B. Reasoner, treasurer.

Hizzonor Extends Hospitality To Legion Auxiliary

A much excited group of young ladies swarmed into the city hall Monday evening a few minutes before the regular bi-monthly meeting of the city council and various and sundry remarks indicated the fact that these members of the American Legion Auxiliary were unable to find the keys to the Legion hall and hence were at a loss for a place to hold their meeting.

"Let's all go up to my house, girls," one of them said. Whereupon Hizzonor Mayor Mills courteously invited the ladies to meet right there in the city hall if they so desired, assuring them that they would not interfere with the council meeting. The Auxiliary expressed themselves as being duly grateful for the hospitality, and may it be said to their credit that it was necessary to quiet them but once.

Many Attend Library Benefit Tea At Home Of Mrs. J. Greenman

The bridge-five hundred tea on St. Valentine's day at which Mrs. Judd Greenman was hostess for the ladies of the public library was a popular event and was largely attended. Both bridge and five hundred games were keenly contested and prizes were given.

The sun room and drawing room were arranged for cards. Beautiful refreshments were served from the dining room and served in a very pretty manner by the Camp Fire girls. The officers of the library association presided at the tea table. A special feature of the tea hour was the singing of Mrs. W. W. Wolff.

The silver plate was liberally patronized and an extensive list of books was suggested for the future buying of the library. The house was beautifully decorated. The afternoon was perfect in every detail and Mrs. Greenman was a most delightful hostess.—Contributed.

Pigeon Flight Guessing Contest Here March 17

Are you a good guesser? Some pedigreed homing pigeons belonging to a large flour concern will be released from a number of local grocery stores at 11 o'clock in the morning of March 17 and will fly directly to their loft on top of the big mill belonging to the company in Portland. Local folk are privileged to guess the flying time of these pigeons, with prizes offered for the best guesses.

The pigeons will be timed on their arrival by an electrical device to check the exact number of minutes and seconds it takes for the pigeon to fly from Vernonia to Portland. It is estimated that carrier pigeons fly at the rate of from 30 to 60 miles per hour, depending on weather conditions.

Free Forest Tree Stock Ready For Distribution

Under authority of section four of the Clarke-McNary law, forest tree stock is being produced at the Oregon forest nursery at the college, for distribution among the ranchers of the state. This planting stock may be used for woodlot, shelter belt, and roadside planting. It cannot be used for ornamental purposes.

The following stock is now available for distribution: Green ash, box elder, russian olive, black locust, Russian mulberry, black walnut, honey locust.

With the exception of the black locust the stock is two-year old stuff, averaging three feet in height. The black locust is one-year old stock about 18 inches high. Except the black walnut, this material is especially suited to planting in eastern Oregon. All species will do well in western Oregon.

This planting stock may be had at cost of transportation from Corvallis. Since the material is limited in amount, individual application should not exceed 1,500 trees. The stock should be planted as soon as the ground can be worked. The trees should be spaced about five feet apart and thinned when they begin to crowd each other.

Application for stock should be directed to George W. Peavy, school of forestry, Corvallis, Oregon. Planting directions will be sent to each applicant.

118 Cows Produce More Than 40 Pounds

A total of 594 cows were tested in the Columbia Cow Testing association during the month of January, according to the report of L. J. Bartholomy, the tester. Their average production was 743 pounds of milk and 30.7 pounds of fat. A total of 118 cows produced more than 40 pounds of fat during January. In spite of the rough weather during January, this is a distinct improvement over December.

Two registered Holstein bulls were bought by Lyons & Dimick and J. P. Hunt, of Sauvie's Island. Anliker Brothers, of Goble, also purchased a very nice registered Holstein bull from Hammer Brothers, of Der Island. All of those dairy men are members of the association.

For the pure bred herds of 10 cows or less, Jack Anliker, of Goble, was first with an average production of 1175 pounds of milk and 46.5 pounds of fat for his 3 registered Holsteins. Rudy Anliker, of Goble, was second with an average production of 1229 pounds of milk and 42.9 pounds of fat for his 3 registered Holsteins. Fritz Anliker, of Goble, was third with an average production of 937 pounds of milk and 40.9 pounds of fat for 3 registered Holsteins.

For grade herds of 10 cows or less, E. J. Brooks, of Cornelius, was first with an average production of 635 pounds of milk and 34.0 pounds of fat for his 7 grade Jerseys. Bill Widmer, of St. Johns, was second with an average production of 618 pounds of milk and 28.6 pounds of fat for 5 grade Holsteins. J. L. Wright of Marshland, Oregon, was third with an average production of 531 pounds of milk and 24.5 pounds of fat for his 6 grade Guernseys.

For pure bred herds of more than 10 cows, Lyong and Dimick, of Sauvie's island, were first with an average production of 1206 pounds of milk and 39.6 pounds of fat for their 26 pure bred Holsteins. Hammer Brothers, of Deer Island, who have had a cinch on second place for six or eight months were again second this month, with an average production of 1180 pounds of milk and 37.6 pounds of fat for their herd of 19 registered Holsteins. Behrmann & Burbank, of Cornelius, were third with an average production of 644 pounds of milk and 36.2 pounds of fat for their herd of 22 registered Jerseys.

For grade herds of more than 10 cows, Fred Uhlman, of Scappoose, was again first with an average production of 918 pounds of milk and 37.1 pounds of fat for his herd of 19 grade Holsteins and Grade Guernseys. Herman Leibenow, of Cornelius, was second with an average production of 687 pounds of milk and 36.1 pounds of fat for his herd of 15 grade Jerseys. J. P. Hunt, of Sauvie's island, was third with an average production of 901 pounds of milk and 35.1 pounds of fat for his herd of 17 grade Holsteins.

For the honor high pure bred cow for January, there exists a tie between Palent, a registered Holstein, 6 years old, owned by Lewis Snider, of Warren, and Topsy, a registered Holstein, 5 years old, owned by Loren Johnson, of Scappoose. Palena gave 1476 pounds of milk and 63.5 pounds of fat, while Topsy gave 1671 pounds of milk and 63.6 pounds of fat during January.

Cow No. 14, a grade Jersey, 4 years old, owned by Henry Behrmann, of Cornelius, was high grade cow for the month. She produced 1321 pounds of milk and 83.2 pounds of fat during January.

Mrs. John D. Baker Celebrates Birthday

Saturday morning a group of old friends took their dinner and gathered at the home of Mrs. John D. Baker to celebrate her 50th birthday. The day was spent in visiting.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baker, Mrs. Lou Rogers, Mrs. Henry Beaver, Mrs. Evan Trehanne and baby, Mrs. Russell Stanton and baby, Mrs. Harry Wilson, Mrs. Earl Snyder, Mrs. Mae Cram and baby, Mrs. Judson Weed, Mrs. O. G. Weed and two daughters, Mrs. Lester Mowe, Mrs. Ellen Smith and granddaughter, Mrs. M. J. John, Miss Emerald John and Jeanette John.

Five Appointed On Park Board

Council Delegates Supervision Of Local Park

Charter Revision Needed

To Ask For 24-Hour Telephone Service in Vernonia.

Starting for the first time this year at promptly 8 o'clock, with high hopes for a short session, the weary city solons wended their respective ways homeward Monday night at or about 11:45 p.m., with but two ordinances passed and two committees appointed to show for their evening's constructive labor.

Several complaints were heard which took some time to adjust. The electric motor installed by the Fairbanks-Morse company and tested out Monday afternoon was not sufficient to keep the water tanks full without running to an overflow capacity. A 40 horsepower motor is needed, according to the experts who met with the council Monday. They were asked to give a definite cost and guarantee to the council before the change takes place.

An ordinance was passed authorizing the mayor to appoint a park commission, who will serve for one year and will have the power to control, lay out, improve and generally supervise the city park, as well as disburse money, the latter with the consent of the council.

The commission will appoint its own secretary, but the city treasurer will be the treasurer of the park commission. Those appointed by the mayor and approved by the council were: Dr. Ella Wight, Mrs. J. Greenman, Mrs. Mark E. Moe, Lester Sheeley and Wm. Pringle. They will hold regular meetings the first Tuesday in each month.

Ordinance number 159, providing for an issue of improvement bonds was passed and ordered published at least 10 days previous to the sale of the bonds.

Discussion was brought up again relevant to the authority of the city in forcing property owners to construct cement sidewalks. It was found that the city charter does not provide for the council having any power in respect to sidewalks, and the opinion was expressed that the charter is faulty in this respect. At the present time the council cannot require anyone to build a sidewalk, and the only way they can acquire that power is by a charter amendment to be voted on at an election by the people. Other discrepancies in the charter were pointed out with the result that a committee of four was appointed to investigate the advisability of charter revision and make recommendations in the near future. The following were appointed on this committee: W. A. Harris, Lester Sheeley, Mark E. Moe and D. B. Reasoner.

Breeders and Owners Of Shorthorns Meet

Breeders and owners of Shorthorn cattle of Columbia county met at St. Helens, Friday Feb. 11, for their annual meeting. The county was well represented by breeders from all sections.

Guy L. Tarbell of Yankton was elected president, G. M. Burlingham of Birkenfeld, vice president, and R. E. Tarbell of Warren, secretary and treasurer. Silas Keller of Rainier and A. H. Tarbell of Warren were chosen as directors.

Frank Brown, of Carlton, special representative of the American Shorthorn Breeders association, was present and gave a very interesting talk on cattle conditions in the north west and also in the eastern states.

Mr. Brown who has just completed a tour of the middle east and southern states, stated that there was a marked shortage of cattle in the United States, especially in this true of registered beef cattle. The range men are beginning to want bulls and find it very hard to find them of the right age.

Shorthorn breeders of the north west are trying to get enough bulls together for a sale in Portland in March, but find it very hard to get enough.

Geo. Nelson, county agent, also stated that the number of beef cattle in this county has been greatly reduced the last four years, but that conditions which have been very poor for the breeders of beef cattle, are looking much better at this time.