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## Council Saves City's Money

### Buy Up Own Improvement Bonds at Par Value.

## Sinking Fund Money Used

### Property Owners On The East Side Petition For Improvements

By bidding in the city's own improvement bonds offered for sale Monday the local council effected a considerable saving to the city. With money on hand in a sinking fund set aside to pay off general obligation bonds on the city, which are 20-year bonds that no payments are permitted on in less than 10 years, the council was able to raise nearly enough to pay off the price of the improvement bonds. A warrant issued on the bank will soon be paid off with tax money soon coming in for the remainder.

The city saved a five per cent commission to a bond company, \$75 to \$100 fees for approval of the bonds and the interest reverts to the sinking fund from which the money was borrowed.

A petition was received from the property owners to have the following streets graded, graveled and curbs put in: Washington avenue from Bridge street north to C. street, Washington avenue on C. street to state street, Washington avenue to State street on B street. The petition was referred back to the property owners for correction. It will probably be passed on at the next council meeting.

## Bermuda Sweet Potato

### Best In Food Quality

The red Bermuda and big stem Jersey varieties of sweet potatoes have the best appearance, texture and flavor of five varieties tested in an experiment station out by food economics student in the school of home economics. The varieties were the triumph, from the Umatilla branch experiment station in eastern Oregon; yellow Strassburg, Porto Rico, big yellow Jersey and red Bermuda from Richmond, Wash.

Each variety was boiled, baked and mashed, one was made into a pie and one was candied. They were served hot and scored by a committee of eight members of the home economics faculty of the agricultural department. The qualities of color, texture, moisture and flavor were judged.

The big stem Jersey appeared the best. The color ranged from light orange to deep yellow. The flavor was fairly good. The texture was less moist than any of the others, for which reason it is suitable for baking.

The red Bermuda was second in general appearance but first in flavor and texture. The color was a pale yellow. The texture was moist and the flavor sweet. This variety is best for boiling or mashing, or for cooking in ways that do not disguise or add flavor.

The Porto Rico was a dark, orange, moist and soggy, and of a poor watery flavor. It is suitable for pies, because the flavor may be enriched with added ingredients.

The color of the triumph was an unattractive yellow but the flavor was sweet and the texture moist. The color is disguised when the potato is candied or used in pies.

The Strassburg was third in general appearance. It was light yellow, moist and of average flavor.

Twenty-seven members, including seven candidates for initiation in the page degree, of the local Knights of Pythias, attended the county convention at St. Helens Tuesday evening. The convention was addressed by Edison Ballagh, grand chancellor; Judge Morrow of Portland; Walter G. Gleason, grand K.R.S., and many others.

## Mayger Quintet Annexes Title

The Annual Grade School Basketball Meet drew a capacity crowd on both days. The preliminaries started tuesday Friday afternoon with a slow game in which Vernonia defeated Warren easily 20 to 7. Few thrills were provided by this affair. The other preliminary games offered even fewer thrills with one exception. On the third game the work of Honiff, guard and center for McBride, against the fast Clatskanie five brought the crowd to its feet in cheers for the gallant attempt which fell far short, netting only five points against 16 for the victors.

St. Helens took an easy game from Delena, 9 to 34 and Mayger an inkling of their strength by emerging on the long end of a 49 to 7 score in a lopsided exhibition in Scappoose.

In the last game of the evening Rainier showing little to raise the hopes of the home town fans took Yankton into camp to the tune of 32 to 4.

The evening's drawing matched Rainier and Vernonia for the first game Saturday A. M. Clatskanie drew St. Helens and Mayger finished up a rabbit's foot to help them draw a by, but afterward agreed to play a matched game with Rainier second team.

The consolation group was matched for afternoon games, Delena vs Yankton, McBride vs Warren. The winners to compete for consolation honors in the evening.

The day began auspiciously with a whirlwind first half ending 5 to 6 for Rainier. Vernonia came back strong in the last half and filed up a lead enabling them to eliminate Rainier 22 to 10.

The second game of the morning proved the first real thriller of the tournament. The speedy Clatskanie hoopsters fighting hard against a much larger and stronger St. Helens quint. It was anybody's game to the last few seconds of play when Stevens, St. Helens, guard dropped in a long shot and cinched the game for his team 15 to 12.

Mayger easily defeated the Rainier second stringers 31 to 5.

The consolation games were tame affairs, McBride and Delena going into the finals which McBride, largely through the outstanding work of Honiff, won handily 31-15.

The draw for the semi-finals Saturday P. M. matched St. Helens and Vernonia; Clatskanie and Mayger.

Vernonia upset the dope by downing the heavy experienced county seat quint in the hardest fought game of the tournament on overtime period giving Vernonia the decision 14 to 12.

This game brought together two of the tournament's stars, Gagnier of St. Helens and Adams of Vernonia, both playing centers though Adams is a guard. Both proved their right to all county honors. Gagnier scoring 11 of his team points and Adams 12 for his playmates.

Mayger emerged an easy victor over Clatskanie, and not extending themselves to win 23 to 19. Johnny Wirkkala showed to advantage constantly eluding the man set to dog his steps and dropping in counters almost at will.

The final game of the tournament brought together the two undefeated teams, Vernonia and Mayger. Vernonia put up a good fight, but it was plain that their afternoon game with St. Helens had sapped the strength of the team and Mayger took the tournament and the cup 21-11.

Line up  
Vernonia  
Oberst 6 R. F. Jacobson 4  
Bennett 4 L. F. J. Wirkkala 14  
Adams 3 C Nieminen  
Berg 2 R. G. Matson 2  
Bell 2 L. G. Wirkkala, E 1  
Referee Black

Immediately following the final game G. Clement of Rainier presented cups to Wirkkala of Mayger, Adams of Vernonia and Shopmeyer of McBride as captains of their respective teams.

R. K. Black announced the all County Team as picked by the coaches and officials.  
First Team, Clark, Rainier R. F. J. Wirkkala, Mayger L. F.; Gagnier, St. Helens C; Honiff, McBride R. G.; Adams, Vernonia L. G.

Second Team, Holombo, Clatskanie  
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## President Coolidge Proclaims American Forest Week April 24-30

The week of April 24-30 has been officially designated for nation-wide observance as "American Forest Week" by President Coolidge, in a proclamation made public by the United States department of agriculture.

This year will mark the seventh annual observance of the week, president Harding in 1921 having issued the first proclamation which brought the federal government behind the movement. Of the numerous weeks observed in the country, this is the only one to which the government of the United States has given recognition and support.

The president proclaimed the 1927 American forest week "in the belief that no other of our internal problems is of greater moment than the rehabilitation of our forests, now so hopefully begun but needing the strong support of our collective will and intelligence." He emphasized the importance of farm forestry as a means for lessening agricultural surpluses and meeting the problem of agricultural overproduction, and the resulting depression in the farming industry.

"One-fourth of our soil is better suited to timber-growing than anything else. I can not escape the conviction that our industrial and agricultural stability will be strengthened by bringing into full productive use this great empire of land. Although much progress has been made in public forestry and hopeful beginnings in private forestry, we still have a vast aggregate of idle or semi-idle forest land, and another large aggregate of poor farm land that might more profitably grow timber instead of adding to the problem of agricultural overproduction."

Agriculture would find in timber growing a strong ally, the president said, providing markets for farm produce and for surplus labor.

American forest week this year will assume an international scope through the fact that Canada will observe forest week at the same time. Through the department of state, the Mexican government also has been invited to participate in this year's campaign for the protection, perpetuation and right use of the forests.

In making public the president's proclamation, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine pointed out that special significance is attached to the observance of the week in 1927 in view of the disastrous fire season through which the country passed last summer and of the need for bringing home to the people of the nation the necessity for adequate protection of the forests.

Cooperation between the federal government and the states under the Clarke-McNary act has just got into full swing as well, he said, and 41 states and the territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico are now cooperating with the government in the forest protection and reforestation activities for which the law provides. Thirty states have appointed extension foresters and are cooperating with the government in assisting farmers in the handling of their woodlands.

The week will be directed by an American forest week committee, of which Frank O. Lowden of Illinois is chairman. Nearly 100 organizations, representing outdoor, wild life, and recreational interests, foresters and forestry associations, the lumber industry, consumers of forest products, labor, scientific, civic, and women's organizations, as well as the state and federal governments. The American Federation of Labor, the Farm Bureau federation, the National Grange, the American Legion, the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, the Boy Scouts, and Camp Fire girls, the National Lumber Manufacturers association, General federation of Women's clubs, Young Women's Christian association, National Catholic Welfare conference, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of America are included among the cooperating organizations. Local forest week committees are being organized in every state.

Two new subscriptions were received this week. One from Portland and one from Troutdale, they "want to read the Eagle."

## Two Houses Totally Destroyed By Fire On Sunday Morning

Fire which broke out from an unknown source at 4 a. m. Sunday morning totally destroyed two houses near the mile bridge, east of Vernonia. Owners of the houses were E. E. Mills and Geo. Terrien. Two houses on each side belonging to Chas. Wilson and Bert Nelson, respectively, were scorched and slightly damaged. All were fairly well covered with insurance, except the Terrien house in which the furniture was a complete loss.

The fire had gained considerable headway before the alarm had been turned in and the fire truck could get on the scene. Efforts were spent in saving the two houses nearby. A small shack in the rear of one of the houses also burned.

## Christian Endeavor Convention April 21

Advance registrations and general interest indicate that the state Christian Endeavor convention to be held in Oregon City April 21, 24 will be one of the best in the organization's history.

Oregon City business men and the churches of the city are giving the convention their hearty support, and preparations to entertain it are being made by a committee there of which Rev. M. M. Stocker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, is Chairman. Promotion of state-wide interest and registration is being headed by Dallas C. Rice, Field Secretary of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union.

The committee on program announces many speakers of ability and interest, including: Rev. S. Earl DuBois, of Portland who will tell of his journey through Palestine, illustrating his talk with stereopticon pictures; Mr. E. P. Gates, of Boston, General Secretary of the United Society Endeavor Mr. Paul C. Brown, of Los Angeles, Pacific Coast Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor; Dr. J. B. Hunley, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Walla Walla; Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem; Mr. B. F. Irvine, blind editor of the Oregon Journal; Mrs. Charles W. Williams, of Portland, Pacific Coast Secretary of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church; Dr. Georgia B. Sattler, of Seattle; and Mr. Ernest W. Peterson, of Portland, church editor of the Oregon Journal. Professor C. H. Hohgatt, of Eugene will lead the singing.

Other speakers and conference leaders will be announced later. The program will include practical helps in methods, inspiration, and demonstrational novelties. Judge Jacob Kanzler, president of the organization will preside.

Registered delegates will receive badge and program and free lodging and breakfasts, on the Harvard plan of entertainment.

## F. A. McBarron Fatally Injured

F. A. McBarron was shot in the abdomen about 6 p.m. Tuesday evening at his home here while cleaning his revolver. He was immediately rushed to a Portland hospital, but died soon after reaching there. Local folk were shocked by the sad news, as Mr. McBarron was very popular and had many friends in Vernonia. Many expressions of sympathy for his mother, wife and child were heard here yesterday.

Mr. McBarron held the position of timekeeper and storekeeper at the Oregon-American Lumber company mill in Vernonia for more than two years. He was also the director of Mac's band and orchestra, a local organization that presented two concerts during the past winter.

Enjoy Sergeant Finney of the Force, the comic strip running in the Eagle. He is clever and experience has made him wise, but the old fellow gets one slipped over on him now and then.

## Vernonia Girl Elected Y. W. G. A. Secretary

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, March 14—Margaret M. Smith of Vernonia, freshman in vocational education, has been elected secretary of the college Y. W. C. A. Miss Smith was graduated from the Vernonia high school, but since that time taken up her residence at Corvallis.

## Acord Building To House Local Firms

R. M. Acord, who plans to build a large building soon next to the bridge on Bridge street, states that preference will be given to local firms desiring to lease space in the new structure. Mr. Acord is of the opinion that by the end of this week all the legal red tape connected with the enterprise will have been completed and that construction will begin soon afterward.

There will be a theatre room 110x45 feet in the building with a 550 seating capacity. The theatre will have two rear exits. It is almost a certainty that one 40x80 feet space will be occupied by a new J. C. Penny store. This concern is known to have been seeking a favorable location in Vernonia for some months past.

There will be five store rooms on the floor about 24x18 feet in size. An entrance in front will lead to the second floor, where there will be a large lodge hall, and professional offices. The building will be supplied with steam heat and hot and cold water, except the theatre which will use hot air.

## Firmer Tone Noted In The Fir Market

Portland, Oregon, March 14.—Select cutting appears slightly firmer, while some of the fir mills, notably cargo plants, are seeking common cutting business, according to the current issue of the Four L Lumber News. A little improvement is noted in the prices of upper grades, fewer mills apparently pushing straight cars of excess items on the yard trade.

The Four L Lumber News thus sums up other features in the fir lumber market:

"Chicago buyers are becoming active once more, the demand for fir joists being especially improved. Some fair priced orders for timbers have even been sent out by Chicago commission firms.

"Railroad purchases are featured by the Burlington schedule just now being placed, and by the great number of comparatively small lots bought by eastern roads. The coast roads are all buying about up to expectations. As in 1926 it seems that six-inch clear car material is destined this year to hold close to the same price as four-inch, the former spreads being now almost disregarded.

"Line yard buying for the spring has begun, and the general opinion is that the small town trade will this year fully offset any slackening in building in the cities, much of whose construction work uses but a small percentage of good lumber at any time.

"Cargo mills feel the dullness in the export trade, except at concession prices, rather keenly. Clear hemlock has had a good market in Japan, thus accounting for the scarcity of hemlock drop siding for the rail trade, but this demand seems to be falling off."

## New Christian Church Was Occupied Sunday

After many months of slow construction because of the members' policy to "pay as they built," the new Christian church was occupied for the first time Sunday. Although the finishing work is not entirely completed, the building is in good shape for use.

A crowded house greeted the pastor, O. L. Curtis, for both the Sunday school and church sessions. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir. The formal dedication has been postponed until sometime next month, when revival services will be held in the new edifice.

## "Plant Berries" Is Advice Given

### A. E. Allen Addresses Local Chamber Of Commerce.

## Soil Is Favorable Here

### An Additional Large Fall Planting of Beans Will Insure Station Here

Hon. A. E. Allen, Columbia county's representative in the state legislature, spoke Friday noon at the chamber of commerce luncheon here on the advisability of planting strawberries and beans as the two major crops that will, in his opinion, bring the quickest large net returns to local farmers.

Mr. Allen said that it is too late now to plant the Refugee beans, but he advised all that could to put in one acre of either Ettersburg or Improved Oregon Strawberries. He is confident of the success of either and local consumption can take care of the few that will be grown here this year.

"You have a fine payroll here," said Mr. Allen, "but don't do the same as the river towns did, disregard the logged off land. Taxes will not be paid on the cut over land and much of it will revert back to the county if no settlement work is done. Although not all land could grow cannerly stuff, it is quite apparent that most of the Nehalem valley is very deep and not rocky. The slopes are ideal for growing strawberries.

"Big acreages are a failure," Mr. Allen stated, "because it has been shown that a man who will put in two acres of one product and take first class care of it will net more from those two acres than five acres poorly taken care of. Farmers on the Columbia slope netted from \$250 to \$400 an acre profit on beans the past year, and that is a fair average of the past several years. Some make much more."

When asked whether a distributing station for the Allen & Hendrickson cannery at Rainier, of which A. E. Allen is manager, could be secured here this year, Mr. Allen stated that the volume of business would warrant it. With a sufficient acreage planted this fall, however, he thought a station might be installed here next year to take care of local consumption.

There was much discussion at the meeting concerning the Refugee bean which the cannery uses. Mr. Allen said that after many experiments and much investigation he had found a bean which was stringless and of a good flavor which was the most economical to can. The seed is obtained from a state in the middle west, since it will not grow here and produce beans of the quality desired. The prices netted from this bean are much higher than from any other kind, he said, and the grade was established with a sure market for all that the cannery can ship. These beans grow on the Columbia slope and he stated there is no reason why they will not grow here.

Mr. Allen will address a meeting of local farmers here in the near future.

## Legion Auxiliary Ends Drive With 118 Members

Monday night marked the end of the membership drive for the year of Vernonia post, American Legion Auxiliary, with a total of 118 members enrolled. The quota allotted to Vernonia was 100. But few towns in Oregon are reported to have exceeded their quota.

A well organized drive was carried on by this new organization, with the membership divided into two teams for competition. The losing team will treat the other. Mrs. J. C. Lindley headed the winning team and Mrs. Ralph Piel the losing one. A special meeting was held in the Legion hall Monday night to complete the work of signing up new members.