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Geo. A. Nelson Urges Dairying

Speaks in Favor of Industry At Chamber Meeting.

Big Payroll Year Around

Believes It Is Necessary To Have Cows in Valley Before Manufacturing

Geo. A. Nelson of St. Helens, Columbia county agent, spoke at the meeting of the local chamber of commerce in the social rooms of the Christian church Thursday night relative to which kind of agriculture should be introduced into the Nehalem to bring the quickest and best returns to the residents here. He favored the dairying industry.

"If you are going to build a city for the future," said Mr. Nelson, "it is necessary that there always be marketable crops in the vicinity. The timber is one of the first crops taken off here and the next logical step is the establishment of farm crops to take place of the income now derived from the timber. A decided advantage to any community is a good road in each direction.

"At the present time an extra highway to the coast is needed, because the Columbia highway is already too crowded during the summer and the time will likely come when it is too crowded most of the year. You may win support for the proper completion of the inland highway this year, but by keeping persistently after it, success will reward your efforts some day, and this vicinity will be immeasurably benefited thereby. The inland highway will be a vital asset to all of the county and this part of the state when it is put in proper condition.

"When the Nehalem's timber has been large removed, it will be necessary to depend on the second growth and other crops that can be raised," said Mr. Nelson. "Agriculture is the basic industry of the United States and it will be in Vernonia at some future date.

"A lot of land is being opened up now in the vicinity of Mist and Bikenfeld and more will be cultivated near Vernonia in the near future," according to Mr. Nelson, who stated that he believes dairying is the industry to be developed at this time. He says, "You could support a large creamery here that would mean an enormous payroll for the valley, and steady the whole year. Vernonia itself is a good market for dairy products.

"The creamery at St. Helens has a payroll of \$60,000 a year, with includes the wages of three men and the cream checks distributed to the dairymen. The dairy business is not seasonal, it is steady through all the seasons and is a good filler between the other crops. I believe it is the best business to start with in the Nehalem valley," said Mr. Nelson.

"At present there are very close to 300 cows in the Nehalem valley. Nearly all of these are needed to supply the local demand for raw milk. But the production of milk here and the profits shown compare favorably with those of other sections of the state. There should be 2000 cows here and a large butter or cheese manufacturing plant in Vernonia. Columbia is already a dairy county with 42 percent of the total agricultural business of the county classed as dairy products."

Mr. Nelson also stated that poultry and sheep can be raised successfully on logged-off lands, as well as vegetables and small fruits. Enough of the latter should be produced here to pay for the installation of a local cannery, he said. He hoped that it will be possible to interest dairymen to come to the Nehalem.

Investigate School Needs

Principal O. A. Anderson of the Vernonia grade schools spoke on the grade school situation here and pointed out that added classroom space is needed immediately. He asked that the chamber president appoint a committee to investigate. Please turn to page 4

Helen Heiber Heads School News Staff

A change in the method of reporting news for Vernonia high school and the grades was effected Tuesday by the appointment of a full staff, headed by Helen Heiber as editor, to replace the one correspondent elected each year to report the school news for the Eagle. The purpose is to divide up the work of gathering the news among several students and consequently give more complete information of school happenings. After this week, as much of one page as is needed will be used for school news.

By next week the staff will be working in earnest and the work outlined for the remainder of the term, according to Miss Heiber, who adds, "With the use of a page of the paper, an enthusiastic staff and cooperation among them we hope by the time of the next issue to have the staff organized and working together, consequently there will be results."

The remainder of the staff is as follows: Veldon Parker, assistant editor; sports, Ward Gooding; senior class reporter, Annie Laurie Laird; junior, Edward Roles; sophomore, Russell Peck; freshman, Phoebe Greenman.

Care of Oregon Lawns Depends on Kind Wanted

Lawns require different care varying with the soil and kind of lawn desired, says the landscape gardening and soils departments of Oregon state college. Slightly acid soils grow white clover but will not successfully grow Kentucky blue grass. Fertilizers that favor white clover are phosphoric acid and potash. Nitrate of soda or some organic ammoniate applied in the spring is satisfactory for blue-grass. Where the soil is very acid or a lawn free from weeds is necessary, creeping-bent grass is successfully grown. It grows in soils so acid that weeds won't live. By applying acid fertilizers as sulphate of ammonia a smooth turf can be obtained.

For small lawns in general it is practical to apply to a reliable seed dealer for a soluble nitrogen fertilizer for blue-grass, phosphate for white clover and a mixture of equal parts of ammonium sulfate and bone meal for creeping bent. These fertilizers are applied as a top dressing in the spring at the rate of 2 or 3 pounds to the square rod. They are put on when the lawn is dry. Otherwise it is soaked afterwards with a hose.

Planting of various vegetables in Oregon will be later than usual this season because of the unusual amount of rainfall and general backward spring, says the experiment station at the state college. Quick acting fertilizers as nitrate of soda and sulfate of ammonia are helpful in stimulating the growth of such vegetables as lettuce, peas, beets, carrots or spinach. These fertilizers are applied as a side dressing to the rows at the rate of 100 to 200 pounds to the acre or 1/2-1 pound per 100 foot row. They are preferably applied before or during a rain, care being taken that the fertilizer doesn't get on the plants.

Essay Contest Opens.

Concerned over the increase that took place in 1926 compared with 1925 in the number of highway grade crossing accidents and believing that more care should be exercised by all those crossing railroad tracks, the American Railway association announced recently plans for a nation-wide essay contest among the school and college students with three cash prizes of \$250 each.

One prize will be awarded for the best essay by a grammar student, a similar prize for the best essay by a high school student and a like amount for the best essay by a college student.

Under the rules prescribed by the association, the subject of the essay is to be "Cross Crossings Cautiously" and each essay is limited to 250 words.

The essays are to be sent to J. C. Caviston, secretary of the safety section of the American Railway association at 30 Vesey street, New York city, by not later than June 1.

Teddy W. Leavitt To Conduct Evangelistic Meetings

Services Will Be Held Each Evening, Starting April 3

Teddy W. Leavitt, who is said to be one of the most outstanding evangelists on the Pacific coast, will start evangelistic services here Sunday in the new Christian church. The meetings will be held every evening for one month. He is accompanied by Claude Neely, tenor soloist and song leader, and Helen De Rush Neely, pianist.

Evangelist Leavitt is a graduate of the Eugene Bible university, and has been actively engaged as a pastor and evangelist since that time. He is said to be an eloquent and powerful speaker.

Rev. Leavitt says: "You cannot be a Christian and be inactive. If you are living in this community and are not engaged in Christian work, you are backsliding. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. If you are a 'has been' get back on the firing line at the earliest possible moment and bear your share of the load. The rebuke of the Master to those who are turned away into everlasting punishment will not be 'you did not feel sorry for them,' but 'ye did it not!' Rally to the cause Show your colors. 'He that is not for me is against me.'"

The Leavitt-Neely Soul Winning company is the only evangelistic company in the west known to be doing strictly missionary work. For six years Evangelist Teddy Leavitt, head of the company, has given his and his wife's time to evangelistic work without a cent of salary. Recently the company has been organized with provisions to raise funds to pay salaries to those actively engaged in the field.

This team goes from place to place where there are no churches of Christ, or where the church is too small to be self supporting, and holds meetings, organizing, strengthening and building up churches. Thousands have been added to the church through their efforts and a number of new churches have been organized.

The team is composed of Evangelist Teddy W. Leavitt, Claude Neely, tenor soloist and song leader, and Helen De Rush Neely, pianist. Each of these are said to be especially talented in their particular line. The individual accomplishments and history of these folks is said to be a long story in itself.

The Church of Christ, or Christian church as it is also familiarly known, please turn to page 4.

Adjusted Bonus Loans To Be Made Available For War Veterans Soon

Head of Veterans' Organization Identify applications

Loans on adjusted bonus insurance certificates will be issued by the United States veterans' bureau, beginning shortly after April 1, according to A. B. Richeson of the veterans' bureau in Portland.

Allen W. Robertson of Eugene is slated to receive check No. 1 from the regional office of the bureau. His check will be for \$135. He secured the necessary forms from the East and mailed them in before the forms had even arrived in Portland. In fact, the forms have not arrived yet, but they are expected soon.

The loan which a veteran can secure will be the value of the certificate at date of application, which is given on the face of the certificate. Applications should be mailed in rather than submitted in person, wherever this is possible.

Applications for a loan must be identified by the head of a veterans' organization or by a government employee. The American Legion in Portland has volunteered its aid for those wishing to make out applications for the loan.—Journal.

Legion Vaudeville Pleases Audience

Amusing a crowded house for the better part of two hours at the Majestic theatre Monday night, the vaudeville show presented under the auspices of Vernonia post, American Legion, was said to have "gone over with a bang." So pleased were many of the patrons of the show that they have encouraged the local troupe to present the production in other places. It is said that an invitation already received from Clatskanie may be accepted.

The members of the cast in the show prefer to give the credit for the performance mainly to Dr. Geo. Pasto, who directed. Those who participated were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nance, T. P. Graham, R. L. Treharne, E. H. Washburn, Ralph Peil, J. E. Covington, L. Schultz, Dave O'Donnell, Elizabeth George, Lorraine Space and Mr. Yeo. Washburn managed the production.

After the show a banquet was held at the home of Mrs. Blankenship by the members of the cast as a tribute to Doctor Pasto.

Says Voters Responsible For Increasing The Tax Burden

Heaviest Increases in Taxes Have Occurred In The School Levies In This District.

St. Helens, Oregon
March 26, 1927.

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Dear Sirs:
There being numerous complaints from the Vernonia section, as to high taxes this year, I wish that you would print this statement of taxes levied in and around Vernonia for the years 1924, 1925 and 1926.

Special levies in city of Vernonia, voted by the people or by the common council.

Year	City tax	\$	Valuation	\$
1924	1,184.63	6,067.33	344,735.00	425,965.00
1925	15,031.43	14,856.80	430,700.00	430,700.00
1926	3,253.46	24,330.07	2,711,215.00	2,711,215.00
1924	24,330.07	44,319.84	3,159,750.00	3,159,750.00
1925	16,523.64	17,180.87	4,589,900.00	4,589,900.00
1926	34,492.92	50,623.51	5,206,325.00	5,206,325.00
1924	50,623.51	57,350.05	4,155,665.00	4,155,665.00
1925	9	54,775.65	5,624,835.00	5,624,835.00
1926	16	1,723.67	5,735,005.00	5,735,005.00
1924	16	2,555.79	5,477,565.00	5,477,565.00
1925	16	2,584.20	344,735.00	425,965.00
1926	16		430,700.00	430,700.00

Taxes levied by the state and county for state, school, and road purposes. Amounts shown are proportion paid by property within the corporate limits of the city of Vernonia, and in school district No. 47 respectively.

Amount paid by valuation in school district No. 47 after deducting amount apportioned to city of Vernonia.

Year	s. d.	Valuation	\$
1924	47	48,986.14	2,366,480.00
1925	47	55,222.46	2,733,785.00
1926	47	61,134.29	2,804,325.00

While a steady increase in valuations is noted in the last three years, it will be noted that the heaviest increase in taxes has occurred in the school levied, the union high school tax, which is more than doubled over last year, while the school tax in the elementary school is nearly double that of last year, and over thirteen and one-half times greater than in 1924.

All taxes above mentioned, with the exception of paragraphs 6 and 7 are voted by the voters of the respective districts, and from the above figures, it is readily apparent that the voters are largely responsible for the increasing tax burden.

Very truly yours,
W. S. Roberts
County Assessor.

Florida Residents Put Faith in Future

Miami, March 10, 1927.

Had a nice visit with Dr. Baker, brother of District Attorney John Baker, of Hood River. Dr. Baker has lived here for three years and had been coming to southern Florida many winters before that. He took us for a ride all around Miami Beach, pointing out improvements that had been made in the different parts of the city as well as at the beach, and one could not help being amazed at what has been done here.

"Five years ago there was nothing here," said Dr. Baker. "What is now Miami Beach was but a long, narrow sand beach that separated the ocean from Biscayne Bay. We used to come over here in a launch to bathe in the surf. The bay was shallow and a few high places above water, while the rest was a mangrove swamp, full of alligators. Now look at it. The land has all been filled in, the alligators are all gone, a causeway three miles long connects it with the business center of Miami, and the beach is well built up with large hotels, apartment houses and fine homes. This has all happened in five years. Last year the drives were lined with large shade trees and palms, but the hurricane has destroyed them all, except a few. Yet they will soon grow again."

We drove for several miles around the island, as it is now on account of canals being built through from the bay to the ocean. There are a number of large exclusive hotels, fine enough to suit the wealthy, fashionable guests, and and there are others for the ordinary people. One very fine hotel has rates from \$1.50 up, while others have a minimum charge of \$15. There is every class of accommodations. One hotel is on one of the man-made islands, for exclusive guests only.

A large, public bathing beach, with a million-dollar bath house, pier and amusement place now being erected, will take care of local folk and tourists who live on the mainland or those on the beach who are not in the exclusive hotels, some of the latter having beaches open only to their guests. With the temperature of the water from 72 to 74 degrees in winter, surf bathing is an attraction that would bring many tourists here regardless of anything else, so long as there are accommodations. Southern Florida has the only warm surf bathing in winter to be found on the mainland of the United States. Miami Beach is fast catching up with Palm Beach in attractiveness, fine hotels, exclusive residences and beauty of surroundings, yet is only five years old, while Palm Beach has been building for nearly 40 years.

Dr. Baker also took us out to where the Florida East Coast railroad is building large railroad shops, with five or six miles of switching tracks, while the Seaboard Air Line is building a similar place near by. The former road has also double tracked its road the entire length.

"What does all this mean?" said Dr. Baker. "There is not freight enough coming or going down here to warrant all this expenditure, yet the railroad officials must know what they are doing. They must have confidence in the future of Florida, or know of some large manufacturing enterprises that are coming here. People in the north think that Florida is dead; that it is a place of swamps, alligators, snakes and mosquitos, with no future. Yet men of wide vision are still pouring millions into permanent enterprises. The alligators have disappeared into the remote places, and I have never seen a rattlesnake out of captivity. Yet there are some here. I have faith in the future of Florida as a legitimate, growing proposition, but am glad the wild real estate speculation has stopped. Values were boosted out of all reason and had to drop sometime. We have our problems to solve in getting more land into cultivation, but it will be worked out in time. There are no crops raised here in summer, as most of the glade lands are covered with water in summer, but the drainage canals will correct that. We need farmers to raise crops in summer to supply the local demand, instead of having to ship in all of our foodstuffs except."

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Columbia County Fair Dates Set

September 2, 3, 4, 5 Designated By Fair Board.

T. J. Graham Is President

Fair Will Include One Sunday and Labor Day—Early This Year.

The 16th annual Columbia county fair will be held on the fair grounds at Deer Island September 2, 3, 4 and 5. This is the earliest that the fair will ever have been held. It will include Labor day and one Sunday. In place of the sports on Sunday there will be a well-known evangelist present to deliver a sermon and a band concert will be given. Saturday will be children's day and all children will be admitted free of charge.

The fair premium has been checked and revised. The most decided change was made in the school department. In club work there will be awarded five cash prizes of \$5 to \$1; for each club demonstration that is of sufficient merit will be awarded three prizes of \$3 to \$1. There are expected to be demonstrations in canning, making of prune bread and camp cookery. The work is to be judged by leaders of the state.

Because of financial conditions all school exhibits will be awarded ribbons; also points toward the grand prize for each of the different sized schools. The results of election of officers were as follows:

T. J. Graham of Marshland, president; R. N. Lovelace, Rainier, vice president; Elizabeth Murray, St. Helens, treasurer; Paul Adams, Warren, secretary. The following were elected department superintendents:

Ralph Tarbell, Warren, cattle, hogs, goats, sheep; A. L. Morris, Warren, agriculture; Ray Tarbell, Warren, poultry; George A. Nelson, St. Helens, livestock and club work; Mrs. Addie Levi, St. Helens, baking and canning; Mrs. Fred Adams, St. Helens, needle-work; Mrs. Arthur Mace, St. Helens, floral department; Miss Nina H. Little, St. Helens, children's clinic; Jarvis Davis, Jankton, Sports and races; Miss Elizabeth Murray, St. Helens, school department and club work.

Lester Sheeley Moves Office.

Lester Sheeley, city attorney and secretary of the Vernonia chamber of commerce, moved his office Friday to the Pringle building at the corner of Second and Bridge streets. The building has been partitioned off and Mr. Sheeley occupies the second office back from the front.

The chamber of commerce office and information bureau is in the front of the building. Wm. Pringle who has taken out a license to sell real estate, also has an office in the building.

Vernonia's Rose Festival Budding.

Plans for Vernonia's rose festival are progressing rapidly. The date, depending upon weather conditions, will not be set definitely until later. A plan whereby the Vernonia flower will be chosen by popular vote is being devised.

Prizes will be given for the best general display, that is an assortment of flowers and also for the best individual flowers of the following varieties: Rose, sweet pea, aster, dahlia, zenia and gladiola.

Tennis Meeting Held.

Friday after school a meeting was called for all those interested in tennis. The meeting was held in the senior room. Officers were elected and plans were discussed for getting the ground ready for use. Percy Bergerson arranged to have the grader here Wednesday which will level the ground. The members of the club will put on the finishing touches with their rakes and hoes. Since there are so many tennis enthusiasts, this work should be completed in a short time.

Last year the tennis club did considerable work on the courts of the grade school, but this year, since the ground is available, we are going to build courts of our own.