

Clean-up Day Is April 21

American Legion in Charge of
City Beautification

Half-holiday Is Declared

Street Petitions Engage
Attention of Council
At Monday Meeting.

Taking but a few minutes of its long session Monday night for the declaration of April 21 as Vernonia's 1927 Clean-up day, the council ordered that half of Thursday, April 21, be set aside for the cleaning and renovation of the city of Vernonia. The day was set in response to the request of Vernonia post, American Legion, who will have charge of the work. Detailed plans for the day will be announced in the next two issues of the Eagle.

County Roadmaster Hall made an estimation for the city on east side streets that were petitioned by the property owners to be improved. He reported that the cost would exceed the amounts available on nearly every parcel of land affected. There are tax claims against most of the property which amount to from one-half to two-thirds of the assessed valuation. If one lot is less than the estimated cost against that lot it will block the whole work, according to Mr. Hall.

The matter was referred back to the property owners to decide whether they can arrange to reduce the amounts charged against the property, or reduce the amount and cost of the improvement.

A petition was presented by property owners for the laying out of a street between Second and Third streets one block north of Bridge street. They claimed that this has been used interruptedly by the public for the past 40 years as a road. But the property is privately owned, except for a small parcel occupied by the city jail, and the council did not feel disposed to buy the property interfering in order to lay out a street. The matter was laid on the table for further consideration.

The feasibility of buying water meters for the whole city was discussed although no action was taken. It was reported that meters would cost more than \$10 each and that the saving in water to many users and the extra income to the city from the heavy users would soon pay for the meters. A method of raising the money to buy the meters was the difficult question which was not answered.

At present water users are entitled to 2000 gallons per month as a maximum for the flat rate charge. But at present a check-up of city water users, which did not include many of the heaviest users, revealed that the average consumption in Vernonia is in the neighborhood of 5000 gallons per month. This is believed to be an excessive amount of water for the rates and it is the opinion of members of the council that the maximum should be placed at 3000 gallons, with an extra charge for consumption greater than that for one month.

Grade Schools Welcome Public To Attend The Open House Day April 8

The Washington and Lincoln grade schools are having an "open house day, April 8. We are urging all parents, and people who have not children in school, to come on this day and visit each room. See the classes in session find out what we are doing and see the large exhibit of work both in classroom and art work. There will be some work of each child, in art on exhibit.

This exhibit is being held so that you can see what our school is really doing. Come and spend the day if you like, visit the classes in which you are most interested, hear the children recite and watch them work. "We expect you."

Mrs. Nichol, Art Superintendent.

Roads East Opening For Extended Travel

Transcontinental roads from the northwest to the eastern states are beginning to open for travel, according to word received by the Oregon State Motor association from the clubs located in the Rocky mountain districts where transcontinental roads have been blocked all winter by snow.

The best route at this time is the Old Oregon Trail to Odgen, Utah, crossing at that point to Echo City, which is located on the Lincoln highway, and following that highway east to Cheyenne where the motorist may drop south to Denver if he desires, or continue on the Lincoln highway to Omaha, Nebraska.

The road in Western Wyoming and eastern Utah in Echo canyon is still very muddy, and according to the last reports traffic was having difficulty in getting through, but the secretary of the Utah State Automobile association states in a report to the Oregon association he is certain the road will be dry and in good passable condition by April tenth. The road into Cheyenne is fair; good from there to Denver, and east by way of the Victory highway, or U. S. No. 40. The Lincoln highway from Cheyenne to Omaha is also reported good. The best route from Omaha to Chicago is by way of Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Dubuque, and Rockford. This routing from Omaha to Chicago is graveled or paved with the exception of 20 miles between Omaha and Sioux City which is bad when wet.

The Inland Automobile club of Spokane reports that the Yellowstone Trail from their city east will not be in good condition until the latter part of April or the first of May. However, travel will be able to get through by the middle of April by detouring by way of Sandpoint and Thompson Falls to Missoula. Roads in Montana are bad when wet so it depends on weather conditions entirely whether or not they will be in first class condition until late spring.

Motorists should not make the mistake of going south to Sacramento hoping to get east from there as the road passes in the Sierra Nevada mountains are closed with eight foot of snow, and will not be open for several months yet. If a southern route is desired, motorists should go south to Southern California and take the Old National Trails at Los Angeles. This is a good graveled road leading direct to Kansas City, and paved from there on to New York city. All transcontinental roads are open by the middle of June.

Evangelistic Services At Christian Church Draw Large Crowds

An overflow house greeted Evangelists Leavitt and Neely Sunday night. About twice the number turned out to hear Teddy Leavitt's message as were present for the morning service. It was necessary to secure additional seating facilities for those present. It is said that still more benches are being added that will make comfortable seats for all.

Special music is to be a feature of each service and a large choir is being organized by Mr. Neely. Evangelist Leavitt will discuss the following topics this week:

Thursday evening: "Is the Bible Inspired of God?"

Friday: "Archaeology a Proof of the Bible."

Saturday: "A strong Man's Finish."

Sunday morning: "Like a Man, Like a God."

Sunday evening: "Who Cares?"

STUDY CLUB MEETS

An interesting meeting was enjoyed by members of the Study club last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Judd Greenman discussed Shakespeare and his contemporaries. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. D. Cole April 14. The subject will be modern literature and each member is requested to name and discuss her favorite author.

A delightful lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. M. Space.

State will spend \$40,000 on Clatsop plains national guard encampment grounds at Astoria.

Southern Pacific Railroad to erect new passenger and freight station in Algoma.

Chamber of Commerce Will Hold Big Meeting Tonight in Church Hall

C. W. Loughlin, manager of the Astoria cooperative creamery, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the chamber of commerce tonight in the social rooms of the new Christian church. The ladies of the church have announced that supper will be served promptly at 6:30.

Secretary Lester Sheeley of the chamber of commerce earnestly asks that all persons interested in the development of the dairy industry of the Nehalem valley, whether members of the chamber or not, be present for the occasion. There is ample seating capacity for the crowd that is expected to attend.

Evangelists Teddy Leavitt and Claud Neely, who are conducting a campaign in the Christian church at present, have promised to be present and make short speeches tonight. Mr. Neely is also known to be an accomplished entertainer as well as a singer.

U. Of O. To Stage Track Meet April 23

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 5.—Track teams of all high schools in the state have been invited to a high school relay track meet, involving six regular and four special events which will be staged on Hayward field here on April 23 under the supervision of the university. The state championship and trophies in all events will be at stake.

The six regular events scheduled are the quarter mile relay, two mile relay, half mile relay, one mile relay, sprint medley relay and distance medley relay. In the sprint medley the distance will be 110 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards. In the longer medley, the distance will be 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards and 1320 yards. The special events for individual entries are the pole vault, broad jump, high jump and 100-yard dash.

According to Virgil D. Earl, director of athletics at the university, the response received already from high schools of the state have been encouraging. "A desire to stimulate track in the high schools of the state prompts those in charge of athletics here to hold this carnival," Mr. Earl said in a statement issued concerning the meet.

"Since the discontinuance of the state track meets held at Oregon agricultural college and the university of Oregon, revived by the Aggies this year after a lapse of several seasons, there has been a lack of incentive for high school boys to consider track a major sport. Oregon will endeavor to rehabilitate the sport with an annual relay carnival, the first to be on April 23.

SPECIAL FAIR PRIZE OFFERED

"E. H. Wise, of Roguelea Farm, Route 2, Grants Pass, Oregon, will award a purebred Jersey heifer calf, sired by St. Mawes Rhinda Lad Roaire, to the highest scoring Oregon Jersey Calf club member at the state fair on the following basis: Animal, 25 per cent, Showmanship, 25 per cent, Herdsmanship, 25 per cent, Record Book, 25 per cent.

The above award will be subject to the following conditions. Competition is open to grade or purebred Jersey females. Purebred animals must be registered in the name of the club member showing, with the American Jersey Cattle club, at least 30 days prior to the opening of the State Fair. All fitting and caring for the animal both prior to and during the State Fair must be done by the club member, and violations of this rule will disqualify members from competition. No club member will be awarded more than one calf."

American Flags Pre- sented to Churches

Led by Mrs. Sarah Spencer, members of the local Women's Relief corps appeared at the Sunday morning services of the Evangelical and Christian churches and presented each of those institutions with a large American flag.

The Relief Corps had previously given flags to the schools, with smaller flags to each room.

New Legion Hall Building Started Monday; Soon Done

With characteristic speed, the new Legion hall near the south end of first street was started Monday afternoon. It is to be a frame building 40x60 feet, facing east, about 20 feet back from the front of the lot. With practically all of the work being donated, the local boys expect to have the building on the road to completion by the first of next week.

The Legion membership drive, which closed March 31, was a disappointment to members of the local post. A total of 307 members were signed up by last Thursday night, but Couille had 89, which gave them a greater percentage increase of membership over the four-year average than Vernonia had by just four per cent. It means the loss of the large state Stewart trophy, but the retention of the district trophy. M. E. Carlin, who is responsible for getting about three-fourths of the members, says: "That's all right, we'll have nearly 100 more signed up within the next three months."

Mayor Guy Mills, R. M. Aldrich, president of the Vernonia chamber of commerce, and several others were photographed with legionnaires at the breaking of the ground for the new Legion hall Monday afternoon.

O.-A. Sells \$2,750,000 Issue of Bonds Recently

A bond issue of \$2,750,000 has just been sold by the Oregon-American Lumber company to a syndicate of investment firms, including A. G. Becker & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Ames Emerich & Co. and Baker, Fentress & Co. Proceeds from sale of bonds will be used to pay off funded indebtedness aggregating \$1,600,000, reimburse the company's treasury for expenditures already made and provide more working capital.

The creation of this issue called attention to the fact that lumber concerns which are committed to the mammoth merger on which the industry of the Pacific northwest is working are proceeding with their own financing just as though no merger were in prospect. Chas. S. Keith, president of the Oregon-American Lumber company, has been one of the more ardent advocates of the merger, and it was said Tuesday that sale of this issue of bonds by his company in no way indicates that it might not enter the amalgamation.

The new issue consists of first (closed) mortgage 6 per cent sinking fund gold bonds, dated April 1, 1927, and due April 1, 1942. The sinking fund provision binds the company to pay \$1.25 per 1000 feet into this retirement fund on all timber cut from its holdings up to April 1, 1930, or until 450,000-000 feet have been cut in case this total is reached before that date. Thereafter the sum of \$2.50 per 1000 feet is to be paid on the next 1,000,000,000 feet and thereafter \$3 per 1000 feet.

Timber holdings of the company in the vicinity of Vernonia cover 17,847 acres, estimated to contain over 1,581,000,000 of merchantable timber. The big modern mill which serves the company has a capacity of 180,000,000. It is owned by a subsidiary of the Central Coal & Coke company, which owns 80 per cent of the stock of the Oregon-American, and is operated under a lease. The timber holdings have been appraised at \$6,787,559 and logging equipment is valued at \$1,217,496. The total of net assets shown in the balance sheet, not deducting this issue, is \$10,030,013, or \$3647 for each \$1000 bond.

Earnings of the company after all charges, but before depreciation, depletion and interest, averaged \$541,861 a year for the three years ending Dec. 31, 1926. The maximum annual interest charge of these bonds will be \$165,000.

The bonds are to be offered by firms participating in the syndicate at par and interest, to yield 6 per cent. They are callable as a whole on any interest date on 60 days' notice at 105 or in part for the sinking fund at 102 and interest.

—Oregonian.
St. Helens Cooperative Creamery will spend \$5,000 on improvements.

Happenings Along The Way North

(By A. D. Moe)

Fayetteville, Tenn., March 17, 1927. We drove over the causeway at Daytona Monday morning to the famous Daytona Beach, where the sand packs hard on a sloping beach and makes a perfect driveway for about 15 miles. It is a favorite drive at low tide, sightseeing buses making a regular five-mile drive along the beach, and an automobile race is scheduled for this week at that place. Daytona is one of the old tourist cities and is still popular. Many large old homes still adorn the city, while very large trees are an attraction that would be worth millions to the resorts in the southern part of the state. The Indian river empties into the ocean at this place.

The Dixie highway goes north from here to St. Augustine, but goes inland a few miles, so that the ocean is not in view. Around Hastings, about half way between the two cities, is the potato country. Many large fields are seen along the highway, and they were near the blooming stage. Potatoes are a very profitable crop, as they are shipped to northern markets at a time to bring high prices.

St. Augustine is the oldest city in the United States, with many historic places. Here also are very old shade trees that line the streets, with old homes occupying a full block still remaining intact. Many of the streets are narrow, requiring one way traffic since the coming of automobile. The oldest house in the United States is used by the historical society as a museum. We visited the old fort, which was started by the Spaniards in 1636 and finally completed many years later. It is open to the public and a guide shows visitors around and points out the various historical rooms, dungeons, etc. It was built not long after Moro castle in Havana, and many of the rooms, torture chambers and dungeons have a similar appearance.

Leaving St. Augustine we drove to Jacksonville, which has always been the commercial center of the state, but in later years a rival of Tampa, the latter now claiming a supremacy. We crossed a toll bridge over the St. Johns river before entering the city and went to the postoffice for mail, having to go around several blocks in congested traffic before we could find a place to get up to a curb with a car. Inquiring about the road to Atlanta we had the choice of two routes, one going north across the line into Georgia via Waycross, the other by way of Lake City, Fla., then north across the line to Valdosta. We heard many complaints about the roads in Georgia, so concluded to use the paved road to Lake City. We found the road paved to the state line, then good gravel and oiled surface roads the rest of the way. Georgia roads are good when it is dry, but roads not paved or graveled are bad in wet weather.

We stopped at Valdosta, Ga. for the night. We noticed along the highway going north signs out in most of the towns of "rooms for tourists." In this city we passed through the business street along a wide boulevard and beyond the business section were many large, fine houses, with well kept yards, some of which had these signs. Stopping at one we secured a very fine room and were made welcome genuine southern hospitality, with a space in their garage for the car. We learned that this custom is general on the highways in the south leading to Florida, starting during the boom when all hotels were full and tourists had to be taken care of in private homes. Tourist camps are quite frequent along the road, some with camping places only and a few with cabins. But they are way behind the west in sanitary conditions and the right kind of accommodations. Most of them are run by the native residents, and while they may suit the local people, are unsatisfactory to western tourists. The idea of pleasant, clean rooms in private homes, however, solves the problem.

The farther north we went the better the country looked. In southern Georgia the main crops are tobacco and cotton, with occasionally a pecan grove, and the country presents a more prosperous condition than we noticed going south through Mississippi. As we went north towards Atlanta many peach orchards were in bloom, and they

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River Chambers To Meet April 8

St. Helens To Be Scene of
Large Commerce Meeting

Gov. Patterson To Speak
To Seek Cooperation For
Development of Inland
Highway.

A meeting of vital importance to the whole lower Columbia river basin will be held Friday at St. Helens when the delegates and members of the Lower Columbia associated chambers of commerce will meet in conference to discuss many important matters in the way of development of this great section.

Governor I. L. Patterson will be one of the principal speakers of the day. The problem of reforestation will receive special attention at the conference. The promotion of the dairy interests and poultry raising will also come in for a share of attention at the meeting.

From present indications more than 200 visitors from the lower river districts will be in attendance. The migration to St. Helens will begin from Cannon Beach and will embrace representatives from Seaside, Astoria, Long Beach, Grays River, Cathlamet, Longview, St. Helens, Clatskanie, Rainier and Vernonia.

Lester Sheeley, secretary of the Vernonia chamber, will present the problem of the development of the inland highway. Since its development is said to be of importance to the whole section, he will ask for the cooperation of the other chambers in an attempt to get action on this project.

Secretary Hafenbrack of the St. Helens chamber has made known the program for the day. It is as follows:

3:30-Trip to and through the paper mill. Those desiring transportation are asked to be at the St. Helens chamber of commerce office at that time.

5:00-Meeting of the committees and directors, with president Norblad at the Methodist church, for a round-table discussion. The resolution, reforestation committees and the directors will be asked to be present.

6:30-Dinner in gymnasium of Methodist church. Community singing, following grace by a local pastor. Male quartet. Roll of communities. Introduction of those present.

"Contented Cows in the Lower Columbia," by C. W. Loughlin, manager of the Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairymen's association, Astoria.

"Can the Hens Straddle the Columbia?" by J. C. Lawrence, manager of the Washington-Egg cooperative association, Winlock, Washington.

"Pulp vs. Timber," by B. T. McBain, paper and pulp expert, Portland.

"What Price Forest Fires?" Maj. John D. Guthrie, U. S. forest service, Portland, assisted by the St. Helens high school students.

Address by Gov. I. L. Patterson of Oregon.

Destroy Weeds In Alfalfa Fields Now

Alfalfa fields should be thoroughly cultivated at this time with a harrow, states County Agent Nelson. The purpose of this is to destroy the weeds and grasses that have grown during the winter time, and the pulverizing of the ground which aids the alfalfa to better establish itself. This should be done by double harrowing the alfalfa both length-wise and cross-wise of the field, in order to fully destroy the grass and weeds.

The spring-tooth harrow should be used on alfalfa fields that are well established, as it will destroy the grass and weeds better and will not injure the alfalfa. On the newer seedings, the spike-tooth may be used. The harrowing not only helps to destroy the grass and weeds, but improves the growth of the alfalfa.