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Chamber Meet Huge Success

Governor Patterson Pointed Out Income Tax Necessity

A Representative Menu

Next Meeting of Association To Be In Grays River, Wn., in June.

Three hundred and thirty-three representatives from about 25 communities were present at the meeting of the Lower Columbia Associated chambers of commerce in St. Helens Friday night, according to Vernonia folk who attended. It was said to have been the most enthusiastic and largest attended meeting of the organization yet held.

Governor Patterson's address was of particular interest to members from Oregon as he pointed out the necessity of Oregon's voting the income tax in order that each citizen may carry his share of the state's financial burden.

Among the resolutions passed was one commending the governor and the state highway commission for its decision to complete the Roosevelt highway.

J. C. Lawrence, manager of the Washington Cooperative Egg and Poultry association at Winlock, spoke on the poultry business. His topic was "Can the Hen Straddle the Columbia?" "What Price Forest Fires?" by C. M. Granger, district forester of Portland, was enjoyed particularly by men associated with the lumbering industry. B. T. McBain, paper and pulp specialist of Portland, and vice president of two pulp mills proposed for Astoria, gave interesting facts pertaining to the pulp industry. Boy Scouts of St. Helens presented a clever stunt. James M. Kelly, also of St. Helens, entertained with a number of Scotch songs.

The banquet was served in the Methodist church, with President A. W. Norblad of Astoria presiding. The menu was printed on kraft paper made in the new plant of the St. Helens Pulp and Paper company, with communities represented in the club mentioned in the menu as follows: Fruit salad a la Skamokawa, creamed chicken en Winlock, pommes el Brownsmead, Cathlamet "scapled" corn, Grays River deviled eggs, Puget Island celery, Clatskanie pickles, frozen cream Astoria, St. Helens pride cake and Vernonia coffee. During the afternoon visitors were taken through the new St. Helens pulp and paper plant.

The next meeting of the association will be a noon session at Grays River, Wash., some time in June.

Vernonia folk who attended the meeting were Wm. Pringle, R. M. Aldrich, F. Malmsten, Lester Sheeley, Judd Greenman, N. Parker and A. Parker.

Eight Local Men Visit Southern Oregon Mines

Eight local men drove to the various mining districts in southern Oregon April 5, going as far south as Green mountain on the road to Klamath Falls, to visit the different sections and look after their interests there. They report that business conditions in all the towns they saw are no better than in Vernonia and many are not as good. They returned April 6.

Those making the trip were: J. W. Brown, J. P. McDonald, R. Seseman, C. C. Brown, Emil Messing, D. B. Reasoner, W. S. Lindsay, E. W. Holtham.

Athletic Club Fetes Husbands.

The Vernonia Ladies Athletic club gave one of the largest parties of the season with all husbands invited. The program started with community singing, followed by a solo by Mrs. Scott. Miss Veal entertained with a Scotch dance in costume, then the ladies went through the class exercises and continued with games of egg race, rabbit race, bird race, relay race, volley ball game and ring contest. Luncheon was served with 76 seated at the tables, which were decorated with flowers and Easter favors.

Wisconsin Has An Early Spring This Year

(By A. D. Moe)
Milwaukee, Wis., March 30, 1927.

We are enjoying a reunion after 15 years with Mr. and Mrs. Zeno F. Meyer. Mrs. Meyer is a sister of Mrs. Moe. They have been residents here for about 40 years and have watched the city grow to its present population of half a million.

Spring is farther advanced this year than usual. While the days have been chilly and rainy most of the time since we arrived, yet spring is here. Robins are on the lawns, and this morning angleworms were crawling on the sidewalks, to the delight of the birds. Not a single road is open from here or Chicago. The road around Milwaukee are mostly paved, extending as far west as Madison and as far north as Green Bay, but over all the rest of the state the roads are simply macadam and dirt. They say these roads are fine in summer or when frozen in winter, but bad going when it rains. And it has been raining, with the winter's snow melting previously. As the frost gradually comes to the surface from a depth of three or four feet, it leaves a bottomless road which a thin covering of gravel will not hold. As it is expressed here, "boils" occur where soft spots allow a car to drop to the running boards. This is the condition now. The bad roads are now closed to travel, as they are impassable and the traffic which drops into the "boils" spoils the roadbed. It is said there will be no roads open to St. Paul until next week.

Well, we are having a wonderful time here, so will forget about the roads. Also enjoying visits with my aunt, Mrs. Ella Moe, at Dousman, Wis., a short distance from here, and her son, Prof. Morris W. Moe, a teacher in the Milwaukee high school, and family. We were also entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Clark Austin, second cousins of the writer and Mrs. F. H. Blackman. We are taking in the sights of the city, and regret that it is not later in the year when the parks are beautiful with green lawns and flowers. In one of these parks is a zoo second in size only to the one in New York. Most of the animals are now indoors. A large greenhouse in another park contains sub-tropical plants and flowers that reminded us of the warmer climates we have visited.

One of the sights especially interesting to the writer was a visit to the new building and plant of the Milwaukee Journal, the leading newspaper of this city. In 1884, when I came to the metropolis from Princeton, Wis., where I served an apprenticeship in the office of the country paper, I was one of half a dozen compositors who set all the type of the Milwaukee Journal, then a little over a year old, a sheet of four to eight pages. The plant now occupies 4 floors and basement of their large building, with 600 employees. The huge presses were grinding out papers at the rate of 40,000 an hour, taking about four hours to complete the run.

Milwaukee is one of the old cities of the country, and a manufacturing center, over 400 industries, some of them immense in size, being located here. They have the advantage of the marine service of Lake Michigan, with cheap coal, cheap transportation on lake and railroads, and close to the center of population of the country. The large payrolls and permanent population make it a good business center. The city is expanding north, south and west, while along the lake front are fine boulevards and grand homes, many of them built many years ago. Near the business center several blocks of these old places are being torn down and the property converted into a park.

The big breweries, years ago among the largest industries of the city, have been converted into soft drink concerns, or turned into factory plants.

I hunted up an old namesake of mine whom I used to play with in Princeton, Wis., when a boy. When I first saw the light of day in that town at the close of the Civil war my mother thought there were too many Johns, Williams and Henrys in the town, so selected the name of Arthur, expecting it to be the only one of that name. Shortly after she discovered that two other mothers had thought

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New Ice Plant To Be Built in Ver- nonia Near Future

To Produce Four Tons Of Ice Per Day.

A plot of ground was purchased Saturday south of the Vernonia Trading company by O. Davidson, formerly of Redmond, Ore., upon which will be built in the near future an ice plant, which will manufacture that product for local consumption.

The capacity of the plant will be four tons of ice per day, says Mr. Davidson, who adds that he will develop the business of pasteurizing, bottling and delivering raw milk for local consumption.

The machinery for the plant has already been ordered and construction on the building will commence about April 20.

Frame of Legion Building Gives It Definite Shape

With the frame up and part of the siding on, the new Legion hall is taking definite shape that looks toward an early completion of the building. Many of the men who were unable to work during the week appeared Sunday to help with the construction.

Jokes are prevalent at all times about the efficiency of some of the "carpenters," but this seems not to deter them in their speed and determination to do all they can in the quickest time possible.

Numerous questions have been asked concerning financial assistance on the building. It is understood that the Legion has insufficient money to pay for all the material needed, but it is not the intention of the members of the local post to make any kind of solicitation of Vernonia citizens or even of their own membership.

One reason the post has such a large membership—more than 300—is because it is distinctly understood that when the yearly dues are paid that it is not obligatory upon the part of any member to make any further disbursements. They intend to hold to that policy. Many of the boys who were able and felt so inclined have donated \$5 and a few have given more. This goes into the building fund and is not used for any other purpose.

J. C. Lindley, finance officer of the post, will receive donations from all who care to make them to the building fund and the Legion will be most heartily grateful. Several local citizens have already given small amounts.

Crop Outlook Favorable Generally Over Oregon

Outlook for crops and ranges is favorable throughout Oregon says the monthly report on the agricultural situation issued by the O. A. C. extension service. Interest in poultry is sustained and dairying is in favor in most sections. New plantings of nuts and berries are being made. Land values increased \$5 per acre in irrigated sections but dry lands lost \$2 per acre in value last year.

It looks like an early spring for the United States, as two years ago and unlike last year. Spring work is well under way on the Pacific coast with conditions apparently as good as those of last year or better.

General level of farm prices in the United States decreased one point between February 15 and March 15 but the purchasing power of all agricultural products in terms of all non-agricultural commodities increased from 81 per cent to 82 per cent of the pre-war ratio from January to February.

There is nothing apparently in the industrial situation to influence the average farmer in his plans for production this year, says the report. Domestic demand will presumably be about the same as usual but foreign markets may not be so good owing to increasing agricultural production in both importing and exporting countries. A survey of 50,000 farms in the United States indicates some expansion of production again this year particularly in staple food and feed crops.

Dr. R. I. Hall, who left here about a year ago for Hubbard, arrived here yesterday. He is located in his former office which has been vacated by Dr. T. Laraway.

Vernonia Churches To Observe Easter Day Next Sunday

Evangelical, Christian and Catholic Churches.

Vernonia churches will observe Easter Sunday, April 17, with added decorations and a little extra observance of the day. Special Easter sermons have been prepared by the pastors.

W. F. Rademacher, pastor of the Evangelical church, will preach at that institution. Teddy Leavitt, who is holding evangelistic meetings at the Christian church, will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. C. Neely, song leaders, in presenting a special Easter message. Jos. P. Clancy of St. Helens will be here Saturday evening to administer the sacrament of penance at the Catholic church, and holy mass at 6 a.m. Sunday, when a class of 16 children will receive their holy communion.

Regulations For Hunting Migratory Birds Changed

Amended regulations under the federal migratory-bird treaty act, which becomes effective at once, have been adopted by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine and approved by the president. During the next hunting season it will be unlawful to take more than four woodcock a day (instead of six as formerly) and the only shorebirds that may be hunted during the seasons 1927 and 1928 are jacksnipe and woodcock, a two-year close season now being prescribed for greater and lesser yellowlegs. No changes are made in existing regulations affecting the length of seasons or size of bag limits on ducks and geese.

The use of sinkboxes on inland waters is prohibited, but on coastal waters sinkboxes may be used under restrictions that provide that each one must be at least 700 yards from any shore, island or other sinkbox. The use of motorboats and airplanes to drive and rally ducks to keep them moving and thus provide better shooting, is prohibited under the new regulations.

Local changes in the regulations affect the dates of open seasons for hunting wild fowl in north-eastern California the season is made October 1 to January 15, instead of the later period of October 16 to January 31, thus conforming with the season in southern Oregon, where climatic conditions are similar. In the five northern counties of Idaho the season is also made earlier to harmonize with that in Montana, as the two areas are climatically similar, the new season on wild fowl there being September 16 to December 31 instead of the former October 1 to January 15.

The foregoing amendments to the migratory-bird treaty act regulations were adopted by Secretary Jardine after careful consideration by the biological survey and public hearings on the matter.

The number of woodcock that may be taken in one day by any person during the prescribed open season is reduced by the new regulations from six to four birds. Investigations conducted by the department indicate that the woodcock is maintaining its numbers in New England, the north Atlantic coast states, and the maritime provinces of Canada, and that in portions of these areas it has increased materially. Reports from other sections are not so encouraging, however, and it has been decided, in view of the general situation, to add to the protection of the woodcock by making a moderate reduction in the daily bag limit.

The effect of amending the regulations to provide a two-year close season on greater and lesser yellowlegs is to place all species of shorebirds—except Wilson or jacksnipe and woodcock—on the list of migratory birds for which at present no open season is provided. No shorebird season will be permitted in 1927 and 1928 by federal regulation except in the case of woodcock and jacksnipe. Reports show that yellowlegs have not been increasing, and it becomes desirable to protect them completely for two years to give them a chance to multiply sufficiently to allow a moderate open season at the conclusion of the two-year period.

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What New Farm Market Review Means

Farm readers will be interested to know that the Eagle has arranged to publish each week a farm market review, one of which is in this issue.

Weekly farm market reviews are intended to throw light on the general trends of the markets for various agricultural commodities. The information is assembled from widely scattered sources by the bureau of agricultural economics of the U. S. department of agriculture and other agencies. It is rushed by wire, cable, airmail and otherwise to government specialists who compile it ready for release. Then it is rushed to cooperating specialists who adapt it to the needs of the farmers of the respective districts.

Farmers must constantly make decisions about what crops and livestock to produce and how much of each kind and quality—how, when and where to market their products. If wise decisions are made individual farmers are more prosperous and the agricultural industry of the state forges ahead faster than when mistakes are made.

To assist in this field the division of agricultural economics of the O. A. C. extension service has for many months been developing a system to collect and disseminate current agricultural economic information for Oregon farmers.

This is a comparatively new development. Heretofore most authoritative agricultural information has been concerned with improved methods of production. Farm leaders however have insisted for years that the business side of farming is equally important.

It is in no small measure due to the influence of farm organizations that the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture has been greatly strengthened and an extensive system of gathering economic, statistical and marketing information established under its leadership. Various agricultural colleges and other agencies are fast falling into line to supplement the work.

Together these agencies are in constant contact with agricultural affairs in nearly every county of the United States and in most foreign countries. It is thus possible to bring together, compile and release information on the trends of production and marketings that will throw much light in hitherto dark places. With suitable methods developed for getting this information to the actual farmers in time to assist them in making better decisions, it will be possible to base farm production and marketing programs on something better than merely a "best guess."

Four rather distinct but related methods of dissemination of current economic information are being developed: 1, annual agricultural outlook reports; 2, monthly agricultural situation reports; 3, weekly farm market reviews; 4, daily market reports. Each of these has its particular purpose and must be handled accordingly. The weekly market reviews are especially well adapted to the use of weekly rural papers, although they are also released by radio and to county agricultural agents in Oregon. The Eagle is to cooperate in this work in the interest of the agricultural industry.

P.-T. Program Tomorrow.

The Parent-Teacher association will hold their regular meeting at 3 p.m. Friday at the high school auditorium. There will be community singing and the president's message. Veldon Parker will present a cornet solo. Dr. Ella Wight will talk on beautifying home gardens and school grounds.

Nutrition Meeting April 22.

There will be a nutrition meeting held by Miss Lucy A. Case at Birkenfeld on Friday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There will be a salad demonstration in the morning. A talk in the afternoon on "How to Eat and Grow Thin," "How to Eat and Grow Fat" and "Plan on Balanced Meals for the Family."

Each person is asked to bring a good sized pan or mixing bowl and a paring knife. Everybody is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett were in Portland Sunday visiting at the Doernbecher Memorial hospital, where their baby is convalescing.

Bond Election On April 30

Voters of District 47 Will De- cide Question

Issue Calls For \$75,000

Need of Reconstructing Washington School Is Pointed Out.

The school board of district 47 has set April 30 as the date for voting on a \$75,000 bond issue for the purpose of reconstructing the Washington school and erecting and furnishing new classrooms, gymnasium and auditorium.

It has been pointed out that there is immediate need for more classroom space, since some of the classes are now meeting in basement rooms that do not meet state requirements for such rooms and which are difficult to heat.

F. A. Stokes, Portland architect, has been retained by the board to draw up plans for this addition. It is planned to move the old part, or the original building, to one side and add to the new part. The old part would still be put to effective use, according to members of the board.

In support of the proposed project the Parent-Teacher association has made the following investigation and recommendations:

Being a committee appointed by your president to investigate the need for a new grade school in Vernonia, we have the following report, information and recommendations to offer:

In the first place the sensible thing to do will be to ask, why a new school in Vernonia? Is it necessary? One glance at the present inadequate buildings should be convincing, but with the actual figures before you, there can surely be no chance for argument. We wish you to know that the old part of the Washington school is standard but that the Lincoln school and the late addition to the Washington school will not pass the requirements for a standard school. There are three rooms in the Washington school unfit for school purposes, which, because of the crowded conditions, must be used. Seventy-five Vernonia children are being taught in rooms that have less than one-third of the standard amount of light allotted. Electric lights are necessary practically all the day. The ventilation is a fright, the bad air from the toilets can not be entirely shut out, and the heating facilities are very poor.

Our school yards are a disgrace to able-bodied citizens. Modern schools have lunch rooms, a gymnasium, light, healthful classrooms, a principal's office, etc. Our school rooms are overcrowded; teachers have more pupils than the average, our census shows 952 children of school age, the present school enrollment is 504, with 47 graduating and probably 80 beginners. Where are we going to put them? In light of the above facts it seems only imperative that we build a new school and do it now.

We cannot afford not to build. Right now when the timber and mill companies are paying the greater share of our taxes is when we should have good schools. Do you realize that the town of Vernonia pays only two-sixteenths of the school taxes, the outlying farms and the private owned lands pay one-sixteenth, and the remaining thirteen-sixteenths is paid by timber interests. The valuation of the Vernonia school districts—47 and 53—total \$3,476,205, almost twice the valuation of the next largest school district in the county. The tax levy for schools in other county towns is: Rainier 15.7 mills, St. Helens 29.7 mills, Clatskanie 25.5 mills, and Vernonia 13.7 mills.

Charged With Assault.

J. Culbertson, who participated in the raid on Y. Koto's noodle parlor March 28, was arraigned April 7 before Judge Reasoner on a complaint by Koto alleging assault and battery. The time of the trial was set for April 16, at 11:30 a.m.