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## Bond Election Is Voted Down

### Taxpayers Vote Against The \$75,000 Issue.

### 67 For; 207 Against

#### No Movement Has Been Started Yet To Call Another Election For A Lesser Bond Issue

By a vote of 207 for and 67 against, the \$75,000 bond issue voted on Saturday by the taxpayers of school district 47 was defeated. Local sentiment was strongly against the expenditure of this amount of money for the school as it had been planned.

Many who voted against the bond issue, declared that they were in favor of construction of some kind to alleviate the class room situation, and thus take the children out of the basement rooms. Others said they were opposed to any additional building at this time, that taxes are too high now.

No concerted effort is being started yet for the calling of another election, since the overwhelming defeat of the recent one leaves supporters of the project in doubt as to whether any amount of additional taxation would be passed upon favorable by the taxpayers.

## Parent-Teacher Assn. Elects New Officers

The parents and teachers of Vernonia held their last meeting of this school year at the Washington school on Monday evening. The following officers were elected for next year: President, Mrs. Madge Rogers; vice president, Mrs. E. A. Green; secretary, Miss Lenore Kizer; treasurer, Mrs. Marjorie Cole; sergeant-at-arms, Edwin Condit; reporter, Mrs. O. A. Anderson.

The society voted to help Mrs. John L. Stora of St. Helens, who is county P.-T. A president, and one of the state vice presidents, to the 31st annual national convention of the Congress of Parents and Teachers to be held at Oakland, Cal., this summer.

Jack Taylor, a seventh grade boy, told how the seventh grade earned the picture of "Phantom Canyon" in a most interesting manner.

The association has been responsible for placing four pictures in the grade schools and one in the high school through competitive attendance of the parents at the meetings. The rooms winning pictures are taught by Mrs. P. Wilkerson, Mrs. E. Ray, Miss K. Mitchell, Mrs. M. Nichol, Mrs. Neil and the freshman class.

The association gave \$20 toward securing a county moving picture machine for use in the schools of the county. The Vernonia schools will keep the machine a portion of the time and show educational pictures.

The members paid their dues for next year in accordance with a new rule passed by the state organization. The secretary, Miss Kizer is still receiving dues from those who wish to pay for 1927-28.—Contributed.

### Study Club Elects

The Vernonia Study club met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Reithner Thursday afternoon. New officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Judd Greenman; vice president, Mrs. A. E. Green, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. D. Cole.

The subject of the afternoon was "The Family," which was enthusiastically discussed by all members present. Dainty refreshments of sandwiches, tea cakes and tea were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lindley, when there will be a discussion of household problems. Each member is urged to be present with some problems to be solved.

Teaching the family to throw the bed covers straight back from the bed when arising and not to throw them sidewise is an aid to the bed maker.

## O. A. C. Campus Week End All Set For May 13-14

Campus week-end, the gala time of college students, has been set for May 13 and 14. The freshmen will announce themselves free from rook traditions when they burn their rook lids at the "burning of the green," an event outstanding in the life of every freshman. Another traditional event looked forward to by every freshman and sophomore is the rook-sophomore tug-of-war. The losing class is thrown into the mill race by the winners.

Outstanding among the week-end festivities are the athletic events. The first intercollegiate polo tournament to be played on the local field will start May 12, Washington, Stanford and Oregon agricultural college polo teams will cross mallets in this three-day meet to determine the coast championship. The first annual Oregon state interscholastic track and field meet in which 26 high schools throughout the state have entered will be run off Saturday. The high school coaches will be given a banquet in the evening following the meet.

Varsity tennis teams of the University of Oregon and the Aggies will clash in a dual meet, while the rooks meet the Oregon frosh in their first game of the series. Another feature of Saturday's event is the rook baseball game with the Oregon yearlings.

The annual junior vaudeville Friday night will be the opening event. Stunts will be presented by the three upper classes and several features will be added to the program including a musical review.

## Control of Fire Is Taught Young Men

Campfire building and control of fire has been made an important part of the training at the Y. W. C. A. summer camp at Spirit lake on the Columbia national forest. Their plans might well be followed by other individuals and groups, according to forest service men who have seen the system work at this camp.

The Y. W. C. A. camp director is deputized as a U. S. forest service fire guard and given authority to issue the regular camp fire permit. When a group of boys starts out for a hike or a woods trip, he issues one permit to the trip-leader. So far as possible, location and time of all proposed camping places and camp fires are set down on the permit and the forest fire lookouts informed by telephone.

The trip-leader then issues permits to squad-leaders, all of whom are older boys, for the building of single camp fires. Before the permit is issued the trip-leader must be satisfied that the fire is to be located in a safe place, before the party leaves the camping spot the squad-leader puts out the fire completely, the trip-leader inspects the work, and they both initial the permit. All permits are filed with the camp director upon return to the main camp. Absolutely no fires are built by any of the boys without a permit.

The Y. W. C. A. Spirit lake camp has been in continuous operation for nineteen years. Every year an average of not less than one hundred individual camp fires are built by the boys on these hiking trips, according to J. C. Meehan, Y. W. C. A. camp director. Commenting on this phase of their work, Mr. Meehan said: "It has not only been our aim to teach the correct methods of camp fire building and control, but to point out to the boys the reasons why these safeguards are necessary, and the disastrous results that follow carelessness in this direction. In addition to this practical field training, the subject of forest fires is dealt with in the various camping and woodcraft classes."

When you want your strawberry shortcake to look extra festive, serve in individual portions. Either make rather large rounds of biscuit dough and split them, or cut sponge cake into squares of suitable size for one person. Crush part of the berries and sugar them at least an hour before they are wanted. If the shortcakes must stand before being served, pass the whipped cream separately.

The pattern on colored dishes wears off evenly if the dishes are rotated in use.

## County W. C. T. U. Met In St. Helens Friday; To Build Cottage

Mrs. Sarah Spencer and Mrs. Minnie Malmsten Elected Vice President and Secretary Respectively. The Columbia County Women's

Christian Temperance union held a county convention in the Methodist church of St. Helens Friday. A motion was carried at this meeting that the county organization build a cottage for the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis.

New officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Mrs. Effie Wilson of St. Helens, president; Mrs. Sarah Spencer of Vernonia, vice president; Mrs. Minnie Malmsten of Vernonia, corresponding and recording secretary; Mrs. Annata Condon of Columbia City, treasurer.

The resolutions committee reported as follows: This W. C. T. U. county convention declares our support to all officers who are trying to enforce not only the prohibition law but also all other laws.

At noon a banquet was served by the St. Helens ladies. In the afternoon Mrs. M. D. Cole presented a paper on "Total Abstinence." Mrs. W. W. Wolff sang a solo in the afternoon.

## The Lesson Of Tree Planting

By Morda V. Coleman

A group of children stood on the open prairie and shivered in the raw, spring wind. Back of them was the little town. In front there was nothing but rolling, treeless plains, faintly tinged with green. It was Arbor Day. All over the country children were learning a lesson in the planting and growing of trees. Each grade in this village school was planting a tree in what was to be the yard about the new schoolhouse. As yet, there was nothing to indicate either yard or schoolhouse, except for the four corner stakes.

The boys had dug the holes in the half frozen ground and the baby trees, elm, several kinds of maple, and black walnut, were carefully unwrapped. A thin, little girl planted the elm tree for the fifth grade. She hated the treeless prairie. To her nothing could have been more satisfying than to think that from the tiny sapling which she lowered so carefully into place, a large tree would grow to give shade on withering summer days and make a home for birds.

She planted other trees in the yard of her home and watched them carefully during the summer months which followed. The dry winds and blazing sun killed many of them in spite of her motherly care. Tree growing was not at all easy in that prairie state.

She carried water from the nearest well to her elm tree in the school yard. It grew, very slowly, to be sure, but year after year added to its girth and height. When the new schoolhouse was finally built, the fifth grade tree was larger than those belonging to any of the grades because the others had been planted several times before one lived.

Year after year the homesteaders on the land about planted tree windbreakers to the north of their buildings. Sometimes, if several years in succession were dry, it took ten years before their little groves were started. After the first hot June winds every year the box elder trees in town looked frayed and worn and seemed about to give up the unequal struggle against the elements.

The girl was jubilant when her father announced that they were leaving the prairie and moving to

## County Pomona Grange Will Meet With The Yankton Grange May 7

Large Class of Candidates To Be Initiated; Rainier Invites State Grange in 1928.

The Columbia county Pomona grange will meet with the Yankton grange May 7 for their regular quarterly meeting. Yankton has promised the largest class to be initiated that Pomona has ever had.

With a concerted effort being made to secure the approval of the state grange to meet at Rainier in 1928, it is pointed out that Columbia county has never enjoyed the pleasure of entertaining the state grange and the committee from the Pomona grange asks the cooperation of the members of each grange in the state to help them get the 1928 session at Rainier.

Longview is inviting the Washington state grange to meet there in 1928, and it is possible that the two state granges will be meeting across the river from each other at the same time.

## Many Cities Will Have Floats In Rose Festival

From letters being received at headquarters of the Portland Rose Festival and pageant "Rosaria" in the Oregon building, more cities and communities will be represented by floats, bands, and marching bodies in the fiesta from June 13 to 18 this year than ever before. S. C. Pier, Portland business man and director of the Rose Festival, is making a tour of Oregon in the interest of the big event and reports interest in the 1927 fiesta, is state wide.

Cities are planning to enter floats in the annual floral parade or take part in the Merrykhana parade to feature their agricultural and industrial possibilities and take advantage of the opportunity to get their story before the thousands of visitors attracted to Portland each year for the festival.

Holman B. Ferrin, superintendent of the St. Helens schools has been appointed Columbia county chairman of the Greater Oregon club for the 1927 summer session of the University of Oregon. The university is simultaneously holding two sessions, from June 20 to July 29, one at Eugene, the other in Portland.

A state where trees grew. Still she was sorry to leave the elm tree which seemed very large to her then. In the years which followed she planted many other trees and flowers but nothing ever gave her the satisfaction that had come from planting the elm on the treeless prairie.

In her grownup years she came to the state of Washington, where grow the tallest trees in America. She walked one summer in the cathedral of a Douglas fir forest and saw the branches forming a green ceiling 100, 200 feet above her head. The elm tree which had seemed so large would be but a shrub in these forests.

She had often "shinned" up the trunks of trees in her home state. She could not reach both arms around even one side of the brown trunks of the Douglas fir trees, set like massive columns, so closely together that only birds could make their way freely through the forests.

Underneath the trees the forest floor was covered with vegetation, almost tropical in its luxuriance and size. Ferns stood breast-high. Green velvet moss draped trees and fallen limbs. The ground was moist and damp, seemingly filled with inexhaustible riches.

## MOTHER O' MINE

If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
Mother o' Mine  
I know whose love would follow me still,  
Mother o' Mine.

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,  
Mother o' Mine  
I know whose tears would come down to me  
Mother o' Mine.

If I were damned of body and soul,  
Mother o' Mine  
I know whose prayers would make me whole,  
Mother o' Mine.

## New Oregon Mineral Has Been Discovered

University of Oregon, Eugene Ore., May 2—A new Oregon mineral has been discovered by Eugene Callaghan of Beaverton, graduate assistant in geology, while on a field trip to collect material for his master's thesis, it has just been disclosed.

Callaghan, who set out with only a handpick for digging fossils, a can opener, a knife and a blanket, found deposits of this mineral on the Oregon coast. At Hecta Head, in exploring the sea-lion caves, one of which was 1200 feet long and 200 feet high, Callaghan found a fossilized sea-lion 11 feet long and weighing more than a ton. In the cave there were some 200 lions, and their roars reverberated through the cavern when they emerged periodically from the water, their long mustaches dripping with water.

## Summer Railroad Travel Urged

The S. P. & S. railroad has announced the lowering of travel rates to St. Paul, Chicago and New York for the summer season, commencing May 22. R. M. Aldrich, local agent, announces that he will be glad to assist anyone planning an extended trip to any part of the United States.

## Prohibition Movie Shown

"Lest We Forget," a prohibition film that is said to be one of the most powerful dramas ever presented through the motion pictures, was shown at the Evangelical church Tuesday night. It gave a dramatic portrayal of the tragedies of the old saloon days.

## Teddy Leavitt To Be Pastor of Local Church

Teddy Leavitt, who finished a series of evangelistic meetings at the Christian church Thursday night, is now conducting similar meetings at Santa Rosa, will return here July 1 to become the pastor of the local church for the coming year, it was announced at a recent meeting of the church board.

While leaving here Thursday night Reverend Leavitt had a slight accident near Trehame while driving. His car skidded into a mailbox and went off the road. Although his windshield was broken, he was uninjured. After securing aid to put the car back on the road, he continued to Newberg, where his family lives.

Rev. Leavitt telephoned from Forest Grove yesterday that he would be in Vernonia Sunday for the morning and evening services. A special feature of the morning service, Mr. Leavitt said, would be the presentation of a bouquet to the oldest and youngest mothers present.

## Circuit Court Jury List For May Drawn

Watts, J. G., Scappoose, Merchant; Weed, Judson, Vernonia, farmer; Wallis, Chales J., Yankton, farmer; Wood, H. M., Vernonia, farmer; Walkey, C. B., Clatskanie, farmer; Van Orden W. J., Clatskanie, farmer; Wonderly, O. E., Clatskanie, Retired; Evenson, J. W., Clatskanie, timberman; Anderson, H. J., Warren, farmer; Welinder, N. O., St. Helens, millman; Bailey, R. H., Rainier, merchant; Akin, J. W., St. Helens, retired; DeGraff, Clay E., Scappoose, farmer; Aldridge, J. H., Clatskanie, retired;

George, Jacob, St. Helens, retired; King, R. C., Clatskanie, laborer; Duncan, J. B., Scappoose, retired; Chellberg, Axel, Warren, farmer; Bryant, Jesse, Clatskanie, grangeman; Allen, J. W., St. Helens, Realtor; Conibear, S. H., Yankton, farmer; Mallaber, E. E., Goble, farmer; Karth, Wm. Houlton, laborer; Iler, Carl, Mist, farmer; Conyers, C. L., Clatskanie, merchant; Kiblan, A. T. Houlton, merchant; Anliker, R. Sr., Goble, farmer; Boeck, L. C., Vernonia, farmer; Kellar, Orris, Rainier, farmer; Kavanagh, P. J., St. Helens, realtor.

She came to a cleared space where a settler had long ago started a homestead. Great stumps, some twice the height of a man, were mute reminders of the trees which the homesteader had felled to clear his land. The cabin still stood, its hand-rived shakes and log walls as sound and waterproof as the day it was raised.

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## City To Use Water Meters

### Council Passes New Ordinance Governing Water Use.

## Domestic Use Flat Rate

### Maximum Water Use Under -2 Rate Is Raised From 2000 Gallons To 3000 Gallons.

It will be necessary in the future for all persons desiring to use water for any purpose other than domestic use, which means sprinkling, irrigating, washing of windows, buildings, sidewalks, automobiles, etc., to apply for a permit, according to an ordinance passed by the city council Monday night.

Upon the payment of \$6 deposit a meter will be installed on the premises. Upon the discontinuance of this service the deposit is refunded, according to the ordinance. It is necessary that all persons using water for other than domestic use apply immediately for the meter, as there is a penalty attached for failure to do so.

A change in the minimum amount of water that can be used for \$2 is effective now. The former amount was 2000 gallons; it was raised to 3000 gallons. There is also a change for the large water users which makes the rates lower for them. The charge for the first 3000 gallons is \$2 next 10,000 gallons, 40 cents per thousand; next 20,000 gallons, 20 cents per thousand; next 60,000 gallons, 20 cents per thousand; all over 103,000 gallons, 15 cents per thousand. The type of meter that will be used is called the "Watchdog," made by the Gamon Meter Co., and sold by M. L. Cline Co., of Portland. The full ordinance is printed on page 3.

## Oregon Said Favorable For Angora and Mohair

Mohair and wool are entirely different but in the public mind are seriously confused, said A. C. Gage, editor of the Angora Journal, in an illustrated lecture on "From Field to Fabric" delivered before the O. A. C. agricultural and home economics clubs. Still other errors are going to the other extreme and calling it horse, hog or dog bristles, he said. Even the federal government classes wool and mohair together in reporting export trade.

Oregon used to be third on all states in mohair production but is letting golden opportunities to develop a big and important industry slip by, the speaker thinks as it has dropped to seventh place. Climate and topography as well as vegetation were said to constitute a highly favorable condition for profitable Angora production.

One of the big problems in making mohair from Angoria fleeces is getting rid of the bristly-like hairs known as kemp. The best place to get rid of it is in the breeding pens, Mr. Gage contended. By mating up animals of good general type especially free of the objectionable kemp the coming herds will have less and less of it.

Specimens of mohair cloth of the "Velmo", velvet-mohair type shown, one from a certain used in an old cathedral for 40 years. This sample showed no effects of the ravages of time and wear, either in texture or color. It was still as brilliant and unworn as when just of the loom.

The college classes in animal husbandry have work in goat management and feeding, and the experiment station specialists are carrying on work in pasture improvement and parasite control. Growers are cordially invited by Professor O. M. Nelson, in charge of the work, to inspect the college flock-management and pest work, and cooperate in exchange of information. The mohair film will be shown again in the college textile rooms this spring.

A community livestock-shipping association is a considerable advantage to the shipper with less than a carload.