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## Mass Meeting Friday Night

### Local Folk Are Asked To Gather at School.

## To Discuss Improvements

### School Board Asks For Thorough Expression of Public Sentiment on School Project

The school board of district 47 has asked that a mass meeting be held to enable local folk to meet and discuss the problem of improving the Washington school, and has set Friday, May 13, as the date, and 7:30 p. m. as the time of the meeting, which will be held in the Washington school.

A proposed bond issue for \$75,000 was recently voted down by the taxpayers by a vote of more than 3 to 1, but since many expressed themselves as being in favor of a lesser amount, it was thought best to call a mass meeting of the taxpayers to attempt to decide what sum for expenditure would meet with their approval.

Many believe that \$50,000 should be appreciated, which, added to the \$20,000 voted some time ago, would pay for building classrooms to supply the demand for several years to come. Others are of the opinion that no extra amount should be voted at this time, and that temporary portable classrooms should be constructed to take care of the present demand.

There are still others who believe that the present school is sufficient to supply the needs for next year and that no expenditure should be made at this time. The Washington school will be open for inspection tomorrow night, and the school board invites the public to view the present structure and form their own opinions.

A large attendance is anticipated at this meeting, and the board believes that the resolution passed at this time will fairly express the sentiment of the community.

## H. C. Seymour Writes About Summer School

Dear Local Club Leader:

I am writing you regarding the Boys' and Girls' club summer school to be held on the O. A. C. campus June 13-25. As you know all club members who were winners of first prizes in any project at the state fair last year earned their trip here with all expenses paid; also club members in several of the counties won trips to the summer school. Summer school is not only open to these winners, but also to any club member within the state 12 years of age or over, who has his or her work up in good shape at the time of summer school, providing these people pay their necessary board and transportation to and from the college.

I do not know what you wish to do regarding this but we find many clubs throughout the state that have planned on sending delegates to the summer school. Many of these clubs are raising their money by entertainments or socials. In other cases the members themselves have been saving their money and are paying their necessary expenses.

If you are planning on having anyone attend the summer school, please indicate this by answering this letter.

Yours truly,  
H. C. Seymour,  
State Club Leader

The farm population of this country decreased 649,000 persons last year, the largest decrease in any year since 1920, according to estimates by the United States department of agriculture. The number of people living on farms January 1, 1927, is estimated at 27,892,000 against 28,541,000 January 1, 1926. The 1925 agricultural census figure, 28,982,000, was used as a base for these calculations.

Grading contract on Astoria end of Nehalem road let for \$43,057, at Clatskanie.

## Needs of State Road System Are Cited

(By A. D. Moe)

St. Paul, Minn., April 19, 1927. We arrived here Saturday, but had to leave the car at Neillsville and come by train. The weather last week around Ripon dried the roads in that part of the country, and meagre information at garages indicated that roads were open to St. Paul, so we made plans to start out Friday morning. Before we left, however, it started to rain. The sand roads were improved rather than damaged by the rain, so we moved right along. Near Wisconsin Rapids the road is paved, and by that time the rain was falling heavily. We had left the sandy country and the unpaved side roads of clay soil began to show the effects of the rain. Having confidence in the graveled roads after leaving the pavement we continued on receiving assurance at service stations that cars "were coming through." We were now in the flat, marshy country of central Wisconsin. The pavement ceased at the line of Clark county, a short distance out of Pittsville. A new road, called No. 73, was graded last year to Neillsville as a shorter route to Eau Claire, but the graveling had not been completed. We were unfortunate enough to be on this road instead of No. 18, the longer route from Pittsville but passable.

The dirt road did not look so bad as we left the pavement, but a swaying of the car compelled us stop and put on chains for the first time in over 7,000 miles of travel since we left Hood River. It was 27 miles to Neillsville and but shortly after noon, so we expected to arrive early, although go slow on account of the slippery but still passable road. But the worst was yet to come. After negotiating about 10 miles the rear wheels suddenly dropped to the hubs in a "boil." Seeing a Ford car coming towards us, bobbing up and down and zigzagging along through the muddy wheel tracks, we awaited his approach, and he pulled us out, the top of the road weaving up and down like a spring bed for a rod or two, but thank heaven, we were soon safely over. All praise to the Ford car. We can now appreciate the rough and rugged road traveled by the Israelites in their trip back to Jerusalem, the land of their forefathers, beset by many dangers, rotten bridges and fords (Not Ford cars.)

We now followed along the tracks at the side of the road where the ground had drained out a little more and was firmer, but perilously close to the ditch on the side. Another five miles and the car slid into the soft mud on the side and stopped. No car was in sight, and the rain coming down steadily. Walking back a quarter of a mile through the mud I induced a farmer to bring his team and pull us back into the road. Half the afternoon was gone, and we had ten miles to go, but the rain had stopped for a bit and we started off with hope, while several farmers watched our progress and assured us they would see us through. Passing over a slight ridge and down into another low place we again slid off slightly. This time another light car came weaving along, but it wasn't a Ford, so did not dare attempt to give us a pull, but helped us dig out and push back into the track. We then made another quarter of a mile before a hidden "boil" dropped one side of the car to the running board. Another Ford was just coming in from a muddy side road and he tried to pull us out, but we were too deep in the mud. By this time a couple of farmer boys living nearby came out and offered to bring a team, which was gladly accepted. Again we were on the way, turning off on a side road, which had dried out and was passable, allowing us to reach a graveled highway four miles from town. The rest of the journey was made without difficulty, and we reached the home of my aunt, Mrs. John Cook, about 5 o'clock.

At this time of the year the dirt roads in this country are afflicted with a disease locally called "boils." It is caused by the frost coming to the surface, heaving up the roadbed in places and filling in the vacuum with water. This hole may be a few inches deep or practically bottomless. The only cure for the disease is concrete. Even the well

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## Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. And Rebekahs To Convene in Astoria

### Oregon's Oldest City To Be Host For Thousands of Odd Fellows.

The oldest purely fraternal order in the United States will on May 16 to 20 convene in Astoria, the oldest white American Settlement west of the Rocky Mountains. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rebekah Assembly and Patriarchs Militant will during those dates celebrate at Astoria the 108th anniversary of the establishment of the I. O. O. F. Lodge in America. A new modern city, erected on the site of old Fort George later Fort Astor, will present the same results of progress as the fraternal organizations it will greet as host. Reminiscences of olden days in the lives of communities and fraternalism will vie with stories of progressive strides made by cities of Oregon during the past decade.

Fifty one thousand members in Oregon, representing 437 lodges, will have a direct interest in the convention proceeding, while 2,500,000 members of those orders throughout the world will be informed of its deliberations.

Pioneer members will find Astoria of great historical interest. They will gaze over the broad expanse of the Lower Columbia River where Capt. Robert Gray entered on his famous voyage of discovery one hundred and sixteen years ago, they will be housed on the site of old Fort Astor, within gunshot of old Fort Clatsop where Lewis and Clarke wintered during 1805-16 while their main diversions will be along the Clatsop beaches where these explorers boiled sea water to secure salt for their expeditions. The famous Astoria Column above Astoria with etched picturization of early-day history is to be opened and ready for inspection of delegates.

A score of Astoria business men and leading men and women of the historic city have been working for months in preparation for the 6000 or more visitors who are expected to attend the convention from every section of Oregon. State Senator A. W. Norblad, chairman of the Convention Publicity Committee, has made special arrangements with the salmon cannery heads for the privilege of permitting delegates to witness the packing of King Chinook salmon and inspecting the fishing boats, gear and hauls. Many of the lodge drills and entertainments are by special arrangement, to be held on one of the great piers of the Port of Astoria Terminals directly over the Columbia River.

The newspapers of the United States take about three million tons of pulp wood every year.

Forest fires handled by the forest service in Oregon and Washington last year burned over 241,432 acres of federal and private land. Of this, 93,032 acres were mature forest, 82,718 acres were watershed protection forest, and 57,165 acres were potential forest. It cost the federal government \$100,070 to fight 1490 forest fires on the national forests of Oregon and Washington last year.

Hale Greenman came home Friday from the Hill Military academy because of ill health.

Mrs. E. A. Green were recent Portland visitors.

Mrs. M. Space, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. A. Hughes, Mrs. Lilly and Muriel Bell of Vernonia was recently elected a member of the Campus Mathematics club at the University of Oregon.

The young people's society of the Christian church are giving a party tonight at the home of C. Wardle.

Robt. Michaelson recently purchased a new star four coupe from the Vernonia Brazing & Machine Works.

The forest service telephone system in Oregon and Washington includes 9,423 miles of line. This system is built primarily to speed up action on forest fires.

Dan Brown, Edwin Bell and Albert Cuare left Sunday for Seattle, en route to Koggiung, Alaska, where they will be employed for the summer by the Libby, McNeil and Libby Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson of Ashland were Vernonia visitors Tuesday and Wednesday. They report business as being rather quiet in the southern Oregon town.

## Bronze Tablet Is Received For Ver- nonia Harmon Field

### Marker To Be Placed in Inconspic- uous Place by Request of Donor.

A bronze marker was received Monday by Lester Sheeley, secretary of the chamber of commerce, from the Harmon foundation for the Vernonia-Harmon field. According to the letter it is Mr. Harmon's desire that this marker be set up in an inconspicuous manner as possible and for that would like to see it set in a rough boulder or uncut stone and placed in an obscure rather than a prominent location. The following inscription is on the tablet:

VERNONIA  
HARMON FIELD

This playfield was made ours through the assistance of the Harmon Foundation 1925

Dedicated forever to the plays of children, the development of youth and the recreation of all. "The gift of land is the gift eternal."

Wm. E. Harmon

## 757 Cows Tested During April; Average 863 lbs.

A total of 757 cows were tested during the month of April in the Columbia Cow Testing association, according to the report of L. J. Bartholomy, the tester.

Their average production per cow was 863 pounds of milk and 33.1 pounds of fat. The number of cows producing more than 40 pounds of fat was 188.

For pure bred herds of less than 11 cows, Jack Anliker of Goble, was first with an average production of 1186 pounds of milk and 45.9 pounds of fat for 7 pure bred Holsteins. Fritz Anliker, of Goble, was second with an average production of 1457 pounds of milk and 45.3 pounds of fat for 7 pure bred Holsteins. Rudy Anliker, of Goble, was third with an average production of 1118 pounds of milk and 33.4 pounds of fat for 4 pure bred Holsteins.

For grade herds of less than 11 cows, Dave Hodge, of Sauvies Island, was first with an average production of 1290 pounds of milk and 42.9 pounds of fat for 8 grade Holsteins. E. J. Brocks of Cornelius was second with an average production of 819 pounds of milk and 38.2 pounds of fat for 8 grade Jerseys. B. S. Golden, of Goble, was third with an average production of 634 pounds of milk and 28.9 pounds of fat for 4 grade Jerseys.

For pure bred herds over 10 cows, Lyons and Dimick, of Sauvies Island was first with an average production of 1305 pounds of milk and 38.6 pounds of fat for 29 pure bred Holsteins. Behrman & Burbank of Cornelius were second with an average production of 671 pounds of milk and 26.9 pounds of fat for 31 pure bred Jerseys. Hammer Brothers, of Deer Island, were third with an average production of 1071 pounds of milk and 36.4 pounds of fat for 20 pure bred Holsteins.

For grade herds of over 10 cows, Paul Weiter, of Goble, was first with an average production of 1075 pounds of milk and 44.7 pounds of fat for 17 grade Holsteins. Herman Leibenow, of Cornelius, was second with an average production of 815 pounds of milk and 40.5 pounds of fat for 14 grade Jerseys. Beeson Bros., of Clatskanie, and Jep L. Hunt, of Sauvies Island, were tied for third place with 40.4 pounds of fat average per cow.

Leona, a 7 year old registered Holstein, was high pure bred cow with 2265 pounds of milk and 88.3 pounds of fat. She is owned by Loren Johnson, at Seappoo.

No. 3, a 5 year old grade Jersey, was high grade cow with 1080 pounds of milk and 70.2 pounds of fat. She is owned by Burt West, of Seappoo.

Mississippi Valley Homeless. Donations for the relief of the sufferers in the Mississippi valley flood region are being received in Vernonia for the Red Cross by the Bank of Vernonia. The first local quota has been filled, but President Coolidge has asked that the amounts be doubled to afford some relief for the situation.

## Tom Magoff Home Partially Burns

Fire broke out in the kitchen of the Tom Magoff home about 11:30 Friday morning, when no one was at home. The kitchen was badly burned and the rest of the house suffered considerable damage. The fire is believed to have started from an over-heated stove. Insurance covered the loss.

Mrs. Magoff had driven her husband to work at the mill and left the house unoccupied for a time. Neighbors noticed the smoke and turned in the alarm. The fire department experienced difficulty in getting water to the house. Had it not been for two garden hoses used the building might have been a total loss.

When the firemen attempted to connect with the hydrant at Rose avenue and Bridge street, they found it had been tampered with. It was necessary for them to roll up the hose and drive over to another hydrant, which made them late with the water.

## Neighbors of Woodcraft Form Circle in Vernonia

Nehalem Circle No. 881 of Neighbors of Woodcraft held their first meeting Thursday night at the grange hall. Nearly all the members were present. The business of the meeting was to elect and install officers for this new circle. Neighbor Blackerly of Salem and Neighbor Nillie Hall, organizer, conducted the meeting. The following officers were elected and installed:

Emma Miller, G. N.; Lucille Ryan, clerk; Mrs. Attie M. Cameron P. G. N.; Mrs. Frank Hankle, advisor; Mrs. Lucille Dusten, magician; Mrs. Elsie Lee, attendant; Mrs. Lena Gibson, C. of G's.; Mrs. R. S. Lindsay, flag bearer; Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, banker; Mrs. Dorothy Taves, Mrs. Sidney Malmsten, Mrs. Gladys Dial, managers; Mrs. Lillian Washburn, musician; Mrs. Evelyn Visnaw, inner sentinel; Miss Lucille Hills, outer sentinel; Mrs. Clara Hapler, correspondent.

The next meeting will be held in the grange hall May 19.

## To Pay Second Liberty Loan Bonds in November

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Secretary Mellon has called for payment on November 15, 1927, all outstanding Second Liberty Loan bonds. Interest on these bonds will cease on November 15, 1927. Approximately \$1,700,000,000 of these bonds are now outstanding.

While the bonds will be paid on November 15, 1927, it is quite probable that during the next six months the Treasury will extend to the holders of the Second Liberty Loan bonds an opportunity to exchange them for other Government securities. No announcement has as yet been made as to the type of security to be offered in exchange, or the date on which the exchange offer may be expected. The Treasury explains that the terms of the bonds require that a notice be given to the public six months in advance of the redemption date. The Secretary's announcement, therefore, does not mean that the bonds will be paid at the present time, but merely places the holders on notice that their bonds will be redeemed on November 15, and will cease to bear interest on that date.

If holders of Second Liberties desire to have their bonds redeemed, they should present them for payment on November 15, 1927, but if they desire other Government obligations in place of their Second, they should watch for further announcement and notify their bank to keep them informed of any exchange offering that may be made by the Treasury.

## Mother Routes Saitor

When her call to the police failed to produce the desired results, Mrs. Emma Hiley, 694 East Sixty-eighth street North, literally took care of the situation with her own hands Saturday night, according to a police report yesterday.

Mrs. Hiley had called two policemen to oust one D. C. Harrison of St. Helens, Or., who was visiting her daughter without the mother's permission.

"We told her we were powerless to do anything without a warrant," the policemen wrote in their report, "whereupon Mrs. Hiley grabbed the man by the hair and led him to the door. He got in his car and drove off, promising that he would stay."—Oregonian.

## Large Class To Graduate

### 28 High School Students Will Receive Diplomas.

## Commencement May 20

### Rev. O. L. Curtis Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon in the Christian Church Sunday.

Twenty-eight Vernonia young men and women have nearly completed their high school course and are eagerly anticipating the receipt of their diplomas May 20. The class is the largest that will ever have graduated from this high school, being one more than the number last year.

With one exception the same teachers will be in the high school next year. J. B. Wilkerson will again be principal. Miss Hazel Malmsten will be the new instructor. The other teachers are: L. P. Austin, Miss Mirabel Gooding, Miss Flossie Perce, Miss Ruth Hickman, Mrs. Fly K. Hammack.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered to the graduating class by Rev. O. L. Curtis in the Christian church Sunday night May 15.

N. H. Comish, professor in the department of economics at the Oregon Agricultural college, will deliver the commencement address May 20. Professor Comish, who has gained a national reputation for his research work in markets and marketing, is known to be an entertaining and instructive speaker.

The following students will graduate from Vernonia high school this year: Annie Laurie Laird, Sheila Williams, Amy Hughes, Margaret Shipley, Wayne Wall, Louise Schmidlin, Loretta Johnson, Anna Rea Webster, Ruth Holaday, Lillian Lilly, Theresa Tackett and Gladys Krinick. The boys are: Ralph Reithner, Glen Hawkins, William Hill, Dudley Spencer, Russell Mills, Kenneth Whitsell, Norman Pettijohn, Richard Peterson, Norman Engen, Lewis Loudon, Harry Hixon, Marshall Malmsten, John Wardle, Percy Bergerson, Wilbur Charlesworth and Lewis Laramore.

Isaac Gilbreath of Riddle visited at the F. R. Hyland home a few days last week. He and Otis Hyland drove to Portland to visit Carl Gilbreath, Isaac's brother, who is slowly recovering in the Veteran's hospital from an auto injury which occurred more than three months ago near Roseburg.

Beginning Sunday and continuing throughout the summer, Sunday evening services at the Christian church will commence at 8 o'clock, instead of 7:30. The Christian Endeavor meeting will start at 7 o'clock.

The Vernonia stage line drivers are to wear uniforms in the future which are very similar to the uniforms worn by the bus drivers of the S. P. & S. system. Toney Corey is wearing the first of the new uniforms to be purchased by the local drivers.

Little Miss Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Murray, is seriously ill with pneumonia. She has been taken to a Portland hospital. John Hay recently purchased a new Oldsmobile roadster in Portland.

Bishop Maze, at the Evangelical conference recently held at Salem, appointed G. W. Plumer to the Vernonia Evangelical church. W. F. Rademacher was appointed to the Vader, Wash., church.

An automobile which was left parked on Bridge street early Monday morning with the brakes improperly set, coasted down the street and broke a window in the Vernonia bakery. Accident insurance on the automobile will cover the damage.

A total of 2,589 special use permits are in effect on the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington. Over a third of these are for summer homesites, of which there are 973. Among other uses are permits for school houses, golf courses, fur farms, hotels and cemetaries.