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## Smoker's Code Is Recommended

### Authorities Ask Cooperation of Public in Forest Safety

## To Avoid Closing Forests

### If Movement is Not Successful It Will Be Necessary to Close National Forests.

To the Editor: As you know, smokers are causing more forest fires on the national forests this season than any other class of forest visitors. In 1926 35 percent of the man-caused fires on the national forests were due to smokers. One way of meeting this danger is to close the forests to smoking, or, in emergencies, to close them entirely to visitors. We much prefer to solve the problem through education and cooperation if the public will respond.

For this purpose the enclosed smoker's code has been developed by the state federal and private forest protection agencies.

May we ask the full cooperation of your paper, editorially and otherwise, in presenting this Code to your reading public, in keeping it before them during the period of fire danger and in hammering home to them the necessity of reducing smokers' forest fires to the zero point.

It is distinctly to the public interest that this be done. If this movement fails to "get over," we shall be forced to resort to forest closures. The present dry weather has brought many parts of the forest to the danger point, and we can not afford to take chances. I feel sure we can count on the hearty cooperation of your paper, and I am hopeful that a forceful appeal to the good sportsmanship of the smoking public will produce the desired results.

In cautioning the public against carelessness with burning tobacco in the woods, equal emphasis should be placed on care with the burning match. Many smokers' fires evidently start from matches thrown away while burning.

Very truly yours,  
C. M. GRANGER,  
District Forester.

### SMOKER'S CODE

(For the Dry Season)

Dangerous to Smoke:—

While traveling,  
On forest, brush or grassland.  
Smoke Only:—

1. While stopping in a safe place clear of all inflammable material, or
2. During or right after a heavy rain, or
3. Inside a vehicle on two-way highways, or
4. Above timber line, and
5. After smoking, put out all lighted matches.

The law prohibits throwing away any burning matches or tobacco, or other lighted material in a forest region.

Forest fires from smokers result from thoughtlessness and carelessness. They are on the increase. Remedy a bad record by following the above code when in the forest regions.

## Columbia City Will Have New Sawmill

Work of laying the foundation for a new sawmill is progressing rapidly at Columbia City. The mill is to be operated by R. W. Maxmeyer, Joe Vincent and Thomas Howard, formerly of Vernonia.

The location for the mill is about a half mile south of the Sibley-Mills Lumber company on the river front. It is near the present site of the Maxmeyer boom.

The mill will employ between 30 and 40 men and will be put into operation as soon as possible—Mist.

Oregon and other north Pacific fibbers of the Barcelona type will be marked as North Pacific to distinguish them from imported Barcelona nuts. The DuChilly and other long sorts will be sold as Long North Pacific. Complete grades have been established and copies will be mailed on request to C. E. Schuster, secretary-treasurer of the Western Nut association, O.A.C., Corvallis, Oregon.

## Dining Room Is New Feature of Vista Hotel

By a rearrangement of the lobby of the Vista hotel a complete dining room service was inaugurated Tuesday morning for the accommodation of their own guests and transient trade, according to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Twineham, proprietors. A special cook has been employed, and it is said that a feature of the summer meals will be a great variety of vegetables.

The dining room has been tastefully arranged to give a homelike appearance, and a kitchen has been equipped with many modern conveniences to give quick service to patrons. Mrs. Twineham has received many compliments this summer on the attractive appearance of her veranda and grounds, which are resplendently bedecked with many colored flowers.

## Mount Hood Climbed By Vernonia Young People

A group of 11 young people from Vernonia were all successful in making the climb to the top of Mount Hood Sunday. They reported good visibility from the peak of the mountain.

The party left here at 3:15 Saturday afternoon and arrived at Cloud Cap inn at 9:30 p. m. After a restless night they arose at 3:30 a. m., ate breakfast, and went in search of their guide.

At 5:45 a party of 12, consisting of Merle Mills, Gilbert Bergerson, Helen Heiber, Bodie Heiber, Bessie McDonald, Norman Green, Della Cline, O. F. Burke, Ward Gooding, Veldon Parker, E. A. Green, and an old gentleman 67 years of age whose name was not learned, started the climb guided by Mark Weygant and his assistant.

They took the Sunshine trail over Elliot and Coe glaciers, which was the same trail that the Mazama accident of three weeks ago occurred.

It was a 100 per cent climb. No one was compelled to turn back or give up before they reached the top. The climb was made in seven hours, which was considered good for the route taken. The party arrived at the top at 12:45. They were cordially met by the ranger at the lookout station and were served with hot tea, which was relished by everyone.

With the aid of field glasses it was possible to see a large part of Oregon, as well as the crater with the steam boiling from it.

The party stayed at the top until 2:30 and then started the dangerous descent down the mountain, using the ropes as safeguards. After passing the most dangerous points the party was untied from the ropes and slid for several thousand feet down the mountain-side, guiding themselves with their alpine stocks. The descent was great sport for everyone. All indulged in skating and snowballing. The distance from the top to Cloud Cap inn was covered in 2½ hours.

The climb was reported to be a success by all who made the ascent, due to the efficient guidance of Mark Weygant, who has guided his 557th party up the mountain. The entire party returned without injury and reported a most enjoyable time. A trip never to be forgotten.

They returned by way of Hood River and the Columbia highway.—Contributed.

### Labor Day Plans Made

Toledo, Ore., Aug. 3.—Plans for a big Labor day celebration at Monterey beach, near Newport, including a varied program of land and water sports, are well under way by the 4L organization of the Pacific Spruce corporation here. J. F. Markham, general chairman of the celebration committee, stated today that special invitations had been sent to all 4L members in Oregon and that the Toledo local also cordially invites all loggers and lumbermen in the state to come to Newport and celebrate with them.

An unusual feature connected with the tobacco industry in the United States is the fact that the government derives a greater revenue from the manufactured product than the growers receive for their crop. The farm value of tobacco in 1925 was \$234,000,000; the taxes on manufactured tobacco collected during the fiscal year 1925 amounted to \$345,000,000.

Southern Oregon pears will sell for \$50 a ton for canning.

## Saloon Days Were Harmful to Youth Before Prohibition

### Need of Proper Education Shown In Practices of Unscrupulous Persons in Tempting Young Folk

July 25, 1927.

To the editor: The many people who have been led to believe that prohibition has started drinking among youth would do well to read William Roscoe Thayer's life of Theodore Roosevelt, in which occurs the following paragraph concerning Roosevelt as police commissioner.

"The city of New York forbade the sale of liquor to minors. But this ordinance was so completely unobserved that a large proportion of the common drunks brought before the police court were lads and even young girls, to whom the bartender sold with impunity. The children, often the children of depraved parents 'rushed the growler; factory lands sent the boys out regularly to fetch their bottle or bucket or drink from the saloons."

"Everybody knew of these breaches of the law, but the framers of the law had taken care to make it very difficult to procure legal evidence of these breaches. The public conscience was pricked a little when the newspapers told that one of the youths sent for liquor had drunk so much of it that he fell into a stupor, took refuge in an old building and that there the rats had eaten him alive."

"Whether it was before or after this horror that chief commissioner Roosevelt decided to take the law into his own hands, I do not know but what he did was swift. The public engaged one of the minors who had been in the habit of going to the saloons to go for another supply and then testify. This proceeding scared the rum dealers, and no doubt they guarded against being caught again."

"But the victims of moral dry rot held up their hands in rebuke and one of the city judges wept metaphorical tears of chagrin that the police should engage in the awful crime of enticing a youth to commit crime."

"The record does not show that this judge or any other had ever done any thing to check the practice of selling liquors to minors, a practice which inevitably led thousands of the youth of New York city to become drunkards."

Remember these were the "good old days" to which the wets refer when personal liberty and the saloon stood hand-in-hand on the street corner.

Sincerely,

Maud J. Mills,

Publicity Director, Columbia county  
W. C. T. U.

## Many Business Farmers Keep Set of Farm Books

"Many farmers, being business men, keep a set of books to determine whether they are operating at a profit or a loss," said Frank L. Robinson, assistant professor of accounting, in an interview for Oregon newspapers.

If the business farmer is operating at a loss a properly kept set of records will tell him why he is losing money. He will compare the operations of one year with those of other years. Thus, if he keeps his various enterprises segregated he will know what is losing his money and which enterprises are profitable.

A farmer need not lose all he has without knowing it, explained Professor Robinson. He may discontinue unprofitable ventures and add those that are profitable.

Extensive records are not necessary," continued Professor Robinson. A record of all cash received, its source, all cash paid out and what it went for are enough. At the close of each year a statement is prepared showing a list of assets and liabilities. From this he determines his net worth and how much he has gained or lost.

"If he should desire to know the profits or losses of any particular enterprise he keeps a labor report. If he has live stock a feed record will be used."

### Chamber Luncheon Today

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular bi-monthly luncheon today at noon in the R. R. Lunch. Reports will be made on the Scappoose highway and the cemetery question.

## Foundation Helps Small Towns in Establishing Permanent Playgrounds

### Local Assistance Has Enabled the Park to be Established in Vernonia; Work of Foundation is Told.

(By Dr. Ella Wight, Chairman of  
the Vernonia Park Board.)

Many in Vernonia are asking "What is the Harmon Foundation and its connection with our city playgrounds?" Inaugurated in November, 1921, and incorporated under the membership laws of the state of New York in February, 1922, the Harmon Foundation does not function for financial gain.

The Harmon family, composed of three brothers and four sisters, have formed this foundation and give more than \$100,000 each year to the girls and boys of America for playgrounds and scholarship loans. The efforts of this organization are based upon a fundamental belief of the founders that a contribution of service is more lasting value than a gift of money involving no experience of initiative or sustained effort on the part of the group or individual benefited.

The work of this organization began with the division of playgrounds and through this department an effort is being made to encourage and assist growing towns and small cities in the acquisition of sufficient tracts of accessible land to be deeded permanently as recreation sites.

In the division of student loans a practical experiment in granting loans to students is being conducted as part of a test of student reliability in financial obligations assumed for college expenses. While the work of this foundation at present is centered in these two departments, it is the definite purpose to take up other problems as available funds are released for further service.

In any growing town under 15,000 population where a responsible organization realizes the need of setting aside land to be used in perpetuity for recreational purposes only, and will foster a plan for purchasing such land, developing and maintaining it as a playground or recreational field, the Harmon Foundation offers to contribute up to 25 per cent of the purchase price as final payment.

Dr. Ella Wight first brought this plan to Vernonia by talking at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and through this organization and the merchants and business men who each contributed \$15 or more then through the city council completing the purchase price of \$1,500, the three acres on Rock Creek with a 14 foot drive-way from Bridge street was paid for and named the Vernonia Harmon playground.

Now comes the efforts of the Park board to develop this playground, where all the people as well as the children will benefit by such a beautiful place for high ideals in sport and through them the nobler ideals of life may be the direct result of normal healthful play, and where it will be unnecessary for any child to grow up knowing nothing of the joy of playing group games or romping in clean, properly arranged natural places where there are trees and grass. Play is nature's remedy of developing muscles and brain and as President Harding said, when addressing the Playground & Recreation Association of America at Atlantic City, "What America does with its spare time will have as much to do with determining its future, in character at any rate, as what it does in its shortened work time." This is true of the millions of individuals who do not find the means of personal development in their work and it will be true of the nation which more and more depends upon that kind of work and gives the worker more and more spare time.

Trees with straight, clear trunks are more salable than rough, limby wood. When trees are properly spaced, nature "self-prunes" the lower branches. But in small farm timber tracts with valuable kinds of trees pruning is often profitable, especially if done during slack times. The pruning of black walnut, however, is probably not advisable because of the danger of increasing infestation by the locust tree borer.

## Tennis Tournament Starts This Week

The Vernonia Tennis club has started their tennis tournament this week to determine their team players for future competitions with the Oregon-American team. The drawings have been posted on the high school tennis courts and the committee asks that all the first round matches be played by the end of this week. It is hoped that the finals will be played Sunday.

The following ladies have been entered in the first-round matches: Mrs. E. E. Yeo, Mrs. J. C. Lincoln; Mrs. J. C. Lindley, bye; Mrs. A. L. Kullander, bye; Mrs. Fred Brewer, bye; Miss Helen Heiber, Mrs. Ada Warner; Mrs. K. A. McNeill, bye; Mrs. J. N. Bush, bye; Miss Kullander, bye.

Of the men entered in the tournament the following drawings have been made: A. L. Kullander, J. C. Lincoln; Loel Roberts, M. D. Cole; J. N. Bush, M. E. Moe; J. C. Lindley, Ward Gooding; E. E. Yeo, Tom Brown; Gilbert Bergerson, Herman Dickson; K. A. McNeill, L. M. Edmond; Brodie Helton, Lawrence Dickson.

Matches will be played for the best two out of three sets for both men and women. All first-round matches not played by Sunday at 10 o'clock will be forfeited to the player not present at that time, according to the committee.

## Highway Should Not Be Used as Repair Shop

One form of road-hogging that is coming in for considerable condemnation at the present time is that of utilizing the highway as a repair shop when something goes wrong with the car. It is a type of selfishness which presents a very definite hazard and is one that every motorist should make an especial effort to avoid, says George O. Brandenburg, manager of the Oregon State Motor association.

"With millions of motorists on the road this summer, it is obvious that converting the highway into a temporary repair shop in case any minor trouble develops in the car is a hazardous practice," says Mr. Brandenburg. "The greater volume of traffic, together with the fact that many states have raised the speed limit for automobiles, makes this danger greater than in the past."

"Many motorists, however, apparently are oblivious of this danger. When a tire goes flat, instead of pulling entirely off the road they are content to stop on the highway and make the change. In the case of a carburetor adjustment or other minor repair to the engine this is dangerous enough but when a tire is to be changed it is doubly hazardous because the operator requires considerable moving around and the use of several extra devices such as a jack and lug wrench. Even if the car itself is over on the edge of the road, if the punctured tire is on the left side it means that the motorist will be working out in the line of travel.

"With traffic bearing down upon him from both directions, naturally his position is dangerous to himself and to other motorists."

"Many accidents caused by this practice have been reported to the American Automobile association, with which this club is affiliated, and these reports are responsible for the terse warning issued by the A.A.A., which reads:

"Drive the car entirely off the road before attempting to make any repairs to it."

### Ronald Dunlap Drowns at Keasey

Ronald Gordon Dunlap, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dunlap of Keasey was drowned while wading in Rock creek Tuesday. He was brought to the Brown undertaking establishment in Vernonia.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 this afternoon in the Evangelical church. The boy was born in Camas, Wash., and was 8 years, 7 months and 15 days old when he died. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

Miss Edna Owens was given a party on her 13th birthday at her home August 2. Those present were Joy Bush, Louise Roberson, Mary Ann Childs, Shelby Caton, Helen Charlesworth, Marian Lindley, Audrey Johnson, Phyllis Wirtz, Barbara Dusten, Georgia Stankey and Edna Owens. A delightful time was reported by those present.

## Council Passes Weed Ordinance

### Weeds Must Be Kept Removed During 5 Months of Year

## Notices Are To Be Posted

### In Case of Failure to Observe Notice The City Will Cut Weeds and Assess Lot

Persistent demands by many Vernonia residents that the council pass a weed ordinance forcing all obnoxious growth to be cut to both improve the appearance of the town and stop the spread of the growth of vegetation that is undesirable, resulting in the passing of ordinance No. 163 Monday by the city council.

The ordinance states that any resident or owner of land shall, during the months of May, June, July, August and September of each year, cut and remove from the half of the street abutting the property, all weeds, thistles burdock, ferns and other noxious vegetation, and all grass more than 10 inches high, besides all unsanitary debris.

An annual inspection of all property shall be made by the marshal on and following June 30 of each year and if a nuisance exists the resident or owner is given 10 days notice in which to remove the debris. If such nuisance continues to exist after the expiration of 10 days from the posting of the notice a charge of 50 cents per lot or tract of land so posted will be made against the property in addition to the other amounts chargeable against the same as provided by ordinance which will be entered in the lien docket. The fee of 50 cents will not be charged if advance notice is given the city that the owner wants the debris removed by the city.

The city marshal notifies the recorder of all notices posted, and the latter mails notices to those who are not living on the property. If anyone wishes to protest the nuisance, he may do so in writing to the city recorder, who files the notice to be heard by the council at its next regular meeting. They will decide if a nuisance actually exists.

## Rainier Recall Election To Be Held This Month

Petitions have been filed for the recall of Mayor A. E. Veatch and Councilmen Val Knauf and Ed Haugeberg of Rainier, and it is expected that an election will be called for sometime in August to determine the will of the people in the case.

City Marshal T. W. Finley of Rainier, admittedly the primary cause of the recall movement in that city, presented his resignation to Mayor Veatch Monday. Finley's resignation said that he appeared to be the cause of all the trouble in Rainier and as he did not want to embarrass the administration he would resign.

City Recorder E. E. Stucker was unable to say what effect the resignation would have on the recall movement. The recall petitions are directed against the mayor and councilmen, and not the marshal, although Finley's activities have been the principal bone of contention. These activities, concerned with a strict liquor enforcement policy, have been termed "pernicious and unwarranted" by men who signed the recall movement.

## Representative Allen Marries in Portland

Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock A. E. Allen, representative to the legislature from Columbia county and manager of the Barbey Packing company of Rainier and Miss Etta Williams, of Portland were united in marriage in the study of the First Presbyterian church, at Portland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Levi Johnson. After a brief reception the couple left on a honeymoon trip by auto for British Columbia.

The groom has hundreds of friends in the county who tender to him and his bride their congratulations and best wishes—Mist.