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Vernonia Taxes To Be Lowered

Budget Meeting Is Set For October 31

City Affairs in Good Shape

Saving in Water Operating Cost Makes Possible Appreciable Reduction in Taxes.

That a reduction in the city taxes of Vernonia will be effected for 1928 is shown in the proposed budget recently drawn up by the budget committee and approved by the council. The council, sitting as a levy board, will hold a meeting at the city hall October 31 when anyone who is subject to the levy may appear and be heard in favor of or against the levy.

An unsuccessful attempt last year to have the city hall repaired was given more favorable action this time by the budget committee. The sum of \$200 is allowed for repairs. It is said that the foundation needs to be strengthened and the interior walls refinished. Other needed improvements are also contemplated.

The recorder's salary remains the same at \$1200. The treasurer's salary was raised from \$180 to \$240. The city attorney's salary was raised from \$480 to \$600. The marshal's salary remains at \$1800. The water superintendent's salary stays at \$1500. The assistant's job being eliminated by the installation of the motor at the pumping plant, effected a saving of \$1320.

The allotment for the health department was raised from \$75 to \$125. The librarian's salary remains at \$240, and 200 has been allowed for new books for the library. The city park fund was raised from \$100 to \$500. The fund for legal publications was lowered from \$300 to \$50. Whereas \$50 was allowed for the engineer's office and supplies, this year, this has been eliminated for 1928, although the emergency fund has been increased from \$500 to \$700.

General satisfaction with the conduct of the city's affairs was expressed by the five members of the budget committee recently appointed, C. W. Reithner stating that the most expedient method is being used to pay off the old warrant indebtedness of the town.

The detailed notice of the budget meeting is printed in full on page 3.

Natal Grange Has Pie Social

A pie social was held by Natal Grange Saturday for the purpose of raising money to augment the grange treasury. About 130 persons were present. After the pies were auctioned these present enjoyed dancing the remainder of the evening.

Thief Steals Clothing

An unknown marauder crept into the bunk house of camp eight of the Nehalem Timber company Thursday and robbed the clothes of several sleeping loggers. It is thought he left on the morning load of logs, as the engineer noticed someone riding between two cars when the train rounded a sharp curve.

Sunday School Class Entertained

Mrs. D. C. Cason entertained her Sunday school class with a delightful party Friday evening. After several interesting games, refreshments were served, and the small guests departed expressing their pleasure in the evening's entertainment.

Those present were: Irene Moore, Sara McGee, Dorothy June Wolff, Genevieve Garner, Helen Holgate, Beatrice Morris, Jessie Critchlow, Marguerite Laird, Jeanette Johns, Reba Adams, Nasene Murray, Deanie Aldrich and Mildred Cason. Mrs. Henry Johns assisted the hostess.

Tree Blocks Traffic

A large tree fell across the road about nine miles from Mist Tuesday morning, holding up the high school bus, the grade school bus from Natal, the milk truck, and many other cars for about 30 minutes. Axes and saws borrowed from nearby farms cleared the road of the obstruction.

Ford Now Buying Wool For Auto Upholstery

Another step toward control of its raw materials was taken by the Ford Motor Company this year, when it began to buy wool for automotive upholstery, in production quantities, direct from the woolgrowers himself.

The company made this advance only after much deliberation and careful preparation grounded on practical experiment.

In 1926, company buyers went into a roughly defined territory in southeast and south-central Michigan, purchasing sizable "samples" of wool direct from the growers. These samples were shipped to the Highland Park plant, where they were classified, graded, and sorted. Localities producing wool suited to the company's needs were scheduled for further visits, those which were not being eliminated from the 1927 buying plan. In the shearing season of the present year, quantity buying was begun in the districts whose product conformed to Ford specifications, and experimental purchasing was extended into northeastern Indiana, and into Ohio north and west. It must be understood that the product of localities not included in this year's schedule was not decided against because of its quality but because of its kind. The sheep in these localities are of breeds which produce wool either too fine or too coarse for Ford use.

Preparations For Building New Ford To Cost Many Millions

Total expenditure in the purchase and alteration of tools together with the cost of constructing a single set of body dies, preparatory to building a new Ford car, has amounted to \$15,000,000 "before a wheel is turned." Two of the factors included in these preliminary steps were the purchase of 4,500 new machine tools; and the alteration of fifteen thousand more. These two items involved an expenditure of nearly \$10,000,000. Preparing to produce the new rear axle alone necessitated the construction of an entire group of machine tools. One hundred and sixty-six gear-generating machines were completely rebuilt at a cost per unit of \$3,000 to produce two gears included in the rear axle assembly.

A number of hot metal spinning machines were purchased at a total cost of about sixty thousand dollars. Other mechanical equipment, consisting principally of punch presses, was also required, the latter costing approximately one million dollars.

Alterations and purchases of machinery for production of the new steel-spoked wheel cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000.

The preparations involve three hundred welding machines, many of them built especially for Ford purposes at a unit cost of from seven hundred to nine thousand dollars each.

Four million dollars of the total expenditure was spent for new machine tools. About \$1,500,000 was expended for altering or rebuilding tools on hand.

A total of 43,000 machine tools were already in company plants before preparations began. Of these 32,000, or nearly seventy-five per cent, were production tools. More than fifty per cent of all company tools have been rebuilt.

Miss Helen Veal announced her engagement to Dudley Spofford upon her return from Hillsboro Friday. The marriage will be solemnized this afternoon at the home of the Mr. and Mrs. Herman Veal. A honeymoon trip to eastern Oregon is planned.

Free Methodist Meeting. The meeting conducted in the McDonald hall, near the River-view grocery, continues with increasing interest.

Evangelist D. L. Fenwick states he is well pleased with the attendance and extends the invitation to the general public to attend.

Mrs. O. C. Spencer of The Dalles recently visited her son Frank Spencer in Vernonia. She was accompanied home by her son and Robert Whitsett for a short visit.

Miss Marie Walker and Mrs. Graves of St. Helens were visitors at the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary here Monday night.

F. A. Allen and George Thayer returned Thursday from a hunting trip in southern Oregon. They reported poor luck and plenty of rain.

Many From Columbia County Win Honors At Oregon State Fair

Many Boys and Girls Actively Participate in Showing of Exhibits at State Fair at Salem Recently

In the general agricultural exhibit at the Oregon state fair at Salem, Columbia county was represented by a showing of dairy products of butter and cheese, forage, grain, vegetables, fruits, honey, canned products and eggs. The booth was in charge of Geo. A. Nelson and Clyde Watson.

In the Columbia county club exhibit the showing of boys' and girls' work was in sewing, cooking, gardening, potato raising, the stock exhibit of two calves, and two pens of turkeys and one pen of chickens. Miss Elizabeth Murray was in charge of this booth.

There was one stock judging team consisting of Ragnar Josephson, Arthur Josephson, and Alford Nelson, all of the Bachelor Flat Calf club. The team made a good showing in judging and was near the top with its placing of eight classes of animals, with about 16 teams competing from various counties of the state.

There was a team of two boys, Duncan McPherson and Merle Lloyd, representing the camp cookery team of Deer Island, which gave a demonstration in camp cookery. Muriel Brown and Helen Larson of Yankton took part in the sewing contest.

Adelaide Burkehead and Minnie Lillich represented the cooking club of Bachelor Flat, which competed in the sewing club competition.

Jack Becker of Scappoose represented the high scoring boy of the county and Mary Jane Hazen, also of Scappoose, represented the high scoring girl of the county. These teams were championed by Mrs. Pearl Becker of Scappoose.

Farm Market Review Extension Service

Grain. No unusual changes marked last week's grain markets except corn continued to go lower. Cash wheat prices held steady on good domestic demand and Pacific coast export wheat was slightly firmer. Premiums for good, high protein and soft milling wheats were paid. The St. Louis market advanced 6 cents on No. 2 Soft Red winter bringing quotations to \$1.49 at the close of the week. It is estimated that 100,000,000 bushels of wheat and rye in Europe will be unfit for milling and rains in Canada and the United States have done damage to some unthreshed wheat. Good rains in Australia and Argentine have improved new crop prospects. Barley was firm on the Pacific coast and slightly higher in the east where there is a larger export movement. The oats market was dull on the coast but tended upward in the central west reflecting a light supply of good quality grain.

Hay. Although pastures are short causing better demand for hay, the general market situation is weak especially for low quality hay. A downward tendency has been noted in Yakima and Sacramento valleys where offering exceeds demand. Middlewestern markets, however, were slightly firmer on extra leafy, green alfalfa suitable for milling and for dairy cattle. No. 1 alfalfa was quoted September 23 at Kansas City \$18.50; Memphis \$24; San Francisco \$21.

Prunes. Unofficial estimates indicated considerable reduction in the dried prune production on the Pacific Coast compared to earlier forecasts. Old stocks are reported greatly reduced. The French crop is expected to about equal that of 1926 but the Yugoslavian production is not expected to exceed half of last year. The situation is improved for those who hold stocks of good fruit, especially of large sizes.

Walnuts. The market for walnuts was not yet stabilized in France and in China with very little business being transacted.

Apples. Some improvement in the English market compared to the demoralized situation which has prevailed for several weeks owing to an oversupply of home grown fruit was noted in recent auctions.

Wool. Further slight advances were noted in medium grade domestic wool last week.

Livestock. War-time prices for fed steers were registered last week in Chicago when some extra good stuff brought \$16.50 and the general run of fed stuff went around

Muriel Bell Selected As Member of Honors Division at University

Distinction Won Because of Excellent Scholarship Record During First Two Years at U. of O.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. Sept. 30. Muriel J. Bell of Vernonia, has been selected as a member of the newly created "honors division" of the University of Oregon, it is announced by the honors council. The Vernonia student was selected because of the excellent scholarship records made during their first two years at the university.

The "honors system" regarded by educators throughout the country as one of the most progressive steps in university training in years, will be put into effect immediately. It was announced today by Professor H. C. Howe, head of the committee of the honors council on legislation.

Regulations for the new system at the University of Oregon were drawn up by the group headed by Professor Howe, and these were adopted by the council as a whole. One third of the membership of the junior class, a total of 158, will be affected immediately, while this number may be added to at the recommendations of heads of departments. The students were selected on a basis of scholarship.

The placing of this group under the honors system in no way affects the others in the class or in other classes of the university. The honors group will be given more chance to develop along individual lines, and special lines of study encouraged.

Vernonia Billiards Sold

Nat Perdue purchased the Vernonia Billiards yesterday from Knapp & Lunn, and plans to continue the operation of the popular confectionery and billiard hall without any change for the present.

Mr. Perdue is well known in Vernonia, having resided here for the past two years.

Vernonia Cleaners Move

The Vernonia Cleaners have moved their establishment from the building next to the Lincoln Candy Kitchen to the place formerly occupied by the Model Millinery, next to the jewelry store.

S. Wells promises better service to his patrons in the new location and plans to conduct a modern, up-to-date cleaning establishment.

Grange Chancellor Visits Pythians

Edison I. Ballough, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythians, was a visitor at the meeting of the local lodge Monday evening.

\$13.00. All cattle were helped by the strong market for tops but the situation is not favorable to heavy increases in supplies or poorly finished stock in killer markets although feeders and stockers are in good demand. Combined cattle receipts at 68 markets this year to date are about one-half million head less than a year ago. Rains slowed up movement of lambs but supplies were large enough to cause some weakening of prices. Hogs were up and down but not much changed.

Butter. Some advance in better grades with lower quality remaining firm was noted at San Francisco were 92 score closed at 48 cents and 89 score at 40 cents. Some advance was also made in tastern markets by top grades where light receipts are causing large storage withdrawal. The make of butter is now considered to be below a year ago but conditions are favorable for improvement in production.

Feeds. The feed market was generally steady with offering light except wheat feeds. Choice alfalfa meal continues in excellent demand and some tendency to advance was noted.

Sweet clover seed is expected to exceed last year by about 15 per cent, but low prices caused much seed to go unharvested. Growers were being offered \$4.00 to \$5.00 a hundred pounds basis clean seed in the Dakotas and Minnesota compared to \$6.50-\$8.00 last year, \$5-\$6 in 1925, \$7.50-\$9 in 1924 and \$6-\$8 in 1924. Carry-over is unusually large but the Canadian crop is expected to be much smaller than last year which may reduce imports from that country.

Action Booths at Fair Strike Public's Fancy

Salem, Ore. Oct. 3.—The public's love for working exhibits was appealed to successfully at the state fair just closed in a number of moving features included in the annual display of the Oregon experiment station and the state college in general.

The public obtained its first view of the new fruit washing process for removal of spray residue in the experiment station booth where the new homemade machine designed and built by members of the staff was kept in operation each day. Scores of fruitgrowers unable to buy a large commercial washer got plans and specifications for building the simple machine.

Another action exhibit was that of the farm management department which showed a merry-go-round with each horse labeled one poor farm practice, following each other to produce much motion but no farm success. A "still" booth attracting much attention was one of plant diseases showing the recent discovery here that the well known curly top disease is the same as western yellow tomato blight and a number of other truck crop blights. Most profitable grades of cattle to market were shown pictorially as well as by charts.

Possibilities of the "tart-sweet" prune so much before the public lately were shown graphically in a display containing them fresh, canned and dried, and as butter, pie filler, conserve, prune juice, prune candy, pit paste, pit oil and pit flavor.

A popular demonstration of liquid air by the chemical engineering department kept a succession of crowds interested in the resident instruction division of the display. Others relieved both fatigue and curiosity by watching a succession of free movies put on by the engineering school. Famous "gold" and "tin" ore of recent strikes also drew much attention in a general exhibit combining instruction and entertainment.

TOBACCO TOPS 'EM ALL

Americans Spend Nearly a Million For Soft Drinks and Ice Cream

Figures compiled by the United States treasury department indicate that the people of this country spent in a single year \$1,847,000,000 for tobacco, \$820,000,000 for soft drinks and ice cream, \$934,000,000 for theatres and amusements, \$689,000,000 for candy and \$501,000,000 for perfumes, toilet soaps and chewing gum.

Compared with these figures, which were computed from internal revenue taxes for 1924, the revenues of the electrical utilities shrink into the background. In 1926, two years later than the figures quoted, the sixteen million wired homes in this country paid only \$450,000,000 for the necessary, convenient, safe, luxurious and restful services of electric light and power in the home. When statisticians deal with the spending habits of the American nation, they play around with billions. That's how the country got the notion that the electric industry was big. Compared to the totals that the nation spends for other essentials such as food, clothes and rent, the total spent for electricity is a bagatelle. The family electric light bill represents about seven-tenths of one per cent of the home budget.

Collectively, the electric industry represents a great aggregation of capital, but, when compared with any other service or commodity used generally by the American people, that industry is relatively insignificant. Many people think of the electric industry as gigantic and overpowering, simply because statisticians have collated in one lump sum the revenues and the investments of the thousands of separate electric companies scattered throughout the United States.

Canned Health Sale Success

The American Legion Auxiliary expressed sincere appreciation for the cooperation of local merchants in the canned health sale last week for the benefit of Mississippi flood sufferers.

The following, consisting mostly of milk and tomatoes, was collected: M. Murray & Co., 20 cans; Miller's 8 cans; Nehalem Market, 30 cans; Simmons Grocery, 12 cans; Riverview Grocery, 12 cans; Skaggs-Safeway, 8 cans; making a total of 90 cans, valued at \$11. A box of clothing was also shipped with the canned goods.

Butter wrappers at the Eagle.

Dairymen Agree On Sales Plan

Four Local Concerns Reach Agreement

Transient Workers Cause

Emergency Measure Said To Be Necessary Because of Non-Payment of Many Bills.

Cooperation between local dairymen and the Nehalem Valley Ice & Creamery company on the retailing of raw and pasteurized milk was effected at a meeting last week attended by representatives of Mowe's Dairy, O. G. Weed Dairy, Rock Creek Dairy and the creamery.

A plan to sell milk tickets to certain customers was reached by the dairymen in order to prevent some from extending their credit to a prohibitive amount with one dairymen and then switching to another without first paying the bill due the first.

This was reported to have been an annoying and costly experience in Vernonia in the past, due partly to the great amount of families who lived here but a short time and then moved away from town without paying for the milk bought on credit.

The use of milk tickets is said to be welcomed by the dairymen, especially in the case of families residing here but a short time, as it greatly facilitates the handling of those accounts and eliminates the collection expense.

In the future, when a customer is refused additional credit, his name is reported by the dairymen to the three others, who have agreed not to sell that particular customer milk except on a ticket basis, a plan to which all expressed themselves with being satisfactory.

Christian Endeavor Party Held

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian church held a party Friday night at the home of Doynise Reese. A short business meeting was held during which a committee composed of Della Cline, Gavena Charlesworth and Doynise Reese was appointed to nominate the officers to be elected at the next business and social meeting.

It was also decided to give an entertainment and basket social in November. The committee in charge of this are the following: Allen Ray, Lois Freeman and Doynise Reese.

Short Play Amuses Rebekahs

As a feature of the evening's entertainment, a short play was given at the regular meeting of Mountain Heart Rebekah lodge of Vernonia, September 22, called "Love Courtship and Marriage."

Those participating were: Mrs. Attie Cameron, Miss Ruby Barnett, Mrs. Irene Spencer, Mrs. Rose Schultz, Mrs. Mae Mellinger, Mrs. J. D. Reese, Mrs. Viola Trehanne and Mrs. Sarah Spencer.

An impersonation of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge was given by Mrs. Lillian Hanson. Refreshments were served and an exceptionally good time was reported by all.

The Truth Seekers class of the Church of Christ was entertained at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Teddy Leavitt, last Wednesday afternoon. The ladies voted to finish and decorate the Tiny Tot's room at the church. Mrs. R. A. Olsen was elected president of the class, and Mrs. Thelma Jackson, secretary-treasurer. Those enjoying the afternoon were: Mrs. M. D. Cole, Mrs. Ernest Sunell, Mrs. R. A. Olson, Mrs. Myrtle Holce, Mrs. W. W. Keaton, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Lindsey.

Ruth Holaday, a graduate from the 1927 class of Vernonia high school, enrolled for a year's course at the Northwestern business college in Portland Monday.

J. H. Bush, H. E. McGraw, J. C. Lindley, A. L. Kullander and Wm. Culver were hunting in Hermiton Saturday, where they secured the bag limit of pheasants. Sunday they reported good luck at duck shooting near Scappoose.

G. T. Blankenship suffered a broken right hand Friday when a car door was slammed on it.