

Park Board Makes Report

Thanks Organizations Helping
To Swell Park Funds

Good Prospects Next Year

Believe Valley Fair Should Be An
Annual Event in Vernonia To
Boost Home Products

That the Nehalem valley fair held here on Vernonia day last month was a forerunner of larger fairs to come in succeeding years, is the opinion of the Vernonia park board, who added that they believe it was the greatest surprise attraction of the day, devoted to the interests of the city park.

With the funds raised that day, the board states that needed improvements in the park can now be made, together with the use of funds already held in trust for that purpose by local lodges and other organizations. The statement issued by the board at its meeting Wednesday night of last week was as follows:

"The park board voted to extend their hearty thanks to the following organizations, who on September 10 joined with the American Legion in making Vernonia day a wonderful success, despite the rain which fell all afternoon and evening.

"The money turned over to the park fund was as follows: American Legion, \$44.25; Legion Auxiliary, \$18; Rebekah lodge, \$21.55; Women's Relief Corps, \$13.66; Women's Study club, \$6.35; Pythian Sisters, tag sale, \$32.50; Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. W. J. Gooding, flowers, \$5.35; making a total of \$141.66.

"Many, many thanks, dear friends, and the park board plans to have a wonderful park and playground before another summer passes. Being handicapped for funds, not as much work was accomplished this year as was wanted; for cleaning, trimming trees, blowing stumps, filling holes, and having drain ditches dug, costs money.

"The park board also wishes to thank Wm. Pringle for the benches he donated to the park and to Mr. Brown, who hauled them over to the park.

"The Chamber of Commerce display on Vernonia day deserves much praise for the beautiful background of autumn leaves and greens. The display of old relics owned by Mrs. Sarah Spencer and others of Nehalem valley pioneers was very interesting.

"The wonderful display of dahlias grown by Mrs. Gooding, who sold flowers all day for the benefit of the park fund, and D. B. Reasoner's display of dahlias and the many friends who sent flowers all day to make things beautiful the farmers' display of cheese, butter, milk potatoes, turnips, squash, pumpkins, beans, corn, kale, apples, grapes and mint, goes to show what wonderful things grow in this valley. And the carnival gotten up in so few days, shows what can be done when all cooperate, and the park board again thanks each and every one for the help."

Dr. Ella Wight, Chairman,
Mrs. Judd Greenman, Secty.,
Mrs. Mark E. Moe,
E. S. Thompson,
Lester Sheeley.

Oregon Gas Tax Below Average of All States

The Oregon State Motor association points out that although Oregon was the first state in the union to use the gas tax as a means of collecting revenue for highway construction, every state in the union, except New York and Massachusetts, now has adopted it as an equitable method of metering the use of the road.

There are fifteen states in the union that now collect a larger gas tax than does Oregon, and the average of all states is slightly greater than the three cents which Oregon collects.

Oregon has 150,000 Angora Goats, with ideal pasturage and market for 2,000,000.

Astoria—Contracts will be let soon for new paper plant.

3 Boys and Girls Clubs Get Certificate of Achievement

Certificates of achievement were received by three of the boys and girls clubs of the Vernonia schools Tuesday. These clubs had 100 per cent of their enrolled members complete their club projects for the year 1926-1927.

Three certificates are signed by C. B. Smith of the U. S. department of agriculture, I. L. Patterson governor of Oregon; W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college; C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction; Paul V. Maris, director of the extension service; H. C. Seymour, state club leader; Elizabeth Murray, county school superintendent; George N. Nelson, county club leader and the local club leader.

The following clubs received certificates: Pattie Cake Cookery club, Mrs. Mabel Graves, local leader, Dorothy Black, Mary Ann Childs, Joy Bush, Mignon Dupue, Audrey Austin, Ione Lindberg.

Vernonia Coffee Coolers Camp Cookery club, Edwin Condit, local leader, Robert Mills, Leroy Christensen, Jack Christensen, Clarence Lindsay, Frank Creasey, Vernon Brankley, Junior Aldrich, Clarence Gilchrist.

Vernonia Ginger Bread Cookery club: Miss Pearl Krause, local leader, Alice Parker, Velda Mellinger, Alma Sealberg, Helen Charlesworth, Christine Rainey, Margie Ratcliffe, Audrey Johnson, Louise Robinson.

Hook Tender at Koster Has a Narrow Escape

Alek Morton, a hook tender for Koster Products company, was injured Monday when a log was pulled over him. Morton was struck on the back of the neck with a line which cut a large gash and threw him under the log.

The engineer was signaled to come, but thinking the signal was to go ahead, he jerked the log off Morton and probably saved his life, in the opinion of those who witnessed the accident.

Membership Campaign On Neighbors of Woodcraft Plan To

Increase to 100,000

Los Angeles, Oct. 8. A national campaign to increase the membership of the Neighbors of Woodcraft to 100,000 adults during the coming year has just been launched as the aftermath of the dedication of the new \$300,000 home for aged members at Riverside, Calif., September 15, last.

In presiding at the ceremonies celebrating the completion of the home, one of the finest and most beautiful of any fraternal organization in the world, Mrs. Minnie Hiner, grand guardian and supreme officer of the order, reported that the membership had increased to a total of 78,000 adults and 5,000 juveniles, and inspired the 5,000 members in attendance from all parts of the west to initiate the campaign.

Of typical California architecture the home, on a 60 acre farm, owned by the order, is one of the showplaces of the "Queen City of the Citrus Belt." It includes a magnificent administration building, one of the most completely equipped hospitals on the Pacific coast, and a dormitory building, in addition to separate structures devoted to a laundry and other operating facilities and a group of 10 model barn buildings. The various buildings are connected with patio esplanades and the grounds are elaborately landscaped.

The completed home represents the combined efforts of members in a dozen western states. The main auditorium and living room was furnished by the circles of Portland. A handsome sun parlor and library was provided by Pueblo circles. A directors' room was furnished by Spokane, Wash., circles a sewing room by members at Cheyenne, and an officers' dining room by San Francisco circles. Nearly every one of the 100 bedrooms were furnished by circles in different parts of the country.

In company with the grand officers, drill teams from Washington, Oregon, Montana and California, took part in the ceremonies with the mayor and city officials of Riverside. The dedication of the home followed the biennial district convention in Los Angeles, which celebrated the increase of 14 new circles in the district during the two years since the last convention. Long Beach was chosen for the next biennial convention of the southern California district.

Veal-Spofford Wedding Event of Last Week at Home of Bride's Parents

Miss Helen Veal and Dudley Spofford United in Marriage by Rev. Leavitt Thursday.

At the home of the bride's parents Thursday, October 6, at 2 p.m. occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Veal to Dudley Spofford. Rev. Teddy Leavitt, pastor of the Christian church of Vernonia, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Veal of Vernonia, while the groom, who has been working in Vernonia for some time, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Spofford of Jerome, Idaho. The bride wore a white satin dress and carried a large corsage of pink rose buds. The room was decorated with autumn leaves, pink and white dahlias, sweet peas and gladiolus.

Miss Beatrice Veal, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and E. S. Biddle, brother-in-law of the groom was best man. Miss Daynise Reese played the wedding march.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was enjoyed by a few friends of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Spofford left Friday afternoon for a two-weeks trip to points in eastern Oregon. They expect to make their home in Vernonia.

Legion Plans Masquerade Halloween Dance Oct. 29

The local American Legion post is making extensive preparations for a masked, costumed Halloween dance in the local hall the Saturday night before the end of the month, October 29.

"Arrangements have been completed to have a seven-piece orchestra here from Portland for the occasion," says E. H. Washburn, manager of the special dance, "and prizes will be given for the best costumes. A local merchant will have costumes to rent at that time, if present plans materialize, and a fine will be collected from all those coming into the hall dressed in ordinary clothes."

An unique plan of special decoration for the Legion hall for the Halloween dance is being planned by Mr. Washburn. The Legion Auxiliary will have charge of refreshments.

TEACHER'S ANNUAL INSTITUTE IN ST. HELENS NEXT WEEK

The teacher's annual institute will be held in the John Gumm school at St. Helens October 20 and 21. The first morning session E. F. Carleton, secretary of the Oregon State Teachers association, will discuss the work of the association for the coming year. This will be followed by a business meeting of the Columbia county organization.

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader, will be there both days with club exhibits that have placed high in state and county fairs. Every club leader throughout the county is especially invited to come and consult Miss Cowgill while she is there. Friday afternoon H. C. Seymour will give an illustrated lecture on boys and girls club work throughout the state. This is considered an excellent opportunity to get club work lined up for the new year, which begins November 1.

T. D. Kirkpatrick, club agent for Portland, will be present and give an illustrated lecture on flowers and birds of Oregon. Mr. Kirkpatrick has become quite a well known naturalist, and his pictures are said to be especially interesting as he does so much of his own work.

C. A. Howard, superintendent of public instruction, will be there October 21 to discuss the present school problem, also Fred Park in the interest of an Americanization club among the school leaders of the county. Two other instructors of special note are Miss Emma Henkle and Miss Katherine Arbuthnot.

Thursday evening the Kiwanis club of St. Helens is entertaining the teachers with an October jamboree.

Oregon has 410 acres celery this year, 360 acres last year.

Marshfield—100 cars Christmas trees ordered by California buyers.

Banks—Oregon Telephone Company to have larger office.

Wheeler—Brighton road completed and opened.

Merchants Credit Association Gains Five New Members

Many Benefits Derived From
Cooperation With Other Credit
Associations in Oregon.

The Vernonia Merchants Credit association increased the strength of its organization recently by the addition of five new members: The Nehalem Valley Ice & Creamery company, the Square Deal garage, Corey Economy store, and the Riverview grocery.

"Each week sees some improvement toward the perfection of an efficient working organization that is of material benefit to Vernonia merchants," says Mrs. Wayne Lappe, secretary. "We use the same rating plan as all other credit associations in Oregon, and are now exchanging regular bulletins with these other organizations whereby valuable information is often procured."

E. W. Holtham, chairman of the board of directors of the credit association, states that "this association is the greatest boon to good business in Vernonia of any organization yet formed here, and business is now on a better basis than formerly."

It is pointed out by many of the present members that all concerns here doing credit business should join, both in the spirit of cooperation and for the greatest good to all. Mrs. Lappe has received many compliments for her efficient manner of keeping the records of the association and in the making of reports to members that have been of material benefit to them.

Northwest Sawmill Employment Declines

Portland, Ore., Oct. 8. Late September saw employment in the Pacific northwest at the season's peak, according to the 4L monthly employment letter published here today. Fall farm work, fruit harvest and canning, and a continuance of work on many large construction jobs, combined with usual fall activity of the logging camps, have brought jobs and takers to about a balance, the letter said. The 4L sums up current conditions as follows:

"Woods work in the Inland Empire and other pine producing districts is in full swing, but pine sawmills have begun the usual 'tapering off,' several night shifts already being laid off for the fall and winter months.

"General construction work is holding up well, for as yet there has been no slackening of jobs under way and several new projects have been started. There is also considerable highway paving being done.

"The return to school of many who have been working in various industries during the summer has created new openings."

Oregon Auto Licenses Are Less Than in Many States

"Oregon does not collect nearly so much for the use of an automobile on the state highways as do other states," says the Oregon State Motor association. "The average combined gas tax and license fee for the United States is \$23.89 per car. While Florida collects \$45.32 and North Carolina \$44.63, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia are all above \$30.00.

"In addition all of the above states except Vermont collect a personal property tax on the automobile, which brings the average of all the above states above that of Oregon whose average is \$40.03.

"Oregon is noted for the excellence of its roads, while several of the states whose assessment is greater than that of Oregon are not particularly pointed out for their road construction."

The percentage of smut in Oregon wheat fields is greatly reduced this year. Early fall rains have reduced spread of smut spores by clearing the air, hence treatment of the seed will probably make next season a clean wheat year also. The copper carbonate seed treatment has given very good results. County agents and the Oregon agricultural college have directions for seed treatment. These are sent free to those desiring them.

Oregon growers sell six carloads blooded sheep for shipment to Soviet Russia.

Oregon Ranks Seventh in P-T. Association Members

According to the Journal of the National Education association, in 1918 Oregon had a membership of 1500 in the National Congress of Parents and Teachers; in 1920, 498; in 1922, 4052; in 1924, 11,164; in 1926, 17,703, and in 1927, 16,726 members.

The per cent of members in proportion to the population in 1927 is 1.88. In percentage of population members Oregon ranks seventh in the United States. The six states ranking higher are, in order given: Delaware, Colorado, California, North Dakota, Washington and Vermont. You will notice that our neighbor states rank higher than Oregon.

Will you help bring Oregon's per cent up by joining the Vernonia Parent-Teacher association? The dues are nominal.

MRS. O. A. ANDERSON

Lincoln Candy Kitchen In New Place Saturday

The Lincoln Candy Kitchen plans to be established in their new location, the building formerly occupied by the Horseshoe cafe, Saturday morning. A complete new equipment has been installed, including new tables, booths, counter, mirror and cabinet.

Blue walls, with silver gray finished woodwork gives a pleasing appearance to the interior according to many who have been watching the improvements being made. Convenient electric connections for the four milk shake machines will be on the cabinet behind the fountain.

In the rear of the candy kitchen the rooms have been refinished, and especially arranged for the making of candy, for which J. C. Lincoln has built an enviable reputation during his stay in Vernonia.

Officials' Salaries Same

Budget Allowance Equals Amount
Being Paid This Year

Some misunderstanding has developed in Vernonia over the report that the salaries of two city officials, the attorney and treasurer, have been raised for 1928, which seems true according to a comparison of the 1927 and 1928 budgets.

These two officials have been receiving the amounts allotted to them for next year, for the past two years. The budget committee cut down their pay last year, and the council found that the services could not be obtained for that sum and paid them the difference out of the emergency fund.

This year's budget committee approved the payment of \$240 to the treasurer and \$600 to the city attorney. Much credit was given Lester Sheeley, city attorney, for the reduction in taxes in Vernonia for next year. He was responsible for the change in the pumping plant for the municipal water system, thus effecting a saving each year of more than double the amount of his salary.

No serious objection to the proposed budget has been heard thus far, and it is expected that it will be put in effect in its present form, after the public hearing October 31.

The Ladies of the Church of Christ spent a delightful afternoon at the church parlors Wednesday afternoon. They had an apron shower for their coming bazaar. Delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Sunell and Mrs. Robinson. Those present were Mrs. McDonald, president, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Gooding, Mrs. Hyland, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Lanway, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Purney, Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Sunell, Mrs. Sitts, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Monger, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. H. Robinson, Mrs. F. Robinson, Mrs. Teddy Leavitt, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Roy Brady, Mrs. Fest, Mrs. Heiber, Mrs. Hornbeck, Mrs. Christianson.

The European fruit lecanium, which attacks prune trees in Oregon, is controlled by spraying with oil emulsion when the trees are dormant, says the entomologist of the experiment station. This spray, consisting of 5 gallons of oil to 100 gallons of water, is put on the trees as early as possible after the leaves have fallen. Care is taken to spray before freezing weather sets in. The scale is readily recognized by the formation of honeycombed growth on the branches, which causes smutting of the fruit and foliage.

Home Products Will Be Eaten

Menu For Chamber Luncheon
Will Be Unique

Will be Held at Noon Today

Regular Bi-monthly Luncheon at
Horseshoe Cafe Will Feature
Home Grown Produce

The menu for the Chamber of Commerce luncheon today at the Horseshoe Cafe has been arranged so as to include only produce grown in the Nehalem valley, a unique feature designed to show the variety of agricultural products grown here. The menu is as follows:

Combination Salad	Cabbage
Beets	Cucumbers
Carrots	Tomatoes
Roast leg of pork	Elderberry jelly
mashed potatoes	Butter
Bread	Apple Cobbler
Whipped Cream	Milk

The beets, carrots cabbage, cucumbers and tomatoes were all grown on the Al. Parker place, as were the apples. The meat is from the Nehalem valley and its trimmings, elderberry jelly. Bread from the local bakery will be used, and butter made by the local creamery.

An important item of discussion at the meeting will be the fashion show, decided upon by the directors of the chamber at their meeting Monday night. They appointed C. W. Reithner, C. F. Heiber, E. W. Holtham, W. R. Meyer and M. E. Moe as a committee to conduct the show. They held a meeting last night when tentative plans were made.

The fashion show is designed to show local goods in women's and children's wearing apparel that may be purchased at Vernonia stores, thus encouraging the practice of trading at home. It will probably be held at the Majestic theatre some time within a few weeks and local folk will be chosen as models to display the goods. A half hour show is planned between the regular movie showings feature of the evening.

Oregon's First Aviatrix Is Enthused With Flying

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 8.—The first aviatrix in Oregon enrolled at the Rankin Flying school here last week, took her first official hop in the training plane and vowed she was more determined than ever before to become a commercial pilot. Miss Faye Carter, pretty stenographer of Portland, the girl with the ambition to make a fortune in the new industry, weighs only a hundred pounds and is less than five feet in height. She makes up for that by an abundance of enthusiasm.

Miss Carter is the first woman flyer on record in Oregon and is the first in the seven years history of the Rankin Flying school. When she qualifies for her private pilot license, after the completion of the two month's course, she will probably be the first woman to do so in the Pacific northwest, and will be among the very few on the Pacific slope.

The first Oregon aviatrix will go through the regular course with the rest of the students. She will spend her time overhauling engines, repairing wings and other work with her class, taking the course as it comes from the dirty repair jobs to the more difficult stunt flying.

"There is no reason why women cannot become as capable flyers as men" said Tex Rankin, president of the school and chief instructor. "The growth of the new industry which was given such enormous impetus by Colonel Lindbergh and others will probably draw women in large numbers."

The first half of the course will include ground exercises, the study of engines, the theory of flight, and preliminary flying with an instructor. The second half will be taken up with solo flying, stunt work to familiarize the student with handling the plane, the study of meteorology and air traffic laws.