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District Road Meeting Called

Special Road Taxes To Be Voted Again

Is Set For November 12

District's Present Policy of Building Good Roads Expected To Be Continued

A notice is being published this week by the county court that pursuant to a petition signed by 12 freeholders, resident taxpayers and legal voters of road district number 16, a meeting of the legal voters will be held in the court room of the justice of the peace at Vernonia November 12 at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of voting a special road tax here, not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar, on all taxable property in this road district.

Since it is generally recognized that good roads are vitally necessary to the development of the Nehalem valley, there has been little opposition to the active road program in the past few years. The few suggestions that have been made from time to time in the past year for new roads have met with little favor.

A road from Seapoose to Vernonia was proposed, and a road from Rainier to Vernonia was proposed, but the amount of travel over these routes, it is thought, would not be sufficient at present to warrant the expenditure, when added to the present need of putting the roads now in existence in better condition, where the cost of maintenance would be low in the future.

Coast To Coast Trip Made In 6 Days

Away back in 1905 an automobile mechanical expert and a newspaper man started out from New York for a motor trip across the continent to the Pacific coast. After weeks of battling mud, sand and bad weather, to say nothing of numerous breakdowns, the two men finally arrived on the coast. Some of their experiences were really thrilling.

Their car had been chosen specially for the trip; it had been gone over carefully by factory mechanics and was supposed to be absolutely the last word in automotive perfection of that day. Thousands of motorists make this transcontinental trip every year now and, thoroughly enjoy it. The roads are better of course, but even when bad roads are encountered in combination with bad weather, the motor tourists come through without trouble and like to brag of how few days it required for the trip, as against the weeks required by those motor pioneers of 25 years ago.

The transcontinental driving time is being cut down through the development of the modern low-priced car, according to A. L. McMeans, district manager for the Oakland Motor Car company in giving out details of a recent transcontinental trip in a Pontiac six, made by Albert Boklan, of Freeport, Long Island.

When Boklan, in his Pontiac six coupe arrived here on the coast he was just six days away from his Atlantic coast home, according to McMeans. After remaining here only two days, Boklan was on his way back with another six days allowing for the trip to complete his two weeks vacation.

"When it came to the point of deciding where to go on my vacation I was sort of up a stump," said Boklan. "Then the idea of making a trip to the Pacific coast came into my head. So I just started, allowing six days for the trip each way with two days out in California. If I did not know the Pontiac so well and have such faith in it after already driving it 7,000 miles, I would not of course have undertaken such a trip.

"I figured it would not be as expensive as staying closer to home at some resort and I was right. I did not spend a penny on the car outside of gasoline and oil and that figured out as very cheap

Chamber Secretaries Favor New County Booklet

Secretaries of the St. Helens, Rainier, Scappoose and Vernonia Chambers of Commerce met in St. Helens Monday at the request of the secretary of the St. Helens chamber for the purpose of deciding the advisability of publishing a new Columbia county booklet.

Since the state legislature permits the county budget committee to set aside \$1000 each year for advertising and development work, it was decided to ask for \$500 to publish this booklet. Geo. Neison, county agent, and Secretary Clay of St. Helens were appointed to prepare a copy for the booklet to present to the budget committee.

Before an active program of settlement of the logged off lands in the county can be instituted, the secretaries were of the opinion that good roads and schools were needed first. A county Chamber of Commerce organization was also recommended, who would look after sending out these folders, each city to send out material on that place alone.

A radical change in the form of the booklet was recommended, since it was thought best that the county as a whole should be advertised, and no individual attention paid to any particular community.

Wins Oratorical Contest

Miss Lois Freeman Delivers Best Address at C. E. Convention

Miss Lois Freeman, a member of the Christian Endeavor society of the Vernonia Christian church, won first prize in the oratorical contest, which was a part of the Wildwood Christian Endeavor convention, held in Clatskanie October 14, 15 and 16. Her topic was, "The Value of the Christian Endeavor Pledge to Intermediates."

The prize was a gold C. E. pin and \$5 toward expenses to the state Christian Endeavor convention to be held at The Dalles in April. Miss Freeman will also take part in the state C. E. convention.

Others from Vernonia who attended the convention at Clatskanie were Wilburn Charlesworth, George Bernard and Miss Gavina Charlesworth.

Homecoming Is Early At O. A. C. This Year

Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, Oct. 17. The earliest homecoming in years—October 29—is turning the attention of alumni, football fans in general, and many editors of Oregon toward the state college campus.

All visitors are interested primarily in the big football game which this year is between the two state college teams, Oregon and Washington, which have not met for two years. As usual seats have been reserved for editors of the state who are to be guests of Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the college.

Building changes on the campus, especially the rise of the Memorial union building toward which many alumni are contributing will be a special attraction this year. In addition the women's building, completed within the last year, will be open for homecoming visitors.

Traditional events will begin Thursday night when the annual homecoming signs will blaze from 50 fraternities, sororities and halls. Friday night the big noise parade and rally will precede the burning of the annual rook bonfire.

Saturday morning the all college and exhibition swimming meet will begin the day's events followed by mounted wrestling and tug of war by Polo club members, the rook-sophomore bag rush and the push ball contest.

The executive committee of the state editorial association will hold a special session here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in charge of President Robert W. Sawyer, editor of the Bend Bulletin, and state high commissioner in his spare moments. All the editors have been invited to be President Kerr's guests at luncheon in the college tea room before the game.

transportation. I believe that next year I can make the trip and save a day each way. I have learned something about driving western roads that will be a help to me. The Pontiac will do the work all right, and go as fast as I dare drive it."

Historical Society Announces Annual State Essay Contest

"The Provisional Government of Oregon" is the Subject of 1928 Contest For Boys and Girls.

The Oregon Historical society has selected "The Provisional Government of Oregon" as the subject for the 1928 C. C. Beckman contest. The prizes are four in number: First, \$60; second, \$50; third, \$40; and fourth, \$30; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over 15 years of age and under 18 years of age, attending any public or private school in Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

The conditions governing the competition are as follows: The essay must not exceed 2000 words. It may be in handwriting or typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size, either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left-hand margins.

The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and postoffice address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.

There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by a teacher or instructor of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a pupil or student attending the same.

In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical society, Portland, Oregon not later than March 15, 1928.

All essays submitted in competition will be numbered and submitted, without the names of the writers or other identifying marks, to three judges selected by the undersigned committee.

All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of manuscript, accurate orthography correct grammar and composition, and purity and clarity of diction.

The Oregon state library in Salem has a reading list or bibliography upon this subject which will be sent to any Oregon student upon request. Books pertaining to the subject are obtainable in most Oregon public libraries.

Students desiring books should apply first to the local library, which, if not having the books, should secure them from the county and state libraries.

Library Receives Donations

The Vernonia city library has received the following donations of books recently from local citizens:

"The Sky Line of Spruce," Marshall, donor, I. M. Kirkwood.
"The Problem Child in School," Sayles, donor Mrs. W. R. Hammack.
"Bumper," Walsh; "Boys From the Ranch," Webster; "A Man Four Square," Bernard; "Do and Dare," Alger; "The Hungry Heart," Phillips; donor Mrs. Dora Washburn.

"Pay Gravel," Pendexter, donor Mrs. E. H. Washburn.
"The Real America in Romance," a set of 14 volumes by John B. Musick, donor Mrs. C. W. Reithner.

Good Pheasant Hunting

V. H. Drorbaugh, Chris Nicar, C. E. Shoemaker, Ed. Zulick and Tom Anderson reported good luck at Chinese pheasant hunting near Albany Sunday morning, the limit of 40 birds being brought down by 11 a. m.

By getting special permission they were able to hunt on farms in the vicinity, where they stated flocks of 40 or 50 pheasants were often sighted.

The annual meeting of the state Bee Keepers association will be held at Hermiston, November 17, 18, 19. Listed among the prominent speakers are A. W. Kjosnes, manager of the Mountain State Honey Producers association, Boise, Ida., Dr. R. L. Webster, entomologist at Washington State college, and George W. York, editor of Bee and Honey, Spokane, Wash. A jack-rabbit drive will be a feature of the meeting.

Need for More Adequate Dance Facilities Here Cited By Legionnaire

After Paying For Building, Local Legion Post Plans To Devote Income To Civic Improvement.

The people of Vernonia demand and are entitled to a real dance floor. Therefore, the American Legion is now negotiating to build an annex to the present building, which with the structure now standing, will give a floor space of about 40 by 80 feet, a size that it is thought will accommodate all ordinary demands upon the hall for many years to come.

The amusements of Vernonia are, without question, too few in number, and that makes a good dance floor more in demand. The American Legion plans to take care of this situation by having a real floor. The management will be under the auspices of the Legion and first-class wholesome dances will be conducted that will be a credit to the city.

It should be further understood that the American Legion is purely a law-abiding organization and living up to the constitution of this country; also that it is not a profit-making organization.

Any profits that may be derived from the dances after the building is free of debt will be turned to civic improvements and charity of the community, such as helping with the city park, tennis courts for community use, a public ambulance and a fire engine.

The purchase of such community necessities as these will be a saving from the tax standpoint. Although we are a young post we are fifth in size in Oregon and support to our organization means support to the community in general.

The American Legion for a cleaner, better and more prosperous city and community.

A LEGIONNAIRE.

Petty Thieves Active.

St. Helens, Oct. 11.

To the Editor:—Please give notice as a news item in your paper and oblige all concerned:

This is the time of year when thieves begin operations and already complaints are numerous in this office concerning the theft of chickens, turkeys, etc. The only way in which the situation can be handled would be for everyone to be on the look-out for such persons and to apprehend them, calling the sheriff immediately, or if near one of the towns get in touch with the city marshal and have him hold such parties until the sheriff can arrive. Through the cooperation of everyone in the county, this matter should be readily stopped.

Thanking you for your aid in this matter, I am, very truly yours,
J. H. WELLINGTON,
Sheriff.

Experiments Being Made With Narcissus Bulbs

Extensive experiments with narcissus bulbs are being made for the eradication of nematodes, greater fly, lesser fly, and mites by the horticulture, entomology and plant pathology departments of the O. A. C. experiment station. The three departments are included in this research, for the subject is being studied from the standpoint of disease, pest control and normal growth of bulbs.

The standard treatment is to leave the bulbs in water 43 to 44 degrees Centigrade, for two and one-half to three hours. The aim of this experiment is to get 100 per cent control of pests without injury to bulbs or flowers.

"From the experimental work done up to date we got the best results by treating them three to five weeks after being dug. If treated before that time the flowers were considerably injured by being deformed and after that time there was reduction in percentage increase in weight of the bulbs when later grown," said M. B. McKay, plant pathologist.

Not many of the bulbs are infected but all are being treated to insure safety of the entire stock, which is valued at \$1200. The experiment station could not do this work had it not been for the remarkable cooperation of the growers who have loaned most of the stock for the test, according to Professor McKay.

Butter wrappers at the Eagle.

Miss Lucy A. Case Will Hold Nutrition Meetings

There will be a nutrition meeting held at Birkenfeld Wednesday, October 26, at 10:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M., by Miss Lucy A. Case, nutrition specialist, of the O. A. C. extension service.

In the morning, Miss Case will give a demonstration on the uses of milk and in the afternoon a talk on "The Training of the Family to Good Eating Habits."

The third nutrition meeting for the South Scappoose district, which will be conducted by Miss Lucy A. Case, will be held at Mrs. Pearl Becker's place, Tuesday, October 25, from 10:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M.

In the morning Miss Case will demonstrate the making of sandwiches and school lunches. In the afternoon she will give a talk on "How to Eat and Grow Thin," "How to Eat and Grow Fat," and "The Planning of Balanced Meals."

Birthday Party Given.

A delightful little party was given for George Stankey Jr. on his birthday Saturday afternoon at his home. The afternoon was spent playing games.

After a Halloween lunch was served the little guests departed wishing him many happy returns of the day. Those present were: Truman Knight, Robbie Lamping, Richard Austin, Junior Thompson, Buddie Lamping, Junior Charlesworth, Barbara Dusten and Edna Owens.

Divorces Granted.

Katarzyna Jablonski was granted a divorce from Adam Jablonski in circuit court at St. Helens Monday. She was given a one-third interest in the farm and all personal property. The sum of \$987 in the Bank of Vernonia was also awarded to her.

Lewis Lines received a divorce at St. Helens Monday from Carrie Lines. He was given the care and custody of the two minor children, who are now being cared for by his mother living at Koster camp.

Lester Sheeley represented the plaintiffs in each case.

Record Milk Production

County Cows Show Increase Over Month of August

A total of 604 cows were tested during the month of September, according to the report of L. J. Bartholomy, the tester. Their average production was 690 pounds of milk and 28.8 pounds of fat. This is a slight increase over the August averages due to a better condition of the pastures and also the feeding of more grain by some of the members. Sixty-six cows produced over 40 pounds of fat for the month.

For herds of less than 10 cows Fritz Anliker, of Goble was first with an average production of 933 pounds of milk and 40.78 pounds of fat for 4 registered Holsteins. H. Leibenow of Cornelius was second with an average production of 708 pounds of milk and 38.80 pounds of fat for 9 grade Jerseys. G. R. Anliker of Goble was third with an average production of 808 pounds of milk and 32.38 pounds of fat for 5 registered Holsteins.

For herds of 10 to 20 cows, Dave Hodge of Sauvie Island was first with an average production of 978 pounds of milk and 37.23 pounds of fat for 15 grade Holsteins. W. S. Copeland of Sauvie Island was second with an average production of 822 pounds of milk and 33.81 pounds of fat for 15 grade Holsteins. Paul Welter of Goble was third with an average production of 834 pounds of milk and 32.58 pounds of fat for 16 grade Holsteins.

For herds of more than 20 cows, Jacob Rietala of Quincy was first with an average production of 759 pounds of milk and 34.66 pounds of fat for 22 grade Jerseys. Beeson Brothers of Clatskanie were second with an average production of 805 pounds of milk and 34.25 pounds of fat for 26 grade Guernseys and grade Jerseys. Henry Behrman of Cornelius was third with an average production of 604 pounds of milk and 32.55 pounds of fat for 28 registered Jerseys and grade Jerseys.

The high pure bred cow for the month is Payne, a three year old registered Holstein, owned by Fritz Anliker of Goble. Her record is 1050 pounds of milk and 53.5 pounds of fat.

The high grade cow is Shorty, a six year old grade Holstein, owned by Dave Hodge on Sauvie Island. Her record is 1230 pounds of milk and 67.7 pounds of fat.

Re-organize Boy Scouts

New Committee Plans Father And Son Banquet Here

Dr. Cole Is Scoutmaster

Tentative Plans Made to Perfect Larger Organization of Boy Scout Troop in Vernonia

Re-organization of the local Boy Scout troop was effected recently with the resignation of H. E. McGraw as scoutmaster and the appointment of Dr. M. D. Cole to serve in that capacity for the coming year. The committee that will supervise the activities of the boys' organization here is composed of C. E. Hieber, J. B. Wilkerson, H. E. McGraw, J. C. Lincoln, and M. E. Moe. Clarence Wardle will continue as assistant scoutmaster.

Plans for a father and son banquet in Vernonia were tentatively made at a meeting of the scoutmasters and the committee Tuesday night. An attempt will be made to have an official of the Portland council of the Boy Scouts deliver an address at the banquet here some time early in November, after which a drive for new members will be conducted.

The Vernonia Boy Scouts, which is sponsored by the American Legion post here, meet every Friday evening in the Legion hall. Persons interested in the organization are cordially invited to attend any meetings.

W. C. T. U. Will Fight Al Smith For President

A lot is being written these days about the chance of Al Smith being nominated by the Democratic party for president. The Democratic politicians do not want to forget that the W. C. T. U. has not forgotten Governor Al Smith's pre-prohibition record. This record of his in favor of the liquor traffic, legal and otherwise, will be given out in the near future against his nomination.

The National W. C. T. U. intends to keep before the women of the country that no matter what the politicians may say "Al" Smith is as wet as the Atlantic ocean. Records are being compiled to show that from his earliest political infancy "Al" Smith has befriended any kind of a saloon as long as it was a place to buy liquor.

The first matter of notorious consequence was his action in favor of Jack Sorooco's dive, a wide open den of iniquity against which the decent citizens of New York tried to invoke the laws. When he was finally arrested and brought into court the judge dismissed the entire proceedings on the representation of Al Smith, then a city politician. Al Smith said, "There must be some mistake your honor; that saloon is in my district and it is O. K."

MAUD J. MILLS,
Publicity director for Co. W.C.T.U.

A. S. Goss Recommended

The Columbia county Farm Loan association of the southern part of the county recommended A. S. Goss for membership on the farm loan board of district 12 at a meeting held Monday evening. Mr. Goss is a practical farmer as well as one of the outstanding men of the grange, being master of the Washington state grange, a member of the National grange executive committee. Mr. Goss is intensely interested in the farm loan system and anxious to see it function so as to render the higs degree of service possible to the farmer.

A special meeting of Circle No. 4 of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Lillian Washburn Thursday evening. Seven members were present. The evening was spent in making wash cloths for the Veterans Hospital No. 77 in Portland. Members of the circle are planning to make a layette for the state child welfare committee. Mrs. Leroy Smith was elected secretary-treasurer of the circle.