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Council Levies 1928 Budget

Objections Heard at Meeting Monday Night

Budget Is Not Changed

Reasons For Proposed Expenditures In Several Items Explained To Those Present

Sitting as a levying board, the city council passed the budget for 1928 as recommended by the budget committee for this year, on Monday night.

A few persons were present to object to several items in the budget, or at least have them explained satisfactorily. Discussion centered around the proposed expenditure of \$200 on the city hall. It was pointed out by the council that the building is resting on a temporary foundation, and that parts of the structure are now sagging. A small expenditure at this time will save a double expenditure a year later, it is believed.

The matter of the city treasurer's salary was also discussed. It was pointed out by the council that although the salary was reduced last year, J. C. Lindley would not do the work for the reduced amount, nor could anyone else suitable be found who would do it. Since they were very desirous of having Mr. Lindley continue in the office, the difference was paid out of the emergency fund, a right which is given the council by the city charter. Other officials' salaries under discussion were explained in the same way.

When the point was raised that the city taxes in Vernonia are high, and that there is an urgent need of having them reduced, the council replied that, as they were all taxpayers, as were also the members of the budget committee, no one was more desirous of having reduced taxes than they.

The taxes this next year will be reduced by about \$1200, due to the aggressiveness of the city attorney in securing a change in the operating cost of the water system. By the installation of motors for pumping, and the securing of a low tariff on electricity because of its use at night, a material saving in costs was effected.

The council pointed out that a large warrant indebtedness contracted by large expenditures in excess of the budget allowances of five and six years ago must be gradually paid off. This is being done at the rate of about \$2000 a year, which they believe is all that the people can afford to pay. In about five years, at the present rate, all of these old warrants will be paid off and then there will be a material reduction in taxes in Vernonia. Until then they will very likely remain the same.

Lost Articles at U. O. Provide Scholarships

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Absent-minded students at the University of Oregon really do a great service for their state and for some few fellow students. This is explained by the fact that all objects of value which students leave around and forget about are eventually sold at auction, and given to the proceeds for scholarship funds.

In spite of every effort to find owners, many articles remain at the lost and found depot unclaimed until spring, when the auction takes place. Umbrellas, overcoats, compact, fountain pens, keys and numerous other things are turned in by janitors of the various buildings. A. P. McKinney, in charge of the depot, says,

Extensive plans are being made by the American Legion here for their annual Armistice day ball. The Halloween decorations have been torn down. Mrs. C. R. Niccar won the ladies' prize at the dance and Wayne Lappe the men's prize. An entirely new set of decorations will be up for the Armistice day dance. The Vagabonds will play.

Vernonia Boy in Junior Class Play at Pacific U.

Pacific university, Forest Grove, Oct. 24.—Burford Wilkerson of Vernonia has a leading role in the junior class play at Pacific University.

The junior class is presenting "Mr. Pim Passes By," a dramatic comedy by A. A. Milne. The story centers around the havoc wrought by the innocent ramblings of a certain Mr. Pim who is "merely passing by."

Each class in Pacific university has a definite period in the school year when it presents its class play. The first play of the year is always given by the junior class on the Friday evening of Homecoming week end. On Washington's birthday, February 22, the freshmen, who have by this time become well organized, give their version of how the thing should be done. The sophomore class comes to the front during the May festival early in May. The senior class has the privilege of closing the season with a somewhat heavier production which is a farewell, dramatically speaking, to their alma mater.

Serenaders Allowed To Perform at University

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Serenaders from fraternity houses of the University of Oregon may warble away under the windows of co-ed's domiciles as loudly and as harmoniously as they please—so long as the residents nearby do not complain to the police.

This was the edict pronounced by Mayor A. L. Williamson following the presentation of the fraternities' case here this week.

A few nights ago a hard-hearted and unromantic policeman broke up a serenade party that was being conducted by members of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. The serenade was usual in every way, and not a bit noisier than ordinary. However, the officer insisted that it terminate when the boys had visited but half the girls' houses of residence, and it is a decided faux pas to omit one serenade, let alone a dozen or so.

So the boys carried the case to the mayor and after consultation with the city attorney the opinion was rendered. It is not believed that any resident will be so hard-hearted as to call the cops when the ancient Spanish tradition is being carried on. On the contrary, those who live near girls' houses claim they genuinely enjoy it.

Thus another Oregon tradition is saved, and the "sweetheart serenades" can ring out on the still night air whenever one of the boys "smokes the cigars" in honor of his engagement to a co-ed.

Nehalem Valley Butter Shown at Pacific International Exposition

Among the exhibits of Columbia county being displayed at the International Livestock exposition in Portland this week are samples of Nehalem Valley butter, produced by the creamery in Vernonia, according to Geo. A. Nelson, county agent, in charge of the exhibit.

Practically the same exhibit of Columbia county products which were seen at the Oregon state fair recently will be on display, according to Mr. Nelson. It is expected that a number of Columbia county farmers will win prizes at the exposition with their livestock and agricultural exhibits.

On this Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., the Evangelical Christian Endeavor will hold its monthly business meeting and social in the social hall. The president, Mrs. Wideman, urges all members to be present to attend to important business. Veldon Parker, the social chairman, promises a good time to all. Everyone is cordially invited to attend, and share in the fun.

L. R. Gilchrist returned last week from Utah, where he has been engaged for some time looking after his oil interests there. The wells in which he is interested have been closed down for the winter.

Because of several small outbreaks of grasshoppers in the Willamette valley and in eastern Oregon last season, serious trouble may be expected next summer, says the entomologist at the experiment station. A survey to locate the egg beds of grasshoppers this fall will be made. Burns—Levens Hotel to be doubled in size.

Special Armistice Day Services To Be Held At Evangelical Church

Rev. G. W. Plumer Will Deliver Armistice Day Sermon Sunday; Local Organizations Invited.

Sunday, November 6, being the week in which Armistice day occurs this year, Rev. G. W. Plumer has extended an invitation to the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Womens Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic to attend special services at the Evangelical church at 11 a.m. Sunday morning, when he will deliver a special Armistice day sermon.

It is the custom of the local churches to observe special occasions in this manner, particularly to keep alive the spirit of patriotism in the United States, according to Rev. Plumer, who says that the loyalty to this country flamed high during the war, but that special emphasis must be placed on it during peace times.

The general public is encouraged to attend this service Sunday morning, says Rev. Plumer, and there is ample seating capacity that is likely to be present.

The choir has arranged special music for the occasion.

Farm, Market Review

Grain. The general wheat market tended sharply downward last week influenced by heavy movement in Canada and the American northwest. Demand was also rather dull and premiums on protein and soft red winter were lower. European prices did not decline a great deal. Reports of much low quality grain in Europe continue to be received. Corn prices also went sharply lower in response to lower wheat prices and favorable weather for maturing late corn. Oats were lower, but barley and rye were independent firm. Heavy exports of barley were made, demand being especially strong for malting grades.

Hay. Alfalfa hay markets in the middlewestern states and in the Sacramento valley have been firm on light offerings and good inquiry, but offerings in Yakima exceeded demand. The total alfalfa crop of the United States is estimated at 32,000,000 tons which is well above the previous high record of 28,000,000 tons produced in 1925. The total tame hay crop is now figured at 103,773,000 tons or 13,000,000 tons more than average. Figures for wild hay are now available but a large crop is indicated.

Clover seed. Red clover seed has been passing from growers hands about the same as last year. Prices started about \$2.00 lower and continued to decline but have strengthened recently. Alsike movement was about normal but slower than last year. Sweet clover seed is moving slowly at prices about 0.30 lower than last year.

Alfalfa seed. The alfalfa seed crop is estimated at 42,000,000-45,000,000 pounds compared to 57,000,000 pounds last year. Prices to growers have averaged about the same as last year or \$13.80 a hundred pounds for common seed. Grimm was selling the first part of October at \$25.00 to \$26.00 a hundred pounds. Carryover is believed to be heavier than normal for common but lower from Grimm.

Apples. The October apple cold storage estimate shows 10 per cent less barrels, 52 per cent fewer boxes but 80 per cent more baskets than a year ago, with a total equivalent to 937,000 barrels compared to 1,204,000 on October 1, 1926 and a 5-year average of 1,163,000 barrels. This situation has given further strength to the apple markets.

Prunes. Latest estimates in California indicate a smaller output of dried prunes than indicated by earlier forecasts owing to some prunes not being harvested and the crop generally drying out lighter than expected. The Pacific Northwest crop is also expected to be lighter than early estimates indicated.

Potatoes. With 7,000,000 bushels clipped off of the potato estimates in September with possible further shrinkage in the northern crop, potato markets have shown some improvement.

Onions. The October estimates showed 18,000,000 bushels of onions in prospect in 15 late states, or a million more than estimated in September and about 2,300,000 more than last year.

Turkeys. Cold storage holdings

Organized Effort Being Made To Save Perishing Ducks on Western Slope

Izaak Walton League of America Asks for Cooperation of All Sportsmen to Ward off Extinction

Denver, Nov. 3.—The campaign of the Izaak Walton League throughout the west to save the perishing ducks of the Beaver River marsh district in Utah, and in other sections affected by lack of fresh water, will take on proportions never before attempted by organized sportsmen west of the Mississippi, according to the plans of the league, recently announced.

The program of the league for saving the ducks of the areas in question will be under the direction of Seth E. Gordon, conservation director of the organization, formerly executive officer of the Pennsylvania game commission, and the best known conservationist in America.

"The wild ducks of the intermountain region face extinction," said Mr. Gordon "because it has been found that western ducks are a group distinct from those of the east. There is practically no flow of ducks from the Mississippi valley and points east into the intermountain region. That the Bear river marshes are vital to the western duck supply is shown by the fact that ducks banded on those marshes have subsequently been found in sixteen western states. The loss of several millions of ducks in the Bear river district is largely responsible for poor shooting in many western states in recent years."

Scientists estimate, Mr. Gordon pointed out, that from ten to fifteen million of ducks have died in western states during the past ten years from alkali poisoning.

The Walton League, in order to successfully carry through its program to save the western ducks, is initiating a gigantic expansion program and according to Fred H. Doellner, Chicago, general manager of the league, every town and county in the west soon will have a Walton League chapter.

"It must be done, if the west is to hold its position as the great playground of America, not only in respect to the ducks, but to every other form of wild life," declared Mr. Doellner, "The league must enroll tremendous strength to carry through its plans to save the duck situation. We must have chapters of this league throughout the west, as we have in other sections, to insure the success of our objectives for the benefit of sportsmen and outdoor lovers west of the Mississippi."

Visited Blumauer-Frank Co

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oct. 26.—Lawrence Dickson of Vernonia, a sophomore in pharmacy, visited the plant of the Blumauer-Frank Drug company in Portland last week-end with 100 other members of the O. A. C. Pharmaceutical association. The school of pharmacy arranges a field trip to inspect the drug firm's establishment every year. Officials of the company and officers of the association gave talks after a luncheon served in honor of the visitors.

Junction City.—Wooden-rail Horton railroad will be built here from Summit.

Portland to have extension of New York stock exchange ticker. LaGrande building two \$250,000 hotels.

of turkeys on October 1 were estimated at 5,165,000 pounds compared to 2,674,000 pounds last year and 4,555,000 the five-year average. The new crop in Texas is not expected to exceed last year and unofficial information from other producing sections does not indicate much increase.

Wool. Very little change was noted in wool markets last week. Some slight price advances were made on certain grades while on the other hand resistance by buyers was increased. The mohair market remains quiet with New Mexico fall clips moving at 43 to 46 cents but Texas deadlocked at 50 to 55 cents a pound.

Livestock. Higher prices for good beef cattle were registered with other grades steady. Heavier receipts of hogs caused prices to go lower in principal markets. Lambs were not quite as high as the previous week.

Father and Son Banquet Will be Held November 16

With the announcement by the Boy Scout committee of Vernonia that Mr. Oberteuffer, Boy Scout executive of Portland, will deliver the principal address here at the father and son banquet on November 16, plans are being made to make the event such a huge success that it will be an annual event in Vernonia hereafter.

It is expected that the banquet will be held in the social room of the Evangelical church, and a nominal sum charged per plate to cover expenses. The American Legion Auxiliary will prepare and serve the repast.

Definite entertainments, short speeches, arrangements for meetings of men without sons to bring boys, and the time of the banquet, will all be announced in the next issue of the Eagle.

Alumni of University To Get Warm Welcome At Homecoming Event

University of Oregon, Eugene.—With Homecoming day less than a month off, the campus is alive with active committees all preparing for the big day. George Hill is chairman of the Homecoming committee with the sub-divisions working under him.

One of the biggest tasks of any reunion is that of welcoming and accommodating all the visitors. The work begins upon arrival of the first delegate and ends when all have returned home. Oregon, this year, expects to have one of the largest delegations of former graduates in history, and Mark Taylor and his assistants: Walter Durgan, assistant chairman; Robert Hynd, Marion Sextette, Roy Herndon, Gerald Meindal, Edward Best and Arlen McCarty have been delegated to look after all of the wants of the alumni members.

This committee is working out a number of novel stunts to be used at the depot as the visitors arrive. The chairman reports that already hotels are receiving many applications for rooms, but that there will be room for everyone who comes to Eugene. The Y. M. C. A. has volunteered to accommodate about 200 and there are other places that will be used if necessary.

New Newspaper in Rainier

A second newspaper will make its appearance in Rainier this week according to word recently received. The publication is owned by F. J. Robertson, owner of the Dayton, Oregon, Tribune. It is situated in the building directly across the street from the Review, the town's other newspaper. Mr. Robertson plans to dispose of his Dayton interests soon.

There will be a Free Methodist meeting at the home of Lee Hall tonight. A Sunday school will be organized at the Parker schoolhouse Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The parents are requested to bring their children. Geo. G. Edwards is the minister in charge.

Halloween pranks played by the youngsters Monday resulted in no serious damage being done that was reported. The usual marking of windows in the business section and the placing of a few obstacles in the street attracted the attention of early risers on Tuesday.

The Truth Seekers class, composed of young married women, and taught by Mrs. Teddy Leavitt, met at the Christian church Wednesday of last week with paint, paste and brushes, and decorated the furniture and walls of the primary room. After the day's work was over, Mrs. Leavitt served a dainty lunch at her home. Those present were Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Robert Lindsay, Mrs. Pankratz, Mrs. Fest, Mrs. Stankey, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Sunell, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Leavitt.

A surprise party was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stephenson at their home Sunday evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lange, Mrs. Alma Urie, Cecil Urie, Jack Grimm and Pat Fest.

Medford and Klamath Falls' capital will develop resorts at Lake of the Woods.

Rainier—New Fern Hill grange hall dedicated.

Chamber Given Picture Of Town

Oregon American Lumber Co. Is Donor of Gift

Residential Area Shown

Chamber Extends Vote of Thanks To O.-A. Co. For Presentation Of Picture of Vernonia

A pleasant surprise to the members of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon at the regular bi-monthly luncheon was the presentation by W. W. Wolfe, representing the Oregon-American Lumber company, of a large airplane picture of Vernonia, showing the whole residential and business area of the town and district surrounding.

The picture was taken close enough to plainly show each building, and it was not difficult for each one to soon pick out his place of work and abode.

By way of comparison, Mr. Wolfe secured the loan of a picture that has been on display in the lobby of the Bank of Vernonia for some time showing the site of Vernonia in 1887, a picture taken at the time of the first railroad enthusiasm here. Various businesses were set up in tents and shacks, among them being a printing establishment.

A motion was promptly passed at the meeting extending a vote of thanks to the Oregon-American Lumber company. It was also decided that the chamber would sell small copies of the picture to all who wished for them.

At the time that the picture was taken of Vernonia the photographer in the plane also took a picture of the Oregon-American mill which shows it off to good advantage.

Federal Officers Raid Commodore Hotel Again

The Commodore hotel was again raided by federal officers Thursday night when Deputy United States Marshal Wood and federal prohibition agents, armed with commissioner's warrants, arrested George Terrien and Oscar Holly. The residence of Viola Chambers was also raided and she was arrested.

Charges of maintaining a nuisance, and several violations of the prohibition law, were the basis of the warrants issued by Kenneth F. Frazer, United States commissioner. Bail was set at \$1500 on Terrien and \$1000 on the other two defendants. Liquor is said to have been bought by agents.

In raiding the hotel the federal authorities were forced to break in a brand new door, put up in place of one they battered down when they last visited here on June 13.

Illness Fatal to Harold Mortimer.

Harold Eugene Mortimer, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Mortimer, died at the home of his parents in Vernonia Friday, October 28, of diphtheria.

The body was sent to Portland Monday for cremation. Memorial services were delayed because the family are forced to stay in quarantine. Besides the mother and father, two other children survive.

The lad was born in Comanche, Mont. He was a student in the junior high school here.

Russell Mills of Vernonia has been pledged to Sigma Phi Epsilon national social fraternity on the O. A. C. campus. There are thirty-five fraternities on the campus. The fraternities solve the housing problem to a very great extent for there is only one dormitory for men. The fraternities have a higher scholastic average than the student body.

D. H. Hall, Wayne Radloff, Claude Caudill, Town Hall, and Wade Hall, of Pippapas, Ky., visited over the week end with Wilburn Hall, who is a relative of Town Hall and Wade Hall. The group are touring the country in the interest of a charity school in Kentucky that has been built to take care of pupils which other schools have no room for. They left Kentucky in September and expect to return by Christmas.