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Chamber Plans Road Meeting

Prominent Officials All Over
State Invited.

December 5 is Date Set

Meeting Planned To Promote In-
terest in Proposed New Route
To Clatsop Beaches

Invitations have been extended by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce to more than 40 Portland, state, highway, and Chamber of Commerce officials to attend a meeting to be held in Vernonia December 5 in the interest of the proposed new highway from Portland to the Clatsop beaches, via Vernonia, according to Lester Sheeley, secretary.

A letter received from O. W. Taylor of Portland, who is promoting the plan, states that he expects many will attend the meeting, and that he believes it will create a favorable sentiment for the new road.

Although at least two years are likely to elapse before the road can possibly be built, it is pointed out that such meetings create favorable sentiment and perhaps have some influence in deciding whether the project will never be started. It is tentatively planned to hold the luncheon in the American Legion hall, at noon, but this has not been decided definitely yet.

Lime Use On Increase
County Agents Report

Western Oregon farmers have ordered lime rock in large quantities this fall, according to reports made by county agricultural agents. In Clackamas county for instance, orders for six cars have been placed since August 1, while in Clatsop county four cars were ordered in September and October. Columbia county farmers have obtained three carloads of this material since early spring, while in the last two months two carloads have been ordered for Polk county users. In Lane county eight cars have been distributed to 87 farmers in recent weeks.

Engineering Book Issued
O. A. C., Nov. 21—The general field of engineering and the elements that determine success in the profession are set forth in a new bulletin just from the college press entitled, "Shall I Choose Engineering, and is prepared with a view of giving high school students an intelligent idea of the requirements of the profession and the possible future in it. This bulletin is one of a series dealing with the work of the separate schools. Several dealing with the schools of agriculture, forestry, commerce and others have recently been issued and one concerning home economics is being prepared.

Oregon Telephone Co.
Makes Big Investments

An investment of approximately \$150,000 in additions and betterments in telephone equipment in Forest Grove and McMinnville, together with heavy investments throughout the other sections of the territory since January 1, is revealed in statements filed with the public service commission at Salem by the Oregon Telephone company, which recently purchased the local telephone system as well as other systems in Oregon.

Consolidation of nine telephone companies, the details of which have just been finally worked out, has made necessary the filing of a uniform set of rules and regulations covering these properties, to conform to the requirements of the commission and to furnish the public with full information as to the methods to be followed by the operating company.

Revisions of existing rate schedules have been made only in Forest Grove, where a complete change in the type of service furnished will become effective next month, and in McMinnville where a slight change has been made in the type of service available.

Reedsport—Loon lake road construction well under way.

Japanese Millet Gives
Dairymen Good Yields

Japanese barnyard millet, a forage crop that gives great yields of green food between August 10 and September 30, is finding favor in the coast counties of Oregon, say county agricultural agents who are cooperating with local dairymen in demonstrating the adaptability of this crop in the various coast communities.

This millet was first grown on the John Jarob Astor experiment station at Astoria in 1917. It is the only high yielding crop found usable during August and September. The millet is better than corn for the cool sections of the coast, and since it does not ripen it gives a long feeding period. Harvey Hale agent in Coos county, says that all the dairymen down there who have used the crop as a green feed report that it is an excellent producer of milk.

This season Mr. Hale measured the yield of Japanese barnyard millet on two of the dairy farms in his county. On the Robert Greens place on Catching Inlet, 31 tons to the acre, green weight, were produced, while on the Kay and Smith place in the Riverton community, 32.8 tons per acre was the yield. Those figures include only first cuttings.

Check Up On Automobile
For Rigors of Winter

Sick people do not work properly. Neither can 'sick' automobiles.

The only difference being, a person can sense an ill-feeling and go to a doctor, while the automobile carries on until cold weather comes and forces a visible protest, then a repair job is needed. This is the observation of R. A. Armstrong, director of service of the Oakland Motor Car company, who urges owners to have their cars given a pre-winter inspection and adjustments necessary to insure maximum cold weather performance.

"This pre-winter automobile check-up is similar in its purpose to the growing practice of visiting a physician every autumn just 'for inspection,' said Mr. Armstrong." The physician checks over the visitor's physical condition, alters his diet, possibly gives him a hypodermic of anti-cold serum, directs him to change to heavier clothing and in general 'services' him for the winter. It is a wise precautionary measure that undoubtedly prevents much winter illness.

"The few essential attentions which are necessary before any automobile can maintain its best service under lower temperature conditions, require very little more time than the physician consumes in preparing the human machine for the rigors of winter. But that hour or two will pay large dividends later in uninterrupted driving satisfaction. Many of the Oakland-Pontiac service stations have grouped these cold weather precautions under a flat rate which compares favorably with the fee which a competent physician charges for physical examination.

"Highly important among these details is a change to lighter lubricants in crank case, transmission and rear end. A lighter grade is necessary to give the moving parts the same protection that they have received during warm weather with heavier lubricants.

"Gasoline tank, gasoline lines and carburetor should be cleaned. The carburetor should be adjusted to give a slightly richer mixture, which is nothing more than placing the car on a cold weather diet. Spark plugs should be cleaned or if they have been in service for more than 10,000 miles, they should be replaced. Distributor points should be cleaned and adjusted. Radiator hose connection should be tightened. If compression has been reduced by long service, it should be brought back to normal. Hard starting in winter often may be traced to low compression.

"While many motorists now understand cars so thoroughly that they are able to do practically all of these operations in their home garages, we advise our owners to place the car in an Oakland-Pontiac garage where trained service specialists are available.

"The flat rate plan is spreading steadily through the Oakland service organization. It is meeting with universal approval from motorists. They like the idea of buying their service 'over the counter' at a known price just as they would any other commodity."

Busy Summer Spent at
Children's Farm Home
Of Oregon W.C.T.U.

Six Cottages Are Now So Crowded
That Many Applicants Have Recently
Been Turned Away.

(By Mrs. Madge J. Mears)

The past summer has been a busy, eventful one at the Children's Farm Home of the W. C. T. U., with a number of changes in the family register. At the close of school in June, ten students, five boys and five girls, graduated from the eighth grade. Four of the number returned to their own people, and five have been placed with responsible people, who will give them a home, care and a chance to continue their education. It is a great satisfaction to all concerned that the children who go from the Home are happily placed and making good. We are grateful to the friends who are giving them a home, friendly interest and further opportunities. As we learn to know these children personally, and their tragic histories, it would be difficult to forget that they are here because they have not had a fair chance in life and it is for us to see that they get it.

The summer's program has been active and varied. In addition to the daily household tasks and chores, the children have helped pick berries, gather vegetables and prepare them for canning and have enjoyed the work. The newly installed cannery is proving a great help, making it possible for us to can our fruit and vegetables for winter.

The herd of cows are furnishing us with an abundance of milk for our big family and the gardens a supply of fresh vegetables which means so much for the health of the children. Many improvements have been made on the farm and a poultry house is being built for 400 Barded Rock hens. While all these projects must be completed and others taken care of, we do not lose sight of the fact that our most important work and the object of all our plans is to educate these boys and girls, and give them the training that will make them good christian citizens and an asset to our state.

There is great need for a storage house in which to store our vegetables and fruit for winter and we hope in the near future to have this very necessary building. While there are six cottages filled with children, they do not supply the needed room. Nearly every day very needy children must be turned away because every available space is filled. Our hope is to complete the fund for the girls cottage, to be named in honor of Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, so that we can build it early next spring. This would help greatly as it would house twenty girls.

The annual bazaar which was held at the state fair, was a success and netted us nearly \$500. We wish to express our thanks to all organizations so generously contributing articles and helping to make it a success, and to all who are helping the home in any way.

P. T. A. Buys Supplies.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held in the high school last Friday. Blankets and pillows were purchased for the emergency cots at the Lincoln and Washington schools.

The association voted to give the high school and both grade schools subscriptions to magazines needed in the schools.

The second grade sang a doll song. Miss Lenora Kizer gave a report of her trip as delegate from Vernonia to the state P. T. A. convention at La Grande.

On Friday evening, December 2, the Christian Endeavor society of the Evangelical church will entertain with a "Turkey in the Straw" party. They have invited the members of the Endeavor society of the Christian church, and Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt, to be their guests. They also wish to extend a cordial invitation to all the young people of the community to come to this party, and to urge all members of both societies to remember the date. The girls are all to come dressed in gingham dresses, and the boys are to wear overalls. A prize will be given for the funniest costume. The party will be held in the social hall of the church, a week from Friday night, and entertainment will begin promptly at 7:30.

Father and Son Banquet
Well Attended by Large
Crowd of Boys and Men

Resolution Made That Function
Should Be An Annual Affair in
Vernonia; 130 Present.

The father and son banquet held at the Evangelical church Wednesday evening of last week was attended by 130 men and boys, more than was anticipated for the first affair of its kind ever held in Vernonia. Because of the success of the meeting, Toastmaster H. E. McGraw asked for a vote on whether the function should be made an annual affair. He received a loud chorus of ayes in response.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Oberbauer of Portland, Boy Scout executive, whose address was reported to have proved interesting to both boys and men. Rev. G. W. Plumer and Rev. Teddy Leavitt also made short talks on the subject.

A demonstration of tumbling by Vernonia Boy Scouts proved entertaining, showing the boys had had considerable practice under the tutelage of Assistant Scout-master Clarence Wardle. A male quartet consisting of Messrs. Cole, Pankratz, Thompson and Moe sang two numbers.

The banquet was served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Evangelical Church Holds
Harvest Home Festival

The Evangelical church commemorated Thanksgiving with a special harvest home service Sunday morning. It was the first service of this kind to be held by this church and was received enthusiastically by the members and friends of the congregation.

The front of the church was very fittingly decorated with grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, and flowers raised in this valley. A horn of plenty filled with fruits served as a symbol of the prosperity we enjoy. The beauty and effectiveness of the display were due to the faithful work of the committee in charge.

The pastor, Rev. G. W. Plumer, delivered a very able address in which he reviewed the history of Thanksgiving from early Bible times. He brought out the fact that Thanksgiving day is the only religious festival observed by the authority of the United States government. He stressed the importance of its decorous observance.

The choir added much of beauty to the service by the rendering of musical numbers in keeping with such a service.

After the services, about a hundred people gathered in the social hall for an old fashioned basket dinner such as was so popular in the early days of this valley. During the dinner, a number of people gave interesting accounts of how and why they came to the Nehalem valley, and why they stayed. Throughout the entire service, there was a splendid spirit of cheer and good will prevailing the assembly, and the day is one to long be remembered by the people of Vernonia.—Contributed.

11 Methods of Car Taxation

The recent agitation regarding a \$3.00 license fee has brought a number of inquiries as to the various bases for taxation in different states.

The Oregon State Motor association states that there are 11 different bases on which the 48 states assess registration fees on private passenger automobiles.

Seventeen states base the rates on horse power; fourteen states on weight; seven states on horse power plus weight; one state on a flat rate per car; one state on the cost of the motor vehicle; one state on cubic inch displacement; one state on value plus weight; three states on a flat rate plus weight; one state on value; one state on selling price plus weight and horse power, and one state on the manufacturer's list price.

Lester-Martin

Louise Lester, daughter of Mrs. A. Lester of Seattle, Wash., and formerly a resident of Vernonia, was united in marriage to M. M. Martin of Vernonia in Seattle November 19. After a short honeymoon they will be at home at the Cherry Tree apartments.

Mrs. E. H. Washburn, sister of the bride, attended the ceremony.

Rowing Club Organized
At O.A.C., Shelter Built

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, November 15.—Charles Hoffman of Vernonia was a member of the working party which volunteered its services to construct a permanent house for the shells and rowing equipment belonging to the college.

A platform, 80 feet long and 13 feet wide, was dug and levelled for supports to hold the shell while not in use. A locker for holding sweep oars and other equipment was built, and a road was graded and rubbish removed to facilitate a clear runway for shells from the house to the Willamette river.

The rowing club has now 68 members and 33 more are required before training will be started. Interclass rowing competition will begin as soon as teams have been picked and the crews are in shape.

Oregon's Automobile
License Tax Compares
Well With Other States

Oregon's tax on motorists compares very favorably with the taxes of other states according to Frank Reusswig, engineer of the Oregon State Motor association, who compiled statistics on automobile and gasoline taxes in the 48 states of the Union.

Mr. Reusswig reports that the gasoline tax originated in Oregon and that all states save New York and Massachusetts have this tax, which ranges from 2 to 5 cents per gallon.

This year two states, Illinois and New Jersey, heretofore without a gas tax, authorized it, while eight states made the following increases: Arkansas from 4 to 5 cents; California, from 2 to 3 cents; Iowa, from 2 to 3 cents; Maine, from 3 to 4 cents; Ohio, from 2 to 3 cents; Pennsylvania, from 2 to 3 cents; South Dakota, from 3 to 4 cents; and West Virginia, from 3 1/2 to 4 cents.

The 3 cent tax in vogue in Oregon is the most common, 18 states having it. One state has a 3 1/2 cent tax, 13 states have 4 cents, and four states, New Mexico, Arkansas, Kentucky and South Carolina, have 5 cents.

The average gasoline tax throughout the Union is slightly over 3 cents, Reusswig reports, with the average annual revenue for the nation per car at about \$10.75. The average gas tax revenue per year per car in Oregon is given as \$14.27. The average combined gasoline and license fee per car for the country is given as \$23.89.

Reusswig found that the average license fee ranges from \$5.30 in California to \$25.76 in Oregon, with the following states approximating Oregon: Connecticut, \$23.63; North Carolina, \$24.41; Vermont, \$22.91; and New Hampshire, \$19.22.

However, with the combined license plate and gasoline tax fee, Florida with \$45.32 and North Carolina at \$44.63, lead Oregon whose combined fee is given as \$40.03, while Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia are all above a combined average of \$30.

"With the exception of Vermont in this group, all these states pay in addition a personal property tax, which brings the average annual motor vehicle tax of at least 10 states considerably higher than that of Oregon," Reusswig continued. "Several of these states are not noted for their roads.

"Six states, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, have a graduated downward scale, according to the age of the car. Summarized, their regulations are: Colorado, 30 per cent reduction after the fifth year and 50 per cent after the eighth year. Idaho: One dollar less for third year and one dollar for fourth year and after, or a maximum reduction of \$2 per car. Minnesota: Ten per cent reduction each year to seven years. North Dakota: Ten per cent reduction after first year, or second registration, 25 per cent on third registration; maximum reduction, 40 per cent. Oklahoma: Twenty per cent reduction on second registration, 20 per cent on third, 20 per cent on fourth, 60 per cent maximum. Wisconsin: After five years, 25 per cent reduction only."

Clothing Lost in Fire

Small children playing with fire started a conflagration in the C. P. Cople home Thursday which caused a loss of about \$400 worth of clothing, recently purchased.

Legion Plans
Active Month

Will Sponsor Many Public
Functions in December

Newspaper To be Issued

Second Edition of "The Flying
Ape" Will Appear December 3
With History of Post.

Besides the weekly dances given by Vernonia post, American Legion, plans are being completed for the sponsoring of an indoor circus, a vaudeville, publishing the second edition of "The Flying Ape," and an active membership drive.

The carnival will be presented here December 8, 9, and 10 in the new hall, and will be larger than the one staged two years ago, according to the committee in charge. There will be a popular girl contest, which arouses interest. Girls wishing to enter are asked to report to C. J. Nance by Saturday, November 26. A diamond ring and a wrist watch will be given away as prizes. These will be on display at Kullander's jewelry store in the near future.

Many attractions for the carnival are being planned, including the old-time gambling devices, concessions and dancing. The committee in charge are C. J. Nance, R. La Rocque and Lee Schwab.

Before the carnival starts the committee will issue the second edition of the "Flying Ape," a newspaper giving a history of the post since the last issue came out in 1925, carrying local advertising and other news of interest.

42 New Farm Families
Come To Oregon To Live

Portland, Special—Forty-two new farm families with new capital of \$127,000 were reported as a result of the land settlement work of the Portland and State Chambers of Commerce for October.

From California came seven families, Idaho two, Iowa three, Kansas six, Minnesota three, Nebraska five, South Dakota two, Texas two, Washington two, New York two, Indiana two, Wisconsin two and one each from North Dakota, Colorado, Canada and China.

Eighteen other families arrived but not yet located.

Last week's arrivals were R. Zurowski, wife and seven children, Pilot Butte, Saskatchewan; M. A. Nichols and family, Melbeta, Nebraska; M. D. Fuller, Plainview, Minnesota and C. E. Wallis and wife, Conway, Ohio, all looking for Oregon farm homes.

Few Losses From Loans

O. A. C., Nov. 21—When money is loaned to a student here through the student loan fund committee there is less than 1 chance in 4000 that the money will not be returned with the nominal 4 per cent interest charged. A report just issued by the committee shows that although total loans aggregating \$211,588.77 have been made since the fund was established in 1911, losses have amounted to less than a fortieth of 1 per cent. For every dollar lost nearly \$12 have been accumulated in interest. The loans are unsecured except by character of those applying.

Dramatic Season Opens

O. A. C. Corvallis, November 21. Student dramatic season on the campus has opened with the presentation of three famous one-act plays by the class in community drama. Twenty-two students took part in acts, having practiced under the guidance of Elizabeth Barnes and D. Palmer Young, members of the public speaking department staff and three student directors. The plays presented are "The Man in the Bowler Hat," by A. A. Milne; "Dolls," by Louise Armstrong; and "The Drums of Jude," by Austin Strong.

The Evangelical league of Christian Endeavor, enjoyed an especially interesting prayer meeting last Sunday night under the leadership of Mr. Knouse. The discussion was about blessings we often forget. Next Sunday evening the meeting will be led by Addison Smith. The song service will begin promptly at 7:00 p. m.