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## Short Road Is Expected

### Enthusiasm is Developed at Road Meeting Monday

## Many From Other Towns

### Resolution is Passed Asking For Early Survey by Highway En- gineers of Proposed Route.

A crowd of a little less than 100 attended the road meeting sponsored by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce at the Grange hall Monday. Dinner was served at 12.30 on the second floor to the local members and guests from out of town.

Many were present at the meeting from Seaside, Portland, Banks and other places interested in the road. E. M. Aldrich, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided at the meeting, which was held on the first floor of the Grange hall. Lester Sheeley, secretary, greeted the visitors and outlined the plans of the meeting, which he said was to promote the building of a short route from Portland to the Clatsop beaches, via Banks and Vernonia.

The chairman then called on O. W. Taylor, father of the new project, who told of encouragement received for the building of the road. He stated that he had recently received a telegram from Senator Ches. N. McNary stating that in response to a request that has already been made to have a part of Saddle mountain forest reserve set aside as a national park, that this would very likely be done.

Mr. Taylor stated that he considered that the Saddle mountain park would be one of the most attractive places on the whole route, with ample fishing, hunting and recreational facilities already in existence. There will be a greater need in the near future for such places as this park to provide the desired playground for Americans on vacation in Oregon, he explained. It is likely that the government will deed a half section of the reserve to the state for a park, according to Senator McNary.

Mr. Taylor stated further that a route from Portland to the Clatsop beaches, shorter by 40 miles than the present route, would mean a material saving to motorists because of the lesser expense of traveling to the coast. He figured that with the expected amount of travel there would be a saving to motorists going to the coast towns of \$240,000 a year. The distance as proposed would be about 85 miles.

Phil Metschan of Portland talked at the meeting for a few minutes, saying that whereas Vernonia had been an isolated, small community a few years ago, its development had reached a stage at present where it was entitled to its share of state highway construction, and that this route was a feasible plan that should meet with success.

Tom McKay of Seaside said that upon the completion of the Roosevelt highway, the travel over the Columbia river highway would become so congested as to render travel there on busy days so perilous that many would not take the trip. Such a road as the proposed route would be both a convenience and a necessity, he said.

Amedee Smith of Portland stated that Multnomah county pays about \$4,000,000 per year toward the building and maintenance of state highways, and that he would like to see part of that spent toward the building of this road in the near future.

Stanley Meyers of Portland stated that sentiment in the metropolis is growing strongly for the building of this highway. Jack Crittendon and Ralph Steahli, both of Portland, were high in their praises of the completion of the project.

Ray Conway of Portland stated that if this road is built, it will be of the type known as a "super" highway, which will allow for extra speed and safer travel. He stated that if a toll of \$2 were charged every motorist for traveling over this new route were assessed, it would still be cheaper than to travel by way of the Columbia river highway. We pay for roads whether we have them or not, Mr. Conway continued. It is estimated by experts that the best of gravelled roads costs two cents more per mile

## New Ford Cars Will Be Shown Here Dec. 16

J. M. Crawford of the Crawford Motor company announces that there will be a demonstration of the new Ford cars here on Friday, December 16.

The demonstrator cars in Portland are being taken on a tour of the Ford agencies all over the state, and that is the date when they are due to appear in Vernonia.

Seventeen orders for new Fords have been received already, according to Mr. Crawford, and none of those ordering have as yet seen the new cars. He anticipates much enthusiasm for the demonstration here one week from tomorrow.

## Kuehne Wins Fast Wrestling Match

Harry Kuehne won the wrestling match from Ted Brown at the Rose theatre Saturday. Brown took the first fall and Kuehne won the second with an airplane spin that so disabled Brown he was forced to forfeit the last fall and the match to Kuehne.

Earle Harper won the mixed wrestling and boxing bout from N. Carter of Portland as a preliminary to the wrestling.

to travel upon than the proposed type of super highway.

Mr. Clark, state highway engineer, explicitly explained that the highway commission has a statewide obligation to build and maintain roads where they will do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. He said, however, that he believes the Columbia river highway is rapidly approaching the time when something must be done to relieve traffic, and that while some improvement would be made there, it was apparent that before many years the whole route would have to be widened or else a new road built, and that this route appeared feasible.

Clyde Mason of Seaside proposed the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

### RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Oregon coast is less than sixty miles from the center of population at Portland, Oregon, and

Whereas, all present highways as now developed entail a trip of one hundred and twenty miles or greater to reach the seashore, and

Whereas, the Lower Columbia river highway, the first state highway proposed in Oregon, is already overburdened with the heavy travel between Portland, Astoria and the seashore, and

Whereas, a tremendous expense would be necessary to widen and straighten that highway to carry the traffic of the immediate future, and

Whereas, a short direct route from Portland to Clatsop beach points is available which would shorten the distance approximately forty miles, and

Whereas, the same condition of usefulness now prevails which dictated the construction of the lower Columbia highway as one of the first roads to be built in Oregon, and the demand of the short beach road is equally as great at this time as the call for a lower Columbia highway was when it was first proposed, and

Whereas, the short direct road from Portland to Clatsop beach points will open up and bring close to the trading center of Oregon, a rich district now undeveloped and which has no direct road to the metropolis,

Therefore, be it resolved by this mass meeting assembled at Vernonia, Oregon, December 5 1927, that our highway commission be and is hereby petitioned to give early consideration to surveys of a short road from Portland to the seashore, along the route proposed so that they may have the necessary information for action when the time arrives, which we believe will be in the very near future and to enable the various road districts through which the road will pass their work on what will be selections of the through highway.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the highway commission at Salem, Oregon, the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Oregon, and that it be given to the press.

At the instigation of Mr. Blandenburg of Portland another resolution was passed stating that those present at the meeting go on record as opposing any reduction in the present automobile license taxes.

After the meeting Judd Greenman conducted the visitors on a trip through the Oregon-American mill.

## Vernonia Will Have Community Christmas Tree Again This Year

### Women's Study Club Sponsors Observance; Santa Claus Will Give Candy to the Kiddies.

The Women's Study club of Vernonia has taken over the task this year of sponsoring the observance of the annual community Christmas tree celebration. They plan to have Santa Claus on hand the night of December 23 to hand out candy to the kiddies, and otherwise give them their due cheer at this time of the year.

Last year Pythian Sisters sponsored the community tree for the first time that Vernonia had publicly observed the occasion in more than 20 years. A small sum was left over from donations toward the tree last year, which will be applied to the fund being raised for 1927.

Because of the cold weather existing last year, many complained of discomfort during the exercises, and an attempt is being made to secure inside quarters that will hold the crowd of children and others who care to attend. Definite announcement of the program will be made later.

## Fruit Cakes, Puddings Lend Christmas Cheer

With Thanksgiving and its harvest baskets loaded with fruits and grains past, thoughts turn toward celebrating the Christmas season, and what is a Christmas dinner without fruit cakes and puddings?

They can be made weeks or even months before they are to be used and develop a richer, better flavor than otherwise. Those not fortunate in having a traditional fruit cake recipe may find this one pleasing, as have food classes at Oregon state for several years. Hundreds of students have proudly packed this fruit cake to carry home for Christmas.

Ingredients: 1 pound citron, 2 pounds raisins, 2 pounds currants, 1 pound almond meats, 1 pound butter or butter substitute, 1 pound brown sugar, 1 pound flour, 1 dozen eggs, ½ cup liquid (fruit juice, 2 teaspoon of cloves.

Method: Chop heated citron and raisins, blanch and cut almonds, mix ingredients as any plain cake, line pans with 3 layers of oiled paper. Spread cake batter 3 inches thick. Decorate surface with cherries, almonds etc. Bake in moderate oven from two to three hours. This recipe one very easy to make up makes 11 pounds of fruit cake.

The plum pudding, with its spicy odors often supplies the desert, taking the place of fruit cake. Here again many recipes are used. The English plum pudding contains a great deal of fruit, is very rich, and is the most expensive type. The suet or carrot pudding is not nearly so rich, keeps well and is less expensive, which adds many advantages to its flavor, and if well made can hardly be distinguished from the former. The group of plum puddings made with jello or gelatine and containing grape nuts, prunes nuts and spices are easily prepared, inexpensive and very delicious. The recipe for carrot or mock plum pudding follows:

Ingredients: 1 cup sugar, 3-4 cup butter or chopped suet, 1 cup grated raw carrots, 1 cup flour or bread crumbs, 1-3 teaspoon allspice, cinnamon, cloves and salt, 1 cup chopped raisins, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 cup grated potatoes.

Method: Mix in order given. Put in greased vessels and steam 2½ to 3 hours. Serve hot with lemon sauce whipped cream or hard sauce. This recipe will make from 12 to 16 servings.

### Most Cars Sold on Time

The question is often asked as to the number of new cars sold on a time basis and the number of new cars which are sold for cash. It has been estimated by the national association of finance companies that 65 per cent of all new cars sold are sold on a time basis and that 75 per cent of all motor vehicle sales are made on the installment plan. This, of course, includes old as well as new cars.

The average purchase note on new cars is estimated at \$595, while that on used cars is only \$277. At the end of 1926 there was approximately \$1,378,000,000 of automobile time paper outstanding.

## Woodmen of the World Plan to Build Modern Hall in Vernonia Soon

### Local Camp Elects Officers for The Coming Year; Drill Team and Band Have Been Organized.

Vernonia Camp No. 655, Woodmen of the World, was organized about the middle of August, 1926, with a membership of 23. Since the time of its organization the Camp has grown by leaps and bounds, until it now has a membership of about 100. Committees are in the field everywhere selecting new members and with each meeting night there is a large class to be instructed into the mysteries of woodcraft.

The local Camp has organized a drill team under the leadership of H. A. Tays. The boys are said to be doing splendid work and will soon be able to compete with many teams from larger cities.

A band has been organized in the Vernonia Camp under the leadership of Ray Charlesworth, a talented instructor, who will do all he can to make it a success.

Owing to the fact that the Camp is growing so rapidly, the members state that their present quarters will soon be inadequate to care for so large a crowd, so the management took up the matter of building a new hall which met with the unanimous approval of all present.

Plans are now being drawn up by an architect, a member of the Camp, which will be submitted for consideration soon. The committee has not fully decided on a location, although several building sites are under consideration. A feature that is said to be very attractive in the organization is the insurance department.

Officers are elected recently as follows: A. F. Koster, past C.C.; Robert Lindsay, C.C.; Sidney Malmsten, A.L.; Grant Thayer, banker; C. C. Dusten, .....; C. C. Dusten, clerk; W. K. Charlesworth, assistant clerk; H. S. Strong, escort; Alfred Overson, watchman; M. L. Miller, sentry; H. A. Tays, manager 18 months; Sidney Malmsten, manager 12 months; Ben Owens, manager 6 months; Dr. J. A. Hughes, correspondent; Ray Charlesworth, musician.

## Gasoline Tax Used on Oregon State Highways

Frequently in conversation the question is asked the Oregon State Motor association how the income from gasoline tax is expended in other states in the union. In Oregon all of the gasoline tax money goes direct to the highway commission and is used on the state highway system.

In regards to other states the figures furnished by the Bureau of Public roads for the calendar year 1926, show that the diversion of the gasoline tax revenue to purposes other than good roads was less than 2 per cent of the total amount collected. The diversions occur in five states. In four states, namely, Georgia, Montana, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania, the money was placed in the general state fund while in Texas 25 per cent of the total collections was placed in the free-school fund.

It is understood that the diversions in 1926 will practically be eliminated in all states except Texas where the constitution provides for the maintenance of free schools through the appropriation of 25 per cent of the revenue from all occupational taxes to this purpose. As long as the gasoline tax in that state is in the form of an occupational tax, there appears no way of complying with the law except by setting aside one-fourth of the revenue for the schools.

The total tax earnings on gasoline in 1926 were \$187,603,231, of which \$3,520,597 was diverted to purposes other than roads. The diversions in Georgia and Texas were respectively, \$1,613,983 and \$1,306,721 while those in the other three states were negligible.

## H. E. McGraw Elected Chef de Gare of 40 et 8

Officers for 1928 were elected by the local voiture of 40 et 8, of the American Legion, at the regular meeting held Tuesday night. The following will be installed at the regular meeting January 3:

H. E. McGraw, chef de gare; Lee Schwab, chef de train; E. M. Murphy, conducteur; Dr. W. H. Hurley, correspondent; R. La Roque, commissaire intendant; Clarence Nance, garde de la porte.

## "The Flying Ape" Much In Demand by Readers

Local folk quickly secured all available copies of "The Flying Ape," the American Legion newspaper which appeared in Vernonia Saturday. A copy was delivered to every house in the town, and extra copies were sold on the streets. It was reported that a shortage existed within a few hours and more could have been disposed of.

One of the feature stories was a write-up of the "Flying Ape" circus and indoor carnival, sponsored by the American Legion to appear here December 8, 9, and 10. It will be held in the Legion hall, and large part of the proceeds will be used to pay for the building of the new hall.

Judson Weed, Civil war veteran, wrote a letter to the Legion which was published. Mrs. Sarah A. Spencer received much praise for her work in helping the local post, Commander H. E. McGraw and other prominent legionnaires were mentioned in connection with their activities.

A history of the local post since the publication of the first issue of the Flying Ape more than two years ago was made. A brief history of the Auxiliary since its organization here a year ago was also mentioned.

Lee Schwab, employe of the United Railways, was editor of the publication, and did all but the mechanical work connected with it.

## Study Club of Vernonia Subscribes 100 Per Cent To Red Cross Membership

(By Mrs. Frank Hanson)

The Study club of Vernonia reports with much pride that their membership in the Red Cross association is in the 100 per cent class, which signifies that every member has paid up membership in the Red Cross association for 1928.

The advantage of the 100 per cent membership is that all money for this entire membership (with the exception of \$1 for the general fund) can be used for local work. Local work signifies that this money is to be used in Vernonia and other towns of Columbia county by Miss Nine Little, the county nurse, in any way she sees fit, to relieve any distressed condition that might arise.

Contrary to a pessimistic impression that is abroad, Miss Little's salary is not paid out of this fund. Miss Little's salary is paid by the court, and in such fashion is the Red Cross work carried on throughout the United States. Her name is used to simplify the explanation.

The work of the Red Cross in the past is generally known—what the presence of those white robed beautiful women meant on the fields of battle. One doesn't even try to imagine a world without a Red Cross.

The Study club, under whose auspices this letter is written, is composed of representative public spirited students. In the club many minds look at and discuss the many different questions that come before them in just as many different ways. Every woman in this club is a czar when she has an opinion to state.

In the membership list of this club every name represents a different state or country, and every name also represents a different college, so in arriving (or trying to arrive) at opinions, we have a large scope to draw from. The Study club is sponsoring the community Christmas tree this year. A committee is at work and a good time is anticipated.

### Taxes Over a Billion

Public utilities of the United States including steam railroads, will pay more than \$1,050,000,000 in taxes this year, amounting to one-tenth of the gross receipts of all railroads, street railways, gas, electric light and power, express, telegraph and cable and telephone companies. This is a higher percentage of gross receipts than is paid by any other corporate group, while finance, banking and insurance companies come next.

It is evident that in the privately owned public utilities the public appetite for governmental services has found a goose with a large capacity for laying golden eggs for the tax collector, but one that may easily be killed by excessive eagerness on his part.

In contrast to the volume of taxes paid by public utilities, it is estimated that the total cost of federal and state regulation is only about twelve million dollars a year, or approximately ten cents per capita.

## Two Severe Fires Tuesday

### Majestic Theatre is Irreparably Damaged by Blaze

## May Rebuild Quite Soon

### Reynolds Shoe Shop Near Mile Bridge Burns to Ground At Same Time.

Two fires which occurred in the early morning hours Tuesday caused a total damage estimated at more than \$25,000. The Majestic theatre was observed to be ablaze at a little after midnight Tuesday morning, and all efforts of the fire department were concentrated on saving the adjacent buildings. Reynolds shoe store, near the mile bridge, burned to the ground about two hours later.

It was thought that the Majestic theatre fire was caused by an over heated stove in the rear of the building near the stage. The fire had apparently been burning for some time when it was discovered, and by the time the fire truck was on the scene the heat had burst the windows in front of the theatre and let in the fresh air, which fanned the blaze to a terrific heat.

Wood which had been stored beneath the stage for winter use caught fire and one fireman estimated that more than 2000 gallons of water was necessary to put out the fire in the woodpile. The greatest loss in the theatre contents was the valuable organ. The moving picture machines, which were in the fireproof projection room in the front of the building, were scorched a little, but able to function that night when the regular show was presented by J. H. Bush in the Rose theatre.

No definite plans have been made at a late hour by Chas. T. Early of Portland, owner of the theatre building, for rebuilding, but it is expected that he will either build another theatre on the same lot, or on one of his other lots in town. In the event that a theatre building is erected elsewhere, it is likely that a business building will be put up in the site of the burned showhouse.

The burning of Reynolds shoe shop near the mile bridge was of uncertain origin. Some believed the fire was incendiary, as it was reported that a person had broken into the store about a week previous to the fire and had set a blaze at that time, which was discovered and put out before much damage was done.

After the fire fighting on the Majestic theatre building was over, all the firemen were treated to a luncheon by the American Legion in the city hall. They expressed sincere appreciation for this thoughtfulness on the part of members of Vernonia post.

### Sing in National Finals

O. A. C., Corvallis, Dec. 5—A product of one of Oregon's small towns and of the state college will receive a good share of the attention of the radio and musical world Sunday, December 11, when Ted Roy, the "singing blacksmith" of Pilot Rock, is one of five men to take part in the national finals in the Atwater Kent audition contest in New York City. Roy received intensive coaching from his teacher, Paul Petri, director of music here, before leaving for the east. He will sing through the New York station, WEAF, and it is understood that the program will be sent out over the national network. Roy will represent the entire west as the result of his victory at the San Francisco semi-finals.

### Football Banquet Held

O. A. C., Corvallis, Dec. 5—The annual football banquet given by Corvallis business men and other fans in honor of coach Paul J. Schissler and his squad, was held Tuesday December 8, when more than 200 gathered to pay tribute to the fighting team of 1927. Though doped at the start of the season to finish at the bottom of the conference race because of loss of veterans, the team finished in a tie with California for fifth place and ended its schedule with a 14-14 battle with Carnegie Tech of Pittsburg.