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600 Kiddies Receive Candy

Santa Claus Distributes Sweets To Local Children

Vernonia Study Club Reports Good Local Cooperation On Com- munity Christmas Tree.

It was estimated that about 600 children of the Nehalem valley received candy from Santa Claus at the Legion hall last Friday night. A short program was held, after which Santa arrived and distributed to sweets. Later in the evening a Christmas dinner was served to six Vernonia families by the Study club, who sponsored the community Christmas tree this year.

Speaking for the Study club, Mrs. Judd Greenman, president, expressed sincere appreciation to all those who contributed toward the fund to make the occasion a success. They also wished to thank R. LaRocque and Mr. McNutt for putting up and wiring the Christmas tree, and the Vernonia Light & Power company for furnishing free electricity for lighting the tree. Appreciation was also expressed to the American Legion for the free use of the hall.

Candy that remained after all the kiddies had been supplied was turned over to the two local churches for their Christmas tree celebrations the following nights. A small amount of money that is left after paying all expenses will be kept in a fund for the Christmas tree celebration next year.

The following donated toward the Christmas tree fund this year: Vernonia Brazing & Machine Works, Vernonia Drug Co., Dr. W. H. Hurley, Vernonia Laundry, A. L. Kullander, Vernonia Stage Line, Mac's Pharmacy, Mellinger Hardware, Vernonia Eagle, M. E. Carlin, Dr. M. D. Cole, Horseshoe Cafe, Columbia Barber Shop.

Dr. J. A. Hughes, M. Murray & Co., Corey Economy Store, Skaggs-Safeway, Bank of Vernonia, Workmen's Store, Variety Store, Hollywood Restaurant, Model Millinery, Miller Mercantile Co., Brown Furniture Co., Dr. R. I. Hall, Gordon Furniture Co., Miller's Barber Shop, Crawford Motor Co., Vernonia Trading Co.

R. A. Sessemann, Vernonia Bakery, Lincoln Candy Kitchen, J. H. Bush, Rose Barber Shop, Reithner's, Evangelical Missionary society, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion, Eastern Star, Nehalem Market, and Simmons Store.

"The Dark Secret" Tonight.

The Christian Endeavor of the Church of Christ will present "The Dark Secret" at the high school auditorium tonight. This is said to be a short comic play that is highly entertaining.

In connection, a basket social will be held, and the information is given out that ladies bringing baskets will be admitted free.

Housing the Dairy Cow

The main essentials in housing dairy cows in the winter seem to be to keep them dry and out of the wind and drafts, and to provide plenty of fresh air and sunlight. Apparently the matter of temperature in itself is not a vital consideration, except perhaps in the most severe portions of the United States. It has been noted at the Federal dairy experiment farm at Beltsville, Md., that cows do their best in the coldest weather and their poorest during the hot summer months. Probably there is no advantage in keeping the stable temperature much above freezing, and there may be a disadvantage if the temperature rises above 60° F.

Nutrition Talk Wednesday

A nutrition demonstration will be held by Miss Lucy A. Case, nutrition specialist, at Birkenfeld, on Wednesday, January 4 from 10:00 to 3:30.

A milk demonstration will be given in the morning followed by a talk on "Training the Family to Good Eating Habits" in the afternoon.

Everybody invited to be present.

Mrs. Sarah A. Spencer spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.

Merchants Credit Ass'n. Closes An Active Year

With a membership now totaling 16, the Merchants Credit association of Vernonia has just closed an active year, according to Mrs. W. B. Lappe, secretary. The past three months has seen an increase of 60 per cent, and there are prospects of more coming into the association in the near future, it is said.

Valuable service has been rendered both the local members of the association in collection of over-due accounts and protection against giving too much credit in certain cases, according to those who belong to the organization. Much information has been given to other credit associations in the matter of addresses, rating, etc., by the Vernonia secretary that they would have found difficult to obtain otherwise. Likewise, information of the same sort has been received locally from other associations.

Local memberships in the credit association are as follows: Vernonia Brazing & Machine Works, Brown Furniture Co., Corey Economy Store, Vernonia Meat Market, Gilby Motor Co., Hoffman Hardware Co., Dr. W. H. Hurley, Mac's Pharmacy, Mellinger Hardware Co., Midway Grocery, Nehalem Market, Nehalem Valley Ice & Creamery Co., Riverview Grocery, Square Deal Garage, Twin Fir Service Station, M. Murray & Co.

Discretion Used in Seizure of Automobiles

The question has often been raised by motorists as to their responsibility if their automobile is stolen and used in the transportation of intoxicating liquors. Would it be forfeited to the government without regard to the rights of the owner?

Motorists have been desirous of knowing their responsibility if they loaned their car to a friend or gave a "lift" to a stranger and the car was seized while the friend or stranger carried a hip flask containing intoxicating liquor. Would their cars be held and sold by the government.

The Oregon State Motor association in investigating the above question finds that the best legal opinion holds that the federal government has the right to demand the forfeiture of any vehicle seized by its agents while being used to transport or conceal illicit intoxicating liquors. It makes no difference, in law at least, whether the vehicle is an automobile, wagon, boat or bicycle, nor whether the person in control is the owner, bailee, conditional vendee or thief.

The statute giving the government this unlimited power is known as Section 3450, Revised Statutes. Under it, when liquor is being carried or concealed, the vehicle becomes "tainted with the crime" and may be forfeited to the government through proper proof in a libel action.

Officials of the department of Justice, however, claim that they have never allowed a federal prosecuting attorney to libel a stolen automobile under Section 3450 when the person claiming to be the owner could offer reasonable proof that it was stolen at the time of the seizure. Furthermore, the U. S. supreme court has been asked to rule on the question in several recent cases, but has disposed of the cases on other grounds without committing itself.

The department of justice appears to sense the danger of too drastic enforcement of prohibition. While it is believed to have the right to forfeit stolen cars, it prefers to exercise some degree of common sense in an effort to maintain public support. With respect to seizure of "liquor" cars not stolen, federal prosecutors may elect at will to libel the automobile or to prosecute the person arrested.

As the situation now stands, the government may have any vehicle forfeited if it can prove that at the time the vehicle was seized it was being used to "conceal or deposit" illicit intoxicating liquors on which the proper federal tax had not been paid. The statute applies to every bootleg liquor case whether the intoxicating beverage is in a container in the car or in the pockets of a person who is in the car.

A tree which fell across the power line extinguished all lights in Vernonia Tuesday night. Service was not restored until the next morning.

State Commander Love Installs Local Legion Officers at Banquet

M. E. Carkin Presented With Resol-
ution Making Him a Life Mem-
ber of Vernonia Post 119.

George Love, commander of the department of Oregon, American Legion, installed the newly elected officers of Vernonia post at the annual banquet held in the Legion hall Tuesday night. John Beckwith and Jerry Owens of Portland also were present. Many local merchants attended the banquet in response to invitations extended by the Legion to attend this annual affair.

H. E. McGraw, retiring commander, presided at the banquet which was only marred during the latter part of the session by the lights going out. Jerry Owens, editor of the Pacific Legion, told of the Paris convention of the Legion, attended by 20,000 Americans. John Beckwith, executive committeeman, urged an early membership drive and praised the local post for its efforts this year in signing up 316 members.

Judd Greenman complimented Vernonia post on its civic activities and aggressiveness, and stated that the town was proud of the ex-service men's organization. Prof. J. B. Wilkerson was also called upon for a short talk.

A pleasant feature of the evening's program was the presentation by Commander McGraw to M. E. Carkin, past commander and membership chairman, of a resolution passed by the post giving Carkin life membership in the local organization.

George Love, state commander, told of his trip in Europe after the Paris convention, giving an outline of his observations of the political and economic situations in the various countries. The post officers for 1928 were then installed as follows:

Dr. W. H. Hurley, commander; E. M. Murphy, vice commander; Lloyd Waldon of Westimber, vice commander; Dudley Nickson of Keasey, vice commander; M. E. Moe, adjutant; J. E. Tapp, finance officer; Harry Wilson, chaplain; E. H. Washburn, historian; W. W. Jackson, sergeant-at-arms; A. L. Kullander, Lee Schwab and Fred Brewer, executive committee.

McGraw presented Commander Hurley with the gavel, and after a few remarks by the new commander concerning the Legion's policy for the coming year, the meeting was closed.

MRS. MARY STALEY

Mrs. Mary Staley died at Timber December 18 at the home of her niece, Mrs. Vada Rainwater. She had long been a resident of Washington county.

She was born at Marshfield, Ohio, July 22, 1848. Her husband, W. J. Staley died in 1925. She was buried December 20 from the Bell funeral parlors at Hillsboro.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Crowner of Mansfield, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Olive Huber of Timber, one nephew, Warren Huber of Cornelius, and the following nieces: Mrs. Maggie Marsh of Forest Grove, Mrs. Mary Anderson of Timber, Mrs. Olive Watsons of Cherry Grove, Mrs. Orpha Lyons of Portland, Mrs. Grace Schnoberger of Seattle, Wash. and Mrs. Ada Pronpnce and Mrs. Viola Francisco, of San Francisco, Calif.

Will Observe Rizal Day

The Filipino Brotherhood of Vernonia will hold their annual observance of the death of their patriot Dr. Jose Rizal Friday night, at the high school auditorium.

An elaborate program has been prepared, which will include numbers by the Filipino string orchestra, which pleased many with their playing on Rizal day last year.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The program is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Watch Night Service.

The Evangelical church will hold a watch night and business meeting Saturday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The Christian Endeavor will also hold their annual election of officers. There will also be a social time and lunch will be served. Everybody is welcome.

H. H. King and family are spending the holidays visiting relatives in Corvallis.

Chamber of Commerce Ends Active Year of Community Work

Better Conditions in the Nehalem
Have Been Brought About by the
Chamber Activities in 1927.

(By R. M. Aldrich)

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce is about to complete one of the most successful years of its existence, although we often hear the remark, "What has the Chamber of Commerce done for Vernonia?" The writer will attempt to enumerate as briefly as possible some of the outstanding accomplishments of the past year.

No definite program was adopted at the beginning of the year, therefore the work of the chamber has adopted itself more or less to the needs as they arose. The first and most apparent need of the community was the establishment of a market whereby the farmers could profitably market their products, and succeeded in interesting O. B. Davidson in constructing a modern and up-to-date creamery and ice plant. This industry, due to mismanagement and other conditions not contemplated by the promoters, immediately became involved in financial difficulties and in a few months was absorbed by local business men and since the first day of September of the current year has been operating successfully.

The farmers have responded quickly to this new means of marketing their products and for more than 20 miles around Vernonia have shipped in their cream and milk. At the present rate of production the creamery management claim that they will pay out more than \$50,000 to the farmers during the year of 1928.

The short highway from Portland to the Clatsop benches has been continuously agitated and as a result powerful Portland and Clatsop beach interests have been induced to back the project. If this road is built it will pass through Vernonia and add materially to the wealth and prosperity of the Nehalem valley.

The chamber, working through Senator McNary and Judd Greenman of the Oregon-American Lumber company, has caused to be established daily mail service to Mist and Houlton and in addition to the Timber route and railroad mail service, Vernonia has at present four divergent arteries by which mail is received and sent out each day.

An advertising booklet "The Nehalem Valley" has been published by the chamber and more than 3000 copies and questionnaires have been mailed to all parts of the United States and many foreign countries. In addition thousands of copies of bulletins have been distributed by mail to residents and farmers of the Nehalem valley to aid in the use of agricultural bulletins published by the department of agriculture and further the closer association of the farmers with the work of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Vernonia playground, which was purchased jointly by the Vernonia business men, the city of Vernonia through the council, and 10 per cent by the Harmon foundation of New York, has received active consideration by the Chamber of Commerce. The grading of the three-acre plot of ground just above the Rock creek bridge is practically completed due to the generosity of Mayor G. R. Mills who advanced the funds to finance the grading and leveling until the 1928 taxes are received by the city.

The Vernonia American Legion has pledged its financial support to the Chamber of Commerce in completing this project in 1928 and we now anticipate that through the joint efforts of these organizations Vernonia will have one of the best municipal parks and playgrounds in the entire state.

In addition to the work done to promote the Inland highway to the coast, the chamber has actively worked for the early completion of the Vernonia-Timber road and the Vernonia-Buxton road. According to the last report the latter road will be completed in 1928 or early in 1929 and will be the means of tapping one of the richest agricultural districts in Oregon.

An agricultural exhibit was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce

Road Signs Will Be Placed in This County

The Oregon State Motor association announces that the signing program in Washington county has been completed, a total of 110 locations having been posted.

The posts located bore a total of 1327 direction signs and practically every necessary sign in the county has been erected, there remaining only a few suggested locations which have been added to the original program and which will be posted during the coming spring.

The next county in which signing activities will be started will be Columbia county, and Engineer Reusswig of the motor association has already arranged a meeting with the engineer of that county to lay plans for immediate sign posting.

Name "O.A.C." First Used in Football Yell

O. A. C., Corvallis, Dec. 27—Among the host of names that have been "officially" used to designate this college, only one is actually "legal," says E. E. Wilson, Corvallis attorney and regent of the college for many years. Regent Wilson says that the only law specifying any name is the one of 1885 which created the board of regents. This said the board "shall be denominated the board of regents of the state agricultural college of the state of Oregon."

Other old-timers here including Dr. John Fuiton, '92 graduate and Frederick Berchtold, pioneer faculty member, agree that in the early days the common name was "State Agricultural college," or "S. A. C." The term Oregon Agricultural college was seldom or never heard, they say, until students dropped "S. A. C." and started using O. A. C. in the first football yell, "composed" in 1893.

Library files show that various and sundry names were used both in old laws relating to the college and in catalogs and reports issued 1885 when the institution was taken over by the state. In addition to those already mentioned were "Corvallis State Agricultural college," "State Agricultural College of Oregon," "Oregon State Agricultural College," and even "Corvallis and Oregon State Agricultural college". The nine-word name used in the 1885 law is still found on college checks.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that regardless of the name used, agricultural service to the state has been steadily on the increase and is greater now than ever, even though the great majority of students are attracted to other courses assigned to the college.

Masons Elect Officers

The Masonic lodge elected and installed the following officers at the regular meeting held Thursday night: J. C. Lindley, W.M.; F. D. McPherson, S.W.; J. E. Tapp, J.W.; A. L. Kullander, treas.; F. B. Godwin, sec.; E. G. Anderson, S.D.; K. A. McNeill, J.D.; Ira Mann, S.S.; M. E. Carkin, J.S.; Cyrus Clay, T.

A banquet was held after the installation.

POLICE REPORT

B. Joseph was fined \$2.50 in the recorder's court Tuesday for parking a car in the middle of the street and leaving the motor running.

J. Robbins was fined \$2.50 in the recorder's court Tuesday for parking a car in such a manner as to block a crosswalk.

Ellis Oberg was arrested by Marshal Kelly Saturday night for being intoxicated and having liquor in his possession. He was fined \$65 in Judge Reasoner's court on Tuesday morning.

on Vernonia day and was enthusiastically received. So much interest was shown by the public that immediate plans were formulated to hold a regular fair next year at approximately the same date.

Free delivery of express and telegrams have been undertaken and with diligent work this service can be obtained.

The greatest need is the development of agriculture to such a point that it will take the place of the logging industry which will be cut down to less than half in the next three years. Unless we get back of the Chamber of Commerce, Vernonia will be in the position of the man that locked the door after the horse was stolen.

New Theatre To Be Built

Modern, Fireproof Building To Be Constructed

J. H. Bush Announces That New
Theatre Will Be Ready For
Use By April 1.

Local movie fans, who were keenly disappointed at the time of the burning of the Majestic theatre will be pleased to learn that J. H. Bush plans to have a new show house ready for occupancy by April 1.

This building will be located at the corner of First and Bridge streets, on the lot where the community Christmas tree stood, across from the Rose theatre, where the movies are being shown for the present. This property, which was owned by the Oregon-American Lumber company, has been purchased by Mr. Bush for the new theatre.

It is planned to start work on the new structure immediately after the first of the year. The contract calls for the completion of the building in 90 days. When completed it will measure 118 by 57 feet, will be of concrete and conform in every respect to the state and city fire laws and ordinances. The cost of the new theatre and equipment will be about \$50,000.

Many features are being planned for the convenience and comfort of the patrons, according to Mr. Bush. There will be a large ventilating system and an oil heating system, which is designed to give an even temperature in all parts of the theatre. Other features include a crying room for infants, with a window that will give a good view of the pictures; and a balcony for the colored patrons.

There will be space beside the entrance to the building for two stores, and it is thought there will be extra rooms over the lobby. A Robert Morgan organ will be installed in the new theatre which will be about twice the size of the organ used in the Majestic. It will be the same as the one now being used in the Pantages at Portland.

There will be a call for bids on the new structure advertised this Saturday, according to Mr. Bush.

Rotary Plow Prepares Seed Bed in One Trip

A tool that promises to revise plowing methods, at least for certain conditions, has recently been developed in the form of a rotary plow now being manufactured in Salem, Ore. For centuries the American farmer has plowed his fields with the same type of instrument. In Palestine and other sections of the world the same type of crude wooden plow is used today as in pre-historic time.

The new spading plow can be attached to an ordinary tractor. The spading wheels revolve at such a velocity that the soil is thoroughly pulverized and prepared for a seed bed in one operation. Deep plowing can be done by driving at the rate of 2½ miles an hour, or moderately deep at the rate an ordinary plow team travels.

Cost of preparing the soil is found to compare favorably with the cost of the several operations ordinarily required. Advantages are more through incorporation of organic refuse with soil and ability to fit the soil when the moisture conditions are right. This one operation prepares the land to take the smallest seed and if dry weather follows the soil can be rolled to avoid any excess looseness of the land.

Soil specialists from the Oregon experiment station who have seen demonstrations with this spading plow believe it to be a very promising implement for various conditions. A large type of the machine is also made to use with high powered tractors. It is now being used extensively in South America.

Wet land owners do well by planning drainage systems for their farms now. The wettest areas are taken care of first and then the ones of less importance. Assistance may be obtained by going to the county farm agent for advice from the extension specialist in drainage.