

Free Postal Delivery Asked

Sidewalks Needed Before Such
Service Will Be Given

Sufficient Population Here

Vernonia Chamber of Commerce
Makes Request For Free
Mail Delivery Service

Whether Vernonia will be granted free mail delivery service to all residents by the United States Post Office department, as requested by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, depends principally upon whether this city has sufficient sidewalks to meet the requirements of the department for village delivery service.

According to a bulletin recently issued by the Chamber of Commerce, Senator McNary has promised that he will do everything within his power to assist Vernonia and has personally interviewed the postal authorities.

The bulletin states, "As you know, Vernonia has many sections that are not now provided with sidewalks, and Uncle Sam will not require his deliverymen to walk in the mud.

"Now to get to the point. We will get village delivery if we will provide sidewalks. Lumber may be secured for a nominal sum per lot. The sidewalks have to be continuous and to all sections where service is desired.

"The cost of constructing sidewalks will have to be met by the property owners or residents on each lot or lots and the sooner they are constructed the sooner we will get free mail delivery to our homes.

"You need the sidewalks; so why not construct them immediately and get the postal service we have a right to demand? Full information will be furnished by the postmaster or the office of the secretary."

Woodmen of the World And Circle of Woodcraft Hold Joint Installation

Vernonia Camp No. 655, Woodmen of the World, and the Circle of Woodcraft held a joint installation of officers Saturday night. A large crowd was present for the occasion.

The newly organized band under the leadership of Ray Charlesworth and which now consists of 14 pieces comprised an entertaining part of the program.

The drill team of the Circle of Woodcraft, all dressed in white, with red sashes and each member carrying a banner, presented a pleasing appearance according to those present.

The W. O. W. drill team surprised the audience by marching into the hall in full uniform. The uniform consists of a blue sweater with the letters W. O. W. in white across the breast, and white pants. Each member of the team carried a W. O. W. axe painted in the colors of the order. After the program was over, tables were set and a bountiful luncheon served to the satisfaction of all present.

Vernonia Camp met in regular session Monday night. The matter of a new hall was discussed and a committee appointed to investigate a suitable location, costs of material, construction, etc.

The membership committee reported that they have already gone over the top in signing up new candidates for the large initiation to be held in Salem February 24.

—M. GIBSON, Scribe.

63 New Families in December

Portland—Sixty-three new families arrived in Oregon in December, reports W. G. Ide, manager of the land settlement department.

These reports are made by chambers of commerce and other agencies cooperating with the land settlement department.

Sixty-five families reported by the Salem Chamber of Commerce for November and December are not included in the figures because they did not show the amount of investments, but these figures combined with the November and December report of the land settlement department show a total of 160 families for November and December.

"The Joy Theatre" Is Name of New Showhouse

J. H. Bush has announced that he will call his new showhouse, soon to be erected at the corner of Bridge and First streets, "The Joy Theatre," in honor of his daughter, Joy.

The work of moving the old structure at the rear of the lots further back has started, with Noble Dunlap in charge. Bids on the new theatre building will be opened in Portland Friday by Marion F. Stokes, architect.

The plans call for store space on each side of the entrance to the theatre, and office rooms upstairs. A basement under the stage will contain the heating plant for the whole building.

Lucinda R. Clark Passes In Portland January 4

The many friends of Lucinda R. Clark, beloved wife of J. M. Clark of Vernonia, were grieved to learn of her death Wednesday, January 4, in Portland, after a severe illness lasting six weeks. She also leaves to mourn her loss, one daughter and two sons, Mrs. Mary Phillips, C. A. and E. R. Clark, all of Portland.

Lucinda R. Havenar was born in Illinois October 3, 1860. When 15 years of age she removed to Kansas with her family. She was united in marriage to J. M. Clark at Independence, Kans., April 14, 1879. At the time of her death they had been married 48 years and 8 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark came to Vernonia about three years ago, where Mr. Clark has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business here. Previous to coming here they lived for five years in Portland, and before that, about 10 years in Hood River valley.

Services were held at the parlors of Miller & Tracey, Portland, with interment in Riverview cemetery.

Junior Red Cross Makes Gift of Radio Equipment

St. Helens, Oregon, January 5, 1928.—Enclosed is copy of letter received from Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the state tuberculosis sanitarium at Salem, in recognition of one of the things the Junior Red Cross in this county is doing this year.

The Junior Red Cross organization which has been enrolled 100 per cent in the schools of Columbia county since 1924, stands for service. The children earn money to cover the subscription price of fifty cents per month annually for their "Junior Red Cross News," and any surplus is used for some special project. Heretofore we have furnished glasses for needy children, but this year we centered our efforts on furnishing radio receiving sets to the children's pavilion at the Sanitarium at Salem. Six sets were needed to furnish each bed in the children's pavilion, not already provided for, with radio equipment and we are furnishing this necessary equipment at \$5.20 a set.

No doubt the Juniors in this county would be interested to read in the columns of your paper the number of sets we are furnishing and the appreciation of same as expressed by the enclosed letter.

Very truly yours,
Nina H. Little, R. N.,
County Health Nurse and
Chairman, Junior Red
Cross Organization.

January 3, 1928.—I want to thank the Junior Red Cross of Columbia county for their thoughtfulness and kindly interest in the Christmas at this institution.

I am sure you will be glad to know that this is the best Christmas our patients have ever had. This is in recognition of the money you sent for radio equipment which we consider a Christmas gift to the children.

Trusting you may enjoy a new year in harmony with the excellent spirit which you have shown in our Christmas, I am

Sincerely,
G. C. Bellinger
Superintendent, State Tuberculosis Hospital, Salem.

Astoria Taxes High
The county assessor of Clatsop county has announced that the city of Astoria tax levy for 1928 will be 90.5. Of this amount 44.4 mills levy is for the direct city tax.

Metolius—New Metolius cut-off will be opened to public soon.

70 Cows in County Show High Production Of Fat in December

Columbia Cow Testing Association
Makes Report of December Production; 607 Cows Enrolled

A total of 28 herds were on test during the month of December. There was a total of 607 cows enrolled, of which 131 were dry. Their total production was 313,212 pounds of milk and 19,687.85 pounds of fat. The average production including dry cows was 516 pounds of milk and 22.55 pounds of fat. A total of 70 cows produced more than 40 pounds of fat.

For herds of more than 20 cows, including dry cows, Henry Behrman's herd of registered and grade Jerseys was the high herd. A total of 32 cows averaged 50 pounds of milk and 29.43 pounds of fat. W. S. Copeland's herd of 24 grade Holsteins was second with an average production of 727 pounds of milk and 29.25 pounds of fat. Lyons & Dimick's herd of 34 registered and grade Holsteins was third with an average production of 788 pounds of milk and 28.16 pounds of fat.

The high herd of 12-20 cows was Herman Liebenow's herd of 12 grade Jerseys. Their average production was 806 pounds of milk and 42.19 pounds of fat. The second high herd was T. P. Johnson's herd of 13 grade Jerseys. Their average production was 406 pounds of milk and 24.56 pounds of fat. L. B. Eastman's herd of 12 grade Jerseys was third with an average production of 341 pounds of milk and 18.68 pounds of fat.

For herds of less than 12 cows Lewis Snider's herd of 9 registered Holsteins was first with an average production of 1105 pounds of milk and 35.59 pounds of fat. Mrs. Belle Watson's herd of 9 grade Jerseys was second with an average production of 623 pounds of milk and 31.20 pounds of fat. E. J. Brock's herd of 7 grade Jerseys was third with an average production of 524 pounds of milk and 29.47 pounds of fat.

Five cows produced more than 70 pounds of fat during the month of December. The high record cow for the month is Spud, a five year old grade Holstein, owned by Lyons & Dimick. Her record is 1612 pounds of milk and 79.0 pounds of fat. The second high cow is No. 3, a six year old grade Jersey, owned by Herman Liebenow. Her record is 1448 pounds of milk and 73.8 pounds of fat. The third high cow is Sena, a seven year old registered Holstein, owned by Hammer Brothers. Her record is 1776 pounds of milk and 72.8 pounds of fat.

Interest in Golf Shows Need For More Courses

Approximately 200 public golf courses are maintained in 150 cities of the United States.

At the present rate of increase between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 people will take up the game in the next 15 years.

It will be necessary to establish 20,000 new golf clubs and purchase in the neighborhood of 3,000,000 acres of land for the new courses.

Two of the courses maintained by the West Chicago park commissioners were played by 161,741 people last year.

The figures are presented by the Playgrounds and Recreation association of America. The same association furnishes these reasons for the popularity of golf:

1. Due in part to the fact that all can play it.
2. Not a game that can be easily mastered, but one that can be played by all with a certain degree of satisfaction.
3. It gives the player an opportunity to enjoy out-of-doors as no other sport does.

Also, in its report the association urges that public golf courses be made a bit more difficult, complaining that many of them are made believe courses. It suggests a type of course between the flat, short courses that offer no more difficulties to the player than a croquet ground and the courses which only experts at the game can enjoy.—Oregonian.

New St. Johns-Linnton ferryboat Multnomah is put into service. Coos Bay mills will ship 12,000-

Postmaster Asked To Make Survey Here For Village Delivery Service

Will Seek Charter Amendment To
Enable Council to Pass Ordinances Requiring Sidewalks.

Postmaster Emil Messing has received the following letter from the post office department at Washington, D. C., asking for a survey of Vernonia relative to the granting of a request for village delivery service here:

"The department is in receipt of a request for the establishment of village delivery service at Vernonia.

"Village delivery service may be established at offices reporting gross receipts for the preceding fiscal year of \$5000 and having a population of 1500 within territory possessing good continuous sidewalks, crosswalks, street lights and signs, house numbers and mail receptacles. Fifty per cent of the building sites must be improved with houses erected thereon and occupied.

"You are requested to make an immediate survey of conditions at your office and report whether the requirements are met. If not, in what respects are they lacking? Include in your report the total population of the town and the number of people residing within improved territory."

A requirement of village delivery service is that patrons must provide private mail receptacles, which may be either a suitable box or slot cut in the front door. Postmasters must not commence the delivery of mail to any residence where this requirement has not been met. Business houses will not be required to provide receptacles, if they are open and someone is at hand to receive mail when the carrier calls.

It is pointed out that Vernonia will be greatly benefitted by the free mail delivery, inasmuch as two deliverymen will be added to the local post office force, the expense of which is entirely met by the government.

City Attorney Lester Sheeley recommends that the sidewalks be constructed immediately by the local residents, as it will cost from one-third to one-half more if the city is required to do it. Plans are under way for the proposal of an amendment to the city charter which will give the council the power to compel all sidewalks to be constructed within 60 days, and all sidewalks to be connected up, after the ordinances have been passed.

"Crosswalks will be constructed by the city," states Mr. Sheeley, "when the walks are completed, and the city will also bear the expense of establishing grades."

Edward Hotel Opens; E. M. Murphy Proprietor

The Edward hotel, formerly called the Willard, was opened for business by E. M. Murphy Sunday. Mr. Murphy has leased the two upper floors of the building and is now refinishing the interior and installing new facilities.

40 at 8 Installs
The local voiture of 40 at 8 installed the following officers for 1928: H. E. McGraw, chef de gare; C. Nance, chef de train; E. M. Murphy, conducteur; L. Schwab, correspondent; E. H. Washburn, garde de la port; R. La Rocque, commissaire intendat.

A banquet was held at the Horse-shoe cafe before the installation, which was in the Legion hall, Friday night. After the installation the voyageurs attended the St. Helens-Vernonia basketball game.

Warren Grange to Entertain.
Warren Grange is entertaining on Friday, January 20, with a fancy dress party. The announcement says, "come as Uncle Sam, a dutchman, a coon, as Maude Miller, Miss Pitch-Patch, a gypsy schoolmarm, or anyone you choose." The program will start off the festivities. Music by the Grange orchestra.

Everyone is cordially invited to come, at 8 o'clock, Lund's hall, Warren.

Buy Vernonia Hotel
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vale, formerly of Olympia, Wash., have purchased the Vernonia hotel from H. G. Phelps. They will take possession January 15.

Theatre 39x131 Feet To Be Built on Majestic Site

A theatre building 39 by 131 feet in dimensions will be built on the site of the old Majestic, according to P. M. Hall-Lewis, Portland architect. It will be two stories in height and of brick and tile construction. The auditorium will seat 560 persons, including the balcony.

The projection room will be of standard size and construction and will be equipped with two motion picture machines. In the balcony a space will be provided for an infants' crying room and a men's smoking section.

The theatre entrance will be flanked by two small stores having modern plate glass fronts. The stores will be isolated from the theatre by masonry walls, eliminating fire hazard. The heating, electrical work and plumbing will be in accordance with modern requirements.

The exterior treatment will be plain in design with rich ornamentations in cast stone featuring the theatre entrance, above and below a marquise extending across the entire front of the building.

Hall-Lewis, who is the designer of the Capitol theatre at Multnomah and the Granada at Camas, Wash., states that the new structure will be strictly modern in every detail with a full stage and dressing rooms to accommodate vaudeville attractions. The cost of the building, equipped, is conservatively placed at \$30,000.

"Rollicking Program" To Be Presented by Eighth Grade Tomorrow Night

After many delays because of illness, the eighth grade will present the "Rollicking Program" at the high school auditorium tomorrow night. It includes two short plays, "Country Cousins," and "A Trip to Europe," singing and readings.

The following pupils will participate in the entertainment that evening: Delphine Cates, Nellie Green, Edna Owens, May Throop, Marval Graven, Wesley Northup, Edna Frewing, Alice Parker, Pauline Cates, Harvard Malmsten, Imogene Russell, Kathryn Malmsten, Louise Roberson, Velda Mellinger, Faith Rayer, Mildred Allen, Frank Creasey, Lewis Davis, Johnnie Roediger, Virgil Hiatt, Jack Taylor, Robert Dial, Charles McNutt, Jack Christensen, Lavern Adams, and the girls glee club.

Men's Dorm to Replace Poling Hall at College

O. A. C., Corvallis, January 9—Exit old Poling hall, vestige of war days, and enter a modern men's dormitory, a dream of many years.

This is the order given by the board of regents to be executed before opening of college next fall. Following authorization of a men's dormitory, Benes and Herzog, Portland architects announced that detailed plans and specifications will be prepared in time for calling of bids March 1, which will mean, according to President W. J. Kerr, that contracts will be let 10 days later with construction completed six months following.

A new precedent for financing dormitory construction in this state will be set with this building as it is to be paid for entirely from campus dormitory receipts on the amortization plan over a period of 20 years. A bill authorizing this plan, used successfully in other states, was passed by the last legislature. In spite of this method of financing, charges to students will parallel those made for good private accommodations.

The new building will house 320 men, will be of three story brick construction with a five story central tower, and will cost from \$350,000 to \$400,000 including equipment. It will be located on the corner between Cauthorn hall and the forestry building where it will face the center of the campus, forming the key structure for all future men's dormitory construction which in years to come will enclose the large quadrangle extending west to agricultural hall.

Dairy Meeting Held
A dairy meeting was held at the Vernonia Grange hall last night when the subject of "Breeding and Feeding Dairy Cows" was discussed. The production of home grown feeds in the Nehalem valley was especially emphasized.

600 feet lumber in five Japanese cargoes.

Aldrich Heads Chamber Again

Lester Sheeley is Re-elected
Secretary

Present Policies Continued

Board of Directors of Vernonia
Chamber of Commerce Elected
At Meeting Thursday.

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce elected the following directors at the regular bi-monthly luncheon Thursday noon: R. M. Aldrich, H. E. McGraw, C. F. Hieber, Wm. Pringle and W. W. Wolfe. The following officers were named by the directors at the meeting held Monday: R. M. Aldrich, president; C. H. Hieber, vice president; Wm. Pringle, treasurer; Lester Sheeley, secretary.

It was voted at the Thursday luncheon to continue the present policy of sending out literature to prospective settlers who are in other parts of the United States. The work of the secretary's office in furnishing local farmers with agricultural bulletins and other information was highly commended.

It was announced that the chamber has secured a number of prints of the aerial pictures of Vernonia and the Oregon-American mill which they will sell at half the regular retail price. It is said they will soon be gone at the present rate of demand.

The secretary is now working on three projects for the benefit of local citizens: Free delivery of mail, free delivery of express, and telegram delivery. Mr. Sheeley states that many towns of less size than Vernonia already have these services, and an active attempt to get them here should bring the desired result.

Church of Christ Elects Officers at Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Church of Christ was held at an all day service at the church last Sunday. Regular services were conducted, with a bountiful basket dinner at noon and reports from all auxiliaries of the church and election of officers in the afternoon. Dr. M. D. Cole presided as chairman. A splendid fellowship was had throughout the day.

The Bible school reported \$390 taken in and disbursed, with an average attendance of 135. The Ladies Aid reported, for the past seven months, \$330 from gifts and various sales. The ladies during the past year have paid for the piano and have undertaken the payment of the furnace. They paid all back street and sewer assessments and gave approximately \$100 to the church for running expenses, new pews, back taxes, etc. They have a very active organization. Mrs. J. D. McDonald is president.

The Christian Endeavor society reported that they were growing and have purchased an organ for their room, assisted with the pastor's salary and new sidewalk. Lois Freeman is president.

The church financial report shows almost \$7000 for the past fourteen months for all purposes, running expense, building fund, pews, sidewalk, taxes, etc. The church membership is 134.

The following officers were elected for the Bible school: Mrs. Ray Charlesworth, superintendent; Mrs. W. J. Gooding, assistant; Mrs. A. McClurg, secretary; Mrs. Olive Cline, treasurer; Miss Della Cline, librarian; Miss Daynise Reese, pianist.

Following are the church officers: Trustees: Dr. M. D. Cole, Geo. Stankey, J. Skinner; elders: Dr. Cole, 4 years; Geo. Stankey, 3 years; Mr. Austin, 2 years; Mathew Gibson, 1 year; deacons: For one year, Frank Heath, Jim Mosger, A. McClurg, Vernon Greene, J. Edens, Ray Charlesworth; church clerk, Mrs. Ethel Ray; treasurer, Mrs. Olive Cline; financial secretary, Mathew Gibson; pianist, Mrs. M. D. Cole, Daynise Reese.

A tentative budget of \$60 a week to be taken care of by the envelope system was adopted, with \$500 improvement on the building.

Don't pass stove pipes through cellars, roofs or wooden partitions.