

# THE TIMBER LINE

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## Vernonia Defeated By St. Helens Friday

(By Clarence Wardle)  
 Vernonia lost to St. Helens in a hard fought basketball game last Friday at the county seat by the score of 28 to 19. The first half ended 17 to 17, but in the second half St. Helens did nearly all of the scoring.

The team that made the trip to St. Helens was: Bergerson, Bennett, Hodges, G. Adams, Parker, and A. Adams. A large crowd of high school students and townspeople accompanied the team on the trip.

Team	W	L	Per
Rainier	4	1	800
St. Helens	4	1	800
Vernonia	3	2	600
Scappoose	1	3	250
Clatskanie	0	5	000

## Girls Team Wins From St. Helens Friday

(By Clarence Wardle)  
 The local girls defeated the St. Helens sextet in a preliminary to the boys' game at St. Helens Friday night 19 to 9. The Vernonia team has not been beaten this season and is said to have one of the best teams this high school has ever had.

The players were: Helen Hieber, Ida Mae Hawkins, Mildred Hawkins, Mary Oberst, and Charlotte Green. These girls will play Scappoose girls in a return game here Friday night as a preliminary to the boys' game.

**Second Team Wins**  
 The second team of Vernonia boys beat the second team of St. Helens Friday with a score of 10 to 12. Players were: Hieber, Melinger, Oberst, Hixson and Green.

**Training For Track**  
 The boys are beginning to train for track, and many are now practicing the field events, especially the shot and javelin.

A sport which falls solely in the category of the grade school and which has now reached a feverish pitch for the season is the shooting of marbles. It is a great game, with its rules and regulations more complicated than a railway timetable, the "winner" usually being the one who can most loudly and forcibly convince the others of his greater knowledge of the "rules." The most objectionable part of the sport is that it keeps the boys from coming home at the time when they are expected.

Every time he takes a bath he leaves a ring in the tub.

Nature has certainly played a dirty trick on one of the campus heroes here at the University. All day long he sells numerous kinds of hair tonics and restorers, but at night when he goes home he takes his hair off and lays it aside until another working day rolls around.

We noticed a man on a crowded bus the other day who was so busy he excused himself when he beat a co-ed to a seat.

When she starts talking about her biscuits and cake, look out, men, it's Leap Year.

Telephone operators in a modern college town surely earn their money. Telephones in campus living organizations are about the busiest things around here. During the rush period of the day they report that 50 attempts to get one number are not unusual. Of course, it is impossible to get in so many conversations in that time. Many sororities and fraternities have a time limit on calls. Some even have more than one telephone in their houses.

Whatever troubles Adam had, when he an Eve were mates, He didn't have to skip all week for his Saturday night dates.

We're going up the McKenzie River this week end and learn to ski. In about ten sittings probably.

**CAMPUS STROLLING**  
 Hurrying to eight o'clock classes with toast and jam still in the corners of mouths. Why didn't I go to bed earlier last night? Upperclassmen in military suits eight sizes too large. Dean Straub, the grand old man of Oregon, saying hello to everyone. Girls hurrying to see if they received a letter from home this morning. Fresh lids as big as buttons don't keep off much rain.

## Vocational Conference To Be Held in St. Helens

The principals of the high schools of the county met with the county school superintendent and Dean Dubach and Dean Jewell of the Oregon State college to plan a tentative program for the vocational conference to be held for all the schools of the county March 2 at St. Helens.

Those present were Stephen E. Smith, Scappoose; O. D. Byers, Rainier; J. Austin and H. B. Ferrin, St. Helens; Lester Wilcox, Clatskanie.

The committee has agreed to meet at Corvallis during the state educational conference February 17 and 18 to define and form the program.

While Vernonia and Birkenfeld high schools were not represented at this council, word has been received from each of the principals of their hearty cooperation and that they will be present at the conference.

Dean Jewel, who is considered one of the foremost educators in this state, stated that if plans could be carried through with as much success as last year, plus the added experience of having had one conference, this event would be given national publicity as it is one of the few places in the United States holding such a conference.

Each community should be sure that each senior has an opportunity to attend this conference.

## French Children Praise Those in Vernonia School

The following is a copy of the letter which was received by the school in the portfolio from France. This portfolio will be on display shortly in the chamber of commerce window.

"Dear comrades of Vernonia: We have received with great pleasure your magnificent album that you have made and sent to us. We have thought of you in looking at all the beautiful things that it contains. We congratulate your competency to draw and also your good style.

"We are sending in thanks for your album so well prepared, some views and some historical monuments of our little village of Saumur.

"We are sending you, also, a 'Method of Reading' so you may see the kind of books we have in our schools, for the little children to use in learning to read.

"We thank you again for the pleasure you have given us and hope to receive news of you soon.

We beg you to accept our best wishes.  
 "Your comrades of the school of the bridges."

### Notice

I will not be responsible for debts contracted by my wife, Mrs. Merle Lane, after February 9.  
 MERLE LANE.

## Forest Roads and Trails, Their Need

(By E. J. Adams)

The national forests are not set aside in solid blocks at one side of a state, but they are scattered throughout the state, as the valleys and mountains are scattered. They separate the settled portions and forbid social or commercial communication between the several communities without highways across them.

Without highways through the forests it is impossible to lay out and build a state system of highways. Without roads and trails within the forests it would be impossible to utilize them for grazing and recreation or protect them from fire and pests.

From the date of establishment of the forests, to 1921 4,325 miles of road costing an average of \$3,245 per mile, and 3,647 miles of trails costing an average of \$207 per mile at a total cost of \$15,467,975 of which the federal government paid \$11,042,126, had been constructed.

It is estimated there are 14,725 miles of states and interstate highways needed within the national forests to connect up the state and federal highways. The cost of these highways is estimated to be \$133,664,000. Of strictly forest roads required for the administration, protection and utilization of the forests, 25,927 miles at an estimated cost of \$51,877,000 are required. 70,319 miles of forest trails at an estimated cost of \$9,367,000 are also needed. A total cost of \$194,908,000.

58,000,000 Since 1921

When congress convened in 1921 there were \$4,000,000 unexpended of the appropriation of ten million dollars provided by the act of 1916 and made available at the rate of one million dollars per year. The following appropriations were made by congress after that. In 1921 \$15,000,000; 1922, \$13,000,000; 1925, \$15,000,000; and 1926 \$14,000,000 a total of \$58,000,000. Of this amount Oregon has received \$7,897,899.

Perhaps a few words as to how the increase in appropriations for forest roads and trails came about, beginning with 1921, may be of interest to show the value of planks in party platforms.

Craving the pardon of the reader for personal reference, permit me to recite the steps taken to get the increase.

Impressed with the fact that the government, holding the vast wealth of the national forests for the ultimate benefit and protection of the people of all the states, including those that had harvested the timber crops of their own states; that our western states were severely handicapped in development by the withdrawal of these large areas from possible private ownership and taxation; that highways were necessary through the national forests; and that the federal government should bear the cost of building these highways; I first suggested in an after dinner talk at the conclusion of a tri-state highways gathering at Crescent City, Calif., in 1917, that we send a "petition in boots" to Washington to plead for appropriations for forest roads in amounts equal to the sum the lands would pay in taxes if they were subject to taxation.

At the opening of the Oregon legislature in 1919, I was accorded

the privilege of addressing both the house and the senate upon the same subject and urged the legislature to make provision for a delegation from Oregon to cooperate with a like delegation from each of the other forest land states of the west in pleading with congress for the appropriations we wanted for this purpose.

In 1920 I was a delegate to the national republican convention. I was given fifteen minutes to present our case before the committee on resolutions. Judge McCamant was a member of this committee and also a member of the sub-committee to draft the platform that year. He very earnestly cooperated with me and much credit is due him. All the delegates from the west gave loyal support.

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By PAUL LUY  
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