

Throughout The Year, Make
It a Habit! Boost For
Vernonia

Vernonia Eagle

Attend Basketball Game At
Home Tomorrow Night;
Support High School.

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State C. of C. To Make Data Survey

Will Cover All Counties In Oregon

Will Start Soon

Valuable Information Gained By Survey This Sort Help All Counties

Portland, Jan. 21—New and complete facts and data surveys of Oregon's 36 counties and 922 cities and towns will be completed during 1930 by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, according to announcement made by R. S. Hamilton, president of that organization, here today. Completion of the surveys is a part of the state wide program of "Build Oregon," being conducted by the State Chamber this year.

The data compiled will serve as a basis of publication of literature and national advertising on the state. Industrial facts and data surveys of the larger cities of the state will also be made in cooperation with the local chambers.

"Every phase of the state Chamber's activities in attracting settlers, tourists and investors to Oregon is based on facts and accurate information and by bringing all the data about Oregon up to date we hope to strengthen and increase our results and activities," Hamilton said.

Forms for the surveys are now being completed. A corps of workers are to be employed to collect and correlate the information.

Unload 3 Cars Of Sheep Here Sunday

Three car loads of sheep consigned from the Portland stock yards to E. D. Timms at Birkenfeld, were unloaded in this city Sunday morning and driven down river to a ranch near the Banner place at Birkenfeld, where they will be kept and fed for the winter and spring.

Have 60 Members In Chamber-Commerce

At the completion of its first membership drive the Chamber of Commerce will report today at noon having 60 members in good standing for the first quarter of the year.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held today at noon, at the Masonic social hall with luncheon served by the Eastern Star social club.

Woodburn—Portland Gas and Coke company will spend \$30,000 on improvement in this town.

Registered 14 Below Here Early Sunday Morning; Mill Down Until Weather Breaks

Old timers remember that in 1923, a cold snap was experienced here and in the valley, probably just as severe as that since last Sunday morning when it registered 14 below.

Natal reported 14 inches of snow Sunday morning and still cold, even registering 11 below zero Tuesday morning.

The Nehalem river in places is frozen over and snow drifts have made the roads in many places nearly impassable.

It is a certainty that homes in Vernonia were not constructed to stand such weather, which has been experienced in the past week and practically 33 percent of business houses and private homes have experienced trouble with their water pipe system during the cold snap, many hardships being experienced from broken water pipes and flooding of rooms.

Sunday afternoon, a portion of the Pastime card and lunch room was flooded, due to a bursted pipe in the above apartments. Bennett Variety store also had trouble.

The storm for a day or two paralyzed business and crippled traffic and S. P. & S. stages were discontinued. The railroad, as is usually the case in all

American Legion And Auxiliary To Hold Joint Meet Feb. 11

There will be a joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary at the Legion hall February 11, at 7:30. A big time is planned by the committee appointed by Legion Commander Connie Anderson. After the business session, a dance is planned with a feed to follow. Many important subjects will be up for discussion.

Mrs. Leona Wideman, president of the Auxiliary requests that all members of that organization be present.

Loyal Gleaners Hold Meeting at Home Mrs. Timmons

The Loyal Gleaners of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Waunita Timmons Monday where the organization outlined their 1930 program.

Following the meeting refreshments were served.

Those at the meeting were Mesdames Knight, Lolly, Brady, Olson, Stevens, Currie and Timmons and Misses Joyce Knight, Kathleen and Marjory Lolly.

Dismiss Local Liquor Cases

The two cases of the State of Oregon vs. Oliver Hollingsworth and Gene Carter for the possession of intoxicating liquor in this city on New Years eve, were dismissed by Justice Fullerton several weeks ago.

One of the defendants in this case claimed that the evidence seized by the officers was taken unlawfully and through the attorney demanded return of the evidence. This motion was allowed by Justice of Peace Fullerton and thereafter District Attorney Foote requested dismissal of both cases.

Scappoose Union High Lead Conference In Basketball

With a set purpose, to win the Columbia county high school basketball championship, S. E. Bryant's boys from Scappoose look like the best bet to be the 1930 high school basketball champions.

"Slim" Backlund, captain of the Scappoose team, who ran a score of 17 points against Clatskanie last week, is the most dangerous threat facing Vernonia tomorrow, when our team faces these huskies who are playing such steady basketball this season.

Undeclared, Scappoose, if they win from Vernonia tomorrow evening, should have no trouble sailing through, for every other team in the conference has been defeated this year.

The starting lineup tomorrow evening against Vernonia may consist of, Grewell, G. Mischeck, G. Tufts, C. Backlund, F. Hamilton F. and Roberts S.

Pilot of Passenger Plane Killed in Calif. Sunday Well Known in Vernonia

Basel Russel Assisted in Dedication of Local Airport in 1928. Handled Plane Here, Taking many for short trips. Known as careful pilot.

Basel Russel, aviator who lost his life Sunday evening when the passenger plane that he was piloting between Agua Caliente, Mexico and Glendale Calif., failed and dashed to the earth killing fourteen passengers and two pilots, was well known in this city, among Legionaires, with whom he became acquainted when the American Legion airport was dedicated in 1928.

To assist in the dedication of the local airport, Basel arrived in this city from Portland in charge of a plane belonging to Mrs. Edith Foltz, and gave many exhibits of daring flying, besides taking many from this city as passengers that day.

It will be remembered by the ones who rode with Russel, that he gave exactly the kind of a ride desired by his passengers and Dr. Hurley, who served as commander of the local Legion post during 1928, recalled Tuesday, that Russel accommodated many who wished to get thrills from their first aeroplane ride, and very patiently explained all details of aviation to those who questioned him, the day he flew from the new airport.

Postal Department Decide In Favor Village Delivery

Postmaster Emil Messing recently received a letter from A. Coleman, first assistant postmaster general, at Washington, D. C. regarding the recent investigation by the postal department for city delivery for Vernonia.

Quoting the letter: "As a result of the recent investigation at your office, the department has decided to authorize the establishment of village delivery service when you report that street signs, house numbers and mail receptacles have been provided and when the post office is moved to larger quarters. When the requirements are met and larger post office quarters are available, advise this bureau and orders will be issued authorizing the establishment of village delivery service to become effective approximately ninety days later."

4 H Clubs Listed One Hundred Per-cent

Already 4H clubs are sending in their returns. The Columbia County Milk Goat club led by Mrs. Alma Logan, has seven members: Joe and Johanna Koller, Clyde Talbot, Lawrence Longen, Emma Koller, Mary Longen and John Koller.

Miss Ruth Taylor's Nimble Thimble club has Dorothy Black, Nasseem Murray, Louise Whitell, Helen Scribner, Alice Watts, Martin Middlebrook, Hazel Ross and June George.

Both clubs won certificates of achievement.

Robert Johns Leaves Scotland. Will Arrive Home In Two Weeks

Robert Johns of Treharne who departed from his home Thanksgiving day for a trip to Scotland, wrote to friends at Treharne that he was leaving Edinburgh January 18th and intended to be here within the next few weeks.

Johns visited his old home and relatives during his stay in Scotland.

Scappoose Delta Lands Very Productive

Scappoose delta land farmers have contracted with the Barbary Packing company to plant 78 acres of beans this coming season. Those interested especially are Martin Hoven, E. E. Wist, Loren Johnson, Albert Johnson and Delta Farms.

Representatives of the California Conserving company of San Francisco are negotiating also with delta land farmers for an acreage for the growing of cucumbers. The average selling price of a ton of cucumbers is \$37 and the product grew successfully last year in small quantities.

Hold Grange Program At Birkenfeld Jan. 16

Birkenfeld Jan. 22—Many from the Mist and Natal districts attended the Birkenfeld Grange and program here on Thursday of last week.

Dance Legion Hall Saturday

The Vernonia Athletic club will give a dance Saturday evening January 25 at the American Legion hall, with music to be furnished by the Clatskanie Merry-makers.

The proceeds derived from the dance will go towards paying off the debt on the Vernonia tennis court at the city park.

Some Classes To Start Today

Students of the Departmental and Miss Kirkpatrick's room in the Washington school are to return to school today, Thursday, January 23.

The third, fourth and fifth grades in Lincoln school are also to resume their studies in school today, January 23rd.

All classes in both the Washington and Lincoln school will return to school tomorrow, Friday, January 24.

School in the Grange hall will not start until Monday, January 27th.

Uses Denatured Alcohol for "Chaser"

After watching, for several seconds, a stranger headed towards the S. P. & S. depot and doing strange antics, Marshal Phelps investigated and was just in time to prevent Gus Anderson, of Portland, who gave his occupation as stevedore, taking another swig from a bottle of denatured alcohol.

Anderson, surprised that the drinking of this beverage was prohibited in Vernonia, remarked that he had just used this for a chaser, and left it up to the marshal's imagination just how strong the original drink had been.

Tried in the court of Judge Reasoner, Anderson was found guilty and fined \$30.00.

E. M. Murphy Case Appealed To The Supreme Court

E. M. (Pat) Murphy was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary by Judge Zimmerman at the session of the circuit court at St. Helens, Monday, January 20.

A motion for a new trial was made on December 21, after Mr. Murphy was found guilty by the jury, but the motion was denied.

Mr. Murphy's attorneys appealed the conviction and sentence to the supreme court of the state of Oregon and the defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000 which was posted and the case is now pending in the supreme court.

Home Ben Smith Destroyed By Fire Wednesday Morning

The farm home and buildings belonging to Ben Smith, about four miles from this city on the Forest Grove road, burned to the ground early Wednesday morning. All equipment in the milk house and household effects were lost.

The fire is thought to have originated from a defective chimney.

Many New Books In Library

Board Hold Election Of Officers

Has 1216 Volumes

Circulation for 1929 Is 8675. Shows Increase 2086 Over 1928

At a regular meeting of the Vernonia Library board held Monday evening of last week, an election of officers was held with Mrs. Gordon Watt being elected president, Mrs. E. S. Thompson, secretary, Mrs. M. E. Moe, buyer of books and Mrs. Frank Hanson and Mrs. Eddie Bell completing the library board.

It was shown in the annual report that not alone Vernonia but hundreds from the surrounding countryside had taken advantage of the library and were patrons.

The board spoke their appreciation of the council and mayor for their friendly attitude of the city fathers toward the library board, who had always allowed any appropriation requested for additional books and repairs.

The report for 1929 showed 8,675 books having been in circulation during the year, an increase of 2,086 over 1928.

Those registered as borrowers of books were listed as 829, a substantial increase over the previous year as it showed 247 new patrons of the library.

The report of Miss Martin, librarian, showed 1,216 books in the library, of this number 268 had been added in the past year, 167 books purchased by the board and 101 donated.

The most popular authors, as taken from the librarian's report showed, Zane Gray, Peter B. Kyne, Gene Stratton Porter and Kathleen Norris in the lead.

The two who borrowed the largest number of books during the past year were Milton Keer who borrowed 234 and L. E. Miller, 225.

City Without Water Several Hours When Machinery Breaks

On account of some disorder with the city pump and water system, the city was without water from 10 a. m. Wednesday until early in the afternoon of the same day.

Grade and high school students were dismissed at noon most of the students receiving instruction that they would be notified later when to return as Professor Condit and his staff had insufficient information when school was dismissed just when the water service would be resumed.

High school students will resume their studies today.

Editor Of Timberline Plans To Improve The High School Page

Charlotte Green, editor of the Timberline, the Vernonia high school news department published in the Eagle, recently returned after attending the tenth annual high school conference at the University of Oregon and brought back many new ideas about improving the Timberline.

The paper will have an unusually good makeup and should receive honorable mention at next year's conference.

Miss Green is considered by the newspaper staff, as the most efficient editor of the high school has ever appointed in charge of the Timberline.

Bowling Alleys Open to Public

Mike O'Conner has re-opened his bowling alleys to the public after several months shut down.

Several Attractive prizes are being offered by Mr. O'Conner for the highest score made ending each week.

The alleys, as good as any in the county, are of standard Brunswick make and kept in perfect condition at all times, and have been a source of pleasure to those bowlers who play games on these alleys.

Harry Williquette Receives Big Check From Government

Harry Williquette, who several months ago won his case against the U. S. government for due disability compensation, received a wire from Senator Steiwer at Washington, telling him that a check was being mailed him for \$6000, and that he was also entitled to monthly disability compensation of some \$58.00.

Mr. Williquette has been employed by the Kullander jewelry store for the past year.

New Herd Inspector Moves to St. Helens

Dr. F. G. Rankin, who has been appointed herd inspector for Columbia county for the coming year, moved into the county last Saturday and is located at St. Helens ready to assume his duties.

Dr. Rankin comes from Clatsop county where he has been in partnership with his brother for the last two years.

He was formerly a resident of Colorado, where he graduated from the Veterinary department of the Colorado Agricultural college.

Night Dress Catches Fire

Friday morning being exceptionally cold for Vernonia, little Arlene Baker, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Baker, stood too close to the stove, so close that her night dress was caught in the draft box and in a fraction of a second, the child was enveloped in flames.

Mr. Baker hearing the child cry, ran into the room and tore the flaming garment off his daughters body.

Arlene's entire left side is severely burned, but quick relief rendered saved the child from carrying any scars.

Columbia County Pomona Grange To Meet Birkenfeld Feb. 1

The Columbia County Pomona Grange will meet with Winema Grange, No. 652, at Birkenfeld, Saturday, February 1, 1930. Secretaries are requested by Lillian Daniels to send their Pomona reports in ample time for this meeting.

Three Link Club Give Dance Feb. 8

The Three Link Club will sponsor a dance at the Odd Fellows hall Saturday, February 8, with music furnished by a local orchestra.

Dances previously given by the Three Link club have all ways proven successful.

Undeclared Scappoose High School Basketball Team Plays At Vernonia Tomorrow Night

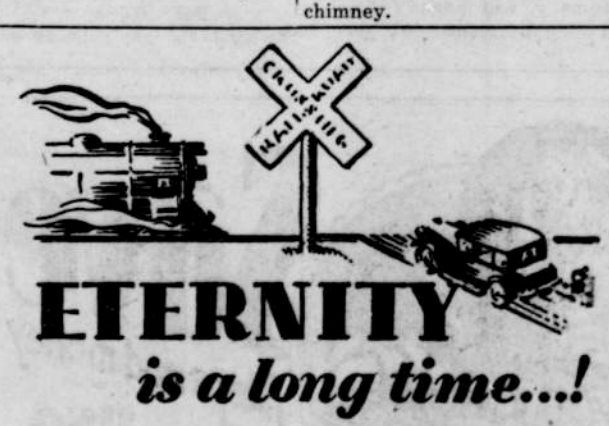
While coach Austins men are considered the lightest team in the league, this being the same rep they held in football, like that sport they are considered just as speedy as any county high school team and with the exception of the Rainier game have performed with credit.

A record turnout from town-folks is expected tomorrow evening to witness the Scappoose-Vernonia game.

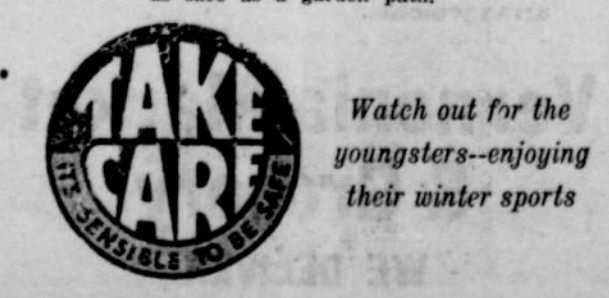
FOR SALE & EXCHANGE

You have an old radio set, you want a guitar. Someone else has a guitar and wants a radio set. The two of you ought to get together in our "For Sale and Exchange" column. You'll both be pleased, just as scores of others are satisfactorily making use of this classification in our classified every week.

Vernonia is tied for second place with Rainier and St. Helens and a win from the strong Scappoose team tomorrow evening will undoubtedly place the local hoopers in the swim for another crack at the county



The national accident mortality rate is generously swelled by the railroad, grade-crossing between 1919 and 1928 the annual average of deaths at highway grade-crossings was approximately 2,000. The railroads themselves must immediately be abolished since they have made every possible endeavor to reduce danger.



Watch out for the youngsters—enjoying their winter sports