

Enlist in the Good Fellowship Club Now, We Need Recruits

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## Big Legion Meet Next Wednesday

Department Officials To Speak at Meeting

## Local Post Active

Will Also Attend District Convention At Rainier On Tuesday 17th

The District No. 1 convention of the American Legion will be held at Rainier, Tuesday, December 17, at 2:30 p.m.

In the afternoon officials of the state department and post officers and members will hold a meeting, going over general plans for the ensuing year and passing on recommendations for the betterment of the Legion.

Elaborate plans are made for entertaining visiting Legionnaires in the evening, where all Legionnaires of different posts in district number one are invited to attend.

Wednesday, December 18, at 8:00 p.m. at the Legion hall Vernonia post will be host to state department officials of the American Legion, and the meeting is open for not alone members of the organization but their friends as well.

Many prominent Legionnaires will attend, Sid George, department commander, Carl Mosher, department adjutant, Jube Moreland district commander and about seven other officials.

The meeting will be in charge of Connie Anderson, local post commander. The high school girls glee club will favor the meeting with several selections.

All Legionnaires are invited to attend the banquet in honor of the visiting officials which will be held at 6:30 in the evening at the Nehalem hotel.

## Students At Mist Win Basketball Game From Birkenfeld

Birkenfeld, Jan. 11.—Students living at Mist defeated a team of Birkenfeld students at the local high school last Friday by a score of 16 to 17.

## W. Bradley Injured At Koster Camp

W. Bradley employed by the Koster Products company severely injured his left hand Tuesday, when he cut it on a saw, while at work in the woods. Bradley was rushed to this city for medical aid.

## More Members Needed In Good Fellowship Club To Assure Full Stockings For The Little Tots

Ye Good Fellowship club sleet is slowly being filled with checks and money and will shortly be ready for Santa Claus to furnish his supply of goodies consisting of candy, canes, nuts, raisins and fruits, for all small boys and girls who will form the reception committee for Mr. Claus when he appears at the Legion hall Saturday evening, December 21, at 7:30.

The first response to the SOS sent by Mr. Claus, local representative for funds, was answered by Mr. and Mrs. George Van Vleet, who purchased two memberships for the 1929 Good Fellowship club.

Mr. Claus sports a real German goiter this year, so fat that a crew of carpenters will be busily engaged, re-inforcing the floors in the gym hall, so that Santa can glide about without fear of caving in the foundation upon which the hall is constructed.

It is estimated that over 350 kiddies will be present to greet Saint Nick, and extend to him a hearty welcome with clamors of joyful screams as he hands out bags and stockings filled with things every little boy and girl delights to eat.

Remember former believers, that you are eligible to belong to the Good Fellowship club, by chipping in some money, lets say a buck for instance, mailing your check to the club in care of the Eagle office, signing your name to the check, so that we know who you are and the bank will do. Of course, cash will be accepted, and your only receipt will be one of pleasure and satisfaction, by being present at the Legion hall when the children are receiving their stockings.

We still need 40 or 50 more members. The more the merrier, the more members the larger the stockings. Kids don't mind wearing socks, but when it comes to stockings filled with

## Local High School Plays Team From Grove, December 13

The Vernonia high school basketball team will meet the Gamma Sigma Fraternity basketball team at the local gym, Friday evening, December 13, the game starting at 7:45.

The Gamma Sigma Fraternity of Pacific University is the oldest fraternity organization of any college on the Pacific coast.

## To Represent Local Hi At U. Of O. High School Conference

Charlotte Green and Neal Bush, representing the Student body and Harold McIntire the faculty, will attend the annual high school conference which will be held at the University of Oregon, January 10 and 11.

## Mrs. Skelton Dies Tuesday

Mrs. Nellie Skelton, 63, who recently arrived in Vernonia direct from England, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. W. Williams, Tuesday evening from lobar pneumonia.

Mrs. Skelton had only been ill for three days but was critically ill from the start and little hopes were held for her recovery.

Mrs. Skelton was born in London, England, and had resided in Northamptonshire, since her childhood days, until six weeks ago when she left her native land to make her home with her daughter in this country.

Funeral services will be held today, with interment in the local cemetery.

## New Pool Hall To Open In Old Culver Market

L. W. Baker will open his pool and billiard parlors in the store formerly occupied by the Vernonia Meat market, and should be ready for business during the later part of next week.

The building is being remodelled, will contain the best pool and billiard tables obtainable and attractive new fixtures.

## Runs Twig Through Ear Drum While At Work In The Woods

G. L. Winters, an employe of the VanVleet Logging company ran a twig through his right ear drum while at work in the woods Monday afternoon.

Winters was sent to receive medical attention at Portland and it is predicted that it will be several weeks before his hearing is fully recovered.

## Lower Columbia Associated Chambers of Commerce Meet At Castle Rock December 6

Governors Invite Vancouver, Washington, In Association; Each Chamber to be Represented At Dedication of Rainier-Longview Bridge in Jan.

The Lower Columbia Associated Chambers of Commerce, at its regular quarterly meeting gathered at Castle Rock, Wash., last Friday, December 6, and was entertained by the beautiful progressive city, the gateway to Mt. St. Helens and Spirit Lake.

E. I. Ballagh, president of the association presiding as chairman called the meeting to order following the banquet served in the I. O. O. F. hall to several hundred members and guests of the association.

Practically every one of the 35 cities in the Lower Columbia area was represented.

The invocation was given by Rev. H. J. Harding of Castle Rock, followed by an address of welcome by G. H. Huntington also of Castle Rock, who told of his city being one of the oldest settlements on the coast, of the splendid building program Castle Rock had enjoyed in the past few years, and a general history of the city of Castle Rock, which is one of the most beautiful cities, situated along the Pacific highway, and in the great state of Washington.

Sam Roake, genial mayor of Castle Rock, introduced the visiting mayors present, and called upon Mayor Wall of Winlock, L. N. Plamondon, mayor of Woodland, George C. Secor, of Kelso, Mayor Gibbs of Longview, Becker of Vader and Fred Schoeder of Cougar.

During the early part of the program the assembly were entertained by several good snappy selections by the Elks drum corp of Kelso, who were generously applauded for the pepful program.

The high school girls double quartette of Castle Rock, sponsored a pleasing program of songs.

President Ballagh called upon John Dover, president of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, who spoke on Tacoma's relation to the Lower Columbia area.

The novelty dance, featured by two Castle Rock high school students, scored a tremendous hit, and comments from the tables left the impression that this entertainment program, was one of the best ever presented at any of the meetings held by any of the cities of the association.

Mary Anderson and Earl Mansell, as colored lady and gentleman sang and danced their way into the hearts of all present, and the comic antics drew volumes of applause and laughter.

"Lewis River Development," by L. N. Plamondon of Woodland, gave an interesting outline of the rapid developments being made along the Lewis river, of the largest electrical turbine being constructed, the first unit of which when completed will create 240,000 h.p.

Again Mr. Plamondon told of what this great volume of power would mean development of the Columbia area, and predicted that section as the future Pittsburg of the west.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Tacoma who is rated as one of the leading speakers in the Pacific northwest, the principal speaker at the meeting, gave as

his address, "Unity in Community." Little doubt was left in the minds of those listening, that Dr. Johnson, was the Chancy Dewey of the west, probably one of the best after dinner speakers in the country.

E. B. Hughes, president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce spoke on the tourist harvest, taking as his subject, "Are we getting our share of tourist dollars."

Scenes of the beautiful northwest were flashed on the screen and interesting talks on all views given by F. W. Mathias, an enthusiastic outdoor sportsman, of Hoquiam.

From this city, those attending representing the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce were Judd Greenman, Tom Crawford, W. W. Wolff, Emil Messing, Edward Holtham, G. W. Ford, a member of the board of governors and Lee Schwab.

Those attending from different cities did not register, but we noticed the notorious Gus Hatenbrack of Lomax spread several attractive girls from the most famous secretary of the chamber of commerce in the U. S. A., Guy A. Anderson, the livewire president of the Longview chamber of commerce, Wesley Vanderecock of Longview, Clyde Mason of Seaside, G. Clifford Barlow of Warrenton, who during one of the dances by the Castle Rock high school fell off his chair during his excitement, and made a special request to his friends that nothing should be said to his wife, that he had fell so hard for the pretty gals. Mr. Barlow's weight of 275 pounds, fairly shook the Odd Fellows hall loose from its foundation, and a near panic occurred, when a rumor spread that Castle Rock had been visited by an earthquake. Mr. Barlow was assisted to his feet by a special committee of ten, appointed by Ed Ballagh.

R. F. Moore of Astoria, W. B. Bowser of St. Helens, E. M. Orth of Cathlamet, J. Ivan Wilson of Skamokawa, Seifer Olson of Puge Islands, E. B. Hughes of Astoria, Fred Schoeder of Cougar, Mayor Gibbs of Longview.

Several representing the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce were present, Walter Schwartz, district engineer for Clark county, George Cadwell, and C. Pelton, Edward Harless, editor of the Oregon Good Business magazine was also a guest of the meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted by the resolutions committee, and voted upon and approved:

Be it resolved, by the Lower Columbia Associated Chambers of Commerce, in regular meeting assembled at Castle Rock, Wash., December 6, 1929,

That this association co-operate with other non-profit organizations on the Pacific coast that are interested in promoting tourist travel; and that the president be authorized to appoint a committee to develop plans and confer with committees from other organizations working for this purpose.

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## Special School Meeting At Union Hi School, December 28

A special meeting and election will be held at the union high school, December 28, between the hours of 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the addition of the new territory to the union high school district number one.

The new addition includes all of school district number 22 of Columbia county and district number 52, which are the Natal and Mist districts.

## Ed. Tapp New M. M. Of Local Masonic Lodge

On Thursday evening, December 5, Vernonia lodge No. 184, A.F. & A.M. at their annual election of officers in the Masonic temple, elected J. E. Tapp as Worshipful Master for the year 1930. Mr. Tapp has long been an active member of the local lodge and his many friends congratulate him upon the progress which he has made in Masonry and the high honor which has been bestowed upon him. The election also advanced E. G. Anderson to the S. Wardenship and K. A. McNeill to fulfill the duties of J. Warden.

A. L. Kullander was again elected treasurer and J. B. Wilkerson was also carried into the office of secretary with one of the most popular votes ever given an officer. The appointive officers as yet have not been named by the Master elect. After the meeting adjourned the members and friends in attendance adjourned to the banquet hall where they were served a tasty hot tamales supper by several ladies of the Eastern Star chapter.

Thursday evening, December 12, sees Vernonia No. 184 make the much anticipated trip to St. Helens, where they will confer the Master Mason degree as a part of that evening's entertainment at the St. Helens Masonic temple. This meeting is not only a joint inter-county of all Columbia county lodges but is by special invitation open to all members of the fraternity.

It is expected that several members of the Grand lodge will be in attendance as well as other men who have attained prominence in Masonic circles. Many members individually and by delegation from Portland and vicinity have signified their intention of being there which points to the meeting as having special import and interest to the fraternity at large.

The local team is well and favorably known throughout all of this section as being capable of exemplifying the highest type of degree work and with use members and many friends who expect to accompany them will undoubtedly conduct to St. Helens one of the largest delegations of Masons to ever leave this city in a body.

Emil F. Messing, J. E. Tapp, and E. E. Yeo are in charge of travel arrangements and all members are requested to get in touch with them regarding cars. The caravan will form at Mac's Pharmacy on Bridge street and leave promptly for the county seat at 6:15 p.m.

L. F. Malmsten was struck in the stomach by a cedar block, while working at the Johnson and McGraw shingle mill Sunday and suffered considerable pain for several days from his injury.

Lincoln Peterson was a business caller at Vernonia on Thursday.

## Another Building Finished

Labor, Material 100 Per Cent Vernonia

At Cost Of \$10,000

Picture Also In This Issue Shows First Garage Owned Here

Another tile and concrete building recently completed by Tom Crawford helps put 1929 over the top, in one of the best building years in his history.

The new Crawford garage which is 100x115 contains storage room for 60 cars, with an office and show room 56x26 facing Second street and a parts room of 14x40 in rear of office space.

Here is one building which was constructed 100 per cent by Vernonia labor and every bit of material used in the construction of the new garage was bought from or purchased through local merchants.

The old Crawford garage was built in the spring of 1924, and was 50x100 feet. During the spring of 1925 Mr. Crawford made many improvements on his building and this year decided to still further increase his garage space, by constructing a much larger building.

The unimproved conditions of the roads are noticeable in the picture showing the first home of the Crawford firm, with Mrs. Tom Crawford standing in the door of the old office.

Since starting in business in Vernonia, Mr. Crawford has handled the agency of the Ford products and in 1924 was cited by Ford officials for going over his quota in selling Ford cars.

The staff consists of Mr. Tom Crawford, bookkeeper, A. D. Lolly and Dan E. Brown, mechanics, and Van Peebly salesman.

That his firm has sold to date in this vicinity 91 new Ford cars and trucks, is one of the things Mr. Crawford is most pleased of, and holds his own in sales of Ford products with most cities of the state of Oregon.

Double driveways are on 2nd street with an entrance on Maple street.

With metal sash windows around the building and large plate glass windows featuring the office front, makes the building one of the most attractive in the city.

John Miller, was construction superintendent under the supervision of Mr. Crawford, with wiring done by the Columbia Utilities company, lumber furnished by C. Bruce and the large timbers for construction of the roof, cut and furnished by the Mathew Brothers Lumber company of Mist.

Stankey cabinet company installed the large plate glass windows.

Local Boxers Fight At County Seat December 6

Swede Nelson, local welterweight fought a draw with Spud Murphy of Vancouver Barracks, at the American Legion hall in St. Helens Friday evening in the eighth round main event.

In the semi windup, Lee Davis of this city won a decision over Loren Watts of Salem, in their fight round bout.

Davis had Watts down several times for the count of nine, but the capitol city man was saved each time by the bell.

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## Plant Trees For Christmas

Folks, do you know that in less than two weeks it will be Christmas and that you have all the time in the world to take a short trip to the woods, cut down a fir, cedar or hemlock tree place it in your yards, and deck it with colored lights? Do it now and make your town one of real Christmas cheer.

## Howard Davis Is Honored For High Scholarship at O.S.C.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Dec. 11.—Howard Davis, Vernonia, a junior in commerce at Oregon State college, has been pledged to Beta Alpha Psi, national professional fraternity in accounting.

Selection for membership is based on high scholarship, adaptability to accounting research, and the passing of a junior certified public accountant examination. Davis was one of seven students chosen for this honor out of about 850 students enrolled in the school of commerce at Oregon State.

## Christmas Vacation Starts December 20

Christmas vacation for the local high school will start from Saturday, December 21, the students returning to school Monday, December 30.

## Brasses Taken From Box Cars

Thieves have been busy on the Oregon-American tracks last week, taking 62 brasses from box cars waiting for loading.

Railroad detectives who have investigated the robbery believe that the thieving at Koster camp was committed by those who stole the brasses.

## Christmas Program To Be Given By The Local Grade School

The annual Christmas program given by the grade schools will be held jointly by the Lincoln and Washington schools at the American Legion hall, Thursday evening, December 19.

The Washington school will give a cantata in which many of the popular carols are sung. The eighth grade will give a one-act play.

The Lincoln school will give a short play in which the whole school will participate.

## Christmas Program At Birkenfeld School

Birkenfeld, Dec. 11.—A program will be held at the Birkenfeld school Friday evening, December 20, an invitation being extended to all in the vicinity.

## Smashes Hand On Donkey Machinery

Jack W. Dowd, employed by the Wilson Logging company, smashed his right hand last week, when it was caught between two wheels in the donkey machinery.

## Oriental-American Lad Is Confirmed Pessimist Concerning Belief In Santa Claus Theory

Charlie Koto is an unbeliever. He likes candy and toys which Santa brings on Christmas time, but still insists that there is no Santa Claus. He thinks Santa Claus has been in Vernonia are the bunk, as far as whiskers are concerned, because they do not sport a good whisker crop, and Charlie said the poor sap, who thought he was Mr. Claus last year had no whiskers on his chin.

You don't have to ask Charlie many questions, Charlie does most of the asking.

Some kids told me there is no Santa, and I don't believe there is, because, because what? Well just because, but I'll be over in the Legion hall and get my share of the gifts, said Charlie, no kid's going to double cross me and tell there is no Claus and be over eating my share.

Charlie sauntered over to the nearest store window, which showed an elaborate display of toys, and shortly, said, "that if the kids had not told him there was no Santa, he knew no reason why he should not have reasoned, and believed in him."

Buster Nance doesn't believe either, but Buster hangs his stocking up and gets it filled each year, just can't understand it somehow.

Charlie does not want to go back to Japan, because no toys are given by Santa on Christmas, no beautiful Christmas trees are arranged for the holidays.

Charlie likes candy, (strange fact), and explained that his mother, Mary Koto who operates the Chop Suey restaurant, always gives him a Hershey bar, whenever he gets 100 in spelling.

I'm a student at the Lincoln school, third grade, nearly always get 100 in my spelling tests.

Sixty pounds of pep, brown eyed, red cheeked Charlie, while born in Japan, speaks as any other American kid would. Likes to fight, (this is also strange.)

If you make some remark which displeases our friend Charlie, he refers to you as a monkey face or sap, these being his two favorite expressions of salutation to those who fail to agree with his viewpoint.

One of his favorite amusements is testing his strength against his playmates, for Charlie told how, when he first came to Vernonia all the kids took a poke at him, shoved him off his bicycle, and returned it to him when they were darn good and ready. I'd like to see 'em try it now, said Charlie.

Remember the day I beat you running down to the corner? The reporter's memory fortunately saved him from much embarrassment and Charlie, murmured something under his breath, which sounded like sap and monkey.

"But don't tell those saps who play Santa, what I said, for I intend to get my stocking at the Legion hall from that fellow Santa, and maybe I'll get a chance like last Christmas and get in line two times."

## Father-Son Meet Next Monday

All Men and Boys Invited To Attend

## Community Affair

Sponsored by Scout Committee and Legion, At Evangelical Hall

Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. promises to be a great time for fathers' and sons, who will gather in the Evangelical church social hall, for the fathers' and sons' banquet sponsored by the Vernonia post of the American Legion and the Boy Scout committee.

An elaborate program is being arranged, said Scoutmaster, G. W. Plumer, and it should be understood that this is not alone for Boy Scouts, but every boy in the city, with no special age limit attached.

Many boys will be present, expecting to be provided for, and many fathers will be on hand ready to grab him a boy, for his pal, at the banquet and meeting.

Besides listening to J. H. Obersteuffer, scout executive and Judd Greenman, the principal speakers, good music, good eats, and a general all around good time is promised for those attending.

This is a general community fathers and sons gathering, and it must be remembered that, probably the father thinks he is too tired to attend, but the son deserves some consideration, who naturally expects his dad to be right on the spot with the invitation to take him along.

Or let the son invite the dad. Remember Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock, at the Evangelical church, bring a boy if possible, but dads turnout anyway, lots of lads will be on hand waiting to be your guest for the evening.

Songs, jokes and a pepful meeting. Come.

## Grange Organize Basketball Team At Birkenfeld Recently

Birkenfeld, Dec. 11.—The Winema Grange recently organized a basketball team, and are holding their practices at the Birkenfeld gymnasium.



New Crawford Garage, Recently Completed, and Picture of Garage Taken in 1924

