

THE TIMBER LINE

Vernonia School News

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Directors Meet To Decide On Length of the Xmas Vacation

The directors of Vernonia high school held a meeting at the high school, Saturday, December 7, for the purpose of deciding on the length of the Christmas vacation.

It was decided that the Christmas vacation should last from preceding New Year's day. Every year before this, Christmas vacation has lasted from Christmas day to New Year's day without any school days intervening.

Other business was the purchase by the school district of the phonograph and records used in the typing room. Several other bills were allowed.—B.R.

To Play Pacific U. Basketball Team December 13

The Gamma Sigma Fraternity basketball team of Pacific University will play the Vernonia high school quintet Friday, December 13, at 7:45 p. m. at the gym.

The Gamma Sigma Fraternity of P. U. is the oldest fraternity organization on the Pacific coast. This fraternity has a record that is unequalled by a great many fraternities. This record is something to try to break and it will be a hard thing to do, but the Vernonia high school feels that it will be able to do the job. The fraternity is playing a game in Portland tonight, December 9.

The probable lineup for Pacific is Bob Thomas at center, Thomas is the curly haired wonder of the team. Bill Ladd is the manager and plays guard. Walker will be his running mate at the other guard position. Nelson and Shriver will play forwards. Ray Mills a graduate of Vernonia high will probably play at one of the guard positions sometime during the game.

Vernonia lineup will be Bush and Berg, forwards, these two played well at these positions last year. Ralph George will play center. This is his first year but he is showing up like a veteran. Hieber and Adams at guards. The substitutes will be Cuiver, H. Lee, J. Marshall, L. Marshall, Fetch, Bennett and Porterfield.—M.P.

Respect Of Others Gains Just Reward

Respect is one of the most desirable qualities of character. It shows itself not by officious courtesy, but it is a trait, or one might call it a gift, which is unconsciously shown by the individual, and felt by others. It adds personality, and encourages friendship.

Respect is not a policy to be practiced only before one's elders or before persons upon whom one wishes to make a favorable impression, but before one's associates, companions, and classmates.

This quality was undeniably disregarded a short time ago and the teachers were forced to put a ban upon the epidemic of gum chewing which had spread through the school. Some who were less inclined to be thoughtful of others, went so far as to place gum where it would come in contact with other's clothing.

Disregard for other's rights and properties is the lowest degree of disrespect. Respect be-

ing one of our greatest virtues, it is worth achieving, cultivating and using continually. The quickest way to gain respect for oneself, is to respect others.—L.A.

An Editorial On Commander Byrd, By Joy Ball

Commander Richard E. Byrd is the most recent American hero. On his daring flight around the south pole, through perils, he proved to the world his great scientific ability. The discovery of the many white mountain ranges which had never been known before showed the Americans that the expedition is essentially valuable.

Commander Byrd is trying to solve the great Antarctic mystery which has long been a puzzle to scientists. Is the continent divided? How much land is under these vast fields of ice? These are some of the questions which he seeks to answer. The scientists may some day find the origin of the earth, or important data helping to solve this age old question. The Norwegian, Major Graw says that scientific preparation is not needed for polar flights. He also claims that the magnificent mountain ranges described by Byrd are exaggerated, because Scott or Amundsen did not see them. When the expedition returns many pictures of the newest possession of the U. S. will probably be shown to the world.

Commander Byrd is a scientist, explorer, and discoverer. He has circled both the north and south poles and besides made other successful flights. He is risking his life to discover an unknown country, a far more dangerous region than any found on the American continent. He and the loyal men of his expedition, promise to enlighten the world on questions never before answered by man. Is he not a hero to be worshipped by all true Americans?—J.B.

Mist Beats Birkenfeld At Basketball

After having been defeated twice by the scores of 18 to 36 and 22 to 44 in practice games, Mist won a close basketball game with Birkenfeld last Friday, December 6, in the Birkenfeld gymnasium at Birkenfeld, the score being 16 to 17. Four local boys were asked to come down to the game and help Mist, but Birkenfeld objected.

The lineup was as follows: Ayres 8.....kF.....9, Knowles Fiehnor 8.....SF..... Jones Beach.....C.....6, George Burnham.....RG.....2, Melis Malcolm.....SG..... Taylor Referee, Gibson of Vernonia. Substitutes for Mist were Orville Jones as forward, Richard Melis as guard.—E.K.

Marked Improvement Seen In High School Grades

In reporting the grades of the students, the teachers of Vernonia high school found a marked improvement in the grades of the second six weeks period over the preceding one.

Through the patience and hard work of the teachers together with the cooperation of the students, this has been brought about.—B.C.

Ralph George has returned to school after several weeks absence.

Student Body Flush With Coin; Cause Loss Sleep To Freshmen

The financial condition of the student body treasury is quite encouraging just at present.

At the opening of the basketball season the treasury is often quite low, but this year the condition is exceptional and probably will be better as the season advances.

The overwhelming surplus of the annual high school carnival, and the football season also was ascribed as the cause of a better financial condition. This is the first year for some time that, when more money is going out than coming in because of the annual, etc., we have had quite a sum of money in the treasury.—V.R.

Junior English Class Studies Journalism

Journalism in high schools is a great benefit to the students. The junior English class has been studying it for two six weeks' periods and seem to be progressing quite rapidly.

Headline writing, cases many a lazy student to "wake-up" and use his head. The interviews develop the student's courage, ability, resourcefulness and tact. News writing and feature stories have their advantages, for the student must not only be able to write an interesting story, but again he must use his tact as well as perseverance to get a good story.

In journalism the student finds not only a pleasant change from the regular English but he also discovers a new field of occupation. We hope to have more and better news writing in the future, for the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.—V.R.

Students Get Up Petition Begging Santa to Visit High School

Are the high school students becoming so narrow and dignified that they have outgrown the feeling of joy at Christmas? Have they become so wise that they do not believe in the reality of Santa Claus? If you had attended the student body meeting today, you would answer in the negative. Neal Bush, the wise president of the student body, believing in good St. Nicholas, called an assembly meeting to see whether or not they would invite the jolly gentleman to the high school. The interest and enthusiasm was hardly expected.

The freshmen sat eager-eyed and with flushed faces while the subject was being discussed. Immediately after the meeting had adjourned, the sound of pages being torn from tablets and pencils being sharpened was heard on the freshman side of the room. Mr. Wilkerson was delighted thinking they had finally become industrious. But he was soon to be disappointed. On each paper there was written "Dear Santa Claus."

The sophomores tried to distinguish themselves from their inferior class by endeavoring to conceal their joy. But it was surely an effort.

The juniors and seniors admitted their feeling of pleasure in a quiet, serene way. They are now happily engaged in arranging for St. Nick's welcome visit.—N.A.

Civics Class to Study Civil Government

The civics class, under the direction of Mr. Wilkerson, is now ready to study a different branch of civil government.

The class has completed the work in the regular textbook, and will begin a two-weeks course in the study of parliamentary law. This subject is an important part of the study of civics and will help the students now, as well as later.

Commend On Speech of Bishop Charlie L. Mead

In a speech given by Bishop Charlie L. Mead of Denver, Col., at the meeting of the Oregon State Epworth League convention in the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal church a few days ago, Mr. Mead stated that a moral change in practice but not in basis is seen in the future of the youth of the nation.

It seems youth will run into ever changing moral standards but still they are the same underneath. In days of yore the boys and girls were not so forward as they are today, but in those days there were not the advantages or encouragements of the radios and newspapers.

Though the customs of modernism are gradually changing the younger generation retains its older morals. The youth of today will never change their ways of long ago.—R.L.

To Attend Conference At U. of Oregon

The representatives of the Vernonia high school at the annual high school conference held at the University of Oregon, will be Charlotte Green and Neal Bush. Harold McIntire will probably represent the faculty.

The conference will be held on January 10, and 11.—T.B.

Tenth Annual High School Conference In January

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 12.—High schools all over the state are being invited to send delegates to the tenth annual high school conference at the University of Oregon, which is scheduled this year for January 10 and 11. The conference will be divided into five sections, for the editors of school papers and yearbooks, presidents of girls' leagues, student body officers and principals of high schools.

From two to five delegates are allowed each high school, depending upon its size. All phases of school life will be discussed at the conference for which an extensive program has been arranged by those in charge. It is believed that students will find the sections of great help in arriving at the solution of difficult problems. Earl M. Pallett, registrar, and Day Foster, student, are in charge of arrangements.

Skating VERNONIA RINK Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10:30 P. M.

Receive Favorable Reports From Local School Alumni At Other Schools

Very favorable reports from the Vernonia high school alumni, who are attending institutions of higher learning, reached Professor Wilkerson's office recently.

These returns show that our school coaching has advanced and inspired many of our students to obtain a higher education.—G.V. D.

Look Eagerly Forward To Christmas Holidays

Christmas vacation! Hurrah! We leave school on the 20th of this month and return on the 30th. And then we have one day for New Year's. Just eight more days.

Mrs. Hammack sniffed suspiciously.

"Tis her breathing that perfumes the air," tattled Washington from his place on the wall, looking straight at Joy Ball, who had the grace to choke as she hastily swallowed her hunk of Spearmint.

"Any pupil that knows the answer, speak up," briskly invited Miss Perce.

The class replied with profound silence.

"Coolidge was right," rejoined Miss Perce, "silence does not always mark wisdom."

Sophomores Receive Football Letters

Sophomores who received football letters were Marvel Graven, Oscar Sorlee, Ralph George and Jack Christianson.

Three Students Finish Book Reports In English Class

Three pupils in Miss Perce's English class have completed their book reports, 40 points, for the school year. Those who have finished are Zelma New, LeRoy Hershey, and Lucy Hopson.

Edith May Lindsely, a senior, has returned to school after a week's illness.

The bookkeeping class is studying the closing of entries.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

The second grade room is decorated in the Christmas spirit with cut-out pictures of the three wise men on their camels following the light of the Star of the East under which a village is nestled.

In another corner Santa, himself, is ready to go down the chimney with a pack of toys on his back and in another part of the room there is a border of Santa and his reindeers galloping with a sleigh loaded with gifts for good boys and girls.

School Board Hold Meeting At School December 6

A school board meeting of the Union high school was held Friday evening, December 6, at the high school building.

Although several of the members reside in the country they are very punctual, and are almost always present at the meetings.

Two members of the grade school principal were present at this meeting.—E.R.

Students To Speak At Program Friday

Six student speakers are to be featured on the high school program Friday at one o'clock. Music from outside and students will be furnished between the speeches.

These programs are given to aid the pupils taking part to become better speakers and serves as a public speaking course for them.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Trapping Season Open

Now that the trapping season is open many complaints are being made to the state game commission regarding alleged destructiveness of beaver. Harold Clifford, state game warden, considers it strange that these complaints should come at this time when beaver skins are at their best. Complaints are seeking permits which would enable them to exterminate a few of the "pests."

Trout Eggs are Taken

More than ten million eastern brook trout eggs were taken by the hatchery department of the state game commission at East Lake during the "taking" period which ended last week. These will be hatched at the Fall River hatchery.

Opportunity knocks but once, but that's more than a man can say for some of his so-called friends.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Those who received 100 in spelling in the second grade are Melvin Powell, Pete McDonald, Delle Moyer, Joe Robinson, Angelina Yana, Wilton Rogers, Halgerd Oversten, Evelyn Tyone, Geraldine Savage, Dorothy Myers, Madeline Michoff, John May, Elsie Duncan, Verdel Brooks, Loren Kostur, Maxine Hanna, Gerald George, Marvin Wood, Erna Kent, and Merie Tindall.

Hazel Chapman is the only one who received 100 in spelling in the fifth grade.

Those who received 100 in spelling in the 6th grade are: Elbert Brock, Fred Henderson, Lucille Lindberg, Howard McGivrey, Leone Mills, Harold Purney, and Lillian Updike.

Those who received 100 in spelling in the 6-2 grade are: Dorothy Nanson, Mary Hodge, Raymond Hall, Leon Brock, Wilma Crowder, Alice Hoffman, Eva Chambers, Helen Murray, Dorothy Dalton, Evelyn Varley and Ira Rushford.

Those who received 100 in spelling in 7-1 grade are: Margaret Laird, Christine Mitcham and Mildred Walters.

Alice Watt's is the only one who received 100 in spelling in the 8-A grade.

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