

The News of Vernonia Schools

THE TIMBER LINE

Three Cheers For Rainier's Basketball Team

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ORATORICAL CONTESTS HELP

Oratorical contests are important features in the life of secondary schools.

The objects of the national oratorical contests are first: To increase interest in and respect for the basic principles of government in each of the participating nations, and second: To promote a better understanding between nations by means of a frank and friendly exchange of national viewpoints.

In the state or county oratorical contests the object is practically the same. The topic for extempore speaking this year is education for citizenship.

These contests help the students to gain self-reliance, which is very essential in life, to speak extemporaneously, which is very necessary in business and political life.

The time that a student spends in work of this kind is well spent. He broadens his knowledge, learns to organize his thought, and to speak forcefully.

The national oratorical contests are sponsored by newspaper organizations all over the United States, and by state colleges. The county oratorical contests are under the direction of the county school superintendents and the county division of the O. S. T. A.

In the county orations we find extempore speaking, oratorical selections and dramatical selections and humorous selections. The value of these contests in our high schools can scarcely be over-estimated.—N.B.

VERNONIA STUDY CLUB

Vernonia boasts of several clubs and fraternal organizations, but none's purpose is more noble nor accomplishments have been more appreciated than the Vernonia Study club. The purpose of this club is self-improvement and civic betterment.

Since its organization in 1924, the club has sponsored clean-up days, held silver teas to help the Camp Fire girls secure funds for their cabin, given prizes for bird houses and other manual training in the grade school. This year they sponsored the community chest.

They have completed several courses of study. This year they are studying psychology under the direction of the University of Oregon extension division.

At Mr. Wilkerson's invitation they kindly consented to put on a play free for the high school last Friday afternoon. The play was a very clever production and greatly appreciated by the students.

These few things are sufficient to give some idea of the value of this club to our community.

Book Review

Admirer Sir James M. Barrie

Sir James M. Barrie is a British novelist and dramatist born May 9, 1860, in Scotland. Graduated at Edinburgh university in 1882. His sketches and stories of country life in Scotland soon brought him to the attention of the British public. He is unexcelled in his portrayal of Scottish peasant life, overflowing with pathos and the author's poetic fantasy.

His dramas have given him a high place among playwrights. He was made a baronet in 1913.—L.S.

Charlotte Green Entertains Seniors With Party at Home

The senior class was entertained at a party given by Charlotte Green at her home Saturday night. The evening was spent playing cards and similar games. Charlotte Green and Catherine Hoffman played some new hits on the piano while the others sang.

Dainty refreshments of chocolate, ice cream, and cake were served after which there was dancing. Those present were the members of the senior class. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Austin, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Green, and Nellie and Norman Green.

Explains Best Method Of Pruning

Pruning is usually done in the dormant season, after the leaves have fallen, and before the buds open in the spring. A complete

outfit for pruning will consist of a pair of small hand shears, a pruning saw, and long-handled pruning shears to reach into the top of the tree.

If the tree has had proper care it is not a hard job to prune, but if it has been neglected, it is more difficult. First one should cut out the dead, dying and all diseased wood. In addition to this, all water sprouts and limbs that cross and interfere should be removed. Be sure that the tree is properly thinned so that the sun rays may penetrate to the center. To do this, one must cut the branches growing straight up or down from the larger limbs, leaving only the ones that are growing out.

The spray is generally applied in early spring just as the buds begin to swell. This spray should consist of lime and sulfur solution, of a strength of from one gallon to seven gallons of water. It is used to control moss, scale, apple blotch and apple rot. The best method to spray 10 trees or more, is to use a keg or small barrel, and a small pump.

The day that one sprays, the barometer should be rising, indicating dry weather. The reason one should spray on a dry day is because the spray should stay on the trees at least 10 hours so that it will set and not all be washed off.

Information concerning the barometer will be given at any time by the agriculture class, also advice on the proper kinds of sprays to be used.—G.C.

Study Club Presents Program Friday

The Study club of Vernonia presented a program before the high school student body Friday afternoon. The main feature of the program was a short play in which the members of a ladies benevolent society read reports of how they earned their contributions to the treasury.

The sarcastic remarks that were passed and the humorous ways of earning the money that was given to the treasury of a supposedly honest society furnished many laughs.

Before the play, Mrs. Charles Richardson played a piano solo, "Il Trovatore" and Mrs. E. A. Green gave a short talk on the purpose and work of the organization.

Mesdames, Moe, Yeo, Garner, Bell, Greenman, Richardson, Davidson, Cole, Hughes, Holcomb, Wolff, Thompson, and Olson were the players. The play was coached by Mrs. Green.

The entertainment was given at the invitation of Mr. Wilkerson and was much enjoyed by both faculty and students.

The Study club plans to present the play Saturday evening in the high school for the benefit of the Camp Fire girls.—M.T.

Junior Science Class Finish Their Studies Of Static Electricity

The junior science class, under Mr. Austin, has finished studying static electricity. There are two classes of electricity. They are static and stationary, current or moving electricity. The laws of static electricity are: Like charges repel each other. Unlike charges attract each other. For every change produced there is another equal and opposite change in the ground.

The laws of static electricity are very much like the law of magnets which is. Like poles repel each other, unlike poles attract.

Static is generated easily with a glass rod and a woolen cloth. Rub the glass rod only one way. The electricity is made from the friction created by the rubbing.

Static electricity is caused by the friction of the air currents and it collects on the aerial. Then your radio set picks them

up. The cause of lightning is the collecting of charges on the clouds. After so much is generated the opposite charge attracts it. There are two classes of lightning, sheet and chain. Sheet lightning collects on clouds and unlike charges attract therefore they go from cloud to cloud. Chain lightning goes from cloud to ground.

If you are ever out in a thunderstorm get under the shortest tree as possible because the charge in the ground attracts the one on the cloud. It will nearly every time strike the highest tree for the charge is closer to the one on the cloud.

Mr. Austin illustrated static electricity with some pith balls, glass rod and a cat's skin. When the charges on the pith balls were unlike they attracted each other, when like charges they repelled each other. The class was very much interested in this work.—C.H.

transactions for the first month in their sets.—M.T.

Costume Party Last Week Was Well Attended

The costume party given by the Girls' Athletic association of the high school at the gym Wednesday evening of last week was well attended. The costumes varied from that of sea pirates to that of ballet dancers, including a number of old-fashioned costumes.

The evening was spent in games. Prizes were given to those who found most of the hearts which were hidden in various parts of the building. May De Eit Throop won first prize and Mildred Hawkins second.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cookies were served.—M.L.

The Livewire's New Class Paper

Miss Crail's English II class is starting a class paper called "The Livewire," suggested by Gwendolyn Whitmore.

There will be the following sections and names of editors of each: News, Gladys End and Margaret McDonald; society, Irene May; cartoons, Donald Holtham; sports, Junior Aldrich; editorial, Bernice Davis; advertising, Faith Hiatt; literary and dramatics, Bernice Miller; special features, Gwendolyn Whitmore; jokes, Donald Northrup.

Each day the members of the class will contribute an article or articles for the paper.—M.C.D.

Bromides

You Sassy Thing

"How old did you say you were?" "I never mentioned my age, but as a matter of fact, I've just reached 21."

"Indeed! What detained you?" "Grace: 'You remind me of the ocean.'" "Everett: 'Wild, romantic, restless?'" "Grace: 'No, you just make me sick.'" "Truennoff"

Catherine—Alberta and I had an argument and we want it settled. Which is correct: a centimeter is two-fifths of an inch or a centimeter is four-tenths of an inch?" "Mr. Austin—Neither, eight-twentieths is right."

"Brick" Thomas is enjoying green pastures these spring days.

The seniors art a very honest group. I left a nickel on my desk all day and it was still there

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Sports

Show Standing In League

Standing of schools in the league:

Table with columns: School, Won, Lost, Per. Rainier 6 2 .750, Vernonia 4 3 .570, Scappoose 3 4 .420, St. Helens 3 4 .420, Clatskanie 2 5 .300

Next Friday evening Vernonia will play St. Helens at the county seat in their last game of the season. This game will decide Vernonia's place in the league, which will probably be second.

Clatskanie Defeated Here Friday

Last Friday evening Vernonia defeated Clatskanie in a speedy game here with a score of 33 to 21.

Clatskanie showed good ability at long shots in the first period making the game look rather doubtful for Vernonia, but we managed to keep in the lead most of the time. The score at the half was 19 to 14 in favor of the home team.

In the last quarter, with good team work, Vernonia made a series of baskets, running the score up and holding the visitors down to four baskets.

Friday night Rainier defeated St. Helens 28 to 13. This will give Rainier the county championship and the Vernonia Eagle trophy.

What The Classes Do

The girls in the sewing class are making dresses now.

The junior English class has finished studying the play, King Henry V.

The French II students are working on their outside reading. It is required that each member of the class read 250 pages of outside reading before the end of the year.

Miss Gehring's English I class is studying business letters.

The English IV class is studying Tennyson.

The American history class is beginning to study the Civil war.

The chemistry class is beginning the study of unknowns, which are found by testing with different substances.

Several students in the book-keeping class have completed the

Seeds Of Quality advertisement for Vernonia Trading Co. featuring Gladioli and Tulips.

Job Painting and Artistic Sign Painting advertisement for J. C. Henderson, Vernonia Paint Shop.

Junior Class Members Finish Trout For Play

The members of the junior class have had their tryouts for the play "Climbing Roses." Those taking parts are: Luella Williams, Peggy Rose, Grace Condit, Maggie Rose, Gurtha Kelly, Hazel Sommers, Ruth Lee, Priscilla Prentice, Georgia Van Doren, Mrs. Warren, Joy Ball, Joyce Belmont, Maybelle Drorbaugh.

Winnie Clarke, Jack Marshall, Jack Archer, Robt Holcomb, Ferdie Wimbleton, Gloyd Adams, Jim Rose, Marvin Porterfield, Dryden Pronsos, Everett Rundell, Percy Southworth.

The play is a mixture of embarrassing predicaments and comical situations. Dryden Pronsos is not as "dry" as his name implies, and his egotistical nature will coax forth many a laugh.

It centers about the ambitions of the countryfied Rose family in climbing to the high step in the ladder of society. Their endeavors are frustrated by the haughty Mrs. Warren and friend who are considered in society.

Jack Archer, a famous young writer, seeks the occupation of gardener at the Rose home in order to get material for a new book. No one knows him and he is continually told to get to work by Peggy, the charming young Miss Rose who finally, well, one must see the play to appreciate its merits.

Advice Given By The V.H.S. Agriculture Class: If you desire shade on your porches and want to use vines, why not plant grapes? What is more beautiful than a large grape vine covered with luscious bunches of fruit? In addition to the beauty you have the grapes to eat which are among the healthiest foods.

Right now is the time of year to procure your cuttings to plant. If your neighbor has a vine and they are of a good variety ask him for the cuttings when he trims them. If you can go over to Forest Grove, visit David's hill and you can get wagon loads of cuttings this time of year.—L.S.

Creator of Sherlock Holmes Now 71 Years Old

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is an English novelist. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, May 22, 1859. He was educated at the Roman Catholic college, Stonyhurst, Laveanshire.

After practising as a physician at Southsea (1882-90) the success of several of his books induced him to give up the profession for that of literature.

Sir Conan Doyle has developed the mystery detective story to a high degree. He revived the device of linking a long series of stories together by having some characters appear in all of them.

He created a distinct character in Sherlock Holmes, who today is better and more widely known than the author of his exploits.—L.S.

Cuttings may be from 18 inches to four feet long and should be planted four inches deep in soil which must be kept quite moist. Two or three buds should be allowed to show above the ground.

The best varieties for the Nehalem valley are the Warden, Moore's Early Campbell, and the Sweetwater. The Niagara and Concord will do well.—L.A.

Students Address High School Friday

Students of the Vernonia high school were entertained by Ruth Lee and Allie Simmons, who spoke before the assembly Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

The speeches were in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The two talks concerned the great work of the lives of the two presidents.—L.W.

Plan Elaborate Program For Tomorrow

The following program has been planned for tomorrow: Saxophone solo, "Fallen Leaf," Myrtle Mow; "Why An Ideal?" Luella Williams; "I'll Be So Glad When I'm a Sophomore," Ione Lindbergh; "Some of the Pleasures of a Freshman," Julia Bannzer; "How We May Be Happy," Mildred Toulsey; "Possibilities of the Growth of Oregon," Glen Heiser; vocal duet, Joy Bush and Margaret McDonald; "Honor Roll an Aid to Scholarship," Alberta De Rock; "The Educational Value of Reporting the School News," Charlotte Green; violin solo, Miss Kirkpatrick.

Miss Gehring's English II class is studying letter writing. Billie Washburn, a new freshman, has just entered school. Evelyn McMullen returned to school Monday after an absence of two weeks due to pneumonia.

Catherine Hoffman, Neal Bush and Charlotte Green will speak before the Chamber of Commerce today.

Astoria—Plans are underway for construction of Trinity Lutheran church edifice at corner of 16th and Franklin at cost of \$50,000.

Large advertisement for Ford Cars 1929 featuring 'Great Savings in 1929 NEW Ford Cars' and details about town sedan and fordor sedan models.