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Grade, High Schools To Open Sept. 8

Indication Is that Lincoln School Will Be Used

The grade and high schools in Vernonia will begin September 8, the day after Labor day. On account of the teachers institute scheduled in St. Helens the 10th and 11th there will be no school on those days.

The present intention is to use the Lincoln as well as the Washington school states Superintendent E. H. Condit. According to a census taken recently there will be enough pupils to justify this. If, however, there should prove to be less than half last year's enrolment in the Lincoln school, the pupils there will be sent to the Washington school to cut down expenses.

At the present time eleven of the regular staff of the grade schools have been definitely engaged for service, besides two special teachers who will divide time with the high school. They are E. H. Condit, superintendent, Mrs. Madge Rogers, Ethel Ray, Lenora Kizer, Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson, Florence Santee, Marie Kirkpatrick, Maudie Duncan, Fred Spring, Charlotte Hilts and Mrs. H. G. Sandon. Grade assignments will be announced later, Mr. Condit states, and if enrolment justifies, new teachers added.

Mrs. Lulah Fullerton, art instructor, will devote two-thirds of her time to grade work and one-third to the high school. Miss Constance Boughner, music supervisor, will divide her time equally.

Text Book Instructions

The free text book law passed at the last session of the legislature becomes operative at this time, but because of limited funds books cannot be purchased at this time for all the grade pupils. Mr. Condit issues the following statement:

"The public school book lists are being printed this week and we are listing only the newly adopted books plus the necessary school supplies the students will need to work with. There will be no previously adopted text books on the list because we are assuming that the books that were given to the school last year should almost be sufficient in number to give each youngster the required amount. This, however, does not say that we can guarantee each student a full set of books and it is very likely that we shall have to send individual book lists home after school starts."

"The district owned books have already been purchased and will not appear on the book lists."

High School Staff

High school, under Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson, also starts on Tuesday, with a possibility that arrangements may be made for registration on Monday.

The faculty is as follows: J. B. Wilkerson, superintendent; R. W. Tucker, science and athletics; Mrs. Floy K. Hammack, geometry and domestic science; Ruth Martin, commercial; Mildred L. Drake, English. One or two additional instructors, depending on enrolment, will probably be engaged, says Mr. Wilkerson.

He has been conducting during the past two weeks a special class for freshmen to help them get started in their high school work. Twenty-eight have been in attendance.

LEGION TO BROADCAST

The American Legion, department of California, is sponsoring the broadcasting of a message on fire prevention Saturday evening over the Columbia Broadcasting system at 5:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spring of Portland were in Vernonia Monday visiting friends.

DAIRY ASSOCIATION INVESTIGATES FIELD

F. H. Wooden of Jewell, president of the Lower Columbia Co-operative Dairy association and B. P. Thorsell of Astoria, field manager, made a trip through the Nehalem valley Thursday to investigate the feasibility of establishing a truck route to pick up cream.

While in Vernonia they expressed the opinion that there is not enough cream in the upper valley at present not already coming to the local creamery to warrant establishing a route. They regard possibilities for the future as very good, however, because of the adaptability of the Vernonia locality for dairying.

Camp 8 Grade Is Completed

Grading of the road to Camp Eight has been completed, the rails having been removed from the portion where the road follows the old railroad grade, and the west approach to it leveled off.

Rocking has reached the point where the railroad grade begins, and is suspended temporarily while the rock is being hauled to the Forest Grove road where repairs are being made.

The Camp Eight road has been leveled off, the ungraveled portion being in good shape for driving during dry weather.

The Clark and Wilson railroad is being extended from Pittsburg up the Nehalem towards the Pebble creek holdings of the company. Two expensive bridges are required for the proposed extension down the Nehalem, and these will be put in at a later date.

Tall Hollyhock On Exhibition In Bank Lobby

A hollyhock, grown by Mrs. W. H. Kent at 108 B street, has been added to the long list of Nehalem valley record-breaking plants. It is 14 feet six inches tall, measured in the Bank of Vernonia lobby where it has been on exhibition during the past week.

Evidence of its unusual size is shown from the fact that the Oregon Farmer for June 13 listed a number of tall hollyhocks, the highest of which is 12 feet seven inches, and most of those enumerated are from 8 to 10 feet tall.

Mrs. Judson Weed brought to the Eagle office two white leghorn single yoke eggs, each weighing four ounces, one of which measures 7.25 inches in circumference from end to end and 6.25 inches around the middle. The other totals 7.75 inches the longer way.

Albert Wood raised this season on his homestead a young cabbage weighing 2 pounds 5 ounces with all waste leaves taken off, ready for cooking.

Mr. and Mrs. King Win Golf Series

The two ball mixed foursome handicap golf tournament which has been in progress for the past month was completed Wednesday when Mr. and Mrs. Milo G. King defeated Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick five up in the final match. A prize of golf balls was presented to the winner and runner-up of this tournament.

The team which played the Western Union telegraph team here August 9, captained by J. V. McAlister, will go to Portland Sunday and play a return match with the Western Union team on the Peninsula course starting not later than 9:30 Sunday morning. Those who are eligible for this team should get in touch with Mr. McAlister immediately so he can arrange for transportation. Ten players will compose the team.

Clow Performs Tonsorial Job High in a Tree

For a barber to cut hair in a hospital, jail or other place where the customer can't or won't go to his shop is not uncommon, but for one to cut hair in a tree is something out of the ordinary, to say the least.

Geo. F. Clow had the distinction of cutting the hair of Ed Roediger and Bill Stevenson, tree sitters at Arcadia park, a few days ago. He had to mount up a ladder and stand on the platform of each of the boys. Both stood up for part of the performance, but when Mr. Clow had to get the low-down on the job, the boys knelt on their prayer bones.

Possibly there were compensation for lack of a barber chair, mirrors and other appurtenances. Mr. Clow never tried to coax them into a shampoo, dosage of hair oil, or what have you.

Mrs. John Is Hurt In Car Accident

Mrs. Minnie Frances John suffered a fractured right shoulder when the car which her son, Henry John, was driving, ran off the edge of the Nehalem valley highway near Jewell Saturday morning.

The car was attempting to pass a wood truck whose driver claimed that he did not hear the warning signal, and crowded the car off a 20 foot embankment. Of the eight passengers in the car Mrs. John was the only one injured. She was taken to the Columbia hospital in Astoria, and returned to her home in Vernonia the first of the week.

The occupants were on a trip to Seaside.

Low Water Causes Eye, Ear Infection

Hugh McDonald, son of E. A. McDonald, is ill with a badly infected eye which he got while swimming in Rock creek.

Local physicians report that a number of cases of infection of eyes and ears have come to their attention recently, due to polluted water. This condition is not peculiar to Vernonia, but is state wide. The Oregon state board of health has issued a warning that due to the very low ebb of water in streams there is an excessive content of organic material, endangering the health of swimmers.

H. C. Decker sprained his back August 17 while lifting a barrel of gasoline.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

George Ford says Harry Phelps had his teeth taken out because of the 20 per cent cut in wages. He'll have to suck his food now, and can't eat so much.

Another suggestion is that Harry wants to make that grandson of his think he's old enough to be grandpa.

Seen along the street—
Mrs. J. W. Brown coaxing a couple of baby bantams to eat earwigs . . . "Tim" wrinking his brows as he sits writing the chauffeur's exam in the city hall while the examiner looks on to see that he doesn't cheat or something . . . Ellis McGraw's interviewers, including Les Sheeley, talking to him through the open front window of the bank to save going around into the office.

Emil Messing is on the preachers' committee now for the chamber of commerce. Folks are wondering whether the preachers will uplift Emil, or Emil will degrade the preachers.

ENSTROM ADVISES ROUTE EMPHASIS

Vernonia should emphasize the fact that it offers an all year round route, states C. U. Enstrom, who was here Wednesday and Thursday of last week on a temporary lay-off from his road construction work in Washington.

Mr. Enstrom helped build the Southern Pacific line to Tillamook, and is familiar with winter conditions along the proposed routes to the south of us. "We had five or six feet of snow there when there was no such thing here," he declared.

Chamber Hears of Road Status Up to Present

Report on the road to the coast situation by Lester Sheeley was the chief feature of the chamber of commerce meeting Wednesday.

"The battle is not over," Mr. Sheeley declared, "yet prospects are bright and we are certainly in the running."

He explained the Wolf creek proposition, which follows the same route as that of the original Vernonia-Hamlet as far as Buxton, and has the same terminus. It has the disadvantage, he said, of passing over three high ridges into Rock creek, Military creek and Quartz creek canyons, subject to risk of slides and snow. It would cross the present Forest Grove highway near Sunset camp, he stated, and would have the advantage of being a few miles closer than the original proposed Vernonia-Hamlet route.

The Scappoose cut-off, Mr. Sheeley was certain, would provide a much shorter and cheaper route than either of the roads by way of Buxton, and has the greatest likelihood of being adopted.

Vernonia Day Discussed

The matter of a Vernonia day was discussed, F. Claude Stephens suggesting that there be co-operation with the Garden club in holding a celebration.

Possible designation of the Vernonia-Hamlet route, and the need for a big celebration in connection with it, was suggested as having a bearing upon the proposition. It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to be enlarged later if occasion should require. President Ford appointed F. Claude Stephens, Rev. G. W. Plumer and Emil Messing.

J. E. Tapp, A. L. Kullander and Dr. W. H. Hurley were named by President Ford as a committee to arrange transportation for the Boy Scouts to Portland.

Ray D. Fisher reported on the farmers market project. Insufficient replies, he said, to questionnaires sent to farmers prevented any definite recommendation at this time. Upon discussion it was agreed that H. E. McGraw present the matter to the Vernonia grange to ascertain the attitude of the farmers.

WILARK CHECK THEFT REPORTED

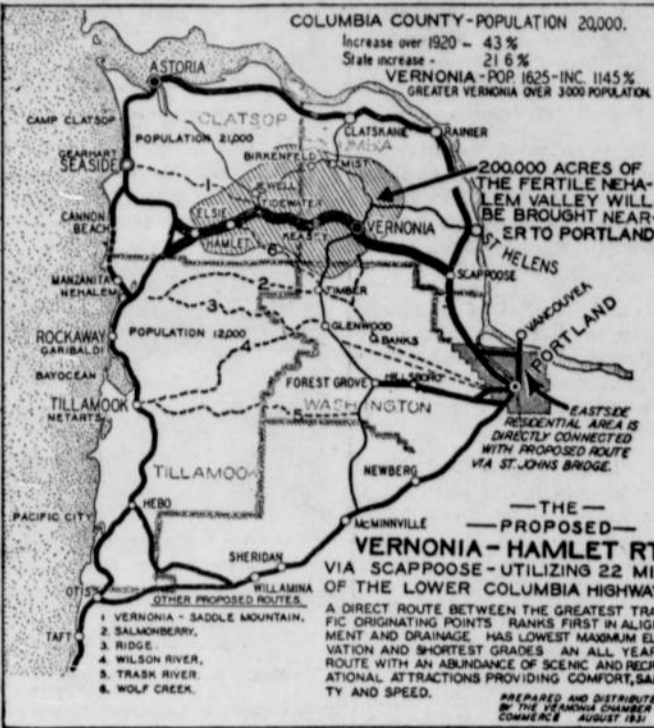
Theft of checks from the Wilark office of the Clark and Wilson Lumber company was reported to the Bank of Vernonia Tuesday. The signatures on the checks purport to be those of Geo. Blumb and A. F. Baker, and number 3409 has been used.

As far as ascertained there has been no effort yet to cash these checks in Vernonia, but such is yet possible states Loel Roberts, cashier, on account of the large number of Clark and Wilson checks customarily cashed by local merchants.

Earl Smith Improving

Earl Smith is reported by Mrs. Smith, who saw him Thursday, as getting along nicely. It was the intention, she said, of putting his leg in a temporary cast today to see how it works.

Vernonia-Hamlet Route to the Sea



Ten Reasons Why Vernonia-Hamlet Route to the Sea Is Superior

- 1-It would provide the fastest route to the greatest number of beaches.
- 2-It would intersect the Oregon Coast highway midway between Astoria and Tillamook.
- 3-It would leave Portland at a point that would best serve the metropolitan area.
- 4-It would relieve and prevent congestion in Portland's business district by diverting beach bound travel over the St. Johns bridge via the east side.
- 5-It would divert and bring Evergreen highway travel from Idaho, eastern and southern Washington across the Vancouver and St. Johns bridges to the Oregon beaches without congesting Portland's business district and provide a saving of ten miles.
- 6-It would utilize 22 miles of the best portion of the Lower Columbia River highway from the standpoint of grade and alignment.
- 7-It would develop 200,000 acres of land in the Nehalem valley and would bring 200 miles of fishing streams within 40 miles of Portland.
- 8-It would provide a route to the coast that would be intersected by five interlinking market roads giving easy access from the Columbia River highway, the Tualatin highway and West Side Pacific highway.
- 9-It would provide the best all year traveling conditions by reason of freedom from snow, fog and slides.
- 10-The construction of eight miles from Hamlet to Elsie would provide a temporary route passable the year around via the Nehalem Valley highway.

Oregonian Mentions Local Golf Course

James H. McCool, golf editor of the Oregonian, made the following comment about the Vernonia golf course in his column Wednesday:

Roy Moe, Alderbrook Country club professional, who was recently a guest of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, says the golf course in that little town is one of the sportiest in the state. He played it with three Vernonia golfers and had a tough battle with par. The greens on the Vernonia course are models for other courses to follow, says Roy.

Advertising Fund Use Considered

A special meeting of the city council is called for tonight to consider using part of the advertising fund of \$846.00, voted at a special election last fall, to pay for advertising the Scappoose-Vernonia-Hamlet route to the sea.

Matrices of maps of the route have been made and furnished to the leading newspapers of the state, and printed and mimeographed matter sent to individuals and civic organizations in Portland.

The chamber of commerce has at its own expense had a brief for the route drawn up by an engineer, and is engaging an engineer familiar with the territory between Vernonia and Scappoose to cooperate with the state highway engineers in a reconnaissance of that part of the route.

Money to defray the chamber's expenses is being raised by private subscriptions solicited by a committee consisting of Emil Messing, Frank Hartwick and J. E. Tapp. The appeal met with gratifying success, the committee reports.

Outlook For Coast Road Encouraging

Vernonia Delegates Urge Proposed Scappoose Cut-off

Outlook for selection of the Vernonia-Hamlet route to the sea appears very bright, according to J. E. Kerr, chairman of the roads committee of the chamber of commerce, who with other members has been active recently in contacting civic organizations and prominent leaders in the interest of the project.

Mr. Kerr, H. E. McGraw and J. H. Bush attended the meeting of the Uptown association in Portland Tuesday, and Mr. Kerr addressed the club on the advantages of the Vernonia route by way of Scappoose. He stressed the point that this route, the only one suggested to utilize part of the Lower Columbia River highway, would relieve congestion down town in Portland because of the immense east side traffic and also tourist traffic from the Evergreen and Columbia River highways that could be diverted by way of the St. Johns bridge, avoiding all the crowded thoroughfares.

The association passed a resolution asking the state highway commission to construct a road to the coast having the best possible alignment, giving access to the beaches in the minimum of time, and so located as to serve equally the Clatsop and Tillamook beaches.

The committee visited also the Linton Lions club Monday evening and explained the benefits to Linton of bringing beach-bound traffic across the St. Johns bridge. The club showed much interest, and will report later as to its specific recommendations.

Surveyor Engaged

Immediate reconnaissance of the Scappoose cut-off has been promised by members of the highway commission, who have consented to a surveyor employed by the chamber of commerce cooperating with the department engineer in charge.

BOY SCOUT TRIP TO PORTLAND MONDAY

Boy Scouts of Vernonia plan to make a trip to Portland Monday as guests of Chief L. V. Jenkins of the police department, states Rev. G. W. Plumer, scoutmaster.

A number of cars have been pledged for the trip, and if a sufficient number is secured the boys will go then, Mr. Plumer says, starting at 7 a. m.

Camp Eight Correspondence Added

The Vernonia Eagle announces with pleasure that news from Camp Eight will be a regular feature. Mrs. E. L. Pringle has consented to act as correspondent.

Although Camp Eight is only eight miles from Vernonia and is a part of the Vernonia school district, the only access from the Nehalem valley has been by trail, and contact has been relatively little. The difficulties of maintaining a trade relationship may be illustrated by the fact that a local merchant who sold a phonograph to a customer there had to ship it in by rail through Portland and Scappoose.

The completion of the road brings Camp Eight definitely within the Vernonia area, and it is because of this significance that the Eagle is particularly glad to give space to the activities of the people who live there.

CHILDREN'S DAY PICNIC SEPT. 12

County Agent Geo. A. Nelson is holding a children's day and 4H club picnic September 5 at Deer Island.

All club members and school pupils are invited to participate. At this time they will practice the drills and marches for the club drill at the county fair. They are asked to bring a basket lunch.