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Efforts For Coast Route Redoubled

Engineers' Report Favoring Wolf Creek Meets Opposition

Efforts to secure designation of the Scappoose-Vernonia-Hamlet route have been redoubled since the release of the reconnaissance report to Engineer H. W. Hackett Sunday morning. "It's a big battle," declares H. E. McGraw, of the chamber of commerce road committee, who returned Wednesday night after a series of conferences in Portland and elsewhere. "It's like a baseball game," he explained. "Someone gets up to bat and we try to stop him. We get up to bat and they try to stop us. Governor Meier is the umpire. If the game isn't called on account of darkness we expect to win."

Letters Mailed

A total of 88 letters to Commissioner Chas. K. Spaulding upholding his stand for the Scappoose-Vernonia and Wilson river routes was mailed in the local post office up to Thursday noon.

Route Support Grows

Release of the engineer's reconnaissance report, regarded as unfavorable to the Vernonia route, has brought the active support of many who had previously taken no open stand. Letters and telegrams have been sent in large numbers to the local road committee. Among them, sent also to the Eagle office, was one from Lee Schwab, former editor, now of Hood River. "Norry Coulter, President, and Hood River chamber of commerce approve your stand favoring Scappoose-Vernonia-Hamlet short route to sea. Two roads needed Wilson creek to Tillamook but let us also build the Scappoose-Vernonia-Hamlet route which is the logical short cut and serves most people. Have wired same to Spaulding."

Another, from the First National Bank of that city, reads as follows:

"Officials and directors of First National Bank Hood River appreciate righteous fight made by you favoring Scappoose-Vernonia-Hamlet short route to sea. It is the wish of the majority and Vernonia the largest city size not directly situated on a state highway is entitled to this road. You are doing excellent work. Wish you success. Copy sent to Spaulding."

Commissioner Returns

Wm. Hanley, commissioner whose absence caused a postponement of the highway commission meeting last week, was due in Portland Thursday morning, and it is considered likely that there will be a meeting soon. Neither Chairman Van Duzer nor Mr. Hanley have expressed a preference for any road, although Mr. Van Duzer has upheld the "horseback survey" of the Wolf creek route criticized by Mr. Spaulding.

Grange Endorses Public Market

Vernonia Grange 305 voted at its last regular meeting to endorse the chamber of commerce's public market plan and cooperate with that organization in the endeavor to make it a success. They believe it will be a great help to the farmers as well as to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Moe Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Moe and two children of Hood River visited friends in Vernonia Friday, remaining over night and leaving for Portland in the morning.

Mr. Moe, now co-publisher of the Hood River Glacier, was for four years publisher of the Eagle.

Postpone Action On Assessments

The city council voted Monday night to postpone until after January 1 legal action to collect delinquent assessments on bonded sewer and improvement districts. The motion was made by Councilman Charlesworth, seconded by Councilman Gordon, and carried three to one, Councilman Holtham voting no.

Advice concerning the collection of delinquent assessments was given at the meeting by City Attorney Benton Bowman of Hillsboro, who came upon invitation.

Campaign Financed

At a special meeting Tuesday night the council voted unanimously to spend \$250 additional from the city advertising fund to finance the campaign to secure the road to the coast. The limit had been previously set at \$300, but on account of the longer fight than had been anticipated more money was deemed necessary. A number of citizens attended, expressing approval of the council's action.

County W. C. T. U. Convention Here

W. C. T. U. members will hold their county convention with an all day session in the Evangelical church Wednesday, September 30, beginning at 10 a. m. Special features include a woman's gold medal declamatory contest in the evening, the presence of state officials and a dinner at noon.

Mrs. F. Claude Stephens is the local contestant.

Mrs. S. V. Malmsten, Mrs. John B. Hair and Mrs. Stephens went to St. Helens Thursday to arrange details of the contest.

HAS 83 STUDENTS

Eighty-three students are now enrolled at Pleasant Hill school, states J. Gordon, principal.

Charges Against Miller Distorted As To Facts

R. D. F.

The petitions for recalling County Commissioner J. N. Miller have been filed with County Clerk J. W. Hunt, who has reported a sufficient number of names to assure the election, which is scheduled for October 10.

The recall committee submitted to Mr. Hunt the following as a ballot title:

Reasons Why J. N. Miller Should Be Recalled from Office

Since 1922, when Mr. Miller first was elected Columbia county has expended \$361,593 for machinery and supplies. We hold that this is sufficient to justify his recall. During this time no outstanding warrants have been paid, while Tillamook county has paid off \$433,069 in six years, and Clatsop county has paid \$336,480 during the same time. On bonded indebtedness we have paid the same as Tillamook and \$10,000 less than Clatsop.

Mr. Miller spent a large sum in surveying Apiary-Vernonia market road, then abandoned it.

Mr. Miller increased the commissioner's budget allowance from \$1200 to \$1500 per year. In September he drew \$144.64 for August.

In various road districts the wishes of the people have been flagrantly ignored and tax money wasted.

Forty thousand dollars a year for nine years for road machinery and supplies savors of incompetency and demands a change.

Miller Recall Committee

By B. C. Witham, Secretary.

Apparently the committee holds Mr. Miller responsible for everything that has happened in the county for the past nine years not to their liking. He purchased too much machinery, or perhaps too little machinery at too high a price, he has paid no outstanding warrants (but evidently has paid

SECRET SERVICE AGENTS INVESTIGATE BAD COIN EVIDENCE

Two secret service agents from Portland were here Sunday to collect evidence against the counterfeiters who are said to have coined lead dollars here until a week and a half ago.

The agents complimented Marshal Harry G. Phelps in collecting all of the material evidence available.

C. OF C. UPHOLDS JOE N. MILLER

Confidence in Commissioner J. N. Miller was expressed in the chamber of commerce Wednesday in a resolution upholding him in the coming recall election. The vote was unanimous.

"It is foolish to put the county to this expense," commented President George W. Ford. "All this money for machinery wasn't spent in the past few months, and nothing was said about it before."

Judd Greenman brought out the point that resolutions of themselves were ineffective, that people should get out and vote as they resolve.

Lester Sheeley was appointed by Mr. Ford as a committee of one to see that voters turned out.

Emil Messing reported in the Game banquet at McMinnville a week ago Monday.

Dr. W. H. Hurley commended H. E. McGraw, J. E. Kerr and J. H. Bush who have been doing such vigorous work in behalf of the road to the coast. "The boys have all their cards in the table," he said. "There is nothing underhand about their fight."

W. Arthur Steele and J. N. Miller of Clatskanie were introduced as guests, and L. H. Dewey of the Miller Mercantile company as a new member.

WINS DISTINCTION

Florence Bradley of Pleasant Hill school won a blue ribbon in sewing division 1 in the 4-H club exhibit at the county fair last week.

28 BOYS OUT FOR FOOTBALL

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 3—Clatskanie, here
Oct. 10—Rainier, there
Oct. 17—Scappoose, here
Oct. 24—St. Helens, there
Oct. 31—Open
Nov. 11—Open

Vernonia Union high school is starting its season with a squad of 28 boys under Coach Ira W. Tucker, formerly athletic supervisor at Albany high school. Six lettermen are out, as follows: Leroy Christiansen, center; Delmer Morton, guard; Marvel Graven, tackle; Harvard Malmsten, end; Oscar Sorlee, quarterback; Arthur Nanson, halfback.

New material consists of Junior Aldrich and Don Holtham, center; Richard Melis, Paul Jepson, Earl Doney, guard; Wm. Carmichael, Delos Powell, John Roediger, tackle; Bob Cline, Martin Hillman, Cyrus Creasey, end; Walter Barker, end and halfback; Desmond Laird, Earl Knowles, Holly Holcomb, halfback; Ralph George, Willie Marks, Louis Graven, fullback; besides several others.

Playing is ragged yet, says Coach Tucker, but the boys are willing to work and are learning fast. Practice so far has been confined to the fundamentals of blocking and tackling.

The squad shows good promise, Mr. Tucker reports, and are a hard working bunch. Many of the boys are young, however, and in time will make a fine team. Several of the squad are from last year's championship grade school team.

Alumni Win

The alumni defeated the high school in a practice game last Friday 13 to 7. The high school scored first, but the alumni won on a dead man play. The high school had had only four days practice.

CIRCULATION MAN LEAVES

I. White, who has been engaged in circulation work for the Eagle since September 10, left Thursday morning for Seaside with Mrs. White and her brother, A. H. Pape.

Vernonia is much better off than many fields he has worked, states Mr. White. In one place in eastern Oregon where he was recently, he says, money was so scarce that the newspaper had to accept poultry, eggs, vegetables and other farm produce in payment of subscriptions.

Shower for Mrs. J. F. Monger

A handkerchief shower for Mrs. J. F. Monger who is leaving town this week was a feature of the Loyal Gleaners meeting at the home of Mrs. Henry Fogel Wednesday afternoon.

Verses from last quarters lesson were given in response to the roll call. Mrs. M. L. Herrin gave a history of the Passion play. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Members presents included Mrs. J. F. Monger, Mrs. Ray Charlesworth, Mrs. G. W. Laird, Mrs. E. Knight, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. S. J. Smith, Mrs. Dudley Spofford, Mrs. Herrin, Mrs. F. Claude Stephens, Mrs. Jim Brady, Mrs. Lester Sheeley, Mrs. Bert Tisdale, Mrs. G. Moody and Mrs. Phil Taylor.

Mrs. Dudley Spofford will entertain the group next, October 14, at the home of Mrs. H. Veal. At that time roll call response will be the name of a music composer and one of his works.

Several families from Vernonia drove to Buxton Sunday to attend Catholic services there. A picnic lunch was spread at the home of Mrs. John Belish of Buxton. The families present were those of A. Schmidlin, Harry Condit, F. W. Gough, Frank Brown, John Belish and Father Springer from Roy.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FUGITIVE ARRESTED ON CHECK CHARGE

Ted Parsons, wanted in Washington county for passing bad checks, was arrested Monday at the Lane Apartments here by Deputy Calhoun and taken to Hillsboro by a deputy from Washington county.

Livestock Judging Awards Announced

The livestock judging contest, which has now become an annual event at the county fair, was held on September 17. The three high scoring members were Ada Helen Winn, Chapman, with a score of 420 out of a possible 500; Wm. Oester, Warren, 380, and Geo. Sherwood, Warren, 380.

The three winning teams were as follows: Bay View Calf club, composed of Wm. Oester, Leonard Johnson, and Harry M. Johnson of Warren, score 1075; Beaver Valley Sheep club, composed of Everett Rainwater, Kenneth Schrieber and Harold Rainwater, of Rainier, score 1050; Chapman Calf club, composed of Ada Helen Winn, Lillian Mollenhour and Chas. Mollenhour of Chapman, with score of 1030.

As a prize the first two teams are given a trip to either the state fair at Salem or the Pacific International at Portland. The first team, having been given first choice, will go to Salem.

Prizes in livestock and garden exhibits were as follows: Yearling calf, Lawrence Meier, Scappoose, 1st; Ada Helen Winn, Chapman, 2nd. Yearling ewe—Elton Gamble, 1st; Harold Rainwater, 2nd; Ernest Rainwater, 3rd. Market lambs—Everett Rainwater, 1st; Ernest Rainwater, 2nd; Richard Rainwater, 3rd; Ernest Rainwater, 4th; Harold Rainwater, 5th. Milking does—Ema Koller, 1st; Joe Koller, 2nd; John Koller, 3rd. Milking does, second division—David Steizer, 1st prize. Vegetable garden exhibit—Bobbi Niemala, Clatskanie, 1st; Billy Zimmer, Goble, 2nd; Fred Tunonon, Clatskanie, 3rd; and Clive Turk, Goble, 4th.

CHEST DRIVE BEGINS MONDAY

The annual Community Chest drive will begin Monday and continue throughout the week. A booth will be maintained in the Brown Furniture company's store on Bridge street, where office hours will be kept from 9 to 6. Members of the Study club which sponsors the drive, will be in charge. As was the case last year, there will be no house to house soliciting, and it is urged that people come to the headquarters during the week and give as generously as they can. The need for contributions, it is anticipated, will be greater than ever this winter, and the Chest fund no longer has a surplus from past years upon which to draw.

Besides money, donations of clothing, fresh and canned fruit, vegetables, etc., will be welcomed.

Mrs. C. W. Reithner, president of the Study club, is ex-officio a new member of the Community Chest board. She has expressed the intention of appointing an assistant to take charge of the field work of the Chest.

GARDEN DISPLAYS MARK SEASON END

Vegetables raised by boys and girls in the Garden club contest will be on display Saturday in the Van Alstine building commencing at 9 o'clock, states F. Claude Stephens, of the committee of judges.

This will mark the close of the Garden club work for the year as far as the boys and girls are concerned.

Word received from Carl Davidson states that he is now enrolled in George Washington university at Washington, D. C. He found the weather in Kansas City during his visit there extremely hot, and he wished himself back in Oregon.

Seven Arrested In Liquor Raid

A raid by state police and Sheriff Oscar G. Weed Thursday night of last week resulted in the arrest of 7 persons in Vernonia, charged with violations of the prohibition law.

All were taken to St. Helens and with one exception pled guilty in Justice Fullerton's court. Fines and sentences were imposed as follows: Frank Russell, \$150 and 30 days; Mike O'Connor, \$200 and 300 days; Mrs. O'Connor, 3 months and a suspended sentence; Warren Stevens, \$100 and 30 days; John Robbins, \$25 and costs; Walt Fry, \$25 and costs. Frank Lusby was turned over to the grand jury on \$1000 bail.

Lusby was charged with operating a still, and the others with possession and sale.

SAYS NEW ROUTE MISREPRESENTED

The Wolf creek vicinity is utterly unsuited for a fast highway, believes H. V. Holcomb, who has been on fire patrol there and is familiar with it.

From Sunset camp the ground is level, he says, but there are five of six miles of green timber belonging to the Western Timber and Macpherson companies, and the state would have to pay stumpage of \$5.00 a thousand at least. At the head of west fork of Wolf creek is a box canyon. One must then go over the hump into the Rock creek canyon, then in turn over another into Quartz creek.

The box canyon is subject to slides, he says. The East Side Logging company's track is badly torn up because of them.

Mr. Holcomb takes vigorous exception to that part of the engineers' report that refers to an abundance of tillable land along the proposed route. "Any time you can shoot a deer on a side hill and he will roll 300 feet into a creek, you can know how tillable it is," he declares. "There are a few spots a garden could be on, but most of them would be only fit for a goat, and even he'd starve to death."

JACK CARKIN BACK

Jack Carkin was in town Thursday after three months absence, engaged in publicity work for the American Legion. He sold advertising space for the annual convention number of the Oregon Legionnaire and also for a special booklet for distribution at the national convention.

Mr. Carkin reports that he is reopening his tailor shop.

TIMBER P. T. A. RECEIVE TEACHERS

The P. T. A. of Timber gave a reception for the teachers at the school house Wednesday evening, September 16.

Floral offerings were given to the teachers, who are Principal F. R. Chamberlain, Ollie Bemis and Gladys Krinick, grade teachers.

A playette was written and given by the high school girls of Timber in connection with the rest of the program.

Popular Young Couple Marry

Gladys Mae Krinick and C. G. Whitlock, two popular Vernonia young people, were married in Chehalis, Washington, Saturday, September 5, in one of the most beautiful church weddings of the autumn. The ceremony took place at the Christian church in the presence of a large number of relatives.

Mrs. Whitlock is a graduate of Oregon Normal school at Monmouth and Mr. Whitlock is manager of the local J. C. Penney company's store. They will make their home in Vernonia.

Marvin Porterfield left Sunday for Eugene, where he is entering the University of Oregon as a freshman.

First Queen Reigns At County Fair

Vernonia Girl Enjoys Distinction As Benita I

To be the first queen of the Columbia county fair was the thrilling experience of Mrs. E. H. Condit, who reigned in regal style as Queen Benita I from Wednesday until late Saturday evening of last week.

Queen Benita received her crown at a colorful coronation ceremony Wednesday night which took place before a throne constructed in front of the grand stand. A fanfare by Boy Scout musicians announced the arrival of the queen who was very beautiful in a gown of white satin. A purple robe trimmed in ermine with a long court train was thrown about her shoulders and she carried a bouquet of pink carnation and rosebuds. One page bore her delicate crown of brilliants on a satin pillow while another held her train. She approached the throne on the arm of C. C. Hewitt, master of the state grange, who later placed the crown upon her head as she knelt before him.

Nine princesses dressed in pastel colors carrying arm bouquets of gladioli advanced in V-formation. The leader wore blue, and following her were pairs in yellow, orchid, green and pink with picture hats to match.

Escorted to Royal Box

Following the coronation Queen Benita was escorted to the royal box in the grand stand for the program to follow. An attendant picturesquely attired as Sir Walter Raleigh, gallantly flung his cloak to the ground for the queen to tread upon.

Mrs. Walter W. Wolff represented Vernonia talent on the program, singing a solo immediately after the coronation. Musical numbers and dances by the St. Helens children comprised the evening's entertainment. Later the royal party proceeded to the dancing hall where Queen Benita and C. C. Hewitt opened the grand ball.

Different Functions Attended

Queen Benita spent a happy but busy week as she attended all functions at the fair. Thursday her nine princesses were maids at the public wedding of a St. Helens couple. Later in the afternoon the queen went up for a 15 minute airplane ride as the guest of Dick Rankin. Thursday evening and again Saturday evening the queen's party were honored at formal dinners at the Orcaida hotel.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Garrison were hosts at the Columbia theatre for Queen Benita and her court.

Presents Trophies

Saturday afternoon at the races Queen Benita presented a large horseshoe of flowers to the winner of the derby, and attended in royal state the pageant and ball following.

According to her subjects Queen Benita was a most gracious and beautiful ruler and according to the queen her reign was a very happy one as she was treated "truly like a queen."

SCHOOL TO FURNISH PUPILS FREE TEXTS

The grade schools are making arrangements to provide all pupils with free textbooks, reports Superintendent E. H. Condit. This will include everything except the writing manual and school supplies, he says.

TREES FALL ON ROAD

The St. Helens road was blocked for a while Sunday evening about a mile from Pittsburg, when two snags burned in the recent slashing fire fell across the road, barely missing a car of hunters that had just passed.