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New Mayor, Councilmen Are Chosen

C. F. Hieber Named Recorder upon Resignation of Judge Reasoner

Ben S. Owen was elected mayor, George W. Johnson and Franklin Rogers councilmen and C. F. Hieber recorder at the meeting of the city council Monday night. There was no discussion regarding the right of the old council as a nucleus to choose new officers to fill the vacancies occasioned by the recall of Mayor Tapp and Councilmen Gordon and Holtham.

At the beginning of the meeting E. W. Holtham, president of the old council, occupied the chair in the absence of the mayor. As the recorder, D. B. Reasoner, was also not present, C. F. Hieber was named as temporary recorder.

Mr. Johnson's name was placed in nomination for the position of councilman formerly occupied by Councilman Gordon, and he was unanimously elected. Mr. Holtham and Mr. Gordon both participating in the vote. Mr. Johnson was thereupon sworn in by Judge W. A. Harris and took his seat as Mr. Gordon retired. In the next step, the election of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Holtham participated and then retired. The council as newly constituted thereupon selected F. E. Malmsten as president.

The election of Mr. Owen for mayor was also unanimous, and he qualified immediately.

Recorder Resigns
Mr. Hieber read the following communication from Judge Reasoner:

To the Honorable Council Gentlemen:

The result of the recent election in which the Councilmen Holtham and Gordon were recalled indicates that the voters of Vernonia are satisfied with my services as recorder. The issue involved in the recall of these gentlemen was not personal to them, but directly raised the question of my tenure in office. The result of the election is to me a vindication. But I regret that a situation exists in our city government which may cause embarrassment. I do not wish to in any manner do injury to the city, which I have sought to the best of my ability to serve.

I decline to engage in any further controversy—I refuse to subject the taxpayers of Vernonia to expenses and litigation involving my right to continue in office. I therefore in the interest of harmony tender my resignation as recorder, to take effect upon its lawful acceptance.

I am interested in Vernonia. May I suggest that the council employ competent legal assistance to help solve the problem which now confronts us. The welfare of the city is of more importance than the welfare of any individual.

Yours truly,

D. B. Reasoner,

City of Vernonia Recorder.

Motion was made that the resignation be accepted, and it carried. Mr. Hieber was then selected for the position upon appointment by Mayor Owen, the council confirming the choice unanimously. Reappointment of Earl Smith as marshal was also confirmed.

Recorder's Bond Fixed

The council passed a resolution that the recorder's bond be placed at \$2500, including the collection of water receipts. Judge W. A. Harris was asked to draw up an ordinance to be presented Thursday night, and adjournment was taken until that time.

Many in Audience

A large audience was present, consisting chiefly of men who supported the council in the recall fight. There was no demonstration of any kind, and no clash of opinion.

Community Chest To Provide Seed

Feeling that there may be families in Vernonia and the immediate vicinity who would like to plant vegetable gardens and lack the funds with which to provide themselves with seed, the Vernonia Community Chest is prepared to and will provide vegetable garden seed for persons requesting them and establishing to the satisfaction of the Chest officials their inability to pay for them. This seed will be provided without cost to needy persons with the understanding, of course, that it will be used for raising garden truck to be consumed by local families.

The Community Chest would be glad to have expressions from people who would plant vegetable gardens and have no land on which to raise them. It is the thought of the Chest that many vacant city lots could be used for vegetable gardens provided there is a demand for such space. If any considerable number of persons express a desire for the use of vacant lots for this purpose, the Chest will undertake to obtain permission of the owners of the property for its use and furthermore will make arrangements for water for such gardens where it is possible to do without expense to the gardener.

Under this plan whereby the Community Chest provides the ground, seed and water, the gardener would need only to spade the ground, plant, tend and water his crop. The Chest cannot undertake to prepare the ground which work must be left to the individual gardener.

MEMBERSHIP IS W. C. T. U. TOPIC

Membership was the topic of the Vernonia W. C. T. U. at their meeting at Mrs. Rose Sitts' Tuesday.

Women Patriots were discussed by Mrs. H. S. Strong, The Dominant Issue by Mrs. E. J. Douglass, and Reasons why we should join the W. C. T. U. by Mrs. Charles Malmsten.

The next meeting will be March 22 at Mrs. Sidney Malmsten's.

Enthusiastic Audiences Greet Legion Play

Both performances of "Corporal Eagen," rollicking army comedy, presented by Vernonia Post of the American Legion, assisted by school pupils and townspeople, were enthusiastically greeted by good audiences at the Joy Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Connie Anderson, who played the part of Red Eagen, Irish rooky, and H. E. McGraw as his Jewish buddy, Izzy Goldstein, not only entered zestfully and completely into the spirit of the star roles, but put on a performance which was almost professional in character.

Another outstandingly good performance was that of Dr. W. H. Hurley, as sergeant, whose struggles with the awkward squad, made up of business and professional men of the town, created much of the humor of the play and brought back vivid memories of war days.

Other speaking parts were excellently portrayed by Charlotte Green as Sally, Charles Richardson as McGooley, Jack Hanson as Michael, Marcus Gregory as Abie, R. M. Aldrich as Y. M. C. A. worker, Mrs. Judd Greenman as war worker, who like Eagen "got her man," Mrs. Wilbur Davis and Mrs. F. H. Veith as nurses, Gail Whitlock and E. H. Washburn as McGinnis and Kfloozezy, A. L. Kullander as cook, George Welch as Corp. of the Guard, L. H. Dewey as captain and Leroy Henry Bell as newsboy.

The patriotic pageant of 75 school children with Dr. Cole acting as reader created a very beautiful impression. The snappy work of the girls' chorus and the

MRS. JOHN PRICE PASSES MARCH 4

Mrs. John Price of Treharne died at six o'clock Friday morning of last week from pneumonia. She was taken ill the preceding Saturday.

Her maiden name was Florence Wiedewitch. She was born in Cornelius March 30, 1900, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Wiedewitch, who survive her.

She is survived also by her husband, who came with her to Vernonia in 1922.

Services were held Sunday in the Methodist Episcopal church at Forest Grove.

McGraw, Mills Seek Nomination

H. E. McGraw and T. B. Mills have announced that they will be candidates in the republican primaries for representative in the legislature and county commissioner respectively. Petitions for both are available at the Bank of Vernonia.

Mr. McGraw, though new in state politics when he served his first term in the 1931 legislature, made an excellent record there. Among his outstanding achievements was the reappointment of representatives allowing Columbia county a joint representative with Clatsop county in addition to the one representative already allowed.

T. B. Mills has been commissioner since January 1925. Prior to his experience in this office he was county roadmaster and road patrolman, and is especially well qualified for the duties of commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dewey entertained with a delightful after theatre party and lunch at their home on B street, following the first performance of "Corporal Eagen" Tuesday night.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Douglass, and Misses Charlotte Hiltz, Mildred Drake, Constance Bougher, Enid Bolton and Alma White.

COAST SURVEY ABOUT COMPLETE

Field work on the preliminary survey for the Vernonia-Hamlet route will be completed this week, according to H. N. Hackett, engineer in charge. The locating was finished as far as Elsie last week, he says, and this week's portion was a short stretch along Ivy creek.

Survey of the western end of the Vernonia-Hamlet route is likewise practically completed, the crew being at work on a six or seven mile stretch between Camp Eight and the summit. This crew works out of Scappoose.

The surveyors for the Wolf creek route are working in the vicinity of the O-A. camp. Mr. Hackett understands, on what is known as the Quartz creek divide. This stretch is of eight or ten miles of probably heavy work. Survey of the Wolf creek route was delayed for a considerable time by snow.

Three or four weeks of office work on the reports of the locating crews remains to be done, Mr. Hackett states.

Sheep Growers' Problems Told

Prevention of diseases in sheep was the topic of a demonstration by Dr. Robert Jay of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, at the F. B. Warfield place Wednesday afternoon.

The soil in this locality is lacking in lime, he explained, and to maintain healthy ewes that can provide adequate milk for their lambs the grower should provide ground limestone mixed with salt, in place of the ordinary rock salt.

For another common ailment, arising from a parasite, the liver fluke, he recommended dosing with carbon tetrachloride. For the more important aim, prevention of infestation, he advocated destruction of snails which are the hosts of the intermediate stages of the flukes. This is accomplished, he explained, through the application of copper sulphate in streams, overflow lands and other places where the snails grow.

"There is more in knowing how to feed than in the particular feed you give," he assured his listeners.

"Make use of your county agent; he is glad to help you with your problems," he concluded.

Attending the demonstration were E. R. Treharne, Victor Bergerson, Lester Mowe, H. E. McGraw, John Baker and F. B. Warfield. County Agent George A. Nelson accompanied Dr. Jay.

Eleven Entered For Contest

Eleven contestants are entered in the declamatory contest to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Washington grade school.

Two divisions comprised of the seventh and eighth grades in one and the fifth and sixth grades in the second offers a first and second place in each to the contestants. The four winners of today will compete in the zone contest to be held next Friday evening, March 18, at 7:30 in the Washington grade school.

Each division is divided into three subdivisions, serious, humorous and patriotic. The contestants may speak on any one of these.

Contestants in Class E, seventh and eighth grades, include Willa Crowder, Muriel Williams, Jeanne Hughes, Lewis Beveridge and Richard Lewis.

In class F, fifth and sixth grades, are Enid Shumway, Bertha Thompson, Doris Nixon, Charles Tays, LaVerne Bassett and Howard Rundell.

Petitions for placing J. W. Hunt's name on the ballot at the republican primaries for county clerk are being circulated in Vernonia by H. E. McGraw.

RECALL MEETING HELD HERE TONIGHT

A meeting in the interest of the recall of the county court is to be held in the Vernonia grange hall at eight o'clock tonight, according to announcement by the committee of twelve.

At a recent meeting in Clatskanie attendance by those opposed to the recall was so large, and refutation of the speakers' arguments was said to be so complete that the recall petitions were not circulated. Accordingly at Mist a week and a half ago the policy of allowing only speakers in favor of the recall to have the floor was adopted.

What the policy will be in the meeting here has not been announced.

To Celebrate 6th Anniversary

Plans to take charge of the entertainment for the celebration of the sixth anniversary of Vernonia Temple, Pythian Sisters, on March 23 were made at an informal meeting of past chiefs at the home of Mrs. Earl Smith last Friday night.

It was announced that the Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias from St. Helens would come in a body to the anniversary ceremony, the latter organization bringing with them a one-act play as their contribution to the program.

Mrs. Smith served whipped cream cake and tea to the group which included Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson, Mrs. A. L. Kullander, Mrs. N. S. Soden, Miss Macle Roberts and Mrs. M. D. Cole.

Queen of Hearts Club at Van Vleets'

Mrs. George Van Vleet entertained the Queen of Hearts Bridge club at her home in Mist, March 3.

The afternoon was spent playing bridge with Mrs. Marcus Gregory holding high score.

The guests were Macle Roberts, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Charles Wall, Mrs. Forrest Harding, Mrs. Ben Brickel, Mrs. Frank Hartwick, Mrs. Henry Fogel, and Mrs. Lowell Hieber.

Success Predicted For Cascade Golf Tournament

F. D. M.

The sporting news of the Cascade golf tournament as carried in last week's Eagle was copied almost verbatim by "Fore" column of the Morning Oregonian in the Sunday issue of March 6. It has also been brought to the attention of the Vernonia Golf course members that the same article has been carried as sporting page news by numerous small town papers where the various clubs are situated who are much interested in the promotion and success of this event in the coming June.

That the tournament is going to be a bigger and better success this year than ever seems to be already evident at this early day, at least it will if receiving free advertising publicity is considered. The local course is well and favorably known throughout the northwest part of the state as a fine test of golf and with its scenic and beautiful country surroundings has brought praise from hundreds of visitors who have journeyed for no other reason than to golf upon its excellent fairways and greens.

The warm weather of the past week is having its spring tonic effect on these same fairways and greens, with the result that they are already a restful color of verdant green and reported by local players to be in supreme condition for so early in the season. The fairway turf this year is much more abundant and attests well the boast that this is a real natural grass growing country.

It has been announced by the management that the schedule of

County Given Good Publicity

The fine story of the poultry project at Scappoose that appeared in the Oregon Journal last Sunday is to be followed by a similar page on the dairy industry at Clatskanie. The dairy page will appear in the same newspaper Sunday, March 20, according to word received from the office of B. O. Garrett, secretary of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

This type of publicity, costing the county nothing, is worth a great many dollars as interest is being directed toward the possibilities of Columbia county by newspapers that have a wide-spread distribution. Many inquiries have been received by the people behind the poultry project at Scappoose and it is expected there will be a considerable number inquire about the Clatskanie district following the story and pictures shown March 20.

A board of directors meeting of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce has been set for Friday evening, March 11. It will be a dinner meeting and will be held in St. Helens at the Orcaida hotel. Matters of importance to the organization are to be discussed at that time.

Inquiries continue to come in regarding opportunities in Columbia county, according to Mr. Garrett. He states that he looks for a number of people to visit this county this spring if the letters he is receiving may be taken as an index of the interest many people of the middle west and eastern states have in this section of the country. There have been several people in already and some of them have purchased land in the county.

Work is going ahead on the development of a logged-off land program and it is expected that there will soon be an announcement of a definite project.

J. E. Eilertson of St. Helens was in Vernonia Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy for nomination for county surveyor. A financial report of the publication committee will be published in next week's Eagle.

Nehalem Is Suited For Livestock

Veterinarian Tells C. of C. Of Advantages Near Here

The Nehalem valley is well adapted to the raising of sheep, goats and cattle, Dr. Robert Jay, associate veterinarian, Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, assured the chamber of commerce at the Wednesday luncheon. In 20 years, he believes, one will see an entire transformation here. This is possible, he declared, because of the feed that can be grown here, root crops, vetch and alfalfa. Green pasture would be available the year round, the logged-off hill lands being particularly adapted to use by goats and sheep if properly seeded.

It is his function, the speaker explained, to make sheep and goat raising safe by combating the parasites that cause heavy losses.

As evidence of what can be done in this regard he cited the experience of Humboldt county, California, where in 1928 losses from parasites were so heavy that growers were abandoning sheep raising. In two years losses were changed into profits because the growers were able to sell their product at top prices.

If one can get lambs on the market at the time of year when the best prices prevail, and can prevent losses through infection, he can make sheep raising profitable, Dr. Jay declared.

Frank Baker Talks
Frank Baker, superintendent of the Clark and Wilson Lumber company at Camp Eight and Wilark, gave a short talk on consolidation of school districts, and road maintenance.

In the Wilark-Trenholm district, he declared, enough money had been saved in three years to pay one year's tax, so that no school tax is being levied there this year. This was accomplished, he explained through consolidation, and the use of bus transportation.

Near Vernonia are four or five small schools that should be in one, he maintained, in the interest of economy.

Mr. Baker also advocated greater use of the St. Helens road between Vernonia and Portland, that as much money as possible from motorists be spent in the county. He felt that the road should be kept in better shape, which could be done, he believed, without the expense of additional equipment simply by the use of double shifts.

He stated that practically all

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Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

A note from Editor Veatch of the esteemed Rainier Review, reads with regard to the recall meeting tonight, ". . . If possible, give us the devil somewhere in the Eagle, so that we will have a good crowd."

No, Brother Veatch, we shan't give you the devil before the meeting but we shall afterwards if we sit in and don't like it.

The Nehalem club ladies serving the chamber of commerce dinner this week weren't very considerate of Izzy Goldstein. They gave him pork to eat.

"Siren" Russell caused a false alarm a week or so ago. Harry Culbertson heard him yodel, and rushed out of the theatre in record time looking for the fire.

BEHIND THE SCENES
The jolly sailor lads perched aloft on a ledge over the stair-

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