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Councilmen Resolve to Oust Lights

Demand Made to Reduce Local Electric Rates

Resolution to cut off the street lights by the end of the month unless rates are immediately reduced was unanimously passed by the city council Monday night. The motion was made by Councilman Cline and seconded by Councilman Johnson.

According to Mr. Johnson, word received from C. M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, after application was made by the council for a hearing on local electric light rates, was to the effect that the Oregon Gas and Electric company does not hold a franchise but operates under ordinance only, subject to change at any time.

So much work lies ahead, Mr. Thomas wrote, that he was unable to promise any definite date for a hearing, but would try to send an accounting engineer here as soon as the Northwestern Electric investigation is completed.

The claim of the council is that the valuation of the Oregon Gas and Electric company is much too high, resulting in excessive rates in order to secure a profit. The fact that the company has no franchise gives the city the right to direct control of rates, the council believes.

In accordance with the resolution Recorder C. F. Hieber notified the company Tuesday as to the ultimatum.

MAIL CLOSING TIME FOR AFTERNOON STAGE CHANGED 40 MINUTES

Closing time of mail for the afternoon stage to St. Helens and Portland is now 5:40 p. m. except on Saturdays, when it remains at 5 p. m.

CONSTRUCTION TRAIN GONE

The construction train which has been parked north of town for the past two weeks was hauled away Wednesday to Manning. A crew of about 15 men were engaged in putting in culverts, repairing a water tank at Keasey, and other maintenance work.

LODGE HOLDS DISTRICT RALLY

Mrs. Nettie Hardesty of Portland, grand chief of the Pythian Sisters, was the principal speaker following the seven o'clock dinner which was a feature of the district rally of Pythian Sisters held in the lodge halls here Wednesday night, with Vernonia temple acting as host.

Mrs. Hardesty gave an inspirational message, speaking on the ideals and principles of the order.

Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edna Hardesty of Seaside, also gave a talk, as did Mrs. P. F. Beaman, most excellent chief of the St. Helens temple.

Mrs. Edna Brown, M. E. C. of Vernonia temple, presented a gift to Mrs. Hardesty, the grand chief, in behalf of the temple, and presented a pin for faithful service to Mrs. W. L. Van Doren, who recently moved from Vernonia to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Doren both came from Vancouver for the rally, and about 20 Pythians from St. Helens were present.

Following the after dinner program dancing and cards were enjoyed.

Mrs. James Nanson had charge of the dinner with Mrs. Albert Childs and Mrs. Rose Fletcher assisting.

Mrs. Nettie Hardesty and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edna Hardesty, were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Ruby Smith, while in Vernonia.

14 FROM COUNTY ENROLL FOR C.M.T.C.

Fourteen young men from Columbia county were among those chosen to attend the 1932 Citizens' Military Training camp at Camp Hurlburt, Vancouver Barracks, this summer. Included in the list is Harvard S. Malmsten of Vernonia.

Others enrolled are Geo. E. McDonald, Roy C. Loucks, Treve J. Elliott, Emery C. Wood and Harold J. Scheftstrom of St. Helens; Ernest J. Owens, Tom McCaskey, Clinton E. Hageberg, Harold Smith and Jesse H. Morris of Rainier; Bernard C. Hockett of Scappoose; Edward E. Wooley of Columbia City; and James A. Muthersbaugh of Kerry.

County Pioneers Meet In Rainier

The meeting of the Columbia County Pioneers' association in the community church at Rainier Saturday was addressed by Rev. E. A. Smith of Portland, who recounted the history of early education and culture in Oregon. W. H. Powell, a Columbia county boy, recounted the maternal achievements of the county settlers. Reminiscences of early teaching by Mrs. J. G. Watts were followed by stories of early Rainier life by Mrs. Jared Wilson. Walter Carl of Mist, E. E. Wiest of Scappoose and others. Judge W. A. Wood of Rainier made the address of welcome and Judge W. J. Fullerton of St. Helens the response.

Upon motion the dues for 1932 were suspended. The secretary reported \$33.80 in the treasury.

Mrs. Bourne of Rainier was made queen of the year.

Lunch was served at noon by the Ladies' club.

EXAMINER DUE 27th

Milburn A. Stout, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be at the city hall in this city Monday, June 27, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

"Trip of a Million Thrills" Taken by Five Local Men

"A trip of a million thrills," by water down the Nehalem was taken from Friday to Wednesday by Emil Messing, Loel Roberts, Glen Hawkins, Archie Adams and Frank Serafin.

They left here in two boats Friday morning at quarter to five, Messing and Roberts in one, and Hawkins, Adams and Serafin in the other. They reached Birkenfeld that night, 30 miles by river, a rather long stretch, they concluded, but productive of good fishing. They caught 31 that day.

On Saturday morning occurred the first mishap. Loel's boat capsized, and only the blankets, fishing poles without reels and other articles that would float were recaptured. All of the provisions and some of the tackle went to the bottom.

They spent considerable time getting the swamped boat off the rocks, and finally had to get a tractor to do it.

That night they camped at Cahill's, and Sunday night at Jewell.

Monday morning they shot grand rapids, a less exciting part of the trip than anticipated. At noon came the first thrill, at Linden rapids, and from then on they were in fast water all afternoon. They camped three miles below Elsie, on the Mike Hagran place.

Tuesday there were more thrills. They had to pull the boats over Little falls, and from then on was fast water with occasional deep holes where there was good fishing. They caught 20 nice trout in an hour and a half in one of these holes.

Camp was pitched in the woods close to the Tillamook county line.

Wednesday morning at about 10 they entered the gorge, and Loel's boat was swamped the

G. W. Plumer Is Reappointed Here

Rev. G. W. Plumer, pastor of the local Evangelical church, was reappointed to this charge at the annual conference in Portland concluding Sunday night. He is beginning his sixth year here.

He was also chosen vice-president of the conference board of trustees for a two year term, is serving a four-year term as secretary-treasurer of the conference, is a member of the permanent committee on survey and missions, is chairman of the committee on finance, and is editor and publisher of this year's conference journal.

Rev. F. B. Culver, presiding elder of the Portland-Puget Sound district, in which Vernonia is included, has been transferred to the pastorate of Lents church in Portland, and Rev. C. P. Gates, presiding elder of the Salem district, will have charge of both.

W. F. Rademacher, a former Vernonia pastor, was assigned to Albany. This year he was pastor at Lents.

A. C. Knauss, lay delegate from the local church, Mrs. D. C. Cason and Mr. and Mrs. George Lyons attended from Vernonia.

BRADY AND DUPREE TO TANGLE AT ARCADIA TOMORROW

At Arcadia park tomorrow night Billy Dupree of Portland will box Dane Brady, local favorite.

"Dupree has fought some of the best boys on the coast and this should be a dinger of a fight," declares Pat Murphy, manager.

CAR WRECKED

Mrs. E. W. Holtham's car driven by Martin Hillman was badly wrecked near Banks Monday night when crowded off the highway by a car on the wrong side of the road.

None of the seven passengers were injured.

The car was towed back to Vernonia by a Cason truck.

Veldon Parker Graduated From Oregon State

Veldon Parker, who was a graduate of the class of '28 of the Vernonia high school, also graduated from the Oregon State college at Corvallis Monday, June 6. He was one among 554 students to receive their bachelor of science degrees. He belonged to the Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity.

While at college Parker served as associate editor and advertising manager of the Annual Cruise, published yearly by the forestry department. He was active in intramural athletics and was secretary-treasurer of the Oregon State Rowing club, serving as coxswain of the junior and senior crews and acting as captain of the senior crew.

Parker is now employed in the Deschutes national forest as protective assistant.

Scott Suggests Different Route

Saving of half a million dollars in construction cost of the short road to the sea is possible, according to Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, through construction of a new route from Elsie to the Oregon Coast highway. This part of the route is common to both the Vernonia and Wolf creek surveys, and will not affect the relative merits of either.

"We have abandoned the west end of what is known as the Hamlet survey on the Scappoose-Vernonia and Wolf creek route," declared Mr. Scott in an interview in Portland last week, "after the expenditure of \$4000 has definitely proven to us that it will cost \$1,000,000 as against \$500,000 for the new route to the north of it."

New Route Cheaper

The old route was 12 miles long and extended from Elsie through Hamlet to Hamlet junction. The new route, as located, and which will cost one-half as much to improve, leaves Elsie, goes up Humbug creek, down the Necanicum river to a point approximately one-half mile north of Hamlet junction and over paved road to Seaside, 13½ miles away.

"There are two divides to cross, 1125 and 1225 feet in altitude, respectively," said Chairman Scott, "and the route will stay within a 5 per cent grade limit and a 6 degree curvature limit. In fact, most of the curves will be within the 4 degree limit."

"In company with R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, H. G. Smith, construction engineer, H. W. Libby, in charge of surveys, and Thomas Davis of the bureau of public roads, I walked over the new route Friday. It took us 12 hours to walk 10 miles, so dense is the jungle through which the road will pass."

"I can say from first-hand knowledge that it will be a fast road. And it will be the best surveyed and most thoroughly surveyed road the state has ever

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MRS. GARNER ATTENDS COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEETING IN ST. HELENS

Mrs. E. E. Garner, representing this section of Columbia county, attended a meeting of the county executive committee for extension work, at the home of Mrs. Sarah V. Case in St. Helens on Friday of last week. Mrs. Case entertained the committee at a one o'clock luncheon.

The afternoon was devoted to planning programs for next year's work. Mrs. Case, as home demonstration agent, is seeking every way to make her aid valuable in meeting the problems of the depression at this time.

Other members of the committee who were present were Mrs. Grant Watts of Scappoose, Mrs. J. L. Stora of St. Helens, Mrs. L. J. Wagner of Goble and Mrs. C. E. Beach of Rainier. Mrs. T. C. Morris of Clatskanie is also a member of the committee but was unable to be present.

Speaker Discusses Prohibition Issue

It would appear that our country is going wet, declared Mrs. Laura S. LaMance, international lecturer, at a prohibition meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in the Evangelical church Monday night, but when the liquor controversy began there was only one dry state (Maine), and now there are only four that are out-and-out wet (New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Nevada).

Foreign money is trying to break down our government, she asserted, interfering in American politics and spreading wet propaganda. Liquor men had bought up the public press, she declared.

If the eighteenth amendment is lost it will be because the dries are asleep and do not care enough to vote, Mrs. LaMance maintained. There are in the United States 72,000 women, she said, who are dry but did not register.

In tracing the development of prohibition in the United States from year to year Mrs. LaMance said the situation was improving. There is now 80 per cent enforcement of prohibition laws while the enforcement of many other laws rates from 40 per cent on down.

The speaker also discussed briefly the liquor situation in many foreign lands which she had visited.

Music for the evening was furnished by the Douglass orchestra. A large audience was in attendance.

OFFICERS OF MOTOR ASSOCIATION VISIT

J. E. Shelton of Portland, secretary of the Oregon State Motor association, and Dr. R. G. Moss of St. Helens, director, were in Vernonia Wednesday on business connected with the association.

They promised to return next Wednesday for the chamber of commerce meeting, and speak on highway topics. Possibly Ray Conway, in charge of public relations for the association, will also give an address.

Boxcar Trip Is Experience of Local Man

A trip in a box car, with merchants, clerks, men of good dress and gentlemanly manners as companions, was the unique experience of A. L. Ritz, who came up from California last week, reaching here Sunday evening. Even the railroad employees were courteous, he says. Travel in that style was heavy, there being 25 or 30 men sometimes in a car.

Mr. Ritz came up from Merced, California, where his family is staying, in order to get his car out of a garage in Newberg and bring it back to Vernonia. It broke down while he was on the trip down and had been in storage.

Merced weather is very dry, he declares, extremely hot in the daytime, cold at nights. Hay, cherries, and other early crops are burned up, but prospects are good for apples, peaches and apricots, with no price.

Mr. Ritz plans to return to Merced within a few days. While here he is busy cultivating his garden and tidying up the place.

Surprise Party Held For Clarence Whitlock

A surprise party was held May 27 at the home of Mrs. J. Krinick for Clarence Whitlock. The event was his seventh birthday.

Those attending were Barbara Dustin, Howard Rundell, Margaret and Roland Couper, Milton Rogers and Martha Tapp.

Many lovely gifts were received, and after games were played a birthday cake with ice cream and punch were served the little guests by Mrs. John Krinick and Mrs. C. G. Whitlock.

Miss Nettie Alley, county nurse, was in town Wednesday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES HELMETS

Four helmets bought by the local fire department reached here this week. Three smoke masks ordered at the same time failed to arrive, but are expected soon.

The department has been in need of these articles, as it has been wholly without either.

Speaker Describes Canning Methods

Safe and effective methods of canning and drying vegetables, fruits and meats at home were described by Mrs. Sarah V. Case, county demonstration agent, before a large group of women at the garden club meeting in the Christian church parlors Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Case stressed the necessity of correct and careful canning methods in order to avoid danger of ptomaine, botulinus and other food poisons and spoilage.

She recommended the wash-boiler method of canning vegetables and meats where a pressure cooker or canner is not available and emphasized the following points as essential for safe canning:

1. The jars must be set on a low rack, so the water will flow freely underneath. A rack made of screen set on spools is satisfactory.
2. The tops of the jars must be completely covered by at least one inch of water.
3. The jars in the boiler must not touch each other.
4. The water must actually boil for three hours, counting from the time of active boiling, not simmering.

The popular fear of getting the deadly botulinus poisoning from canned vegetables is not justified according to Mrs. Case, who said the percentage of deaths from that cause was infinitesimal as compared with accidental deaths from hundreds of other causes.

Even if botulinus or ptomaine poisoning should be present in your jars of vegetables you can be absolutely safe if you will always take the simple precaution of boiling your vegetables 15 or 20 minutes before eating, and likewise heating canned fish or meat in a covered pan an equal length of time, declared Mrs. Case.

Professor Copson, head of the bacteriology department at O. S. C., is, according to Mrs. Case, the authority for her statement that boiling for 15 or 20 minutes will destroy the botulinus and ptomaine poisons.

These food poisons are not ordinarily detected in the foods by appearance or odor as is the more common souring or spoiling, which is very disagreeable, but not harmful. Consequently Mrs. Case warned against even tasting canned vegetables and meat before heating, and cautioned against throwing any suspected food out where animals or children might reach it.

Mrs. Case also described simple home made appliances for drying and smoking foods and gave a new recipe for canning strawberries.

Allowing a cup of sugar to a quart of hulled strawberries, the sugar is sprinkled between layers of berries and allowed to remain overnight. In the morning ½ cup of water is added for each quart of berries and the whole boiled for 15 minutes and canned in sterile jars by the open kettle method. The berries keep their color and shape and do not rise to the top as sweetened berries usually do.

Government and O. S. C. extension bulletins on canning, vegetable gardening, and the value and use of prunes, were given to those present, and an exhibit of canned strawberries, vegetables, fish and meat was on display.

Following her formal talk Mrs. Case discussed individual problems.

Accompanying Mrs. Case here from St. Helens was Mrs. J. L. Stora, wife of the new democratic nominee for district attorney.

Ordinance Encourages Water Use

Minimum Rate Allowance Increased During Summer

An ordinance increasing the amount of water allowed at the minimum \$2.00 rate from 3000 to 4500 gallons during June, July, August and September was passed by the city council Monday night.

The purpose is to allow consumers a sufficient amount of water for irrigating gardens without excessive cost to them or impairing the funds for retirement of water bonds.

Councilman Malmsten objected to the ordinance on the ground that it continued the discrimination against apartment house owners, forcing them to pay \$2.00 for each occupied apartment instead of at the regular meter rates according to the amount used.

On the other hand it was pointed out by Councilman Johnson that defeat of the ordinance would prevent people from taking advantage of the reduction this month, and that an amendment could be passed at any time later if thought desirable.

Mayor Owens ruled that amendment of the proposed ordinance was not permissible at this meeting, as the ordinance must be accepted or rejected as a whole. Roll call resulted: Yes, Rogers, Cline, Johnson; No, Malmsten.

Occupation License Authorized
The council also passed an ordinance substituting the word "license" for "tax" with reference to the amounts required of merchants and professional men doing business in Vernonia. The schedule adopted is the same as that already in force, except that boxing exhibitions must pay \$7.50 a day.

Objection was raised to the old ordinance on the ground that the city has no right to levy a tax in addition to the taxes regularly imposed and placed on the county tax rolls.

MISS DOUGLASS IS LINFIELD GRADUATE

Miss Vivian Douglass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Douglass, was graduated from Linfield college, McMinnville, Sunday.

Baccalaureate services were held in the morning at the Baptist church and commencement in the evening in the college gymnasium. The exercises marked the 75th graduation anniversary of the college.

Besides attending the two college functions, Miss Douglass was bridesmaid at a friend's wedding in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas attended from Vernonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Veith moved last Friday from 859 Rose avenue into one of the houses of Judge D. B. Reasoner.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

Walter Kent says it was a water meter he was fixing, not a fishing reel. Anyhow, it was something that had to do with water.

SEEN HERE AND THERE

Judge Hieber on his way to the city hall with Guy Mills' old gavel in his hand (Order in the court, please!) . . . J. T. Hollett's wagon with a drawing of a clipper ship on a side curtain . . . Emil Messing with sun-tan and whiskers . . . Five boys in a single file on Rose avenue, each rolling a discarded auto tire.