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C. F. Hieber Reports on City Funds

Several Items are Under Budget Allowance For Year

City expenses from January 1 to July 1 totaling \$2967.71 exclusive of water department and bonded indebtedness were reported by Recorder C. F. Hieber at the city council meeting Monday night.

According to the report \$280 has been spent in the six months of the \$960 budgeted for recorder's salary, but this amount is not complete as the claim of Judge D. B. Reasoner for salary for the first two and a half months of the year has not been settled. \$600.15 has been spent out of \$1248 budgeted for street lights, \$32.16 out of \$200 for street lighting maintenance, \$4.00 out of \$55 for city hall fuel, \$28.10 out of \$68 for firemen insurance, \$31.80 out of \$75 for city dump, \$5.85 out of \$150 for city jail expenses, \$50 out of \$250 for legal service, \$118.18 out of \$300 for fire department, nothing out of the \$100 for library books and shelving.

Budget Proportion Exceeded

In a few items the report shows that more than half the allowance for the year has been used: all of the \$75 for accounting, \$226.91 of the \$402.41 for city park, \$39.20 of \$50 for legal publications, \$38.46 of \$40 for office supplies, \$45.40 of \$75 for city elections. Other items are approximately one-half of the amounts budgeted.

Receipts Underestimated

Estimated receipts for the year as contained in the budget are considerably in excess of the proportionate actual receipts for six months. The occupation tax has yielded \$504.80, leaving a balance of \$845.20 to be collected during the rest of the year if the estimate of \$1350 is attained. Fines, amounting to \$7.50, are \$167.50 under the year's estimate. Miscellaneous items are listed in the recorder's report as amounting to \$1.15. The budget included estimated receipts from dog licenses at \$15 and peddlers and shows \$330.

Water Department Reported

Water department receipts for the six months were \$3877.51 and operating expenses \$1882.30, leaving a credit balance of \$1995.21. Accounts receivable from 203 customers using meters and 112 customers at flat rates are \$2195.65, \$1448.43 of which is balance due.

A telegraph crew consisting of Wm. Porter and Pete Peterson were over from Forest Grove the first part of the week working on the local lines.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

Wilbur Davis is baching this week and says he does not like it a little bit.

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The party's all off. Two of the Safeway wives who were visitors out of town returned home unexpectedly this week.

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Tuesday evening while Mr. and Mrs. Earl Washburn, Macie Roberts and John Grady were playing contract, Skinny dealt Macie a perfect hand. She refused to play it. Those cards were stacked, she believed.

SEEN HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Happy Thompson giving the city library a thorough house-cleaning . . . "Mutt" carrying home Charlie's evening paper . . . L. H. Dewey turned carpenter . . . Albert Childs trying out a new golf ball on Bridge street.

Trehanne Folk To Have Free Vaccination

Free vaccination for typhoid fever will be given in the Trehanne store for residents of that community next Tuesday at 6 p. m., announces Miss Nettie Alley, county nurse.

This will be the only chance, she says, as inoculation will otherwise have to be secured by private arrangement with physicians.

One family in Trehanne is suspected of having typhoid, contracted while in the berry fields. In order to prevent an epidemic, vaccination is advised.

There are no cases of typhoid in town, as far as Miss Alley knows.

C. A. Mills and Co. Bid on Road Job

Subject of Northern Short Cut Not Mentioned at Meeting

A bid of C. A. Mills and Co. of Vernonia for grading and surfacing 1 1/4 miles on the Beaver creek secondary highway in Washington county was held temporarily for further study by R. H. Baldoock, state engineer, at the meeting of the highway commission in Portland Wednesday. E. R. Trehanne, who had been awarded the contract, failed to qualify.

Only two members of the commission attended, Chairman Leslie M. Scott having resigned.

The subject of the northern short cut to the sea was not brought up. A delegation from Washington and Tillamook counties requesting that the Wilson river highway be placed on the federal system so that it can be built with federal aid money was informed that the commission until reorganized is not in a position to take action in the matter.

Miller Mercantile Company Making Improvements

Several improvements were made in the interior of the Miller Mercantile company's store this week under the direction of L. H. Dewey, manager.

A small partition was removed and the ready to wear and shoe departments rearranged in such a way as to give more light and room to their location.

Red Cross to Have Outing Cloth and Gingham for Needy

The Red Cross will receive from the government gingham and outing cloth as material for clothing, says Miss Nettie Alley, county nurse, who was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Just when this will be available has not been announced.

DIVORCES ARE SCARCE THROUGH DEPRESSION

Depression has certainly hit the divorce court in Columbia county, according to J. W. Hunt, county clerk. Records compiled by Mr. Hunt from January 1 of this year till June 30 show that only six couples have been granted divorce during the six months—a record of one a month.

In 1930, records in the court house show that 49 couples received decrees or an average of four a month. The effects of the depression began to be evident in 1931 when only 31 received decrees.

Mr. Hunt states that a few couples have made the necessary application but have not carried out proceedings as they lack funds to pay their attorney's fees.—St. Helens Sentinel.

Mrs. O. H. Drorbaugh is enjoying a visit from her daughters, Mrs. Hazel Bean of Portland and Mrs. Robert Sillwell of Tillamook. Mrs. Drorbaugh plans to spend several weeks in Tillamook.

Simple Dryer To Be Demonstrated

Mrs. Case to Explain Methods of Handling Dried Foods

A demonstration of drying vegetables and fruits with a simple dryer which can be made at home for less than 25 cents, and suggestions for preparation, storage and cooking of dried foods will be given in the Christian church Tuesday afternoon, July 26, at 2:30 by Mrs. Sarah V. Case, home demonstration agent of St. Helens.

Members of the community kitchen committees and the community chest who are concentrating their activities on the preservation of foods for next winter urge all Vernonia women to attend the demonstration, especially those whose husbands are without employment.

At a meeting of the community kitchen committees in the Crawford garage last Friday night, it was decided to stress the work of drying whatever food possible in order to save the jars available for tomatoes later in the season.

Miss Claribel Nye, member of the O. S. C. faculty, head of the state home demonstration work, and a member of Governor Meier's relief committee is expected to visit Vernonia in the near future to confer with the community chest board on ways and means of handling local welfare work.

Miss Nettie Alley, county nurse of St. Helens, will also give her assistance in solving local problems, said a member of the community chest board this week.

John Erickson has donated cherries for use of the community kitchen.

Mountain Heart Rebekahs Hold Initiation Meet

Helen Fogel was installed as noble grand of Mountain Heart Rebekah lodge 224 Thursday, July 14. Sarah Brown became vice-grand, Emma Miller secretary, Dorcas Bays treasurer, Ella O'Conner warden, Ethel Spencer conductor, Irene Spencer R. S. N. G., Grace Miner L. S. N. G., Mae Mellinger R. S. V. G., Rose Schultz L. S. V. G., Lela Holtham inside guardian, Margaret Lines outside guardian.

Eula Stanton, district deputy president, was installing officer, Ora Glassner was chaplain and Pearl McCabe musician. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by a committee consisting of Viola Trehanne, Pearl McCabe and Grace Miner.

FORMER RESIDENT VISITS

A. L. Fenner, who operated a pool hall here until 1927 and still has property interests, was in town Wednesday and Thursday on business. He lives on a ranch near John Day in Grant county, Oregon.

The alfalfa crop in his vicinity is 20 per cent larger than last year, he says, due to there being plenty of water.

Conference Journals Appear

Vernonia Eagle is completing this week the printing of the Oregon Conference Journal of the Evangelical church, 64 page booklet edited and published by Rev. G. W. Plumer.

The contract for this was won in competition with several larger shops in Oregon and a publishing house in Pennsylvania.

To Have School Cafeteria SCAPPOOSE — Women of the home extension unit in Scappoose recently sponsored a ways and means meeting for opening a school cafeteria in the grade school next fall. Representatives of various women's organizations of the town were present. Mrs. Ada Mayne, nutrition director of the Oregon Dairy Council, outlined possible plans for this project.

Tommy Brown, now ice cream maker at the Ideal dairy in Portland, visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. M. Crawford, over the weekend.

Six Volumes from International Mind Alcove Received

Six volumes of the International Mind Alcove which is being presented to the Vernonia library by the Carnegie foundation arrived here this week as did also 50 volumes from the travelers library.

The International Mind Alcove books here include "New Russia's Primer," by M. Ilin, "Across Africa on Foot," by Ronald A. Monson, "Mexico," by Stuart Chase, "Autobiography of Andrew Carnegie," "Mustapha Kemal," by H. E. Wortham, and "In Egypt," by John C. Van Dyke.

The travelers library collection which is loaned to the local organization for several months includes children's books and both fiction and non-fiction for adults.

Several volumes were presented and others loaned to the library by one of the board members this week.

Former Editor Pays Brief Visit To Vernonia

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson of Portland and two sons passed through Vernonia Thursday while on a blackberrying trip and Mr. Robinson called at the Eagle office.

Mr. Robinson established the Vernonia Eagle in 1922, and was editor and publisher until 1926, when he sold to Mark E. Moe. He was an ardent community booster, and he and Mrs. Robinson made many friends while in Vernonia.

Several Local Boxers Appear On Fight Card

Several local boxers will appear in a card to be presented Thursday, July 28, in the Peoples' theatre at Clatskanie.

Swede Nelson, who has not boxed for a year, will don the gloves against Bobby Bond in a six round main event. Joe Magoff, another main event boy, will box Jack McArthur in the six round semi-windup. In the third six-rounder Ted Anliker will box George Viuhkala.

Harold Nelson, one of the best boxers and fastest punchers in town will box Al Washburn. Tex Timmons, a fourth main event boy, will box four rounds against Bob Johnson of Portland.

Money Order Fees Are Increased For Low Sums

Fees for money orders under \$20 were raised Tuesday according to advice received by Postmaster Emil Messing.

According to the new schedule the fee for amounts up to \$2.00 will be six cents instead of five cents, from \$2.51 to \$5.00, eight cents instead of seven cents, from \$5.01 to \$10.00 eleven cents, and from \$10.01 to \$20, thirteen cents—one cent increase in each case.

CAIFORNIA GUESTS ENTERTAINED AT HOTEL DINNER

Mrs. Samuel McMullen from San Francisco entertained Mrs. W. W. Dougall and daughter Dorothy Dougall and Mrs. Thomas William Wallace at Hotel McDonald for dinner Thursday evening.

Mrs. Dougall and her daughter are here from their summer home at Berkeley near Crescent City.

Mrs. McMullen plans to spend her vacation visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wallace, who resides in Vernonia.

ATTEND PORTLAND GAME

Mike Miller, Ben Brickel, Henry Fogel, Lowell Hieber, Tom Bate-man and Emil Messing saw Portland blank Hollywood Wednesday night. It was a fine game, they report, as fine as if played for their special benefit.

Garden Tour for County Is Plan

County Agent, Home Demonstrator to Head Project

A tour of Columbia county for everyone interested in gardening is scheduled for the week of July 27. A wide-spread project is being carried on through the county extension service under the direction of Geo. A. Nelson, agricultural agent, and Mrs. Sarah V. Case, home demonstration agent. From the enrollment of 300 cooperators in this project, gardens in various parts of the county will be visited, each of which represent definite points in garden practices.

On Wednesday, July 27, the tour will be in the Rainier and Fern Hill districts. Everyone interested should meet at the Fern Hill Grange hall, at 9 a. m. There will be a picnic luncheon at the Beaver Valley grange hall.

The itinerary for Thursday, July 28, includes the Warren and Beaver Home districts. Those wishing to join the caravan on that day should meet at the Beaver Home grange hall at 9 a. m. for the morning tour of the Goble district. Starting from the farmers' market, at St. Helens, at 1:30 p. m. the tour will be resumed through the Warren district.

Points illustrating fall gardening will be taken up in the Nehalem valley in September with a similar tour at that time.

Everyone should bring his own lunch and an interesting day is promised to all who attend.

Special Agent Investigating

James C. Hitt, special agent and adjuster of the London Assurance corporation, was in Vernonia Thursday making investigation of valuation of insured properties.

J. L. Lloyd Writes of Life In Philippine Army Camp

Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson of the Vernonia union high school has received from Jewell L. Lloyd, Vernonia boy who enlisted in the army and is now stationed at Fort Mills, Philippine islands, the following letter dated May 15:

" . . . Now that all duties are over and rainy season has arrived my thoughts turn towards my friends, who are on the other side of the world from me, and writing letters is the only way that one can speak.

"I receive the Vernonia Eagle twice a month from home. Although they are a month past, I read every little article that they contain, and so I am well up on the news of Vernonia.

"I am happy to know that a large amount of my friends are still there and are getting along fine. I sure hope that it continues so.

"As my life has been very interesting here since the first of the year I will copy a few of the happenings from my diary:

"Jan. 16: Battery B fired the 12 inch disappearing guns of Battery 'Crockett' for record practice. Ten hits were made out of 11 shots, which gave us the record practice of 1932 of which we were awarded the little red 'E' for Excellent, which we wear on our blouse sleeves.

"Feb. 1: 'Call to arms' at 10:45 a. m. and 21 men from each battery of the 59th were picked and transferred into the 31st Infantry to go to Shanghai, China, the next morning. I was one of those chosen men. But we never received the orders to move after a month of preparedness.

"Feb. 5: Went up on the rifle range for record firing.

"Feb. 26: The transport U. S. S. A. T. Grant came into port with new recruits.

"Feb. 29: Fired trial shots with the 3 inch anti-aircraft, trailer mount guns.

"March 3: The U. S. S. Grant sailed for the States, with a happy bunch of boys 'going home.'

"March 7: Fired 80 rounds for record of the 59 C. A. with the

Prepare Grounds For Evangelical Camp Meeting

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Plumer spent about three days this week preparing the grounds at Jennings Lodge for the summer assembly of the Oregon Conference of the Evangelical church July 27 to August 7. Mr. Plumer is superintendent of grounds, and will leave early Monday for further work in preparing the camp.

The encampment will include a daily vacation Bible school, a leadership training school, a young people's union convention, a Woman's Missionary society annual branch convention and general assemblies.

A number of Vernonia people are expected to attend.

13 Register for Exchange Work

Similar Plan of Relief Adopted for Clatsop County

Thirteen local men have registered with Recorder C. F. Hieber for work upon the terms proposed by the newly organized Nehalem Trading Post. Earl Smith and Dr. M. D. Cole will serve as a committee to interview farmers and learn what work is available in exchange for surplus commodities.

Governor Meier's relief committee in Clatsop county adopted July 18 a similar plan of relief. County Agent Clifford Smith will have charge of directing inquiries to farmers of the county as to what surplus foodstuffs they have and what type of labor they wish in exchange.

Recorder Hieber has received from Oswego an inquiry as to the working of the plan here.

Loss on Second Floor

On the second floor were the bedrooms and workshop of Mr. Malmsten's sons Leonard and Harvard. Included in the loss were two small radios, a photograph enlarging outfit, some electrical motors and other equipment, and ammunition which caused some excitement by exploding during the fire.

The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Built in 1909

The house was built in 1909, and was unique in that from the manufacture of the wood to the finishing touches the work was performed by Mr. Malmsten with only a little assistance. He and his brothers operated a saw mill near the mile bridge, and he made the lumber himself, except the doors. With the assistance of a helper for a short time he built the entire house.

It contained the first telephone in the valley. Mr. Malmsten stringing a line from an older house on his property to the Charles Malmsten place. This instrument was saved from the fire.

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Fire Burns Riverview Residence

S. V. Malmsten House Is Destroyed; Furniture Is Saved

Fire at about 8 a. m. Friday, July 15, destroyed the eight room house of Sidney V. Malmsten in Riverview. All the furniture was saved from the first floor, but everything upstairs was a total loss. Origin of the fire is undetermined, but is thought to be from a crack in the flue due to settling of the structure.

Mr. Malmsten was alone in the house at the time, and was prostrated by shock. She was taken to the home of Dr. Marvin R. Eby, but in a few days recovered sufficiently to set up housekeeping in the adjoining dwelling vacated by H. W. Libby.

At the outbreak of the fire Mr. Malmsten was in T. F. Epping's garage preparing to set out on a berrying trip. Upon noticing smoke he and Mr. Epping ran to the house, where no flames were visible but smoke was pouring from under the roof. Mr. Epping tried to get upstairs and was unable to do so. Other neighbors hurried to the scene, and with the help of Vernonia residents who had been informed of the fire succeeded in getting everything out of the lower floor. Even the window curtains were carefully folded, Mrs. Malmsten reports and the linoleum was rolled up. No dishes were broken. The bath room fixtures and kitchen range were removed, only the sink and the hot water being left.

About 25 minutes elapsed before the fire reached to the first floor and the entire house burst into flames. When it did, it burned to the ground within a short time.

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