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Seating of Councilman Draws Fire

Contest Arises Over H. G. Sandon's Right To Serve

Protest against the seating of H. G. Sandon as councilman caused a deadlock in the city council proceedings Tuesday night. Mayor Ben S. Owens ruling that if Mr. Sandon is ineligible there was no quorum, only George Johnson, re-elected and A. E. Adams, new member, being present. The only action taken was a motion to adjourn until Thursday evening.

After the oath of office had been administered to Mayor Owens, Councilmen Adams and Sandon, and Treasurer Childs Virgil Whitsell protested the inclusion of Mr. Sandon on the ground that his name does not appear on the tax rolls, and that the mayor should see to it that a man not legally qualified should not sit on the council. Mayor Owens replied that he had no authority to rule upon a question of that kind, and Attorney W. A. Harris, who had administered the oaths was asked for an opinion. He replied that the city charter does not specify that members of the council shall be taxpayers, but does state that they shall be residents of the city for at least six months, qualified voters, and must own real property within the city limits.

Mr. Sandon, in response to questions, stated that he is a taxpayer and had a permanent residence here which he is buying upon contract, the title remaining in the hands of the firm of whom he is making the purchase. Judge Harris expressed the opinion that unless he has the title to the property, he is not the owner, merely possessing an equity.

The declaration of Mayor Owens that there was no quorum and that no business could be transacted caused some argument, the mayor contending for delay and Councilman Johnson maintaining that the matter should be settled at once. Judge Harris explained that the council is the judge of the qualifications of its members, but the mayor believed that since there was no quorum, no action could then be taken. After some discussion as to the power of the two councilmen to act, it was agreed by both sides that F. E. Malmsten, the outgoing councilman chosen a year ago to take the place of Councilman Ray Charlesworth, resigned, should serve until his successor is qualified. Mr. Malmsten resumed his seat, and moved adjournment until Thursday.

In the November election Mr. Sandon received 48 votes to 47 cast for Herman Veal, both names being written in.

Prior to the discussion of the qualification of Mr. Sandon the outgoing council, Mr. Malmsten, Franklin Rogers and Mr. Johnson passed upon bills, B. J. Cline being absent on account of illness.

Track Crew at Work

An S. P. and S. crew is clearing ditches on Top hill with the aid of a steam shovel. Slides had filled some of the ditches up.

The locomotive and caboose spent Wednesday and Thursday nights in Vernonia.

Those attending the basketball game at Forest Grove Friday were Joy Bush, Art Nanson, Pauline Milne, Paul Jepson, Marjorie Meeker, Buddy Baker, Louise Robertson, Lyle Baker, Mr. Baker and Mr. Bush.

At the P. T. A. meeting Wednesday evening Lee Roy Damron's class of sixth and seventh grade boys gave an exhibition of physical training and first aid.

RABBIT CLUB BUYS TWELVE REGISTERED DOES FOR MEMBERS

The rabbit club of the Vernonia grade school met yesterday morning in Lee Roy Damron's room.

The club has bought 12 registered does to be distributed among the boys and girls who will take care of them. Each boy and girl in the club will make an exhibit at the county fair.

An active membership of 75 in the club is the expectation of the leader, Mr. Damron.

Dairymen Advised To Adopt Feeding Of Grain Ration

Geo. A. Nelson, County Agent

With the changing prices of dairy products and grain it has become difficult for the dairymen to adopt a uniform ration for feeding their herds. Dairy products for a time dropped in prices faster than feed prices, so that it was necessary for dairymen to depend principally on home grown feed for his dairy cows, such as good hay, root crops, kale and silage. The freezing of the succulent feeds makes it necessary to feed grain rations.

The price of dairy products has advanced and grain prices have been lowered so that it is justifiable to feed a grain ration. Fresh cows producing 30 to 40 pounds per day need a grain ration to maintain this production. At the present prices of grain a satisfactory ration can be made from 1200 pounds of millrun, 600 pounds ground corn or barley, and 200 pounds of soy bean meal or oil meal. To this should be added 20 pounds of bone meal flour, especially prepared for livestock feeding.

At the present prices of grain a ration of this kind can be obtained from about \$17.50 to \$19.00 per ton, depending on the locality.

Evangelical W. M. S. Conducts January Business Meeting

The January business meeting of the Evangelical W. M. S. was held at the church Wednesday afternoon, January 4.

Many members were absent due to illness.

A very interesting lesson on the theme "Self-Denial and Day of Prayer," was conducted by Mrs. Alice Malmsten. Mrs. Hair, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Cason, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Bessie Malmsten assisted with the lesson.

The committees for the year were announced as follows: Program—Garner, Thompson, Fisher, A. Malmsten.

Social—Douglass, Hair, Kent, Greenman.

Finance—Dewey, Wall, Holcomb, Marshall, M. Malmsten.

Visiting—Cason, Matthews, Nanson.

Prayer League—B. Malmsten.

Thank Offering—Burnside.

Tithing—Strong.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. A. Malmsten, Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Knauss.

Allie Simmons and Herman Dickson Marry

Miss Allie Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Simmons, was married to Herman G. Dickson at the home of her parents Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Plumer officiating. Mrs. George was bridesmaid and Lawrence Dickson best man.

The bride's dress was of white tulle and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short honeymoon in Portland. They will make their home in Corvallis, where Mr. Dickson plans to do post-graduate work in the state college.

Members of the immediate families and a few close friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson visited in Dallas recently.

Steelhead Catches Reported Good in Creek This Season

Steelhead are running early this year, it is reported, and fishermen are enjoying good catches. Nearly everyone who goes out succeeds in getting one, and several have secured the limit of three.

The fish are of good size, varying from four to 14 pounds. Mike Willard has the distinction of getting the biggest, in Rock creek Wednesday of last week.

The majority of the boys are using long poles such as fly poles and bait poles. The short casting poles are not successful here, owing to the lines getting entangled on the rocks. Line from 24 to 50 pound test are being used, and leaders from 20 to 40 pounds. Hooks range from 8's to 00's with light weights.

Court Refuses Injunction Plea

Marion County Jurist Acts in Wolf Creek Case

Injunction proceedings to restrain the state highway commission from expending state money on the construction of the Wolf Creek highway were denied Thursday of last week by Judge L. G. Lewelling of the Marion county circuit court. Judge Lewelling held that the complaint of Duncan Bruce McDonald did not state sufficient facts to constitute cause for action.

The first complaint in the effort to block construction was filed by State Senator Joe E. Dunne, and at that time four different judges were assigned to the case, certificates of prejudice having been filed against all but the last. The case was never brought to trial, Senator Dunne withdrawing his complaint and substituting that of Mr. McDonald because of the latter's being a taxpayer in Columbia county. Since the decision of the highway commission not to let any further contracts on the road no special effort was made, it is believed, to press the suit.

Depression Hits Wild Life Says Souls' Hill Man

RIVERVIEW — (Special.) —

The depression has extended even to the wild life of Soul's Hill, according to J. Burtraw, who was a visitor here Monday. In former times, he said, his bees were visited once in a while by a straggler skunk. Now, he asserts, the skunks come in droves, and if they are unable to gain entrance to a hive they demolish it.

School Gives Program

The Rock Creek school, with Mrs. Mabel Graves as teacher, enjoyed a Christmas party Dec. 23. A pleasing program was given.

W. C. T. U. To Meet

The W. C. T. U. will meet Tuesday at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. J. Douglass. A special business will be transacted. A full attendance is urged.

Woodcraft Boys Work on Project

The seventh and eighth grade boys who comprise the class in woodcraft in the Washington school are going out tomorrow to work on their project, a cabin which they are building.

Miss Mildred Drake of the high school faculty, who has been ill with the flu, returned to school Tuesday.

Paul Gordon arrived to take the place of Edwin H. Condit as teacher in the grade school. Mr. Gordon will also coach basketball.

The Rainbow Girls will hold an election of officers next Monday night. All Rainbow Girls are urged to attend.

R. F. C. Loan Requested By County

\$20,000 Is Reduced from Budget for Poor Relief

Application for a loan of \$20,000 from the R. F. C. and reduction of that amount from the county budget item for care of the poor, was the highlight of the action of the county court in making the levy following the budget meeting in St. Helens Saturday afternoon. The amount budgeted for the purpose is now \$8,000.

Other changes in the budget are a \$900 increase in the emergency fund, and removal of .7 mill from the general road tax. The levy will be 16.2 mills, which includes the 3 mill state tax. The county tax of 13.2 mills is lower than last year's, 13.8 mills, when no state tax was levied.

The budget meeting accomplished nothing, ending abruptly with a major part of the items reconsidered.

At the beginning Judge J. H. Wellington, chairman, announced that no votes would be taken. It was decided to take up the items separately for discussion. Amounts totalling \$101,000 were passed over without comment from the floor, but when the appropriation of \$1500 for county agent was reached the arguments pro and con extended until the noon hour, and were resumed in the afternoon. Sentiment was apparently about evenly divided.

In the discussion S. C. Morton asserted that the county agent had had no cut in salary and moved a reduction in the appropriation from \$1500 to \$1000. Thereupon F. L. Teutsch, of the extension service of O. S. C., explained that the \$1500 is for expenses only, Mr. Nelson's salary not being paid by the county, and that his salary had in fact been reduced 20 per cent.

When demand was made for a vote upon the county agent's appropriation Judge Wellington reminded the audience that no vote would be taken. When he made an effort to proceed to other items some one moved an adjournment and the meeting closed.

Former Vernonia Man Passes Away In Seattle, Wash.

A. E. Moulton, a former resident of Vernonia, passed away in Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Moulton and seven children, H. A. Moulton and Mrs. J. W. Brimmer of Vernonia, Mrs. H. R. Hamon, a former resident of Vernonia now of Corning, California, Mrs. J. C. Morrow of Kenndydale, Wash., E. C. Moulton and E. A. Moulton of Seattle.

Mrs. J. W. Brimmer was in Seattle for the funeral.

Nehalem Telephone Company Names Five New Directors Here

Five new directors, Harry Wilson, Carl Jensen, F. E. Malmsten, Peter Bergerson and S. V. Malmsten, were elected Wednesday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Nehalem Valley Telephone company. The election of officers was postponed until a later date because so many members are ill with the flu and unable to attend. There were, however, enough present to make a quorum for electing directors.

The meeting was held at two o'clock in the Hotel Vernonia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Finnerty spent the holidays in Cottage Grove and Portland.

Fred Oswald, 70, Dies in Veterans Hospital Monday

Fred Oswald, 70, died Monday evening in the Veterans' hospital of Portland, where he had been sent from Vernonia that morning. He had been in poor health for some time. Services will be held today at 2 p. m. in Brown's Mortuary, Rev. G. W. Plumer officiating. Interment will be in North cemetery.

Mr. Oswald was born in Germany August, 1862, and came to America at the age of 23. Several years later he enlisted in the regular army, as a member of Troop K, first regiment cavalry. He served in the Spanish-American War and the Boxer rebellion in China. He was honorably discharged in 1899.

In 1907 Mr. Oswald was married to Jennie Lines. Besides his widow he leaves three step children.

O. E. S. Installs Officers for 1933

Mrs. Hughes Becomes Worthy Matron of Order

Nehalem chapter 153, O. E. S., installed officers Wednesday evening at the Masonic temple, with the retiring worthy matron, Mrs. J. W. Brown, as installing officer and Catherine McNeill installing marshal.

Following are the officers installed: Mrs. A. J. Hughes, worthy matron; J. E. Tapp, worthy patron; Mrs. Fred Wall, associate worthy matron; F. D. Macpherson, associate worthy patron; Mrs. H. E. McGraw, secretary; Mrs. T. M. Crawford, treasurer; Mrs. E. A. Green, conductress; Mrs. M. D. Cole, associate conductress; Mrs. C. L. Brock, chaplain; Miss Amy Hughes, organist; Mrs. J. L. Timmons, marshal; Mrs. F. D. Macpherson, Adah; Mrs. Frank Hartwick, Ruth; Mrs. L. H. Robertson, Esther; Miss Merle Mills, Martha; Mrs. Henry Fogel, Electa; Mrs. K. A. McNeill, warder; Emil F. Messing, sentinel.

At the close of the ceremony Mrs. Timmons installed Mrs. McNeill as the warder.

Mrs. McGraw presented the retiring matron, Mrs. Brown, with a past matron's jewel. Mrs. Brown responded, after which Mrs. Macpherson sang "Love Creed."

After chapter refreshments were served in the dining room, where Mr. Tapp acted as toastmaster.

HAS EXTENDED TRIP

From bathing in the ocean at Venice, in southern California, to encountering deep snow in the Siskiyou was the range of experience of Lee Roy Damron of the grade school faculty during the holidays. Mr. Damron visited a brother in Los Angeles, and toured into old Mexico.

EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINS

The Order of the Eastern Star entertained the Masons and their wives and families at a watch party New Year's eve. Miss Nelle Green tap danced. The other numbers on the program were cancelled due to illness. Games were enjoyed during the evening and afterward refreshments were served.

ALUMNA CLUB MEETS

The Alumna club met at the home of Mrs. Ray Mills Tuesday, January 3. Those present were Mrs. Loel Roberts, Miss Merle Mills, Miss Marjory King, Mrs. Ed Buchner, Mrs. Charles Wall, Miss Mildred Tonsley and Mrs. Archie Adams. Mrs. Wall won the prize for high score at bridge.

The Pythian Sisters are sponsoring a card party to be given next Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Odd Fellow's hall.

Among local teachers who attended the session of the Oregon State Teachers' association in Portland last week are J. B. Wilkerson, G. E. Finnerty, E. H. Condit, Miss Elma White and Miss Mary Erickson.

GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL COUNTY LEAGUE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Vernonia grade school basketball team has the following games scheduled in the county league:

Jan. 13, at John Gumm school, St. Helens.

Jan. 20, with McBride school, here.

Jan. 27, at Rainier.

Jan. 31, with Clatskanie, here.

Feb. 3, at McBride school, St. Helens.

Feb. 10, with John Gumm, here.

Feb. 24, at Clatskanie.

Shipments of Pulp Wood to Paper Mill Resumed This Week

Shipments of pulp wood, suspended about the middle of December, have been resumed, the first car going out Monday with the Vernonia Trading Company as shipper. The company is now loading another car, and F. D. Macpherson also is loading one at Trehanre.

The wood is being sent to the Hawley mill at Oregon City, now owned by the Western Coopersage Co. They are using only about one car a week at present, and negotiations are being made for an additional outlet.

Mathews Bros. loaded a car of timbers for Bonners Ferry, Idaho, early this week.

Has Narrow Escape

A. L. Lachine had a narrow escape Monday in the woods while at work for Clark and Wilson when a falling tree hit him, bruising him about the head and skinning his arm and shoulder. He noticed the tree coming in time to drop between two logs which protected him from possible fatal injury.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

"We were celebrating the arrival of the new deal," explains Judd Greenman regarding the blowing of the mill whistles, as of old, Saturday night.

Hy-Van hangs his hat where he can keep an eye on it all the time now when he attends council meetings. Earl Smith ran off with it the time before.

MORE CAMPAIGN STUFF

Mac McNeill's share in the new deal already arrived is a load of republican wood that he won from Mac McGraw. It appears that the night of the republican rally, the one night in 1932 when Jack Bush opened his doors wide open and invited folks to come in free of charge, the two Macs got to betting who'd win, a cord of wood against three dollars worth of drugs, or something like that. The republican Mac lost, but he never paid up and the democratic Mac had given up hopes of collecting. Comes word, however, that the wood is to be delivered. The boys immediately framed up to take a picture of McGraw delivering a cord of wood on a bet, but the canny Scotchman was too much for them. He sent Shorty Lee to haul it.

Mac McNeill is not so keen about the wood now that he has it. "This old republican wood is too short and full of knots," he remarks to his democratic and republican friends alike.

SEE HERE AND THERE

Claude Thomas up a step ladder fitting a stove pipe outside of the bank building, Guy Mills steadying the ladder for him, and W. M. Adair up on the roof to steady the pipe at the top . . . C. W. Linebaugh, postal inspector, checking records in the post office . . . George Laird riding with Wilbur Davis in the big red truck . . . Ben Cline leaving the city hall while council meeting was still going on, and looking as if he was pleased . . . Mayor Owens reading committee appointments too fast for the longhand reporters to get them down.

H. G. Sandon H. Veal both On Council

Cline Resigns Thursday At Adjourned Meeting

Seating of H. G. Sandon as councilman, resignation of B. J. Cline and appointment of Herman Veal to fill the vacancy, and reappointment of Recorder C. F. Hieber and Marshal Earl Smith featured the adjourned meeting of the city council yesterday evening.

Mr. Sandon qualified by presenting a warranty deed to property in Vernonia. The resignation of Mr. Cline was presented and accepted, and Councilman Johnson moved the appointment of Herman Veal, seconded by Councilman Adams. Mr. Veal took his seat immediately, being sworn in by Judge W. A. Harris.

Before proceeding to appointments an application of Claude E. Hillsberry as water superintendent, offering to serve at a reduced salary, was rejected.

License Question Bobs Up

Mayor Owens announced his appointment for recorder C. F. Hieber. Councilman Johnson stated that he would approve of the appointment provided the recorder's work of the past year was satisfactory. He asked for a report on the collection of occupation licenses, which Mr. Hieber stated he had not completed.

Some discussion followed on the license question, ended for the time being when Councilman Sandon moved to confirm the appointment. The motion carried.

When the mayor announced the appointment of Earl Smith as marshal, Councilman Sandon again moved to confirm the appointment, and the motion also was carried.

After appointment of Marshal Smith the recorder read an application of V. M. Whitsell for the position of marshal at a salary of \$75.00. Mayor Owens explained that the matter of salaries was to be covered by ordinance, and discussion was deferred.

Mayor Owens expressed himself as favoring readjustment of occupation licenses, and suggested a special meeting to consider a new schedule item by item, in preparation for drawing up a new ordinance. Readjusted on a fair basis, the ordinance should be enforced, he maintained.

Councilman Johnson questioned if it would be enforced and stated that his objections to the license situation were not based on the fact that some were not paying, who were unable to do so, but that some never had paid a single penny since being in business in Vernonia, and were allowed to get by.

C. E. Watch Social Held

The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church held a watch-night social at the Christian parsonage New Years eve. The evening was spent in lively games and a real social time. Those attending said—"one of the best ever."

COMING EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 6

Basketball, Nehalem Valley high school vs. Vernonia high school, grade school gym, 7:30 p. m.

Monday, Jan. 9

Joint installation, Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, Odd Fellows hall.

Rainbow Girls election of officers, Masonic temple.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

W. C. T. U. at Mrs. E. J. Douglass's, 2 p. m.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Pythian Sisters card party, Odd Fellows hall, 8 p. m.

Friday, Jan. 13

Basketball, St. Helens high vs. Vernonia high school, grade school gym 7:30 p. m.