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Enrollment at Grade School Somewhat Less

NUMBER ARE STILL OUT FOR HOP PICKING

New Changes Made in Bus Schedules, School Hours

Enrollment at the Washington grade school up to yesterday afternoon was 340, a decrease of about 45 since last year. At the close of school in the spring there were 365, and as at least 20 are known to be out this week for hop picking it is believed that there will be virtually the same number as in the spring.

There are 19 new pupils in grades above the first, and 40 beginners.

The newly organized industrial arts class under Paul Gordon has begun making a parking space in the drive way, and also has started the foundation for a rock garden.

Age Limit Fixed

The directors at their meeting Saturday night set the age limit at six on or before Nov. 1, with provision for others whose birthdays are near that date if they pass satisfactory tests.

Bus Schedules Established

The H. M. Condit bus takes a load of younger pupils out to Riverview at 3:15, returning at 3:30 in time for taking the older pupils on his Stony Point route without delay. Older children getting off at the bridge take the T. M. Crawford bus. In this way there is no delay for either group.

New Bus in Service

Mr. Crawford's new bus made its first trip Wednesday, handling about 70 in each load without crowding. No difficulty was experienced in negotiating the curves on the Camp 8 road. The bus has a steel body and shatter proof glass, and a heater will be installed. A governor on the motor limits the speed to 35 miles an hour.

School Hours Set

School opens at 9 in the morning. The lower grades dismiss at 11:30 and the upper grades at 12:00. The noon recess ends at 12:45. The first and second grades are out at 2:30, the third at 3:15, and the rest at 3:30. This is the same time as dismissal at the high school.

New Teacher Named

The directors named Marjorie Gray of Portland as teacher at the Saturday night meeting.

REGISTRATION TO CLOSE OCTOBER 8 SAYS MRS. WASHBURN

Registration of voters closes October 8, announces Mrs. E. H. Washburn, who has charge of registration for the Vernonia precincts. All who have changed their residence or wish to record a change of party should register, she states.

The Oregon Gas and Electric company's office is the place of registration here.

TEACHERS' RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN NEXT FRIDAY IN CHURCH

A public reception for the teachers of the Vernonia high school, the Washington grade school, and of the schools in nearby districts including Keasey, Rock Creek, Pleasant Hill, Kist, Beaver Creek and Natal, will be given in the local Evangelical church next Friday evening, September 21, at 8 o'clock.

Library Drive For Paper to Be Made Soon

House to House Calls Planned For Next Week

A drive for old newspapers and magazines will be made next week by the board of the Vernonia public library, which will sell them as old paper to help gain funds for badly needed books and supplies. The drive will end on Saturday of next week, September 22, at which time board members assisted by the Boy Scouts will make house to house calls in Vernonia to collect bundles from front porches.

People living in Vernonia or on the O.-A. hill and Riverview districts are requested to tie magazines and newspapers in easy to handle bundles and place them on their front steps not later than 9 o'clock Saturday morning, Sept. 22. Bundles will be removed as fast as the cars and Boy Scouts can get around.

The library will be pleased to have people living in the country and nearby communities bring old magazines and papers to the city hall any time during the week. If anyone outside of town cannot bring his papers in someone will call for them if they are within a radius of five miles, provided the name and exact location is sent to the library on a postal card or by telephoning 592 before the end of next week.

Members of the library board, Tuesday night, completed plans for the old paper drive, and heard the monthly report of the librarian, Edna Owens.

Four new books for the International Mind Alcove donated by the Carnegie foundation have recently arrived. They are "The Air Menace and the Answer by E. K. Fradkin, The Saga of Fridjof Nansen by J. Sorensen, The Romance of the Labrador by Sir W. Grenfell, and On the Roads from Rome by L. Villari.

TWIN BABIES ARRIVE

Twins, a boy and a girl, one weighing four pounds six ounces and the other six pounds two ounces were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tapp yesterday evening.

Home Demonstrator Appointed

Mrs. Maude C. Purvine, formerly in home demonstration work in Linn and Marion counties, has been appointed home demonstration agent in Columbia county to serve during the absence of Mrs. Sarah V. Case, who has a position supervising emergency relief education in Salem.

Commission to Attend Banquet Here October 8

The Oregon State Game Commission at its meeting November 10 in Portland decided to accept the invitation of the Nehalem Rod and Gun club to the banquet to be held here October 8, according to word received from F. B. Wirs, state game commissioner, addressed to C. R. Watts, secretary of the local organization. Mr. Wirs stated his belief that there would be a full attendance of the commission; if not, there will at least be a majority, he promised.

J. W. Brown Wins Four First Prizes At Oregon Fair

J. W. Brown of Vernonia won four first prizes and a second prize for red leghorns at the state fair last week.

At the Washington county fair in Hillsboro the previous week he won six first prizes and two second prizes for Rhode Island reds.

This week Mr. Brown is showing some chickens at the Clackamas county fair.

RAILWAY EXPRESS NOW COMING IN BY PORTLAND TRUCK

Railway express is now being brought to Vernonia daily by the Portland-Vernonia Truck line.

Discontinuance of passenger service on the S. P. and S branch Sept. 1, necessitated the change. The number of trips have been increased from two to five a week.

SLIGHT DAMAGE RESULTS FROM FIRE IN PORTERFIELD SHED

Slight damage resulted from a fire in the W. O. Porterfield woodshed Wednesday night. Flames apparently catching from a stove in the shed, spread between the walls. Most of the fire was extinguished before the department arrived.

Mrs. J. R. Lee left Friday for a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. James Wilkes, in San Diego, Cal. She expects also to take a trip into Mexico.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

SEEN AND HEARD

Mayor Owens and Water Supt. Smith looking down at a buried meter . . . Tom Crawford's big new bus, much admired . . . Kenneth Bollinger and Happy Thompson in a tow car hauling a sedan with a smashed wheel . . . Children with books and lunch pails . . . Headlights of bicycles ridden by newsboys delivering papers after dark.

By rights Ed Tapp should hand out two cigars each instead of one to congratulating friends.

LOCAL SPORTSMEN PLAN TO ATTEND ST. HELENS BANQUET

A number of local sportsmen are planning to attend the annual banquet of the St. Helens Rod and Gun club in the Congregational church of that city tonight. Several reels of motion pictures of wild life will be shown by the state game commission.

A caravan will start from the Vernonia post office at 5 p.m.

Traces of Ocean Are Found Near Camp Reehers

Don Depue and B. Henderson Discover Fossils

CAMPREEHER'S CCC, West-timber, Sept. 13—A tremendously long time ago—25 millions of years ago or more—the site of Camp Reehers was an ocean bed. In fact, a sea way covered Vernonia and Forest Grove and much of the whole of northwestern Oregon where now the Pacific ocean does not appear to have the slightest possibility of entering.

In that prehistoric age sea shells lived and died much as they do now. Some were washed up on the beach. Some were ground up by rocks. Many sank into the ooze of the sea bed and were buried.

Now, inconceivable ages later, some of those prehistoric shells are again seeing the light of day—and for the reason that the residents of the W. F. Brinkmeyer farmstead, next door to Camp Reehers decided on the digging of a new well.

Don Depue and Beryl Henderson of Vernonia, and former members of the nearby CCC camp, have excavated as the well diggers some 60 feet down. They have descended at the approximate average of more than 500,000 years per foot of well, scientific authority indicates.

Proof of the age of scores of shells dug from the soft shale of the well site was received here as result of the submission of several specimens to the school of sciences, Oregon State College.

Specimens found at a depth of 50 feet "represent three different marine molluscs that once lived in a sea way that covered much of northwestern Oregon some 25 or more millions of years ago at a time when three-toed horses were living in the now famous John Day Basin, said Dr. E. L. Packard, head of the O. S. C. school of science.

A small mollusc, little larger than the end of a man's thumb, was of particular interest to the scientist.

"This little specimen certainly is a nautilus which is rarely found in that part of geologic time in North America. Its pearly shell is nearly destroyed but its mud internal mold gives some clues as to its general nature," wrote Dr. Packard. "I wish I might have a better specimen from those same shells of your region for study since I am doubtful if that form has ever

High School Tax Again to Be Voted on

MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO BASE ARISES

Limitation Authority Needed For SERA Work

Owing to misunderstanding of information received from the assessor's office, authority to exceed the six per cent limitation must be sought by the directors of the union high school district 1, and an election has been called for Saturday, October 6, from 2 to 7 p.m.

The directors were notified that the tax base is \$18,404, and upon the assumption that six per cent could be added to this amount a tax of \$19,393.16 was asked for in order to provide for SERA work on the gymnasium, as well as the normal expenses of this year.

The practice of the assessor's office is, however, to add the six per cent before giving the base, and the total amount to be levied could not exceed \$18,404 without exceeding the limitation. The district, therefore, is compelled either to abandon the SERA work or call for election.

The budget itself will not need to be voted upon, having already been adopted.

been found before."

The rare specimen is related more closely to the cuttle fish or the octopus than to snails or clams. Its modern close relative is the pearly or chambered nautilus of tropical waters.

Another fossil remain found in the Brinkmeyer well was a "tooth" or "tusk" shell known as a Dentalium. The three-inch, straight, tubical shell is open at both ends and not coiled like most modern snails. "Modern forms live along the coast and were used as beads by Indians of North America."

The third species of fossils found in the well were pearly clams belonging to the group generally known as mussels, and technically called Modiolus.

"They were attached to objects like stones or shells," commented Dr. Packard. "Their shell was lined with thick layers of pearl and strangely it has not lost its pearly lustre through these long years."

In the opinion of the school head, the general vicinity of the present geological finds should yield many other specimens. Because little geologic collecting has been done, however, no special areas have been determined as yet at of being of especial richness in fossils.

MACPHERSON CAR FENDERS DAMAGED

The fenders of F. D. Macpherson's car were damaged in a collision on the St. Helens road Monday while he was on his way to jury duty in St. Helens. The other car, driven by a St. Helens man, did not give him room in rounding a curve, Mr. Macpherson says.