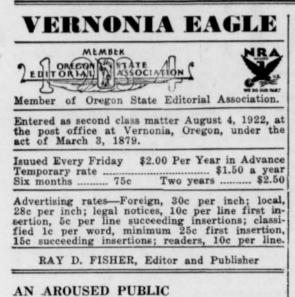
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OPINION NECESSARY

The war on crime urged by President Roosevelt in his speech Monday at the attorney general's crime conference needs to be waged in dead earnest. Despite the aphorism that crime does not pay more and more youths appear to be convinced that crime is the best source for pay, and are trying it out-many of them all too successfully for the public welfare. Something should be done about it, something besides resolving against crime and rapping criminals, if detected, gently on the knuckles and admonishing them to be good.

There are a number of factors which combine to make our beloved country a happy hunting ground for kidnapers, murdurers, thugs, drunken drivers sneak thieves and the rest, professional and ama-

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teur. Officers of the law are frequently lax, sometimes because they are incompetent and more often, perhaps, because they feel that they will get no support if they do perform their duties conscientiously. Criminals, if they happen to be caught, have too good a chance of wriggling out of the clutches of the law, for clever attorneys know how to use the law to make all law impotent. Jurors, thrust into a resonsibility for which they are in no way prepared, are likely to exert their sympathies rather than their judgment. As a result a multitude of crimes go undetected and hordes of criminals go unpunished.

This condition is certain to remain as long as public opinion with regard to crime remains indifferent. Except for a few sturdy individuals here and there officers of the law will stay lax as long as people fail to back them for doing right. Attorneys will resort to delays, technicalities, jury fixing and other devices as long as their reputation is enhanced instead of blasted by the number of guilty people they can clear to go forth, commit more crimes and hire more lawyers. Jurors will continue to be sympathetic with the ciminals instead of with the criminals' victims as long as public opinion cares not whether guilty men get punished or go free. Aroused public opinion is essential if the war on crime is to be successful. -§--§--§-

According to Gen. Johnson the NRA is as dead as a dodo. He regarded it as a pretty live old bird when he was its keeper a while back-but perhaps there hasn't been enough "crackdowns" since.

PASSAGE OF FISH BILL WILL AID UNEMPLOYED

(Pacific Hunter & Angler) A bill to remove from all Oreremoval of all fixed fishing gear,

ent at a meeting of the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters Club, outlining their plan and what it will accomplish, the members of gon waters all set nets and traps the committee were Mr. Mattison, was drawn up by the Columbia Mr. Knapp and Mr. Sujon all of Commerciel Fishermen's Union, Astoria. The Multnomah Anglers and is receiving added support and Hunters club appointed a Vernonia Eagle, Dec. 12, 1924. from the sportsmen's clubs. With committee to contact others the adoption of this bill and the sportsmen's clubs and civis organizations throughout the state in next spring will see several behalf of this bill and other isclub attended a meeting of the Monday night to acquaint them

cial Fishermen's Union were pres-

Ten Years Ago •

Vernonia's new \$22,000 grade school building containing four school rooms will be completed about the first of the year.



Editor, Vernonia Eagle: I am in receipt of a copy of your paper wherein you rendered BY 4A AND 5A GROUPS the wild life clubs, and for which they stand an invaluable service, and through the columns of your paper a great good can be accomplished to the furtherance of conservation in our state, and the stand taken on the trap and set net bill by the Nehalem Rod and Gun club and your paper, the passage of this bill will mean the reemployment of many thousands of idle men and increased buying power in Columbia and Clatsop counties.

On behalf of the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters club and my committee, we with to thank your good selves and the Nehalem Rod and Gun club for the welcome extended my committee and me, and I am very happy to know that your district has a live wire conservation club and will accomplish a great good in that area.

> Very truly yours, S. J. Matcovich.

Grade School

FIFTH GRADE **ELECTS OFFICERS**

On Monday, Dec. 3, the Fifth B class had a class meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Jack Cooly; vice-president, Joanne Lindbergh; secretary, Dorothy Lee Hanna; sergeant at arms, Arlon Baker.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS GIVEN County achievement tests were given to the eighth grade Tuesday. The tests included literature, history, civics, hygiene, health, geography, arithmetic, and language.

BOYS MAKE TOOL CHEST FOR NEW TOOLS George Stankey and Charles Dubendorf are making a tool



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chest for the use of all the boys in the industrial arts class.

The class has some new tools. There are some plans, T-squares and a vise. A turning lathe is to he the next problem for the class.

JAPANESE PROGRAM GIVEN

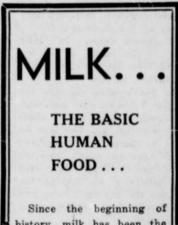
On Wednesday the 4A and 5A classes gave a Japanese play in assembly. They worked out the program during music, art and auditorium periods.

E. E. EMIGH LEAVES ON VACATION TRIP EAST

E. E. Emigh, who makes his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eversaul, when he is not working as superintendent of the cooking department of the Fir-Tex mill in St. Helens, left last Friday on a trip to the east.

Mr. Emigh plans to return about the first of February when the Fir-Tex company expects to resume operations. He is traveling by stage over a northern route by way of Wyoming, and will visit relatives in Michigan. He will also visit in Canada and New York state, and will return through the south.

Mrs. Oscar George and children and Mrs. R. A. Simmons were in Portland Monday.



history, milk has been the basic human food-the food of greatest value to man. Through thousands of years