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Vernonia Wins From Beaverton In Close Game

OUTCOME NOT DECIDED UNTIL END

Scoring by Condit and Holcomb Are Deciding Factors

In a thrilling basketball game Friday, Dec. 21, the Vernonia high school hoopsters cinched a 28-21 victory over the hard-fighting Beaverton quintet in the last two minutes of play on the opponent's floor.

During the first quarter both teams played a strong defensive game, being able to sink only one field goal each. However, the Beaverton boys dropped in two extra free throws to take the lead, 4-2.

At the end of the first half Beaverton held the upper end of a 12-7 score by slipping in eight points while holding Vernonia to five in the second period.

The Vernonia hoopsters completely baffled their opponents in the second half with a dazzling offensive attack. They showed the basket from all angles of the floor to run their score up to 18. The puzzled Beaverton five had to be satisfied with 16 points.

In the last period the Beavertonians bombarded the basket in a frantic effort to tie the score but were only able to collect five well-earned points. Vernonia barely held the edge 22-21 until the last two minutes of play when Condit, Holcomb and Meeker sank a field goal each to boost the score up to 28 as the whistle ended this thrilling, clean and hard-fought game.

Mason of Beaverton was high point man with 10 counters to his credit. Condit and Holcomb, Vernonia hoopsters, were next with nine points each.

The Beaverton second team defeated the Vernonia second team 24-16 in the opening game of the double-header.

The line-up was as follows:
Condit, 9 F Klein, 2
Henderson F Hety, 1
Adams, 6 C Emmons, 2
Meeker, 4 G Gibson, 3
King G Mason, 10
Holcomb, 9 S Saxton, 3
S Newtz

Referee: Dilers.

12 SIGN UP FOR CLASS IN AMERICANIZATION TO MEET 3 EVENINGS WEEKLY

Twelve have signed up for the SERA class in Americanization to meet Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the high school under Mrs. Bernice Lofgren.

More can be accommodated, Mrs. Lofgren says, and those interested should report Monday, January 7 at 7 p. m. Any one can join, there being no requirement in this case that students be on the relief rolls.

Mrs. Ellis' Mother Dies at Home Here, Aged Seventy-seven

Lizzie Jane Bates, 77, died Dec. 20 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Ellis, with whom she had been living for about three years.

She was born April 2, 1857, in Sullivan county, Missouri. Interment was in Forest Grove, with graveside services conducted by C. R. Pritchard, pastor of the Vernonia Christian church.

Mrs. Ellis was an only daughter.

Contracts Let For Two Road Projects Here

Vernonia-Buxton Surfacing, Pittsburg Paving to Begin 15th

(St. Helens Sentinel-Mist)
Contracts for two state highway projects in Columbia county, which were approved by the state highway commission last summer, were awarded Thursday at a meeting of the commission in Portland, Judge L. R. Rutherford, who attended the meeting, reported.

Adlefsen & Weygant were awarded the contract for surfacing about nine miles of the Nehalem highway from Vernonia to Buxton in Washington and Columbia counties. The bid offered by the firm was for \$38,153.50. The amount of the bid is considerably more than the original allocation of \$25,000 which the commission allotted for the work.

A bid of \$20,525 by A. T. Dolan was for the surfacing and oiling of the Vernonia-Pittsburg secondary highway. This bid was also more than the first allocation which was for \$18,000.

Work on the projects is expected to start about January 15, the judge said, and he has been promised by Sam Baldock, state highway engineer, that mostly experienced Columbia county men from the immediate section of the construction will be used for the work.

The work is expected to last until late in the summer.

Bids for the third piece of state highway work in the county, which call for grading and paving of a section of the Columbia highway approaching Rainier for which allocation of \$20,000 was made by the commission, are expected to be let at a meeting of the commission January 24, the judge said.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN NEW PLACE

The union evangelistic services conducted by Rev. James H. Taylor in the old Brown furniture building at the Rock Creek bridge are to be held in the Carter building, corner of Bridge street and Weed avenue.

Mr. Taylor, who is a returned missionary from Africa, will exhibit lantern slides of West Africa Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30.

THE MEANEST MAN VISITS VERNONIA . . .

The Meanest Man that one often reads about visited Vernonia Christmas night.

After Dave MacDonald of the Hotel MacDonald had retired and the rest of the family were enjoying the dance at the Odd Fellows hall the Meanest Man sneaked into the darkened lobby and stole the decorations from the Christmas tree—some of them heirlooms that the family had treasured for years.

Did he want them for next Christmas? It is anybody's guess. Perhaps he merely wanted to live up to the reputation of being the Meanest Man.

Blue Jays to Open Season January 9 Against Birkenfeld

Latest reports from the Blue Jays' basketball team are that they will open their season on January 9 with Birkenfeld as their opponent. They originally contemplated starting on Jan. 2, but owing to the holidays postponed their game one week. Teams from Jewell and St. Helens were also asking for the opening date but will probably appear later on the schedule.

No schedule has been made yet but it is expected that a full season will be enjoyed as teams from Portland and Longview have also asked for games. Much traveling is likely this year as most of the teams are demanding return games on their own floors as well as coming to Vernonia.

CCC Men Called Out to Search For Lost Worker

Hill Is Combed Without Finding Substantial Trace

Thirty CCC men, many of them from Vernonia and vicinity, were called out Wednesday to search for Harlan LeToureau, acetylene welder of Portland, who was lost in the Wilson river region since Friday morning. Twenty feet apart, they combed the hill from the point where he was last seen, at the bottom of the zig-zag on the Wilson river road on the Gales creek side. The only trace they could discover was the print of a man's foot thought to be his size, but there was no certainty of its being his.

Mr. LeToureau was on his way to repair some equipment at the old Reehers retreat. He was to have followed a teamster, Johnny Rains, up the hill, but in some way got separated from him. He was 24 years old.

Search was again made by CCC men, yesterday, but the results were not known up to time of going to press.

Logging Crews Go Back to Work After Christmas

Instead of the customary lay-off of a week or two at Christmas Clark and Wilson employes lost only a few days. They worked Saturday, and part of the crews went back to work yesterday. The rest have orders to report on Monday.

Announcement has been made that the company's Prescott mill is down until Jan. 9. This shutdown is not applying to the logging camps, which continue active.

Carmen Coupe Is Caught by Highway Slide

Road Blocked Is at Troublesome Spot

A slide at Top Hill on the Beaver Creek highway Christmas day caught the coupe of Tom Carmen, who was passing at the time, and carried it into the ditch. Aid from another motorist who escaped the slide was ineffectual, and a wrecker was sent for. The wrecker itself had difficulty in getting the Carmen car out, several men having to hold on to keep it from slipping into the mud. The coupe was embedded in the slide from four in the afternoon until eight in the evening.

The slide had been troublesome ever since the heavy rains early in the month. During the lull between storms, about two weeks ago, the highway department cleared the road. Recurrence of the heavy rains, however, started the slide again, and it gradually encroached upon the roadway. After the mishap to the Carmen car the road was blocked.

The Portland-Banks stage line maintained its service to Vernonia by detouring over the old corduroy road across Top hill.

Yesterday afternoon the road was cleared, and cars were able to get through without detouring.

Mrs. Dumas's Sister Visits Her

Miss Ruth Schreiber of Central Point and Robert Houck of Portland were Christmas visitors at the home of Miss Schreiber's sister, Mrs. Enoch Dumas. Mr. and Mrs. Dumas will attend the O. S. T. A. convention in Portland this week end and go to Oak Point, Wash., for the rest of the holidays to visit with Mrs. Dumas's parents.

Morris Graves Visits Here

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Graves and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graves was the scene of a large dinner on Christmas day with relatives and friends as guests, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Graves of Bend.

Mrs. J. T. Kirk Returns

Mrs. John T. Kirk returned Friday from Seattle where she was for three months taking care of an aged uncle.

Council Acts Upon Licenses And \$700 Fee

SPECIAL MEETING HELD MONDAY NIGHT

Mayor Calls Session to Clear Up Old Year's Business

The city council at a special meeting Monday night approved the bill of \$700 for legal services rendered by Huntington, Wilson and Huntington and Judge W. A. Harris, attorneys for the city in the bank case, and also recommended to the state liquor control commission renewal of licenses now held by beer parlor owners in the city. They are Myrtle Laver, Zelma Bush, Ada Curtis, E. H. Washburn and Nat Perdue.

The meeting was called by Mayor Ben S. Owens to pass on the bill for attorneys' fees before the amount budgeted revert to the general fund at the end of the year, and to act on the licenses in time for prompt renewal or rejection.

ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE SOCIAL MEETING JAN. 4

The Columbia County Odd Fellows association is to have a social meeting in St. Helens Jan. 4. All Odd Fellows, families and friends are invited.

A. C. KNAUSS MAKES LONG TRIP FOR HOLIDAY VISIT

A. C. Knauss made the trip from Madison, Wis., to Vernonia for a visit of a few days with his family here. He arrived Monday night and expects to leave Sunday, his work in the U. S. forest products laboratory there resuming Jan. 2. He traveled by train as far as Portland.

LODGES HOLD INSTALLATION

The Masonic and Eastern Star lodges held a joint installation in the Masonic hall last night. A more extended account will appear next week.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

SEEN AND HEARD

Claude Thomas stripping the Christmas tree in his window . . . Kenneth White thrilling over the new car he is to get . . . Joe Wangler kidding his help about needing a towing service . . . Three councilmen, the mayor and recorder tearing themselves away from their Christmas eve fire-sides to discuss city affairs . . . L. H. Dewey demolishing the bright holiday decorations to make room for dull inventory . . . Frostbitten sidewalks greeting early risers.