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## Swimming Hole In Rock Creek Is C of C Topic

### Sheeley Reports Cost To Be Approximately Four Hundred Dollars

\$400 in costs, of which \$150 will be for material and \$250 for labor, was announced by Lester Sheeley at the chamber of commerce meeting in the Masonic hall Tuesday noon as an estimate for construction of the proposed dam in Rock creek. \$62.50 has been collected by private subscription, he said. A WPA project could be applied for, he maintained.

The bank will have to be cribbed on the west side to prevent muddying the water, and also there should be bath houses, neither of which items is included in the estimate, he added.

In order to protect the bridge from debris in high water the dam will have to be 75 or 80 feet above, he explained, and it will be necessary to blast out a section of the soapstone deep enough to form a diving hole. The level of the water can be raised only about four feet because of danger of flooding gardens if the level is any higher, he declared. A fishway will have to be constructed.

Judd Greenman suggested that the state board of health be requested to test the water for typhoid bacteria before the dam is built, so that the swimming pool might not be rendered useless if condemned after being constructed. Mr. Sheeley, as spokesman for the committee, agreed to this.

### Holiday Closing Discussed

Closing of stores on Saturday, Memorial day was discussed. J. W. Nichols stated that he had been requested by the local post of the American Legion to ask the cooperation of the chamber in the matter of closing, and the prevailing opinion was that this should be done.

### FIREBRICK COMES FOR O.-A. MILL BOILER REPAIR

Two carloads of fire brick, one on Friday and the other on Monday, reached Vernonia from Mexico, Mo. They will be used in repair of the boilers at the mill. The fire brick originally used in the boilers also came from Mexico, Mo.

Mrs. Dave Marshall spent Tuesday in Portland.

Vern Dussenbery was home from Keasey Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Cobat and Ralph Cobat returned home Monday from Marcola.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Calhoun and sons Leroy and Bobbie went to the beach Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Doyle and Mrs. Lillian Washburn were Portland shoppers Saturday.

## Fire Damages House Of John Ellis: Starts in Flue

A fire that started in the flue of the John Ellis house Wednesday morning did some damage inside the house, chiefly from smoke and water. The department responded promptly, and the fire was soon extinguished.

### FALLERS & BUCKERS START IN MADIGAN OPERATIONS

Fallers and buckers in the new camp at Keasey operated by F. H. Madigan started work last Monday. It is expected that logs will be loaded next week. A crane will be used for the purpose.

## Rest of Houses Are Shipped to Camp McGregor

Twenty-eight bunk houses and one cook's car were taken to Camp McGregor Sunday in three train loads. The O.-A. main line locomotive hauled the trains as far as the sink hole near the Keasey dam, and from that point they were taken by a Shay locomotive. These houses, the last of the 62 to be built at the mill and shipped to camp, have been ready for some time, but bridge repair on the S. P. and S. made it impossible to take them until Sunday.

It is expected that bridge and track repairs will be completed at the end of the week.

The O.-A. main line train crew, consisting of Jack Heenan, conductor, Chet Alexander, engineer, Chief Campbell, fireman, Clarence Gunderson and B. Byeer, Chief Campbell, fireman, main-line tests in Portland Friday and passed.

### ARMITAGE DRUG CO. MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

The Armitage Drug Co. moved Saturday and Sunday from the Early building adjoining the post office to the Hoffman building in the same block.

While the stock has all been moved the process of getting settled is not yet complete. Mr. Armitage plans a grand opening the last of next week, when everything is expected to be in shape. Experts from the McKesson Drug Co., wholesalers, are assisting Mr. Armitage in arranging the displays.

### CARLOAD OF CHEVROLETS ARRIVES AT STATION

A carload of Chevrolets arrived over the S. P. and S. Monday for the Vernonia Auto Co.

The company has sold to R. M. Aldrich a master sedan and a sedan to Sam Hearing.

## Dist. 47 Reduces Tax in Spite of Added Costs

### Decrease in Debt and Better Tax Prospects Enable \$8,000 Saving

Despite the added cost of reconditioning and operating the Lincoln school next fall, and an average increase of ten per cent in teachers' salaries, the proposed budget for School District 47, drawn up last Saturday, calls for a tax approximately \$8,000 less than that of last year. The reduction is made possible by the paying off of about \$24,000 of the district's indebtedness, and by an estimated 90 per cent in collection of taxes.

The budget election, to be held at the time of the annual meeting, is scheduled for June 15.

The budget committee consisted of Judd Greenman, A. F. Baker, R. M. Aldrich and two directors, James Moran and Ray D. Fisher. Director Alfred Bays was absent because of illness. Estimates for the use of the committee were prepared by the superintendent, Ivan N. McCollom, and the clerk, T. C. Graves. The proposed budget appears in full in another column.

Miss Grace Condit moved from Natal to her home at Stony Point road Saturday after her school term ended.

## Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

### SEEN and HEARD . . .

Wallace McCrae and Paul Gordon discussing plans to hitch hike to Detroit and then ride back in their new cars . . . Harold McEntire, relieved of school duties, talking fishing with Emil Messing . . . Ivan McCollom busy fixing up the Bush house into which he will move . . . Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Eby pedaling their bicycles enroute to the golf links . . . Chet Alexander and his locomotive coming back for another load of bunk houses . . . Sam Hearing dashing to the Ellis fire in his new Chev. . . R. M. Aldrich walking to work because he doesn't want his shiny new car to stand out in the hot sun . . . Charles Eversaul finishing a section of new roof on his house just in time to beat the heavy shower Wednesday evening . . . Bill Armitage selling drugs in a new location . . . Shorty Kullander explaining at council meeting that his doctor prescribed plenty of pie in order to get sufficient vitamins . . . Judd Greenman raising the ante on the cost of chamber of commerce meals.

## Most Vernonia Stores To Be Closed on Memorial Day

Most of the Vernonia stores will be closed Saturday, Memorial day. Many of them will keep open Friday evening in order to accommodate customers who cannot come earlier in the day.

It is expected that the beer parlors will remain open. The state liquor store in Mac's pharmacy, however, will be closed in accordance with a provision in the Knox law.

In order to reach patrons who will do their week end shopping on Friday this issue of the Eagle is appearing one day earlier than usual.

## Plan for Joint Hiring Hall Gets Union Council O K

A plan for a joint hiring hall under the supervision of Charles H. Gram, state labor commissioner, is said to have been approved at a meeting of the Columbia river district council of lumber and sawmill workers unions at the Labor temple Sunday night, and was submitted to representatives of the Columbia Basin Loggers association. If acceptable to them, the next step, as reported, would be to submit the idea to the union membership for approval or rejection.

As far as the local situation is concerned it is understood that the union committee headed by George I. Baker has full authority to act, and whatever agreement is approved by them will be acceptable to the members.

### SPECIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A special service will be held in the First Christian church on Sunday morning next in recognition of the birthday of the church, the date commemorating the 1906th anniversary of Pentecost. The occasion will be observed by special decorations, special music, and the morning sermon will be appropriate to the occasion. The members of the church are particularly requested to dress in white to the extent that it is practical and possible. This is in commemoration of their baptism, a custom of the early church that gave rise to the term, "Whit-Sunday" (White Sunday). The public is invited.

### EXAMINER TO BE HERE THURSDAY, JUNE 4

R. J. Dooley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in the Vernonia city hall Thursday, June 4, from 11 to 5, according to a recent announcement from the secretary of state's office.

## New Occupation License Law Is Introduced

### Penalty for Failure To Pay Is Set at Fine of Fifty Dollars

A new ordinance fixing occupation licenses passed the first and second readings at an adjourned meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, and will be up for final passage at the next regular meeting.

Under the proposed ordinance licenses will be payable semi-annually, June 30 and Dec. 31. Each line of business is assessed a certain amount, varying from \$1.00 each half year for barber shops to \$25 for public utilities. Stores generally are to pay from \$5.00 to \$10.00 semi-annually; confectioneries \$4.00, groceries \$5.00 and \$7.50 according to volume of business, drug stores and hardware stores \$7.50, restaurants \$6.00, etc. General garages with or without repair shops are charged \$7.50, auto sales agencies exclusive of garages or service stations \$7.50, service stations \$5.00. Those in professional and personal vocations pay \$6.00.

Peddlers are required to pay \$10 for each day or fraction thereof, and canvassers and salesmen a similar amount, except when engaged in interstate commerce.

Penalty for violation of the ordinance is set at a fine of \$50; in addition the marshal is to have authority to seize and levy upon merchandise to be sold at public auction to pay the delinquent license and costs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesray Norris and children from Longview visited Claude Norris on Sunday.

Myrtle Layer went to Portland to undergo a major operation this week.

Mrs. Mary Lemon and daughter moved from Mt. Vernon into house 15, O.-A. hill.

### FILL OUT AAA WORK SHEET IS ADVICE FOR ALL FARMS

Filling out a work sheet in preparation for applying later for soil conserving or soil building grants is advised to farmers by County Agent Geo. A. Nelson.

The work sheet lists conditions on the farm last year and is regarded as a necessary first step in the securing of benefits.

Extension men estimate that work sheets have already been filled out by some 10,000 Oregon farmers, which is approximately the number who participated in all the crop control programs combined. Yet there remain many thousands who have not obtained these blanks from the county agent or community committeemen.