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Editorial

ANOTHER OCCUPATION LICENSE

A new ordinance establishing occupation licenses is fairly on its way through the city council, and will likely become law. It is the successor of a number of similar ordinances that have been tried a while, found unworkable, and tossed by the wayside. Whether the new measure will prove any more successful than its predecessors remains to be seen. If the experience of the past is a criterion, the reception to be accorded it will not be any too enthusiastic.

To condemn the measure wholly would be unfair, for much indeed may be said in its favor. The city needs the money, and there has been an obvious effort to determine the schedules according to ability to pay. To the merchant, however, it is just another tax, and Vernonia merchants are already badly overburdened with city taxes, to say nothing of school district taxes, road district taxes, county taxes and state taxes. An effort a while back to collect what was termed an occupation tax was abandoned in the face of the threat to appeal to the courts on the basis of the illegality of double taxation. Calling the critter by another name hasn't made the odor any sweeter.

The trouble with the occupation licenses has been that their only real purpose is that of helping out the city's finances. They give the merchant nothing that he feels that he has not already paid for. He gets no protection against competition from without or within, or anything else that he might regard as an advantage not freely accorded everybody in town. And because he pays reluctantly if at all, enforcement has been very difficult and sometimes even impossible.

When one ordinance of the kind fails, it is natural that the council should try another, readjusting some of the schedules and perhaps putting more "teeth" into the enforcing clauses. What is overlooked is the necessity of

making the proposed measure of genuine benefit to those who have to pay for it.

Some of the local merchants have from time to time appeared before the council and asked for an occupation license that will afford protection against unlicensed competition. Not all, by any means, are in this category, sometimes because they are already subject to so much competition that protection is impossible, and sometimes because local competition is unlikely. Aside from these two classes, however, there are those who would eagerly welcome an opportunity to regularly call at the city hall and put their money on the recorder's counter—if the schedules affecting them are high enough to keep out the possible competitor who would take away with him far more than the amount of the license represented. This would be a lucrative source of revenue, and there would be no trouble about collection.

What the council should do is to call a meeting of those interested in a protective occupation license, ascertain their willingness to pay an adequate amount, and throw to the winds the idea of a general occupation license. The city would then get the money, and the merchants would be satisfied.

Mrs. Albert Jensen returned to Walla Walla Tuesday taking her sister, Marian Houghtaling, who is to make her home there since graduating from high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Houghtaling and son Aichard motored to Port-

land over the week end to visit relatives.



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Miss Mildred Bergerson and Dane Brady were married Saturday. Miss Bergerson graduated from high school the day before and has lived near Vernonia all her life.

Sunday the fire whistle sounded and the fire department responded immediately when the S. P. and S. box car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Schwab was afire. The fire was extinguished without turning on the big hose. For the quick response of the firemen Mr. Schwab supplied the boys with a box of splendid smokes.

O. T. Bateman and Mr. Lindburg are spending their vacation in southern Oregon.

Mrs. Allen of the Annette Beauty shop spent the week in Falls City visiting relatives. Her two sons who have been attending school there will return with her to spend the summer in Vernonia.

Forty five high school seniors, the largest class to graduate in the history of the school, received their diplomas at the commencement exercises in the Evangelical church Friday night.

Notice of School Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 47, of Columbia County, State of Oregon, that a school meeting of the said district will be held at the Washington School on the 15th day of June, 1936, at eight o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning June 16, 1936, and ending June 14, 1937, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

BUDGET
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
Balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal school

Portland--Banks Stage Line

The Independent Line

Leaves from Vernonia Hotel for Portland via Buxton and Banks.

TELEPHONE 131

2 trips daily 7:55 a. m. and 4:55 p. m.

Arrives in Portland 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Leaves Portland from Central Stage Depot, (Park and Taylor) Daily except Sundays and Holidays.

8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Arrives in Vernonia 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundays and Holidays only—

Leaves Portland 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Call Service between Keasey and Vernonia.

ASK FOR PORTLAND-BANKS STAGE LINE

FARE: \$1.30 ONE WAY \$2.10 ROUND TRIP

CLEANING PRICES

We Clean Twice a Day Except Saturday

Men's Suits, Men's Overcoats, Ladies' Summer Coats

85c

Servicing guaranteed

LAUNDRY

We give a discount on all call laundry

Vernonia Laundry and Dry Cleaners

Phone 711

Ask your Grocer for . . .

Vernonia Bakery

BREAD

Union Made

A large variety of Hostess Cakes and Cookies

Also Home-Made Cakes and Cookies

Vernonia Bakery

year (third Monday in June) for which this budget is made	\$ 5,500.00
To be received from the County School Fund	10,000.00
To be received from the Elementary School Fund	4,000.00
To be received from the State Irreducible School Fund	1,000.00
To be received from Delinquent Taxes	3,134.49
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$23,634.49

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
I. General Control	
Personal service:	
Superintendent	\$ 1,050.00
Clerk	240.00
Compulsory education and census	110.00
Supplies	50.00
Elections and publicity	75.00
Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	200.00
Other expense of general control:	
Telephone	125.00
Misc. expense	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSE—GENERAL CONTROL	\$ 1,900.00

II. Instruction—Supervision	
Personal service:	
Superintendent	\$ 1,050.00
Principal	135.00
Stenographers and other office assistants	228.00
Supplies, principals and supervisors	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSE—SUPERVISION	\$ 1,463.00

III. Instruction—Teaching	
Personal service:	
1 @ \$1,175.00	
1 @ 1,125.00	
2 @ 1,080.00	
2 @ 1,035.00	
1 @ 1,017.00	
1 @ 990.00	
1 @ 960.00	
1 @ 954.00	
1 @ 945.00	
1 @ 891.00	
2 @ 873.00	
1 @ 855.00	
1 @ 843.75	
3 @ 810.00	\$18,156.75
Supplies	350.00
Textbooks	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE OF TEACHING	\$19,506.75

IV. Operation of Plant	
Personal service:	
Janitors and other employees	\$ 2,800.00
Janitors' supplies	300.00
Fuel	796.00
Light and power	350.00
Water	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSE OF OPERATION	\$ 4,546.00

V. Maintenance and Repairs	
Repair and maintenance of furniture and equipment	200.00
Repair and maintenance of buildings and grounds	2,500.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	2,700.00

VI. Auxiliary Agencies	
Library:	
Library books	275.00
Supplies, repairs, etc.	50.00
Health Service:	
Personal service (nurse, etc.)	45.00
Supplies and other expenses	20.00
Transportation of pupils	3,420.00
TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES	\$ 3,810.00

VII. Fixed Charges	
Insurance	800.00
Other fixed charges:	
Tuition	135.00
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$ 935.00

VIII. Capital Outlays	
New furniture, equipment and replacements	\$ 1,350.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS	\$ 1,350.00

IX. Debt Service	
Principal on bonds (include negotiable interest-bearing warrants issued under section 35-1104)	\$ 6,500.00
Interest on bonds	3,077.50
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 9,577.50

X. Emergency	1,000.00
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RECAPITULATION	
Total estimated expenses for the year	\$46,788.25
Total estimated receipts, not including proposed tax	23,634.49
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY DISTRICT TAX	\$23,153.76

INDEBTEDNESS	
Amount of bonded indebtedness (include all negotiable interest-bearing warrants issued under section 35-1104)	\$67,000.00
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	\$67,000.00

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1936.

Signed: THOMAS C. GRAVES, District Clerk

RAY D. FISHER
Chairman, Board of Directors

Approved by Budget Committee May 23, 1936.

Signed: THOMAS C. GRAVES, Secretary, Budget Committee

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