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Placing of Guides Due on Hill

Delegation from Vernonia, Banks Pleased with Result of Portland Trip

Promise of safety features to safeguard pedestrians using the Oregon-American hill east of here was given Tuesday afternoon in Portland by the Oregon State Highway Commission to a delegation of Vernonia civic workers which included J. W. Nichols, Lester Sheeley and Fred Zeiner.

With the local group was William Moore of Banks. The trip to Portland was twofold, insofar as the man from Banks and the local men were concerned. Aside from the need for the safety features on the hill, the delegation sought improvement of the 5-mile stretch between Banks and Buxton.

Favorable consideration was given the Banks-Buxton project, it was believed, and an offer to aid that piece of road was made by the commission before it used funds on the Sunset-Camp-Buxton stretch on the Wolf Creek road.

Frost Is Visitor in Locality

First Killing Blight Is Recorded in District During Current Winter Season

Vernonia and the upper valley reported the first killing frost of the current winter season when residents awoke Tuesday morning to find the ground covered with a blanket of Jack Frost's only weapon.

Up to that time many people here had been enjoying fresh vegetables from out backyard gardens and ranchers were serenely plucking tomatoes from fresh vines in their garden plots.

While there had been one or two noticeable night frosts, the damage was slight and morning fogs had eliminated the blanket before morning. However, Tuesday morning the frost hung on for two hours before a bright sun melted its glisten.

Coming out of the night which saw the thermometer drop to a degree or two below freezing was the nicest day of the entire week. The sky was clear during the entire day and shirtsleeves were back in vogue for the time.

Salomonsens Go To Svenson—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Salomonsen spent Thanksgiving Day at Svenson where they dined with Mr. Salomonsen's parents.

Solo Work Feature of Junior Event

Concert to Be Given Monday Night at Little Auditorium in Grade School

A solo concert, presented by C. R. Watts and his Junior band, is slated for Monday night at 7 o'clock in the little auditorium of the Washington grade school, an announcement this week states.

This will be the second of a five-concert series, Director Watts stated, and parents and friends of the youngsters participating are invited to attend the affair. To cover expenses of its presentation, a charge of 10 cents per person will be made at the door.

Those who attend are instructed to make their way to the auditorium via the west door of the school. Last Monday evening about 35 members of the band gathered for rehearsal and 15 visitors listened to and enjoyed the hour and a half practice. The public is always welcome to the practices, the director pointed out.

Miss Elsie Duncan will act as mistress-of-ceremonies during the evening. The program is now being formulated by the director but will not be available until the evening of the concert.

At least a dozen presentations are due in addition to an exhibition by one of the drum majors.

Legion Confab Due December 16 In Astoria

Local Post Plans Delegation at Conference; Hotel Astoria to Be Scene

The District Conference of American Legionnaires and Auxiliary members is slated December 16 at Astoria, according to an announcement received here yesterday by Commander Lincoln of Vernonia.

The business session of the conference, at which the post delegates will be present, is slated for 2:30 p. m. and will be held at the Legion hall.

In addition, a joint Legion and Auxiliary banquet is on the slate for the Hotel Astoria at 6:30. A general session, open to the public will take place following the banquet and dancing will be enjoyed.

Army Recruits To Be Sought By Officer Here

Corporal Harold B. Roberts May Be Contacted in Vernonia December 9, 10

Major H. D. Bagnall, the Army Recruiting Officer, 323 New Post Office Building, Portland announced today that Corporal Harold B. McRoberts from the Kelso Recruiting Office of the United States Army will arrive in Vernonia on December 9th for a period of two days in the interest of recruiting for the Army.

Corporal McRoberts, according to the Major's report, will be prepared to offer qualified young men an opportunity for either foreign or domestic service while in Vernonia, foreign service assignments being available in Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

Corporal McRoberts may be contacted at or in the vicinity of the post office building in Vernonia.

CHRISTMAS EVENT IS SLATED

FIRST SUBS COME IN AS EAGLE OWNERS START WORK

The first subscription to The Eagle, following the acquisition of the paper the past week by the new publishers, came from the Lions' Club at Goldendale, Washington, of which Mr. Sexton is a charter member. A check for the subscription was issued and presented to him a week ago Monday evening at a meeting held in his honor. Close on the heels of the Washington money came a subscription from Mrs. E. H. Washburn who asked that The Eagle be sent to Mrs. George Williams, Leeds hospital, Leeds, Missouri. To Mrs. Washburn, and to Mrs. Williams, goes honor and thanks this week from the new publishers for the initial encouragement lent in the first week's work.

Union to Call for Assistance

Winter Season Help to Unemployed Due for Community, Is Reported

A plan that indicates self help for its members has been advanced this week by the Vernonia local, a report by the press committee to the Eagle indicates.

Foreseeing the need for some form of relief to unfortunate members and their families, the union men have decided to meet the issue squarely, it is reported, and raise a substantial sum for help.

The official announcement given The Eagle states: "Vernonia local is attempting to furnish relief for its members out of work who are in this area and are in need. This is necessary because of the vast amount of unemployment at this time in the vicinity.

"The local has set up a commissary where its members in need can get an allotment of groceries. This puts a heavy load on the local, but we feel we will be able to continue with the help of our

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Grader Working on Streets

The city grader, manned by John Ellis, has been busy for the past several days grading streets throughout the city and smoothing the graveled surface of the side thoroughfares following the recent rains. The plan calls for grading the local streets prior to the anticipated precipitation of the winter months, a report states.

Eagle Control Is Assumed by New Publishers on Nov. 29

Publication of The Vernonia Eagle passed this week from Ray D. Fisher, who for seven years has played the local role of publisher-editor, to Marvin Kamholz and Marion Sexton, both formerly of Goldendale, Washington.

Mr. Fisher has for some time been desirous of entering a new field of business endeavor and on Armistice Day consummated the deal which saw the publication change hands. The new publishers are both young men with considerable newspaper experience.

Mr. Kamholz is a graduate of Whitman College at Walla Walla, Washington, majoring in the school in journalism and composition. Soon

Book Store Purchased By Fisher

Forest Grove Business to Be Operated by Former Vernonia Eagle Editor

Ray D. Fisher, for the past seven years publisher and editor of the Vernonia Eagle, and who recently disposed of his interests here, announced yesterday that he and Mrs. Fisher will move to Forest Grove where he has purchased the P. F. White Book store.

The business is located at 14 Main street North, next to the Paterson Furniture store.

Mr. Fisher will assume control of his new venture December 15. He consummated the deal in the neighboring city Wednesday morning.

Mr. Fisher has been desirous of obtaining a book store location for some time and the recent sale of his interests in Vernonia made the change possible.

Being comparatively close to Vernonia, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher plan to motor here occasionally to visit with their many friends and acquaintances which have been enjoyed during their residence in the locality.

Mr. Fisher may assume the control of the store prior to the moving of his family and household belongings to Forest Grove, he said, in making the announcement, but as soon as convenient, the family will be together in their new home.

Evangelical Ladies Name New Officers

Meeting Held Wednesday Afternoon in Charge of Mrs. Judd Greenman

Mrs. Alice Malmsten was named president of the Women's Missionary society of the Evangelical church Wednesday afternoon at the regular meeting of the group held at the church.

Other officers included Mrs. Judd Greenman, vice-president; Mrs. Wallace McCrae, secretary; and Mrs. Sam Hearing, treasurer.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Judd Greenman who had acted as head of the group for the past year.

Following the business session and election of officers for the ensuing year, a program was presented, under the auspices of the Deborah Circle and lunch followed, served by the Betty Brite Circle.

Howdy, Friends!

(An Editorial)

As surely as night follows day, readers of a newspaper, whether it be the country weekly or the metropolitan daily, appreciate knowing somewhat of the publishers' viewpoints and objectives.

The new publishers of the Eagle have formulated their opinions in many fields, some foreign to Vernonia, other directly affecting this community. As the time and place present themselves, we shall comment, either editorially or through the news columns, concerning these points, but for the time, at least, we shall concern the Eagle and its policies to the wellbeing and progress of Vernonia and its trade territory.

Politically, the Eagle will be content to string along as a thorough independent. We have always believed, and still do, that the United States is a great democracy for one major reason—tolerance to the other man's opinion though we may differ. With this thought at hand, we shall always support those policies or individuals who, at the time, we feel will best serve the needs of the American people, the residents of this state and the citizens of this county and community.

Any country newspaper, to best lend its influence and aid to its community, must forever pound away for the betterment of its readers and their personal wellbeing. Hence, we are sold on the future of this district and city else we would not have chosen to invest our private earnings with you, to cast our ability—if such there be—and individual time and effort into a common lot with the business and professional men and women of Vernonia.

We have had the pleasure of meeting many in Vernonia since arriving here the past week end. However, we know that there are many with

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Donations for Christmas Event Coming

Checks Received This Week By Treasurer for Group Encouraging Evidence

At least two sizeable checks were received until yesterday noon by Treasurer J. W. Nichols of the community Christmas program committee, he reported to The Eagle.

The response to the plea on the part of the committee for financial assistance in "putting over" the evening for the children has been gratifying, the committee agrees, and there now appears no reason why the program cannot be one of the best of its nature ever sponsored here by the business and professional interests, the men added.

Checks received to noon yesterday were from the National Hospital Association and from the Koster Products Co. Others were expected yesterday afternoon and today.

Children To Enjoy Program

Committee of Business Men Working to Make Evening Outstanding Here

"We're trying to arrange an outstanding program and evening for all of the children—and their parents—of Vernonia and surrounding territory," said J. W. Nichols, secretary of the Vernonia Christmas program committee, Monday following a meeting of interested business and professional men held at the Legion hall Friday evening.

The program has been tentatively set for Friday evening, December 24, and would be held in the Washington grade school gymnasium providing arrangements for the large room can be made by the committee.

The committee has been named to care for the details and is headed by Chet Dustin as chairman. Mr. Nichols is secretary-treasurer.

Other local men who have offered to assist in the arrangements were as follows:

Program committee: George Baker, chairman, and Mr. Dustin. Finance: George Baker, chairman, Mr. Dustin and Mr. Nichols. Dance: Bill Bassett, chairman, Mr. Nichols, E. S. Thompson, Hale Bankston and H. W. Cameron. Treats: Harry Culbertson, chairman, Mr. Howell, Mr. Bankston, George Johnson and Bob Tomlin. Solicitation: Mr. Bankston, chairman, and Mr. Nichols.

Financing of the program was (Continued on page 12.)

Tom Bateman Involved in Auto Accident

Wedding Trip Marred by Serious Wreck Near Idaho Falls, Report Indicates

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bateman were the principals in what might have been a fatal accident near Idaho Falls, Idaho, a week ago Monday during their wedding trip.

The report reaching here shows that the Batemans were struck head-on by an oncoming car when the second driver pulled around a state gravel truck in an attempt to pass on the crest of a hill.

The Bateman car was reported as nearly demolished. Mrs. Bateman suffered slight cuts and bruises in the impact. Mr. Bateman was uninjured.

The local people were enjoying a wedding trip at the time. A new car was purchased following the accident and they continued on to their destination. The car was insured, it was said.

Mr. and Mrs. Bateman are due in Vernonia tomorrow, their friends say. He is chief clerk in the local post office.

Eagle Card Party—The Fraternal Order of Eagles will hold the first of a series of card parties tonight in its hall over Turk's cafe. Prizes will be awarded in both pinochle and "500". Refreshments will be served following the evening's play. The public is invited.

Condit Building Plans—E. H. Condit, superintendent of the Washington grade school, is constructing a new home a short distance north of town on the Mist highway. Construction is forging ahead at a rapid pace, reports this week indicated.