

# Vernonia Eagle

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## Chamber Group Goes On Record Favoring House, Street Markers

Election of Officers Slated for Next Meeting November 8; Letter to Be Sent Complimenting Work of State Patrolman Here

Over fifty persons were in attendance Tuesday evening for the first Chamber of Commerce meeting held in several months locally to hear business of the evening transacted and see talking pictures presented by the Investor's Syndicate through Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Austin of St. Helens.

The picture program was entitled "The Blind Spot of Science" dealing with an explanation of means of saving and managing money, a phase of instruction given little consideration in present day school systems.

Immediately following the evening dinner visitors were introduced by President Lyman Hawken to include Edison Ballagh of St. Helens, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Wheeler, who have just recently established residence here.

Secretary J. W. Nichols was called to the floor for reports of attendance at a meeting of the County Court and a meeting with WPA officials a month ago when an attempt was made to have the Rainier-Apiary Pittsburg and Scappoose-Vernonia roads designated as county property in order to secure WPA funds.

The appointment of a Christmas entertainment committee was made naming Mrs. Floy K. Hammack, L. H. Dewey and Red Raines to act in completing plans for the celebration this year.

A second committee composed of Wallace McCrae and J. W. Nichols was given authority to proceed in organizing a teachers' reception for the Washington grade school auditorium, October 26. Remaining business of the evening included a motion picture placing the Chamber on record favoring the numbering of houses in Riverview and the numbering and naming of streets in the city.

An announcement made known the need for election of officers to serve during the 1939 year and the time set for election as November 8.

## Public Library Gets List of Fiction Books

Readers Have Greater Choice of Material, Said This Week

A list of nine new books has been added to material available to readers using the Vernonia Public Library it was announced this week by Mrs. Lee Engen, librarian. Two of the new selections especially interesting are "Rebecca" and "My Sister Eileen."

"Rebecca" by Daphne DuMaurier is the story of Manderly an ancient English country estate, its master and his second wife. The book's central character is that of Rebecca, the first wife, dead before the story opens yet whose memory exerts a powerful and sinister influence on the lives of all those who know her and even more so on the life of the frightened young second wife to whom she is but a name. It is an exceptionally well-written novel.

"My Sister Eileen" by Ruth McKenney is a study in contrast to "Rebecca." It is the hilarious adventures of Ruth and Eileen McKenney from the days of childhood, Easter eggs, silent movies and Mr. Valentino, to budding maturity, newspaper reporting and an apartment in Greenwich Village. The novel first appeared serially in the New Yorker. It is witty and well-written.

Other new books purchased are: "Raiders of Spanish Peaks" by Zane Grey; "The Joyful Delaneys" by Hugh Walpole; "Mr. Despondency's Daughter" by Anne Parrish; "A. Hall & Co." by Joseph C. Lincoln; "Tomorrow's Promise" by Temple Bailey; "Hotel Hostess" by Faith Baldwin; and "Wildhorse Valley" by W. C. Tuttle.

### Kitchen Transformed—

Mrs. Alice Estey has transformed her kitchen into a dining room, parlor and drawing room through work done by a painter at her home.

## MOTORCYCLE BOYS MAKE TOURS FOR SUMMER ACTIVITY

When someone writes the book "The Motorcycle Boys in Vernonia" it should be good. At least the growing number of hill levelers have been burning gasoline on a number of tours during the past summer.

Some of the iron-horse tamers who have enjoyed several excursions and who expect to greet a new year of traveling as an organized group are: Jack Adams, Paul Adams, Walter Larsen, Howard Seger, Wesley Pace, Marvin Myers, Milo John and Perry McGee.

Trips taken by the riders have included one to Long Beach, Washington and a hill climb in Portland, both sponsored by the Rose City motorcycle club; a jaunt to Florence, sponsored by the Eugene motorcycle club and several trips through the initiative of the local group.

## Organization, History Given Group of Boys

Officer Gives Dope on State Set-up to High School

A lecture to boys of the Vernonia High School Monday by State Police Officer Jones of St. Helens revealed the history and organization of the Oregon State Police Force and some of the features in which it differs from the police of other states.

In his lecture it was said that Oregon is one of sixteen states having state police under an organization such as this one. In this dominion officials act both as a means of criminal control as well as traffic regulators as is the case in most other states. Oregon is the only state west of New Mexico having this arrangement where patrolmen serve a two-fold purpose.

### Examinations Announced—

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions of multith operator and for Deputy United States Game Management Agent. Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service board of examiners at the post office in any city which has a post office of the first or second class.

### Leaves for Portland—

Lester Kerns, formerly employed with the Nehalem Dairy Company left Tuesday for Portland where he is to seek employment in the future.

## Schools Not To Close Is Decision

School Board Meets to Decide on Problem of Scarlet Fever

A meeting of the Vernonia grade school board was held Friday evening to determine the advisability of closing local schools because of the prevalence of scarlet fever in the community. Miss Nettie Alley, County Health Nurse, Dr. R. D. Eby, local health officer and interested citizens of Vernonia were present to express opinions and further along that line contact was made with Dr. Ed Bostrom, State Health Officer.

The decision was made to continue holding classes for by closing, control, supervision and checking facilities would become useless and it would be practically impossible to contact children contracting the disease.

As the school board was informed by health officials if the schools were closed every other meeting and gathering in the town would have to be cancelled which would paralyze the city. Considering these recommendations it was the board's decision to continue school but at the same time seek further cooperation if parents in keeping their children at home when any scarlet fever symptoms appear and to inform any one of the health officials of the approach if the malady.

The practice of making a physical inspection each morning is to be continued and all suspicious cases returned to their parents where quarantine will be placed if effect is deemed necessary. No new cases have been reported locally since last Wednesday.

## NO SMOKING GAME PAST HALF MARK AT O.A. OFFICE

It's a wait and worry battle as Fred R. Olin, President of the Oregon-American and Connie L. Anderson, Mill Superintendent tear down the home stretch in their "no smoking during October" wager.

Both contestants are still adhering to the rules not to smoke during the month even though matches have almost been touched to cigarettes at one time or another.

It may be that one contestant or the other will "forgetfully" strike a match and just "accidentally" light up before the allotted time is over.

If the day is dark on November first chances are it won't be due to an eclipse. It will be just a heavy pall of smoke.

## Fire Ruins Upper Part of Hatton Home

Alarm Turned in Monday Night at 12:30; Cause Unknown

An alarm, turned in by Jack Lindsey, last Monday night brought out members of the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department for action in controlling a blaze in what is known locally as the Hatton house.

The fire of undetermined origin started in the upper story of the two-story building and before being brought under control had completely ruined that portion of the building.

The extent of the damage was placed at approximately a thousand dollars by insurance inspectors.

The State Banking Department was named as legal owner although Lester Sheley who had made a purchase plans.

## Council Passes On Ordinance; Okeys Repairs

New Fence Due for Golf Course Under City Ownership

The second regularly-scheduled meeting of the city council, Monday evening, brought three readings of the ordinance giving notice of the collection of assessments levied for the improvement of streets located in district 13. The ordinance was given three readings, the first and last in full and the second by name only.

A request for permit to improve was granted Mrs. Gladys Dial, proprietor of the Squeeze Inn. An addition is to be made giving more kitchen room to the establishment with less danger of fire.

Other business of the evening included a motion authorizing purchase of fence wire for the golf course for the construction of a new fence following a requirement of the highway department necessitating more space for roadway and the decision to write headquarters of the state police force complimenting work of the local representative.

### Attend Meeting—

Ed Salomonsen, Bill Bond and Oscar Kaphammer were in Portland Tuesday to be in attendance at a Chevrolet Sales and Service meeting held there for employees of Chevrolet agencies throughout the district dependent on Portland as their headquarters.

## UNUSUAL POTATO DISPLAYED BY H. VANBLARICOM

A potato, really nine-in-one, was dug from a field owned by Hiram VanBlaricom the first of the week.

The unusual tuber was comprised of nine different medium sized potatoes, all joined together to make the large display. One measurement of length came to 12 inches and the other to a total of 10 1/2 inches.

The article is on display at the Museum Barber Shop.

## State Officer Names Arrests For Violation

Illegal Hunting Rates Highest Number of Offenders.

Through activities during the past week's time five names were added to the list of arrests for violation in Vernonia and the community surrounding it, was announced to The Eagle by State Patrol Officers.

Four of the arrests came through violations relative to the hunting laws or failure to be properly licensed for possession of a gun.

The remaining offense came under the heading of traffic, a fine being drawn by Roy Reynolds for excessive speed with a truck.

A fine of \$100 and costs was drawn by Vincent Monaco for lack of a gun license. Lee Miller, Archie Green and Willis Johnson received penalties for the possession of illegal venison and were metered fines by Judge Hill.

Approximately 20 arrests have been made since establishment of a representative of the Oregon State Patrol.

## First Showing To Be Made Of New Cars

Saturday, October 22 Set As Date for Public Inspection

First showing of the new 1939 Chevrolet will be made Saturday, in the showroom of the Vernonia Auto Company in conjunction with the initial nationwide display of this popular low priced car.

In commenting upon the 1939 Chevrolet sales slogan which reads "Only Chevrolet Gives So Much For So Little," Mr. Ed Salomonsen, president of the Vernonia Auto Company remarked, "Car buyers everywhere are going to get a real surprise when they see this new Chevrolet. Chevrolet is offering an almost unbelievable value—a bigger car and the most beautiful low priced car ever designed.

"We cordially invite everybody in Vernonia and vicinity to come and see this remarkable new Chevrolet. From every desirable motor car quality, including beauty, performance, economy of operation and safety, the careful automobile buyers will find that this car is entirely to his liking," concluded Mr. Salomonsen.

The Vernonia Auto Company's showroom, specially decorated for their Announcement Day showing, will be open Saturday from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m.

### Steel Injures Eye—

Flying pieces of steel which pierced close beneath his left eye just missed causing serious injury Monday to Frank P. McCabe, O.-A. gang Sawyer. He was sent to Portland for examination which disclosed no pieces had struck the eyeball. Stitches were taken and McCabe was able to return to work the following day. The men were tightening saws before starting time when a key shattered under a hammer blow causing the accident.

## Reception Due Here for Teachers

New Instructors to Be Honored October 26; Rex Putnam to Speak

The date of October 26 was formally announced this week through Chamber of Commerce officials to be set for a reception of teachers active in Vernonia schools.

It is the intention this year to hold a program for the same evening and in connection with the reception. Rex Putnam, State Superintendent of Schools, has been contacted and will be available at that time to deliver an address.

The Washington grade school gymnasium will house the evening affair.

## Seaside to Be Point for New Agency, Said

Local Laundry Extends Field of Service to Customers

As an extension of service to customers and to increase the field, for orders the Vernonia Laundry has established a service to be announced this week. The service, was established last Saturday with L. W. Baker to be the Seaside representative.

He will take orders and ship them to Vernonia where the work will be done and returned. It will be possible to give one day service on much of the laundry.

The establishment of a dry cleaning plant is intended within a few months should the present reception prove favorable.

## Sheep Shipped From Summer Pasture Sat.

H. E. Rooper Sends Rest Of Flock to Madras for Winter

The remainder of the band of sheep owned by H. E. Rooper has been shipped it was announced by S. P. & S. officials Saturday when 18 cars of the wool bearing animals were transported from here. The entire band had enjoyed summer pasture on the land above Keasey, the grass growing there being considered better in weight-producing qualities than that of the Cascade range.

The shipment Saturday comprises the remainder of the Rooper flocks, another trainload having been transported east of the mountains several weeks ago.

Eighteen cars were necessary for the band numbering 2315. They were destined for Madras.

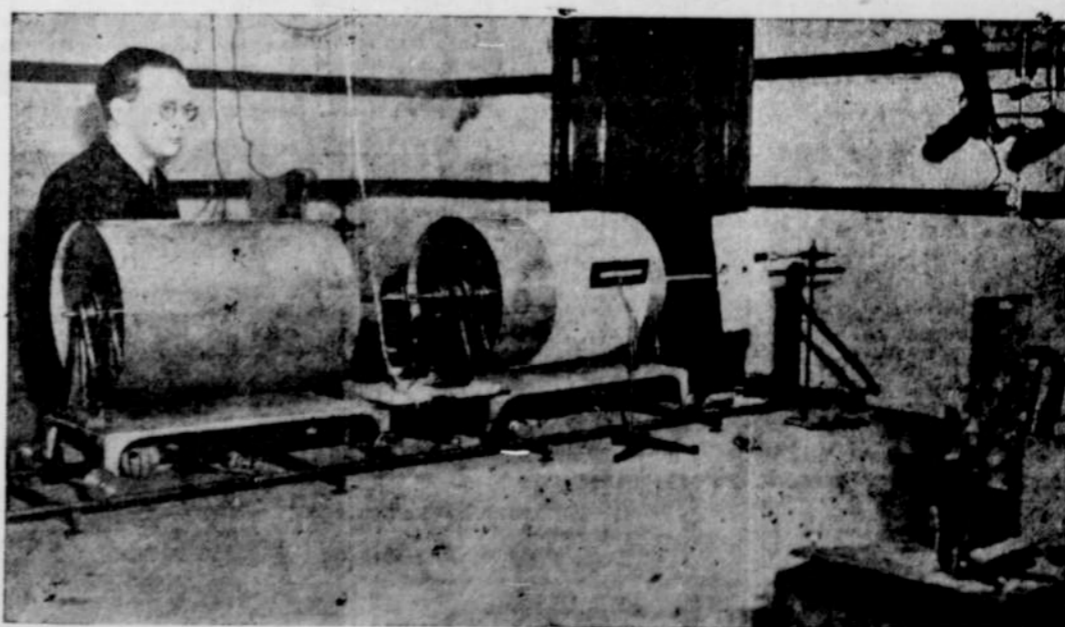
## Club Leaders Of 4-H Work Will Convene

Grade School at Scappoose Chosen for Saturday, October 29

The next quarterly meeting of the Columbia County 4-H Club Leaders' Association will be held at the grade school at Scappoose in the Music Room on Saturday, October 29, between the hours of 9:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon," states Mrs. Earl Ramey, president of the association.

An interesting program is being worked out for this meeting that will emphasize the work of those clubs starting their work at this time of the year, and especially (Continued on page 12.)

## First Oregon Seismograph



OREGON STATE COLLEGE—No longer will earth tremors here or in surrounding states go unrecorded and unshared since the building and installation here of the first seismograph in the state of Oregon. Long a dream and "spare-time project" of the physics department of the school of science, the seismograph has finally been put into operation, thanks to the early work of H. R. Vinyard, instructor in physics, and the later work of W. H. Moore and Miss Chung Kwai Lui, graduate assistants. A seismograph works on the principle of having a fine beam of light focused on sensitized photographic paper mounted on moving drums. The drums shown in the picture with Moore record the horizontal earth movements, both east and west and north and south. The entire apparatus, except the light source, is mounted on a concrete block sunk in the earth and entirely separated from the building itself.