

# EAGLE EDITORIALS

## Projects of Chamber of Commerce Show Advancement or Completion Through Year--

THAT TIME of the year is drawing near when local men named to fill official positions of the Chamber of Commerce will have served their allotted terms and will retire from office unless elected to serve another term. That election will be due within a few weeks time but that is not the purpose of this article for it behoves us to give at least a partial resume of some of the accomplishments evident in 1938.

In some instances the chamber is entirely responsible for the completion of a particular project and in others the group has worked through its committees, with other organizations in the community. Regardless of the plan of action it can be said that considerable progress has derived and that a share of it does belong to the Chamber of Commerce.

Perhaps heading the list of activities comes a program advanced at the first meeting of the year presided over by Lyman Hawken, newly elected president. Mr. Hawken felt that the assistance of a civic group was necessary in furthering what advancement had already been made towards a resettlement of vacant land in the Upper Nehalem Valley. The appointment of an agricultural committee included Cass Bergerson, Marion Sexton, Mr. Workman and T. B. Mills. A few will probably say that no gain has evidenced the committee's work. Along that line however, it may be said that quite a number of new names have been heard of people coming here to settle from "dust bowl" states and from farms not proving profitable. And, too, it might be added, correspondence comes almost daily to the secretary requesting information as to land possibilities here.

It would be impossible to state exactly the gain along those lines but judging by interest shown an advance has been made, else the numerous requests would not be forthcoming.

Still another program which has received favorable comment and which has been active for community good even to the showing of tangible results is that of the road and highway program. A new bridge has been constructed at Riverview, safety posts were erected on the highway leading past the Oregon-American hill to Riverview, a yellow center-

line came into existence between Mist and Buxton through Vernonia and the roads and highways committee has cooperated with the Columbia County Court in an expression of opinion favoring the completion of both the Rainier-Apiary-Pittsburg and the Scappoose Camp 8-Vernonia roads.

In one of these instances full credit for completion can be placed with the chamber. That is the center-line from Mist to Buxton, for only through communications from the local body to state highway officials was the matter brought persuasively to their attention.

Another safety feature for which cooperation of the chamber was given is that of safety posts separating the highway and walk leading around the O.-A. hill.

Only last week a repair crew of the highway department began repairs of the other mile bridge located close to Treharne on the Beaver creek road. At this time the bridge has not been fully repaired but is under consideration of removal with the installation of a new crossing to be made. A request for some such action has been made and is now a matter of record with the chamber since early in the year.

Perhaps of more enjoyment to local residents than any other program for which the group is on record has been the city park of which the chamber has tendered its assistance whenever possible. Working with the City Park Board under the direction of L. H. Dewey, a program of softball during summer months proved successful to the degree that recreational facilities were offered an unusually large nightly attendance of local persons and visitors. With these facilities were also offered a swimming pool which brought enjoyment to many for the entire summer. And it can be said of the pool that seldom does a town of this size have such a civic improvement to offer.

To complete the list of projects and programs we will mention a few, not so far-reaching perhaps, but nevertheless beneficial. A clean-up day was held sponsored jointly by the chamber and the Vernonia study club, a tour was made of a portion of the Wolf creek highway as far as the Quartz creek bridge and programs of entertainment for members were a feature of every evening session.

### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE—

PROBABLY THERE are few people in Vernonia now that will remember many details of a celebration of yesteryear but Vernonia did have one a little over 16 years ago, September 9, 1922 to be exact. And the people here at that time had a good reason for celebrating, too.

The names of several prominent people are in evidence on the program printed for the affair including a former Portland mayor, George L. Baker, Senator W. G. Hare of Washington and Columbia counties, Judge Cornelius of Clatsop county and Judge Carey of Portland.

Program for the affair and its purpose are given below:

VERNONIA DAY  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1922  
CELEBRATING

The completion of the new P. A. & P. Railroad into Vernonia and the coming to Oregon of the Central Coal & Coke Capital from Kansas City.—The big mill being built at Vernonia.

#### PROGRAM

Band Concerts and Auto Parking all morning. Excursion Train from Portland and way points stops for 30 minutes at Beaver Logging Co. for Tree Falling Contest.

Train arrives in Vernonia at 11:30 a. m. Headed by Band march to Vernonia Hall; Banquet to Honor Guests.

#### PROGRAM AT CITY PARK

Band Music 1:30 p. m.  
Invocation—Rev. Heverling of Vernonia.

## Vernonia Eagle

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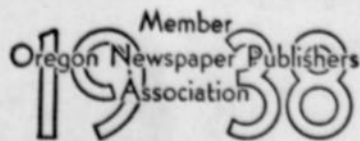
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65 or over, who has resided in Oregon for seven of the last nine years can qualify regardless of his or her need for the pension. But every cent of the money must be spent each month which brings up one final problem. How will it be possible for the state to

determine this fact without systematic checks of private accounts of every person. This check will allow an official to familiarize himself with the business of every pensioner not to mention the need of a complicated setup of jobs to administer the law.

## The Forum

To the Editor of The Eagle—A warning that the transactions tax advocated by ension plan supporters is in reality a multiple sales tax was sounded before the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce by F. H. Young of Portland, manager of Oregon Business and Investors, Inc. He stated that the question was not one of approving or disapproving pensions, but only the effect of the 2 per cent. transactions tax on business. Many people are under the impression that the transactions tax affects only large transactions, Mr. Young said, and that it affects all sales made.

Very true; but we need a tax that will tax all leaseholdings and money loans, to help balance the budget for old age pensions. The transactions tax will catch them, the sales tax will not.

The appearance of the truth is that 50 per cent. of the business of our government is leaseholdings and money loans. Therefore, tax them, and the tax on sales would be only one half by so doing, to balance the budget for the old age pension. Do Mr. Young, and others believe in equal taxation on all value in support of our government? If so, then I maintain that they are good American citizens—and vice versa.

Yes, all sales are transactions but all transactions are not sales. Let us use our own mind, and not be foolish. I have dealt with large firms in Portland, and for cash payment their rule was, "Gladly give 10 per cent. off." So why object to a 2 per cent. tax, to balance the budget?

Albert Wood.

## Eagle Items Of Past Years

### FIVE YEARS AGO—

Koster Products Company have finished logging east of the SP & S line up Rock creek and have moved their equipment to the west side. Logs will be loaded directly on the line.

The City of Vernonia suit for recovery of a \$2,000 security bond of H. E. McGraw, former city treasurer, against the National Security Company will be heard this week.

### TEN YEARS AGO—

A new maple floor has been installed on the skating rink in the old Stankey woodworking shop.

The Mist-Clatskanie market road opened this week. The road eliminates the steep Mist hill road by a series of gradual grades.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cleveland formally opened the St. Denis hotel in Vernonia at the corner of Columbia street and Rose avenue.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—

Lane and Company have disposed of their paint business to G. C. Mellinger and are using the additional space for their grocery store.

The conference board of trustees has approved plans of the new church.

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## A Rift in the Clouds



A total of twenty-five motor vehicle traffic deaths in September in Oregon shows a decline of ten fatalities as compared with the same month a year ago, and a net reduction of twenty-seven lives for the first ten months of 1938 over 1937, Earl Snell, Secretary of State reported this week.

Accidents in which only one car was involved claimed the largest number of these deaths, while collisions with other cars or pedestrians ranked second and third. Secretary Snell's campaign against pedestrian accidents is showing results in that only 16 per cent of a total of 101 traffic fatalities in the past three months were pedestrians. Last year pedestrian fatalities topped all other types of accidents and claimed 34 per cent of all traffic deaths.

The necessity of vigilant driving particularly at night is shown by the fact that over sixty per cent

of those persons killed in September resulted from accidents occurring after nightfall. Poor visibility resulting from weather conditions, glaring headlights, and the darker clothing worn by pedestrians in the fall season are conditions every motorist should particularly guard against, warned Secretary of State Earl Snell.



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(Fraternal Order of Eagles)



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8 o'clock

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Vernonia, Oregon



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Fourth Mondays Each  
Month.

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Vernonia, Oregon

Meetings:—I. O. O. F. Hall  
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Each Month

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Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.



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Eurma Hartwick, W. M.  
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A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple, Stated Communication First Thursday of each month. Special called meetings on all other Thursday nights, 7:30 p. m. Visitors most cordially welcome.

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