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Putnam Talk Heard at Reception

State Superintendent Addresses Teachers and Visitors

Through sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce parents of school children and friends of the school were present Wednesday evening at a reception given in honor of teachers in the Vernonia school system and to hear a speech delivered by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam.

The reception and program scheduled for eight o'clock was held in the Washington grade school auditorium.

The program of the evening included musical numbers by the Watts Band, introduction of teachers both from the Vernonia schools and schools located outside the city and the final event of the evening, the address by Mr. Putnam.

J. W. Nichols acted as master of ceremonies for the evening, introducing Lyman Hawken, Chamber of Commerce President, Wallace McCrae, high school principal, Ed Condit, grade school principal and Ed Sehorn, principal of the Pleasant Hill school.

Dorothy Myers Named to Place at Conference

High School Conference Places Local Girl in Office, Reported

Dorothy Myers, editor of Vernonia High School's Timberline, was elected vice-president of the 14th annual High School Press Association conference. James Thayer, Carlton, was elected president and Audrey Hoffenden, Lincoln High of Portland, was elected secretary.

Delegates from high schools from all over the state of Oregon met on the University of Oregon campus at Eugene Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22. The delegates from Vernonia were Elizabeth Schalklock, Jean Vaughan and Dorothy Myers.

Talks were given by different members of the University faculty and the Oregon Emerald staff on the betterment of high school papers. Discussions were held in which each high school presented their own particular problems and also offered solutions to other problems.

A banquet was given Friday evening at which all delegates of the Press Association were present.

The conference ended Saturday morning after the announcement and presentation of the cup to the various winning schools.

Boeck Corner Scene of Car Crack-up

Rib Injury Suffered by One Occupant of Wrecked Machine

The Boeck corner approximately two and one-half miles from town was the scene of an accident last Saturday when a car owned by Pete Wiederkehr failed to complete the turn and was considerably smashed upon leaving the road.

One of the automobile's three occupants received serious injury. Hamp Roberson, jr., who suffered rib injuries from the affair. The remaining occupant was Art Nanson.

The machine, a 1938 model Buick was brought by wrecker to the Crawford Motor Company that evening and was taken to Portland Monday morning for repairs.

Candidate Stops Here On Tour

Statement Made of Stand on Power Distribution; Contacts Made

"I think the matter of public ownership in the distribution of power is preeminently a practical question to be decided by the people themselves. This is the democratic way and one which I fully approve of. In Salem, I supported and worked hard for municipal ownership of our water system and that is proving a real success."

With these words Charles A. Sprague, Republican candidate for governor began the text of an interview Wednesday afternoon to The Eagle during the time he was a visitor in Vernonia.

Continuing with his idea of a satisfactory power set-up he said, "one thing that is necessary in this state is the revision of the public utility district law to permit districts to issue revenue bonds and to make contributions in lieu of taxes. I have talked with the leaders in the movement for public ownership and assured them that I will give support to the practical revision of this law."

"I do not favor construction of duplicate plants because that is uneconomical. Neither do I want confiscation of the property of the private companies. I believe that when communities decide to go into public ownership they should, preferably by negotiation, acquire the existing facilities at a fair price. In that way, I believe the change can be made with a minimum of upheaval."

"As governor, I would give a fair deal in the administration of laws respecting the utility business."

Sprague, accompanied by his traveling companion, James Nutter, stopped at the bank building for the chance to meet a group of thirty men gathered there and then continued to the Washington grade school where he delivered a short talk to students of both the grade and high school. His remaining stop was at the Oregon-American mill where he toured the plant, meeting the men employed there.

The trip was made here from Forest Grove and was to be continued on to Astoria where the candidate will participate in a political rally. On his campaign he is appealing for support of democrats as well as republicans for his program of "sound, orderly, economic and courteous government representative of all the people and not subservient to minority groups."

Further in his interview he reiterated his stand against industrial lawlessness either on the part of employers or workers.

Audiences to Hear Special Services

Sermons Due Sunday and Wednesday Evenings to November 16

Beginning a series of special services Reverend Livingstone of the Christian Church announced, this week, a program that should be of interest to all his listeners. The sermons will be delivered one on Sunday and one on Wednesday of each week until November 16.

The first special service is due for October 30 entitled "The Bible and Spiritualism" to be followed Wednesday by "Frauds of Occultism Demonstrated." Tickets will be distributed for the Sunday sermon and holders will be given reserved seats on Wednesday. The remaining sermons will be entitled, "The Open Window in Vernonia," November 6; "The Dictator in the Home," November 9; "The Mass Funeral of 108 People," November 13 and "The Truth and Error in Divine Healing," November 16.

TURKEY SHOOT SCHEDULED BY LEGIONNAIRES

Progress has developed during the past week towards the presentation November 13, Sunday, of a turkey shoot for both trap and rifle enthusiasts.

The shoot, sponsored by the American Legion, is to be held at the Andy Parker farm in Riverview will give competitors a chance at turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese, numbers of all four birds having been obtained for prizes. Fifty-five turkeys are in the hands of committeemen at the present time with a prospect for many more.

The shoot is planned at this time to offer local gun enthusiasts a chance to provide for their holiday dinner.

Local Writer Gets Mention in Wild West

Weekly Magazine Uses Work of McDonald in Issue of October 29

The publication, "Wild West Weekly" made announcement this week of acceptance of a contribution of Pete McDonald of Keasey route. The article to appear in the issue dated October 29th, 1938.

The article is to appear in the Wrangler's Corner department of the magazine, the policy of the publication being to encourage amateur writers everywhere to submit short stories up to 500 words and poems up to 20 lines for which payment is made at their regular rate.

Competition for a position in the corner is severe as a large number of contributions are received from all parts of the country. When a it means quite a distinction for it means quite a distinction for amateur writers although the competition is open only to them. McDonald's composition is entitled "I'll Take the West."

Good Crowd Reported—

Representatives of Braley and Graham, Buick Dealers of Portland, L. D. Sperber and Otto Kastlahn reported this week a good representation present to see the company display of used cars in Vernonia. The display held at the old Thomas Garage building was continued to this Saturday from original plans to remain only until Wednesday. Sperber and Kastlahn have been in Vernonia several times for other used car sales scheduled here by the Portland distributor.

Hill Military Teacher—

Bert F. Mills, Vernonia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills of Riverview, is the newly appointed junior high school teacher at Hill Military academy. He graduated from Monmouth Normal school in 1937 and taught last year at Wallowa.

Plays in Band—

Charles McGraw, formerly of Vernonia and a high school graduate of last year is continuing with his band work at Pacific University where he is enrolled. He is a member of the band at that school.

Spinning Wheel Composed of Various Varieties Of Odd Woods; Rabbit Wool Used in Sweaters

A spinning wheel was on display for a short time last week at the Vernonia post office which featured in its construction the use of ten different kinds of wood. The machine was manufactured by Emil Messing and is being used at the present time by Mrs. C. R. Watts to make yarn from the wool of Angora rabbits. When the wool has been spun it is to be knitted into a sweater according to Mrs. Watts.

The wheel of the machine alone contains six of the different varieties of wood. For the spokes, yew was used with the hub being constructed of Bird's eye maple. Male and female species of the yew was used in alternate spokes. The rim was made of fir overlaid with walnut and inlaid with mahogany and holly.

Quitted maple composed the body and legs and the flyer with spanish cedar being an additional brand of wood for the flyer. The tightener was made of apple and the treadle and pitman of walnut, gum and teak.

Children's Christmas Tree Plans Considered by Committee Group

VFW Starts Post Here on October 29

Smith-Christensen to Be Name; Mass Meeting Due for Gymnasium

Through an election Monday of this week officers were named to lead when a post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is officially placed on record for Vernonia. The meeting held early this week named to official capacity Howard Reher, commander; E. H. Washburn, sr., vice-commander; Frank E. Taylor, jr., vice-commander; John Grady, quartermaster; Guy Tiffney, chaplain; and Albert M. Schmidlin, post advocate.

The post has been named in honor of men who lost their lives during the World War, Smith and Christensen.

Installation of officers at the mass meeting Saturday evening will be state officials of the VFW assisted by officers of the Westport post. The affair is scheduled for the Washington grade school auditorium at 8 o'clock and everyone is welcome during the evening it was announced.

Previous to the veteran mass meeting a parade will probably be scheduled for which two bands have been obtained, one the Seaside City band and the other the Department of Oregon Cootie band of the Military Order of Cooties, the fun order of the VFW.

A large crowd of visitors from other posts is expected for the evening to be present from posts at Clatskanie, St. Helens, Astoria, Portland and Garibaldi and two squads in uniform from Portland Police posts.

Fathers, Sons To Banquet on November 4th

Annual Affair to Be Held at Evangelical Church, Announced

Coming at 6:30 in the evening of Friday, November 4, fathers and sons of Vernonia are invited to attend what has come to be an annual affair of the Evangelical church, the fathers and sons banquet.

A program has been arranged in keeping with the evening, it was announced, and will feature both music, special for the occasion and Dr. P. O. Riley, an assistant to Secretary of State, Earl Snell. Dr. Riley comes with high recommendations for his speaking ability.

All men and boys are extended invitations to the affair by church authorities in charge but has also been mentioned that not necessarily must the attendants be father and son. Tickets are available for the affair it was announced.

Grady Resigns Place on Ballot For Election

Action Comes Through Stress of Work, Lack of Time

J. J. Grady, recently nominated to a place on the city ballot for the November 8 election resigned from the position it was announced the forepart of this week.

No definite reason was given by Grady except possibly a stress of business affairs making the time necessary for the councilmanic position almost an impossible donation. The resignation was made the latter part of last week.

The choice of councilmen will be made November 8 at the same time as the county and state officials are named by ballot.

Two Fires in Week Destroy Property Here

White Home, Tavern Are Victims; Cause Not Known

Two fires, both within a short distance of Vernonia, brought complete destruction to two pieces of property within less than one week's time. The first destruction came last Thursday evening when the Kenneth White home was destroyed by a blaze thought to have started about 11:15 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. White had nearly completed moving their household furniture into the building, the home they have been constructing during the summer and were spending their second evening there. The estimated loss to furniture and building both was placed at \$4,000 of which the furniture was partly covered by insurance. The family had retired for the evening and were unaware of the forces of destruction until warned by passers-by. Only a fraction of the furniture was removed from the structure and saved. Its cause was undetermined.

The second destructive force occurred early Wednesday morning when fire was discovered at Ann's Tavern located approximately three miles from Vernonia on the Mist highway. As was the case with the White fire, no definite cause could be given but it was thought that a flue may have been the point of origin.

Jess Heard, operator of the tavern, was asleep in an upper room and barely escaped with his life when finally awakened. The loss was a large amount in excess of the insurance carried against fire, \$1180 in currency was in the building at the time and that amount was a complete loss, it was stated.

Plans for provisions for one thousand children at the least and the means of financing the purchase of Christmas candies and nuts was the worry of a committee composed of representatives of various social, religious, civic and industrial organizations of Vernonia last Friday evening when the group was called to meet at the offices of the Oregon Gas and Electric company.

The only basis by which the group could make their plans was the proportion of the community Christmas of last year at which time approximately a thousand children were in attendance.

Following the election of a chairman and secretary to conduct that and future meetings it was decided to appropriate the dance formerly planned by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Union for the night of October 29th and to attempt to raise funds from that evening. At this time the dance plans have been made and practically all details considered by a committee composed of the following individuals: George Baker, chairman and Sam Hearing, Clare Jarvis, Hale Bankson and Myrtle Layer. Tickets have already been printed and available for this cause.

Chet Dustin was unanimously named to position of chairman by the secretary, authorized by the group to cast the unanimous ballot. J. W. Nichols acted as secretary of the group for the past year and was again given the work for this year.

Funds derived from the dance will not be sufficient for necessary purchases so that another decision of the group was to contact firms donating funds last year and seek their aid again. George Baker was selected as contact man and was to choose his own committee for aid in soliciting.

To provide a program for the evening the names of Ed Condit and Reverend H. R. Scheuerman were placed on a committee to act upon an appropriate entertainment in addition to the distribution of treats to children. As a means of determining to a degree the number of children to be expected, Condit was appointed to ascertain from school figures of enrollment some basis of the number of bags necessary. Requirements of last year called for approximately 800 pounds of candy and nuts it was said.

Organizations that have been invited to participate in the arrangements include: Masonic lodge, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, Knights of Pythias, Eagles, Catholic church, Evangelical church, Christian church, high school, grade school, A. F. of L., C. I. O., Grange, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Rainbow Girls, the Mist Sunday School and the Timber church. The last two named did not participate last year but were extended the invitation this season.

November 10, Thursday, was set as the date for a further check in plans and is scheduled for the Oregon Gas and Electric company office.

Arcadia Owner Here—

Mrs. Martha Bressie of Portland was a social and business visitor to Vernonia Friday and Saturday of last week. The social part of her time here was spent with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Schedwin at their home on the Keasey road and the business part concerned Arcadia park, of which the dance hall was recently destroyed by fire.

Large Pumpkin Crown—

A large pumpkin grown on the Albert Wood homestead was displayed in The Eagle office for a short time the forepart of the week. The pumpkin measured approximately twenty-four inches in diameter at its widest part.

Here from Los Angeles—

Miss Helen Bell Vaughn of Los Angeles was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vaughn during a part of last week.