

District Tourney Set for Saturday

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Council Decision to Aid Fireman Event For September

Carnival License Fee to Be Donated for Vernonia Host Days

Vernonia city councilmen came to the aid of the Vernonia Firemen Monday evening with the decision to donate to the Vernonia Host Days celebration the amount of the city occupation license charged for a carnival to operate. According to city ordinance a fee of \$50 per day is levied for carnivals. The Monday evening action will make available funds to be used as prize money for various events to be staged.

Councilmen also considered and gave their o.k. to an application for beverage distributor's license to H. C. McDonald. The intention of McDonald is to reopen The Club, closed a short time ago by action of the State Liquor Control Commission. The Club is owned by Valora Dickinson. The liquor commission must grant the license before The Club can be opened for business.

A request from The Vernonia Laundry was also received for a reduction in the water rate of that concern. The average use of the laundry per month ranges at 500,000 gallons. Due to the large consumption it was requested that the rate be reduced. The matter was referred to the water committee for the consideration of that group.

Further Monday evening business was the discussion of Ordinance 225 prohibiting solicitation from house to house. Considerable objection has been heard recently regarding the regulation. Before any definite action will be taken a decision is to be sought from the League of Oregon Cities. The awarding of a contract to supply the city with 30 cords of 4-foot wood was granted J. E. Tapp and bills against the city were allowed.

STATE LEGION MEN TO CONVENE AUGUST 10-12

Three representatives of the Vernonia Post of the American Legion have been named to attend the State Legion Convention to be held this weekend, August 10, 11 and 12 at Salem. Those delegates named from here are Harry Korn, Ed Tapp and J. W. Nichols. Alternates are Harry Culbertson, C. L. Anderson and George Baker. The convention is held for Legionnaires, Legion Auxiliaries, the 40 & 8 and 8 and 40. A parade will be held Friday at 7 p. m., it was announced.

POMONA GRANGE TO MEET HERE IN NOVEMBER

The last Saturday meeting of the Columbia County Pomona Grange at the Natal Grange hall brought the decision to hold the next meeting of Pomona Grange here in November. The next meeting of the Grange Council will be held at Beaver Valley on the first Sunday of October, it was also decided.

Exams Announced

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions named below. Applications must be on file in the Commission's office, Washington, D. C., not later than September 8. Positions are marketing specialist in livestock market supervision, also senior grade, associate grade and assistant grade; chief dietitian, head dietitian, staff dietitian to be employed in the Veterans' Administration, Public Health Service and other government departments; lithographic transferer, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department. Information may be obtained from O. T. Bateman at the post office.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE TO MEET FRI. EVENING

Friday evening of this week is the time set for a meeting of committee members in charge of staging the Vernonia Host Days celebration. The meeting was called by Earl Smith, Fire Chief, and will be held at the Oregon Gas and Electric company office at 7:30 p. m. of that evening. Contact with a carnival company was to be made Wednesday evening to determine the basis of a contract for the company during its future showing here during the time of the celebration.

Resolution on Deposits Adopted Sat.

Pomona Grange Names Committee to Meet with Assessor of County

Natal Grange entertained Pomona at their hall on Saturday, August 5th, every Grange in the county being well represented in attendance.

Agricultural committee reports told of maps being made of the land of our county with classification as to suitability for various purposes. The committee will meet again in September to continue this work.

A resolution from Yankton Grange on the matter of assessing mineral deposits of the county was adopted with the provision that when the taxes are not paid by the holder, the mineral rights will revert back to the owner of the land, providing he or they redeem the same. This provision is to clear the title on lands involved. A committee was also appointed to meet with the county assessor and discuss this resolution, and bring their finding to the next Pomona meeting. This committee consists of Henry Olson, C. M. Watson and A. L. Morris.

Plans are being made for the initiation of a large class before the end of this year. A meeting is scheduled for late November when the first and second degrees will be given, and a second meeting on December 6 will take care of the third and fourth degrees. The state officers will put on the fourth, but the others will be put on by different subordinate granges. All granges in the county will take part in the program in some way.

R. Glinder of Beaver Homes was the only member reported to have passed away during the quarter. A resolution on his death appears elsewhere in this issue.

Election Slated for Friday Eve

Voters Must Have Property Qualifications to Participate

An election has been set for this Friday, August 11, at 8 p. m. at the Washington grade school. At that time legally qualified voters of Grade School District No. 47, Jr., will have the opportunity of deciding for themselves the question recently arisen regarding the establishing of a kindergarten in connection with the school.

The kindergarten question was given public mention some time ago at the election held to pass the budget and to name directors to fill vacant positions on the board. No definite action was taken at that time, however.

As has been explained by the school board the kindergarten will be primarily for the children of parents who will be able to provide their own transportation. At the present time it is impossible for the district to care for the added expense of transportation as the necessary funds are not available. School buses now in operation are crowded to capacity to provide for those children attending grades. Voters are urged to keep in mind that fact in stating their decision.

Little if any added expense will be encountered, it has been explained, as an amount sufficient for maintaining the added feature, if favorably voted upon, has been provided in the budget recently passed. Only taxpayers are qualified to cast ballots in the election.

Members of Band to Leave Friday

45 to Represent Vernonia at Longview Rollico Celebration

The Vernonia Junior Band will leave Friday morning to play during that day at the Longview Rollico as representative of Vernonia, it was stated this week by C. R. Watts, director and manager of the organization.

The journey will be made via the Johnson school bus from Mist and two passenger cars of equipment.

The band will leave at 7 a. m. from the Washington grade school and will comprise a party of 45.

ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR TENDERS RESIGNATION

Miss Mary Louise Miller, high school English instructor, tendered her resignation last week to return here for the coming school term. Her position on the teaching staff is the only one remaining to be filled, it was stated this week by Wallace McCrae, high school

Veterans to Be Hosts to District

Conference Slated Here August 18; 14 Posts to Be Represented

Through an announcement made this week it was learned that over 100 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are expected to attend the district conference of the VFW which is slated for Vernonia Friday, August 18.

Definite information as to the number of posts to be represented by delegates was not available at publication time but it was believed by those to be in charge of the conference locally that approximately 14 would be represented. Delegates and post officials as well as state officers will be in attendance.

Smith-Christensen post as host will serve lunch following the regular business session. During the evening part of the meeting, district officials will be elected.

Robber Bees Attack Load Of Honey

Broken Arms, Nose Suffered in Attempt at Protection

Albert Downs and Fred Yeager of Portland, while enroute to the Clark and Wilson logging area Sunday morning with a trailer loaded with bee hives containing only honey, were attacked by a swarm of robber bees, it was reported Monday by State Police.

One of the boys attempted to hold down a canvas covering the hives while the other drove in an effort to save the honey. The driver was stung by one of the bees and swerved the automobile causing the other boy to fall from the trailer breaking both arms and his nose. The injured boy was given treatment by Dr. R. D. Eby.

FIRE ON PEBBLE CREEK ROAD QUICKLY STOPPED

A fire starting early this week about two and one-half miles from Vernonia, on the Pebble Creek road was stopped before any great headway had been made. The blaze was on land owned by Koster Products company which was logged last year by A. E. Jones. It was reported that nearly 100 men were quickly dispatched to the scene of the blaze in bringing it to a halt.

LOCAL TALENT ORCHESTRA TO PLAY SATURDAY EVE

Harry George and his eight-piece orchestra composed of musicians of local residence will play again for dancers of the community this Saturday evening at the I.O.O.F. hall. The band has played several times recently and has been well received by those who have heard the performances.

Seven Teams Will Compete in Play Off Competition

Hours Stated

Due to lack of knowledge of the hours of duty of the newly-engaged lift guard for the Vernonia swimming pool the statement of hours is given again this week for the benefit of users of the pool.

The guard, Roland Kelly, is at the pool from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. and from 7:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. in the evening. The hours are those given an o.k. by the government under the WPA set up under which he is engaged. He is required to be on duty 135 hours each month but has generously donated additional time, it was stated.

Lives of Two Claimed Wednesday

Drowning Takes Life of Alice Weed, Eloise Garner in Nehalem

Drowning claimed the lives of two girls here Wednesday afternoon while swimming in the Nehalem river at the Weed farm about three miles from Vernonia on the Timber road.

The two girls, Alice Weed, 16, and Eloise Garner, 12, were spending part of the afternoon swimming when it is thought that the former suffered cramps and the latter attempted to rescue with the result that both lost their lives. Aid was summoned immediately and the use of a pulmotor engaged in an attempt at revival but without results in either case.

Alice Weed is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weed and was a student in the Vernonia high school. Eloise Garner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Garner and attended grade school at Pleasant Hill.

Annual VFW Picnic Slated At Big Eddy

Officers to Be Installed on August 27; Program to Be Arranged

From Astoria, Clatskanie and other towns in this district, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will gather Sunday, August 27 at Big Eddy park for their annual picnic and installation of district officers.

All members of the Smith-Christensen post and their families are invited to attend and bring their lunch which will be served potluck. The committee in charge of the affair has arranged a program consisting of games and water sports for youngsters and older persons alike.

Transportation will be arranged for those attending from Vernonia who have no cars.

TWO NEW CASES OF DISEASE REPORTED

Only two cases of communicable diseases were reported this week via bulletin from the Oregon State Board of Health. One of the cases was that of measles and the other of tuberculosis. The per cent of physicians reporting to the Board from this county was named at 82.

MIST HELPING CIRCLE POSTPONES DINNER

Announcement was made from Mist this week of the postponement of the dinner planned by the Mist Helping Circle until a later date due to warm weather. Refunds have been made for tickets already sold.

Schedule Calls for 3 Games August 12 and 3 August 13

Saturday, August 12, of this week will see the opening game of a six-game softball series of play to decide the championship team for District 4 of the State Softball Association. The first game of the series is scheduled to begin at 2 p. m. on the afternoon of that day.

Data communicated to the secretary of the Vernonia league Monday named the towns from which teams were to be entered in competition. The information was released by Dwight Adams, State Softball Director. Seven teams will compete in play; Vernonia, St. Helens (two teams), Scappoose, Rainier, Astoria and Seaside.

At a meeting of the Vernonia league Monday evening plans were made for the staging of the tourney. Play will take place at the city park field which will undergo some improvement and repair before opening time of district play.

The outfield will be smoothed and netting installed and netting will also be used to repair the backstop. Additional benches will be provided for a larger crowd of spectators than is ordinarily present as it was thought by those present Monday evening that the increase of seating capacity would be necessary in anticipation of larger attendance. Admission charges are to be made to provide funds for umpire and scorekeeper compensation and for balls used in play.

The Monday evening meeting also saw the naming of an all-star team to represent Vernonia in play in the Vernonia league play will not be culminated until Thursday and will then necessitate another game to name the representative team. The additional game would be necessary to decide between the winner of the first half of play and the second half. By picking an all-star team the necessity of the playoff was eliminated.

The all-star team is named on the sport page of this edition as is that team's manager. Further details of the play off are also given there.

BUSH SPEED PLANE CRASHES IN TEST FLIGHT

Del Bush, 26-year-old flier and son of Jewett A. Bush, escaped with a bruise on the head and a cut on the right arm recently when his 350-mile-an-hour racing plane to be entered in the Cleveland air races next month cracked up in a landing at Kansas City Municipal airport. The 17-foot winged Folkerts-Special was badly damaged but is to be rebuilt in time to enter the races, it was learned by communication to his father here Monday.

MISSIONARY BREAKFAST DUE FRIDAY MORNING

The Womens Missionary Society of the First Christian church will hold their Annual Missionary Breakfast in the dining rooms of the church on Friday morning of this week at 9:30 o'clock. The entire program will be supplied by the district officers of the organization led by Mrs. Helen Fishburn of Portland who is district secretary. All ladies are welcome, however, reservations will be necessary.

SIX INITIATED INTO DEGREE OF POMONA

A class of six were initiated into the Degree of Pomona at the County Pomona Grange meeting held last Saturday at the Natal Grange Hall. Those in the class included Edna Mowse of Vernonia; Mrs. Nordstrom of Winema Grange; Marion Holshelmer of Scappoose; Mrs. Arthur Rohl of Beaver Valley; Lucille Ingram of Yankton and Mrs. Joy Carver of Clatskanie.

SIGNAL OIL DRIVER IS ARRESTED

Don A. Smith, truck driver for the Signal Oil Company was arrested last week by State Patrolmen for speeding with a truck on Highway 47. He is scheduled to appear in the justice of peace court here August 11.

Opinion Favors Uniformed Officers

Comment was prevalent in Vernonia this week among a number of people regarding the possibility of obtaining uniforms for the two city marshals. The comment as it was most frequently heard was that such a move should have been made some time ago so that it would be possible for the city to

be favorably represented by its law enforcement officers.

The arise of sentiment comes at this time is due to the approach of the second Vernonia Host Days celebration on September 2, 3 and 4. At that time it is thought that a far more favorable impression will be made could uniforms be

obtained.

In order that residents of the city may know their opinion of the matter, several people requested that The Eagle office be named as headquarters for those wishing to make an expression regarding the need of uniforms. Written or oral opinions will be tabulated.