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City Officials Vote To Foreclose on Two Parcels of Property

Agreement on City Lighting Reached at Monday Evening Meeting

Two main items of business occupied city councilmen Monday evening of this week at the regular second meeting of the month. The first was that of instigating foreclosure proceedings against two parcels of property and the other was the order to write into minutes proceedings of agreement which had been reached with the Oregon Gas and Electric company regarding the amount of lighting service to be furnished and the cost of the service.

Foreclosure action was taken against first: lot 13, block one, Wildrose addition to Vernonia, which is assessed to L. A. Rogers for an amount of \$12.48 which includes principal and interest. The other action was against lot 8, block 10, East Side addition to Vernonia on property assessed to William Pringle, Sr., for an amount of \$327.04.

The street lighting agreement was reached only recently but no contract has been written. The agreement, as it has been made is to be written into the Recorder's minutes of the meeting. Street lighting electricity is to be furnished the city at a cost of \$80 per month. The city may have an additional two lights at some future time when they deem necessary at no greater cost. Also the city may have any of the present lights moved when it is deemed necessary and when more benefit can be obtained from the change. Light bulbs to be used are those of 100-watt size. The present number of lights used is 61.

Other business of the meeting was discussion of supplies needed by the water superintendent and authorization of the necessary purchases by the officials.

City Recorder Loel Roberts was not present at the meeting and his place was occupied temporarily by Lester Sheoley.

High School Classes Name Officers

Organization, Election of Classes Held Friday Afternoon

Students of the four high school classes named officers of each group to serve during the coming year. The election and organization procedure was held last Friday afternoon. The classes also chose their advisors.

Senior class officers are Melvin Powell, president; Wilton Rogers, vice president; Elsie Duncan, secretary; Myrtle Stacey, treasurer. Wallace McCrae was named advisor of the group.

The Juniors named Barbara Nichols, president; Gladys Enneberg, vice president; Betty Thacker, secretary; Barbara Duxton, treasurer, and Mason McCoy as advisor.

Sophomore officers are Middleton Crawford, president; Cloice Hall, vice president; Martha Thpp, secretary Vivian Laird, treasurer and Fred MacDonald, advisor.

Miss Alvenia Connell was named advisor for the freshmen and officers are Lucille Bond, president; Ethel Parcells, vice president; Erma Kaberstern, secretary; and Betty Olsen, treasurer.

Recher CCC Camp Discharges Boys

The Westimer CCC camp, Camp Recher, discharged 65 boys Monday and sent them to their homes in Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida

Equipment Available For Burning

Letter Makes Announcement of Possible Demonstration Here

The following letter is one received this week by Lester Sheoley from George A. Nelson, County Agent, relative to the obtaining for this district a demonstration of a stump burning machine which in many instances has proved practical. If arrangements can be made properly a demonstration will be staged. The letter follows:

"I have your letter of September 8. I talked to Mr. Everett Davis the other day when he was in the county about getting the equipment for the burning demonstration in addition to the regular charcoal pitting. He said that the equipment is available and it is equipped with a motor for operating so they could use their own power for operating if they could connect it with an electric line. They could run the motor off an ordinary line socket, so if we could get near a house or barn it could be operated.

"If this is not possible, it would be necessary to look for someone who has a small gasoline engine for operating it as they do not have a gasoline engine for this purpose at the college.

"I would like to ask if you know of anyone at this time who is clearing land in your district who might be interested in having this demonstration on his place of charcoal pitting stumps and also burning them out with a burner. We would like to have someone who expects to go right ahead with his clearing and in this way would make a showing after it was started.

"If you can find someone soon, I would like to ask if you will let me know. I will be over there before long and will look around myself."

Examinations to Be Given September 28

Examiners of operators and chauffeurs will be in Vernonia, Thursday, September 28 at the city hall between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., respectively, according to an announcement released this week by Earl Snell, secretary of state. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiners during those hours.

Unit Meetings to Be Started at Treharne

Miss Lucy Case, State Nutrition Specialist at Oregon State College will conduct demonstration of a buffet luncheon Tuesday, September 26, at the home of Mrs. H. E. Condit of Treharne. A complete meal will be prepared and served showing many new inexpensive dishes. The meeting starts at 10 a. m., it was announced.

Fall of Year Desirable Season for Seeding

The fall of the year is a very desirable time to seed grasses on the cut-over lands where a good seed bed is obtained by burning, stated County Agent George A. Nelson this week. The ashes from a good burn furnish not only the fertilizer necessary for a desirable seed growth but also a good seed bed for covering the seed. Some excellent stands of grasses and clovers have been obtained from this method of seeding providing the ground has been burned over. If not, arrangements should be made

Street, Road Gets Repairs

New Surface Given Corner at Johnson Service Station by Crew

A repair crew of the State Highway Department worked through Vernonia the forepart of the week repairing Bridge street. The crew applied a new surface to the corner at the Johnson Service Station where the highway turns from Bridge street to Ross avenue en route away from the city.

A number of broken places in the highway were repaired by the crew which has been working for some time between Vernonia and Buxton on the Beaver Creek road. The cement pavement in the city was also repaired, expansion cracks being given an application of tar and gravel. Grading work was in force on the street from the bridge crossing Rock creek east to the city boundary line. Last week the crew engaged in painting the yellow center division line applied another coat of paint to the highway leading through the city.

Trial Date Set in Court Of Recorder

Sept. 29 Named as Date for Hearing on Case of City Versus John Lee

September 29 was set Monday by Loel Roberts as the date for a trial to be held in the City Recorder's Court to hear the case of the city versus John Lee.

Lee was apprehended Saturday afternoon by Marshal A. D. Lolley on a charge of disorderly conduct and lodged in the city jail until hearing in the Recorder Court Monday morning. At that time a plea of not guilty was entered by Lee.

The selection of a jury must be made for the September 29th affair. It is the first case to appear in that court wherein a jury is necessary due to the plea of not guilty.

Attend Conference At St. Helens

Wallace McCrae and R. L. Spencer were in St. Helens last Saturday to attend the Columbia County Janitor's Conference, made possible by the Oregon State Board of Vocational Education. Problems of maintenance and other matters relative to school buildings were discussed. The conference last year was under a district set up at Astoria. The territory included was narrowed to counties this year.

Delegation Attends Clatskanie Meeting

A number of people interested in the formation of a health unit for Columbia county were in Clatskanie Wednesday evening to hear a discussion by the doctor of the health unit of Clatskanie county on the work of that unit which was organized a year ago. Some definite action was to be sought Wednesday evening towards the formation of a unit for this county.

New Short Route Apiary Road Traveled by Caravan of Cars Tues.

Institute Set for Sept. 25

Teachers to Meet at St. Helens for First Gathering

Instructors of the Vernonia school system will go to St. Helens on the coming Monday for the all-day session of Columbia County Institute scheduled to start at 9:30 a. m. of that day.

The institute, the first of the year, will be held at the John Gumm school and the attendance of all instructors is required.

Later in the year, October 23, the Tri-County Institute is scheduled at Hillsboro for the counties of Washington, Columbia and Yamhill. Still later in the year a special visiting day will be held when teachers will contact other schools.

31 Children Examined at Welfare Office

13 Vernonia Children on List for Assistance by Welfare Commission

Thirty-one Columbia County children were examined by Dr. Richard Diellehunt, Dean of the Oregon Medical School, and Dr. J. F. Abele, Assistant Medical Director of the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission on Tuesday, September 12th, in the offices of the Columbia County Public Welfare Commission.

The examinations were made to determine exact crippling defects or deformities and to determine what might be applicable for care and treatment. Definite plans will be undertaken or prescribed for each child. Families who are unable to provide the care recommended will receive care from the Division of the State Public Welfare Commission. Children whose families are able to provide care may receive treatment from private physicians. Those formerly examined at the Shrine hospital clinic in Portland may be scheduled for return and treatment.

Others participating in the clinic were Miss Aileen Dyer, Mill Eliza, both McKinley, staff members of the State Public Welfare Commission. Miss Lucille Perossi of the State Board of Health, Miss Nettie Alley, Columbia County nurse, and the staff of the Columbia County Public Welfare Commission.

Nine of the children were from St. Helens and vicinity, three from Rainier, two from Scappoose, two from Goble, two from Clatskanie and thirteen from Vernonia.

LEGION POST TO STAGE CORN FEED SEPTEMBER 30

Members of the American Legion Post 110 Wednesday evening decided to revive the corn feed which has been staged for a number of years but which was not held last year. The feed will probably be held at Arcadia Park although definite announcement will be made later. All ex-service men are to be invited to the affair and a special invitation is to be extended business men of the community, it was announced.

Reclamation Of Interest On Wide Basis

Reclamation is no longer of merely sectional interest in Oregon, judging by the large attendance from all parts of the state at the annual convention of the Oregon Reclamation congress held at Clatskanie early in September.

Instead of being considered merely in connection with large irrigation projects reclamation now includes such matters as summer irrigation on a farm basis in western Oregon or elsewhere, drainage of irrigated valleys in eastern Oregon as well as the wet lands of the Willamette valley, and in addition, it means the reclamation of logged-off lands.

Approximately 1500 people heard Governor Charles A. Sprague discuss these questions at a community-wide barbecue sponsored by Clatskanie. Both Governor Sprague and Dean William A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college emphasized the growing importance of logged-off land reclamation for grazing, reforestation, and fish and game production.

John C. Page, U. S. commissioner of reclamation, said that western developments add to the wealth and provide for replacement of consumable national resources. Most projects now have a multiple purpose, with greater interest in flood control and fish and game conservation, he said.

Resolutions adopted by the congress urged a larger acreage allotment of sugar beets for irrigation projects, endorsed the work of the United States engineers on the lower Columbia and Willamette basins, endorsed the work of the bureau of reclamation on the Deschutes project, urged continuation of feasibility studies and use of snow surveys, and endorsed the use of CCC camps on federal irrigation and federal aid drainage projects.

Disorderly Conduct Gets \$25 Fine

Loel Roberts presiding in the Recorder's Court Monday morning assessed a fine of \$25 to Wesley Blasing on a charge of disorderly conduct. Arrest was made by Marshal A. D. Lolley. The fine was paid and release given.

Commercial Clubs Seek Naming of Road as New Highway

An automobile caravan numbering many cars was in Vernonia Tuesday noon enroute over the new Apiary road connecting Rainier and Vernonia to Forest Grove. The caravan instigated by commercial clubs of Vernonia, Rainier, Kelso and Longview was a means of promoting the new route as a shorter connecting link for Highway 99 between Kelso and McMinnville. The road, should it be declared a highway by the state, would cut considerable distance from the present route of the highway which swings to the east from either the Kelso or McMinnville points to Portland and then back.

The Vernonia-Rainier road would prove considerably shorter and faster for through traffic by eliminating a number of miles of travel.

The caravan left Rainier at about 10:30 a. m. to arrive in Vernonia at lunch time. Luncheon was served at the Masonic Temple by the Nehalem Social club and the caravan left here to complete the journey.

In Forest Grove members of the caravan heard short talks by Fred Herman, Columbia-Clatsop state representative and Wesley Vandercreek, official of the Longview Bridge company. Herman stated that the Apiary road was 500 feet lower than any other road in the county passing from the river inland to Vernonia. Vandercreek said that the road's completion would mean much in a business way to those cities located on the route. His company will do much to advertise the more convenient and shorter route when the road is sufficiently completed to support a volume of traffic.

WPA construction work on the road is nearing completion and will leave a road with a good grade which will need only widening in the future to handle a considerably greater volume of traffic. Members of the caravan explained that they believed the route would prove the natural connecting link between Canada and Mexico for the continental highway.

The heavy toll charge of the Longview bridge it is believed will be reduced considerably when the volume of traffic is increased.

Several carloads of Vernonia Chamber of Commerce members joined the caravan here to complete the remainder of the trip.

Bids Sought For Housing Post Office

Time Length of Contract to Be 5 Years from April 1, 1940

Notice was posted last week seeking bids for the cost of housing the Vernonia post office for a term of five years. The notice, issued by J. E. Fitzgerald, states that quarters must be furnished suitable for post office purposes which include heat, light, power, water, rest room facilities, plumbing, heating facilities and lighting facilities.

The bid must be submitted for a term of five years from the date of April 1, 1940. A floor space of 1,300 square feet is required for the local office. Bids are to be submitted to J. E. Fitzgerald, Seattle, Washington.

Auditors Make Preliminary Check

Two auditors representing the I. D. Wood company spent Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday here making a preliminary audit for the Oregon American Lumber Corporation. The auditors were Donald W. Emery and William H. Holm.