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Large Scale Grazing Project in Valley to Be Launched Soon

Purchase of 4,040 Acres of Land Made from Clatsop County

What purports to be the first large scale grazing project in the Nehalem valley has been launched by Lloyd G. Parman and Sons of Clatsop county. On Tuesday they purchased from Clatsop county approximately 4,040 acres of land owned by Clatsop county at \$1.00 per acre.

The land had been formerly taken over by the county at an upset sale for the non-payment of taxes and is located a few miles below Birkenfeld on the north side of the Nehalem river along the Columbia and Clatsop county line. Practically all of the land has been logged over and the purchasers plan to clear the brush and undergrowth and seed it to grasses that are best suited to stand the climatic conditions existing in the Nehalem basin. It is planned to irrigate all of the bottom land for summer grazing and about 1,000 acres will be seeded per year as the brush is cleared. Irrigation sprinkling systems will be installed along the river bottom lands, the success of which has been assured by Nehalem Valley farmers in the immediate area surrounding Vernonia.

A Base Camp will be established about six miles down the Nehalem river from Birkenfeld which will be the headquarters for the operation. It is planned to run about 6,000 head of sheep on the project when it is fully established.

The Parmans have pastured sheep in the Nehalem basin for a number of years and have obtained such remarkable success that they have determined to start on a large scale operation.

Arrests for Violations of Traffic Made

Sentences Given in Justice of Peace Court by Judge Weed

Arrests for a variety of traffic violations were made here during last week by State Police with sentences for violations made in the justice of peace court by Oscar Weed.

Delmer Willhite was arrested for operating a truck without P. U. C. permit on Highway 47 near Vernonia and fined \$10 and costs last Thursday.

John Reiter was fined \$5 and costs, of \$2.50 for improper lights. The fine was suspended upon payment of costs.

Richard Peterson was arrested on Highway 47 for violation of the basic rule and fined \$10 and costs.

Arthur Meyer was fined \$2.50 and costs for improper lights. All sentences for the arrests were made last Thursday.

The case of Ann Lord which was appealed to the circuit court following a trial in the justice of court here some time ago was given a verdict of guilty by the jury. The trial was held last Wednesday in St. Helens.

Building Front Painted

The street front of Clint's Cardroom was painted the forepart of this week by Jim Jones, the work materially improving the structure.

New Crossing Constructed

A construction crew was busy the forepart of the week constructing a new plank crossing for the side track leading to the Bennett sawmill. The crossing is on Rose Avenue near the Nehalem Dairy Products creamery.

Marshal Gets Award Saturday

65 Get Certificates at Police School Close in Eugene, Reported

A. D. Lolley, city marshal for Vernonia, returned here the first of this week following a week spent at Eugene attending the school for police officers. The meeting was attended by officers from many cities throughout the state and was carried out as a school of training conducted by the federal bureau of investigation. It was held on the University of Oregon campus.

Awards were made by Governor Charles A. Sprague to 65 policemen Saturday evening at the school's close, one of them being received by Marshal Lolley.

The awards were proficiency certificates for a satisfactory completion of the work during that time.

Delegation for Unit Meets County Court

Representatives from Different Communities Give Explanation Tuesday

Delegates from different communities in Columbia county met with the county court Tuesday morning to explain the health unit and seek an official court nod for the set up which would give to the county a unit capable of providing increased medical care.

The Vernonia delegation included Mr. and Mrs. Jewett A. Bush, Mrs. E. H. Condit and Mrs. Irvin Ackley. The total delegation present for a hearing on the unit numbered approximately 20 persons.

The court gave consideration to those present but did not take official action at that time.

Music Teacher to Attend Conference

Miss Alvenia Connell, music instructor at the Vernonia high school will attend a conference of music teachers to be held October 27 and 28, this weekend at Salem. The conference will be held at Willamette University.

Commissary Location Changed

The IWA commissary, started here last week, has been relocated in the back of the Oregon Gas and Electric company building effective this week it was stated. A considerable supply of merchandise is now available to members of the IWA.

Oldest City Building Being Razed

The oldest building in Vernonia, the original F. A. Zilgett general merchandise store, was undergoing the process of being torn down this week by Jack Tomlin who has purchased the building from W. A. Harris, its last owner. The structure is now located next to the IWA union hall on the east bank of Rock creek.

The building was constructed in 1890 by F. A. Zilgett who came to Vernonia from Fairmount, North Dakota. The building was originally located some distance up Rock creek and was moved to its present site by changes in the location of the road now known as Bridge street. At the time of its construction no bridge crossed Rock creek.

Laundry to Add New Machinery

Expenditure of \$2,280 to Be Made for Equipment, Reported

An expenditure of \$2,280 has been made by the Vernonia-Sea-side Laundry and Cleaners concern was the statement made this week by K. Inouye. The expenditure will cover the purchase of three new pieces of equipment which will be added to the plant to care for the increased business.

The machines will include two shirt pressing machines and an additional washer.

It is expected that a part of the machinery will arrive on Tuesday of the coming week and the remainder about one week later. The equipment will be installed and ready for use a short time after that date.

Engineer Here Friday to Study District

Preliminary Petition Is Filed with Approximately 238 Names

L. A. Stanley, chief engineer for the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission was in Vernonia last Friday to make a study of the PUD district which has been proposed for this region. The engineer was assigned to the duty by the commission.

The district includes area from the Columbia-Clatsop county line to a point one mile west of Timber, up Beaver creek to the county line and past Rock creek to Keasey. It comprises 82 square miles of territory and includes a population of approximately 6,000 inhabitants.

The hydroelectric commission has designated the date of November 25 for a hearing on the preliminary petition which has been filed at which time the proponents and opponents will be heard by the commission. The meeting is to be held at 2 p. m. in the Vernonia city hall.

Reading Courses Available

Application blanks for reading courses with the state library are available at the Vernonia Public Library it was announced this week. There is no charge for these courses other than the cost of postage for mailing both ways, the cost averaging between four and six cents per book. A course will be prepared on any subject desired, it being possible to obtain either a beginning or one more advanced course.

Second Clear Week Completed

Columbia county for the second successive week reported no new communicable diseases. Physicians reporting totaled 85 per cent of all those in the county. The report of the Oregon State Board of Health is for the week ending October 21.

The foot bridge connected the later constructed McNutt store, occupying the present location of the Oregon Gas and Electric building, with the Zilgett store.

Lumber used for the construction was sawed by the Tom Brown mill, the first sawmill in Vernonia. That mill was situated below the Legion hall on Rock creek. Construction work was cared for by D. F. Drake, a carpenter living on a homestead which is the present site of the Oregon American mill. H. D. VanBlaricom provided shingles and roofed the building.

The first bridge for vehicles was built in the summer of 1890 after the store's construction. The second floor provided space

City Budget Total Lower \$4,191.25 for Year 1940

Drivers Get Warning--

City Marshal A. D. Lolley Wednesday issued a warning to automobile drivers who follow closely the city fire truck when it is on call to a fire and a warning to drivers who at the time of a fire exceed the city speed limit of 20 miles per hour. As was stated by Lolley, a city ruling prohibits the approach of an automobile closer than 500 feet to the truck either when it is traveling to the scene of a fire or when it is parked at the scene. Too close an approach by cars prevents quick action of firemen in stopping a fire. Lolley also stated that traffic tickets would be issued should either violation occur again.

Bonneville Man to Make Examination

R. E. Lund, Engineer, to Complete Necessary Line Study for Vernonia

A communication from an official of the Bonneville project this week made known here the assignment of an engineer to complete studies of a possible transmission line to Vernonia and the Nehalem valley for electricity from Bonneville. The engineer, R. E. Lund, for the Bonneville project, will make studies of three possible routes: Clatskanie to Mist, the Rainier-Apiary route and the Scappoose-Vernonia route.

The study is to be made for the proposed utility district for which preliminary petitions have been recently filed with the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission.

Market at Riverview Closed Tuesday

King's Grocery Without Meat Counter at Present Time, Stated

An announcement issued Tuesday made known the closing of Duncan's Market which was operated in conjunction with King's Grocery at Riverview. The business was open to customers during Monday but ceased operation that evening.

As was stated by Harry King, owner of the grocery, he would attempt to make arrangements for opening the meat establishment through other channels as soon as possible.

50 New Books Added to Library

An addition of 50 new books has been made to the Vernonia high school library was the announcement this week. The list includes fiction, non-fiction and reference works. Publications from colleges and other towns in the state have been catalogued for student use also. The school library is open to use of the public it was stated.

Druggist Leaves For Portland

H. W. Cameron, formerly employed as druggist for the Armitage Drug company, left the first of this week for Portland where he is to be employed in the future. W. J. Armitage will care for all prescription needs for the present time it was stated.

New Period to Start for Students

With the close of the six-week period just ended a new class has been started at the Vernonia high school it was announced by Principal McCrae this week. The class, a remedial period, will give added opportunity to those students low in grades to obtain better averages.

High School Paper Gets Mention

Second Position Awarded in State for School Mimeographed Publications

Vernonia high school's news publication, The Timberline, received second place mention in the state for mimeographed papers at a judging held at Eugene last Friday and Saturday. First place award for the mimeographed class was given to Rogue River high school.

Those attending from here were Joanne Nichols, editor of The Timberline, Erma Kent, publicity manager and Miss Freda Beck, advisor.

Other classifications upon which judging of other high school papers were made were best news notes in another publication, best mimeographed magazine, best paper from a school of 500 attendance, best from school under 500 attendance and best in the state.

13 Named to Honor List at High School

Students Must Make Average of 92.5, Fill Requirements

A total of 13 students in the Vernonia high school were awarded honors by mention on the honor roll list at the close of the first six-week period just ended it was stated this week by Wallace McCrae, high school principal.

Students, in order to gain a place on the roll, must maintain a grade average of 92.5 per cent and be credited with no unsatisfactory grades in cooperation or physical education as well as be excused for all times absent or tardy.

The roll listed two seniors, four juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen as follows: seniors, Heidi Reich, Joanne Nichols; juniors, Barbara Dusten, Lillian Hedman, Barbara Nichols, Betty Thacker; sophomores, Patricia Moran, Etha Morris, Jack Myers, Winifred Romtvedt, Fred Thompson; freshmen, Cathleen Tomlin and Joy Willard.

McCrae to Attend Conference

Wallace McCrae, principal of the Vernonia high school announced this week that he would be in attendance at the conference on October 27 and 28.

Walter E. Snyder, recently chosen as curriculum coordinator for the Salem city schools but formerly principal of the LaGrande high school, is president of the High School Principals' Association and will preside at the meetings of the group on October 27 and 28.

This is one of the most important educational meetings held during the year and is attended by practically all of the 300 principals of senior four-year, and six-year high schools, and the thirty-five principals of junior high schools, as well as by many others who are interested in secondary schools.

Estimate Made Last Wednesday; Meeting Set for November 6

Budget committeemen meeting with city councilmen last Wednesday evening drew up the City of Vernonia budget for the year 1940 to show a total budget of \$25,485, a figure \$4,191.25 less than the total for the present year. Members of the budget committee recently appointed and present Wednesday evening were R. L. Raymond, A. L. Kullander, R. M. Aldrich and E. H. Washburn.

On the same evening the date of a public hearing was set at which time anyone subject to the tax levy may be heard for or against the present estimate. The date named for that purpose was November 6.

The budget for this year shows sizeable decreases in a number of departments with some increase in others but the total, when figured, proved lower than the previous year.

Total estimated receipts for 1940 were lower also than 1939 making the amount to be raised by tax approximately the same. Estimated receipts for 1939 were \$22,930.00 while for 1940 the figure is \$19,000.00.

Notice is also given this week that a special election will be held in the city hall on November 14 for the purpose of increasing the tax levy by more than 6 per cent over the previous year's base.

Scappoose To Play Here Friday

Vernonia Loggers Lose to Sheridan by 33 to 0 Score

The Scappoose football eleven is scheduled to play here this coming Friday afternoon in competition with the Loggers team. The visiting team has so far this year made a very favorable showing.

Vernonia lost by a score of 33 to 0 last Friday in a non-league game with Sheridan. The opponents in that game totaled a score of 26 points for the first half period but were unable to better that more than 10 additional points for the second period. Attendance at the game was large.

McCrae to Attend Conference

11th Annual Meeting to Be Held at Salem October 26, 27 and 28

The eleventh annual conference for junior, senior, four-year and six-year high school principals will be held at Salem on October 26, 27 and 28, under the joint auspices of the Oregon High School Principals' Association and Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction.

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