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Comparison of School District Finances Given in New Report

Levy in Mills Increases for City Budget, 1940 Tax Below 1939

In a report issued by county officials this week a comparison of finances of the school districts in the county, and of the population centers was revealed. The information given below, although not complete, gives a comparison of the local standing with other parts of the county and shows a comparison between 1939 and 1940.

Selecting school district No. 47, J. L. Vernonia, the tax in 1939 was \$16,305.81 while for 1940 it is \$26,397.96. St. Helens was 1939, \$4,868.88; 1940, \$46,901.21; Clatskanie, 1939, \$25, 798.19; 1940, \$24,478.11; Rainier, 1939, \$13, 086.36; 1940, \$14,407.65.

Union high school district No. 1 was taxed \$32,958.72 in 1939 and \$30,128.17 in 1940.

Library Board Name Officers Monday Eve

Mrs. W. O. Livingstone to Serve as Chairman of Group for Coming Year

At the meeting of the Vernonia Library Board Monday night at the home of Mrs. Paul Gordon, officers for the following year were elected: Chairman, Mrs. W. O. Livingstone; Secretary, Mrs. Franklin Malmsten; Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Culbertson. Mrs. Paul Gordon and Mrs. Wallace McCrae will also serve on the board.

Conference Held at Scappoose

16 Girls' League Members Attend Meeting Saturday

Sixteen girls from Vernonia High School with Miss Alvina Connel, as advisor substituting for Mrs. Justine Prescott, attended the Lower Columbia Girls' League conference which convened at Scappoose High School, Saturday, December 9. The group traveled to Scappoose in the C. A. Mills' bus.

The attending members report the meeting very inspirational with addresses by Deans of Girls from Jefferson and Grant High Schools in Portland. Practical ideas on means of stimulating the desire for social improvement, especially on the part of boys, study projects for the group, and on raising money were the chief topics of interest mentioned by the members attending the conference.

The next meeting of the Lower Columbia Girls' League will be held at Rainier next fall.

Final Christmas Activity Dance Due Saturday

Saturday night, December 16, is the final dance to be given under the auspices of this year's Christmas Activity Committee. Jimmie Whetmore's band will play again. Everyone is urged to attend because everyone will have a good time and every one wants to do his part to swell the purse that provides fruit, nuts and candy for the Christmas sacks.

IWA Team Opens Practice

Regular Games Not to Be Scheduled Until After First of Year

The Vernonia basketball team, sponsored by Local No. 37, IWA, held its first practice session of the winter last Sunday afternoon. It was announced this week by Denny Ryves, manager for the players. The team was given backing last year by the IWA and was managed at that time by Ryves. A good showing was made in games last season and it is believed, with playing material available this year, that another good team will be the result this season.

Wallace McCrae acted as coach for the group last year but will not be able to devote sufficient time to the activity this winter, it was stated. According to Ryves, the services of Paul Gordon will be obtained in the capacity of coach if possible.

The playing squad and lineup will be given later it was announced, when that information is available following several practices.

Baucom Named Scoutmaster By Legion

Scouts to Hold Regular Meetings Each Wednesday Evening, Stated

The Parents Club of the Vernonia Boy Scouts had its first meeting of the year last Monday night at the Walter Thompson home on the O. A. Hill. Mrs. Thompson presiding. A committee made up of Legion members who are sponsoring the Boy Scouts here introduced the new scout master, Ira Baucom, and the new assistant scout master, Harold McEntire.

Discussion of the program for 1940 and a temporary plan for the Boy Scout Court of Honor through which boys are advanced from one rank to another were principal topics brought before the group. Attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zolner, Mrs. Ray Plymale, Mrs. George Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Baucom, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McEntire and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, the hosts.

Scout Master Baucom announces Boy Scout meetings every Wednesday at the Legion Hall.

Examiners Due Here Thursday

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Vernonia, Thursday, December 21, to be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or license to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during the hours mentioned.

Local Man to Manage HyVan Hotel

Fred Romvedt began work as manager of the Hotel HyVan last Monday.

Post Office To Be Open Saturdays

Windows to Remain Up In Order to Care for Rush of Christmas

Information was released this week by Postmaster Emil Messing that announces a change in policy of the local post office for each of the two Saturdays remaining between now and Christmas.

The Vernonia post office, according to the announcement, will remain open all day on both Saturday, December 16 and Saturday, December 23. The additional service and time will make it possible to more easily care for the last minute rush of mailing that occurs at that time, it was stated.

At the same time it was urged that all those persons intending to mail packages to distant points do so as early as possible so that greater certainty of timely delivery will be possible and so there will be less likelihood of damage or loss to mailed articles.

Beaverton Wins from Loggers Friday

Visitors End Encounter in Lead by 8-Point Margin; Tie Features 4th Period

Beaverton high school defeated the local high school basketball team here Friday night. The game was a thriller. At the half Beaverton led, 15-10. In the last quarter the score was tied, 20-20; then Beaverton forged ahead in the last few minutes of play to win to the tune of 30-22.

Starting lineup:
Vernonia: Baker (5) F, Parcells (2) F, Roeser (3) C, Killian (0) G, Walker (2) G.
Beaverton: (4) Jenne, (10) Hagg, (0) Scheller, (1) Pulciphop, (0) Van Horn.
Substitutions for Vernonia: Mullins, Crawford (1).
Substitutions for Beaverton: Nyssen (10), Johnston, Foster (4), Lee, Willis (1).

Seals Prove Factor in Reduction

Redoubled efforts to control tuberculosis were urged today by Miss Elsie Witchen, acting executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association.

Miss Witchen said that Christmas seals, which are now on sale under auspices of the tuberculosis association, had been a powerful factor in reducing tuberculosis deaths in the last 32 years, but that war and international tension now threatens this reduction.

"In periods of great strain, such as the World War of 1914-18," Miss Witchen said, "all countries recorded a definite increase of deaths from tuberculosis. The anxiety, restlessness, and privation of these years were causes of the higher death toll."

"Miss Witchen said that the tuberculosis association planned in 1940 to press its campaign against the white plague more vigorously than ever before. The year-round program is financed entirely by the sale of Christmas seals.

Christian Church to Have Christmas Program

The Christian Church will have its Christmas program on Sunday, December 24th, at 6 p. m. The vespers hour is chosen so that those wishing to attend may spend Christmas Eve at home. The program promises to be interesting and attractive.

Preliminary Investigation Facts of Proposed Utility District Revealed

Body of Man Found Near Camp

Carl Anderson Found Near Home at O-A Camp Following Search

The body of Carl A. Anderson, 49 year-old logger of the Oregon-American Lumber Corporation, was discovered Monday lying in the woods not far from his house near Camp McGregor. Anderson had been missing since Friday afternoon. When discovered by fellow workmen, who had been searching since his disappearance, Anderson's left hand had been torn and his right temple and cheek mutilated badly. Upon medical examination before the body was moved, it was concluded that Anderson had been the victim of a heart attack, and that wild animals had caused the mutilation.

Rifle Team Wins Over Portland Club Friday

Competition with Forest Grove Slated for Friday of This Week

The Vernonia Rifle Team won its third match last Friday night when it defeated the Johnson Creek Club in Portland with the score 853-771. The local team has been victorious in each match so far this year.

Fetsch, 173; Nichols, 177; Culbertson, 134; Wagner, 121; Mells, 148; Kellmer, 100; Zimmerdahl, 179; Treharne, 127; Layer, 104; Schlock, 120.

The next match will be with the Forest Grove team Friday, December 15; keen competition is anticipated, according to Bill Nichols.

Nov. Report Of Tests Name High Herds

George A. Nelson, County Agricultural Agent, this week released facts relative to the November report of the Columbia cow testing association:

Number of herds on test: 20. Number of cows enrolled, 525, of which 83 are dry. Total production: milk, 268,548; fat, 12,485.4. Number of 40 lb. cows, 92. Average production (including cows in-milk and cows dry): milk, 512; fat, 23.8.

High herds, including dry cows: High herds, over 20 cows: 1. C. W. Sherman, Scappoose. 2. M. M. Lyons, Sauvie Island; High herds 12 to 20 cows: 1. W. R. Wolff, Vernonia. 2. C. L. Biggs, Vernonia; High herds under 12 cows: 1. C. E. Gregory, Goble. 2. Theo. Elink, Rainier.

Seven cows were culled or removed from the herds because of the following reasons: 4, Bang's disease reactors; 1, sterility; 2, garget.

M. and Mrs. C. W. Sherman, owners of the Sherman Jersey Farm at Scappoose, Oregon, have recently purchased from J. B. Hull and Son of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, a grandson of Brampton Basilius, the world famous cow which holds the all-time world's long distance record for butterfat production over all breeds, having in six consecutive lactations produced over 6,000 pounds of butterfat with 1,313 pounds being the highest in (Continued on page 8.)

Free Movie Slated Sat. Afternoon

Matinee to Attract Christmas Shoppers; Two Runs to Be Made

The management of the Joy Theatre announces a free motion picture to be given Saturday afternoon, December 16. A comedy drama "City Limits" with a cast including Ray Walker, and Sally Blaine, and short subjects will be offered free to those Vernonia residents and out-of-town shoppers here for the afternoon. There will be two continuous shows, it is stated, starting at one o'clock in the afternoon and continuing until five.

Banquet to Be Given Football Men Thurs. Eve

Pacific University Coach to Be Speaker of Evening at Annual Affair

The annual football banquet given by Girls' League of the local high school will be held Thursday, tonight, at six thirty o'clock in the Home Economics room. Thirty football boys, Coach McCoy, Principal McCrae and other men members of the faculty will be guests.

The guest of honor and speaker of the evening will be Roger J. Folgate, coach at Pacific University, coach of the Northwest Champions. Folgate is widely known as a good spokesman as well as a coach so the evening is being looked forward to by all those attending the banquet. Meldi Kelch, president of Girls' League has named as committee chairman: Erma Kont, Menu; Frances Childs, Entertainment; Joanne Nichols, Decorations. Two girls from each class will act as waitresses.

Loggers Lose Game on Tues. To Beaverton

Final Count Recorded at 35-19; Game Proves Almost Repeated

Beaverton defeated the local basketball team on the Beaverton floor, Tuesday night. Score, Beaverton 35, Vernonia 19. The game was almost a repetition of last week's game between the same teams. At the half Beaverton led 10-9. Rallying in the second half, the Loggers went ahead in the third quarter. But at the opening of the fourth quarter, Beaverton pulled away and at the end of the last quarter widened the gap to result in the final score. Vernonia showed better defensive and general offensive floor play, but the shooting was erratic.

Starting lineup for Vernonia: Forwards, Baker and Walker; Center, Roeser; Guards, Killian and Parcells. Substitutes: Crawford, Mullins, Soejima, Turner and Michener.

Turkey Shoot Said Successful

The Turkey Shoot held Sunday at the Andy Parker farm in River-view was very successful according to the report of the Legion, the sponsors: 29 turkeys, 8 capons, 5 geese, 5 ducks, 3 guineas and 1 hen were the fowls won.

Information Given Following Hearing Held Saturday Afternoon

Members of the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon were in Vernonia last Saturday afternoon to hold a hearing relative to the filing of preliminary petitions for the formation of a peoples' utility district in the Nehalem valley. A fairly large crowd was present for the afternoon to listen and give opinions both pro and con regarding the proposal. The petitions had been filed some time ago and the date of the hearing set after that time. Lester Sheeley, acting as chairman of the proposing group, spoke in favor of the district as did several others. Also during the meeting some sentiment against the proposition was heard. Several petitions were filed requesting the removal of property from the district. A petition was filed by a group from the Mist and Birkenfeld district, the Oregon American Lumber Corporation requested its property removed as did Clark and Wilson.

The report of the Hydroelectric Commission following its preliminary investigation of the district was given Mr. Sheeley and is given below for the information it contains:

INTRODUCTION

Voters preliminary petitions requesting the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon to make a preliminary investigation of the advisability of creating a people's utility district in Columbia and Washington counties were filed in the office of the Hydroelectric Commission on October 18, 1939. Section 58-8405, Oregon Code 1935 Supplement, being a part of the Peoples' Utility District Law, requires the Hydroelectric Commission to conduct a public hearing on said petitions not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the date of filing and also to present at this time a report of the Commission's preliminary investigation of the proposed district.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DISTRICT

This proposed district is located along the Nehalem River in Columbia and Washington counties. It has a total area of 83 square miles of which 68 are in Columbia county and 15 in Washington county. The area in Columbia county is about 10 per cent of the county total and the area in Washington county about 2 per cent of the area of that county.

The district would extend from the Clatsop-Columbia county line, just west of Birkenfeld, easterly and southerly up the Nehalem River to include Timber and West Timber in Washington county. The unincorporated communities known as Mist, Birkenfeld and Pittsburg, and the incorporated city of Vernonia in Columbia county are included. A map showing the boundaries of the proposed district is included at the back of this report.

POPULATION

Most of the people, living in the Nehalem Basin, live within the boundaries of the proposed district. Summarizing the population of voting precincts in this area, as contained in the 1930 census, gives a population of 5,282 for that part of the district in Columbia county. The Timber precinct in Washington county had a population of 624 in 1930 which added to the Columbia county total would make a total for the district of 4,906; Vernonia, the only incorporated city, had a population of 1,625 in 1930. It is interesting to note that the population of Vernonia was only 142 in 1920 and it is apparent that most of its growth took place between 1920 and 1930. It is difficult to estimate what may have occurred by way of growth or decline in population since 1930.

The State Planning Board estimated the growth of population in Columbia county as a whole as 7.3 per cent between 1930 and 1937. If we apply this same percentage (Continued on page 8.)