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Annual Meeting of Stockmen Here to See Officers Elected

Dean Schoenfeld of Oregon State College Expected to Attend

Of interest to Nehalem Valley farmers and stockmen and agriculture men throughout the county will be the annual meeting of the Columbia County Stockmen's Association slated for Vernonia this Friday evening, April 19th. The meeting will be held at eight o'clock at the Grange hall.

The purpose of the session scheduled is the election of officers and the transaction of any business that may arise, it was stated by W. E. Crawford, secretary-treasurer.

On the same evening Dean Schoenfeld, Director of the Experiment Station and Extension Service of Oregon State College, and Harry Lindgren of the Animal Husbandry Department of the college and secretary of the Western Oregon Livestock Association are expected to attend. No announcement of possible speeches by the men were given but it is expected that both will address the gathering on topics of interest to stockmen.

E. A. (Lode) McDonald, president of the Columbia county association, and Mr. Crawford both have expressed the hope that a record crowd will be in attendance Friday for the yearly Vernonia meeting.

Three Get Fines in Justice Court

Charges Vary from Intoxication to Fishing in Closed Stream

Three cases were heard in the Vernonia Justice of Peace court since Saturday of last week, an examination of the court docket revealed Wednesday. The first case was that of Ernest Arthur Stacey who was charged on Saturday with being in a state of intoxication on a public highway. A plea of guilty to the charge was entered and a fine of \$25 and cost of \$2.50 assessed.

On April 15 Roy James Garner of Portland was arrested for fishing on the east fork of the Nehalem river, a closed stream and fined \$25 and costs of \$2.50. On the same day Russell Hiram Hewitt was charged with driving while intoxicated and entered a plea of not guilty. The date of hearing was set for April 17, Wednesday, and he was admitted to bail but on the 16th, Tuesday, he appeared in court to change the plea to guilty. A fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail were levied as penalty.

Registrar from Willamette to Speak

Walter Erickson, registrar of Willamette University, will address seniors of the high school Thursday morning at 9:45. Because of limited time, Mr. Erickson was unable to speak to the entire student body in addition to the graduating class.

Cleanup Day Discussed

Water Ordinance Given Official Okeh by Councilmen Monday

City councilmen, at their second meeting for April held Monday evening, heard the reading of an ordinance authorizing the water rate reduction voted upon at the first April meeting and gave the official okeh to the draft.

Action was also taken to sell lot 2 in block 7, Central Addition to the city to A. H. Tisdale. Those two official acts completed business for the evening with the exception of a discussion of the naming of a cleanup day. Several comments were heard on the matter to lead to the decision to set no official day for cleanup. Due to the understanding, as it was expressed, that many residents within city limits would retain garbage from one year to the next in anticipation of the setting aside of a special day for removal and would thereby be instrumental in contributing to a greater accumulation, no action was taken.

Committee Appointments To Be Made

Chamber Commerce Luncheon Due Next Tuesday Noon Says President

Chamber of Commerce President Sam Hearing stated Wednesday that the second April meeting of the group is slated for the Terminal Cafe next Tuesday noon. In the announcement Hearing stated that business men, residents of the community and farmers in the valley surrounding Vernonia are invited to attend.

The appointment of committees will occupy the business session of the meeting.

KWLK to Change Broadcast Frequency

Beginning with Thursday's broadcast, Radio Station KWLK, Longview will be found on a new spot on the dial, is the announcement made to Vernonia listeners this week by A. H. Green, manager of the station. The new number on the dial will be 1370 kilocycles and instead of being a daylight station, that is signing off at sunset, programs will run every day from 7 a. m. until 11 p. m.

Vernonia Scouts To Participate

The Vernonia Boy Scouts are to be represented in the scout Skill-rama to be held in Portland April 26 and 27. Scouts from here will participate in the parade to be held on Saturday, stated Scoutmaster Ira Baucom.

Credit Union Formed

Union Purpose to Promote Thrift Among Members

A group of Vernonia residents wish to announce the formation of the Vernonia Community Federal Credit Union, Charter No. 3723.

Mr. Robert Raymer on April 5 called the group together and introduced Mr. Powell of the Farm Credit Administration who was here to install the charter and explain the purpose of Federal Credit Unions. The purpose of Credit Unions as explained is to promote thrift among its members, by affording them an opportunity for accumulating their savings; and to create for them a source of credit for loans for provident and productive purposes.

Officers elected at this meeting were, President, Robert Raymer; Financial Secretary, Dwight Strong; Credit Committee: John Roediger, H. A. Stevenson and Rufus Bramlett; Supervisory Committee: Mrs. Robert Raymer, Lester Wells and Warren Stevenson; Board of Directors: John Gritdahl, Hale Bankson, Dwight Strong, Robert Raymer, E. Burton, O. D. Willard and Edwin Ade.

Membership in the Vernonia Community Federal Credit Union is limited to the residents of Vernonia and those living within a radius of six miles. There are no paid officials in this Credit Union and it is non-political and has no other affiliations other than being under the direct supervision of the Farm Credit Administration, which audits its books annually.

There are now 66 such Credit Unions with a combined membership of 13,500 in the State of Oregon in the business of saving money and in turn loaning it to their members in need of such loans. Vernonia's getting off to a good start, now having 34 members and with others showing interest in the Credit Union. For more information please contact any member or any officer mentioned above.

High School Budget Board Named Sat.

Meeting Date Set for May 7, Tuesday, by District Directors

Directors of the high school board of directors for District No. 1 last Saturday named budget board men to draft the high school budget for the district at the director's meeting held last Saturday, April 6.

Those named to the board are C. W. Johnson, Cass Bergerson, Ed Bollinger, Henry Johns and R. M. Aldrich. The budget meeting date has been set for Tuesday, May 7.

Firemen Called to Action Wednesday

The Vernonia fire department was called into action about 4:30 Wednesday afternoon when an alarm was turned in for a fire at the Walter McDonald home. Chimney sparks had ignited the roof but timely arrival of firemen prevented any but small damage.

NEW STORE TO OPEN

Majorette Contest to Be Featured for First Time Here Fri., Eve

Contest, Band Concert Will Present Array of Vernonia Talent

Vernonia's outstanding civic organization, The Vernonia Junior Band, will on Friday evening of this week, April 19th, stage a band concert and majorette contest at the Washington grade school auditorium. Plans for the evening will feature for the first time locally the majorette contest which will be governed by high school regulations.

C. R. Watts has faithfully directed the local band aspirants in practice, marching and drills and has, in the past few years, perfected an outstanding group of young musicians now in demand for conventions, parades, etc. to represent Vernonia with justified honors. Only three of the original members of the first band, started five years ago by Mr. Watts, are active in the present group, Jane Watts, daughter of the director being one of the three. She is now assistant director.

Two trophies, one gold and one silver, as first and second prize will be awarded in the majorette contest in which a number of attractive young ladies will participate.

Funds derived from the concert will be used to defray band expenses on trips and other expenses that may arise.

Temperature In March Hits 76 Degrees

Precipitation Totals Over Four Inches, Records Reveal

Cooperative Weather Station figures released recently by Harry Culbertson, observer, revealed a maximum temperature for March, last month, of 76 degrees. Further check of the recordings revealed that the month's readings also dropped to 28 degrees for the lowest recording. The high temperature occurred on March 21st and the low on March 19th. Readings for seven days showed minimum recordings below freezing, 32 degrees.

Precipitation records gave a total of 4.92 inches of moisture for the month with .82 of an inch being recorded on March 26th.

Mr. Culbertson also revealed that he will no longer be in charge of the cooperative station, it having been transferred to the charge of Ed Sessemann, recently appointed cemetery caretaker. The station has been relocated atop Corey hill near the Sessemann residence.

Business To Start May 1st

H. L. Hatchard Preparing Oregon Gas Building for Use

Vernonia's newest business establishment is due to open its doors to the public on May first or shortly thereafter was the word of H. L. Hatchard, owner of the concern, when contacted Wednesday regarding the store. Mr. Hatchard is employed at the present time in preparing the store space for the opening. The completion of that work will determine the opening date, it was stated.

Ice cream and confections will be the attraction, the ice cream to be manufactured from a mix supplied by the Lower Columbia Dairy Association. Some milk will be purchased from local producers to be used in the making of milk shakes and other confectionery products.

Contest for Boy Scouts Started

"Why I Am Glad I Live in America," Theme of Keds Offering

L. H. Dewey, Miller Mercantile company manager, announced last week an essay contest of interest to all Boy Scouts, the contest starting April 15 and continuing to June 15.

In the announcement made by Mr. Dewey it was stated that the essay theme is to be on the subject "Why I Am Glad I Live in America." The essay is not to exceed 250 words and emphasis will be placed on clear, logical, honest statements rather than on fine English. Other rules are neatness, writing on one side of paper in ink or with typewriter and essays must be accompanied by entry blank with proper signature and questionnaire filled out. Blanks are obtainable at the Miller Mercantile company.

A display in the Miller window will give further details as will Mr. Dewey.

Instructor To Hear Lecture Thurs.

No Official Visiting Day Assigned to Vernonia Schools This Year

Miss Freda Beck, commercial teacher in the high school, will attend at Commerce high school in Portland Thursday, a lecture by Lewis A. Leslie, author of "Functional Method of Gregg Shorthand", on the shorthand course as given in his book. Teachers from the vicinity of the Portland school have been invited to attend.

Owing to the fact that no official visiting day has been assigned to the Vernonia schools because of the four days lost during the flu epidemic, each teacher will take his own day thereby not disrupting the entire school by declaring a general visiting day. Miss Beck will take advantage of this particular day to enjoy visiting other classes as well as to hear the author and editor of the book on shorthand method.

Money Orders Total 107,842 Since Jan., 1935

It is often said that statistics are not of interest to the reader but that statement can hardly be considered true when those figures are of an amount revealed last week by an examination of the number of money orders issued through windows of the Vernonia post office. A statement made last Thursday by O. T. Bateman, assistant postmaster, led to questioning which revealed that 107,842 money orders have been issued by the office since January 2, 1935, that

day being the first day of business in that year. The first money order of that day carried number 171,678 and the last order last Thursday night was numbered 279,519.

With that information in hand the question arose as to the total amount of money concerned which came to the figure of \$1,272,534.60; to average \$11.80 per order.

Mr. Bateman, when questioned, stated that a special government permit is required before the old orders, which are made out by the

person wishing to send the money, can be destroyed. It was also stated that, by law, the orders must be retained for three years.

With the review of the older records completed, attention was directed to the amount of money order totals by months during 1939 to determine the result of the mill shut down in September. It was stated that post office money order business is a good indication of the business turnover of merchants. By months during last year and deal-

ing only in thousands of dollars money order figures were as follows: January, \$22 thousand; February, \$21 thousand; March, \$25 thousand; April, \$24 thousand; May, \$24 thousand; June, \$23 thousand; July, \$21 thousand; August, \$22 thousand; September, \$24 thousand; (then the shut down) October, \$19 thousand; November, \$18 thousand; and December, \$23 thousand. December business for a normal year is above \$35 thousand.

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