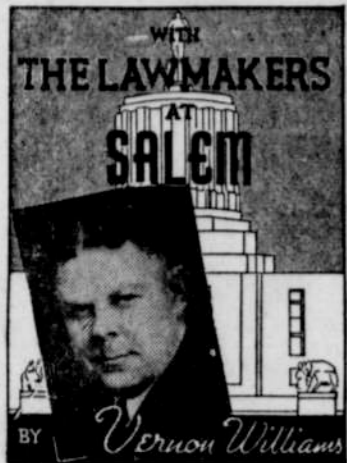


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STATEHOUSE, Salem, Feb. 20—

Tomorrow, February 21, marks the end of the so-called regular session of 40 days. From now on until adjournment sine die the legislators will work for glory, and no pay. Nearly every indication is for a 60-day session. Wednesday saw one of the most controversial bills in either house up for debate—the "big truck" bill, which is now being lambasted all over the senate. The political dopesters say it will pass. All of the so-called hot bills are still in committee. Old-age assistance, small loans, state civil service, sales tax, unemployment insurance, wine, and the reapportionment measures are resting in the arms of Morpheus. However, they are scheduled to awake with a bang the latter part of this week or soon thereafter. Then the fireworks will start. This very quiet session promises to wind up in a blaze of glory—or something.

The reapportionment bill, which will carve out a new congressional seat for Oregon and also give the state one more vote in the electoral college, would create the new district, the committee members having definitely agreed to leave the second and third district as is. Under no consideration will any county be split—half in one district and half in the other. At this writing it looks as if the north county line of Lane will mark the new or fourth district and take in everything south to the California line, which would include Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Coos and Curry, with a good chance that Linn county will also be included. The 1940 census gives these seven counties a combined population of 214,590, or about 25 percent of the people of the state. Representative Neuberger (D) of Multnomah county introduced a resolution to hold a public hearing on the subject of a new district, but the house voted it down to the tune of 40 to 20.

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of each legislature to exempt different classes of real property from the tax rolls. Last week the lawmakers passed a bill to exempt the parsonages, or residences, of clergymen from any real property tax. It has been conservatively estimated to cost the state at least \$100,000 in taxes lost. Another measure passed would exempt druggists from a \$5 a year license fee for selling alcohol and liquor.

If this movement to give tax exemption keeps up, and should the large utilities which pay close to \$3,000,000 a year in taxes be taken from the rolls through municipal ownership, Old Man Oregon would have to find other sources of revenue running into many millions of dollars, which would be far from an easy thing to do.

Many times in past sessions, including also the present one, efforts have been made by the lawmakers of both houses to tap the saintly, untouchable state highway fund for other necessary state needs. This aloof body has by far the largest bankroll of any state commission and the largest source of revenue. The gasoline tax alone brings in many millions and the commission budget always shows several millions in reserve. But let anyone even think of tapping this huge pot of gold for other purposes and a howl goes up that can be heard all over the state.

However, all good things must come to an end. A bill is in the making which would take away all of the commission's funds. The legislature would then allot the highway commission each biennium

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## School for Flying Is Planned

### Prospective Students Requested to Signify Intentions to Harold Dow

An attempt to organize a flying school at the Vernonia Airport is underway this week according to information given out by Harold Dow, Joy Theatre manager, who has issued a request that prospective students contact him at the theatre. An announcement concerning the proposed school will be found elsewhere in this issue.

According to Dow, some idea of the number interested in learning to fly must be obtained before further steps can be taken towards organization. Lester Lacky, a certified flight and ground instructor, of Hillsboro has been engaged to teach when sufficient students are obtained. Instruction costs can be definitely given when the number of students is ascertained.

Eight hours of instruction are necessary to make a solo flight, Dow stated, and the greater number of students the less the cost. The school will be known as the Nehalem Flying Service and a Piper Cub Coupe will be used for instruction.

## Production of Fat Increases

The report of the Columbia Cow Testing Association for the year ending in April, 1940 was released Tuesday. One significant fact of the cow testing work in Columbia county is that during the last four years the average butterfat production has been as follows:

1937—275.4 lbs., 21 herds tested  
1938—310.9 lbs., 15 herds tested  
1939—312.7 lbs., 18 herds tested  
1940—332.36 lbs., 22 herds tested

It is notable that there has been a gain of 56.96 pounds in average butterfat production during the last four years. This figure computed at 30c per pound would indicate that the dairyman would be making \$16.99 more from each cow in the herd than in 1937. This would pay the dairyman very substantially over the cost of the testing which amounts to about \$2 a year per cow.

## Forest Wealth To Be Discussed

Oregon has a greater "stake" in its forest lands and its forest resources than any other state, hence it is fitting that a conference on the perpetuation of the forests and forest industries should be held, says Dr. G. W. Peavy, president emeritus of Oregon State college and long the head of the college school of forestry.

Such a one-day conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, on this campus to be climaxed in the evening by the annual "Fern-hopper banquet," which brings together students and alumni of the school of forestry and leaders in the forest service and lumbering industry.

Specialists will discuss ways and means of controlling forest fires, handling logged-off lands, and obtaining greatest values from present timber and recreational resources of the forest lands.

## Mothers' Club To Meet Friday

The Mothers' Club of the Lincoln grade school will meet Friday at 2 o'clock p. m. at that school for the regular bi-monthly meeting. According to the announcement made this week, the program offered for Friday should prove interesting and enlightening to all mothers. Two informal talks followed by discussion of the group on phases of child psychology will be the highlights of the meeting. Mrs. Cass Bergerson and Mrs. Henry King will speak and act as leaders in the discussion.

## Senior Play, "Yes and No," Slated for Appearance March 7

The senior class of the high school will present a very new and unusual play for the annual class play to be presented Friday, March 7, at the Washington grade school. The production, entitled "Yes and No", is a comedy written in two acts and an epilogue; the same plot is presented in three different aspects.

Act One tells the events that would have happened if Jo had said, "No", Act Two portrays the action that might have taken place if Jo had said, "Yes". The Epilogue tells the story as it actually happened.

Another unusual feature of the play is the cast's observing two minutes silence at the beginning of the second act. The pantomiming of the cast during this period of silence will be effective entertainment for the audience, it was announced.

## Pest Contest Winner Named

Fern Hill Grange won the Pest Hunt contest which ended December 31 and which is sponsored by the Columbia County Pomona Grange. The total number of animals and pests destroyed by the various Granges in the county amounted to 2,392, the number including 3 coyotes, 3 bob-cats and 808 diggers.

The point system used last year and to be used by the sponsors, the Pomona Grange, in this year's contest is as follows: coyote, 3000; cougar, bob-cat, 1000; weasel, rat, hawk, owl and crow, 250; gopher, 150; diggers, jack rabbit, mole and bluejay, 100; mice, 25.

This year's winner, Fern Hill Grange, had 95,150 points and Nat'l Grange was second with 63,850 points. Other Granges participating were: Beaver Valley, Warren, Canaan, Chapman and South Scappoose.

## Burned Land Being Seeded

County Agent George Nelson is busy here this week supervising the work of seeding a section of land which was burned over last summer by the forest fire starting on the Wolf Creek highway west of Sunset Camp.

About one section of land will be seeded, it was stated. Seed supplies were purchased from the Vernonia Trading company.

## Bowling Alley Property Sold

The Vernonia bowling alley property was sold last week by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burton to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Goertzen who took over management of the business Friday.

The alleys were established here by Mr. and Mrs. Burton last July 20th, and have been operated by them since that time. They will remain in Vernonia until the latter part of this week.

## Recorder's Report Issued Tuesday

City Recorder Loel Roberts issued his report of the city's business activity for the past year. The report, covering the year 1940, is divided into three parts: collections, warrant expenditures as compared with the budget; and collections and disbursements of the water department.

Collections for the year totaled \$5,769.60 which figure was derived from the following sources: fines, \$500; occupation tax, \$1,955.76; contract payments, \$602.24; rent, \$921.50; assessment payments, \$979.57; cemetery fund, \$128.50; and miscellaneous, \$682.03.

Miscellaneous items included: crushed rock, \$13.04; liquor application recommendation, \$60; sale

## Tabernacle Is Attraction

The Silver Dome Tabernacle continues to draw large audiences, one unique feature being the presence of quite a number of children who thoroughly enjoy the children's songs which Professor Willey is teaching them.

Perhaps those who have been unable to attend would like to know something of the nature of Mr. Thompson's lectures. For their benefit a very brief synopsis of last Sunday night's topic follows:

It was announced as "Paying Off the World's Mortgage." Mr. Thompson said, "After having created this world and making it perfect in every detail for the home of man God gave it to man to be his eternal home held subject to obedience to God. Adam was made the prince of the earth. But in Luke 4:5, 6, we find Satan boldly telling Christ that the world now belonged to Satan. And we find that Christ called Satan 'the prince of this world'. Hence it is evident that Adam had mortgaged his rights to this world to Satan and Satan had foreclosed.

"Now the universal law of redemption requires that the one who redeems shall be a blood kinsman. Put Adam had none such, hence Satan thought he would hold this world as his eternal kingdom. But the Son of God determined to redeem both man and his lost estate. To gain the right to do so, He was born into the human family and thus became 'the Son of Man'. Laying down all His divine powers, He met the issues of life as a man, not as a God. As a man, He was victorious in every encounter with Satan, and thus redeemed man's fall."

## Vacation to Be Given Schools

Teachers and pupils of the two grade schools and of the high school in Vernonia will have the opportunity to enjoy a spring vacation this year, it was announced this week. The vacation will be from April 11, Good Friday, until April 14, inclusive. This is the first year that the two school systems have observed a spring vacation; a number of years ago the grades were given time off for the Easter week-end.

## Two Get Fines in Recorder's Court

Two persons were fined Tuesday in the City Recorder's Court for soliciting from house-to-house which action violates the so-called Green River ordinance. Receiving fines of \$2.50 each were Ernest VanRheem and Woodrow Forney for selling magazines.

## Dessy's Tavern Gets New Equipment

The installation of a new bar was made last Wednesday at Dessy's Tavern to replace the former outmoded equipment. The new bar, the latest type, is equipped to dispense light beverages as well as provide fountain service for customers.

## ROBERTS FINALLY CLEANS WINDOWS AT CITY HALL

An attraction of considerable interest was evident by the number of comments made Wednesday by people who visited the city hall. It seems that an argument has waged for some months between City Recorder Loel Roberts and the city marshals as to who would wash the city hall windows. Whether Recorder Roberts was the loser of a bet or whether the windows became so dirty that vision was seriously obstructed thereby making the work absolutely necessary, is not known but Marshals Lolley and King did not do the washing. Instead, the Recorder was busy Wednesday and the city hall has clean windows.

## Home Makers to Meet at O. S. C.

Representative women of Oregon from most of the counties of the state will converge on the Oregon State College campus, February 20, through the 28th for the eleventh annual Conference for the Study of Home Interests, according to Mrs. Azalea Sager, State Leader for Home Economics Extension.

The conference will open with a dinner in the Memorial Union. Governor Sprague will speak on "The Family as a Social Unit." Following the dinner a concert by the Glee and Madrigal Clubs, a chorus of 190 voices, accompanied by a fifty-piece orchestra will be presented. As a concluding number, the chorus will sing, "Ballad for Americans."

## Forty-Five to Speak

The program of the next three days is also filled with outstanding features. Forty-five speakers will participate in the program, many of them of international note. E. Stanley Jones will speak on "The Part of Religion in International Affairs." Dr. E. Neige Todhunter, Associate Professor of Nutrition, Washington State College, Pullman, will discuss "Sources of Vitamins from Food versus Concentrates." Mr. John T. Reiser, Executive Secretary of Rural Missions, will address the conference on the subject "Is a Christian Rural Civilization Possible?" At Friday's luncheon Senator Dorothy McCullough Lee will speak on "Women's Part in Government."

Besides the speakers of note, many recreational features are on the program. A three-act play entitled, "The Ready-Made Family" under the direction of Mrs. Bess Brown, will be presented from Clackamas county on Wednesday evening. A fashion show depicting new spring models will be staged by one of the larger Portland stores.

## Union Service Date Given

The annual World Day of Prayer will be observed February 28, Friday, at the Christian Church. At one o'clock in the afternoon a luncheon will be served, followed by the program at two o'clock. This union service is sponsored by the missionary societies of both the Christian and Evangelical Churches; all Vernonia ladies are invited to attend the observance of the World Day of Prayer.

## Council Sets Monday for Hearing

### Sword Building to Get Examination to Determine Degree of Safety

An opportunity to decide the controversy which has arisen over the city occupation license charged laundry concerns is offered next Monday evening as the result of a council decision at the Monday meeting this week. The controversy arose due to an attempt of the Forest Grove Laundry to solicit business in Vernonia.

The hearing will afford those interested in the affair to present opinions before the council. The hearing date was set on suggestion by Mayor E. M. Bollinger.

### To Make Examination

City Recorder Loel Roberts was authorized by the council to request that a representative of the state fire marshal's office be sent here to make an examination of the Sword building to determine its safety.

Other business of the council Monday evening was to authorize the sale of Lot 1, Block 7, Central addition to Harry Forsner and to purchase 50 concrete meter boxes at \$1.35 per box. Use of the city hall Friday evening was granted for the golfers meeting.

## Post Office Move Made

Post office patrons awoke Wednesday morning to find the post office located in its new quarters in the Oregon Gas and Electric building. The move was made during evening hours Tuesday.

Considerable work was necessary in placing office equipment properly in the new space. The move was made at an earlier time than was anticipated last week due to the arrival of a supervisor who has been in charge of arrangements at the new place.

## Manager Calls Golfers' Meet

A meeting of Vernonia golfers is called for 7:30 Friday evening at the city hall Homer Michener, Vernonia Golf Course manager, announced Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting is open to golfers interested in the coming summer season of play and in tournaments with teams from other towns. During the evening a team captain will be elected and a tournament committee named. All golfers are urged to attend.

## Credit Union Office Hours Changed

The Vernonia Federal Credit Union office hours have been extended an announcement Wednesday indicated. The office will be open from 4 to 6 p. m. Saturdays in the future.

## Postal Notes

Patrons should send as sealed first-class registered mail, valuable matter such as coin and currency (when money orders are not available or desired), jewelry, precious stones and articles of similar nature, as well as any valuable merchandise or matter for which the greatest protection available in the mails is desired. Indemnity up to and not exceeding \$1,000 is paid in connection with registered mail.

Insure all shipments of general merchandise, farm and factory products, etc.

Insurance fees: Value not exceeding \$5, 5 cents; not exceeding \$25, 10 cents; not exceeding \$50, 15 cents; not exceeding \$100, 25 cents; not exceeding \$150, 30 cents; and not exceeding \$200, 35 cents. Return receipts may be obtained upon payment of an additional fee of three cents.