

## Early Pioneer Called by Death

MIST — Our community was saddened last week by the passing of an early pioneer and dearly loved resident of the valley.

Mrs. A. M. Berg, who passed away Wed. night or early Thursday morning. She passed away in her sleep. Her grand daughter called her and receiving no answer, called her father Robert Berg. Grandma Berg was 81 last Feb. 10th. While she had not been feeling well for some time, she was quite active and was the gayest one at her birthday party every year.

She had made her home on the Fish Hawk for over two score of years, we do not know just how many. Left to feel her loss are three daughters, Mrs. May Millis, Mrs. Winnifred Hult of Horton and Mrs. Ellen Lundquist of Anacosta, Montana. Two sons, Robert of Birkenfeld, Russel of Calif. one brother here, H. Jepson and some relatives in Denmark, besides several grandchildren and many friends who esteem her highly.

She was a kind and helpful neighbor, one you felt better for having known her. To know her was to love her. She lived a long life and a good life.

Funeral services were held here Sunday in the little church at Mist. Then she was taken to the cemetery on the Fish Hawk where her husband, who preceded here in death several years ago, also lies at rest.

## Students Take Office Monday

Installation of the high school officers was held Monday afternoon at an assembly period. The installation was made by the retiring president, Max Millia, who swore in Douglas Culbertson as president for the coming year. Douglas Culbertson in turn then installed his officers who were: vice-president, Jack Nance; secretary, Shirley Ray; treasurer, Phyllis Bonislaw; and business manager, Mary Beth Lish.

Also at this assembly the senior class presented Mr. McCrae with a large picture.

## Furniture Needed For Service Center

It is hoped that the Columbia Service center will be opened Memorial Day, May 30, in St. Helens but in order to do this the center is in need of furniture such as chairs, davenport, tables, lamps or anything that will be suitable for the comforts of the service men.

The local Legion Auxiliary will be in charge of the donations made from Vernonia and people who are interested in donating are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Harry Culbertson.

## GETS NEW PAINT JOB

The local theatre building is receiving a new coat of paint this week. The building is being painted white with blue trim. The work is being done by Geo. C. Clark, contractors.

## Farewell Party Given Family

MIST — A farewell party was given the Don Hall family, Saturday night by the community people in the gym. There was quite a large gathering and the evening was spent in sociability, dancing and music. A beautiful lamp was presented to the Halls by the people of the vicinity. The president of the Mist Helping Circle presented the gift, following a poem written and read by Mrs. A. Dowling especially for the occasion. A delicious lunch was served by the Circle.

The Halls are leaving this week end for Morton, Washington, where Mr. Hall has bought a tie mill. He's already at work over there.

Carl Creape moved his household goods from the village to Clatskanie last week.

Mathews' bro. sent a truck load of lumber over to Scappoose Monday for Lloyd Lynch's new barn.

Mrs. Roy Hughs is painting the interior of her house.

L. Wickstrom is working for Hughs and Jepson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughs entertained the following guests on Mother's Day: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall, Mrs. Maude Rogers from Vernonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lynch from Scappoose.

Mrs. Austin Dowling and Mrs. Earl Roper were shopping in Vernonia Tues.

Miss Elizabeth Siefkin was a guest of her sister Mrs. Donald Sundland several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross and an uncle from Portland visited the former's daughter, Mrs. C. O. Hayden Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McGee was a guest from McMinnville recently of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones are vacationing from Lookout duties on Benson's lookout for a week or ten days.

Henry Kleaver returned from Portland last week, where he has been in the hospital several weeks, from an operation.

## Legal Notice

Notice of School Election Upon Question of Increasing Tax Levy Over Amount Limited by Section 11, Article XI, State Constitution.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in School District No. 47 Jt. of Columbia County, State of Oregon, at Washington grade school, Vernonia, Oregon, in said district, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the year 1944-45 over the amount limited by section 11, article XI, of the Constitution of Oregon.

The reasons for increasing such levy are:

Our base is large enough only to operate a rural school.

The amount of tax, in excess of the 6% limitation, proposed to be levied for said year is \$42,988.33

Dated this 23 day of May, 1944.

Attest: LEE SCHWAB  
District Clerk  
R. A. BRAMBLETT  
Chairman Board of Directors



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## Monotony on A Ranch

Rona Morris Workman  
Vernonia, Oregon

I have a friend in the big city who, when she heard we had bought a ranch in the valley, cried, "But, my dear! How will you endure it there? Life will be so monotonous." She may have been sincere in her anxiety, but she didn't know ranch life. Monotony? It's anything else but. Anybody on a ranch who can prophesy what the next hour will bring is a better clairvoyant than I am.

You will find a hummingbird building a nest in the honeysuckle vine by the woodshed door, and half an hour later the pedigreed "little boy bull" gets into the yard and horns down your lovely Japanese—excuse me—Oriental maple. A hen, who has hidden her nest comes off with a dozen golden balls of fluff down, and twenty minutes later you find the rats have eaten three of them, so you give battle with rat bombs and strafe 'em with poison gas. You gloat over the first mess of fresh garden greens, and discover that the bugs are blitzing your tomato plants, and you charge into the fray with a rotenone gun. A new curly-headed, white-faced baby is born to one of your Herefords, and you have barely returned from admiring it, when an uproar in the barnlot brings you on the gallop to find that a temporarily cow has run into a carelessly upturned plow-share and cut a gash in her side. You rush to the scene with your sewing kit—gold thimble and all—and, after the men have snubbed the patient to the corral post, you do a master job of surgery with a darning needle and a length of cord. And so it goes. Monotony on a ranch. There ain't no such thing. Believe me, I know.

Things become monotonous to us only when we cease to take an interest in them. If you go thru the routine tasks which to a great extent fill the life of everyone, particularly on a farm, seeing only the dull face of duty, of course such tasks become wearisome through the sameness of your perception. If you feed the

chickens with no thought but of how many eggs they will produce, you are liable to become bored, even if you aren't disappointed. But even hens, which I personally consider the dumbest of farm creatures, have their own individual characteristics. At times they can even be amusing. Try looking with interest at your flock sometime, and I'll wager that the task of feeding and tending them will lose at least a portion of its dullness.

Hoing your garden, weeding, even thinning carrots and onions, can be made amusing and thought-provoking instead of sweaty, boring drudgery. Think about them. How do those tiny seeds know that they are to be carrots or onions? How do they draw their nourishment from the soil; how select the thing they need from the earth and light and air? Your mind will be led into ever-widening channels of thought, your task will bring you close to the deep heart-secrets of Nature, and by the time you reach the end of the row you will not only have your carrots or onions thinned out properly, you will have "voyaged on strange seas of thought".

I sometimes think that farm women seldom realize how close they are to life. Too often they feel isolated. They think of life only in terms of living, of cities, towns masses of people. Yet life, real life, pulsating, eager, glowing, lies all about them and comes to fruition under their touch, partakes of their vitality. Of some people we say "they have a green thumb", because all plant life responds to their touch. They have that power because of their keen interest. You give of yourself when you are really interested, and life responds fully, richly.

No one can do any task well in which he is not interested. Yet nothing is uninteresting. It is only that you are uninterested. An interest can be cultivated. The more you learn of anything, the longer you can contemplate it with a seeing mind, the greater becomes your understanding of the life within it.

And, on a farm you are of real importance. In a crowded city you are only one of many an atom among a million other atoms. On a farm you hold the rod of life and death. Through your command and the labor of your hands, seeds grow into fruit and flowers and long green rows of fresh vegetables. Lir, comes to fields and pastures; to colts and calves, tiny pigs and soft downy chicks and ducks begin their life cycles, and their growth and welfare rests with you. Monotonous? How can days

## At the Churches

**Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints**  
Sunday school convenes at 10 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. hall under the direction of G. W. Bell, branch president and Van Bailey, superintendent.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Rev. Anthony V. Gerace  
Rev. J. H. Goodrich  
Mass: 9:30 a.m. except first Sunday in month—Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Confessions from 7:45 a.m. on.

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
Services on Saturday:  
10:00 a.m.—Sabbath school.  
11:00 a.m.—Gospel service.  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday—Devotional service.  
Sermon by district leader—third Saturday of each month  
A cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

**First Christian Church**  
—The Livingstones, Ministers  
9:45—Bible school, M. L. Herrin, superintendent. Classes for all.  
11:00—Morning communion and preaching. Sermon by A. C. Bates.  
12:30—Pot-luck dinner at church  
7:30—Evening communion and preaching by Mr. Bates.  
7:30 Wednesday evening—Prayer meeting.

so filled with life and all the incidents of living be called dull or wearisome? You will never find them so if you learn to reach out from yourself and lay your finger on the throbbing pulse of that which exists beneath your hands. Try it. Again I can say, "I know."

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## NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the budget committee of the City of Vernonia, Columbia County, Oregon, a municipal corporation, has filed in the office of the levying board, to-wit: the City Council of said city, its detailed estimate of the total amount of receipts, and also the total amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation and expended by said municipal corporation for all purposes for the period from July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945, which estimates are as follows:

Actual for year ended Dec. 31st 1941	Current Year		Actual for First Six months	For year	Fund and Classification	Estimates
	1-1-42 to 6-30-42	7-1-42 to 6-30-43				
\$ 420.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 1050.00	Recorder:	
62.30	18.70	31.58	24.20	50.00	Salary .....	\$ 1200.00
350.00	150.00	630.00	325.00	660.00	Supplies .....	50.00
		16.79	5.00	5.00	Treasurer:	
210.00	105.00	402.50	210.00	420.00	Salary .....	660.00
20.00		10.00			Supplies .....	5.00
37.54	18.48	42.81	38.02	50.00	Attorney:	
479.10	180.99	732.47	665.11	800.00	Salary .....	420.00
77.98	24.84	48.14	2.00	50.00	Legal Service	
140.53	200.00			200.00	Building & Grounds:	
2908.80	1896.40	4041.80	2279.29	4375.00	Personal Service .....	50.00
182.45	52.29	92.08	12.73	200.00	Other Expense .....	800.00
75.00	34.00	117.25		100.00	Elections & Publication .....	50.00
3.27	25.45	22.75		50.00	Addit .....	200.00
554.24	28.35	392.75	104.60	150.00	Police Department:	
1484.89	1615.03	2054.52	818.11	1250.00	Personal Service .....	4375.00
					Other Expense .....	200.00
					Fire Department:	
					Personal Services .....	150.00
					Other expense .....	1600.00
					Street & Sewer:	
					Personal Service .....	150.00
					Other Expense .....	3000.00
					Miscellaneous:	
420.00	240.00	510.00	270.00	540.00	Library:	
145.81	76.34	68.53	17.48	125.00	Personal Service .....	540.00
50.00	10.00	70.00	50.00	60.00	Supplies .....	125.00
643.35	100.00	213.50	272.50	400.00	Health Officer .....	60.00
173.98	44.26	443.30	237.29	770.00	Park .....	500.00
305.37					Cemetery .....	500.00
148.84	75.00	292.44	90.00	225.00	Airport .....	
41.18		28.24		15.00	City Dump .....	225.00
183.95	144.62	210.69	65.46	250.00	League Dues .....	15.00
815.23	180.66	143.37	5.56	1200.00	Bonds, Fire Ins. & Accident Ins. ....	250.00
					Emergency .....	1000.00
1676.40	898.20	2021.40	1135.70	2187.50	WATER DEPARTMENT:	
1260.00	660.00	975.00	525.00	1050.00	Water Supt. salary .....	2500.00
4241.92	1331.82	2143.80	1000.00	2750.00	Collector's salary .....	1200.00
1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	Supplies, maintenances .....	2500.00
					Sinking fund .....	1500.00
2764.41	1253.87	2946.34	1119.35	2400.00	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	
12723.98	6153.24	11968.98	6273.03	11000.00	Fines & Licenses .....	2400.00
1065.33	396.50	1745.18	600.00	750.00	Water rentals .....	11000.00
6292.42					Rents & sale of property .....	750.00
765.25	95.96	439.97	226.30	200.00	Delinquent tax .....	
165.87	35.62	193.17	116.25	150.00	Misc. .....	300.00
306.98	84.80	359.91		300.00	Cemetery .....	200.00
				11014.50	Dog & Liquor tax .....	300.00
					Cash on hand .....	13375.00
					TOTAL BUDGET .....	23,825.00
					TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS .....	28,325.00
					AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY DIRECT TAX .....	none

And notice is hereby given that the said City Council of said city sitting as a levying board, will hold a meeting in the city hall in the City of Vernonia, Columbia County, Oregon, on Monday evening, June 5, 1944, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p. m., at which time and place all persons who shall be subject to each tax levy, when the same shall be made, may appear and be heard in favor or against said tax levy, or any part thereof.

Dated this 15th day of May, 1944.

ATTEST: Loel Roberts, Recorder

George W. Johnson, Mayor



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