

Public forum

The other night I had my first opportunity to attend a planning commission meeting. Since the initiation of the LCDC there has been a lot of controversy over the issue but one thing is for certain, it's here and we had better deal with it.

The only way we can retain local control over our situation is to participate. To this end I am going to publish the whole of the Vernonia Comprehensive plan in four parts between now and the Jan. 3rd issue.

It may well be very redundant and say little new but I found it enlightening to read through the whole thing so that everything could sink in completely. Broken into four parts it doesn't take that much time to read. It is better to read now and know what we're getting into than to read and weep in the future when the plans have already been made.

I suggest you read it over and if you have a great deal of support or dissatisfaction with any aspect of the plan you should attend the meetings and let it be known.

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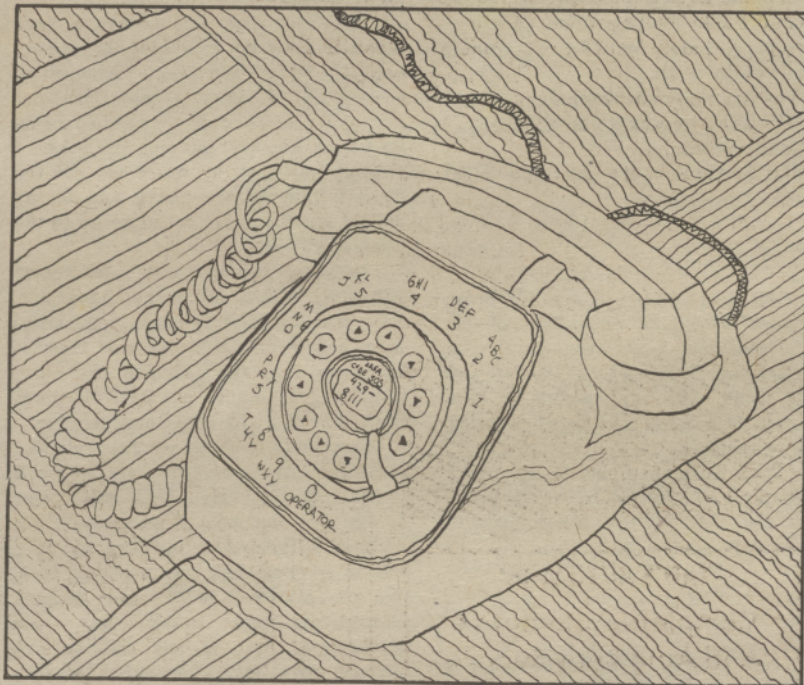
Robert Bates who had made application for a Variance to replace a mobile home on their property with a new mobile home. Their request was rejected on the grounds that it was not an authorized variance in a residential zone. The Bates contended that a hardship was involved but were told that their situation was a misuse of the definition of hardship. Argument ensued and the Bates left dissatisfied.

A letter requesting action upon a City Bicycle Path Plan was received from Charles T. Ramsdale county planner responsible for same.

A few minor additions or changes were submitted to the Vernonia Comprehensive Plan by planner Clyde Strickland and then a request that a public hearing be held as soon as possible on the plan. The Committee decided to have their next regular meeting tonight Dec. 13 instead of next week and to shoot for a Public Hearing on Jan. 3.

Begining on Page 3 you will find the first part of a four part printing of the tentative Vernonia Comprehensive Plan.

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The Columbia County Unit of the American Cancer Society is initiating a program which has proven most worthwhile in other areas.

This year in lieu of sending Christmas cards, you are urged to contribute a minimum of \$10 to the American Cancer Society. The names only (not the amount) of those who contribute will be listed in a Christmas New Year's Greeting to be published in the Vernonia Freedom

The published greeting will appear similar to that of a Christmas card with a notation below, "In lieu of

mailing Christmas Greetings to their local friends, the following have contributed to the American Cancer Society." The names of all contributions would follow.

All contributions which are tax deductible, must be received by December 15, to be included in the listing. Make your Christmas Greeting have real meaning by clipping the portion below and sending it and your check today. With Sincere Thanks,
Louise Hamnett
Crusade Chairman
Columbia County-Unit

Detach and return with your check please

American Cancer Society
Columbia County Unit
'Christmas Greetings'
co U.S. National Bank
P.O. Box 157
Vernonia, Ore. 97064

Listing of name or names as you wish it to appear in the Vernonia Freedom

\$ _____ enclosed as a contribution

To Vernonia Freedom

What a welcome to Vernonia! I came here to this town from a big city, looking for warmth and trust. For the most part I have found that small town feeling. But I can't understand why someone in this town would want to steal my clothes from the laundromat in town. I am a hard-working person, I teach at the school and volunteer my time to work with children and people in the community. However I find that taking my clothes is hardly a show of appreciation for my services.

I am not in a position right now to be able to replace these clothes, as it is Christmas time, and I am spending for others rather than myself. You who took my clothes left me without socks, underwear, jeans, sweatshirts and sheets for my bed!

I would appreciate their return. You can call me at 429-7941 (school) or 429-9671 (home) and I will not ask any questions. Or you can drop them off in a bag at the grade school or back in the laundromat where you took them from. If you are that needy that you need to steal someone else's clothes, I would be willing to help in other ways. But please return my clothes!

Sincerely
Linda Battfeld

Up the hill and through the woods,
Till you come to the end of the road
There's a little shack that sits way back
To live there is super good.

Where the hoot owls court the chickens,
And the coyotes talk to the moon
And all around the forest sounds
Are singing a beautiful tune.

So if you think you can find the place,
Past all the forest folks,
Wrap up you paper and send it to
Wally and Katie Noakes.

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