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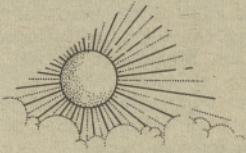
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Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
12	77	52	0
13	71	47	0
14	67	48	0
15	68	51	0
16	72	50	0
17	73	57	1
18	73	45	0

Vernonia Pioneer Picnic held Sunday

Last Sunday the 17th saw a large gathering for the annual Vernonia Pioneers Picnic in Anderson Park. 217 people registered in at the event with many old acquaintances being renewed.

A number of awards were given for outstanding age and in other categories. The oldest person present was Mable Graves, a former teacher in Vernonia and now a resident of Hillsboro. Mable is 92 years old. Bob Spencer, who will be 90 in October was the oldest native son. Blanche Millis of Vernonia had the largest family group there with 13 of her children and grand-children. Verlin Crume had come the farthest to the gathering coming from Scottsdale, AZ.

It was the first time in three years that the picnic was able to be held at the park without rain.

Smoke Alarms required

The Vernonia Fire Dept. notes that they have received at least 15 complaints from renters whose landlords have not yet put in smoke detectors.

All rentals of any sort, mobile homes, rooms, hotels, house, etc. must have had smoke detectors installed as of July 1 of this year. O.J. Zeigler, of the Fire Dept., informs us that the State Fire Marshall will be out sometime in September and will investigate any complaints not resolved.

The fine for not having a detector installed in a rental is \$250.

Class needs lawn mower engines

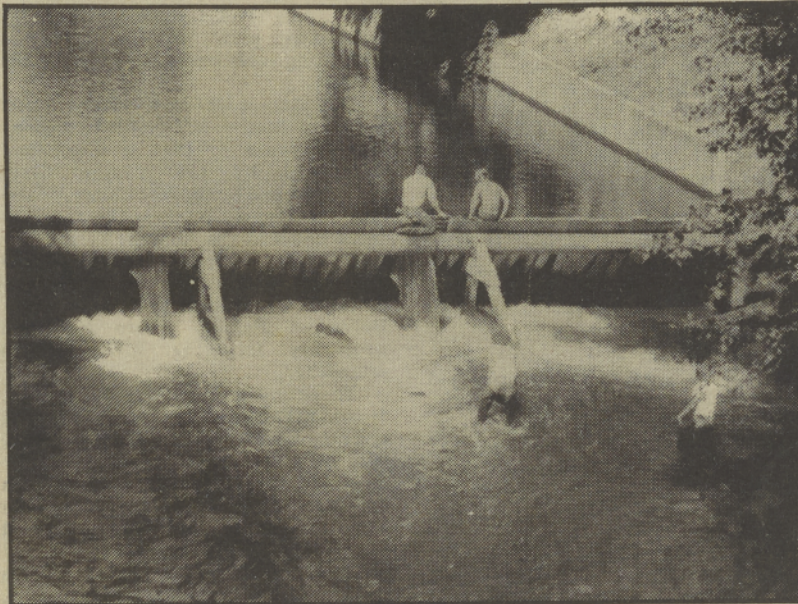
With the start of school comes the many activities and needs of the school year. Ralph Keasey, instructor of the small engines class at Vernonia High School, informs us of a need for lawn mower engines for the students to work on. He informs us that vertical shaft engines are needed, preferably Briggs and Stratton. Anyone with engines or a question can call the school at 429-3521.

RSVP Dance at St. Helens tomorrow night

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program will be sponsoring a dance on August 22, from 7:30 pm to 11 pm, at the Knights of Pythian Hall located on 1st Street in St. Helens. The Ridge Runners will be playing. There will be a donation of \$1.50 per person. If you like to dance, this is the place to be!

Rummage sale coming

For those who still have items to get rid of after a full summer of garage sales, watch for a big rummage sale coming up in September at the Masonic Hall.



Swimming hole comes down a bit early this year.

City puts out bids on sewer lagoons—Police to enforce curfew

The Vernonia City Council met Monday night and covered a larger amount of business than they have all summer including putting out calls for bids on improvement of the sewer lagoon, thinning of timber in the cemetery timber lots and for demolition of the old city hall.

In business from the floor Marge Dunay and others were present to make a statement about dog control in the city. She pointed out that little or no dog control on the part of the county has been seen in Vernonia although there have been numerous complaints filed. There was a great deal of discussion on the subject at several points in the meeting and the options of the city carrying out its own dog control program were discussed. In the end city attorney David Frost was asked to check on the legal options with the county to get the dog control officers over here.

A couple of letters were received from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). One was a refusal for sewer hookup on a property in the city and one was a reiteration of the limiting of hook-ups in the city to the present level until the sewer lagoon is enlarged and improved. The DEQ also stated an approval of the planned dredging of the current lagoon but stated that that in itself would not allow for more hook-ups but would only correct the situation of sewage overflow into the Nehalem River as happened last winter.

A letter was also received from the School Board requesting that members of the Council meet with the School Board at its August 28 meeting to work on mutual problems. The high school Forestry class also asked that council members meet with them on August 27 to plan for the next years forestry projects.

In other business, Mrs. Barker of the Girls Scouts was present to answer the Council's questions on who would be interested in managing the use of the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park. After a little discussion the essence of the problem revolved around who owned the property and it was decided to find out who owned the property before the next meeting and look at the problem at that time.

In the matter of the sewer lagoons the Council decided to have the three companies that had submitted bids for the dredging of the first lagoon revise their bids to conform to a uniform pricing process so the Council could make their choice. It is hoped that these revisions will be in by a special Council meeting to be held next Monday the 25th of August.

The Council also decided to call for bids on another phase of the sewer project. This bid will be for the cleaning out of the second lagoon (the diked-off half of the existing lagoon) and the building of a temporary holding lagoon and the construction of a third lagoon. The bids on this work are to be opened Sept. 2.

Funding for street improvements was also discussed. It was brought up that the city might be able to borrow on a \$140,000 certificate it has at Lincoln Savings but that anything borrowed against that would have to be paid back in the same budget year. It was thought that the money might be needed to replace Federal Revenue Sharing which is still not an assured revenue source.

In relation to paying back such a loan, Councilman Adams again brought up the need for the city to do some thinning of the timber adjacent to the cemetery. Adams said he and public works superintendent Roy Sanders, had already marked some of the timber for cutting and asked for bids to be in by Sept. 2.

The cemetery itself was also discussed and comment was made that it is looking much better and the council expressed its appreciation to the Green-thumb workers for their efforts.

The council then discussed what it should do about the old City Hall building. This is the building that was pictured on the front of last week's Freedom, but unfortunately we did not get a caption under the picture explaining its purpose. The council has called for bids to demolish or remove the building but would still like to see some citizen involvement or citizens group come forward with a plan for preserving the building. The bids on the building will be opened at the Sept. 2 meeting.

In other old business attorney Frost advised that the city file for review by the Supreme Court, the case against State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF) in the attempt to be compensated for the loss of the Elroy Minor case which cost the city more than \$130,000. The case against SAIF had been taken to appeals court where it again failed but Frost stated that the filing cost was only \$500 and it might be worth it in such a large case. The council decided to go ahead and file for review on the case.

Councilman Johnson also noted that the city would like to know if anyone knows of any street lights that are not yet turned back on so that the council might have West Oregon turn them back on as all street lights are currently supposed to be turned on.

At the end of the meeting Police Officer Bud Ashcraft made a report on a couple of items. One being that the police intend to begin enforcement of the existing curfew law which states that juveniles (under 18) must be in by 9 pm on weekdays and by 10 pm on weekends.

Another item which Bud brought up was the riding of dirt bikes around Lake Vernonia and also riding on the trails throughout the mill site. It was brought up that the city police could enforce no riding of trail bikes around the lake but that they would have to make an arrangement with the county sheriff to enforce no riding in the rest of the Mill site area.

Old Timers picnic held in Buxton Community Hall

The Buxton-Manning Old Timers Picnic was held Sunday August 17 at the Buxton Community Hall. About one hundred persons met for a day of reminiscing.

The oldest person attending was Ralph Hannan, of Portland, who owned the Buxton Mercantile store for many years. The youngest was Ryan Bellish infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bellish of Banks. The couple coming the furthest were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pringle of Temple, Airozna.

Friends came from Mulino, McMinnville, Beaverton, Tillamook, Springfield, Buxton, Banks, Forest Grove, Gresham, Junction City, Dallas, Cornelius, Wheeler, LaPine, Sweet Home, Hillsboro, Tigard, Portland, Oregon as well as Vancouver, Spokane, Olympia, Longview, Winlock and Seattle, Washington, and Sacramento, San Francisco, California.

School lunch program

Vernonia School District today announces its policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk under the national school lunch and special milk programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size	Free Meals & Free Milk	Reduced Price Meals
1	\$5,230	\$8,150
2	6,900	10,760
3	8,580	13,380
4	10,250	15,990
5	11,930	18,600
6	13,600	21,220
7	15,280	23,830
8	16,950	26,440
Each Add. fam. member	+1,680	+2,610

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free meals, reduced price meals and/or free milk. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses, due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses, are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the school office. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application form contains a statement above the space for signature, certifying that all information furnished in the application is true and correct. An additional statement is added to warn that the application is being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds, that the school officials may, for cause, verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal criminal statutes.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If families have foster children living with them and wish to apply for such meals and milk for them, they should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, the Principal will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to the hearing official, Arthur M. Parrow, Supt., 475 Bridge St., phone 429-5891.

In the principal's office is a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.