

Vernonia Grown

"Fruits of labor" at hand

by Bill Hansen

Now that summer has finally found it's way to Vernonia, your garden will grow rapidly as night time soil temperatures increase. By now, of course, you have begun to enjoy the "fruits" of your labors with crisp, flavorful fresh garden lettuce and other greens; tiny carrots as you thin them to make room for the rest to mature; tiny beets, and of course my all time favorite; creamed new potatoes and peas. While one normally thinks of the fall as harvest time, reaping the benefits of your hard work begins much earlier in the summer.

During periods of very hot weather, such as we now have, you will need to step up your watering program. Don't be too concerned, though, if many of your leafy green plants seem to wilt during the heat of the day. This is normal, and they should snap right back as soon as the sun is down. If possible, water during the early morning hours during periods of unusually hot weather. This allows

for better penetration into the soil and also better prepares your vegetables for the heat of the day. But, as I have said before, if the only time you can water is during the middle of the day, go ahead and do it. Now is also the time for mulching for moisture retention.

Before long now, you will be seeing some very large and very ugly green worms on your tomatoes. They are about three or four inches long, pale green in color and have a distinctive hook at one end. This is the tomato hookworm, and while I admit it's very ugly, it is really quite harmless. As a matter of fact, some gardeners claim it provides a service by eating small side shoots or leaves, thus relieving the gardener from picking them off. You can control them by merely picking them off and destroying them; or, you can let our friendly (?) wasps do it for you. Wasps like to lay eggs on them and use them as a sort of living incubator.

Improper calls to police mean less service

Vernonians are reminded once again that when they need a police officer they will get a quicker response by dialing 429-5141 than they will by trying to find an officer

at home or out on patrol. Faster, more complete service will also be received by allowing the officer on duty to handle your call rather than by disturbing off-duty officers.

Bicycles on sidewalks illegal, dangerous

Citizens, both young and old, are reminded that riding their bicycles on any city sidewalk at any time is illegal. Due to numerous recent complaints the Vernonia Police Department has been directed by the city council to begin citing offenders in the very near future. Penalties

range from small fines all the way up to loss of the bicycle for repeated complaints and citations against a rider. Remember, not only is riding on

the sidewalk illegal, but highly dangerous to both riders and nearby pedestrians as well.

Holly Holm crowned Jamboree Queen

TENSE MOMENT— The audience packing the WGS auditorium Friday night was as tense as the three girls vying for the honor of wearing this year's Jamboree Queen crown. After each of the girls gave a speech about what being a Princess has meant to her the moment finally arrived. Slowly, last year's reigning Queen, Angie Remsen, walked

from girl to girl holding the crown in her hands. After a false start or two, just to whet everyone's appetite, she finally settled the tiara on Holly Holm's head. Holly and her court; Tawna Arnold and Melody Sauer, have participated in parades in Scappoose and elsewhere already and rode in Saturday's Jamboree Parade and awarded prizes at the Logging Show on Sunday. The Queen's Court will continue representing Vernonia throughout the year at various functions.



JAMBOREE QUEEN HOLLY HOLM

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