



ENERGY DISCUSSION — Kathy Weaver, foreground, leads interested area residents in discussion during last week's energy meeting.

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Coalition reaches compromise

Over two dozen interested citizens gathered at the Senior Center last Thursday night to discuss options in dealing with the Board of Directors of West Oregon Electric Co-op.

Sponsored by the Columbia County Energy Coalition, a county wide assembly of groups and individuals coalescing around local energy issues, the coalition was responsible for pushing through bylaw amendments at the Co-op's general meeting last month. These amendments were designed to open up board meetings to the membership, and to provide for advance public notice and input regarding future rate increases.

At Thursday's meeting, originally designed to establish an agenda for dealing with the board as a result of non-compliance with the spirit of the amendments as they were passed, many expected tempers would be high. Instead, due in large part to the unexpected presence of two Co-op representatives; board member Sam Hearing and Co-op manager George Smith, an atmosphere of compromise rather than recrimination was established.

Asserting that the intent of a recent board resolution requiring advance notice of items for discussion on the agenda was not intended to restrict member attendance at their meetings, both Co-op representatives assured the

group that they were free to attend any meeting they wish to. Hearing further promised that copies of the disputed board resolution would be made available to anyone who wanted them. Subsequently, several coalition members picked up copies of the document at the Co-op building.

In an effort to avoid the expense and confusion a special membership meeting to further amend October's amendments would entail the energy group agreed to attend the board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17 to urge the board to re-write their recent resolution. The group appeared assured that the board would be willing to either negate their own resolution or amend it so that member participation at future board meetings is assured.

"We'll just have to wait and see what the board does at Tuesday's meeting," said one coalition organizer. Then we'll decide what we'll do next."

Coalition members were quick to point out that once the question of participation in and attendance at board meetings is cleared up they intend to begin trying to get answers to a variety of other questions. Among them will be questions dealing with the Co-op's involvement in the WPPSS 4 & 5 program and proposed rate increases.

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City Council...

back up into his pasture.

A lease agreement between the city and the Vernonia Federal Credit Union will be discussed in a workshop session following the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Dec. 7. The credit union has approached the city trying to find a way to renovate the old City Hall. They plan to use the building as their new office space.

A bid of \$3,000-\$3,500 was accepted from the Bureau of Government Research and Service at the University of Oregon for the compilation of city ordinances. Compilation, an updating of current statutes, is required by the government on a regular basis. The survey will also assure that the city's ordinances are not duplicated and conform with state and federal laws.

To date \$14,900.07 has been received by the city as its share in the profits from logging off the new landfill site.

Although the falling on the old dump site is complete, little of the timber has been removed due to equipment problems. It is expected that the timber will be removed beginning this week.

The council voted to erect "No Parking" signs on the west side of Weed Ave. from Maple St. to Cougar St. They also voted to install "No Parking" signs on Birch St. from Pebble Creek Drive east, to the end of the street.

Effective the first of the year all city departments will be required to maintain employee log sheets with the exception of the Police Department. Police officers currently maintain a log of their activities and the council considered additional log sheets to be unnecessary. The log sheets are expected to help department heads keep better records on how city time is spent. "They'll tell us if someone's working hard, putting in overtime or if they're taking too long on a job," one council member said.

Ridge Riders

The Vernonia Ridge Riders will hold a potluck dinner and card party at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park at 6 p.m. this Saturday. The Forest Grove Ranch Riders will be the club's guests for the evening. There will be door prizes and a film. Members and their guests are invited to attend.

thank you

We would like to extend our thanks to Vernonia Ambulance Service and the EMT's who answered my call for help so promptly, we really appreciate having these people in Vernonia to call on in time of emergency situations. Also a special thanks to Sharron Ashcraft of the Police Dept.--for her help and support while waiting for the EMT's to arrive.

Bill & Aretha Ritz

thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to first of all, thank Gordon and Chuck for being so understanding and patient with me during my husband's illness and also to everyone at the store for filling in for me at a moments notice whenever necessary.

A special thanks to Randy for all his help and also to Lee and Betts, Louise, Carolyn and Frances.

I have often wondered why I love my job at the store so much and now I know. It is being with, and able to see, all the wonderful people of Vernonia every day.

You have given me memories I shall cherish all the days of my life.

Rose Squires and family

"Mayor Proclaims Smokeout Day"

Nov. 19, 1981 has been declared the "Great American Smokeout" by the American Cancer Society in an effort to awaken people to the hazards of smoking. This date has been set as the day that cigarette smokers make a pledge for one day not to smoke.

Since the American Cancer Society is continuing their ongoing educational programs to alert the public to the dangers of smoking, help smokers quit, and encourage nonsmokers not to start.

Therefore I proclaim Nov. 19, 1981 as the "Great American Smokeout Day for Vernonia" when all smokers will be encouraged to quit smoking, at least on that one day, but hopefully for good.

Henry Anderegg
Mayor of the City of Vernonia

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Columbia Education Service District Board will meet in special session on Wednesday, November 18, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. in the Columbia Education Service District office, 1290 Deer Island Road, St. Helens, Oregon, for the purpose of discussing the budget with the Budget Officer.

STUDY CLUB

The life and works of Dorothy Parker were introduced by Mrs. Marvin Kanholz at the November meeting of the Vernonia Study Club. Ms. Parker, whose literary life covered a period of great social change, extending from prior to World War I through World War II and well beyond, was well known for her social satire and witty though often malicious epigrams. "Men never make passes at girls who wear glasses" is probably the most widely quoted of these.

Mrs. Steve Hopper and Mrs. Bill Sword were extended welcome as new members during the business meeting.

The evening ended with the serving of delicious refreshment by our hostess, Mrs. Maude Wells.

Notes On Folks

Leisa Renslow, aged 10, travelled all the way from Las Vegas recently to spend a few weeks visiting with her grandfather, Ray Denman of Vernonia. Leisa says, "We also needed some rain at home, so I came up here to get it."

Seniors need papers

The Senior Center needs your old newspapers.

You can drop them off, preferably bundled, on the Center's front porch anytime.

Church News ...

"Reflections," a Christian singing group from Roseburg, will be sharing at the Vernonia Foursquare Church 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Nov. 22. A special Thanksgiving dinner in the fellowship room will follow the service.

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