

Vernonia Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hearing Jr. were in Portland Wednesday, January 5 to attend funeral services for her mother, Anna Malinda George, who passed away very suddenly the previous Sunday. She had spent the New Year's weekend with her daughter and family and returned to her home in Portland Sunday afternoon. A grandson and family were visiting her when she was suddenly stricken and died.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Price returned recently from a vacation down in sunny California, combined with business. The family enjoyed visiting many tourist attractions as well as spending time with several relatives and friends including Mike and Sheree Alsieri, Northridge; Toni and Frank Toohey of San Mateo; Ed and Elizabeth Kornberg, El Cajon; Bob and Mary MacCallen of Hemet; Warren and Phyllis Fairbanks, Richard Anthony and Bobbie DeBeikes.

Mrs. Ben West entered Tuality Community hospital December 27 with a heart condition and came home on Monday. Her condition has improved but more tests will have to be made.

Everett Brown was in the Emanuel Hospital Monday to Thursday of last week. He underwent surgery on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Hudson spent Thursday through Saturday at Grants Pass and Merlin. He attended an Assessor's Conference at Grants Pass and they visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wells at Merlin.

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I noted in last week's paper a letter from a CBER concerning Smokey reports. Since I do not own or use a CB I can contribute no bit of information on that subject.

However, I wish to issue an invitation to all CBERs in this area to attend 11 a.m. services at the Evangelical Church on State Avenue and hear our very excellent young pastor, Carl Jon Duhrkoop and enjoy the music of our junior and senior choirs, and also to have a cup of coffee with us after the service. I really think you owe it to us in return for the times we have listened to you over our loudspeakers when you have unceremoniously interrupted our service, even during prayer!

Perhaps there could be an understanding among your numbers to withhold broadcasting in the proximity of any church from 11 a.m. to noon, the time of worship service for most of the churches. I'm sure every pastor would appreciate it if their church has a loud

The Orv Olsons visited at the home of Eva Pringle who resides with her son Bill, in Salem.

Mrs. Maudaleen Murray came home Tuesday after spending almost a month visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Betts and sons at Pleasanton, California. Also she visited Mrs. Linnie Scott at Modesto who is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Sharar. The Gerald Sharars spent the holidays with his mother and grandmother.

speaker system you could come in on.

The invitation to join us in the pews is bonafide. Also, next Sunday, January 16, a fellowship potluck dinner follows morning service. Come be our guest.

Sincerely,
Lesta Garner

To the editor:

In appreciation for your time and efforts in providing our town with the Vernonia News Weekly. Keep up the good work!

A local paper is a must for a community of this size.

We're glad you're continuing and gaining more support locally, which we know is needed to keep operating.

In time, we can have an even greater hometown paper, and we will!

Hang in there,
The Olsons

Timber Route

Pam Branch took a group of 4-H youngsters on a hiking trip at Cannon Beach during the Christmas vacation.

Marvin and Lucille Meyers had a wonderful visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Menown, Kirkland, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Johnson were thrilled to have a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Potter of Ketchikan, Alaska. On New Year's they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ora Delong of Foster, Oregon.

Mildred McLean, mother of Sandy Hunter, recently moved to Vernonia.

Wynn Bredeau continues to make excellent progress after her surgery.

Gladys Kimmel is recuperating from her auto accident and expects to be home soon.

The Orv Olsons held a movie party in their home New Year's day. Those attending were Ernie and Norma Barela with their three boys, Floyd and Rose Ragner and family, Scott MacAllister, and Sid and Helen Bourne.



Fall features summer

While technically it is not a real drought, the lack of significant moisture in the Northwest is becoming a real concern to many. As skiers look with disgust at bare slopes, and fishermen unhappily survey rocky stream bottoms, energy and utility officials frown more with each passing dry week. It was the driest November since 1935, December has been the driest in 100 years, and the entire fall will go down in history as the driest on record, with a total of less than four inches in many areas.

Since the weather has been cold, if dry, of late, especially heavy energy demands are being noted. Thus the lack of runoff waters to power hydro generation is beginning to be keenly felt. Of more concern, however, is the prospect for severe energy shortages in spring and summer because of little or no snowpacks. Looming is the prospect of industrial cutbacks or even closures, which would add more economic damage to the effects of rainlessness being experienced by the skiing, fishing, lumbering and farming industries in the region. Weather forecasters are optimistic, though cautiously so, about the possibility of a wet January. If moisture comes, it will need to fall by the bucket and very soon to offset the woes of our uncommonly dry fall.

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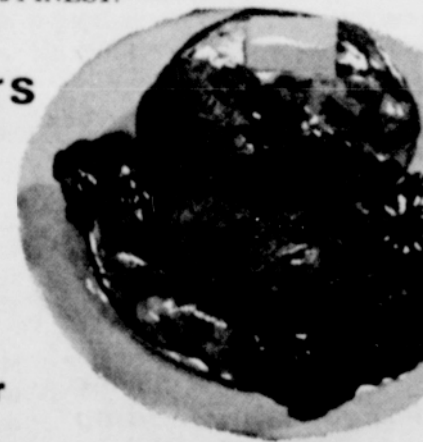
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