

JUST THINKING



There were around 15 people on hand to help clean up Lake Vernonia Sunday—and about 150 came to watch. It was a sadly disappointing example of civic pride. However, those who did come to work, can take pride in a job well done.

While the job is not complete by any means the improvement with just one afternoon's work and a handful of people, is readily apparent. Those who did the job picked up beer cans, fished out old tires—even a dead dog—slopping through the mud to get the lake ready for this summer.

And happily, it has been announced that the lake will be filled and stocked with fish again this year. Although Lake Vernonia has never yet reached the degree of improvement that was once envisioned by those who implemented its building, among them Lloyd Quinn who recently died—it has been a haven for wildlife, a refuge for the young and old of Vernonia who come to fish and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. It's too bad the lake never seemed to get the recognition it needed to become a real place of beauty. I can remember when a local organization here in Vernonia contemplated building a boat ramp, talked of a concession stand and picnic area but somehow all that was lost in the shuffle of everyday living, I guess.

Surely some organization in our area needs a project to work on and what could be more worthwhile than providing a bit of quiet beauty for those who are unable to "take off" into the wilds to go fishing or to enjoy a spot of nature?

Maybe we could start our own Job Corp; take up donations, have sales of baked goods, rummage, etc., to raise funding and put some of these rambunctious boys who race up and down the city streets, something to do with that excess energy. And that reminds me. A vast majority of the major offenders don't have jobs. Now where do they get the money to buy those cars and the gas to run them? Right! From the same folks who scream about the other guy's kid raising Cain around town.

And there went all my Brownie points for the week. Back to the subject at hand. Hopefully someone or some organization will get on the ball and get things rolling for Lake Vernonia.

And before anyone says, "well, what's wrong with you doing it," I will state right here and now, that two full-time jobs are all I can handle and I flat refuse to give up my five hours of sleep a night. Besides, my husband was one of those sloshing around in the mud Sunday—in his nice navy blue suit! It looked lovely when he came home. And I hardly screamed at all!

Rec council

The Vernonia Recreation Council will hold a rummage sale April 21-23. This sale will be highlighted by an auction April 23. The rummage sale will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with the auction slated for 7:30 p.m. at the Teen Center.

The snack bar will be open during these events. "We welcome all to come and browse and check out your teen facilities at the Teen Center."



Local girl accepted by service

Shannon Case has been accepted by the U. S. Air Force, effective April 7. She will leave for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, in September.

Shannon will be a 1977 Vernonia High School graduate.

Dates To Remember

Thursday, April 21

Izzak Walton League - West Ore. Elec. Co-op bldg. - 8 p.m.

Ladies Extension - West Ore. Elec. Co-op bldg. - 10:30 a.m. (potluck)

Sunday, April 24

Square Dance - Scout cabin - 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Benefit for food co-op. \$2 adults; \$1.25 under 18; under 8 yrs. free

Tuesday, April 26

American Legion - (potluck) - 6:30 p.m.
PEO - 8 p.m. - in member's home

Wednesday, April 27

Natal Grange - Natal Grange Hall - 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

Mt. Heart Rebekahs - IOOF Hall - 7:30 p.m.

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Few cases for VPD

It seemed to be a relatively quiet week for members of the Vernonia Police Department.

into the VPD. The ball was found at 576 Madison Avenue. Owner is asked to please identify and claim.

On April 8 two juveniles were arrested for fighting on high school property as well as violating curfew.

Candido Dimitri was cited for allowing a dog to run at large on April 11. Also on that date a basketball was turned

April 10 there was an auto accident at Mist Drive and Bridge Street at approximately 8 p.m. involving two vehicles. Edith Humble, St. Helens, was headed eastbound and Richard Vuylsteke, Portland, was traveling south on Mist Drive when the accident occurred.



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