

Asbestos is topic of District letter

Parents of students at Washington and Lincoln Grade Schools in Vernonia should have received copies of a letter about asbestos-containing materials in the two schools, Superintendent Richard Horyna announced.

The letter, copies of which were sent home with the students, notified parents that "friable asbestos-containing materials are located in Lincoln and Washington Grade School(s). The location of these materials is indicated by appropriate warning signs located within each building.

Also noted in the letter is that the district has "encapsulated the asbestos-

containing materials... and inspects these materials on a periodic basis to insure that friable asbestos fibers are not being released."

Federal regulations require schools to notify parents and employees of the presence of friable (easily crumbled) asbestos-containing materials, and provide guidelines for the containment and maintenance of the materials.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Elementary Principal Gary Wilson at 429-7941, District Maintenance Supervisor Ron Welch at 429-5891, or Superintendent Horyna at 429-5891.

Help is needed for Jamboree

Vernonia's 31st Annual Friendship Jamboree got off to a shaky start with only eleven volunteers in attendance at the January 12 meeting.

The 1986 chairman, Tony Hyde, said that it is absolutely imperative that we have 30 volunteers for committee work because of expanded programs and commitments. It is also important, he reminded, that we get the show on the road no later than the February 9th meeting.

So, once more, "If there is to be Friendship Jamboree in 1987—we will need the community's full support!" February 9, at W.O.E.C. board room at 7:00 p.m.

Observatory needs discussed at WOEC

By Jim Buxton

The West Oregon Electric Co-op Board of Directors met in regular session January 20, at 8 p.m.

Sandy Mikalow of the Northwest Astronomy Group explained that a small observatory would be in operation by late spring and the large one would be completed in about three years. It was agreed that Mikalow and the WOEC board member from that area, Bob Stacklie, would meet with the neighbors of the observatory to explain and discuss the reasons for shielded yard lights.

In other action the board voted to renew WOEC's

membership in the Public Power Council and Northwest Public Power Association.

The board also discussed the upcoming National Rural Electric Co-operative Association annual meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas this year. Director Don Bergerson was designated by the board to be the "voting delegate from West Oregon Electric.

The board also agreed to pay the expenses of Barbara Bergerson to that meeting. Mrs. Bergerson is the chairperson of the Oregon Rural Electric Co-op Association Women's Auxiliary. ORECA has been asked to reimburse WOEC, but has not yet agreed to do so.

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