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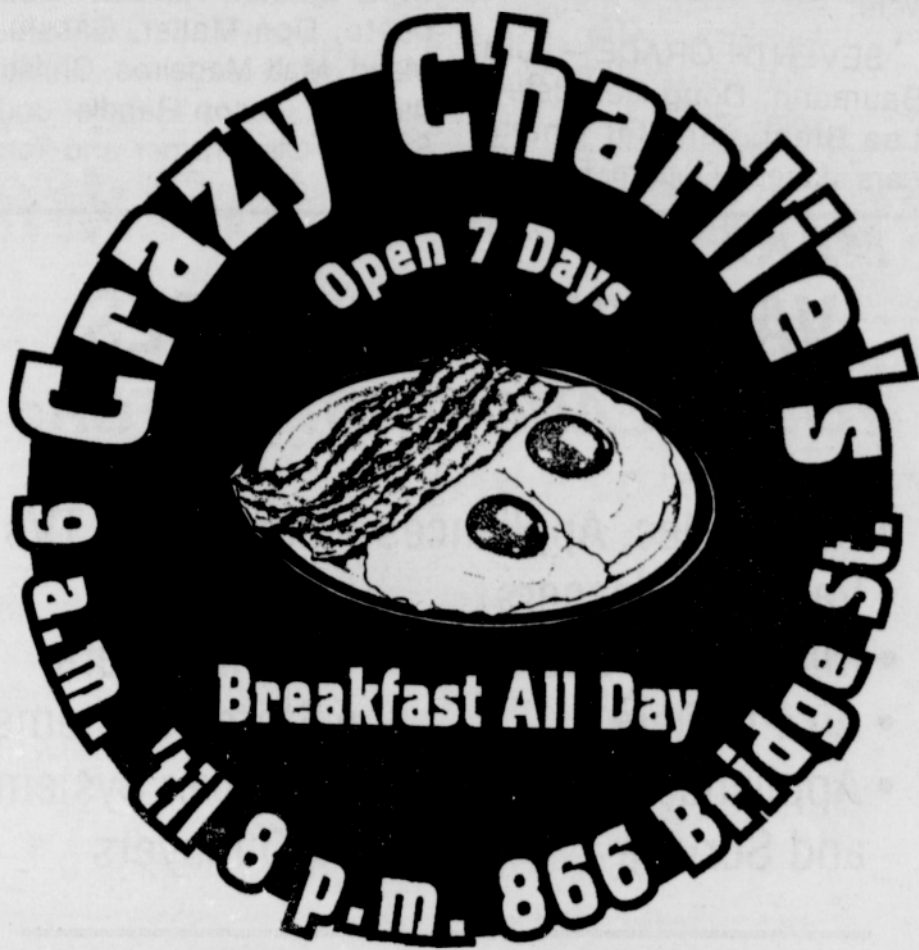
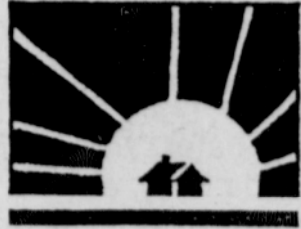
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47J makes changes in primary classes

With approval from the Vernonia School District board of directors, major changes in the structure of kindergarten and first grade classes will be implemented at the start of the 1992-93 school year.

Kindergarten and first grade classes will be combined and kindergarten students will attend school all day for three days each week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Under the current system, kindergarten classes are half days, five days a week, and the two grades are separate.

The change is due partly in response to legislative action which mandates several educational changes over the next few years, partly in response to recommendations made by former elementary principal Gary Wilson, and partly in response to changes in busing requirements.

Busing will be required next year, both to and from school. If kindergarten classes stayed on their present schedule, an additional bus run would be required daily to transport those students home.

Four classrooms will be involved in the changes next fall. Other changes will be instituted in succeeding years.

Lani Vandehey, who was elected to a vacant position on the board, was appointed to fill the position through June 30. The elective term will start on July 1, 1992.

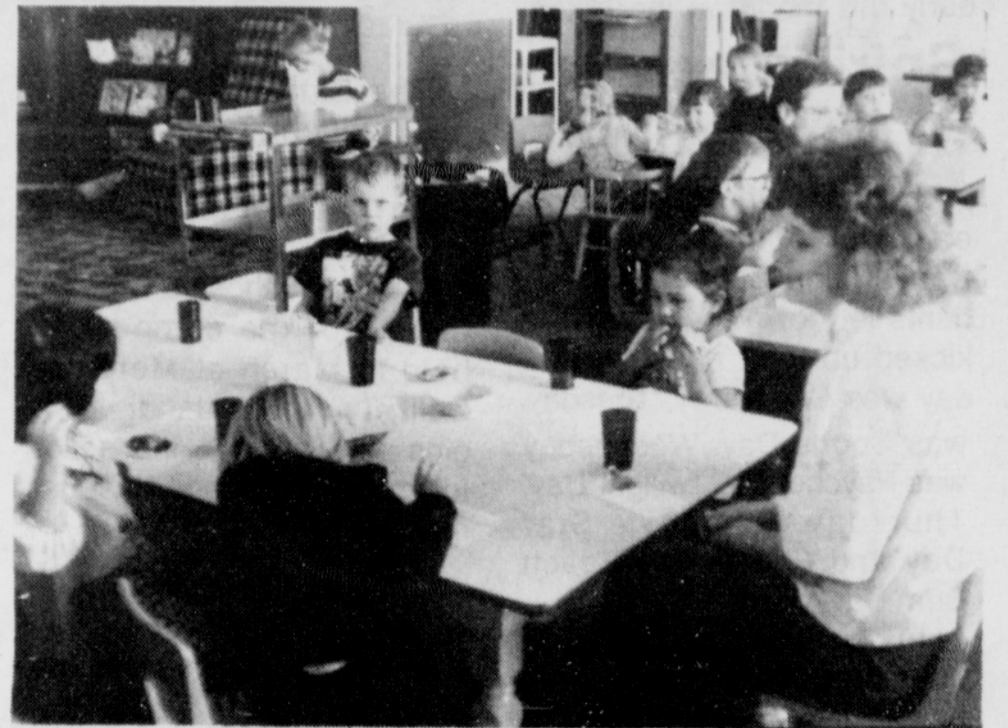
Graduation requirements

were adopted for next year. A total of 25.5 units will be needed; 18.5 units will be required courses and seven units will be electives. The change was accomplished by deleting the Social Studies requirement and adding an elective.

The 1992-93 budget was approved by the budget committee on April 13. A public hearing on the budget will be held June 11, 1992.

The next regular meeting of the directors will be held at Mist School on May 14.

Head Start can accept eighteen children for next year's program



Eighteen Head Start students share a rich learning experience with teachers and peers in a well-staffed, comfortable environment.

Head Start/OPP, a state and federally funded pre-school program, is seeking Vernonia area students for the 1992-93 school year. The local program has room for eighteen preschoolers. The school is located in the American Legion Hall, 627 Adams in Vernonia.

Eligible children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 1992,

and be part of a low-income household. Children with documented handicaps are also eligible; income guidelines may be waived for those who qualify.

Head Start/OPP incorporates a total family program that includes nutrition, education and home visitations. USDA approved meals are served at the school, which is open to all children regardless of race, sex, creed, nationality or handicapping condition.

Children from Vernonia, Mist, Birkenfeld and Timber are accepted at the Vernonia Center. Anyone interested in enrolling children, or who needs more information on applications and income guidelines, may contact Ruth Donaldson at 1-800-352-7933, call 429-9243, or write P.O. Box 10, Rainier 97048.

An Open House will be held Thursday, May 21st, for registration. The public is invited to meet our staff and learn more about the program.

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