

Community

Museum Pieces

By Robb Wilson, Curator
Columbia County Historical Society Museum

Christmas memories, thinking back on good times with friends and family are, I think, some of the best parts of this season.

I remember the special feeling the brightly glowing lights on all the houses and our Christmas tree gave me when I was about four-and-a-half. It was the first time I was aware of the excitement and joy of the season and it holds that magic still. That year too, was the year that Santa brought me a pedal car; a shiny red one that I rode all over the house and, when the weather got good, up and down the sidewalk on North Street. I still have snapshots of that little red car and I look at them once in a while; they keep the memory alive.

In grade school, I remember the pageants and plays we were in, playing in the band and then, the arrival of Santa himself! I recall the many years with the BIG tree in the gym, the large lightbulbs on it and how we helped set it up and decorate it when we got to the eighth grade.

Do you remember your first white Christmas? Mine was in 1966 and Santa brought me a BB gun. I walked out the door and when I shot, the BBs would make little marks in the snow. Later we played on a new sled. The magic and secret there is, if you want snow on Christmas, get a sled.

Recently, a local resident told me about her experience as a young child at a school Christmas function in one of the many little one-room schools in the area surrounding Vernonia. When they had their pageant, Santa came and delivered little presents to all of the kids, except her. For some reason, her name wasn't on his list, and she was forgotten. She

was four-years-old at the time and was not in school, which likely accounts for the mishap, but it made her a nonbeliever in Santa Claus. After that, she never was convinced that there was a real Santa, even though her mother continued to persuade her. She also remembers that her childhood years were during the depression and that one present, some candy and an orange, were what children got for Christmas.

What makes the holiday an occasion that most people remember, is the get-togethers of family and friends. As we get older, we look back on these get-togethers and realize their importance in our lives. We all have good memories and I hope we all make more this holiday season.

Christmas Eve this year, your museum will be open until 4 p.m. and there will be some Christmas stories read and told. In addition, I have the Nutcracker Suite on a complete set of old 78 RPM records and will play it on the old wind-up Victrola throughout the day. Come, and enjoy!!

This past summer I wrote about World War II and memories of D-Day, 50 years ago. It is now the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge in the European Theater. In many respects this was a more important, bloodier, lonelier and colder time for the men participating, as well as for their families at home. I would like us all to remember these people, too, and their sacrifices.

Winter Hours (October through May):
Friday and Saturday noon to 4:00 p.m.
Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Phone 429-3713.



Mary Haislip was spotted throughout Vernonia as she painted holiday scenes on windows.

Master Gardenercourse

Oregon State University Extension Service in Columbia County is reminding gardeners that a Master Gardeners course will be given, starting in January and ending in mid-March.

Topics covered in the program include information on ornamentals and landscaping plants as well as on vegetable gardening. Soils, plant pathology, insects, pesticide safety and fruit gardening are also covered in the 60 hours of free classroom instruction.

Master Gardeners pay for their instruction time in a variety of community projects.

Classes will be held on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Instructors will be Extension agents and specialists, and faculty members

from the OSU Horticulture Department.

If you are interested or would like more information, call the Extension office at St. Helens, 397-3462.

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You are invited to attend the 50th Anniversary of Howard & Dorothy Carter January 1st, 1995, at their home. Open house from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Hosted by John, Claudia Mary Lou & Kathy

Church Directory

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Bob E. Holbrook, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
Vernonia, 429-7151

Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m.

Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Michael Jackson, Pastor
662 Jefferson
Vernonia, 429-6353

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Grafe, Vicar
700 Adams Ave.

Vernonia 429-1860

Sunday Services, 10:00 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Chris Brush, Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
Vernonia, 429-1103

Sunday Services
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Meeting
Evening Bible Study, 6:45 p.m.

GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

D.J.Dickey, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
Vernonia, 429-1919 or 429-8720

Sunday School, All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

John Cahill, Pastor
952 Washington Avenue
Vernonia, 429-2521

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Visitation, Monday 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

VERNONIA EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Grant Williams, Pastor
957 State Avenue
Vernonia, 429-6790

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church w/Nursery
Evening Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Nursery Care
AWANA, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Studies, Mon. 7:00 p.m.

The Churches of Vernonia Welcome You

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

410 North Street
Vernonia, 429-6522

Sunday School 9:40 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's and Junior Church
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study, Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday:
Ladies' Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Administrator Joan Dotter
Ass't. Administrator Lani Vandehey
960 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, 429-8841

St. Vincent dePaul Society
Irish Bruers, 429-7201

Mass Schedule
2nd & 4th Sundays

Word & Communion Services
1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Holy Day Services 7:00 p.m.
Sacrament of Penance
Schedule by Appointment
Before or After Mass

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Roger Kruger, Pastor, 397-6883
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
Vernonia, 429-1941

Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Prayer, 7:00 p.m.