

Business Notes

All Star Tree Service moves to Vernonia

Vernonia acquired a new family recently, as Ron Dodge and Marilyn Gregory moved into a residence on Madison

Avenue. At the same time, Vernonia also gained a new business, for Dodge will operate his All Star Tree Service

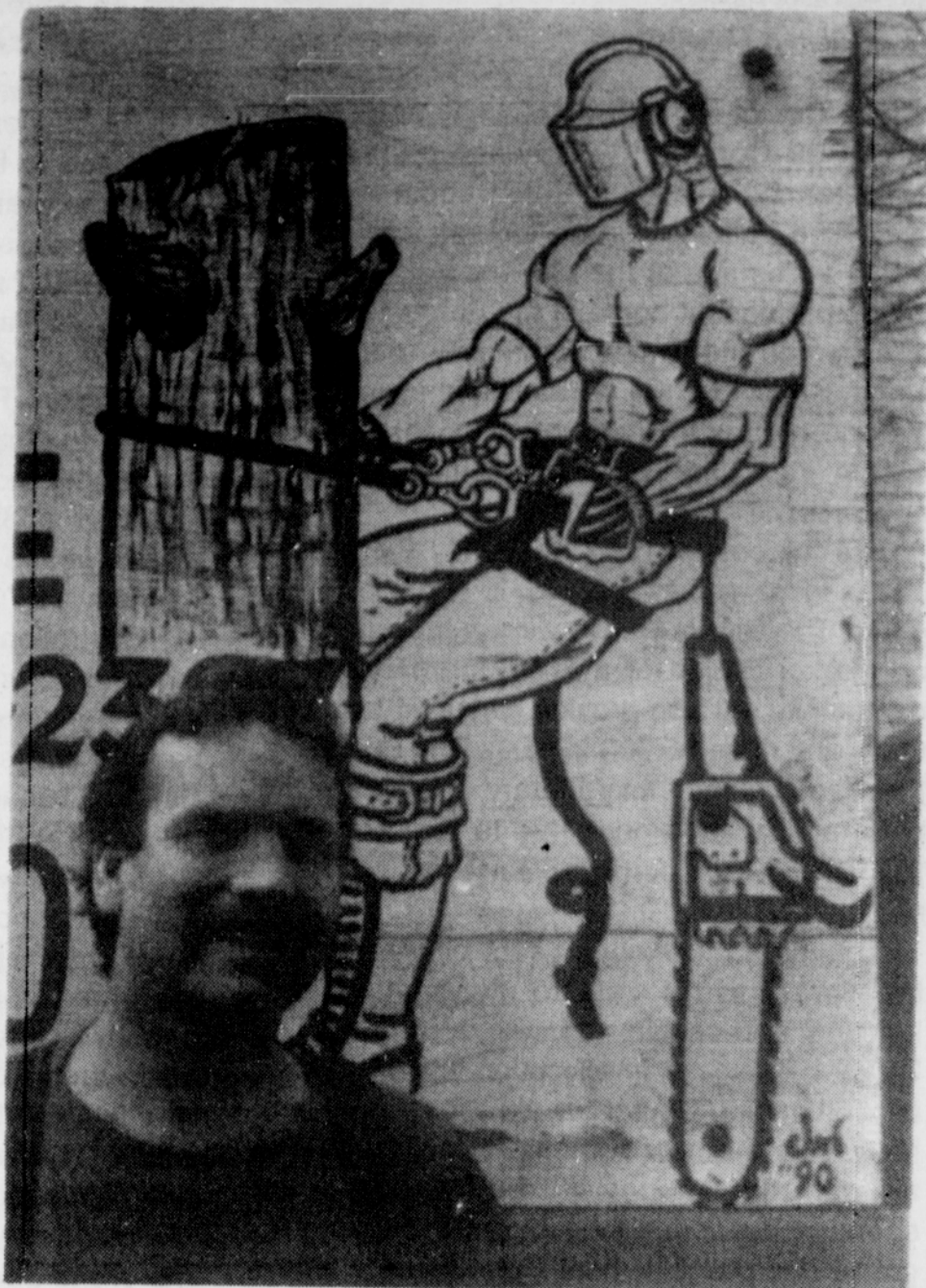
in *The INDEPENDENT's* circulation area as well as in Portland, where his business is already established.

The couple moved here to find a more relaxed life style and Gregory feels right at home, glad to be back in her old neighborhood, which for some years was in Birkenfeld.

Dodge, born and raised in Portland, earned an AA degree in applied science and left for Seattle, where he went to work for Careco, a heating, ventilation and air conditioning firm. In the meantime, he did some moonlighting—cutting, packaging and selling cordwood door-to-door to apartment dwellers in his neighborhood. In this enterprise he met a man who had a tree service business, became interested, and eventually became a partner. When the partnership eventually broke up, Dodge returned to Portland where he started his present business.

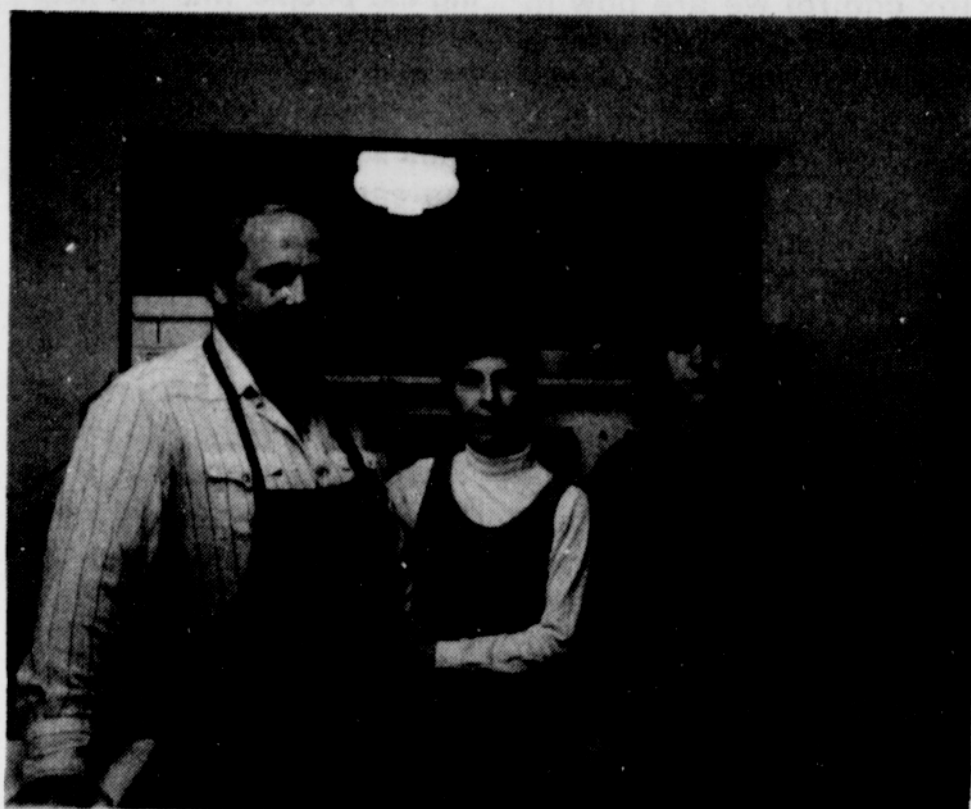
While he will continue to commute in order to serve his established clientele in Portland, Dodge hopes soon to be able to practice his skills exclusively in his new community.

All Star Tree Service offers complete tree service, including precision cutting, stump grinding, tree removal, land clearing, chipping, pruning and firewood.



Ron Dodge

Cindernook restaurant leased out



Rod and Sharon Luckasson with Kelly Schaumburg.

Rod and Sharon Luckasson of Vernonia are now operating the restaurant at The Cindernook, since taking on a lease last month.

The Luckassons settled in Vernonia five years ago as newlyweds. Since then, Sharon has worked in a few of the local restaurants and bars and Rod has done various jobs.

Rod and Sharon share the duties, with both of them cooking, waiting tables and tending bar, as needed.

kitchen is Kelly Schaumburg, who has taken on the duties of breakfast cook, from 6-11 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Their menu offers "good homestyle cooking" along with daily specials for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. It reopens at 5 p.m. for the dinner crowd, closing at 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and at 2 a.m. on Fridays. Saturday hours are 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. It is closed on Sundays.

Ripa is new Human Resources Director

Director of Human Resources, a position approved last year by the Columbia County Budget Committee, as part of a personnel reorganization, has been filled.

Jean Ripa, who has assumed the new position, will handle all aspects of personnel, draft personnel policies and procedures, handle union grievances, workers compensation and all employee benefits.

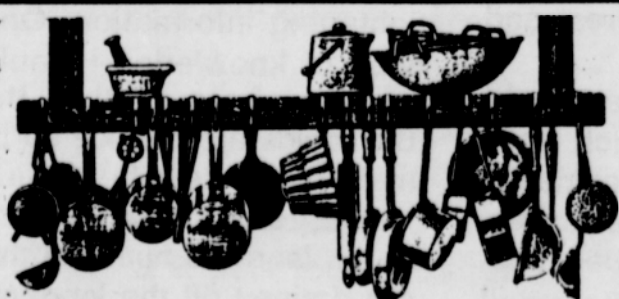
Ripa has also assumed the role of Chief Examiner for Civil Service positions, which will enable the county to get speedier responses about job applicants. The old system was handled by a consultant from Salem and information



Jean Ripa

was sometimes so delayed that the applications were no longer valid when they finally reached the Board of Commissioners.

Additionally, Ripa, a former network administrator, will review computer use in the courthouse and develop recommendations for more efficient systems.



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