

Don't dump stuff at Senior Center

The Vernonia Senior Center has announced that articles left at the center at any time other than their business hours – Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – will be considered to have been illegally dumped and the people

who leave them will be subject to prosecution. The premises are now under surveillance.

If you are unable to drop off your donations during regular business hours, please call Pauline at 503-429-5810 to arrange for drop-offs.

Volunteer now to help watershed

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) is seeking volunteers willing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Duties include attending regular meetings, helping to develop goals, strategies and policies designed to promote watershed health throughout the Upper Nehalem Valley.

In particular, there is a need for someone with financial ex-

pertise willing to take on the role of treasurer. The treasurer's responsibilities include providing guidance and oversight to the Executive Director and the Bookkeeper.

Any resident of the Nehalem River watershed is welcome to participate. To volunteer, please call Maggie Peyton at 503-429-0869.

50 Years Ago This Month

The August 20, 1959, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

The Vernonia city council at its meeting Monday evening of this week authorized the erection of a fire hall back of the city hall on ground purchased recently from James Fuiten. The ground work, including the pouring of cement for floor and foundation, will be done by volunteer work of the firemen and others who wish to assist. A contract will be let for the erection of the concrete block building.

Authorization was given for the issuing of a check to the rural Fire Protection district for balance of payment due on the truck. They also granted the request of the Vernonia firemen for some additional fire fighting equipment. The men who were present to request this also reported violations of drivers at the time of the recent brush fire on the hillside at the end of A street. A car which followed too close behind firemen was hit. The council reminds citizens of an ordinance which provides for arrest and punishment of persons following or parking too close to fire equipment or in any way interfering with the fighting of a fire.

Further action of the council provided for the ordering of pipe for necessary repair work, the ordering of 24 concrete water meter boxes and the authorizing of purchase of eaves troughs for the Scout cabin in the park.

Also, the city recorder was ordered to close the city hall at noon on Saturday from now on instead of 1:00 p.m. as has been done. The change was made after a check showed that there was no need for the additional hour on Saturday, since residents were not coming to the city hall at that hour.

A follow-up story on the front page of the August 27, 1959, read:

Following the announcement last week by the Vernonia city council that a fire hall was to be built back of the city hall, the Safeway company announced that their store here would be closed due to the lack of parking and unloading facilities.

This and other considerations involved in the proposal for building the fire hall has caused a protest on the part of many citizens and a public meeting has been called at the city hall this evening, so that citizens may learn the facts involved in the proposal and may voice their feelings on the matter. The meeting is open to all citizens of Vernonia who wish to attend and either listen or take part in the discussion.

A letter addressed to the city council by the chamber of commerce stating some of the considerations involved, along with the chamber's request for further consideration of the matter before the start of the building, was responsible for the public meeting.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



From the concrete jungle: Ahhhh – the frequent smell of warm asphalt and bio-diesel products in a 99° sun is so enjoyable to a country nose.

But, the trip went off without a hitch. The unloading was faster than the loading but now my bedroom is in the kitchen, the storage shed and in one of the other rooms. Same for the kitchen.

It's next Wednesday and now I sit among empty boxes, full boxes and you choose; half-full of half-empty. I've had to buy extra shelves for the bath and bedrooms. The kitchen – I'm waiting for my pantry to be built. So, which box did I put the cherries in? Where's the Mac & Cheese?

Did you know a three bedroom mobile home has more storage space than a modern apartment? Today's builders have forgotten "Old House Dwellers" have gone through two or three events of hard times, so they save, re-use and stock up when times are favorable to their cause, and they do not trot to the store every day for their daily needs. The Milwaukie Goodwill will see me soon – depositing, not buying.

It's now Friday. Today I'm "supposed" to get my phone and TV hook-up – ho, ho, it happened later.

Shadow's notes: There are trees, all kinds, in my front yard

– not much grass – but oh, the smells. There is something in the trees that eats the acorns that are all over. Whatever it is, I haven't seen it on the ground so it must not be a rabbit nor a cat.

August 7 – it's raining. I call it mist, but it smells of hot asphalt.

Oh, Janice, my granddaughter is hooked on Mexican Train.

Now about the Horse M. problem after all these many years: In the beginning there were trails, made by animals through the woods, across mountains and over the plains. Then paths were made by man to get from house to barn or ? Then road, by-way, highway or lane, all man-made for transportation of things by wheel, hoof, sled-runner or foot. "Ways" are man-invented. If any of the above are paved or gravel-packed they are (I think) intended for man walking, as horse, bear, deer, cats and dogs don't mind stepping on rock or tree fall. Bridle in front of path means man is allowing a horse to travel there (unless you spell it "Bridal"). So – I say ignore, walk around, jump over it, carry a broom or shovel OR walk somewhere else if it really offends your eye and nose.

Bye now.

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