

# Bighorn Logging gives \$25k to school

Big Horn Logging donated \$25,000 to the Vernonia School District, April 29, for the New School Project. That generous donation is being matched by a challenge grant from The Ford Family Foundation, so the project will receive \$50,000 as a result.

Additionally, Big Horn Logging donated \$5,000 to the high school forestry program. This program was set to begin next year, but will now get an early start. Students interested in the forestry program have also been invited to the Camp 18 Logging Memorial forestry competition scheduled for May 14.

Since 1981, Bighorn Logging has been providing contract logging services in NW Oregon and SW Washington using the latest in mechanical harvesting techniques and equipment. Bighorn Logging achieved Oregon Professional Logger status in 1996 and continues to maintain their Sustained Forestry Initiative certification.

Bighorn Logging is located

at 120 North Main St., Banks, 324-2422, and can be reached at 503-

## Vernonian has heart attack in car

Frank R. Talcott, 67, Vernonia, was rendered unconscious by a heart attack while driving eastbound on Highway 26 near Jackson School Road, according to Oregon State Police who responded to the April 30 incident. Washington County Sheriff's Office, North Plains Police Department and Washington County Fire District #2 personnel also responded to the report.

Talcott was reportedly driving with his wife when she noticed he was slumped over the steering wheel. As the vehicle began to drift toward the left, she jumped onto his lap to control the vehicle and bring it to a stop.

She got out and flagged down a passing motorist who helped move the car to the right shoulder where they started CPR. A North Plains police officer arrived and took over CPR efforts, augmented by other ar-

iving emergency responders.

Talcott was transported by West Metro ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital where he was pronounced dead an hour later.

## N. Plains Plant Sale on May 7

Mark your calendars! This is one you won't want to miss. The North Plains annual Garden Club Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 11052 NW 309th Ave., North Plains. Take Exit 57, approximately one mile off Hwy 26 and look for signs.

The club works very hard to provide a large selection of healthy plants. Annuals, perennials, houseplants, vegetables, succulents, baskets and containers will all be available. Treat yourself to some rare finds at very affordable prices.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



I'm in a quandary, can anybody reading this help put my brain at ease?

Who – is changing the lay of the land?

Where – east of North Plains on Hwy 26?

What – are they looking for? Oil, gold, or ancient artifacts?

Why – would anybody want to destroy the calming beauty of open land, that brings peace and joy to the road weary

eyes of a traveler trying to get away from the sight of the congestion of city living?

When – I leave the city behind I want to see open land; trees, grain and animals, not mini malls or high rise motels or gigantic truck stops blocking my view.

Okay, so I've spouted long enough – another thing I am conscious of.

Valentine's Day is gone. St. Paddy has left town. The Ides of March marched into Easter. Mother's Day isn't far off. So, where are you? I've been asleep, because the weather is still in a fall mode – except the flowers don't seem to know it. They start to bloom and get nipped in the bud or bloom, drop off and wilt away. Most of the camellias fell to the ground in the "just beginning to open" stage. Now the pink dogwood are trying to bloom.

I did thoroughly enjoy the one day of summer we had on April 23rd. Thank heaven I was awake all day to enjoy it. Yes, I'm being facetious. See what working crosswords can do to your brain, but here's one for you. What is a jacket potato? That was the "answer" to one of the hints in the last one I worked. You've got to be older than I, or a lot more hep than I, to know that term. I'm 87 and have never heard that term.

Bye now.

## 50 Years Ago This Month

The May 4, 1961, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

A very short meeting was held Monday evening by the Vernonia city council with very little business demanding their attention.

Several matters that had previously been considered were concluded. Among these were the adoption of a resolution authorizing sale of the old garbage dump site to Derl Roberts for \$27 per acre and the passing of an ordinance authorizing contract for the 1960-61 audit. A decision was reached to offer the county \$75 for lot 8, block 7. A previous offer of \$50 had been refused.

The May 18, 1961, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

Among decisions reached Monday night by the Vernonia city council was one concerning the city jail which has been recommended over a period of years by the grand jury on each annual inspection of the facilities here. The council agreed that a back exit door should be installed in the rear of the city hall for escape from the

jail cell block in case of fire in the furnace room. Estimates as to the cost of the job are being obtained.

A group was present to ask permission to use the former ball park site on O.A. hill for developing a go-cart track. The council granted permission with the provisos that the users do their own clearing, draining, and access development. No guarantee of extent of time the track could be used was given. The council also specified that liability insurance would be carried on an individual basis by vehicle owners using the track.

The council ordered a call for bids for fuel oil which appears elsewhere in this paper.

The scout committee submitted a list of wiring materials needed to wire the park cabin. The matter

was submitted to the park committee for consideration before being approved.

A request of the West Oregon Electric company for 15 minute parking restriction in front of their office was denied with the opinion expressed that there was not sufficient reason for preferential treatment for that firm.

The council issued a reminder for residents that the Green River ordinance prohibits door to door solicitation in Vernonia. If such canvassing occurs, residents should report it to the city hall.

After consideration of tire prices from several suppliers, the council voted to purchase two tires for the pick-up from Bob's Union Service.

The city attorney was instruct-

ed to write the I.D. Wood and Co., auditors, protesting an additional charge of \$400 for the 1959-60 audit which the council considers ex-

cessive. He was to remind the company that the contract price of \$600 had already been paid.

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