

50 Years Ago This Month

The September 21, 1961, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

At the meeting of the Vernonia city council Monday evening, Mayor George W. Johnson reported that he had met with J. D. Leland and H. G. Kelsey, officials of the International Paper company, with regard to the proffered gift to the city of the former mill office building. The paper company surveyors are to determine the exact area to be included in the grounds deeded to the city. Also, at the personal request of the donors, the building is to be retained by the city for a reasonable time with the hope that it may be used permanently by the city in some way beneficial to the community.

A letter had been received from

Clark and Groff, engineers, suggesting that heavy equipment be secured to tear up the surface of the sewage lagoon to a depth of perhaps two feet, then pack it with a heavy roller. Contact with Havlik of Scappoose who did part of the lagoon work, brought information that the same end could be achieved by use of a farm tractor and disc at a fraction of the cost. This has been done with equipment owned by Ron McDonald for under \$50 rather than the \$400 estimate of the engineers.

The council instructed the recorded (sic) to write the engineers a letter informing them than (sic) another solution had been tried.

The lagoon is in use again now and is gaining so that apparently it is holding.

The method advised by Havlik

had been used by him successfully on irrigation ponds over a period of years.

The council, in other action Monday night, voted money from the emergency fund to pay for the enlarged burning equipment for the city dump.

George Brown was appointed to the fire department.

Rock for the lagoon wall was discussed and it was learned that river gravel could be obtained from Harold Bergerson for 25 cents per yard and pit run from the county for 10 cents per yard. No action was taken on the matter.

The matter of replatting a portion of Second addition was tabled to the next meeting for discussion when Robert C. Lindsay can be present.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Calling any and all farm folk, hunters, 4-H and FFA people. Your word for the day is "rudiment", or for those of you who just want to expand your word base. But, be careful who you refer to as ruminating.

Things are going OK I guess. If you dress cool and carry a warm jacket.

The blackberries have taken a wait and see attitude. They look luscious, big and black, but oh so tart.

Now a note to all summer lead-footers. School is only (at this time, Aug. 15) about 3-1/2 weeks away. So, you had better start policing your habits or find a new route through your town. Why should I give advice to you when I sold my car the day I moved from "small town lost in the woods." Now I am facing having to go to the DMV, birth certificate in hand (as proof I'm an American born and bred in to U.S.A.). I've had a license since 1956, no tickets or arrests and one rear-ender. I chose to quit driving, but this is of no consequence to the powers that be. What a privilege to have to pay to prove you have a right to live. Maybe I'll be happy later.

I hope the Senior Center Picnic was a Good Old Time. I've been missing the music. See you soon, I hope.

Bye.

Canaan Road project will cause delays

Columbia County Road Department will begin the construction phase for the Canaan Road Guardrail project on Thursday, September 8.

SSCP seeking actors for play

ShoeString Community Players (SSCP) has announced auditions for the "Radio Mystery Hour Theater". Audition will be held on September 10 at 10 a.m. and September 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Bertucci's, 2017 Columbia Boulevard, Saint Helens, (next to Richardson's Furniture).

SSCP is looking for people with character and radio broadcast voices, or who can do voice impressions, singing ability not required but a plus, also looking for a quartet. Please bring your resumé if available. Must be able to attend evening rehearsals in September and October and perform in November. Our radio plays are performed live so audiences can enjoy the behind the scenes entertainment of a radio production.

According to Glen Crinklaw, Assistant Public Works Director, the purpose of this project is to install guardrail at a sharp curve on Canaan Road where vehicle accidents have occurred. The site is approximately 1.3 miles up Canaan Road off of US Highway 30.

Construction will start on September 8 with the project being finished on October 31. No complete road closure is scheduled, but the public

should be aware that the construction activity will cause some traffic delays for vehicles needing to travel through the construction area.

The projected cost for this project is \$614,000, with funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the Columbia County Road Fund.

For questions or if additional information is needed, residents may contact the Columbia County Road Department at 503-397-5090.

Columbia County Commission on Children looking for new projects

The Columbia County Commission on Children and Families is seeking applications for projects which are limited in scope and duration. Projects support the following Commission advocacy areas: scholarships for camp, mentors, child injury prevention and literacy. Project descriptions, funding, outcomes and the Application are available the Commission website at www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/commis

sion-on-children-and-families/programs .

Questions can be directed to Jan Spika Kenna at 503-397-7225. To have a copy of the application sent via email, please contact Commission staff at 503-397-7211 or via email to Kath.Dostert@co.columbia.or.us or Jan.Kenna@co.columbia.or.us.

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