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Carnival to Raise Fund For City Park

Sprinkler System For Field to Be Installed for \$450

The Vernonia high school student body has been busy this week preparing for the annual carnival which is to be held Friday night at the gym at 7:30, according to Harold McEntire, who is in charge of arrangements.

The carnival this year is going to be devoted to raising funds for an improvement at the city park field to make the field more satisfactory as the site for sporting events. Estimated cost of the change that will be made is \$450 Principal Ray Mills said.

The playing field improvement will be a sprinkler system for use during the summer to irrigate the turf and along with the installation of the equipment, the field is to be built up in the center to allow for better drainage during the wet months.

In past years since the field was seeded to grass the center of the gridiron has been sufficiently low to allow water to settle there. When used for the games, the turf in the center was damaged and playing was hindered by excessive wetness.

The sprinkler system will be manufactured by Fairbanks-Morse and will be the same type as used on farms for pasture irrigation.

To be featured at the carnival will be a bingo game, fish pond, basketball throw, dart games, fortune teller, side show, etc. Prizes going to winners at the carnival have been donated by business firms and many of them have been placed on display in a show window at Miller's Department Store.

Honor Students Listed on Roll

The names of students for the last six-weeks period honor roll were released by Vernonia high school early this week. The Junior class led with the greatest number of names on the roll and the Freshmen definitely came last with none.

Senior class students whose grades placed them on the listings are Joyce New and Theresa Schmidlin. Juniors are Delores Johnson, Arline Kirk, Mary Jane Armstrong, Maxine Hartwick, Georgianna Mills, John Berg, Roy Oakes and Sally Kaspar.

The four Sophomores who were mentioned are Dickie May, Marjorie Roland, Lois Frank and Betty Jane Snook.

Sentences Made on Larceny Charge

1948 REPORT GIVEN

CLATSKANIE — The fund for the March of Dimes for 1948 in Clatskanie exceeded that of 1947, but the county as a whole did not come up to the 1947 figure.

The county figure for 1948 was \$4,785.11 and in 1947 was \$5,348.33.

Clatskanie this year turned in \$758.76 and last year the amount from here was \$576.38.

FISHING BEGINS APRIL 30

ST. HELENS — At noon on Friday, April 30, the commercial salmon fishing season will open, according to word received by Oscar Gerrard, manager of the CRPA receiving station at St. Helens. The cannery and the fishermen's union have not agreed on the opening price for salmon was the word received by Gerrard though several meetings have been held. Opening price last year was 23 1/4c but according to news reports from Astoria the fishermen are asking for 28c this year.

S.H. SCENE OF FINALS

ST. HELENS — District finals of the Knights of Pythias public

Candidate



C. E. THRONE

Law Enforcement Experience Cited

C. E. Throne, democratic candidate for sheriff of Columbia county, was here late last week to start his campaign for the office and point out his qualifications for the position he seeks.

In 1928, Throne was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Connell of Washington county, now deceased. In 1929, he was with the secretary of state in the license department in the Portland office and in 1930, was appointed on the state traffic department, working out of the Portland office.

In the following year when the state police department was organized, he was appointed to that department and in October was transferred to the Clatskanie district, working in Clatskanie, Vernonia, Rainier and to Astoria. In 1939, he was appointed to St. Helens as sergeant in charge of Columbia county and served in that capacity until resigning in 1946 from the state police.

Throne graduated from Cook's Institute of Applied Science in fingerprint work in 1937. Among his affiliations are St. Helens chamber of commerce, American Legion, Columbia County Shrine club, A. F. & A. M., O. E. S. and the Lumber and Sawmill Worker's Union, Local No. 2522, A. F. of L.

Station Robbed, Car Taken Thurs.

Thieves were active last Thursday night when they stole the automobile belonging to Jake Neuer from his garage at Natal and forced entry into the Dass service station on Mist route. The car was located by Frank Slemmons and had been driven about 40 miles.

The merchandise stolen from the service station had not been recovered yet this week and no clues as to those guilty had been found.

speaking contest will be held in St. Helens this year for the first time, it was announced last Thursday. The event is scheduled for Wednesday night, April 28, at 8 o'clock in the K of P hall here.

Entered in the district finals will be contestants from St. Helens, Vernonia and Beaverton.

TWO GET PRISON TERMS

ST. HELENS — After pleading guilty to a larceny charge in circuit court last week, David O. Cottonware, 22, was sentenced to serve two years in the Oregon state penitentiary and George S. Combs, 21, was sentenced to one year in prison on a similar count.

The two men along with a 16-year-old Vernonia boy, were arrested by state police last month. Combs and the juvenile were picked up in Vernonia while Cottonware was apprehended in Cathlamet, Washington. Arrest of the trio solved several thefts in the county and between \$900 and \$1,000 worth of equipment was recovered at the time.

Rural Budget Gets 4 Votes Monday Eve.

Exceeding of 6 Per Cent Limit Granted Here

Only four votes were cast here Monday at the Washington school when taxpayers in District 47 were supposed to approve or reject the rural school budget for Columbia county. Some of the four votes were cast by people who had not intended to be present for the balloting, but who were reminded of the issue and asked to come at the last minute. All approved the issue.

The county budget exceeds the six per cent limitation by \$123,155.08. Mrs. Lois Kent, county school superintendent, has declared that, although the total is large it is actually lower than the total by which all districts in the county exceeded the limitation last year.

Thirty-three districts in the county balloted on the budget Monday, but the result for the county as a whole was not available yesterday. Approval of the budget by each individual district was not necessary as long as the issue carried throughout the county.

X-ray Unit Busy; Many Take Test

The mobile chest x-ray unit's visit here last week was a busy one with 367 people taking advantage of the tuberculosis test measure while the unit was stationed at the high school and approximately 190 employees of the O-A Lumber corporation being tested while the unit was at the mill Tuesday afternoon.

Ray Mills, high school principal, said that all high school students and a few grade school pupils took the test this year in addition to the adults. He was in charge of arrangements during the unit's stay at the high school Wednesday.

Two Named for 'Music in May'

Two Vernonia high school music students have been selected to perform under the baton of Frank DeVol, popular NBC conductor and recording artist, during Pacific University's "Music in May", May 7 and 8 at Forest Grove.

Students of Director Helen Siner selected to participate in the band are Harold Fowler and Don Renfro.

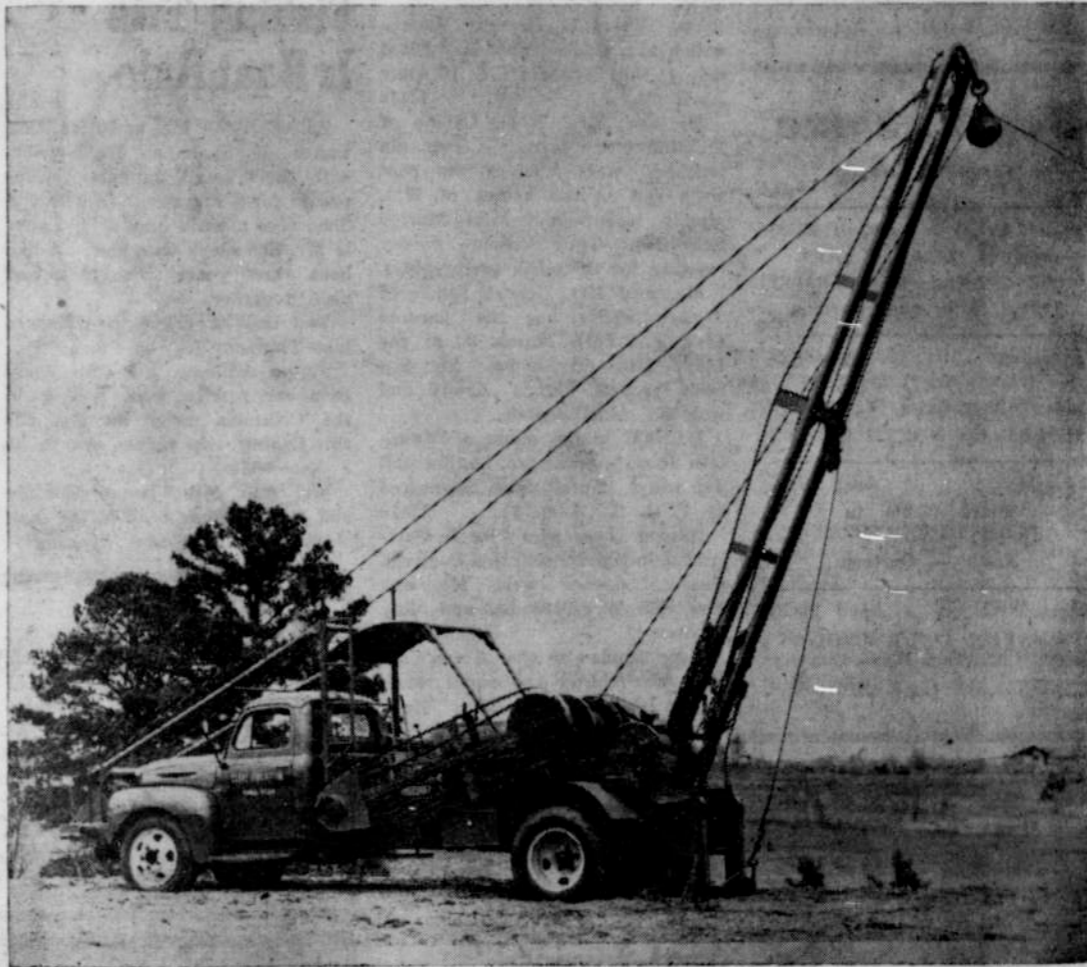
Arriving on Pacific university's campus May 7, 200 students representing 25 high schools of the Northwest will spend the two days preparing and rehearsing the program numbers to be presented at the mass public concert May 8.

Designed to further encourage current high standards of school music in the Pacific Northwest, "Music in May" will also pay tribute to these aspiring music students.

Gets Part in Cast

Douglas Culbertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Culbertson, Vernonia has been cast in the role of Carr in the forthcoming tragedy, "Winterset", it was announced by A. C. Hingston, professor of speech and drama at Pacific University, Forest Grove. The play will be presented in Warner hall, May 19, 20, and 21. Culbertson is a journalism major at the university and a graduate of Vernonia high school.

Relogging Experiment Intended



SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE here this week is the Logger's Dream pictured above. It is a portable yarder and loader combination designed for small relogging operations. If the machine proves satisfactory, Vernonia will be the outlet for the Pacific Northwest and an agency will be handled here by Cleve Robertson. As soon as the truck arrives, arrangements have been made by Robertson with Glen Hawkins for a trial operation at relogging on Crown Zellerbach's Columbia Tree Farm. This machine has proved highly successful in relogging operations in Eastern and Southern states for the past 25 years and it is believed will prove just as successful in relogging here. Larger machines of the same type are in operation in Africa and the South Pacific. The loader and yarder is powered by V-8 industrial engine separate from the truck motor and is capable of lifting 41,000 pounds and can be set up for a haul-back line.

Council Asks Parking Marks

Street painting, street widening, street lighting, swimming pool and some minor topics arose for discussion and action at Monday evening's council meeting, the second for this month.

The swimming pool topic came up when it was mentioned that work on the dam was needed as well as action to prevent washing of the banks if serious future damage is to be prevented. Among other improvements needed in the city and discussed Monday was the painting of parking spaces on Bridge street and possibly on Second street near the Masonic Temple. Councilman Art Davis had asked some time ago that this work be done, but the rainy weather had caused the delay.

Along with parking on Bridge street came more discussion of the plan to widen Maple street in order to provide more space for cars. This summer's paving program is being drawn up to include the extra width for Maple street.

Three Enter Finals

Mary Ann Clark, Janet Peterson and Martha Wells, Vernonia high school students, were entered in the state speech contest at Eugene last Friday and Saturday and Miss Wells bested competition until she reached the finals of the event. Miss Helen Siner, coach for the students and Principal Ray Mills accompanied the students to Eugene.

Case Heard Saturday

A justice of the peace jury found the defendant not guilty Saturday when trial was held on a complaint charging that sawdust had been allowed to enter the Nehalem river at the site of the Angelo DeRoia sawmill at Pittsburg. Glen Metsker was attorney for the defendant and Walden Dillard, district attorney, for the state.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN

"He Who Hesitates," a three-act play will be given Fri., April 30 at the Washington school. This is a Senior class production.

High Rating Given Office

R. C. Sheldon, inspector for the post office department, has rated the Vernonia office near the top as the result of his visit here and inspection April 12, according to Emil Messing, postmaster.

The rating given the office for its work was 94 per cent out of a possible 100.

The inspector made the following statement after completing the examination: "The inspection of your office, this date, has disclosed it to be in very good condition."

The inspector cited minor irregularities which prevented his rating from being perfect.

May Queen and Court Chosen

By a vote of the boys of Vernonia high school Thursday noon, April 15, Virginia Millis was chosen to reign over the May Day festivities this year. The tentative date for this affair is May 11. Lillian Lusby and Barbara Lolley, runners-up for the Queen title, will represent the Senior class as princesses.

Other princesses, chosen by Queen Virginia to be in her royal court are: Freshmen, Claudine Gibson and Marguerite Thomas; Sophomores, Donna Mae Barrett, and Barbara Brown; and Juniors, Evelyn Fuller and Mary Jane Armstrong.

Poster Winners Named

The Poppy posters have been judged and the winners this year are Laura Steers, 8th grade, first; Margaret Powell, 7th grade, second and Mildred Lee, 8th grade, third. Posters made by Margaret Michener and Phyllis Laramore were rated honorable mention. The contest is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Pack Meet Scheduled

The April pack meeting of the Cub Scouts is scheduled for 7:30 next Tuesday evening at the IWA Union hall, Ivan Hess, Cubmaster said Tuesday evening. The theme for the meeting will be local legends and folk lore and each den is to have an exhibit for the meeting.

Tourney Dated To Start Sun.

The Vernonia Country club's spring handicap is scheduled to start next Sunday and pairings for the first matches were made by the tournament committee at a meeting for that purpose Tuesday evening.

The first matches for the handicap must be played before April 26, Earl King, member of the committee, said after the meeting.

The pairings are: O. T. Bateman vs. Carl Davis; F. Hartwick vs. Marvin Turner; Bob King vs. J. A. Davis; Jim Davies vs. A. L. Kullander; Kent Bauersfeld vs. E. P. Mullins; Jack Anderson vs. Bill French; H. L. King vs. R. Tunnell; L. Hieber vs. George Robbins; Earl King vs. Ray Brandow; Paul Dyer vs. Red Ads; R. Roediger vs. J. Nance; J. Roediger vs. J. A. Bush; Ben Brickel vs. B. George; I. Roberts vs. R. D. Jackson; C. L. Anderson vs. T. Turner and J. Dennis vs. Tick Bass.

Library Adds New Volumes

Four new books for children and eight for adults have been added to the shelves at the Vernonia Public library Mrs. Paul Gordon, librarian said Monday afternoon.

A listing of the new children's books is: Black Stallion Returns by Farley, Bambi's Children by Salten, Poky Little Puppy and Shy Little Kitten, Golden Books.

New volumes for adults are: Headless Angel, Vicki Baum; Valley of Thieves, Max Brand; There Is a Tide, Agatha Christie; My Love Wears Black, Octavius Cohen; Lady Without Mercy, Roman McDougald; Sharon Margaret Mackay; Such As We, Pierre Sichel and Tammy Out of Time by Cid Ricketts Sumner.

New Sign Installed

Installed last week for Brunson Hardware and Electric was a neon sign which identifies the store and adds to the number of electric signs that have been installed in the past year or more on Bridge street.