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Votes Favor Use of Funds By District 47

Balloting Saturday Draws 100% Favor of Residents of District

The special school election last Saturday evening to decide the use of over \$32,000 available to district 47 for expenditure for improvements to the school buildings resulted in an unanimous ballot favoring retention of the money here.

A total of 86 ballots were cast at the election.

The district board of directors will next plan for the calling of bids for the improvements for which the money was voted, according to Glen Hawkins, chairman.

Expenditure of the money or the commitment of its use before the end of June must be accomplished if it is to be retained here, he said.

Four Degree Low Recorded Jan. 3

A low temperature reading of four degrees was recorded at the cooperative weather station January 3, according to Mrs. Helen Spofford, observer and the maximum for the early part of this week was 34 degrees. Mrs. Spofford released a report on weather so far this year to indicate that snowfall so far in 1950 has totaled 15 inches and that there has been .61 of an inch of precipitation.

Mrs. Spofford also released the weather report for the month of December and some data concerning the year, 1949. Maximum temperature in December was 51 degrees on the 1st and the minimum was 15 on the 19th. Precipitation for that month totaled 7.65 inches and snowfall amounted to 22 inches.

Total precipitation for the year 1949 was 44.61 inches with the most for any month being listed for February with 14.30 inches. The coldest average temperature for the past year was recorded in January with 25.2 and was closely followed by February with 26.4. The warmest average temperature for the year came in September with 60.3 degrees and was closely followed by August with 60.7 degrees.

Scouts to Meet Again Jan. 9

The Scouts of the Vernonia Troop will meet for the first time in the new year on the coming Monday evening at the cabin, Lloyd Quinn, Scoutmaster, said Wednesday and will prepare for the coming merit badge show.

Other preparation for the future event will also occupy the attention of the Scout and Cub committees and the recently-appointed merit badge committee when they convene for a meeting also called for next Monday evening at 7:45. D. F. O'Brien, chairman of the Scout committee, called the session and it will be held at the Washington school.

Sportsmen to Meet

The annual meeting of the Vernonia Rod and Gun club is scheduled for Saturday evening of this week, January 7, at 8 p.m. The session will take place at the high school and will be devoted to an election of officers and possible changes in by-laws of the corporation. To be elected are a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and directors.

V.F.W. Netmen Schedule Red Head Team Jan. 20



Vernonia basketball fans have a treat in store for them in the form of a nationally famous girls basketball team, Olson's Red Heads, which has been booked for an appearance here on January 20. They will play the Vernonia V.F.W. team which has won four of its last five games.

The Red Heads are considered the world's tallest women's team having a team average of 5'11", two of the girls being 6 ft. 4 in. in height. They play only men's teams and under straight men's rules and feature 11 ball-handling plays, piggy back stunts, under legs dribbling, etc., as well as

good basketball.

The Red Heads have been featured in several national publications including Life, Colliers, Pic, Sportsvue and Ripley's Believe It or Not.

The game should prove to be one of the sports highlights of the year for Vernonia fans.

Starting time will be 8:00 p.m. high school gym and manager Al Pierson of the Vernonia squad announces there will be no reserved seats. Tickets will go on sale at the gym at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20 at the night of the game.

Life in Europe Described by Mrs. Hausler at Society Meet

Speaking to the ladies of the Evangelical U. B. Women's Society of World Service on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Fritz Hausler mixed humor with pathos as she described conditions in parts of France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy where she and her husband spent several months last summer.

The Hauslers found many Germans still holding Adolf Hitler in high regard and feeling that the Americans "sold them down the river" at Yalta by agreeing to let Russia take over control of much of the richest part of Germany.

Many food items were not to be had, such as pies and cakes. Also, prices were exorbitantly high. When asked what she ordered on first arriving in the U.S.A., Mrs. Hausler said, "a hamburger." There were no short order restaurants in the parts of Europe the Hauslers visited and meats were all cooked too rare for the Hausler taste.

In a slight misunderstanding with one of the customs officials at the German border over the newness or oldness of a fishing rod, Mrs. Hausler says she lapsed into rather torrid English at the stubbornness of the officials only to discover that they had understood what she was saying. The officers threatened to charge duty on the pole and intimidated

they had been having trouble with many smugglers. "Well, there isn't anything in that fishing pole," Mrs. Hausler reported she told them.

Berchoesgaden, Aachen, many points along the much-bombed Rhine valley, and famous Munich were visited by the Hauslers. The Alps of Switzerland were enjoyed and the good old U.S.A. looked wonderful as they returned to it. "But we're spoiled over here," Mrs. Hausler commented with a little bite in the words.

Sign-up of Men 18 Handled Here

Further information concerning the sign-up as required under the selective service law was available this week to young men approaching 18 years of age. A reminder last week of the requirement to sign was issued by the army recruiting service, but no information was released then that the detail could be taken care of here.

Bill J. Horn announced Wednesday that his office in the bank building will take care of the requirement. A youth must sign up within five days after reaching the age of 18.

Officers for City Named Wed. Evening

Ordinance Regulating Pin Ball Machines Adopted at Meeting

Councilmen for the city of Vernonia met Wednesday evening of this week for their first session of the new year, which was postponed from the regular Monday evening time because of the holiday. Part of the time was occupied with business that had first arisen during 1949, one matter being a further discussion of the garbage disposal and another being an ordinance governing the operation of pin ball machines.

The garbage discussion came up with a proposal by H. A. French that he purchase a piece of property up Rock Creek to be used as a disposal site. Councilmen asked that he contact the state sanitary authority regarding the proposed location because that area would be above the intake of the city water pumping plant.

The pin ball matter was the adoption of an ordinance which had been drawn up by City Attorney Neal Bush.

The same appointive officials to serve the city were elected again Wednesday by Mayor Sam Hearing as part of the procedure necessary at the first meeting of the year. Named to their jobs for another year were Albert Childs as city recorder, Walter Kent as water superintendent and Shirley Kirtland as marshal. Mr. Kirtland again named his deputy marshal as A. D. Lolley and H. H. King. Mr. King will also serve as assistant water superintendent.

Councilman Roy Raymond was elected as president of the council.

Old Car License Plates Wanted

Owner of automobiles are asked to remember the Boy Scouts when they plan to dispose of their 1949 car license plates. A request that the plates be saved and turned in was made again this week by the local troop and auto owners can leave them at Heath's Service Station in Riverview.

The Scouts will collect the plates, which are made of aluminum, and turn them in for salvage metal as a means of raising money for troop activities.

Playground to Be Topic Monday

Scheduled for next Monday evening at the high school is another meeting at which discussion will be heard concerning the proposed supervised city park playground for the coming summer.

First step towards planning for the supervision was undertaken early in December at a meeting called by the high school Parent-Teacher association.

Next Monday's meeting was announced by Mrs. Bruce Bass when she asked that representatives of other organizations which are interested be present to plan further on the project. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

Sing Scheduled Sun.

A reminder of the next date for holding the Community sing was issued earlier this week by Marshall Crowell, president of the group. The people who wish to attend are asked to come to the Assembly of God church on the coming Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Top News Events of Past Year Noted from Copies Of The Eagle for 1949

January 5—Appearing in this issue of the Eagle was the statement made by the Vernonia bank that the year 1948 was very good. Of the total deposits in the Vernonia bank at the close of 1948 checking accounts amounted to \$616,184.74, which was an increase of \$70,228.06 over December 31 of '47. Savings accounts totaled \$226,838.70 with an increase of \$67,362.84.

January 13—The listing of students as determined from the annual school census taken late last fall placed the number at the highest point in history for this area. The total within the ages of 4 to 19 was placed at 923, which exceeds the previous year's 905.

January 20—At the second meeting of the new Vernonia council Monday evening its members heard Neal Bush, city attorney, explain the procedure it would be necessary to follow in answering the suit filed last week against the city of Vernonia by the Continental Baking company. All the councilmen, Mayor Sam Hearing, City Recorder Albert Childs, and Marshal Shirley Kirtland were cited in the case which may well serve as a test of the legality under the present charter, of charging bread companies the city occupation license.

February 3—A summary of the weather for January by Mrs. Helen Spofford, cooperative weather station observer, was released stating that the snowfall for the month of January reached the total of 20.5 inches and the rainfall 1.99 inches.

February 17—A fairly heavy, continuous rain fall of Wednesday night of last week and the following day plus warmer weather during that time combined to raise the Nehalem river and Rock creek over nine feet so that a number of homes in low areas were endangered.

March 3—Tree planting was begun Monday, February 21, on Crown Zellerbach corporation's Columbia Tree Farm. Seventy thousand Douglas firs are being planted in areas immediately adjacent to the Vernonia-Rainier road west of the county rock pit.

March 17—A decision to act as sponsor of the Teen Age club, which was started the latter part of last year, was taken at a recent meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary.

April 14—The Pacific Northwest's earthquake Wednesday a few minutes before noon did but minor damage here but did topple a few chimneys and vibrated a few dishes from the shelves.

May 19—A turnout of 125 persons made the Nehalem Valley 4-H Community day held Saturday, May 14, at the Legion hall in Vernonia, the biggest 4-H day which has been held since it was started three years ago.

June 9—Forty-six 4-H forestry club members and leaders representing nine forestry clubs attended the Columbia County 4-H Forestry field day held Saturday, June 4, at the Crown Zellerbach picnic grounds.

June 23—Voters in the City of Vernonia and in School District 47 Jt., both gave their approval to exceed the six per cent limitation in levying taxes for the coming year at elections held Monday.

June 30—The vacant position on the board of Vernonia union high school was filled Monday afternoon when voters selected M. L. Herrin to fill the position which was vacated by the expired term of Noble Dunlap.

July 14—The city of Vernonia's occupation license as it applies to bread trucks which come into town is alright, city officials learned Tuesday from City Attorney Neal Bush.

August 11—Named as Scoutmaster for Vernonia Troop 201 last Friday was Lloyd Quinn who will hold the position as the result of a decision made when the Scout committee met and made the choice.

August 24—The start of paving of the road to Sunset Junction was made Tuesday of this week to complete the final step that will provide Vernonia with a paved highway from Treharne to the Sunset highway on Timber route.

IWA Local 5-37's picnic Sunday at Dass Park hit an all-time high for attendance. The Local served over 100 gallons of coffee, 75 cases of pop and 115 gallons of ice cream.

September 1—The Boy Scout campaign to raise funds for Troop 201 was considered successful according to Calvin Davis who arranged for the drive. Over \$300 was added to the Scout treasury.

About 25 owners and managers of Vernonia business firms met at the IWA hall Monday evening to hear an explanation of the proposed CIO setup for organization of employees of business firms in the town.

September 8—Ownership of another local business has changed hands as the result of a transaction which became effective September 1. At that time the Cedarwood Timber company shingle mill was sold by L. C. Cotner of Los Angeles to Eddie Miller who previously had been local manager of the plant.

September 29—Yule season decorations for the business section of Bridge street are practically assured again this year during the year-end holiday season because of action taken Monday evening by the Vernonia Lions club. At that time the club voted that the group again sponsor the decoration program.

October 6—What was probably the highlight of Monday evening's council meeting came when Harry West, representing the Fraternal Order of Eagles, appeared before the councilmen to present a proposition concerning a city parking lot. The fraternal order owns a lot on the east side of Second street which was purchased several years ago with the idea that the lodge would use it as the site for a hall. Mr. West proposed that the lot be developed for off street parking and asked that the council grant permission for such use of the property should funds be obtained sufficient for financing the project.

October 13—Preliminary work that will eventually lead to the construction of approximately 80 miles of new power line has been started by West Oregon Electric Cooperative, according to Manager Guy Thomas.

October 20—Enrollment figures in the grades and the high school have varied but little since the opening day over a month ago. A total of 547 students was listed in the official report for the grades at the end of the first month. The high school enrollment now stands at 197 as compared with 186 at this time last year.

October 27—Rehearsals started for the American Legion Auxiliary's presentation, "Laff It Off," to be given to raise funds for the Teen Age club. About 70 local people are to participate in the production.

November 10—Membership cards have been signed by 60 local people to make possible the start of a Townsend club in this community, according to Mrs. A. E. Jennings.

November 17—School District 47 Jt., was awarded the decision over the U.S. National bank of Portland to receive over 30 thousand dollars which the district had lost several years before.

November 24—The Washington school auditorium was the scene of the silver anniversary rite for Nehalem Chapter No. 153, O.E.S. Saturday night. Six of the 20 charter members of the chapter were present in addition to many former Vernonia residents who came here for the special event.

December 8—Under sponsorship of the high school P.T.A. representatives from many local organizations met to discuss the proposition of a supervised playground for the coming summer.