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Girl Scouts Win Awards at Court



TEN Girl Scouts participated in court of awards program Saturday under the supervision of Mrs. Faith Reynolds and Mrs. Kathryn Wyckoff, leaders. From the left they are: Barbara Cline, Mrs. Reynolds, Carol Ray, Rosalee Badley, Sharon Aldrich, Marjorie Reynolds, Janice Hoyt, Peggy Mathis, Mrs. Wyckoff, Sandra Walker, JoAnn Dibben and Laurel Wyckoff.

Legislator Opposes Bills On Initiative, Referendum

By Robert R. Klemsen
State Representative

This is the first of what I hope to be a series of news letters regarding the happenings in the legislature assembly. Because your representative has membership in three very busy committees (Vice Chairman, Labor and Industries, Fish and Game and Medical Affairs) this series may not be continuous.

There are many bills which would in my opinion be detrimental to the best interests of the people of Columbia county and of the State. Among these are the bills in the House to require filing fees for initiative and referendum petitions and a charge up to 15c per name to check the names on petitions. In the Senate a bill to require full quota of signatures on initiative and referendums from three of the congressional districts in order to be placed on the ballot. These are direct attacks on the rights of the people and would destroy

government of, by and for the people.

You may well be sure that I shall oppose anything which would destroy these rights.

I have received several letters on my bill concerning the severance tax on timber. There is obviously many who disagree on this bill, but it is my thinking that this bill if enacted would do a lot to perpetuate our forests and it is only reasonable to expect those who profit from this resource to pay the bill.

The house passed the bill to allow the sale of \$32 million of bonds for highway construction Monday of last week. My vote on this issue was no because of the limitation on amounts allowed per year. I believe that the commission should be allowed to contract as much as it deems wise in any year. If the commission is not to be depended upon for wise use of this money (the full amount) they shouldn't be allowed to use any of it.

Big Gap in First Half Loses Game for Loggers

Vernonia got off to a slow start last Friday evening and couldn't close the big gap occurring in first half play when the Indians ran wild and led the locals 37-11 at half time and ended the game with a 52-41 edge.

The local five wasn't hitting at all during first half play while the Indians were led by Hogan who garnered 20 counters by himself during that fatal period for the Indian five and threw 31 points in all. The Indians played much improved ball compared to their previous fray when they met and were defeated by the local team on the home floor. Hogan just couldn't seem to be coped with during the first half by the Loggers, with Jerry Herrin fouling out guarding him and several other members of the Vernonia team incurring fouls against him.

Vernonia's main trouble during the first half seemed to be they just couldn't cope with Hogan and a definite weakness in shooting. The Loggers managed to outscore the opponents the second half, however, tallying 27 counters to the Indian's 21.

Vernonia's new transfer, Bob Long, saw some service against the Indians and should be quite a help to the local in their few remaining games of the season.

Friday evening Vernonia will journey to Seaside to engage that team in another LCL tussle. The Loggers will be the underdog in this engagement, having drop-

ped three of the last four games played, but might catch fire and prove the armchair experts wrong as they did when the Seagulls played the local five earlier in the season.

Skywatch Meet Attendance Small

Attendance at the meeting called for Wednesday evening of last week at the Legion hall drew only three people, according to Ralph Hartman who made arrangements for the session. Topic of discussion at that time was the possibility of organizing a ground observer corps to man a skywatch observation post here.

The services of at least 150 people would be needed to carry out the skywatch undertaking it is estimated. Various local organizations were asked to send representatives to last Wednesday's meeting. The decision of the three who were present was to drop the matter.

Students Slate Carnival

A high school student body carnival will be held at the high school gym Friday, March 6. An interesting part of the evening will be a melodramatic one-act play to be presented by the faculty. The play will be the opening feature of the carnival.

At the court of awards for Vernonia Girl Scout troop II, held Saturday at the I.O.O.F. hall, Marjorie Reynolds received the four proficiency badges that qualified her for the curved bar, the highest award that can be earned in intermediate scouting.

Three girls, Sandra Walker, Laurel Wyckoff and Janice Hoyt, were awarded first class badges. Barbara Brandow earned a first class badge also, but was unable to receive it with the troop as she has moved from Vernonia.

Other troop members receiving badges were; Peggy Mathis, Sharon Aldrich, Barbara Cline, Carol Ray and Rosalee Badley.

An investiture ceremony was held for JoAnn Dibben who was welcomed into the troop as a tenderfoot member. Refreshments were served to the mothers who attended.

Cub Scouts to Mark Founding

The five Cub Scout dens comprising 25 boys are scheduled to assemble at a pack meeting Friday, February 27, at the I.O.O.F. hall for a pot-luck dinner which will mark the anniversary of the founding of the Cub Scout movement.

To the dinner the Cubs are inviting families and friends. The dinner will also follow out the Cub theme of study for February, table arrangements and decorations.

Since the Cub Scouts were re-organized here last December, six den mothers have been active in the work. They are: Mesdames Bob Cline, Ed Roediger, Jr., Francis Raines, Lloyd Callister, Perry and Norman Hamnett. George Peters is Cubmaster and Mr. Raines is chairman of the committee supervising the scout work.

Rank of Bank Takes Big Jump

The Commercial Bank of Oregon, reporting deposits of \$31 million as of December 31, gained 415 places in its standing among the largest banks in the United States during 1952.

It now ranks as the 651st largest bank in size compared with 1066th place at the end of 1951.

This was revealed in the 1953 annual roll call of larger banks in the United States published by the Daily American Banker of New York. There are 14,000 banks in the United States.

Infant Buried Monday

The three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harmon passed away Sunday. Graveside services were performed at the Vernonia Memorial Monday.

Opening of Street Asked At Meeting

Permit Approved by Council for Start Of New Taxi Service

When the people who own property in a certain area on Corey hill present the city with a petition asking for the improvement, it will be possible to take steps to construct two blocks of new street. The street will be an extension of Columbia from First avenue to Third.

Councilmen requested the petition from property owners who would border the proposed new street at their Monday evening meeting after hearing the request that the two blocks of street be opened up.

The council also heard a request from Paul Weller and Edgar Hartzell that improvement be made of Washington street for about two blocks past the city pumping plant. The cost of that work would be carried half by Columbia county which owns property bordering one side and by the two property owners who made the request. The street runs back of the county tool shed. The city will determine the cost of the proposed work before taking further steps to make the improvement.

Mrs. Harriet Breedin will start operation of a taxi service for this vicinity within a short time. Approval was given by the council of a permit to operate when the matter was presented for consideration. The new permit was authorized after the council was informed that the taxi service formerly operated by Jack Barry had been discontinued.

Another official action of the evening was the approval of a contract specifying conditions under which the bid for cleaning the city septic tanks should be carried out. The contract has been drawn by Carol Bradley, city attorney.

One piece of equipment which it will not be necessary to purchase for the proposed ambulance being sought by IWA Local 5-37 is a siren. The city has an extra siren that will be donated for use on the ambulance, councilmen decided.

Another appraisal of the bank building was asked by the council after considering an appraisal that was made recently by an insurance company appraiser. A comparison of the two valuation figures will then be possible should a purchaser for the building be found. A. H. Abts of Hillsboro will be asked to make the new appraisal.

World Series Film Date Set

The baseball world series film will be screened here March 3 and 4 Mrs. George Peters announced Monday after receiving word from Portland as to the dates the film would be available. Place of the showing here will be announced later she said. The picture will be sponsored by the PeeWee and Cub baseball teams.

Arrangements for the showing were made through Marjorie L. Bartle of the promotion department of the Oregonian.

SS Man to Miss Weekly Visit

The social security representative for Columbia county will not make his regular weekly visit to St. Helens on Monday, February 23, since that day is a federal holiday.

According to the representative, Ev. Cummins, the next county stop will be on March 2, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Helens Court House.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT . . .

Seaman Apprentice Larry Sutton is scheduled to graduate from coast guard basic training February 26, according to word received here a few days ago from Mrs. Sutton. His last week of training is to be spent at Treasure Island where fire fighting instruction is being given. He has asked for a station in district 13 which comprises Oregon and Washington.

The results of tests at the completion of training earned him top place in knot tying and second place in his class in the main final test.

Roy Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Frank, is scheduled to start home today, Thursday, from Clark Field, Phillipine Islands where he has been stationed. He will report to Parks AFB, California upon arrival in the states. In a letter received by his parents late last week, they learned also that he had just been promoted to staff sergeant. He has 18 months of service remaining before being eligible for discharge.



Lester L. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wells, signed to the 44th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington for basic training. He is assigned to Company A, 129th Infantry Regiment, The 44th Division is an Illinois National Guard unit activated in February, 1952, and was stationed at Camp Cooke, California until last December. He was home last week end for a short visit.

MMFA Tom Peters, son of Mrs. Haeva Brimmer, arrived at Yokosuka Japan February 12 and is awaiting assignment to his own ship. He made the 12-day voyage over on the Gen. A. E. Anderson with 2000 service men and supplies.

Pfc. Raymond S. Claypool, whose wife, Sara, lives at 847 North Lawndale, Chicago, was released from active duty February 4, at the army separation center in Camp Carson, Colo.

Claypool served for 19 months as crane shovel operator with the 453rd Engineer Construction Battalion in Korea. He has been awarded the UN Service Ribbon and the Korean Service Ribbon with three campaign stars.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bjornson, who live on Keasey route.

Final Rite Set At Madras Today

Last rites for Mrs. Myrtle Ramsey, who passed away Saturday night, will take place today, Thursday, at Madras, according to information available here. Mrs. Ramsey, mother of Mrs. Ernie Christensen, Lincoln school principal, made her home here during part of each year.

The Eastern Star chapter at Madras will be in charge of the services today.

Club Slates Shoot

The Vernonia Trap club is preparing for a merchandise trap shoot Sunday, February 22 at the O-A ball park. Shooting is scheduled to start at 9:30.

Fund Proposal For County Suggested

Money-Raising Fund Seeks Unified Drive For All Purposes

A unified one-time fund raising drive for Columbia county was the proposed plan worked out Monday evening at St. Helens when groups representing the various communities in the county met to talk over the proposition. The plan would eliminate the many drives for money now conducted in the county by combining, with few exceptions, all of the campaigns now carried out.

The delegates going to the meeting will present the plan to the organizations they represented in their own communities for approval or rejection and meet again March 2. At that time a definite decision will probably be made whether the combined fund raising proposal will become a reality.

As proposed Monday night, each county community will be represented by delegates to the county organization which will assemble, elect a board of directors, name officers and appoint a budget committee.

This budget would contain the amounts of money requested for such items as the Red Cross, March of Dimes, Cancer, heart, etc. This county budget would be prorated to the various county communities. To each community budget would be added amounts desired for use in that community.

Each county community would select the people to conduct this one drive for the year.

This area was represented Monday at St. Helens by Jim Cox, Bill Horn, Jewell Lloyd and Henry Ade who have asked their opinions concerning the proposal. They point out that such a set-up has the endorsement of both the national CIO and AFL.

IWA Men Select Vehicle Tuesday

At an opening of bids Tuesday evening the selection of the vehicle which will be used as an ambulance was made by the IWA committee which has sponsored the solicitation of funds started about two weeks ago. Announcement of the bid award was made Wednesday morning by Jim Cox, IWA business agent.

The bid of \$2000 submitted by Hawken Motors for a panel delivery body and chassis was selected. The other bid of \$1936 was submitted by the Vernonia Auto company. The selection was made because of the greater amount of interior space available.

The IWA committee along with other individuals is scheduled to meet Friday evening of this week to start action towards forming the non-profit corporation which will have charge of handling the ambulance. Others besides members of the IWA are being asked to participate in starting the corporation so the entire community will be represented.

Pledges and cash received up to Wednesday morning of this week totaled \$1700. Petitions to sign for pledges are available at the Vernonia Insurance office or checks for donations may be made payable to the Vernonia Community Ambulance Fund.

Pneumonia Claims Life

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Thoreau of Pasadena, California died Friday of pneumonia. She became ill the day before. Mrs. Thoreau is the former Margaret Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Anderson. The Andersons left here Friday afternoon for Pasadena and the funeral which took place Monday morning.