

VERNONIA'S candidate to compete for the title of Miss Columbia County will be Miss Barbara Howard, who was selected Miss Vernonia at last Thursday evening's talent show at the high school. The selection was made by five impartial judges, who gave their decision while the talent show provided by Miss Elaine Haling. St. Helens, was viewed.

Demonstration to Show Methods of Thinning

fairgrounds on Tuesday, May 12, that an actual thinning job be according to Don Coin Walrod, demonstrated to show the mecounty extension agent.

This demonstration has been arranged by the Columbia county farm forestry committee to show

10th Branch of Bank to Open

The Commercial Bank of Oregon will open it's 10th branch at Hood River Monday, May 11.

The new bank will have it's quarters in the old Butler Bank building which was recently purchased from Hood River county and which has been used as a courthouse for the past few years.

Concurrent with the opening of the new branch, the capital structure of the Commerical Bank of Oregon has been increased from two million to two million, two hundred and fifty thousand do:

Donald B. Peterson, vice-president and former manager of the Tillamook Branch of The Commercial Bank of Oregon has been transferred to Hood River and will be the manager of the new branch.

William L. Henry, formerly associated with the Lewiston Branch, Idaho First National Bank, will be assistant manager. D. A. Hanners, former county assessor and well known in Hood River county will be in charge of field work and public relations

Early Closing Set

Employes of the Safeway store will go to the Multnomah hotel, Portland, Wednesday, May 13, for the annual Safeway banquet, according to Fred May, local manager, who said yesterday the store would close that day at 5 p.m.

Auxiliary Plans Sale

This year's sale of poppies by the V.F.W. Auxiliary is being planned for Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, according to an announcement from the organiza. tion this week.

Thinning second growth Doug- | methods of marking trees to be las fir just as it might be done in | cut, falling, bucking, yarding, and a farm woodlot will be demon- loading. This meeting is being strated at the Columbia county held in response to suggestions thods used.

> 12, a small plot of unthinned 30 ! and 60-year-old timber will be Jack Reynolds by placing five to marked for thinning. The principles used in marking timber for last year. thinning will be discussed by Paul Goodmonson, extension forester OSC, and Bob Lindsay, Vernonia.

Following marking, Glen Hawkins, Vernonia, will discuss laying out roads and otherwise, organizing a cutting to make yarding and loading easier and to avoid injury to remaining trees.

Falling and bucking trees will be demonstrated by Ron McDonald, Vernonia. It is intended that the use of a chain saw and hand tools will be shown in actually falling some trees. How to get trees out and down in dense second growth stand presents some real problems in making thinning cuts, reports Walrod.

McDonald will also demonstrate bucking up trees.

Yarding trees with a farm wheel tractor and possibly with a team will be demonstrated. This type of light equipment is actually being ustd very successfully in many second growth operations in Columbia county.

Small Boys to Start Play Soon

First word of this summers small boys baseball league activity came Tuesday afternoon from Mrs. George Peters who an. nounced the registration date and place for the youngsters who wish to play. The Pigmies, PeeWees and Cubs will start practices soon and will get their practice times at the meeting.

This session is scheduled for Friday evening, May 8 at the union hall and will open at 8 o'clock. She stressed as important that parents attend with the

boys to learn new rule revisions. Game schedules will be announced and insurance will be discussed also Friday.

Five Achieve Berths for District Meet

Loggers Take 2nd Place in County Track Event Monday

The Lions roared again Monday when they successfully defended

their Lower Columbia league track record by capturing 75 3/5 points, well ahead of the other county teams. The Loggers captured the second place spot with a net of 521/2 counters and they were followed by Clatskanie with 29, Scappoose with 27 3/5 and Rainier with 25 1/5 points.

The Logger squad as a whole showed surprising strength in the meet, displaying a marked improvement over the start of the season. The Loggers' great weakness is in distance running and the pole vaulting events. In all other events the Vernonia team are breathing down the firstplace Lions necks, making the highly talented Lions do them very best to keep that title.

Vernonia will send five men to the district meet to be held at Beaverton this Friday at 1:30. Those qualifying Monday and who will make the trip will be Braun, who took a second in the 100yard dash and the discuss and a first in the 220; Jerry Herrin, first in the discuss; Schaumburg, second in the javalin; Ozzie Ray, second in the shot put and Kenny Nanson, scoring an upset and taking a second place in the broadjump.

The Loggers going to the district meet are looking forward to this event, whose other members are teams from Washington and Clatsop county schools. Billy Braun, Logger speedster, will have a very good chance to qualify in the 220 to go on to the state meet if the present statistics hold

Last Monday's meet was the last for the local track team, Starting at 10:30 a.m. on May which did a much better job this year under the tutelage of Coach go to the district, compared to two

Council Orders Sewer Resolution

the proposed Corey Hill sewer system to a vote of the people was taken Monday evening at the first council session for this

At that time the order was issued that will ask City Attorney Carrol Bradley to prepare a resolution calling for the project to go ahead. Following adoption of the resolution, preparation will begin for the election at which city residents may decide whether

they wish the project to continue. Full details of costs and plans for the project will be prepared prior to the election by the city

Councilmen chose the date of May 11 for the meeting of the budget committee and offered Leslie McMullen the job of city utilities man. He was chosen from a list of five applicants.

Schoolmasters Name Officers

The Columbia County School masters club, meeting here Monday afternoon and evening, elected Eugine Dove, high school superintendent, as the club president for the coming year.

Other officers, all from Vernonia, elected at that time wers Sid Sorensen, vice-president; Darrold Proehl, secretary and Harold McEntire, treasurer.

Monday's gathering of school men opened with a golf tourney in the afternoon and was followed by dinner at the grade school cafeteria.



A TOTAL of 125 youngsters brought their bikes to the high school parking area Saturday afternoon for free Scotchlite tape, according to Sid Sorenson, driver training class instructor, who directed application of the tape. The bikes were also inspected for safety by state and city police who gave safe riding instruction to the youngsters. Both Sorenson and Merle Graham, city policeman, were applying tape to bikes when the picture was taken. The tape was cut for application by Margaret Buckley, center, and Sharon Hult, Katherine Leonard, Peggy McKee and Yvonne Russom, members of the driver training class.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Pvt. Kenneth L. Lindsley, 21, 1 son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lindsley, is attending Southwestern Signal school at Camp San Luis Obispo, California,

Pvt. Lindsley, who recently completed his basic training at the Southwestern Signal Replacement training center, also at Camp San Luis Obispo, is now enrolled as a field radio repair stu-

As a field radio repair student, he will learn how to repair field type (movable) radio equipment. This course also includes instruc. tion in the principles of electricity, radio-electronic theory, amplitude and frequency modulation AM and FM equipment, the use of testing equipment and how to read schematic circuit diagrams. Upon graduation, Pvt. Lindsley will be qualified as a field radio repairman in a signal

corps unit. Pvt. Lindsley, a graduate of Vernonia union high school, was employed as a logging truck driver by the Spofford and Taylor Logging Co., before entering the army November 10, 1952.

Sgt. 1/c Albert F. Woolsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Woolsey, arrived here Wednesday evening from three years spent in Okinawa. He will be at home until the 29th of this month when he is scheduled to report to Fort Lewis to continue his term of

Sgt. Woolsey reenlisted about a year ago while in Okinawa and five years remain of his present

M/Sgt. George Peachey left City. From there he was to go to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey After about a week he is to go period of time. He had been on Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Peachey.

AT/3 Earl Wantland left Wednesday for Alameda, California, having been transferred there from Whidbey Island, Washington. He has been assigned to a jet fighter squadron.

Bu/3 John Carmichael left last Monday after spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carmichael. League Diamond He has been transferred to the U. S. Naval Base at Seattle for 18 months in the public works department.

Wesley Hunt was inducted into the regular army and left April 22 for Fort Lewis where he is receiving his basic training.

April Rainfall **Totals 4.94 Inches**

Rainfall during April totaled 4.94 inches, the records at the cooperative weather station show. The figures were released Monday by Mrs. Helen Spofford for weather data during last month as recorded at the station.

Top temperature reading during the month was listed at 70 degrees April 19. The low point came on April 2 with a reading of 24 degrees.

April's high point was exceeded by quite a bit earlier this week when an 82-degree maximum was posted for Sunday.

Funds Returned

All funds that were collected several years ago for project work Thursday by plane for New York | planned by the Vernonia Community Recreation association, were returned, effective Friday of last week. Announcement of the on to Europe for a two-year refunds to organizations which contributed to the projects, which leave for 38 days, which time he | were not carried out, was made spent at the home of his parents, by Fred Lundgren, treasurer of the association.

Hearing Defects Found At Pre-School Clinic

ing defects in about 15 cases of The clinic, an annual affair to this test is due. which parents may bring their children for free check-ups, was sponsored by the Parent-Teachers association under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. L. Russell.

A doctor's examination was made of each child and Miss Grace Roumagoux, county nurse, also interviewed each.

possible hearing loss will be and Mrs. Warren Aldrich.

ic brought out evidence of hear- | who is scheduled to be here May 19. Parents of these children the 67 children that were tested. | will be notified by mail before |

Working with Mrs. Russell in conducting the clinic were: Mrs. | fill the need. L. L. Wells, receptionist, Mrs. Virginia Walker, Mrs. Hazel Bergerson, Mrs. Blanche Millis, Mrs. Charles Wall, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Art Nanson. Case history data was taken by Mrs. Ralph Lais, Mrs. E. Hibbs, Mrs. Roy The few children who evidenced | Leonard, Mrs. Faith Reynolds,

Race Promoter To Open Track For Summer

May 24 Set as First Race Date of Season At Fairgrounds Oval

Jalopy races will be run at the Columbia county fairgrounds rack this summer under sponsorship of a Portland racing promoter, it was announced Saturday by Jewett Bush, Clatskanie, chair-

man of the fair board. The board met with Paul Ail, operator of the Portland Speedway, at the fairgrounds Saturday An agreement was reached that will make it possible for him to schedule races at the grounds this summer. The first race will be staged May 24 with a schedule for the rest of the season to be

worked out later. The board had negotiated earlier with the St. Helens Junior Chamber of Commerce, but the Jaycees lack manpower to handle the races. The Columbia County Drivers' association had also made an offer for the track, but the drivers' offer did not provide for insurance and was not ac-

Ernest Shaffer, president of the driver's association, was also present at the meeting. Ail offered the track to the drivers, saying the group could sponsor races and receive 50 per cent of gate receipts. The drivers, meeting later, voted down the proposition, however, since they had already made commitments to run their jalopies at McMinnville this year.

Decision Near

Last Thursday the Loggers journeyed to Seaside and split a double header with that team. The first game ended in the fifth inning with Vernonia well ahead 17-5 while the Gulls defeated the locals in the second contest.

Vernonia batters found the Seaside hurler for 18 hits while the home town Gulls tabbed Logger pitchers for only seven in both games. Twice these games were called on account of rain, but the local lads continued to fight it out with the Gulls regardless of the weather.

Tuesday the Loggers defeated the Rainier Columbians in a marathon 12-11. The visitors tagged the locals for only two hits, but bases on balls and errors enabled them to keep up with the local sluggers.

The local nine looked pretty rough, but then again Vernonia has to date had only four infield practices because of the weather. With nice weather the local horsehide enthusiasts will show marked improvement in fielding of the

The Loggers will play host to Warrenton Thursday, today, in a double-header, which will probably be their last game before the district representative is picked. To date the Lions and the Warrenton team are tied to see which will represent this dis-

Korea Bundles **Help Requested**

Because of the urgent need of food and clothing for children in Korea, a move is being made here Last Thursday's pre-school clin- | checked again by an audiometrist | by the Rainbow Girls to organize a miniature bundles for Korea program. They are asking help with the program from people in this area so that the community can do it's part toward helping

> The bundles will help materially to provide for Korean children who have been victims of war. Rainbow Girls who may be contacted by those wishing to help are Dorothy Gwin and Patsy Brissett and Mrs. George Peters at the IWA hall will also help with the collection.