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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

Thinning second growth Douglas fir just as it might be done in a farm woodlot will be demonstrated at the Columbia county fairgrounds on Tuesday, May 12, according to Don Coin Walrod, county 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 its 10th branch at Hood River Monday, May 11.

The new bank will have its 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 Commercial Bank of Oregon has been increased from two million to two million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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

Employees 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 organization this week.

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 52 1/2 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 first-place Lions' necks, making the highly talented Lions do their 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 100-yard 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 Kenney 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 up.

Last Monday's meet was the last for the local track team, which did a much better job this year under the tutelage of Coach Jack Reynolds by placing five to go to the district, compared to two last year.

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 month.

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 engineer.

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 Schoolmasters club, meeting here Monday afternoon and evening, elected Eugene Dove, high school superintendent, as the club president for the coming year.

Other officers, all from Vernonia, elected at that time were Sid Sorensen, vice-president; Darold Froehl, secretary and Harold McEntire, treasurer.

Monday's gathering of schoolmen 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 Sorensen, 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 Sorensen 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 Russon, members of the driver training class.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Pvt. Kenneth L. Lindsley, 21, 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 student.

As a field radio repair student, he will learn how to repair field type (movable) radio equipment.

This course also includes instruction in the principles of electricity, radio-electronic theory, amplitude and frequency modulation AM and FM equipment, the use of various 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 service.

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

M/Sgt. George Peachey left Thursday by plane for New York City. From there he was to go to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. After about a week he is to go on to Europe for a two-year period of time. He had been on leave for 38 days, which time he spent at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Peachey.

Hearing Defects Found At Pre-School Clinic

Last Thursday's pre-school clinic brought out evidence of hearing defects in about 15 cases of the 67 children that were tested. The clinic, an annual affair to 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. The few children who evidenced possible hearing loss will be

checked again by an audiometrist who is scheduled to be here May 19. Parents of these children will be notified by mail before this test is due.

Working with Mrs. Russell in conducting the clinic were: Mrs. L. L. Wells, receptionist, Mrs. Virginia Walker, Mrs. Hazel Bergerson, Mrs. Blanche Mills, Mrs. Charles Wall, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Art Nanson. Case history data was taken by Mrs. Ralph Lais, Mrs. E. Hibbs, Mrs. Roy Leonard, Mrs. Faith Reynolds, and Mrs. Warren Aldrich.

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 track this summer under sponsorship of a Portland racing promoter, it was announced Saturday by Jewett Bush, Clatskanie, chairman 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 acceptable.

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.

League Diamond 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 ball.

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 district.

Korea Bundles Help Requested

Because of the urgent need of food and clothing for children in Korea, a move is being made here 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 its part toward helping fill the need.

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.