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Annual Meet Of Co-op Due Here Saturday

West Oregon Members Scheduled to Elect Two Board Directors

This year's annual meeting of West Oregon Electric Cooperative is scheduled to take place Saturday of this week, November 14 and again the yearly affair will take place at the Legion hall. The business meeting is timed to open at 10 a.m., the arrangements for which have been made over a period of the past month by Manager Guy Thomas.

On the agenda for the business session is: reports of officers, directors and committees and the election of two directors as well as any other business that may come up during the day.

Directors are to be chosen for district 2 and district 5 and candidates for both have already been chosen at district meetings held earlier this year. The candidate for district 2 is Noble Dunlap and for district 5, Guy Griffith. Both are incumbent directors whose terms expire.

Two speakers will be heard during the day. Professor Gerald E. Korzan, department of agricultural economics of Oregon State will deliver the morning address. Fred J. Hart, general field representative, western area, will talk in the afternoon.

Police Warn of Driving Danger

City and state police here voiced a warning reminder earlier this week that concerns all people who own and operate automobiles. They pointed out that the approach of the winter season brings greater danger which increases road hazards that may lead to accidents.

Also mentioned were the deaths of two people who lost their lives because of car accidents in the past year. Police hope that the exercise of greater care in driving will prevent further deaths this year.

Scoutmaster for Troop Chosen

Eugene Parker is the new scoutmaster for Vernonia Boy Scout troop 201, an announcement from the I.O.O.F. lodge, sponsoring organization, indicates this week. Parker was chosen for the position several days ago after a meeting of the Boy Scout committee named by the lodge and working with him as assistants are Walter Harris and Lyle Frazier, both instructors on the teaching staff of the Washington school.

Bill J. Horn, lodge noble grand, is acting as the institutional representative from the lodge with the scout committee for which Bob Lindsay is chairman. Other members of the committee are Art Gardner, Charles Johnson, Jim Davies and Merle Graham.

Club Represented

W. A. Davis, Art Gardner and George A. Remnant represented the Vernonia Lions club Monday evening at a Columbia county service club party given for veterans at Barnes hospital, Vancouver. Only other club representing the county was the St. Helens Kiwanis. Gifts of candy, cigarettes and cakes were given the veterans.

Mill Equipment Moved

The Roger Quirin mill, which has been in operation on Timber route, was moved Wednesday to Bridge River, British Columbia. He will continue to operate his mill at Svenson.



TWO of Vernonia high school's teaching staff were featured prominently in a recent Oregonian article which was partly concerned with National Education week. They are Ann Harding, who teaches girls' P.E. and Junior English, and Mary Harding, home economics and American history instructor.

Vernonia schools will officially observe National Education week with an open house at both the Washington school and the high school next Monday evening at 7:30, announcements from both schools indicate. The open house will be held to give parents the opportunity of visiting the buildings and hearing programs now

being prepared.

Official dates for Education week are November 8 to 14, but the open house is scheduled the following Monday on November 16.

At the Washington school an assembly in the auditorium will start the event at 7:30 Superintendent Darold Proehl said on

Tuesday and at that time visitors will hear an explanation of the program, see a play by the 8th grade students on National Book week and hear several musical numbers.

Room visitation will follow the assembly program during which time parents will have the opportunity to visit class rooms.

A general assembly will also start the open house at the high school at the same time, 7:30 when visitors will be welcomed by Dick Gwin, student body president. Superintendent Eugene Dove will outline the program, explain the facilities the school offers for student instruction and give directions for the remainder of the evening. Several band numbers will also be heard at that time. Room visitation will follow the assembly, the program for which is being arranged under the chairmanship of Bill Johnson, high school band instructor.

Co-op Movement Value Told Grangers Saturday

On Saturday, November 7, Winema Grange entertained Pomona Grange at Birkenfeld with a large attendance. Several visitors were present from the Jewell Grange of Clatsop county and also T. H. Fenton of Milwaukie Grange, Clackamas county. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cieloha were present from Clatsop county also.

CO-OPS IMPORTANT

Mr. Fenton spoke on the importance of the co-operative movement, on which he is well informed, being active in the Grange Co-op. He stated that in Denmark where the co-operative movement has been developed, the farmer receives 74 per cent of the consumer's dollar, while in this country he receives only 44 per cent. Thus it is felt that more co-operative effort is needed and farmers are urged to use their own Grange Co-op.

Another speaker was G. A. Heikkila, Finnish consul and a member of Clatskanie Grange. He spoke on Finland and told of Finnish culture throughout the years and their present living conditions. They have one of the oldest civilizations in Europe,

having become a Christian nation in the 12th century and had their first university in 1640. They lived under Swedish rule for 600 years, then under Russian rule. The country is now a democracy with a one-house parliament of 200 members, a president and six major political parties.

FINNS GROW BEETS

He told of seeing large herds of reindeer on his recent trip to Finland and these animals are sold on the market for their meat, thus making a living for Eskimos who live north of the Arctic Circle. He also noted large fields of sugar beets farther south, so they have their own sugar. They also have developed the co-operative market, both wholesale and retail, to a high degree.

Roberta Tarbell of Warren told of her trip last summer to the Juvenile Grange camp near Bend, which she received from Pomona Grange. Bertis Lu Ashley of Mist told of her 4-H scholarship to summer school at Corvallis, also a gift of Pomona Grange.

Five candidates took the Fifth Degree in the evening, after which a program of music, readings and skits was enjoyed.

Response to Fund Drive Slow in Valley Area

Like the rest of Columbia county where reports of progress are available, the response to the United Fund drive in the Nehalem valley so far has been slow. Bill Horn said Monday of the amount that had been turned in so far during the campaign.

He pointed out that up to the first of this week \$1200 had been turned in to apply on the Vernonia quota of \$3350, a figure considerably short of the goal. The quota includes \$750 which will be turned over to the Vernonia Emergency Relief committee for use exclusively in this area in helping needy families.

The amount contributed, however, does not include funds that have been given or pledged by mill employees as no figure is available yet on that amount. Mill men are being asked to help the United Fund through solicitation being made by the IWA.

People who wish to help and have not yet done so can send their contributions to the Vernonia Branch, Commercial Bank

where an account for Fund money has been set up. Horn pointed out.

Purpose of the united undertaking is to combine the individual drives that have been conducted in former years into one solicitation which, in turn, reduces the effort of carrying out the work as well as the expense. Consequently larger gifts of money are asked to meet the combined budget, which has been reduced from the total of amounts individual agencies would ask were they to conduct separate drives.

The general plan for combining the individual drives into one undertaking was first worked out by national labor organizations. Word from St. Helens indicates labor there will set up a single donation system for its members if the United Fund fails.

If the quota is not made here within a short time, the local chairman indicated a house-to-house canvass would be made and that effort towards achieving the goal would continue until it is reached.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Staff Sergeant Leeman Lindsey left Thursday for San Francisco where he is stationed.

Pvt. Marvin Brewer, Jr. is now a student at Ft. Benning, Georgia where he has completed training as a parachutist, according to a news release from the school. He enlisted in the service March 31 of this year at Portland and has been at Ft. Benning since September 12.

The course required that students make jumps from an airplane in flight and one of the five required jumps was made with full equipment. He was a student at the high school here until November, 1952 and was employed at the mill for a short time before enlisting.

Net Season to Open December 1

Next event on the sports calendar for the Loggers will be the opening of basketball season, which this year is scheduled for December 1. Vernonia will go to Banks for the first game of the season which will continue through March 9. The full schedule for the Loggers is:

- Dec. 1—Banks, there
- Dec. 4—LCL Jamboree, here
- Dec. 8—Knappa, there
- Dec. 11—Pacific U Frosh, there
- Dec. 12—Oregon City, here
- Dec. 15—Banks, here
- Dec. 18—Oregon City, there
- Jan. 5—Pacific U. Frosh, here
- Jan. 8—St. Helens, here
- Jan. 12—Scappoose, there
- Jan. 14—Knappa, here
- Jan. 15—Neah Kah Nie, here
- Jan. 22—Seaside, there
- Jan. 26—Clatskanie, here
- Jan. 29—Warrenton, there
- Feb. 5—Rainier, here
- Feb. 9—St. Helens, there
- Feb. 12—Scappoose, here
- Feb. 19—Neah Kah Nie, there
- Feb. 23—Seaside, here
- Feb. 26—Clatskanie, there
- March 5—Warrenton, here
- March 9—Rainier, there.

Play-off Place Won by Lions

Their victory over Oswego high school last Friday night 29-14 earned for the St. Helens Lions a position in the state A-2 play-off and will pit them against Reedsport on the Lion field this Friday night. This Friday's game will be a state quarterfinal contest.

St. Helens tallied its first score with just four plays from the first time the Lions took possession of the ball after an Oswego fumble on Oswego's 28-yard line. The two following touchdowns came, one midway through the first quarter on a 95-yard punt return and the other on a 35-yard pass in the second period.

Oswego also scored in the second quarter and again in the third period.

Early Pioneer Of Valley Dies

Bertha Ellen Bergerson, a former resident of Kist and one of the covered wagon pioneers, passed away at her home in Portland November 3 at the age of 71 years, nine months and one day. Born at Burton, Kansas, she came West at the age of five years with her parents in a covered wagon, later homesteading on Beaver Creek.

On October 27, 1297 she was married to Adolph Bergerson. She was preceded in death by her husband and son, Clifford, and leaves to mourn, her daughter, Lois, five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Date Set for Rite

Final rites will take place Friday of this week at Birkenfeld for Guy Bellingham, who passed away Tuesday. The services will be held at 2 p.m.

Boards Reach Agreement on Land Transfer

Vacant Director Post Action Not Taken by Board Tuesday Evening

The separate meetings of the high school and grade school boards of directors were combined later in the evening Tuesday to reach an agreement on a proposed transfer of ownership of a small piece of property west of the Washington school.

Because of specifications in the deed for the property on which the high school stands, it will be impossible to negotiate a transfer of ownership of the small parcel of land just west of the Washington school until 1961. As a result, both boards have agreed that the minutes of their meetings be written so that the specifications of the deed be observed until the change can be officially made in 1961.

Because no official resignation had been received by the high school board from Luther Herrin, who has moved from here, no action was taken Tuesday to appoint a board member to the position held by him. The directors were read a report from the state health and sanitation inspector giving his approval for the school and were informed that almost the full amount of the capital outlay budget figures had been expended on the plans for the current budget year.

Date Named for Annual Carnival

The high school carnival, an annual affair, will take place in the auditorium Friday evening of next week, November 20, and will offer opportunities to win half a beef and a choice ham to two people. The awarding of the two items will be two feature attractions of the evening Superintendent Eugene Dove said Tuesday.

First event scheduled that evening is a faculty play. The ham will be offered by the Junior class and the person who will receive it must be present, while the winner of the beef need not be on hand when the award is made.

Concessions and the classes and organizations handling them will be: athletic commission, bingo; Memolog, food booth; Seniors, basketball throw; Juniors, baseball throw; Sophomores, darts; Freshmen, movie and penny toss; Timberline, sale booth and telegrams; GAA, cake walk; Pep club, ring toss; Girls League, fish pond; Lettermen, dice game; photography club, inspiration game; librarians, wheel chance; band, wheel of fortune and Thapsians, sponge throw.

Yule Seals to Go Out Monday

This year's mailing of the Christmas Seal sale letters is scheduled to be made here Monday of next week under the direction of Mrs. Frank Serafin, who heads the sale for this area. Mrs. Serafin, with a group of helpers, completed stuffing the envelopes Tuesday.

Christmas Seals are not a part of the current United Fund drive, it is pointed out, because the stickers are offered on a sale basis instead of asking for contributions.

People in charge of the sale of Seals in this county point out that considerable expense has been incurred during the past year because of the many x-rays taken. Those who do not receive letters containing the Seals can notify Mrs. Serafin.

The mailing this year will be the 47th year the undertaking has been carried out.

Agency Taken Over

Announced here a few days ago was a change that now makes Sid Sorenson the Vernonia representative for State Farm Insurance companies. Because of the change he is taking over the agency formerly handled by Jimmie Johns.

Shrubbery Planted

Shrubbery was planted along the front of the Washington school building last week end by Thornton's Nursery, Warren, to replace the shrubs which were cut down last year and earlier this year.