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## Yule Program Date Set for December 22

Annual Event to Be Staged at Washington School Auditorium

The Vernonia elementary schools will present their annual Christmas program Tuesday evening, December 22, at 8 p. m. in the Washington school auditorium.

The program is being prepared under the general direction of a committee of teachers: Hutton Lee, general chairman, Dorothy Sandon in charge of the dramatics and Marvin Wiggins in charge of the music.

The program will be preceded by several numbers from the band under the direction of Mr. Wiggins.

Program numbers will include a welcome and song from the kindergarten, a group of songs by the first grade and a seventh grade chorus. A Christmas play, "Chimes on the Hilltop," a dance by Martha Bush, a poem, "Ten Little Christmas Bells," by the 4th grade, a recitation, "Jest for Christmas," by Donnie Davis, a skit "Carols at the Window," and various musical numbers by choral groups.

Santa Claus will appear and distribute treats at the end of the program. The treats are made possible by the efforts of IWA Local 5-37 with the financial help of various organizations in the community. Provisions are being supplied to prepare 1000 bags of candy.

The large tree to be used for the program and smaller trees for grade school rooms were supplied by the Columbia Tree Farm.

## Girls' Chorus to Carol Tuesday

The carolling of Christmas songs is an event scheduled to take place the evening of Tuesday, December 22, weather permitting. Bill Johnson, high school music director, announced Monday of this week.

The high school girls' chorus will perform in several parts of the city, he said. People who wish to be sure the carolers perform in their neighborhood are asked to light their porch lights.

## THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Mc Kenneth Lindsley arrived Monday to spend a 37-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lindsley, before being shipped out for overseas.

## Trap Shoot Dated

Scheduled for Sunday, December 20, by the Vernonia Trap club is a turkey shoot. The affair will take place at the O-A ball park.

## Industries List Work Schedules

Work schedules listed for industries here indicate lay-offs during the holiday season and the dates when work will be resumed afterwards. Long-Bell operations at Camp Olson will close Wednesday, December 23, for the remainder of the week and resume again Monday, December 28.

Logging will stop again at Camp Olson Wednesday, December 30, and resume Monday, January 4.

At the mill, the operation will stop at noon Thursday, December 24 and resume Monday, December 28. Work will stop again Thursday, December 31 at noon and resume Monday, January 4.

All operations on the Columbia Tree Farm will close for the holiday period Friday night of this week and resume after the first of the year.

## December 31 Last Date for Bonus

The final date for applying for the Oregon World War II veterans' bonus is December 31, the state department of veterans' affairs warns. George A. Jones, bonus supervisor, said applications must be postmarked before midnight of that date to be considered for payment. They should be addressed to the bonus division, department of veterans' affairs, Salem.

Applications also may be filed in person at the Portland office of the state veterans' department in the State Office building, S. W. Fifth and Columbia, or through county veterans' service officers.

The bonus pays \$10 for each full month of domestic duty and \$15 for each month of foreign or sea duty, to a maximum of \$600.

The eligible survivor of a veteran who died in service or died of service incurred injuries following discharge is entitled to the \$600 maximum.

## Dealership Sold

Word received here a few days ago made known that E. E. Greenwood, former owner of the Dodge-Plymouth dealership here, has sold his Packard agency at Yakima, Washington and has purchased the Hanson Motor company, Chevrolet agency, at Grandview, Washington.

## CHURCHES PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



HERE as guests of the Lions club Monday evening were County Judge and Mrs. John W. Whipple. He spoke on the subject of county taxes at the dinner meeting at the Legion hall to which the Lions invited their wives and other business men and their families as guests. The dinner was prepared and served by the Lions.

## Construction Bids Opened

Among the bids opened by the state highway commission last week in Portland was a price for the Fall creek section of the Mist-Nehalem secondary highway about 3.4 miles south of Clatskanie.

The bid of the Koppish Construction company, Astoria for the amount of \$19,675 was referred by the commission to its engineer. This bid was one of 14 which totaled \$3,879,773.10 for new construction projects throughout the state.

## Quota Lacked In UF Drive

A considerable amount separates the money that has been raised towards this area's United Fund drive and the amount of quota established, Bill J. Horn, chairman, said earlier this week.

Donations are still being accepted to apply towards the quota he said. The quota for Vernonia was placed at \$3350 of which \$1934.50 has been raised. That leaves a difference of \$1415.50.

Clatskanie was reportedly the first community in the county to achieve its quota.

## Several See Cougar

Reports from several people indicate the presence of a large cougar in the vicinity west of the city. Three of those who have reported seeing the animal are Frank Stemmmons, Mrs. Rita Shipley and Wally Noakes.

## Stores Plan Night Hours For Buyers

Shoppers who have not completed their selection of gifts for Christmas giving, will have the opportunity to do so during evening hours from Monday through Thursday evening of next week.

A check with local stores offering gift merchandise for the holiday next Friday, indicates they will remain open to 8 p. m. for the first four days of next week.

Businesses that will be open are: Schaumburg's, Millers, Hahn Hardware, Steers Variety, Nichols Variety, Westerns, Nances, Vernonia Drug, Sundland Electric, Brunsmann Hardware, Bush Furniture and Kullander's Jewelry Store.

## Old Building Nearly Down

The job of tearing down the building formerly used for the high school was near to completion this week, Harry Culbertson, who purchased the property, said Monday.

He has been busy on the salvage job since March of this year and the work remaining is to burn rubbish and remove the cement foundation to complete the project.

The salvage operation resulted in saving 98 per cent of the lumber and material of which the building was constructed, he said, the lumber being stored in the old gymnasium and under a cover built near the former site of the school.

He estimated conservatively that 150,000 board feet of lumber has been salvaged as well as the pipe, plumbing fixtures, doors, windows and other fixtures. He plans construction of a home on the southwest corner of the block next spring.

## PTA to Decide Cub Sponsorship

Parent-Teacher association members will decide the question of sponsorship of the Cub Scouts for this community when they meet at the Washington school next Monday evening. Announcement of the meeting was made Monday of this week by Mrs. L. L. Wells.

Scheduled to speak at the PTA session is L. O. Barker of Hillsboro, district Boy Scout director, who will present the plea that the association back the scouts.

The program for the evening will be a Christmas play by the high school Senior class. Refreshments will end the meeting.

The PTA executive committee meeting has been postponed from Thursday to Friday noon of this week at the Washington school, Mrs. Wells said.

## East Wins Grade Court Jamboree

East teams were the victors over the West in the county grade school basketball jamboree, which took place Friday of last week. The teams competed at McBride school, St. Helens.

Vernonia, Westport and Clatskanie represent the West and Rainier, John Gumm and McBride the East. McBride won over Clatskanie in the first game, Vernonia lost 20-18 to Rainier in the second and Westport trounced John Gumm in the third. Jon Bush was high point man for Vernonia with 9.

In observance of the Christmas season, preparations are near to completion for the programs which will be devoted to observance of the nativity date next week. The dates and times of the presentations for the various church groups have been released for most denominations represented in this community.

At the First Christian church, Christmas programs will be given Sunday, characterized by music, pageantry, carols and gifts to the children. Bible school will take place at 9:45 a. m. and the Christmas worship service of the church at 11 a. m. The pastor's sermon will be: "Keeping Christ in Christmas."

## YOUTH TO CAROL

The annual Christmas program of the Bible school, "What Can I Give Him," will take place at 7:30 p. m., followed by the traditional carol singing by the youth groups who will then return to the church for a chili feed.

A Christmas play, "The Gift Supreme," will be presented by the members of the Nazarene Sunday school, Sunday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Ralph Lais, is the chairman of the program committee. Proceeding the program at 7:15 the old Christmas carols will be played with Mrs. Lillian Helvie at the piano, Carl Schaumburg, violin, and Gerald Russell, trombone.

A piano duet will be played by EIGHT HANDS TO PLAY Laureta and Mary Lamping with Harvey and Russell Redmond and Virginia and Kathy Heckenliab playing a piano ensemble with eight hands on one piano. The Sunday school girls chorus of 18 voices will furnish the music for the play.

The Christmas program by the Sunday school of the Evangelical United Brethren church will be given Sunday evening, December 20, at 7:30. The main feature will

be a candlelight pageant depicting the Christmas story.

The annual Christmas Vespers YOUNG, OLD PARTICIPATE will be given Sunday afternoon, December 27, at 4:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The annual Christmas program of the Latter Day Saints church will take place Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour starting at 10 o'clock. Both children and adults will participate in the observance.

The Sunday school of the Vernonia Bible church will hold its Christmas program Sunday, December 20, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Everyone is welcome to the program which will consist of scripture readings, recitations, musical numbers, a pageant centered around the birth of Christ and a short talk by the pastor, "What Does Christmas Hold For You?"

The Christmas message for the Sunday morning service will be "Christ Loved Us and Sent His Son."

## CAROLING INTENDED

On Wednesday evening, December 23, the Ambassador's For Christ of the Vernonia Bible church will go caroling.

Singing is to get underway immediately following an early prayer service and will be followed by a chili feed in one of the homes of the congregation.

The Christian theme will be a part of the 11 a. m. service Sunday at the Assembly of God church and the subject of the sermon at that time will be "The Christ of Peace." That evening at 7:30 the annual Christmas program will take place with exercises by primary and junior department youngsters being presented. Members of classes for older age groups will combine to present a pageant, "Come to Bethlehem."

## Loggers Lose 1, Win 2 For Week's Court Play

One loss by a two-point margin and two wins indicate the tenor of the past week of basketball as far as Coach Reynolds' Loggers are concerned. Their loss last Thursday to the Pacific U Frosh is the only one this season out of five games played and is consequently something of a good record.

At Forest Grove the Loggers started slow and trailed the Frosh all the way, but the difference was slight at the final gun with the score 59-57. For the first three period endings, scores were 16-10, 28-25 and 43-38. Braun was high with 16. Both he and Bass sparked an increased tempo for the Loggers after the 1st frame, but the Loggers couldn't break into the winning side of the ledger.

Vernonia tallied only 11 of 32 free throws while the Frosh showed a much better percentage.

Vernonia 57 59 Pacific Frosh  
Braun 16 F 15 Barndse  
Cunningham 10 F 7 Evans  
Fulton 13 C 2 Stockard  
Nanson 6 G 15 Scott  
B. Higley 2 G 6 Heinrich  
Substitutes Vernonia — Bush 2,  
Ray, O'Brien, Bass 8; Pacific —  
Compton 11, Richardson 2, Muelhauser 1.

Saturday night's game with Oregon City here brought a 10-point margin of victory for the home boys even though they started slow again and trailed the Pioneers 16-13 at the end of the first period. The Loggers came back in the second to lead 32-28 and held on for a 50-42 count in the third quarter.

Outstanding feature was probably the number of fouls called that evening. Of the 50, 28 were placed on Oregon City and 22 on Vernonia to cost the visitors three men, Mitley, French and Raney. Four Loggers carried four apiece.

Nanson delivered a top-notch game for the night and the Pioneers almost caught up while he was on the bench for a short

time. He tallied nine consecutive foul shots and of 43 times at the free throw line he and his team mates hit 28.

Vernonia 66 56 Oregon City  
Braun 10 F 12 Gettel  
Cunningham 7 F 8 Owens  
Fulton 11 C 8 Schmeiser  
Nanson 24 G 7 French  
B. Higley 2 G 3 Newhouse  
Substitutes, Vernonia — Bass 6,  
O'Brien 4, Bush 2; Oregon City —  
Mitley 7, Wheeler 4, Knoll 3,  
Raney 3, Burck 1.

The third slow starting game for the Loggers came when they met Banks here Tuesday and the visitors took the lead 16-13, but not for long. By the time the second quarter had elapsed, Banks had netted only four more points while the home team tossed in 20 and continued to increase the lead throughout the rest of the game.

Logger reserves played most of the second half and delivered a good game. Braun led the scoring with 19, followed by Nanson and Bass with 13 each.

Vernonia will travel Friday to Oregon City and then take a breather until January 5 when the Pacific Frosh will travel here for a return encounter.

## Classes to End December 23

The elementary schools will close at the end of classes December 23, Superintendent Darold Proehl said Wednesday morning and the Christmas vacation will extend past the New Year holiday before school reconvenes.

Students will return to their studies again Monday, January 4. Teachers and employees of the grades will hold their annual Christmas party this afternoon, Thursday, after school in the lunch room. Lunch will be served and gifts exchanged.

## Taxation Problems Reviewed by Judge

Three questions and the answers on the subject of taxes in Columbia county comprised the topic of a talk made by County Judge John W. Whipple to Lions club members, their wives and guests of the club who met Monday evening for dinner at the Legion hall.

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED

In presenting details of personal and real property taxes for the county, Judge Whipple answered three questions that are most frequently asked on the subject and then gave the answers to those questions.

Perhaps most frequently asked is: "why are taxes so high." His answer was to point out that much taxable property has missed being assessed over many years since a thorough assessment has been made and some that is assessed is far below the value for

which it should be listed. Steps are being taken to equalize this assessment inequality, he pointed out, because of an agreement between the state and county to adjust assessments. As a result, a crew of appraisers are at work now, the state and county dividing the expense equally for the project.

## EQUALITY SOUGHT

By equalizing assessments, property listed on the tax rolls and property not on too low will be brought into proper relationship with other property to make the tax burden equal. It is estimated that four years will be required to complete the project.

In answer to the question, "where do taxes go," the Judge displayed a graph which listed percentages of taxes applied to the support of various county

agencies. Of each tax dollar received, schools take 74.2 per cent, the largest of the list. Other items and the percentages are: cities 7.1, welfare 2.1, county general road fund 12.4, county general fund 3.1, fire districts, hospital, cemeteries 1.1.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The answer to when taxes will be reduced is simply this: "when people quit buying government." The more government people ask for, the more taxes are required.

Six public meetings are to take place in the county as the reassessment program continues, one of these having been held at Clatskanie. The meetings are designed to explain the purpose of the program and to answer questions of property owners so that a general understanding of the move will be possible.

