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Seniors Win Scholarships At Graduation

Bulletin Board Given School by Class; Honor Speakers Heard

At the high school graduation exercises held last Thursday evening in the high school auditorium, a number of special awards were made by Eugene Dove, high school principal. The award for outstanding dramatic achievement was given to Dorothy Gwin. Willa mBraun received a scholarship to Pacific University; Patricia Hickman was awarded a scholarship to Lewis and Clark college; and June Cunningham and Patricia Wells each received scholarships to Cotty College.

In addition to the Cotty scholarship, Patricia Wells also received an award from the American Chemistry Society for being an outstanding chemistry student, and a James Harrison Collins scholarship for study next year at Oregon State college. The latter is a $200 scholarship provided for in the will of Mrs. Gertrude F. Collins for the benefit of graduates of Columbia county high schools.

Gift from the graduating class to the school was a bulletin board, presentation of which was made by Kenneth Nanson, class president.

Honor speakers for the class were June Cunningham and William Braun, and the commencement address was given by Dr. Erret Hummel of Portland State College who spoke on the subject, "A Big Pair of Shoes."

Diplomas were presented to the 32 members of the class by Oscar G. Weed, chairman of the board of directors.

Giant Pageant To Climax Fair

A giant pageant, featuring talent from every part of the county is slated to climax the centennial celebration of Columbia county. The pageant will be held in conjunction with the Columbia county fair August 5, 6 and 7.

Columbia county was organized January 16, 1954, while Oregon was still a territory.

The pageant, "One Hundred Years of Progress," will tell the story of the county from the time the first settlers came up to the present day of indusrial and agricultural growth. A special director will be hired to stage the pageant. It will be produced by the Columbia County Centennial committee and the Columbia county fair board.

The committee is headed by Ben Coleman, St. Helens mortician, who says that plans for other parts of the celebration will be announced as soon as they materialize.

The Columbia County Historical society will work with the writer of the pageant so that it will be based upon historical fact. Files of the county newspapers will also be used.

Tickets for the fair and the pageant will cost $1 a person. They will be good for the three nights of the show and will admit the buyer to the fair grounds, the show and other events planned during the three days.

Members of the centennial committee are Wayne Bell, vice-chairman, St. Helens; Art Steele, treasurer, and Forest LaBeck, Clatskanie; F. A. Bush and Glen Hawkins, Vernonia; John Whitwer and Al Bustrin, Rainier.

Members of the Columbia County fair board are George Becker, president, St. Helens; Jewett Bush, manager, Clatskanie and Luther Choate, Vernonia.

Four to Seek Title of Miss Vernonia Saturday

THIS ACT will be part of Saturday evening's talent program at the high school when Miss Vernonia will be selected. At the left is Alice Jean Stroud and Patsy Bennett, both from St. Helens, wear the horse costume.

A Vernonia girl will win the title of Miss Vernonia and will represent this community in an all-county contest later when competition is judged at a program being arranged by the F. L. club for Saturday evening, June 5, at 8 p.m. at the high school. This year's affair will be the second at which a girl has been chosen from here for the county competition.

The Miss Columbia County contest will take place the last week in June and will be sponsored by the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce. The winner of this county contest will represent the county in the Miss Oregon pageant at Seaside.

Four girls will compete for the Miss Vernonia title Saturday and the winner will be selected by out-of-town judges on the basis of personality, poise and talent. The girls will appear in formals and bathing suits and will present talent numbers. Entered in the contest are Joyce Jones, Shirley Jones, Odean Blount and Sharlee Powers.

Along with the competition will be a stage show produced by Miss Elaine Haling of St. Helens. She was Miss Columbia County in 1950. The show will feature song and dance acts including special costuming and blacklighting.

Welfare Lists May Expenses

Total expenses of the Columbia county public welfare commission will amount to $34,237.33 for the month of May, according to Mrs. Eva L. Tice, administrator.

This was about $500 less than the amount budgeted.

The largest expense for the month was to old age assistance, which totaled $16,970 for 299 cases. The second largest figure was for aid to dependent children, amounting to $5,151 for 54 cases. This does not include medical expense.

Other costs included old age medical assistance, $1,869.16; medical aid to dependent children, $339.25; aid to blind, $130; medical aid to blind, $4.30; aid to disabled, $2,768; medical aid to disabled, $800.47; general assistance, $2,154.02; general medical assistance, $89.70, and foster care, $1,095.38. Administration costs were $2,866.07.

A new office building now under construction in St. Helens will be occupied by the welfare agencies about August 1. It is being designed to give the utmost in convenience and will replace the badly over-crowded quarters now being used.

Double Header Due

The Vernonia Baseball club will play a double header here Sunday with Castle Rock, Washington starting at 1:30 p.m. on the high school diamond. Games scheduled for last Sunday with Rainier were called because of rain.

Jury Names Drawn

Names drawn for the May term of the circuit court in Columbia county include Robert F. Curl, Louise Hahn and Florence Messing of Vernonia. Serving on the grand jury are Ina Bateman and Clyde Johnson.

Long-Bell Co. Adds Plant

John D. Leland of Longview, Washington, president of The Long-Bell Lumber Company has announced the merger of The Long-Bell Lumber Company and Gardiner Lumber Company, Gardiner, Oregon, a wholly owned subsidiary, The Long-Bell Lumber Company being the surviving corporation.

Gardiner Lumber Company, which has been operating a sawmill and plywood plant at Gardiner and a sawmill at Reedsport, Oregon, will be known as the Gardner Division of The Long-Bell Lumber Company.

A. J. Myers, who was vice-president and general manager, Gardiner Lumber Company, will continue as general manager of the Gardiner Division.

Other Oregon operations of The Long-Bell Lumber Company include sawmills at Vaughn and Vernonia and a logging operation at Grand Ronde.

Payment Response Slow

Turn outs for Boys Baseball are being held up due to a lack of response on the insurance payments. When enough boys to field a team have paid their fee of $1.25, practice sessions will be annonunced.

Death Claims Three People During Week

Frederic Rollin Olin

Funeral services were read on Tuesday at the Evangelical United Brethren church for Frederic Rollin Olin who passed away Saturday at Port Blakely, Washington.

Mr. Olin was born February 9, 1876 at Stevens Point, Wisconsin and was 78 years old at the time of his death.

Mr. Olin came to Vernonia in 1935 as president of the Oregon-American Lumber corporation, which position he filled until the time of his retirement in 1947. Previous to that he had been general manager of Hammond Lumber Company properties in Oregon.

Mr. Olin was a member of Mill City lodge, A.F.&A.M.; Al Kader Shrine in Portland, and of the Episcopal church.

The Episcopal funeral service was read for him by Reverend Vincent Herbert Gowen, a son-in-law, and the Masonic service was conducted by Vernonia Lodge No. 184, A.F.&A.M. Burial was in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Jesse of Vernonia; four sons, John Frederic Olin of Klamath Falls, Charles Herbert Olin of Kelso, Washington, Robert Baker Olin of Seattle and Daniel D. Olin of Grants Pass; two daughters, Mrs. Vincent Gowen of Port Blakely, Washington, and Mrs. William H. Manning of Falls Church, Virginia; a sister, Mrs. James Mainland of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Will R. Chalmers

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Hillsboro for Will R. Chalmers who passed away last Sat., May 29, after an extended illness.

Mr. Chalmers was born October 1, 1878 near Forest Grove where he lived until 1936 when he moved to Vernonia to the farm located about two miles below town.

Mr. Chalmers was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his widow, Marvel K. Chalmers; one son, William K.; four sisters, Ann Christine and Isabel Chalmers of Cornelius and Mrs. David Wiley of Hillsboro; and two brothers, A. J. and E. John Chalmers of Portland.

Services were held at the Donelson and Sewell Sunset Chapel in Hillsboro and burial was at Tualatin Plains.

Glenn A. Mitchell

Services are being held this afternoon (Friday) at 2:30 p.m. at the Willamette National cemetery in Portland for Glenn A. Mitchell who passed away Monday morning at the Veteran's hospital in Portland after an extended illness. Arrangements are in charge of A. J. Rose and son.

He is survived by his widow, Norah A. Mitchell and by two brothers and four sisters.

Fair Plan Topic At History Meet

Claskanie M.E. Church was the meeting place of the Columbia County Historical Society on Tuesday, May 25, with a good attendance enjoying the day and the program prepared by W. C. Wood.

Art Steele reported on the present plans of the Centennial Committee of the county as to the celebration connected with the County Fair. Plans to have a queen and the selection of the candidates throughout the county were outlined. Plans for the historical pageant were also explained.

Discussion of plans for a museum were next brought up with the committee instructed to continue their efforts.

Chamber to Be Formed

Formal organization of a Vernonia chamber of commerce it scheduled to take place on the evening of June 10, Guy Thomas said late last week when it became known that Guy E. Leonard of Portland could be here at that time.

Leonard is assistant manager of the Portland chamber of commerce and had been asked to come here to help with the setting up of the Vernonia organization. Arrangements for the meeting, a place for which will be announced next week, are being made by Thomas who was recently named chairman pro tem of a group of business men who are interested in starting the chamber.

ARE IN IT THOSE WHO

Pvt. Henry O. Pearson is now continuing his army career as paratrooper in the famed "All American" 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

As a member of the 82nd, he will make periodic parachute jumps, receive advanced training in military tactics, and participate in the training exercises and maneuvers held by the division throughout the year.

He received his basic training at Ford Ord, California from November, 1953 to April 1, 1953 and attended airborne school as well. He served in Adak, Alaska for two years with the Navy prior to his army career.

Prior to entering the armed forces he attended school in Oregon.

Two Vernonia soldiers are participating in Exercise Hill Top, large-scale training maneuver near Yakima, Washington.

They are PFC Wesley D. Hunt, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Hunt and PFC Patrick D. Sauer, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alois J. Sauer, 341 C St.

Battle testing the 44th Infantry Division and special support units, the exercise stresses tank-infantry coordination in simulated combat operations including gas attacks and mock atomic explosions.

Hunt, a radio operator in Headquarters Company of the 44th's 123d Infantry Regiment, entered the Army in April 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He is a 1951 graduate of Vernonia Union High School and former employee of the Oregon-American Lumber Corporation.

Sauer, who completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky., is a supply clerk in the 601st Quartermaster Aerial Supply Company of the 11th Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky. Before entering the Army in March 1953, he attended Seattle University and worked for the Longbell Fiber Co.

Pfc. Max Buckner and Pfc. Bobby Fulton left Thursday for Camp Pendleton, California.

A 2c Billy Wells of Paine Air Force Base at Everett, Washington spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wells. Sunday evening L. H. Shelley accompanied by Ole Jacobson took him to Olympia, Washington on his return to his base.

Gerald Millis of Forest Grove left Monday to take training at the marine base camp at Quantico, Virginia. He will be there during the summer and return to Forest Grove this fall to continue his studies at Pacific University.

Dial Phones Scheduled by May of 1955

Installation Cost Estimated to Be $60,000 for Change

Vernonia's magneto-operated telephone system will be completely replaced by a new dial telephone system by May 1955, according to word received from Lyle Cross, district manager for the West Coast Telephone Company.

Costing an estimated $60,000, the installation calls for replacement of all telephone operating equipment in Vernonia with the exception of the outside wires and cables connecting the central office to telephone subscribers' homes and places of business. The telephone building on Bridge Street will be remodeled extensively prior to installation of the automatic dial equipment. Over 500 wall crank telephones in Vernonia will be replaced by dial telephones.

"We will begin installation of the new dial system in February," Cross states. "It will improve service considerably; Vernonia subscribers will be able to dial all local numbers direct without having to signal an operator. We are also planning to put additional long distance facilities into service for Vernonia by May, 1955", Cross concluded.

The West Coast company, in common with some 5,300 other telephone companies in the United States and Canada, is in course of a major conversion of its equipment, its operational methods and its commercial system. This conversion was commenced some years ago. Its ultimate completion will be one of the greatest triumps of human achievement in communication. The objective, which will not be fully achieved for many years to come, is known to telephone men as "National Customer Toll Dialing."

Installation of the system calls for the closest sort of coordination between the Bell system companies and the thousands of independent telephone companies and will greatly affect the communications habits of everyone in this country, yet very little is known about it by the general public.

When the national toll dialing conversion is completed, any telephone used in the United States will be able to dial direct to any other telephone in the country without the service of an operator. His call will be automatically timed and checked and recorded. The relevant information will be mechanically transcribed on the bill that will be mailed to him.

About the only human functions left in the entire process will be those of technical supervision and maintenance of the complex apparatus that will translate his dialed impulses into completed connections and properly prepared bills.

Cost of Fence Sought by Board

The cost of installing a fence along the south side of the paved area back of the high school will be considered by directors of the high school district when they meet again because of action that was ordered Tuesday at their June meeting.

The Board requested Superintendent Eugene Dove to obtain data for the cost of this work so that, if possible, fencing can be installed to prevent cars from being driven onto the athletic field back of the school.

Board members expressed the opinion the field should be made available for summer recreation purposes, but that the fence is needed to protect the property from damage. A gate will be installed across the driveway at the west end of the property.