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## Report System For Fires Told Council

**Curb Change for Washington Avenue Approved Monday**

A system to be installed for reporting fires when the dial conversion takes place here July 16 was outlined to city councilmen Monday by Fire Chief Bob Thompson who had studied the system with J. M. Goodrich, West Coast Telephone company representative, a few days before.

The present system of sounding fire alarms will not be useable when the dial conversion is completed, hence the reason for setting up a new method of alarm.

The proposal, which is in operation elsewhere in the West Coast system where dial phones are used, provides for one main phone at the fire station and up to six extension phones in homes of key personnel of the fire department.

When a fire is to be reported, the central phone number would be called and the ring would be heard at the central station and on all extensions. Any one of the extension phones would be equipped with a button which, when pressed, would sound the alarm. Location of the fire would be given by the individual reporting it the same as is done under the present alarm system.

Councilmen authorized removal of present curbing on both sides of Washington avenue from North street to the alley between North and A so that when the curbing project is done this summer a wider street can be provided at this point. The remainder of Washington avenue to be curbed will provide for a wider street and if the change had not been authorized, this half block would be considerably narrower.

Only other official business Monday was adoption of a resolution providing for acceptance of the bid of Frank Kanehl for the sewer construction job.

## Senior Class Offers Mystery

On April 22 the senior class will present Robert St. Clair's thrilling mystery comedy entitled "Tiger House" in the high school auditorium.

The clever, mystery play, which has been played by more than three thousand schools after a long, successful run on the professional stage, is laid around an isolated country estate called "Mystery Manor" because of the alleged hauntings.

Erma Lowrie, played by Yvonne Russom, has inherited the estate from her eccentric aunt, and according to the terms of the will she must occupy the house for a period of two years.

Erma's cousins, Arthur Hale, Pat O'Brien, and Oswald Kerins, Hank Bass; her living aunt, Odean Blount and Peggy Van Ess, a friend, Dorothy Gwin, are all house guests when things begin to happen. And then—well, you must see the play to learn of the mysterious details. There is a delightful thread of romance, clean and highly-amusing comedy; and although the mystery element dominates, there are no dead bodies, no shots fired and nothing really gruesome happens.

## Band Concert April 15

The annual concert by the Vernonia high school band will be given in the high school auditorium April 15 at 8:00 p.m., a week earlier than previously announced. An excellent program has been arranged which is being presented to the public free of charge as a gesture of appreciation for the splendid public support given to the uniform fund.



LITTLE PATTI JO HAHMEYER is sure she has found a super Easter bunny that will deliver eggs the size of the big one in the picture which measure 6½ inches from end to end and 9 inches around the middle. However, she agrees that the small egg is more her size if it is to be for breakfast! (Large egg produced by goose owned by Bruce Watson at old Arcadia park site on Timber road and small egg from pullet at Oaklie Cripps home on Corey Hill.)

## Easter Egg Hunt Due

The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary will be held Saturday, April 9, at the city park at 2:00 p.m. and children up to and including 10 years of age are eligible.

Many prizes have been donated by the local merchants and lucky numbers for claiming the prizes will be placed in bags. The auxiliary wishes to thank the following merchants who donated prizes: The Cozy, Brunsmans Hardware, Sundland Electric, The Shack, Vernonia Bakery, Bush Furniture, Nehalem Market, Junes Style Center, Steers Variety, Jays Cafe, Nichols Variety, Safeway, Ma Vike's cafe, Sam's Food Store, Schaumburgs, Hahn Hardware, Western Store, Vernonia Drug, Millers and The Pal Shop.

## City Library Adds New Books

A number of new books have been added to the shelves at the Vernonia library recently. Those purchased are:

Animals, Men and Myths, by Richard Lewinsohn, author of Gods, Graves and Scholars, for the Heath Memorial shelf; Information Please Almanac 1955; 1955 Year Book, Encyclopaedia Britannica; The Sultan and the Lady, Eric Linklater; The Case of the Glamorous Ghost, Eric Stanley Gardner; Three Roads to A Star, David Garth; The Lady of Arlington, Harnett T. Kane; Coromandel, John Masters and The Little Duke, Charlotte M. Younge.

Donated by Lulah Fullerton were: This Side of Innocence, Taylor Caldwell; I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith; The Dark Wood, Christine Weston; Mrs. Mike, Benedict and Nancy Freeman and East of Eden, Steinbeck.

## Civil Defense Films Due

Local civilian defense authorities have announced a meeting for April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington school auditorium at which two films, "The Tale of Two Cities" showing the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima and another on self-preservation in atomic or hydrogen bomb attacks. M/Sgt Bill Noble of Portland will also talk on the same subjects. The public is urged to attend.

## Death Claims Former Pastor

Reverend Harvey R. Scheuerman, who was pastor of the Vernonia Evangelical United Brethren church from 1935 to 1942, passed away last Thursday at a Dallas rest home after a lingering illness and funeral services for him were held Monday at the Monmouth church, the last one he served, and another service Monday afternoon at the Lents church in Portland which he had helped build. Burial was in the Lincoln Memorial park.

Mr. Scheuerman was born October 5, 1881 in Culver, Indiana. He moved to Oregon in 1905 and was licensed to preach the same year. He entered Willamette university but because of a broken leg had to leave college and continued as a lay preacher until 1924 when he entered the Evangelical seminary at Naperville, Illinois. He got his B.A. degree in 1926 and his B.D. in 1928 after which he was ordained and returned to Oregon.

He served churches at Brooks, Labish Center, Salem Rural, Vernonia, Kings Valley, Monmouth and Everett, Washington.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and daughter, Gloria, Joy, of Monmouth, another daughter, Birney Miller of Millington, Tenn., three sons, Lee N., a Methodist missionary to Pakistan who is now in Oregon on furlough; Cecil of Portland and Milton of San Francisco. Thirteen grandchildren also survive.

## Band Students Score High

Members of the Vernonia high school band who participated in instrumental solo competitions at Beaverton last Saturday brought home a good report with ten receiving superior ratings, five excellent and six good. Ratings were given on the basis of tone, memory, suitability of number, stage presence, intonation and rhythm. All music used was contest calibre music.

Receiving grades of 1, or superior were Pat Brissett, Marjorie Marr, John Daniel, Dane Brady, Marjorie Reynolds, Darlene Bernardi, Carolyn Heath, Jim Davis and Joyce Thompson; 2, or excellent, J. R. Kirkbride, Virginia Johnson, Marion Knoll, Lorene Stiff; and 3 or good, Marilyn Felner, Virginia Ray, Danny Fletcher, Donna Buckley, Allen Ade and Carol Ray.

The saxophone quartet was also rated one and the brass sextet, three.

## Gift Trees Offered for Ninth Year

**Cedar Seedlings Available Now for Hedge, Tree Planting**

Free Port Orford cedar seedlings are again being made available to any person interested in planting and caring for them, according to an announcement this week from the Vernonia headquarters of the Columbia Tree Farm.

These trees are suitable for ornamental or hedge planting as well as for field planting to produce timber. With a minimum of care they will grow rapidly and if desired, may be easily pruned and shaped.

This will mark the ninth consecutive year that the Columbia Tree Farm division of Crown Zellerbach corporation has made gift trees available to the residents of Columbia county. It is hoped that everyone who plants and grows a tree will thus be taking part in the current movement to grow more trees.

The gift trees will be wrapped in peat moss in packages of 25 trees. Normally this is enough trees to meet the planting needs of most individuals. Printed instructions for planting and caring for the trees will be given with each bundle of trees.

The trees are now ready for distribution. In this area they may be obtained at the Vernonia Eagle office.

## Bridge Work Due At Vine Maple

At its next regular meeting in Portland on April 13, the state highway commission will receive bids for the re-construction of the Vine Maple bridge over the Nehalem river on the highway between Elsie and Jewell.

This highway is listed as the Fishhawk Falls secondary highway and it is planned to rebuild the highway on new alignment at a later date when funds become available.

The Vine Maple bridge, however, is in a deteriorated condition and is to be rebuilt with treated timber. The project is scheduled for completion by October, 1955.

## Landscape Speaker Due Here

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce extends an invitation to everyone interested in home beautification to hear Donald Martel, head of the landscape architecture department of Oregon state college, today at 2 p.m. in the teachers lunch room of the Washington school.

Mr. Martel will show slides and illustrate his talk "Basic Considerations in Landscaping Your Home." The county extension office has arranged a series of these meetings in Columbia county.

Also at the C of C membership meeting Friday night, April 8, at 8 p.m. at the IWA hall, Al Davies, field representative of the Banks Frozen Foods, Inc., will speak on the cultivation and marketing of thornless evergreen berries.

He will also answer questions and make recommendations. Prospective berry growers are invited to attend.

An original film of the San Francisco earthquake will be shown through the courtesy of Bill Horn.

## Dental Survey Starts Monday

Parents are reminded that the dates for the dental survey are April 11, 12 and 13 for first, third, fifth and seventh grade pupils and freshmen and sophomores.

April 14, next Thursday, is the pre-school clinic at which time all children who are to enter kindergarten or first grade for the first time can secure the health examination required by the state law.

Polio clinic dates are scheduled as April 20, 27 and May 25.

## THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Latest word from Allan Hibbs is that he is now A2c and is stationed at the radar base at Sterling, North Dakota. He enlisted about a year ago and took his basic training at Lackland Airforce base in Texas. He expects to be home soon for a 30-day leave.

## Churches Plan Observances Of Eastertide

**Sunrise Service to Take Place at 6:30 With Guest Speaker**

Special Easter programs and church services are being planned in all the churches in Vernonia and the surrounding area. Also, two union services are planned by the Vernonia Ministerial Association, one for Good Friday and the other for Easter morning.

The Good Friday service will be Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the First Christian church with Rev. F. M. Knoll introducing the subject, "The Conscience Of The Cross," and the different minister who will speak on the themes of men who came close to the dying redeemer. Rev. Glenn Campbell will speak on the conscience of Judas; Rev. Everett Murray, the conscience of Peter; Rev. Harry Burk, the conscience of Pilate; Rev. L. A. Shelton, Barabbas; Rev. Harold Ankeny, the conscience of the rejected thief and the conscience of the accepted thief. Rev. Ervin F. Leake is general chairman in charge of the arrangements.

The sunrise service will be held at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery at 6:30 Sunday morning and guest speaker will be Rev. S. Cassels who begins a series of missionary services at the Vernonia Bible church Sunday.

The public is invited to attend both services by the Vernonia Ministerial Association.

## Lions See Film

Vernonia Lions club members were entertained Monday evening with a sound movie showing scenes taken in Alaska. The showing was made by Mose Palmateer who represented the public relations department of the Standard Oil Company of California.

## May Day Plans Begun

The preliminary plans for the annual May Day observance by the high and elementary schools have gotten underway and The Gay Nineties has been announced as this year's theme. May 5 has been set for the program.



BICYCLE WINNERS: Lloyd Vike, Tommy Watson, Donnie McAdams and Jerry Hartman.

Four youngsters were awarded new bicycles last Saturday night at the end of the Vernonia Eagle three-week subscription campaign. Announcement of the winners was made by Sam Hearing, one of the campaign official judges, as soon as the votes the candidates had amassed were counted.

The high point winner was Tommy Watson with 1,076,733

votes and he received the district 1 capital prize. Tommy also won the first extra prize of \$10 in cash for the candidate turning in the most points on new subscriptions during the second week and the second extra \$10 prize for turning in the most new and renewal subscriptions during the last three report days.

Donnie McAdams with 362,500 votes received the district 2 cap-

ital prize bike. The third and fourth bikes went to Lloyd Vike and Jerry Hartman. All other candidates were awarded cash commissions for their work in bringing in subscriptions.

The Vernonia Eagle and the campaign manager wish to acknowledge their gratitude to Mr. Hearing, George Hahn and Bill J. Horn for their efforts in supervising the final count.