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Tigers Bow To Logger Grid Eleven

25-0 Victory Marks End of Football Play For Vernonia Team

The Vernonia Loggers bounced back last Friday evening from their previous defeat, suffered the week before at the hands of the Scappoose Indians, and handed the Clatskanie Tigers a 25-0 pasting to finish up their 1955 gridiron season in glory.

The local eleven played good, hard ball in this, their last contest of the year, and had quite a time keeping a determined Tiger squad in check. Clatskanie, the cellar team of the league, was fired up for the contest, but Vernonia which is just two paces off the cellar called the Tigers play for play and eventually ran away from their outclassed opponents.

First half play was slow with practically all the action taking form in the way of the ground because of rain and mud. Clatskanie kicked off to Vernonia. The Loggers drove all the way to the Tigers' two where the Clatskanie eleven took over on downs. Clatskanie then took over and drove for five straight first downs, being forced to punt at quarter's end.

The Loggers' first score was set up when they drove all the way to the Tigers' 15, only to fumble. The Clatskanie eleven failed to gain enough for a first down and elected to punt. Jon Bush, Logger end, blocked the Tiger kick and the locals drove over in two plays from that point.

In third quarter play the hard running of the Loggers' backs started to pay off with the Vernonia ball carriers averaging six to eight yards at a crack.

Vernonia scored once in third quarter play and then crossed the opponent's goal twice in the fourth period with the final score reading 25-0 in favor of the local eleven.



JOHN SIEDELMAN, seated, and Carl Storm of St. Helens, are shown with the 200 pound bear shot recently by Siedelman on the old George Johnson place on the old Pebble Creek road.

Observance Garden Club Projects Lauded

The Vernonia elementary schools are planning to observe National Education week November 7 through 11, this year with an invitation to visit the schools during that week.

One of the special events for the week will be at noon Wednesday, when one of the fourth grades will entertain their parents at lunch. Parents with students in Mrs. Bergerson's room will be issued special invitations to eat with their student in the school lunch room.

Thursday afternoon, November 10 at 2:30, the students of the school will present an assembly program in the Washington school auditorium commemorating Veterans day November 11 and National Education week. This will be an all-school program using students from many of the rooms. The public is cordially invited to attend this.

The following letters of commendation were received recently by the Vernonia Garden club from the city council and chamber of commerce and probably echo the sentiments of all the people of Vernonia who have enjoyed the flowers at the post office and the lot belonging to John Erickson next to Sundland Electric. At the post office, the plants were furnished by the club but the work was done by post office employees and the result was a riot of colorful beauty for many weeks. In the Erickson lot, the work was done by the ladies of the club and Mr. Erickson.

The results achieved should serve to encourage others to efforts to transform otherwise unattractive spots into places of beauty.

October 18, 1955
Vernonia Garden Club
and
Mr. John Erickson:
The City Council has instructed me to write and commend you on the wonderful improvement on the vacant lot between the Sundland Electric store and the barber shop on Bridge street. It has been transferred from an ugly piece of waste land to a very nice looking lawn and flower garden and is a credit to our city.

Both Mr. Erickson and the Garden club contributed a lot to the beautifying of this particular part of our city and the city officials are very appreciative.

Yours Very Truly
Sam L. Hearing,
City Recorder

October 12, 1955
The Vernonia Garden Club
Vernonia, Oregon.
Dear Garden Club Members:
Last night at Chamber of Commerce directors meeting, I was instructed to write to your club, complimenting you on the nice work you have done this summer and fall. Your efforts have certainly improved the appearance of Vernonia, and is appreciated by our organization. The post office has been beautiful. Also, the lot next to Sundland Electric is very pretty and so much improved by your work.

It is folks like you who make a town a better place in which to live.

Sincerely,
Mona Gordon, Manager

Sadie Hawkins Dance Scheduled

The Girls League at Vernonia high school has announced plans for the annual Sadie Hawkins dance which will be held this year on Saturday evening, November 19. It will be the usual Dogpatch costume affair and will be from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The Girls League has issued a cordial invitation to parents and townspeople to attend.

Anderson Appointed Manager

Effective November 1, C. L. Anderson was appointed to the position of general manager of the Vernonia Division of The Long-Bell Lumber company and has assumed the duties and responsibilities which have been so ably administered by Judd Greenman, who retired as of that date. This announcement was made by H. G. Kelsey, vice-president, at Longview, Washington.

Junior Play Is In Rehearsals

Rehearsals are now in high gear for the Junior play, Gramercy Ghost, which will be presented in the high school auditorium next Thursday evening, November 10.

The play is described as a two-hour comedy which promises laughs, thrills and excellent entertainment for all ages.

The lead role of Nancy Willard is played by Janice Garner with the supporting cast as follows: Nathaniel Coombes, Ron Anderreg; Margaret Collins, Wynetta Dyer; Charlie Stewart, Danny Fletcher; Parker Burnett, Jim Davis; August Ames, Ruby O'Brien; Irv, Jerry Bush; Rocky, Jim Peters; ambulance driver, Sharon Aldrich; assistant driver, Donna Buckley; girl, Marjorie Reynolds.

Carlton G. Moran is the director.

More Guidance Tests Given

As a part of the intensified vocational guidance program at Vernonia high school this year, senior students are being given a series of tests in addition to the ones already given by Mrs. Alice Hopkins, Oregon state vocational guidance consultant.

Personal adjustment tests have already been completed and interest inventory tests will be given Friday.

When material arrives, seniors will take the Ohio psychological test and later will have the S.R.A. verbal form tests to determine how they might stand in college entrance exams.

Also, at present, as one unit in the senior English course, they are studying a bulletin called "Mapping Your Education." It gives a survey of all colleges and universities in Oregon and Washington, their courses, fees, etc., so that students who plan to go on to college may be aided in selecting the correct school for their needs.

G.A.A. Sponsors Dance

The G.A.A. at Vernonia high school is sponsoring a dance in the gym this Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Fund Campaign Figures Listed; Drive Underway

The United Fund drive in Vernonia is getting underway this week according to Darrold Proehl, general chairman of the drive. First contribution from an organization was that made by the Lions club Monday night at their meeting.

Solicitation of business houses is now underway. At the Long-Bell mill, solicitation of the employees is being handled by the mill office and the union.

The Cub Scout leaders group has volunteered to do the house-to-house soliciting in the River-view and Pittsburg areas. Other organizations will be asked to take other areas so that all may be covered thoroughly.

Following is an explanation of where money goes that is contributed to the Columbia county United Fund by either cash payments or pledge payable during the year. The participating agencies and their county budget requests are: Red Cross, \$9704.00; Salvation Army, \$2500.00; Boy Scouts, \$5547.00; Girl Scouts, \$4,400.00; American Cancer society, \$2635.00; Arthritis, \$600.00; Oregon Chest, \$6266.00.

The agencies of the Oregon Chest are, the Albertina Kerr Homes, Boys' and Girls' Aid so-

State Sales of Bonds Increase

Sales of E and H United States savings bonds in Oregon according to Ted Gamble, Oregon savings bonds committee chairman, continue at a high level. The increase in sales for the first nine months of this year is 29.5% over 1954, continuing to lead the nation in sales increase.

Mr. Gamble said that sales for September were \$3,294,272 and for the January-September period, \$35,147,865 which is a 10-year high for total bonds sold in the first nine months of this year.

In Columbia county savings bonds sales for September amounted to \$27,516. In 1954 sales were \$15,398 for the same month. For the nine months, Columbia county sales were \$384,238 compared with \$269,508 in the same period last year.

Goodwill Truck Coming Nov 10

The Goodwill truck will make its next visit to Vernonia November 10, Thursday of next week. This time of year, children's clothing and toys which can be readied for Christmas are especially needed. Perhaps children who saw the Goodwill film recently at the school have some of these ready to give.

Persons having articles may call Mrs. Frank Lange, HA 9-3161 and leave address for the driver of the truck. Bags may be obtained from her also.

city, Christie School for Girls, Our Lady of Providence Nursery, White Shield Home, St. Mary's Home for Boys, St. Rose Industrial school, Volunteers of America, International Social Services, Mental Health association, Oregon Prison association, USO, YMCA, Youth Government and Waverly Baby Home. The largest part of the aid goes to children.

Total county budget in UF funds is \$31,652.00. Of this, \$3,165 is to be raised here, plus an additional \$710 to be kept here for local needs. This gives Vernonia a total United Fund quota of \$3875.

Other communities of the county also have a local funds for specific purposes.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Machinist Mate 1c Ronald Gilmore left recently for San Francisco after a 30 day leave spent here with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gill. He has reenlisted after already serving 12 years in the navy and expects to serve the remaining seven years required for retirement.

Mrs. Blanche Millis returned home Sunday, October 23 from visiting her son, Major Philip J. Millis and his family at Laredo, Texas. Major Millis is director of academics at the air base in Laredo. He is planning to leave on November 14 for Weisbaden, Germany where he will stay for three years. His family will join him later. Mrs. Millis also visited her daughter, Mrs. Ronald Graham and family in Tulsa, Oklahoma before flying home.

Corporal Charley John Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Davis of Mist Route, has recently been transferred from Fort Campbell, Kentucky to the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He received his parachutist wings denoting his special qualification after graduating from the army's airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia on July 31, 1953. He was then assigned to Company A of the 127th Airborne Engineer Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Prior to entering the service at Vernonia, January 26, 1953, Davis was a student at Oregon State college at Corvallis.

Offices Given Vernonians

Two Vernonia high school graduates have been named to class offices at the schools they are now attending. Bill Braun was chosen vice-president of the Sophomore class at Pacific University and Hank Bass was elected president of the Freshman class at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.

Westport Story Told at Meeting Of County Historical Society

There was a good attendance at the historical society meeting in the Marshland Grange hall on Tuesday, October 25, where local history was featured, with the story of the development of the Marshland and Westport area being covered quite fully. Wm. C. Wood was program chairman.

Mrs. Mary E. Colvin told of the early coming of the W. B. Colvin family. They lived on a farm at Marshland for many years and raised a large family. Eleven of the children are still living and have helped to develop the county and state.

Mrs. Grace Reid spoke on Stewart Holbrook's book, "Far Corner," which tells of early Columbia county. This was probably in the Mist area, it was decided. All were urged to read the book for good historical material.

Mrs. Grace Kent Magruder told of the dyking projects in this area, her husband, Richard B. Magruder, being the man who got the idea of this improvement and carried it through with many years of work and planning, and with the cooperation of others. This was in the early 1900's. Mrs. Magruder came in 1913, and met and married Mr. Magruder.

J. W. Hunt, former county clerk, judge and commissioner, spoke on the area of Westport. He was born in Astoria when his family was there on account of his father being in the hospital due to a logging accident. This was in 1890 and Mr. Hunt traced the Westport history after that date, recalling logging with ox teams, then horses, and later steam power.

Westport was named for the founder, John West, who settled here about 1850, according to McArthur. He was a millwright

and lumberman and was known as Captain West. He had a lumber mill at Westport and also a salmon cannery. Plymton Creek is located here, and was named for a family of that name. Plymton house is still standing.

Mr. Hunt told of the old skid roads which had to be greased so logs could be slid along on their way to the mill, and of the many bears in those days.

Although Westport is over the line in Clatsop county, it is geographically nearer Marshland and Clatskanie than to the settlements of Clatsop county, so it seems right to learn of its early history along with Columbia county.

Mr. Hunt states that the first cradle log raft was built at Westport. Much interesting information was given on surrounding area, with time all too short to cover it well.

Edward H. Evenson told of the huge cradle log rafts made on the Columbia at Marshland for many years, but now a matter of history since the large timber of which they were constructed is gone. Many of these logs were 200 feet long or more, and the rafts were over 1000 feet long. Mr. Evenson showed pictures of these rafts being constructed and towed down the river. They were towed to San Diego and other points in California, and often the rafts broke up in rough seas or if improperly constructed.

Election of officers resulted in the re-election of the present officers: Geo. A. Nelson, president; W. C. Wood, vice-president; Pearl Becker, secretary; and Emma McClintock, treasurer. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in St. Helens in early December to miss Thanksgiving and Christmas dates.



JUDD GREENMAN is shown in front of the Long-Bell office last Thursday evening receiving gifts of a sterling silver serving tray and compote which were a gift from the men in the mill. Presentation was made by Mike Anderson.