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Ambulance Group Adds Equipment

New Officers Named For Coming Year at Annual Business Meet

A new piece of equipment for the Vernonia community ambulance was added to the unit last Wednesday as the result of a decision made at the annual meeting of the group January 31. The addition is an F&E resuscitator.

This unit will be carried in the ambulance at all times, the ambulance board has ruled, so that it will be available for any emergency where its use may be applied. The resuscitator is of the latest type and designed so that no possible injury can result to the person for which it is being used. It will work as an artificial respirator and also as an aspirator, this latter use being designed to remove obstructions from breathing passages.

At the annual meeting of the ambulance group the last day of January, new officers named were: H. G. Anderson, president; Clarence Larson, vice-president; Desmond Laird, treasurer and L. E. Stiff, secretary. On the board of trustees are: Wesley Bolmeier, Bill Horn, Jim Cox, S. S. Fisher, C. A. Toothaker, Sam Hearing Jr. and Darold Proehl.

The ambulance has traveled 2000 miles since it was purchased last year, the group was told by Laird.

Former Resident Called By Death

Mrs. Mildred Bean, daughter of Louis H. Cates, passed away at her home in Portland February 1 after a lingering illness. The deceased was born March 9, 1906 and leaves to mourn her passing, a son, Paul, three sisters, three brothers and her father, Louis Cates.

Funeral services were held at the Colonial Mortuary in Portland February 6 with Dr. Joseph H. Beall of Centenary Wilbur Methodist church officiating.

Songs sung by soloist Elliott Savage were "The Lord's Prayer" and "Blessed Assurance." Organist was Mack Lack of Portland.

Mrs. Bean was a resident of Vernonia from 1924 to 1929 and attended Vernonia high school while here.

Dimes Drive Nearing End

Final event scheduled in the local March of Dimes drive is the dinner Saturday night at Dessy's which will be followed by an evening of games sponsored by the Vernonia Bowling league.

Most of the other receipts are in and tabulation of them will be given next week. Mrs. Frank Serafin, local chairman, asks that all organizations or individuals who still have contributions to please turn them in at once so that the books may be closed.

Petitions Here for Signatures to Save Salmon; Initiative Proposed

Petitions seeking sufficient signatures to place an initiative measure on the general election ballot to eliminate commercial salmon netting in Oregon's small coastal streams are available here for signing, Bob King said Tuesday afternoon. He has placed the petitions at four business places in town: King's Grocery, Hahn Hardware, Brunsmann Hardware and Nehalem Grocery and Market.

Two years ago many signers of similar petitions were obtained here for the measure and since that time the bill has been re-



RALPH BECK

Soil Conservation District to Meet

Ralph Beck, assistant director of the Oregon State College extension service will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Clatskanie Soil Conservation district scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 15 at the CUHS multipurpose room.

The meeting will start off with a dinner served by the Maghland ladies for \$1.25 per plate and is open to all farmers, landowners and others interested in the land. The meeting is the one meeting of the year of the Soil Conservation District when wives and families are invited.

During the business meeting, Jack Sather, chairman of the district board of supervisors, will give the annual report. Also, a supervisor will be elected to fill the expiring term of John Dille.

Finalists in the Soil Conservation District FFA speaking contest, from Clatskanie and Rainier high schools, will be heard as a part of the program which also includes musical numbers.

Mr. Beck will speak on "Crops, Soils and Water of Thailand," and will be speaking from first hand information since he recently returned from a year and a half there assisting the Thailand government in establishing an agricultural college.

Vernonia is now within the area served by Virgil Lance, technician of the Clatskanie Soil Conservation district who comes from the Clatskanie office to Vernonia each Friday and can be contacted at the West Oregon office.

M. P. Mills of Birkenfeld and Shalmon Libel, Mist, are members of the board of supervisors representing this area.

Police Issue January Report

The extent of city police activities for the month of January was itemized in a report placed before city councilmen Monday evening by Marshal A. D. Lolley. Five arrests were made during the month and fines totaling \$300 were levied in the recorder's court, two arrests being made for reckless driving, one for intoxication and reckless driving and two for intoxication.

The department received 15 complaints and worked on 150 activities during the month in addition to the arrests.

Eight County Office Terms To Expire

Sam Hearing Named Official Registrar Mist, Vernonia Area

Because of terms expiring and one resignation, nine county offices will become vacant when the terms of present officeholders expire, Harold F. Jensen, county clerk, announced Tuesday afternoon when he was here from St. Helens.

The offices and present holders of positions for which terms expire are: commissioner, Clyde Henderson; sheriff, Warren Forsyth; school superintendent, Lois D. Kent; treasurer, Jeannette Ostlund; surveyor, Clarence Wagner; coronor, Ben Coleman; justice of peace, district 1, St. Helens, J. G. Nauman and justice of peace, district 4, Vernonia, Oscar Wood.

The justice of peace office at Clatskanie, formerly held by A. J. Phillips, is now vacant by resignation. Nauman is the only present officeholder to refile.

Candidates for office have until March 9 to file in order to have their names placed on the May 18 ballot.

Jensen also announced Tuesday that he had appointed Sam L. Hearing, city recorder, as official registrar of elections for the Mist precinct and four Vernonia precincts. All people living in these precincts should check their registration with him at the city hall if there is any doubt as to their registration.

Registration for the primary election will close April 17 and anyone wishing to vote in the primary May 18 should register prior to the former date. Persons becoming 21 years of age between April 17 and May 18 and desiring to vote in the primary may register between the dates of March 19 and April 17.

Report Warns of False Solicitor

An Oregon chamber executive Flash Report received by this chamber of commerce warns of a solicitor for a family record plan with 14 portraits and a free album for \$49.

The complaint was that the individual could not find the studio that was given as the local representative for the plan. The name of the studio (with no address) was given to the citizen as the place where this plan was available. All city and county sources were checked and no such studio was listed.

The chamber reminds that the city of Vernonia has a Green River ordinance to protect its citizens from undesirable solicitors and suggests a call to the city hall if a solicitation is made.

Services Held For J. K. Barton

Services for Joseph Kellar Barton were held last Saturday afternoon at the Bush Funeral chapel with Rev. E. F. Leake officiating. Burial was in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Mr. Barton was born October 5, 1880 at Elk, Kansas. He came to this community about ten years ago and resided a mile south of Vernonia at the time of his death.

He is survived by 11 children, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sweethearts to Dance

Sophomore class members are very anxious that the people of Vernonia attend their Sweetheart dance at the high school Saturday evening. Music will be furnished by the Swingsters and the affair is semi-formal. The Sweetheart queen will be crowned during the evening.



LOUIS TOWNE

Co-op Names New Power Advisor

Louis Towne of Kennewick, Washington, formerly assistant manager of the Big Bend Electric cooperative, began work here on February 1 as power use advisor for West Oregon Electric, Manager Guy Thomas announced last Wednesday.

Prior to position with Big Bend Electric, Towne was with the Benton County PUD at Prosser. He will fill the position here formerly held by Harlow Hotrum.

The new advisor is a graduate of Washington State college where he majored in agricultural engineering and has served in the navy as electronic technician. Mrs. Towne and their three daughters and two sons will move here when a suitable residence can be found.

E. J. Douglass Rites Monday

Funeral services for Elam James Douglass who died of pneumonia February 1, were held Monday, February 6, at the Vernonia Evangelical United Brethren church, of which he was a member. Reverend F. M. Knoll officiated and music was provided by Mrs. Lois Clark at the piano and Mrs. L. H. Thomas at the organ.

Reverend and Mrs. L. A. Shelton of the Assembly of God church sang "Take Time to be Holy" and "The Last Mile of the Way." "The Holy City" was played by Dane Allan Brady as a trumpet solo.

Mr. Douglass was born in Bloomington, Nebraska September 23, 1878. He married Myrtle Miller in McMinnville, Oregon in 1902. They returned to the farm in Nebraska and six years later founded the Gitchell-Douglass stores. In 1942, Mr. Douglass was a public school music instructor in Iowa, and remained there until coming to Oregon in 1928. He was employed by Miller Mercantile, first at McMinnville, and then at Vernonia. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Gibbon, Nebraska, active in community projects and band organizations.

Besides his widow, Myrtle Douglass, Vernonia, he is survived by a son, Gerald James Douglass, Omaha, Nebraska; and two daughters, Mrs. Wayne Eckman, Fresno, California and Mrs. Delbert Dow, Jefferson, Oregon. Also surviving are five grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. S. L. Gitchell, Kearney, Nebraska. A infant daughter, Ellen Anita preceded him in death.

Concluding services were at the Masonic cemetery at McMinnville. Casket bearers were Julius Enevoldsen, Frank Morris, Elbert Stiff, Cecil Johnson, George Johnson and Lloyd Thomas.

Lions Hear Safety Man

James R. Banks was the guest speaker at Monday's Lions meeting. He represented the traffic safety division of the secretary of state's office and told Lions the extent of work done by the division towards promoting reduction of the state traffic death toll.

Co-op Loan Application Approved for \$327,000

West Oregon Electric officials were advised by telegram Tuesday that approval has been granted the cooperative on a loan application in the amount of \$327,

000 which will make possible system improvement, the serving of 36 new members and the construction of a new headquarters building.

Manager Guy Thomas explained Wednesday the extent of work that will be accomplished with the new funds and that completion is being planned for the coming summer months.

The 36 new consumers will be added to the existing system throughout the area now being served, he said, and will include new transformers, service drops and small line extensions. To provide this service 28.5 miles of single phase and 1.5 miles of three phase line will be constructed.

Improvements to existing facilities will include an increase in the Chapman substation capacity with two 200 KVA transformers and an increase for present consumers by the addition of 92 distribution transformers and 300 sets of service wires.

The proposed new building is to be located at First and Maple streets and will nearly cover the three lots owned by the cooperative there. Reinforced concrete construction is planned for the building which will be designed to handle any ultimate growth of the cooperative.

The structure is designed to serve three purposes by providing facilities for garage, warehouse and office, thereby bringing together the entire operation. The office will provide desk space for 10 people and the garage will handle housing for eight vehicles.

Awards Assembly Being Scheduled

An assembly will be held this afternoon at 1:15 at Vernonia high school at which a number of awards will be made.

The flag and marching banner which were purchased by funds raised by the American Legion Auxiliary will be formally presented to the band by Mrs. Earl Atkins, auxiliary president.

A representative from Oregon State college will be here to present the Collins scholarship plaque, and presentation will be made of a golden award pin to Virginia Johnson who was the local winner in competition for the title of Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow. By virtue of her winning here, she will now be entered in the state competition with winners from the other high schools.

Approval Given Tavern License

A class A liquor license was on the agenda for approval by city councilmen as part of the business to be transacted when they met Monday for the first February meeting.

Application for the license was made by Violet Asanovich, Portland, for Dick's Tavern. Approval was granted by the council. The council also gave permission to the Oregon Purebred Nutria association to display one or more animals in the business section.

Authorization was given to final payment on the sewer construction work, but specified the withholding of \$3600 until the city formally accepts the project.

New Shell Distributor

Effective February 15, M. B. Steers Jr. will be the new local distributor for Shell Oil products. He is taking over the territory formerly served by E. V. Robertson.

Logger Netmen Post Two Victories, Loss for Week's Game Encounters

Vernonia high Loggers outshot the Neahkahnie Pirates at Rockaway Wednesday night in recording a 70-65 hoop victory.

The Loggers were always in front and the Neahkahnie Pirates never got closer than the final five points separating the two quintets at the final buzzer. Darrell Fluke of the Loggers was high point man with 21 while Smith took the honors for the Pirates with 19 points.

Hood River fought off a furious second-half rally by the Loggers Saturday night to gain a 54-50 conference basketball victory.

The victory dropped the Loggers down near the cellar in the Columbia League race. Coach Kerry Moran's Loggers now face a stiff uphill fight to be in championship contention at the end of league competition.

The Loggers, five different times in the game, pulled into a tie with the Dragons and at least seven times held the lead, once by five points. The Dragons were not to be denied and in the last quarter held the Loggers to seven points while sinking 11 for their own cause. Two of these points were on foul shots by Lloyd Crown after the final buzzer.

The Loggers were led in their losing cause by the outstanding play of their Junior guard, Bob Crowston, who tied Lloyd Crown

of the Dragons for high point honors, each sinking 17.

Outscoring their opponents from the floor, the Loggers lost their game from the charity stripe, where the Dragons picked up 22 points to the home clubs 10.

Box scores on page 6.

The visiting Vernonia Loggers got the jump on David Douglas high in the first half Tuesday night and rolled to a 63-42 basketball win.

The Scots were never ahead, although they managed deadlocks at 5-5 and 7-7. Vernonia however, quickly ran up a 12-7 edge and held the lead at 26-20 at the midway point. Bill Yapp, Douglas high's deadeye, matched Vernonia's Darrell Fluke in point production, each getting 17. The Crowston brothers each contributed nine points to the Logger's winning cause.

The Seniorless Scots will join the new Metropolitan league next year when they add a Senior class to their enrollment.

The Logger's fast break seemed to run the Scots into the floor and their inability to keep up with the speedy Loggers tells the real story of the game.

The Loggers return to league when they meet the tall Eagles of West at the Vernonia quintet's floor.