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Development Commission Director Urges United Action of Area to Meet, Overcome Future Problems

One of the most successful, enthusiastic meetings of the Vernonia chamber of commerce was attended by 48 members and guests Thursday evening, October 4 at the V.F.W. hall. Foye M. Troute, executive director of the Oregon development commission, S. Carl Smithwick, president of Smithwick Concrete Products and R. L. Thompson, chief of the Vernonia fire department, spoke. C. C. Smithwick, vice-president and general manager, and wife also were guests.

Mr. Troute said he felt it his duty and responsibility to be overly candid in his remarks to the group regarding Vernonia. He used as a basis for his talk, "Where have you been?" and "Where are you now?"

He urged the group to look, not at Vernonia alone, but at the context of the area as a whole. The future is in our hands, as individuals and as a group. We should look toward growth to sustain and improve the values of our property and community. With enthusiasm and growth, the area prospers, but first a community must show a capability for growth.

Troute urged each member to try to look at Vernonia as a complete stranger, objectively. When he enters the town, decide, is he doing the best he can with what he has to do with? The Paint-up Fix-up program just completed was a good start, but there is no magic formula. Vernonia must do everything possible for itself to see that there is no usable resource that remains idle. Watch the ores in the area, the markets for a gadget or some simple item that might be produced. Recreational activities, especially water and natural resources, could be made much of. Charcoal, briquetted and hard woods are being investigated. Highway improvement will do a great deal to lift morale and increase opportunity. If the community is more attractive, success is easier.

In the past, Troute pointed out, the impression has gotten out that Vernonia is dead. Merchants haven't retained as much of the retail trade as they feel they should have; many young people have gone away to make their homes; very few new buildings have been built. This are some of the things that must be fought.

Enthusiasm must be stirred, he said. That there were many young people at the meeting was a good sign. He urged the membership to support the chamber, the highway association, and anyone who

comes in with an idea, especially recreational plans. He feels that Vernonia can pull herself up by her bootstraps if everyone gets enthusiastically behind her and helps.

Smithwick Sr. said he was intensely interested in Mr. Troute's remarks and mentioned that the young people were one aspect overlooked; that the caliber of the people here is high and intelligent; that most towns have a spark plug, such as C. of C., mayor or businessmen, and compared with the 48 attending this meeting with the Portland C. of C. meetings, Portland would have to have 2400 persons attending according to population ratio—an unheard of happening.

Mr. Smithwick said his company is seriously considering moving part of its operation to Vernonia, but that no definite decision has been reached. It is a basic industry, transforming useless material to usefulness and does not rob the community of anything. There are very few places where this raw material is found.

R. L. Thompson, fire chief, talked on fire prevention, saying that each year there are 1000 children between the ages of 1 and 15 and 10,000 adults killed by fire and that carelessness is the greatest factor.

A ham dinner was served by the V.F.W. auxiliary.

Civil Service Exams Slated

Federal Civil Service announces examinations for Substitute Clerk and Substitute Carrier for the Vernonia Post Office. Entrance salary is \$1.82 per hour.

Apply at any post office for application forms or information as to where such forms may be obtained, to the Director, 11th U. S. Civil Service Region, Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Washington. Application must be filed with the above address, or must be postmarked not later than October 29, 1956.

Applicants must actually reside within the delivery area of the Vernonia Post Office, or be bona fide patrons or employees of the Vernonia Post Office.

Drivers' Examiner Due

A drivers' license examiner will be in Vernonia at the city hall on October 19, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Loggers Drop Hard Fought Grid Game

Wy'East Score Only Seconds Before Gun Loses Contest 13-7

Coach Bill Viece's hard-luck Loggers, playing the usual underdog role, displayed good hard football behind the excellent generalship of Loggers halfback Bob Crowston and nearly defeated the strong Wy'East eleven last Friday night on the local field. They held the highly talented Eagles 7-6 'till the last 23 seconds of play only to have the visitors push over for the winning T.D. from one-yard out to win the tilt 13-7 and go into first place in Lower Columbia league standings.

Vernonia kicked off, starting their second league encounter of the season, with the Eagles returning the ball to the 45. On the first play from scrimmage Wy'East fumbled with Vernonia recovering. The Loggers couldn't get rolling and kicked to the visitors 20 with a runback to the 45. Wy'East, demonstrating a powerful running attack, drove downfield to the locals' 12 where they fumbled once again with Vernonia hawking the ball. The Loggers proceeded to drive to their own 35 where they fumbled with an Eagle recovery. Wy'East backs once again drove the pigskin to the Loggers' 15 as the first quarter ended with the scoreboard reading 0-0.

In the beginning minutes of second quarter play Wy'East skirted Vernonia's left end from 10-yards out for the first score of the game. Try for point failed sending the Eagles ahead 6-0. The Loggers, taking the visitors kickoff, started on their own 35 and using a passing and running attack penetrated all the way to the opponents' 22-yard marker where they were stopped in their tracks by a determined Eagle defense, thus ending Vernonia's only serious threat in first half play. The rest of the second quarter was a see-saw affair with neither team getting a serious offensive drive going. Vernonia took over possession of the ball on their own eight after receiving an Eagle punt as the halftime whistle sounded.

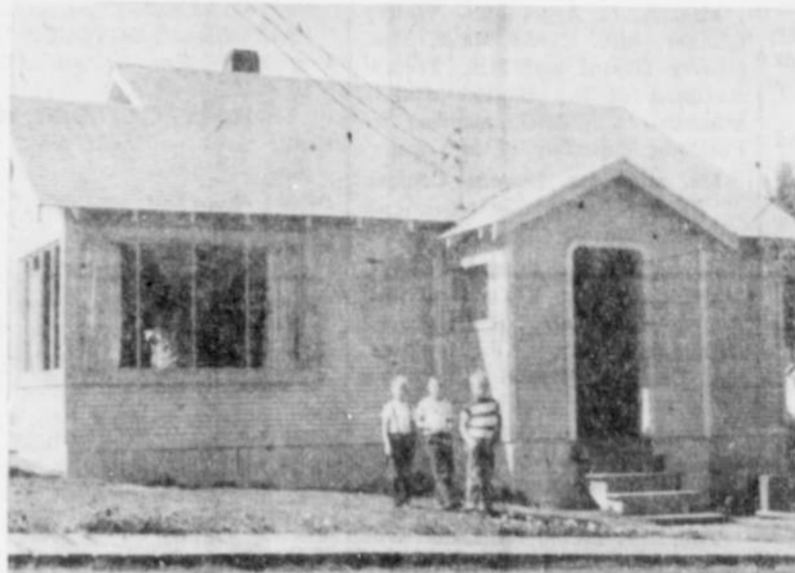
Second half play started with a bang for the local eleven as they took the opening kickoff on their 10 and returned it to the 30-yard marker. From that point the Loggers, concentrating on a ground attack, drove all the way to the Wy'East 11 where the locals attack bogged down with the Eagles taking over. The visitors, failing to make a first down, kicked to their own 48 where Vernonia took over. On the second play from scrimmage, Dick Crowston, Logger right end, took a reverse and dashed around the Eagles' left end to their 24-yard marker. Taking to the airlines the locals connected with Bob Crowston doing the heaving to Larry Johnson who caught the toss on the Eagle three-yard line. On the next play Larry Akers scored the local's T.D. standing up. Try for point was good with Bob Crowston's kick spitting the goal posts and sending Vernonia ahead 7-6. The Loggers kicked to the Eagles' 20 with a return to the 30. At the end of the third quarter the visitors had driven all the way to the Loggers' 30.

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Committee Meet Held

Mrs. Grace Mathews, grade school instructor, was in St. Helens Monday for a meeting of the county language arts textbook committee which, at that time, heard representatives of book companies evaluate new school texts. The committee will later make recommendations on new books that should be selected for school use. This committee is one of three in the state.

Improvements on Homes Merit Awards



HOME at 959 Rose owned by G. L. Russell was enlarged by six-foot addition to living room, front entrance was enclosed, new roof added and entire building painted. Corner picture windows were added to living room which was redecorated.



BILL CARMICHAEL enlarged the front of his home six feet, making possible addition of one room and enlarging of two other rooms. He also poured new foundation and installed larger front windows and sided house with composition shingles.

The accomplishments of two home owners in this area won them a tie and a split of the grand prize money awarded in this chamber of commerce paint-up, fix-up campaign which ended the last of September. Judging of the entries in the campaign was completed last Sunday and the awards listed at that time. The grand prize of \$50 was awarded by the Vernonia division of the Long-Bell Lumber company.

In the judging, the remodeling work done on their homes by Bill Carmichael and Gerald Russell was considered equal in extent, hence the decision to divide this award. Both men enlarged their homes by additional construction work, thereby improving both the appearance and the floor space.

New construction on the club house and improvement of the grounds at the Vernonia country club by the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meadows, won for them the plaque awarded by the chamber of commerce for business improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Meadows enlarged and remodeled the club house and removed an old barn from the property to greatly improve appearance.

Two major projects of improvement, one of them complete and the other now under construction, have been carried out by people associated with the board of directors of the chamber and hence were not eligible to participate in the competition. The completed project is that of Brunsmann Hardware which resulted in an entirely new store front and the other is the construction of a new store building for Sunnyside Service. Both were given honorable mention.

Other winners in the home improvement part of the campaign are: George Robertson, Bob Spencer, Mrs. R. D. Eby, Howard Johnson, W. T. Lilly, and Bob Lindsay.

Prizes in addition to the grand prize were made available by Vernonia Trading company, Vernonia Milk Farms, Sundland Electric, C. J. Schaumburg, Slight Hardware, Vernonia Branch of the U. S. National Bank, Vernonia Drug Company and Brunsmann Hardware.

Children Given Hearing Tests

Approximately 600 children in Columbia county schools were given hearing tests during the past few weeks of which 99 youngsters were from Vernonia schools. This year only first graders and special referrals were checked. Mrs. Jean Cauthorn, audiometrist from the Oregon state board of health conducted the testing as part of the hearing conservation program.

Parents will get a report from the health department during the next few days concerning children with hearing losses.

A diagnostic otologic clinic will be held at McBride school, St. Helens, Thursday, October 18 for children who have been found to have a hearing loss according to Miss Grace Roumougoux, public health nurse.

Bid for Curb Work Selected

Three bids were opened at the adjourned meeting of the city council Monday evening for the job of constructing curbs on South First avenue, an improvement district that was set up a short time ago upon the request of a petition of property owners on that street.

Award of the bid was made to W. P. Snider of Vancouver, Washington who quoted a price of \$1.85 a lineal foot for curbing. The total amount for the construction work will be \$1897.50 for the 1150 feet of curbing.

The second lowest bid was \$1.82 and the highest for \$2.70 per lineal foot.

NORBLAD SCHEDULES STOP HERE THURS.

Walter Norblad, Republican candidate for congress from Oregon's first district, has scheduled a stop here for this morning, Thursday, Glen Hawkins said yesterday morning.

Norblad has asked that arrangements be made for him to visit with as many local people as possible during the morning hours, which arrangements were being taken care of by Hawkins when he made the announcement.

The candidate's stop is being made during a tour of this part of his district.

Point System to Decide Plaque

At the PTA executive committee meeting held at the Washington school Monday, October 8, a point system to determine which grade will win the membership plaque each month was decided upon.

Mrs. Irene Minger, PTA president, also announced that a suggestion box will be in place at each meeting. Purpose of the box will be to give anyone having topics they would like discussed at future meetings an opportunity to have such subjects considered. The next regular PTA meeting will be at the high school Monday, October 15 at 8 p.m. when an interesting program has been planned. This program will include a report by Marjorie Reynolds on her tour of the U.N. Refreshments will be served following this meeting.

Scout Reunion Due

The second council-wide reunion for Eagle scouts will be held Thursday, October 25 at Lincoln high school, Portland, Marvin Meyer, neighborhood commissioner, said Wednesday. All Eagle scouts are asked to contact him by calling HA 9-6504 before October 17.

Cancer Board To Be Set Up

An enthusiastic group of Columbia county people agreed unanimously to set up a formal board of directors for a Columbia County American Cancer Society to be operated under the jurisdiction of the Oregon division at a meeting held in Rainier, October 4.

A. C. Jacobson, national field representative from New York, stated that specifically the board of directors was to direct all activities on a county level in a cancer control program which included education, service, and the April Crusade campaign to support these projects.

"More and more money is going into research these days and still more is needed. Fifty per cent of all cancer victims can't be saved because of lack of research knowledge. Another 25 per cent die because of lack of cancer education, leaving only 25 per cent that are cured," said Mr. Jackson.

Names Filed for Council Posts

Four names have been filed for council positions, two for the position of mayor and one for city treasurer for the city election which will take place November 6. Recorder Sam Hearing said Wednesday morning. Acceptances have been filed by all candidates for the positions.

Named by the nominating petitions for the council are A. W. Gardner, Art Davis, H. H. Sturdevant and Loel Roberts. Voters will select two to fill two terms of present councilmen that will expire at the end of this year.

The names of Lyman Hawken and Don Bayley will appear on the ballot for Mayor and one will be chosen for the position. Mrs. Paul Gordon will be the candidate for city treasurer. R. M. Aldrich, for whom a petition was filed for treasurer, refused to sign the acceptance.



LARRY JOHNSON, Logger end, had just snagged this pass on the Wy'East three as this photo was taken. On the next play Larry Akers crossed for the Loggers and Bobby Crowston converted sending the locals ahead 7-6.