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Scouts Set Observance Of 47th Year

Eight Dens Display Work Accomplished In Store Windows

Cub Scouts, Webelos, leaders, parents and invited guests will gather at the lunch room at the Washington school Friday evening for the annual Blue and Gold anniversary dinner which this year observes the 47th anniversary of scouting.

A program is being arranged, also, with speakers expected.

In observance of Scout week, eight of the nine Cub dens have had displays in various store windows showing the projects that they have had during the year. These have drawn much interesting comment from those who saw the displays and have stimulated a greater interest in the Cub Scout movement. The window space was arranged for by E. V. Robertson and he and his committee express great appreciation for the splendid cooperation of the merchants who gave window space. The displays will remain for the rest of this week and are worthy of attention.

Two car loads of Cub committee members attended the round table at Hillsboro Tuesday evening where they received instruction for future activities. Indian Trails was the theme followed. Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meyer, Mrs. Edgar Hartzell, Mrs. E. E. Larson, Fred Roediger, E. V. Robertson and Robert C. Lindsay.

Sweetheart Ball Saturday Night

Week end social event at Vernonia high school to which the public is invited is the Sweetheart Ball which will be held in the high school gym Saturday evening. Dancing will be from 8 to 12 and an orchestra is being engaged to assure good music for the event.

At intermission, announcement will be made of the selection of the queen who will be crowned at that time. Candidates are the princesses chosen from the classes as follows: Senior, Margaret Miner; junior, Darlene Bernardi; sophomore, Carolyn Garlock and freshman, Patty McEntire.

Science Class Makes Trips

The science class and club members at Vernonia high school accompanied by science instructor Thomas Steyaert, will go to St. Helens Monday for a tour of the CrownZellerbach paper mill.

Recently, the class made another trip to Portland where they were taken on conducted tours through the Emanuel and Good Samaritan hospitals. Three car loads made that trip.

Crusade for Freedom Jars Placed; President Points Out Fund Purpose

The American Legion auxiliary is sponsoring locally the Crusade for Freedom drive which is being carried on nation-wide during the month of February, according to Mrs. Earl Atkins, auxiliary president for Vernonia unit No. 119. No solicitations will be done, but collection jars for those who wish to contribute have been placed in the bank and at Brunswick Hardware.

The Crusade for Freedom supports Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press, both of which



WARD ARMSTRONG

Youth Exchange Student Slated

Ward Armstrong, International Farm Youth exchange student, who spent five months in India, studying farm methods there, will be in Vernonia Friday, February 22 at 8:30 p.m. at the union hall to lecture and show pictures of his experiences there.

Since his return from India, Mr. Armstrong has visited quite a number of cities in Oregon, appearing before high schools and 4-H club groups.

The public is invited and admission is free. Also, Glen Hawkins will be there with his square dance music, and those who wish will enjoy themselves dancing.

This program was arranged through the efforts of 4-H club leader W. E. Pond, with the cooperation of the Vernonia F.O.E.

Mr. Armstrong will also be in Vernonia Monday, February 18 and will be at the high school at 10:00 a.m. and at the Washington grade school at 1:00 p.m. He will spend most of next week in Columbia county talking at schools and before various organizations.

Ted Berg Author Of Travel Book

Of interest locally is the information that a book, "Sweden and Back on a Bicycle," by Ted Berg, has recently been published by the Exposition Press of New York. Ted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Berg who were Vernonia residents in the late 1930's when Mr. Berg was library teacher at the Washington school.

Ted, now 17 and a senior at Junction City high school, made the trip to Sweden alone when he was 14. His book telling of his adventures has received many reviews complimenting the simple and refreshing language, the friendly humor and the homely warmth of the story.

Berg is in St. Helens today to address the Kiwanis club, to visit the high school and to autograph his books at the Davis Drug store.

Rites Today for E. Leake

Funeral services for Reverend Ervin F. Leake who passed away Tuesday morning in Portland, will be held this afternoon at 2:30 in Finley's Morninglight Chapel at S.W. Montgomery and fourth street in Portland.

July Fourth Event Talked

Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Harvey Redmond, Edwin Adz and Leonard Rausch met with the directors and committee chairmen, at this regular meeting, Monday eve., February 11th in the West Oregon Electric Co-op, Inc., offices. They told of their ideas for a 4th of July celebration, and a resolution was made by the chamber directors, to cooperate and work with them when their plans are made. Many of the merchants present agreed that a three day celebration would be a natural, since the 4th falls on Thursday.

KGW-TV invited the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce representatives Louis Towne and Marvin Kamholz to appear on a program "How to Attract New Industry," with Fred Brenne, Eugene chamber manager, as discussion leader, and representatives from Astoria and Longview, on March 29th at 2:00 p.m. This will be a half hour program arranged by Helen Platt, educational director at the studio, in an effort to help this area.

On March 22nd, this group will be guests of the station for luncheon to plan the program and to watch a similar one.

A report on the Oregon-Washington Chamber Executives meeting held in Portland February 3, 4, and 5 was given by Mrs. Paul Gordon who attended the whole conference and by Marvin Kamholz and Louis Towne, who attended one day.

The group voted to again sponsor the Vernonia high school band to compete in the Forest

Estate Funds Given 3 Groups

James H. Miller, native of Latvia who came to Oregon and accumulated a modest fortune of \$120,000, willed his money to charitable and educational organizations as a gesture of gratitude to his adopted country, it was revealed Monday by the Bank of California which announced distribution of the funds by its trust department.

Miller, who was a resident of Vernonia and worked as a donkey puncher for Clark and Wilson and Crown Zellerbach for many years, died from cancer April 20, 1951 at the age of 66.

Under the terms of his will, his money was divided into three equal parts, with one third going to the American Cancer society, a third to the Oregon school for the blind and a third to Stanford university medical school.

Miller became interested in the stock market as a result of reading an investment publication and about 1932 he began to put his money in stocks. In this way he was able to accumulate a total of \$95,564 in securities by the time of his death.

District Slates Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting of the Clatskanie Soil Conservation District is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, February 20, at Clatskanie, Virgil Lance said Wednesday morning of this week. He is unit conservationist for the district and maintains an office here every Wednesday.

A dinner at 7 p.m. in the high school at Clatskanie will start the affair and will be followed by a program including musical numbers by Mrs. Shalmon Label, Mist, and the finals of the FFA speaking contest. Students from Vernonia, Clatskanie and Rainier will compete in the contest.

W. D. Hagenstein, executive vice-president of the Industrial Forestry association will speak on "The Future of Tree Farming in the Clatskanie Soil Conservation District."

The annual report of the district will also be reviewed during the evening.

Grove Gay Nineties parade, if director Johnson and the high school wish to do so.

There will be a meeting conducted by Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent, for any interested farmers on laying hens production primarily. W. A. Rumbaugh, high school ag teacher, will participate along with the agriculture committee of the chamber that is sponsoring the get-together. The meeting will be held in the new West Oregon Electric Co-op, Inc. meeting room.

It was also announced that there will be a representative from the county extension agents office at the Co-op. meeting room every Wednesday morning again, to help farmers or others needing assistance, since another county agent assistant has been secured.

Lyman Hawken Sr., chairman

Dragons, Indians Overcome Leads in Games to Inflict Defeats on Loggers

After a good first half, the Vernonia Loggers slowed down in the last two quarters and met defeat at the hand of the Hood River Dragons by a score of 47-55 Friday night.

The Dragons, out to avenge a first round league loss to the Vernonia team, quickly jumped out in front during the first quarter by a score of 17-12. Vernonia, not to be denied, took command of the situation during the second quarter and rallied to lead at half-time 22-30.

The lead was gained again by

Leaders Urge Support of Bill

Vernonia people who are interested in the work of the 4-H clubs which contribute much toward the building of better citizens from the young people are asked to write to their representatives in the state legislature now in support of senate bill No. 9 which is now being considered and which provides for new facilities at the state fair grounds for the use of club members at fair time.

Facilities on the fair ground now date back to 1923 and have long since been outgrown. Sanitary facilities in the 4-H dormitories are entirely inadequate. The bill would provide for new housing and feeding arrangements for both F.F.A. and 4-H members and space for exhibiting as well. Also, if such buildings are added, they may be used at other than fair time by groups who have need for them.

Letters may be sent to any legislator, and especially Robert Klemson, and Dan Thiel from this area. The program is supported here by Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Mrs. J. Moran and Boone Johnson of Birkenfeld, all of whom are active in 4-H work.

Co-op Pays Top Tax on Revenue

Announced here a few days ago was the amount of money West Oregon Electric Cooperative had paid this year on the basis of its annual gross revenue to the Oregon state tax commission.

The figure was released by Guy Thomas, manager, who listed it at \$5445.70 which is two per cent of the revenue and is the largest payment made by the cooperative since it began business February 1, 1945.

The cooperative also pays a two per cent tax to the city of Vernonia on its gross revenue from electric sales to residents of the city.

of the industry committee, reported that his committee is working on a facts and figure sheet in an effort to make a bid for some de-centralization business for this area.

Art Ostrander, roads, highway committee chairman, will attend a meeting of Highway 101 group at Salem Tuesday. They will discuss the feasibility of floating a bond to get money to do work on their highway immediately.

Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up committee chairman Don Bayley gave a good report on the January 30 meeting of representatives from the local lodges and organizations to make formal organization for the program. He expressed his appreciation and thanks for the cooperation received from the local groups. This group will meet again February 20 at 8:00 p.m. when they will formulate work plans.

Hood River in the third quarter and after trailing by five to nine points, the Loggers defense fell apart in the fourth quarter and they let the Dragons score 12 points in the last three minutes to sew up the victory and second place in league standings.

Spence Erickson, with a big 12-point third quarter and Campbell who tallied 8 points in the fourth quarter led the Hood River victory parade. Don Holsey with 17 led the Logger scoring.

Vernonia, for the second time in a row, managed to hold their own Tuesday night for most of a ball game, only to see it slip away from them in the final minutes. This time it was to Scappoose, highly rated Columbia River League leader, by a score of 57-46.

Playing nip and tuck all the way, the Loggers looked impressive throughout the first three quarters of action. Passing the ball very well against the Indians zone defense, Vernonia managed to time and time again open scoring opportunities and as a result held the lead several times throughout the league encounter, the scoreboard reading 38-37 in favor of the Loggers at the start of the third quarter.

They managed to hang onto this lead through most of this stanza and with four minutes left to play, led by a count of 44-43. Then Bob Powell, Scappoose center, caught fire and poured most of the 13 points he scored in the fourth quarter through the hoop to put Scappoose beyond range of the local five.

Donkey Ball Due At HS Tonight

The faculty versus members of the F.F.A. at Vernonia high school will be the battle of the week tonight when they engage in a game of Donkey Baseball in the high school gym. The event is open to the public and proceeds will go to the F.F.A. which sponsors it.

PTA Prepares Annual Remembrance Of Founder's Day with Film, Music

Founder's Day will be observed at the meeting of the P.T.A. which will be held next Monday evening at the Washington school. An acoustic candlelighting ceremony will be used and a film, Families First will be shown. Music is being arranged by Robert Kelley, music instructor. A birthday offering will be received, as is done each year by all P.T.A. groups. This provides the funds used for P.T.A. extension work, including organization packets, state and national pub-

Budget Lists Reduced Levy For 1957-58

Sinking Fund Use This Year Planned For Improvements

A tax levy of \$73,855.14 is listed by the budget prepared last Tuesday for school district 47 and 55 which will become effective at the start of the next fiscal year July 1. The budget appears in detail elsewhere in this issue and was drawn up at the budget meeting last Tuesday.

This levy is a reduction from the amount listed a year ago which then was \$80,315 and is achieved even though the expenditure for capital outlays is up considerably in the new budget. However, the total proposed under this schedule is being offset by \$15,000 from a sinking fund which the district board advocates be used this year to put the buildings in good physical condition for a good many years to come. By doing this work now, maintenance costs will be reduced in the future.

Two uses proposed for this money are floor improvement by the laying of asphalt tile and installation of thermostatic temperature controls.

General control, instruction and operation of plant all show some increase over a year ago and can be attributed to increased costs for materials and salary increases. This budget provides for a \$200 per teacher salary increase which will still not maintain this district on an average with the rest of the county even though it is an increase of between four and five per cent.

Under the heading of maintenance and repairs a reduction from \$13,800 last year to \$4000 this year comes about because of the expense of a new roof installed last summer. Auxiliary agencies are up slightly but fixed charges show a decrease.

The total of schedule two calls for estimated expenditures totaling \$191,930, a figure that is up from \$180,380 last year, principally because of the proposed expenditures of the sinking fund under capital outlays.

Residents in the two districts will have the opportunity to meet with members of the board on March 12 to discuss the proposed cost sheet.

Counseling Is Added at VHS

With the completion of a room at Vernonia high school, a new counseling and guidance service for students is being initiated with teachers who have completed a course on this work as counselors. They include Carlton Moran, who will act as appointment secretary; Thomas Steyaert, Harold McEntire, Robert Kelley, Mrs. Carolyn Feasey and Eugene Dove. Also counseling will be Mrs. Ora Bolmeier, dean of girls, who has had previous courses on this subject.

Counseling for students will include vocational, educational and personal problems.

promotional work.

The P.T.A. executive meeting met Monday and appointed as nomination committee Darrold Proehl, Eugene Dove, Mrs. Frank Serafin and Mrs. Earl King. They will report in March.

March 21 has been set for the annual pre-school clinic and details of arrangements will be announced later. Also, investigation is underway of the possibility for arranging for Salk vaccine shots for high school students.