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Council Issues Order to Form Planning Group; Swings Given to School

City councilmen gave consideration to the setting up of a planning commission as one of their main items of business Monday evening when they met for the second time in February. Suggestion that thought be given such a group and a presentation to details on the duties of a commission were given councilmen by Mayor Don Bayley and Louis Towne.

The mayor presented a sample ordinance which would provide for the commission and Towne explained that such a group is composed of citizens who recommend city improvements to the council. Recorder Sam Hearing was instructed to draft an official ordinance establishing the right

for the council to appoint a commission and describe its powers and duties.

The frames, now located at the city park, that have been used for children's swings were donated to school district 47 and will be repaired and used at the Washington school as playground equipment. The addition of these items to the school playground is one of the requirements the district must make to comply with regulations in order to become standard. Councilmen felt the swings would be of more value at the school than they have been at the park.

Frank Hayes asked the city to tell him when he should start paying rent on the airplane hanger he built last year at the airport. This hangar was constructed at his own expense as an addition to the old hangar and he therefore was told there would be no rental charge for the first year.

Councilmen read a proposal by Cecil Huff, which presents a plan to take over the garbage disposal business. Huff's proposal set forth a 10-point program whereby he would take over the pickup and disposal of garbage under private arrangements. The council pointed out that a legal franchise was now in effect.

Two ordinances were adopted during the evening, one to set forth charges to property on South First avenue for curb construction appears elsewhere in this issue, and the other to establish standard and oversize grave openings at the city cemetery and the charges to open these graves.

Mrs. LeRoy Cook and Mrs. Omar Vernon appeared before the council to ask for a street light at the corner of Clatsop and Bridge streets and also to point out the bad condition of the street on Second Avenue.

Councilmen also heard a request from John Honeywell, owner of the Honeywell Amusement company, that the license fee on pinball machines be reduced, on which no action was taken. Lee Rogers asked if it were lawful for tavern windows to be covered and was informed that the Oregon Liquor Commission has authority on this matter.

Firm Directors Select Offices

Members of the board of directors of the Caylite Candle company, elected at the annual meeting of the corporation Tuesday night of last week, met last Friday night to organize the board.

Named to the board at the annual meeting were J. D. Caywood, Dwight Strong, Sam Hearing Jr., John Thompson and Marvin Kamholz. At the organizational meeting Friday, Kamholz was elected president of the board, Strong was named vice-president and Hearing, secretary-treasurer.



CHARLES E. BRYANT, Fireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Bryant of 628 Rose Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon, is now at the U. S. Naval receiving station, Norfolk, Virginia, awaiting transfer to USS Coral Sea CVA-43. The Norfolk Naval receiving station processes approximately 8,000 men a month on their way to and from naval activities all over the world.

IFYE Student Speaks Friday

A reminder is given of the meeting announced last week for the Union hall tomorrow, Friday evening, at 8:00 at which Ward Armstrong of Newberg, International Farm Youth Exchange student who spent six months of last year in India, will talk. The affair is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles and was arranged by W. E. Pond, 4-H club leader.

Mr. Armstrong was here Monday to talk at the high school where he was very warmly received and all who heard him acclaim him as a very interesting speaker whom it is worth while to hear. He also shows films with his talk. During his stay in India, he lived, worked and ate with different families and shared their family life.

Following Friday's night meeting, Glen Hawkins will call for square dancing.

Log Conference Event Planned

The Willamette Valley Logging conference will be held on February 28 through March 2 at the Lane county fair grounds at Eugene, according to Ervin Smith, president, of Seaside, who will open the conference Thursday, February 28 with his address. Stephen Waite of Vernonia was at Eugene last week end to meet with Mr. Smith and other committee members to complete conference plans.

Such timely subjects as insurance and bonds, burn or not burn, salvage logging, chips and fibre and equipment will be considered. Robert C. Lindsay, resident forester for the Crown Zellerbach Columbia Tree Farm here will present the subject of thinning.

Band to Play In Ninties Parade Again

Brady Invited to Play in All-State Band March 15

The Vernonia high school band will march again this year in the Gay Ninties parade at Forest Grove which will be on Saturday, March 2. This will be the third participation for the band which brought home the band trophy two years ago and the sweepstakes trophy last year.

This year, the band has also been asked to give a one hour concert before the parade. This will be on the lawn of the First Congregational church in downtown Forest Grove and will be from noon to 1:00 p.m. Other entertainment features will be presented there also.

The band will again be appropriately costumed for the event and are practising marching in readiness for it.

The Vernonia band is also proud of an honor which has come to one of its members, Dane Brady, who has been invited to play in the all state band at the O.E.A. meeting in Portland March 15. Members of the all state band are selected from the outstanding musicians from high school bands throughout the state. They will go to Portland for registration March 13 and the first practice will be that afternoon. Practices will be held also during the next two days and the concert will be presented at the civic auditorium Friday evening before the O.E.A. delegates.

The band will be directed by Mr. Moody, band director from Gonzaga University at Spokane, Washington.

Dane is a junior at Vernonia high school and plays trumpet.

PTA Observes Founder's Day

At the P.T.A. meeting held Monday evening at the Washington school, a very impressive candlelight acoustic, conducted by Mrs. Robert Lindsay, was used in the Founders Day program commemorating the sixtieth birthday of the P.T.A.

To complete the program, the high school ensemble directed by Robert Kelly, sang "Mayday Choral" and "Charlotte Town," and the film, Families First, was shown by Darrold Proehl.

Mrs. Herb Heckenliab, chairman of the membership committee, reported a membership of 163, 13 over the goal of 150 previously set by the group, and a great increase over the enrollment of previous years.

Room count resulted in the membership plaque being awarded to Mrs. Steen's fourth grade.

Members were reminded of the legislative meeting at Rainier this evening, February 21, at 7:30 for members of the P.T.A., the Oregon School Board association and the O.E.A., at which measures before the legislature will be discussed.

Farmers Asked To Poultry Meet

Valley farmers and anyone else who is interested in getting into the production of eggs are invited to a meeting scheduled next Tuesday evening under the sponsorship of the chamber of commerce agricultural committee.

Don Coin Walrod, county agent, will speak on the subject and later participate in a general discussion of the proposed industry. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock at the new West Oregon Electric building.

Drama Club Slates Play

Nine Girls, a royalty play, is to be presented by the Vernonia high school drama club Thursday evening of next week, February 28. The play is a drama-mystery in which one of a group of college sorority girls disappears. The unfolding of the plot is very captivating as the audience tries to guess the outcome.

Characters in the play are: Jane, played by Ruby Daniels; Alice, Lee Ann Livengood; Eve, Judy Strong; Sharon, alias "Glamorpus," Sunny DeHart; Betty, a southern belle, Carol Cotton; Stella, Joyce Thompson; Phyllis, Patty McEntire and Mary, Janelle Thomas.

Judy Towne is student director of the play; Larry Hickman is in charge of lighting and Margaret Miner made the posters, using photographs by Danny Fletcher. Connie McKenney is in charge of sound effects and Julia Waite is prompter.

Mrs. Bernard Dowling is advisor for the club and has general supervision of the play.

FFA Game Date Sets Observance

As a part of the observance, nationally, of Future Farmers of America week, February 16 to 23, the FFA chapter at Vernonia high school has scheduled a recreational basketball game with the Rainier high school chapter at the Vernonia gym this evening starting at 7 p.m.

The Donkey basketball game held last week was also sponsored by the FFA group and was to raise funds to send delegates to the convention which will be held at LaGrande during spring vacation in March. This game drew an attendance of over 600, one of the largest crowds to witness any athletic activity in the gym. Members of the FFA chapter played faculty members but the spectators agreed that the game was won by the donkeys.

The Vernonia FFA chapter has 25 members. Welcome Rumbaugh, vocational ag teacher at the high school, is the advisor for the group and officers are Jerry Buckner, president; Allen Fowler, vice-president; Glen Siedelman, secretary; Byron Hawkins, treasurer; Walter Lankston, reporter and Don Siedelman, sentinel.

Need Cited for Enlarged Boy Scout Camps; Cubs Observe Anniversary

Local Boy Scouts are cooperating with all Scouts in this area in a special fund raising drive to raise money needed for enlarging camp facilities and for constructing a council building to be used as a headquarters in Portland. In order to raise the amount needed, shares in the Boy Scouts of America are being sold at \$10 per share and all persons interested in building America in this way are asked to buy shares.

Need for the drive is pointed up by the fact that camp sites now owned are not adequate to allow all scouts who so desire to attend them. Also, land in Portland has been donated for a council building and off street parking which is badly needed and \$106,000 has been pledged toward these projects, mostly contingent on the remainder being raised in this drive.

The United Fund contributes to the organization's operating expense only and will provide no funds for expansion or building.

The annual Blue and Gold dinner for the Cub Scouts was held

West Coast to Spend \$8500 On Exchange

Installation Plans Call for Direct Distance Dialing

West Coast Telephone company's 1957 construction budget, announced Monday, allocates \$8500 to the company's Vernonia exchange for direct distance dialing equipment and trunks between Vernonia and the Beaverton exchange.

The company will establish Beaverton as a major toll center by November of this year, according to District Manager Lyle E. Cross of Beaverton. The center will accommodate Vernonia and nine other company exchanges which will feed into it.

Purchase and installation of direct distance dialing and toll center equipment at Beaverton will come to \$378,000. Included will be the first automatic toll-ticketing equipment the company will employ in any of its four Oregon districts.

"The new system will enable subscribers at Vernonia and the nine other exchanges to dial station-to-station toll calls direct to all points in the United States and Canada equipped to receive and connected to the direct distance dialing network," Cross explained. "Subscribers will find that the service cuts down materially on the time it now takes to complete long distance calls."

The \$9,000,000 West Coast construction budget—largest in the history of the Pacific Northwest's fastest growing utility—calls for expenditures of \$556,000 in the Beaverton district on "routines." This sum includes such district-wide items as \$328,000 for plant routine projects and \$228,000 for routine purchases of vehicles and truck equipment, subscriber station apparatus and equipment, including nearly 3000 new telephones.

Graders Tied For First Place

The grade school basketball team will go to Clatskanie tomorrow afternoon to play with the Clatskanie grade team.

The Vernonia team is now tied with John Gumm of St. Helens for first place in the county league as a result of winning from Rainier 36 to 21 on February 7 and from John Gumm, 25 to 24 on February 12.

Primary Grades Plan Assembly

The first grade taught by Mrs. Dexter and the second grade taught by Mrs. Green will present an assembly program tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in the Washington school auditorium.

An additional feature will be a skit on the history of scouting which will be presented by Cub Scouts.



MRS. FRANK SERAFIN, local March of Dimes chairman, receives from Lyman Hawken Jr., a check for \$84.50 raised by the V.F.W. at the dance given February 9. Looking on are Leonard Rauch, Edwin Ade, and Harvey Redmond, post commander.