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New Commission Starts Planning

The newly organized Vernonia city planning commission held its initial meeting at the city hall Thursday evening with Mayor Don Bayley presiding.

Present at the meeting in addition to Mayor Bayley were Bill

J. Horn, elected chairman; Cliff White, vice-chairman; Gene Drips, Pete Brunson, Art Gardner, Louis Towne and Hank Hudson. Hudson was elected secretary of the infant organization.

The commission learned that theirs would be the responsibility of planning for the highest and best use of the Vernonia area and its facilities for the enjoyment of citizens and to attract industry and payroll to the area to bolster the economy and morale of the community.

One of the first assignments was to survey and make recommendations for corrections and repair or replacement of some of the more dilapidated buildings around town. It was pointed out that one of the major requirements of industry is a town that looks like it has some pride in itself, a place that a business can be proud to be identified with.

Scenically some of the lushest countryside in Oregon is here and it will be the responsibility as citizens to see that the town reflects a cleanliness and attractiveness to match.

Members of the commission will be directed to make recommendations, in an advisory capacity, as to the establishment of a uniform building code and zoning ordinances for the area, an integral feature of modern, progressive cities. The lack of such ordinances is at the present time a serious bar to the establishment of new business in Vernonia.

It was also learned that there is a possibility of obtaining federal funds to match local funds that might be set aside for area development surveys and this will be explored at a later date.

Members of the commission felt that there will be a great deal of work involved on the part of the whole community, but that the results, if recommendations are carried out in good faith, will certainly justify the efforts involved.

There is no real reason why Vernonia, "The Gateway to the Nehalem Valley," can not take its rightful place in the progressive, expanding economy of the fast-growing Northwest as a clean, community of happy people.

Lindsay on Forestry Panel

Robert C. Lindsay, resident forester at the Columbia Tree Farm, attended the meeting of the Society of American Foresters at Salem Saturday where he appeared on the program as a member of a panel discussing restocking of forest lands. He talked on seeding.

1956 Weather Statistics Told

Weather statistics tabulated for March by Frank Stemmmons, shows precipitation here was 6.35 inches. This is lower than that recorded in Portland where 8.7 inches fell. The greatest amount fell here on March 17 when .79 of an inch was measured for a 24 hour period. On March 21, 2.2 inches of snow fell at the weather station.

Highest temperature in March was 63 degrees on March 27 and lowest was 25 degrees on March 25.

An annual survey sent out from the weather bureau to Mr. Stemmmons last week, showed the average temperature for 1956 was 49.1 degrees which was 7 degrees lower than the average shown for the years Vernonia weather has been recorded. Highest temperature in 1956 was 103 degrees on July 19, and lowest was 2 degrees on February 1.

Total precipitation for 1956 was 44.31 inches, 6.1 inches less than normal.

Athlete Banquet Set for Monday

Plans have been announced by the Lions club for the annual athletic banquet which they sponsor and which will be held next Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the Legion hall. A ham dinner will be served by the American Legion auxiliary for \$1.50 per plate and parents and others who wish to attend may do so if they will make advance reservations with Bill Horn.

Speaker for the banquet will be Ted Ogdal, director of athletics at Lewis and Clark college in Portland.

The banquet will take the place of the regular meeting of the Lions club.

Ayrshire Purchased

Harold J. Dimbat recently purchased a registered Ayrshire according to the Ayrshire Breeders' association executive secretary, Chester C. Putney, of Brandon, Vt.

Parade Arranged for Campaign Start

GAME TALK, FILM DINNER AGENDA

R. C. Holloway, chief of the information and education division of the Oregon state game commission, will be guest speaker at the chamber of commerce quarterly membership dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 10. He will talk on fish and game management activities of the game commission and will bring a film of interest along.

The dinner will be served at the Masonic Temple by the Nehalem Social club at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited and tickets are on sale at the chamber office, by members, and by members of the social club.

Goodwill Truck Trip Redated

The Goodwill industries pick-up truck will not be here as scheduled on Thursday, April 11, due to unforeseen circumstances. It was announced today by Mrs. Frank Lange, local volunteer representative for the Goodwill organization.

The truck will resume its regular schedule in May and will be in Vernonia on May 9th—the second Thursday. Persons who wish to contribute their disused articles of clothing, housewares and furniture are asked to hold them for the truck collection in May. To arrange for a pick up at that time, or for further information, call Mrs. Lange, telephone HA 9-3161.

Baseball Season Gets Underway

Banks defeated Vernonia 18 to 4 in the baseball game played on the local field Tuesday afternoon. Rainier played here yesterday and, weather permitting, Clatskanie will be here for a game tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. The Vernonia team will play a return game with Banks there next Tuesday.

All the above games are practice games and the first league game will be played at Rainier April 12.

Bass Goes to Fort Ord

Henry (Hank) Bass left March 25 for Fort Ord for army training for which he had enlisted earlier in the month.

Garbage Still Problem for Councilmen

New Site Considered To Solve Question; No Extensions Given

The problem of garbage disposal still confronted councilmen when they met Monday evening at their first session for the month of April. Fire season regulations, which went into effect the first of the month, must be complied with by making changes at the present dump site to conform with these rules.

Considering this problem and the work that would be necessary at the present site and the fact the location would still not be satisfactory, councilmen again considered purchase of a location on Capitol hill that has been previously considered.

County authorities and the state forestry service will be asked for approval before the purchase takes place, however, and if both are favorable, steps will be taken to acquire the new property.

Councilmen heard the reading of two letters, one from Mrs. Ruth Falconbury and the other from Mrs. Amy Wilkins, both of which asked extensions of time for connecting to sewer lines. The former indicated notification had not been given far enough in advance of the time when the connection must be made and in both instances the council decided against extensions.

Albert Tandy asked the city for markers along D street to aid drivers in avoiding the danger of driving off the fill on which the street is built and also requested rock to stop bank erosion where his property borders Rock creek. Approval was given the first request, but the council indicated the erosion problem should be solved by the property owner.

Mrs. J. R. Lee asked a council decision on the question as to whether the old county Rock creek road had been vacated. City Attorney C. F. Bradley will be asked to determine the status of this old road, a portion of which concerns property owned by Mrs. Lee.

Lyman Hawken, representing the new industries committee of the chamber of commerce, told councilmen of prospects for new concerns and some of the problems facing the highly competitive undertaking of attracting industry. The council offered help in every way in which the city can take part in making the community more attractive for this purpose.

Girls Extend Drive for Toys

Response to the Girls League plea for toys for the Shriner's hospital in Portland to date has been almost nil and the girls feel that perhaps many have overlooked the information or forgotten to call the school for pick-up.

Because of this, the drive has been extended and persons who have useable or repairable toys or children's books that they can donate are asked to please call HA 9-3521 and give their name and address.

Clean-up Assembly Slated

Mrs. Evelyn Heath's fifth grade class at the Washington school will use the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up theme for the assembly program which they will present tomorrow afternoon at 2:45. Parents and friends are all urged to attend.

With enthusiasm mounting as the parade date approaches, the kick-off for the chamber of commerce paint-up, clean-up, fix-up campaign promises to be an outstanding event to exceed any parade in Vernonia's history. The list of entries is growing steadily with the following among those that have already given confirmation of participation:

Both the high school and grade school bands, the Ridge Riders club, Carroll Buckley and his wagon and six-horse team, the 4-H clubs, Boy and Cub scouts, the VFW and American Legion, the city fire department and ambulance, the chamber of commerce, a Crown Zellerbach truck loaded with logs, new cars entered by auto dealers, various business floats and commercial entries.

Route for the parade is as follows: All participants will assemble at the Washington school grounds between 10 and 10:15 a.m. to be lined up. At 11:00 a.m., the parade will move from the Washington school down Bridge to State street, north on State to C street, west on C to Washington street, south on Washington to Bridge, then westward through the downtown section to Weed avenue, south on Weed avenue to Maple, east on Maple to Third, then north on Third to Bridge and east through town back to school grounds to disband.

Many others contacted and expected to participate have not yet confirmed it with the committee. Awards will be given the best entries, according to Bob Thompson, parade chairman. He and his committee members, Wilbur Davis and Bill Johnson, met last evening to complete plans.

Mayor Don Bayley who is also general chairman for the clean-up campaign, has issued a proclamation which appears on page 7 in which he urges everyone to get behind the campaign that started as of April 1.

As an incentive to participate, several contests have been outlined to run from now until October 31. First of these is the yard contest. Each month, one yard will be selected from each of the four Vernonia voting precincts on the basis of appearance and improvement and these will be eligible to compete in the finals October 31 for the grand prize and the second and third prizes. Precinct chairmen appointed are: Mrs. Omar Vernon, No. 1; Mrs. Edgar Hartzell, No. 2; Mrs. Evelyn Heath, No. 3 and Bill Hora, No. 4.

The other two contests relate to home and business improvement, such as remodeling and repair and judging will be done October 31.

Various committee chairmen who are working on the campaign are: Darold Proehl, school committee; Bob Thompson, vacant lot committee; Art Ostrander, streets, highways; Bert Brunson, finance; Jack Thompson, retail and Marvin Kamholz, contests and publicity.

About a thousand window stickers

have been distributed by 4-H members to home owners who are expected to register their support of the campaign by placing the sticker in their window. Some bumper strips are already out and more will be distributed today and tomorrow. Posters are being placed in prominent places also and lapel pins will go out through the school.



Tisdale Retires

Bert Tisdale, veteran letter carrier for Vernonia, retired Saturday after giving Vernonia residents 24 years of faithful service. Mr. Tisdale began the work on July 1, 1930 when house to house delivery first started here. Clarence Watts was the other carrier at that time. His service was interrupted from January 11, 1942 to October 16, 1944 when he left here to work for the Weyerhaeuser and Clark and Wilson companies at Longview and Kelso. His service was continuous since his reinstatement in 1944.

Mr. Tisdale was born at West Plains, Missouri June 18, 1893 and served in the armed forces during World War I until receiving a medical discharge May 22, 1918 from the Norfolk Naval hospital.

Mr. Tisdale is an ardent horse race fan and immediately after his retirement went to Portland Meadows.

Thefts Prompt Police Warning

A series of daylight thefts in the Vernonia area Tuesday afternoon have prompted a warning from state police that cars should be kept locked and that persons driving pick-ups should have locks on their spare tires and wheels. Tires and wheels were taken from six pick-ups parked at the mill Tuesday afternoon.

Also, Tuesday evening, a \$75 bicycle was snatched by two men in a car near the Monaco home on Pebble Creek. The boy had left it by the roadside for a bit while going down to the creek.

Second Grade Visits Eagle

Twenty-four pupils from Mrs. Kienle's second grade class visited the Vernonia Eagle office Wednesday afternoon to see how the papers are printed.

4-Hers Take on Paper Drive Project As Part of Current Clean-up Event

Members of the 4-H clubs have taken as their project for the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign, a paper drive which they will kick off with participation in the parade Saturday and will conclude on Saturday, April 27. Getting rid of all old papers and magazines has been suggested as a feature of every family's clean-up program, and the 4-H clubs will provide the means of disposing of them. A truck has been arranged for to transport them to Portland where they will be sold to yield revenue for club

activities, also.

Mrs. Herb Heckenliab, club leader who is heading the drive, asks that everyone prepare their papers for pick-up by club members by tying them in bundles, with the magazines and newspapers tied separately. Anyone whose papers have not been picked up by the evening of April 27 may call Mrs. Heckenliab at HA 9-5684.

4-H members also helped the campaign this week by distributing window stickers to homes and businesses.



MEMBERS of the Senior play cast pictured above are putting finishing touches on the three-act comedy, "Me and My Shadow", which they will present on the stage at the high school auditorium tomorrow evening. Pictured are (from left to right), seated: Donna Buckley, Jim Davis, Marjorie Reynolds; standing: Ruby Wells, Herb Bender, Laurel Wyckoff, Jan Garner, Danny Fletcher, and by table, Margaret Miner and Leola Anderson. The play will start at 8 p.m.