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## Letters to Chamber Tell Ideas for Future; Names For Directors Chosen

Chamber of commerce directors, committee chairmen and guests heard the reading of letters received since the last director meeting, some having been received because of recent publicity in Portland papers, when the group met Monday evening.

Gless Conroy, from station KUIK at Hillsboro, and Harry Junken were present as guests. Conroy's purpose was to observe the method followed at directors' meetings and to ask that a representative of this chamber be a guest speaker at a meeting of the Hillsboro chamber.

Prominent among the letters was one written by Chauncey Price, Carson, Washington saying: "Have read the paper. I think Vernonia is one of the really nice little towns in the Northwest and I do not feel it needs to become a 'ghost town.' Enclosed is a small check for the 'kitty' to help keep it alive."

Other letters received were from Portland with a dozen suggestions for enterprises; from Portland asking about a small home on acreage near the river; from Rochester, New York asking about property; from North Bend asking about rental property; from Olex asking about property; from Clatskanie about hunting rocks. Mrs. Art Ostrander and her nephew made arrangements and provided a trip for the rock expedition which brought in one agate weighing more than 34 pounds.

A report by Louis Towne on work of the Friendship Jamboree indicated over \$400 has been paid in for the wooden nickel promotion idea and 10,000 have been ordered, the design sent in and proofs are expected in a few days. The Jamboree committee meets again Friday at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon building.

Towne also told directors and guests about an agriculture committee meet with D. W. White-meyer, General Mills represen-

tative, concerning egg production and about the county development commission. Another article on this page tells about the commission.

The nominating committee of which Mrs. Gene Drips is chairman, presented the names to be placed on the ballot to elect three directors for three-year terms. These names were: Bill Johnson, Darrold Proehl, Dwight Strong, Albert Schalock, Evelyn Heath, George Biddle, Alfred Jones and Marvin Kamholz. Ballots will be sent out May 10.

The Oregonian will feature a page of pictures taken by Allen deLay, staff photographer, in the Sunday issue for April 28 along with information about this area. Herman Edwards, Oregonian editor, and deLay were here Tuesday of last week to obtain the information and pictures for the page.

Art Ostrander told the group about recent Highway 99W Alternate activities and about attending a meeting of the Banks chamber where the suggestion was made to arrange a joint meeting of the Vernonia, Banks and Forest Grove chambers.

Another flash report from the Oregon chamber executives has been received here giving warning of a magazine group which uses the appeal in solicitations that they are "visiting a relative," "friend of the family," or are "handicapped" as a means of selling their products.

## Cancer Drive Totals Given

Tabulations made Wednesday morning show \$372.35 had been collected here for the American Cancer Society and some money was yet to come in. About 30 women had assisted with the house to house solicitation and Jim Caywood, county chairman, has expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

Persons who still wish to make donations may take them to Ralph Bergerson at the bank. He is treasurer for the county chapter.

Funds raised are used in research and education in the effort to reduce the heavy toll of cancer.

## Band at Cedar Hills Sat.

The Vernonia high school band will play from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Cedar Hills shopping center as a part of their anniversary observance.



INDICATIONS of spring clean-up, paint-up, fix-up interest were evident a short time ago when improvement of parking at post office was undertaken. Old sod was removed for replacement with new sod so lawn could be planted. Tommy Tomlin, left, and Tom Bateman, postmaster, did the job.

## ANNUAL 4-H DAY SET FOR MAY 25

The annual 4-H club Nehalem Valley Day will be held here May 25 at the Legion hall and West Oregon building meeting room. Activities will start at 9:30 a.m. and will include home economics judging contests, crops and weeds contests, demonstrations, and food and sewing exhibits. The demonstrations will be held in the West Oregon model kitchen.

Record books will also be judged and the livestock show will be held right after lunch in vacant lots near the Legion hall.

## Forty-four on HS Honor Roll

Two classes at Vernonia high school tied on the honor roll released for the second six week period. Juniors and freshmen each placed 13. Senior topped the list with 14 and sophomores trailed with four.

Those who attained the coveted positions are:

Seniors: Ron Anderegg, Leola Anderson, Herb Bender, Donna Buckley, Jim Davis, Janice Garner, Don Halsey, Margaret Miner, Dick O'Brien, Carol Ray, Marjorie Reynolds, Joyce Thompson, Richard Fletcher and Ruby Wells.

Juniors: Darlene Bernardi, Jon Bush, Judy Fetherston, Penny Hays, Robert Helvie, Jim Livengood, Carol McKenney, Helep Mills, Janice Pearson, Glen Siedelman, Garry Strong, Joyce Sullivan and Don Tunnell.

Sophomores: Sally Biggs, Carolyn Garlock, Janelle Thomas and Paul Wikstrom.

Freshmen: Dick Aldrich, Jim Barlow, Doug Bellingham, Freddie Bender, Peggy Bowerman, Sunny DeHart, Louis Jones, Lee-Ann Livengood, George Miner, Judy Strong, Joyce Thompson, Vivian Thompson and Judy Towne.

## Grade Band to Wear Sweaters

The grade school band will appear Friday evening at the eighth grade plays in the new sweaters which have been purchased through the cooperation of several groups.

Some student body funds formed the nucleus and the P.T.A. pledged \$50 which they will raise by giving a food sale this Saturday and serving a luncheon in May. Final boost to the project was made by the Lions club who voted to assume the balance of the bill. Mr. Proehl has expressed much appreciation of the support given the project.

## 216 Voices Heard Here Saturday In Massed Chorus of Five Schools

Two hundred sixteen voices from the five Columbia county high schools made up the massed chorus directed by Max Risinger, head of choral organizations at the University of Oregon, which was the finale for the county choral festival concert at the high school last Saturday evening.

Earlier on the program, each of the five high school choruses had sung separately. In competitions held during the day, Sherry Roediger was given a one, or superior, on her solo performance. Ruby Daniels, Jim Lamb, Lorraine Cunningham and Ruby Wells were each rated two. The chorus also was given a grade of two.

Judges for the event were Robert Walls, head of choral organizations at Oregon State college; Daniel Preston, dean of music at Pacific University and Max Risinger.

Both Robert Kelly and Bill Johnson were very disappointed in the attendance at the Saturday evening concert. It was an outstanding performance and a real treat for all who did attend. It is hard for the performers to do their best when singing to many empty seats.

It is hoped that all Vernonia residents will reserve May 17 now and make a very special effort to attend the band and choral concert which will be given then. Both music instructors and students are doing a splendid job and deserve public support.

## Test Installation Started Friday

An operational suitability test of an Air Force variable omnirange installation was started here last Friday with the setting up of equipment in Riverview. The test is scheduled to take place for a week during which time it will be possible to determine whether this location is suitable for the equipment.

The installation is designed to provide radio guidance for both military and civilian aircraft and its primary use is for the recovery of jet fighters used in the air defense mission.

If the test proves satisfactory, a permanent installation will be made.

## Junior Prom Is Saturday Night

Hal Painter's six piece orchestra from Portland will provide the music for the junior prom at the high school Saturday evening to which Vernonia residents have been invited by the junior class. The affair is semi-formal and will be from 8 to 12 p.m.

Additional feature of the prom this year is the selection of a prom queen. Five senior girls have been named as candidates and the one selected will be announced at the prom and the coronation will be at 10:00 o'clock. Candidates are Donna Buckley, Vicki Crossan, Dolores Davis, Jan Garner and Joyce Thompson.

## Post Office Hours Noted

New hours announced this week for the Vernonia post office are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

## Cedar Trees Offered Again For 11th Year

### Seedlings Given Free Of Charge by Crown Zellerbach Farm

Free Port Orford cedar seedlings are again being made available to any person interested in planting and caring for them, according to an announcement this week from the Vernonia headquarters of the Columbia Tree Farm.

These trees are suitable for ornamental or hedge planting as well as for field planting to produce timber. With a minimum of care they will grow rapidly and if desired, may be easily pruned and shaped.

This will mark the 11th consecutive year that the Columbia Tree Farm Division of Crown Zellerbach corporation has made gift trees available to the residents of Columbia county.

The gift trees will be wrapped in peat moss in packages of 25 trees. Normally this is enough trees to meet the planting needs of most individuals. Printed instructions for planting and caring for the trees will be given with each bundle of trees.

The trees are now ready for distribution and in this area may be obtained at the Vernonia Eagle office.

## Sundquist Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Powell Valley Mission Covenant church at Gresham for Mrs. Kristiga M. Sundquist who passed away Sunday morning at the home of her son, John, on Stoney Point road where she had resided for the past two years. Burial was in the Forest Lawn cemetery at Gresham. Arrangements here were entrusted to the Bush Funeral home and at Gresham to the Bateman Funeral chapel.

Mrs. Sundquist was born May 25, 1869 at Grosmark, Sweden, and was nearing her 88th birthday. She had been a resident of Oregon for the past 15 years. She is survived by her son, John, and by three daughters, Mrs. Anna Danielson, Mahtowa, Minnesota; Mrs. Mary Milsted, and Mrs. Clara Siverson, both of Portland.

## Saturday Date Set for Drive

A reminder has been given that this Saturday, April 27, is the date for the 4-H paper drive and club members will all be on the job rounding them up from residences. Paper and magazines should be tied in separate bundles that the boys and girls can handle. Anyone whose paper has not been picked up by Saturday evening should call Mrs. Herb Heckenliable, HA 9-5684.

## County Development Group Names Lou Towne Chairman, Names Board

Louis Towne was elected chairman for the Columbia County Development commission at a meeting of the group held at Rainier last Wednesday evening. Other officers are Al Nelson, Clatskanie, vice-chairman and Wray Hudkins, Seapooose, secretary-treasurer. Board members named to represent the various districts of the county are Earl Seawright, St. Helens; Roy Hogan, Columbia City; Don Davis and W. N. Janvrin, Rainier; Tony Haas, Clatskanie and Eugene Drips, Vernonia.

The commission has been formed for the purpose of promoting the general development of the county and the various areas therein, and will make surveys of industrial, recreational and residential possibilities in the county and also make studies and recommendations concerning highways, building sites, and tax and transportation problems.

Memberships in the organization are being sold, with individual memberships set at two dollars a year and business memberships at five dollars a year.



CLATSKANIE Rifle and Pistol club composed of shooters from Vernonia and Clatskanie, won expert division championship of the Columbia-Willamette Rifle league. League is composed of teams within 50-mile radius of Portland. Club won total of 15 out of 16 matches to clinch championship decisively. Vernonia shooters on team are: Ralph Aldrich, Bernard Lamping, Bill Nichols, L. G. "Tod" Bowerman, (all pictured) and Ken Parker. Aldrich was team high scorer for season and Bowerman was second. Both shot scores which placed them in master division as classified by National Rifle association. (Photo by Bonnie Horn Studio, Clatskanie.)