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## Chorus, Band Program Ready For Friday

Outstanding entertainment is promised Friday night at the high school auditorium when the combined concert for the grade school and high school choruses and bands will be presented by Wm. Johnson and Robert Kelly.

The program will open with three numbers by the grade school chorus which will be followed by a group of numbers by the grade school band. A trombone solo by Rhy Reynolds will be included in this group.

There will be four numbers from the high school chorus, two numbers by a mixed ensemble and six numbers by the high school band. In these, there will be included a trumpet solo by Dane Brady and a novelty number, "Little Bop Riding Hood," for which Jim Davis will be narrator.

The program will be completed with two numbers by the combined bands and "America the Beautiful" by the combined groups.

It is hoped the auditorium will be well filled for this outstanding presentation.

## Date Set for Last Salk Polio Clinic

The final clinic for the giving of Salk vaccine shots will be held at the Washington school Thursday of next week, according to word received Tuesday from Miss Grace Roumagoux, county nurse. The clinic will be held in the teachers' lunch room at 9:00 a.m. and will be for first, second and booster shots as needed. It is estimated that about 400 shots will be given.

Persons who receive first shots at this clinic will have to get second and booster shots from their doctors, since no further clinics will be held.

Dr. R. D. Eby and Miss Roumagoux will conduct the clinic and all persons outside the school should be there promptly at 9 a.m. This would include preschool children and pregnant women.

Anyone wishing additional information may call the grade school office.

## L. H. Dewey Rites Today

Funeral services are being held at 2:30 p.m. today at the Holman Funeral Home at 28th and Hawthorne for Leslie H. Dewey, former Vernonia resident and manager of Miller's store, who passed away Tuesday due to a heart condition.

## Jamboree Buttons Being Distributed; Plans Take Shape for July 4-5-6

Booster buttons designed to promote the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree were placed on sale here Monday of this week as one of the means of financing the proposed celebration July 4-5-6. The buttons carry the wording: "1st Vernonia Friendship Jamboree, July 4-5-6, 1957," and also a picture of clasped hands. The buttons are being sold for 50c each.

Further planning for the Jamboree took place last Friday night when another meeting of the organization took place.

The fireworks display brought forth considerable discussion when the VFW reported subscriptions totaling \$143.50. More subscriptions will be sought to defray the \$250 needed for this purpose.

A handicraft display as part of the holiday week end program was considered and a committee of Mrs. Charles Fugate, Mrs. Ben Wood, Mrs. Art Ostrander,

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE DUE

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are making plans for their participation in the annual Memorial day observance on Thursday, May 30. As has been their custom, they will assemble at the VFW hall at 10:30 a.m. and march to the cemetery for appropriate services.

May 18 has been designated as flag day as a part of the armed forces week observance and all business places and individuals are asked to display flags.

## Rites on Monday For R. A. Simmons

R. A. Simmons, 69, chief engineer for the Oregon American Lumber company and its successor, the International Paper Co., passed away Friday afternoon at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. He had been hospitalized since suffering a heart attack at his home May 4.

Mr. Simmons was born at Texarkana, Arkansas, October 7, 1887 and grew up at Hope, Arkansas. He later lived for many years at Conroe, Texas where he was with the Delta Land and Timber company. They helped establish the Oregon American mill at Vernonia and Mr. Simmons transferred here with the company in 1924 and had been its chief engineer since that time.

He was united in marriage to Alice Huckelbury at Ashdown, Arkansas on April 26, 1908 who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Oscar (Louise) George and Mrs. Herman (Allie) Dickson, both of Vernonia; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Bish, North Little Rock, Arkansas; three grandchildren, R. A. and Gary George and Mrs. Alice Fry; and two great grandchildren, Douglas Ray George and Pamela Louise Frye.

Mr. Simmons was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Shrine.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Evangelical church in Vernonia with the Rev. A. L. Argo, pastor of the Vernonia Baptist church officiating. Music at the service was furnished by Mrs. Lloyd Thomas and Mrs. Lois Clark.

Serving as casketbearers were Sherman Fisher, Maynard Grunden, Ernest East, Clem Bruce, Reggie Watson and Carol Brock. Lodge rites given by Glen Hawkins were under the auspices Vernonia Lodge No. 184 A.F. and A.M.

Concluding rites and vault interment were at the Forest View cemetery with Fuller's Chapel in the Grove, Forest Grove in charge of arrangements.

## County Budget Group Begins Work Today

The annual meeting of the Columbia county budget committee will be held in the county court room at the court house Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17. As is usually the case, requests for funds for additional services far exceed funds that will be available.

It will be the task of the committee to find funds for the essential items and at the same time stay within its statutory six per cent limitation. At no time within the past ten years has the county exceeded its six per cent limitation and four of the past five years has budgeted less than the amount authorized by law.

Columbia was one of only four counties in the State of Oregon that levied less taxes during the 1956-57 fiscal than they did the preceding year. A particularly difficult task this year will be to find funds for those agencies and services made mandatory by the present legislature, as several bills, if enacted into law carry provisions affecting county finances.

With the legislature still in session and not likely to adjourn until after the budget committee meets, it is easy to see what complications could result.

"One particular bill, House Bill 809, if enacted will take from our county general and general road fund 60 per cent of its anticipated revenue from the sale of O and C timber. Based on last year's receipts this would amount to approximately \$112,000.00. If deprived of this revenue several functions of county government will have to be abolished and others seriously curtailed unless the taxpayers want them restored badly enough to vote additional funds in excess of the six per cent," according to John W. Whipple, county judge.

The court spent a part of last week, as did the Courts of the other 17 O and C counties involved, fighting the passing of this bill. Serving on the budget committee, in addition to the members of the present county court are Robert U. Mathews of Mist, Thomas Colvin of Clatskanie, and Walter Erickson of Warren. Any person, firm or organization wishing to appear before the budget committee will be welcome and afforded an opportunity of doing so.

## PTA to Seat New President Mon.

At the meeting of the PTA which will be held Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Washington school, Mrs. Earl King will be installed as president to succeed Mrs. Charles Minger who has served for the past year. Also to be installed are Mrs. Herbert Heckenliab, vice-president and Mrs. Louis Thompson, secretary. The office of treasurer has been left vacant by the decision of Thomas Steyaert not to return here next year and it will be filled at a later date.

Mrs. L. L. Wells and Mrs. Stephen Waite will give short reports from the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers which they attended at Pendleton last month.

A committee of teachers which is working on changes for the report cards for next year will present a report and answer questions of parents concerning the changes.

Exhibition dances by the Junior Promenaders will round out the evening's program.

## Goodwill Truck Due

The Goodwill truck was unable to keep its scheduled appointment here last Thursday so will be in Vernonia Friday of this week instead.



YARDS OF MONTH for April were selected and signs designating one yard in each of the four Vernonia precincts placed last Thursday by Mayor Don Bayley who also heads clean-up, paint-up, fix-up committee this year. Yard around D. P. Moreland home (top photo) at 1256 Bridge was selected for precinct 1. C. A. Toolhaker yard on Keassey route was chosen for precinct 2 (second photo). Precinct 3 yard designated was that of Bob Lindsay home at Pittsburg (third photo). George Robbins yard (bottom photo) on South First street was award winner in precinct 4. New group of yards will be chosen for month of May.

## Seniors Start Events for Graduation

High school graduation activities get underway this week end with the baccalaureate service at the Evangelical United Brethren church. This is a union service arranged by the Vernonia Ministerial association and is held in this church because of its larger seating capacity. Reverend Harry Burk of the Nazarene church will give the invocation, Reverend Harshman of Mist will read the scripture, Reverend Austin Shelton of the Assembly of God church will deliver the sermon and Reverend F. M. Knoll of the E.U.B. church will pronounce the benediction. Music will be furnished by the high school choir directed by Robert Kelly. The service is at 7:30 p.m.

Next week, the seniors will be entertained at the annual banquet at the Legion hall on Wednesday evening at 6:30. This event is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary with financial assistance from various other fraternal, social and church groups. Graduation will be Friday evening, May 24.

## Observance of Week Prepared

According to an announcement made this week by Mrs. L. L. Wells, county chairman for conservation week observances, May 20 through 26, a number of things are outlined for Vernonia, including a conservation exhibit at the city library and possibly in some window down town.

Jewell Lloyd, Scoutmaster, has arranged for the Boy Scouts to place posters about town and also to distribute conservation pledges.

Any groups interested in a conservation program may contact Glen Hawkins, Crown Zellerbach; Dennis Mawhirter, Pittsburg guard station; Don Walrod, county agent; Virgil Lance, soil conservation agent who is at the West Oregon building on Wednesdays; or Bob King, president of the Vernonia Rod and Gun club who has a list of movies and conservation material that may be obtained.

There will be a conservation program on channel 6, TV, on Saturday, May 25.

## Cemetery Work Plan of Lodge

The Odd Fellows who have assumed the upkeep of the Pioneer cemetery on Rock Creek road at a civic project, have announced that they will work at the cemetery Saturday, cutting the grass and getting the cemetery cleaned for Memorial day which is May 30. Anyone who wishes to help with this project may contact Bob Spencer.

## Directors Hear Reports Monday; 4 New Members Join

Letters continue to come in to the Vernonia chamber of commerce office concerning property, industry, rocks, etc., as the result of the publicity given Vernonia in the newspapers, directors were informed Monday night by Mrs. Paul Gordon, manager. Monday's meeting was the first for May.

Flash reports from Oregon chamber executives have been received warning against solicitors selling vending machines for candy and for a city sampler, a coupon book sold by telephone.

New chamber members are: Dr. L. M. Crossan, Bill's Home-town Hardware, Burton Apartments and Crown Zellerbach corporation.

Several months ago a supply of maps of the Vernonia - Apiary

cut-off to the Longview bridge was made up and furnished the Washington toll bridge authority. A request has been made for an additional supply which will be made up and sent immediately.

President, Guy Thomas appointed a committee of Dwight Strong, John Thompson and Sam Hearing Jr., to confer with other local organizations and investigate the feasibility of erecting a large sign at Staley's junction advertising Vernonia's features.

The Hillsboro chamber had requested representatives from this chamber to attend their meeting and talk to their members. The committee appointed to go are: Wesley Bolmeier, Sam Hearing Jr., Pete Brunzman, Bill Horn,

Art Ostrander, Lyman Hawken, Louis Towne and Guy Thomas.

Ballots were sent out to all members last week and they are reminded to return them to the chamber office by May 20 after which they will remain unopened for the tellers to tally at the regular director meeting May 27. Three directors will be elected for three-year terms.

Reports were given by the committee chairmen on activities since the last director meeting in April.

Marie Frazee has made several calls recently on newcomers to Vernonia in behalf of the chamber and retail merchants, presenting them with gift coupons from the merchants and a booklet including letters of welcome.