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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1957

Board Elects New Officers For Chamber

Officers for the 1957-58 year of the Vernonia chamber of commerce were elected Monday night at the regular bi-monthly director-committee chairman meeting. Named were: Marvin Kamholz, president; Bill Johnson, 1st vice-president; Dave Brunson, 2nd vice-president; Dwight Strong, corporation secretary and John Thompson, treasurer. They will take office July 1.

The Vernonia Friendship Jamboree was foremost in the minds of everyone and final plans were discussed, the wooden "nickels" being one of the big attractions. Letters have been received from many places with coins and checks for the "nickels," the latest being from George W. Smith, Portland, who is going to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge July 9-13 and wants to take along a little souvenir distinctive of Oregon to trade to scouts from all over the United States and Canada.

Mary Drips, Guy Thomas, Don Bayley and Dave Brunson were appointed on a committee for a chamber of commerce concession.

Don Bayley, clean-up, paint-up fix-up chairman, reported George Robbins, Carl Davis, Bill Wilson Sr., and Ed Buckner as winners of the yard of the month contest for this month. Notice of the improvement of the Gene Drips property (not eligible for competition) was mentioned.

A. G. Ostrander told of the Highway 99W Alternate Road meeting recently held in Yamhill. A special meeting will be held of directors in July to plan for the caravan, the tentative date being the second weekend in August. He had taken a large supply of map brochures to the Longview Bridge to service stations in Kelso and the chambers in Kelso and Longview, showing the Rainier-Apary cut-off to Vernonia and south to McMinnville. A letter from State Engineer Williams regarding signs on the old St. Helens road had been received.

Louis Towne said that there would be a meeting of the Columbia County Development Commission here in the West Oregon Co-op meeting room Wednesday night. Granges and other groups are invited to lay plans for attracting the experimental farm to Columbia County.

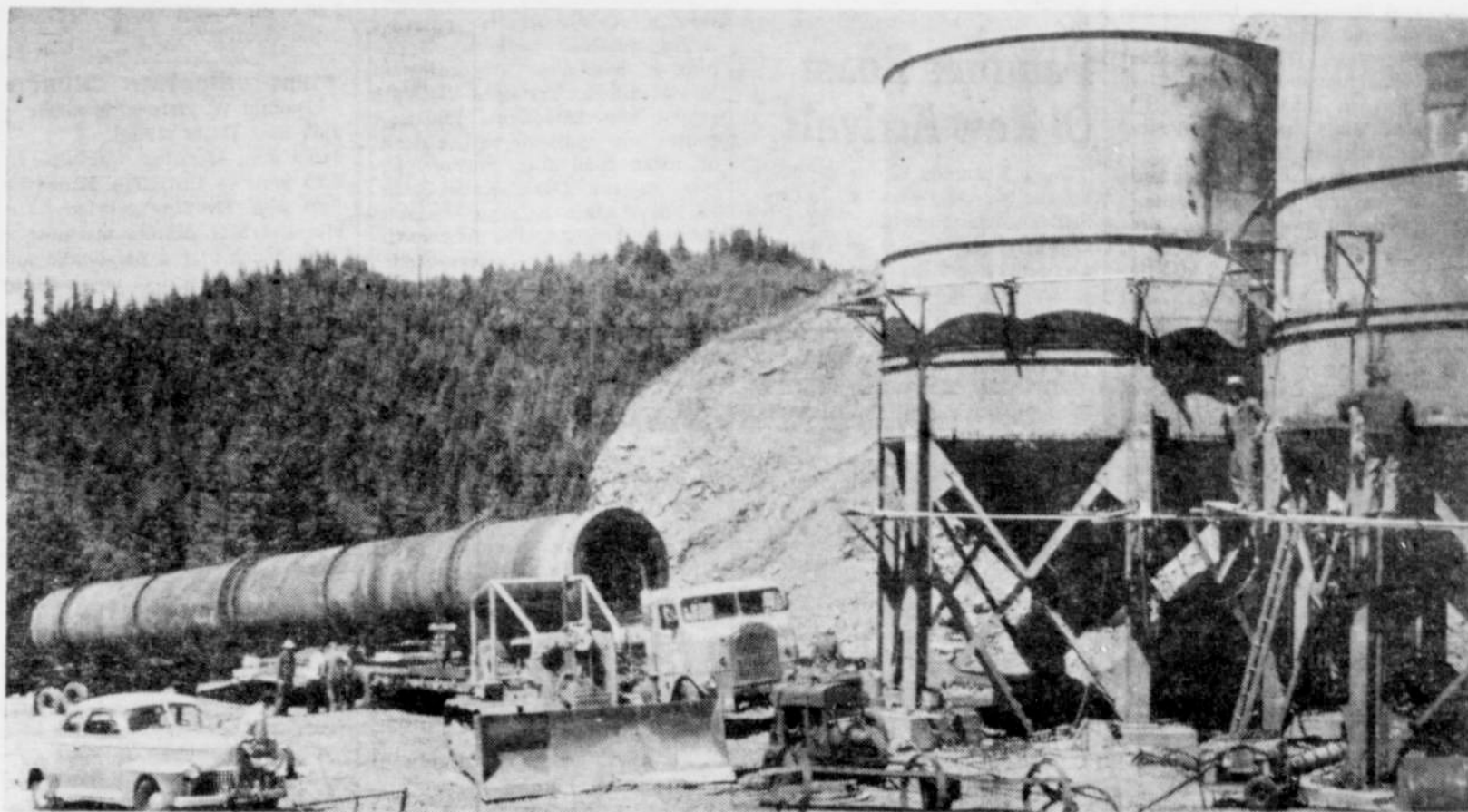
Dwight Strong, committee chairman for a large sign at Staley's Junction advertising Vernonia, reported that he had secured permission from H. E. McGraw, ex-Vernonian, to place the proposed sign on his property. Other details are being ironed out and final plans will be recommended next meeting.

Albert Schalock said that a "rock" committee had been set up, 20 members signed up and that a meeting will be held July 19 to elect officers and make formal organization.

Lyman G. Hawken Sr. and his Industries committee has been working with the Willamette Valley Electric Railway association in connection with a museum for their railway cars and other items in that category and also with prospective interested groups.

SS Information Hours Changed

The social security representative has announced that the new hours at Columbia county court house beginning July 1 will be 9 a.m. until 12 noon each Monday except national holidays. This change from 12 noon to 3 p.m. is being made in the interest of better service.



SMITHWICK Concrete Products workers were busy Monday moving the company's burner from Portland to new location at Haydite near Tophill after months of planning for change in operation. Burner is long cylinder on truck and trailer at left. Unit weighs 103,000 pounds and is 100 feet long. Trip from Portland started about 4 a.m. Monday and unit arrived at Haydite about

10:30 and was being readied for unloading from truck to cradle when photographed. Two large tanks at right called silos will hold green aggregate for supplying burner and two more silos are under construction at left to receive dry aggregate when it leaves burner. (New construction not shown.) Open house is planned next month after installation is completed.

Lions Utilize Park Kitchen

Lions club members made the first use as a group of the community kitchen they have built in the city park with the picnic for members and families held there Monday evening. Weather was perfect, turn out was good and the potluck dinner ample and excellent, to make it a good conclusion to the year. Meetings will resume in September.

Volley ball and base ball were arranged for the children, and many of the older folks joined in, but felt the effects somewhat the next day.

Consensus of opinion of the club members was that the kitchen project had been worth all the effort expended on it.

Jamboree to Start Week From Today; Last Details Topic for Meet Tonight

At the meeting of the Friendship Jamboree committee held last Thursday evening, a number of details were completed for the three day celebration which will begin one week from today. Final details will be ironed out tonight.

Efforts to arrange for a softball game on Saturday have been successful and teams from Longview and Portland will come here to play. Also, announcement was made that admission to the street dance which will be held Saturday night will be by booster button. They may be secured now

from Vernonia merchants. The Stardusters, Pacific University dance orchestra, will provide the music.

Entries are invited in all the events including golf tournament, swim meet and logging contest.

The last planning meeting for the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree will be held at the West Oregon meeting room this evening at 8 o'clock. All committee chairmen and members and concession representatives are requested to attend without fail.

July 4, kiddie pet and costume parade July 5 and the grand parade and horse show, July 6.

The swim meet will offer competition in a number of events for both boys and girls in age group classifications. Definite listing of these was not available Wednesday but John Harris may be contacted for information. Prize ribbons will be awarded in all events.

For the pet and costume parade Friday, entries are welcomed and information may be obtained from James Johns. First and second place prize ribbons will be given. Other events Friday will include a penny pitch at 10 a.m. before the free show and greased pole and greased pig races in the afternoon. Other activities will also be held at the park in the afternoon.

Bob Thompson, Saturday parade chairman, still wishes entries of any type. Judges for this event will be Bob Lindsay, Walter Parker and Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson.

The window exhibit committee has arranged for 24 exhibits. A few windows are still available and persons interested may contact Mrs. Art Ostrander.

Budget Given Approval by District Vote

The budget was approved and a new director elected for the Vernonia Union high school district at the election held at the high school Monday afternoon. A total of 121 persons turned out to voice their wishes with 79 of them expressing approval of the budget and 30 voting no.

Warren Aldrich is the new member of the board of directors as a result of 89 votes cast in his favor. Oscar G. Weed, retiring director, received 30 write-in votes and two voters wrote in the name of Oren Weed.

The board will meet tonight to reorganize for the coming year. They elect a chairman from among their number. Other members of the board are Claude Johnson, Howard Jones, Antone Smejkal and Sam Hearing Jr.

County Finances In Good Shape

Columbia county is ending its 1956-57 fiscal year in a sound financial condition with no debts and more than enough cash to pay all outstanding warrants, according to John W. Whipple, county judge. Columbia county has no bonded indebtedness and is finishing the fiscal year with a total balance in the general and general road funds of \$151,105.91, less any warrants that may be cashed between June 24 and June 30, 1957.

"Credit for our strong financial condition should be given to the splendid cooperation of officials and employees whose economies have made it possible to live within the limits of their respective budgets," the judge said.

293 Acres Planted on Columbia Farm in Past Season

Crown Zellerbach corporation planted 123,000 Douglas fir and white fir seedlings on 293 acres of the Columbia Tree Farm in the 1956-57 planting season. G. F. Hawkins, Columbia superintendent, announced in Vernonia this week.

Crews also planted 400 lodgepole pine seedlings and 100 Nordic fir on the Columbia acreage in planting operations that began last fall and were completed in the spring of 1957.

Over 1,625,000 seedlings have been planted on Crown Zellerbach's Columbia county forest properties since 1945, according to Robert C. Lindsay, former

resident forester. Most of the area artificially restocked was cutover land where natural re-seeding faltered.

Forester Leland M. Pugsley was the planting foreman for the 1956-57 operation directed by Lindsay.

Since World War II, Crown Zellerbach has reforested 33,500 acres on its tree farm properties in Oregon and Washington. Much of this has been hand planting of seedling trees grown at the Forest Industries Nursery at Nisqually, Washington.

More than 2,000 acres were seeded by helicopter in the past season, bringing to 15,300 the

Circus Acts, Flower Show Due at Fair

Circus acts and the return of the county-wide flower show in addition to usual activities will highlight the Columbia County Fair scheduled this year for August 15 to 18, it was announced this week by Jewett A. Bush, Clatskanie, manager of the annual county fair.

"Spangles and Sawdust" is the title of the big grandstand show which is staged by Monte Brook's Productions, Portland. The show will feature a variety of circus type acts including elephants and other animals and acrobats. The Monte Brooks orchestra will furnish music for most fair events.

The flower show returns to the fair this year for the first time in four years and all garden clubs in the county plus other interested individuals are invited to participate. Announcement of the flower show is made at this time to enable all garden clubber and gardeners to plan their entries in the event. Mrs. Elmer Loyd of Deer Island is superintendent of the flower show.

As in the past few years, the only charge for fair events with the exception of the carnival attractions will be made at the gate. The grandstand shows, other events and all exhibits are open to the public without charge.

"Spangles and Sawdust" will be staged Thursday night and both afternoons and evenings on Friday and Saturday.

The Grange talent show will again be held this year in addition to a variety of other events for children which will be announced later, the fair manager said. A Saturday night dance was also planned.

Haworth's Playland Shows will present the carnival attractions at the fair with a variety of kiddie rides in addition to the usual adult rides and attractions.

In preparation for this year's fair the fair board has been doing a variety of work at the grounds. A new fence has been erected in front of the grandstand and extensive repairs have been made to the grandstand and bleachers with replacement of seats and floor boards.

A welcome improvement of facilities is the construction of new modern restrooms and septic tanks and some showers have been installed for the use of those who stay at the fair grounds.

Also available for the use of exhibitors is a new concrete wash rack for all stock.

Work on the new kitchen being built on the 4-H-FFA dormitory is progressing and after the fair those facilities will be available to other groups wishing to stage events at the fairgrounds.

ATTENTION

Because of the July Fourth holiday occurring on Thursday of next week, the special Jamboree edition of the paper will be published a day early. As a result, all personal and social items to be used must be in this office by noon Monday.

Check Artists Caught

Virginia Janette Pierce, 39, of Oregon City and Sweet Home and Ralph Warren Greathouse, 36, Gladstone, were arrested here Tuesday by city and state police for cashing bad checks at four business places. Both are wanted in Clackamas county on a similar charge and are being held at St. Helens.

Park Attendant Averts Accident

The alertness of Miss Margaret Miner, park attendant, in all probability averted an accident at the swimming pool last Thursday, June 20. There is a safety rope that is kept stretched across the pool for small children and non-swimmers to hold to while practicing.

That morning, she noticed that the rope had been cut by vandals so as to almost sever it and leave it so that if a number of children had been on it, it would have broken. In such an event, the guard might not have been able to rescue all of them and in all probability some child would have drowned.

It is hard to understand the motive that would cause anyone to deliberately set the stage for a tragic accident. If he were apprehended, he could be arrested and the law provides for heavy fines and jail sentences. City officials have expressed the desire that all citizens be alert to apprehend such vandalism.