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Pageant to Be Feature for Yule Program

This year's annual Christmas program to be presented Thursday, December 19, by the local schools will feature a Nativity pageant presented by the intermediate and upper grade chorus and accompanying scenes. The narrator will be James Fletcher.

The primary grades from Lincoln and Washington school will present a Christmas fantasy entitled "Christmas Packages." The grade school band under the direction of William Johnson will open the program with a concert of selected Christmas music.

The high school chorus directed by Miss Carol Smith will conclude the program and Santa Claus will make his appearance at the end of the program with treats for the children.

Lions Entertain Guests Monday

Sixty-one Lions and their guests enjoyed a turkey dinner Monday evening when the local group entertained their wives and friends at the Washington grade school luncheon.

Special guests invited were people who had helped the Lions during their annual pancake feed. They were Mrs. Kate Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hoice, L. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderberg and Charles Cederburg. Gifts were presented to Mr. Nance and Mrs. Coates in recognition of their efforts toward the pancake feed. A door prize was won by Mrs. Marvin Kamholz.

The program for the evening included several music numbers by members of the grade school band. Solo numbers were by Christine King, David Brunson and JoAnne Aldrich.

The feature of the evening was a talk by Pat Cody on the history of aviation and the mystery of the "Flying Saucer". Cody, who is principal of John Gumm school in St. Helens and an active member of the civil air patrol, has lectured extensively on air education.

Wall Promoted At Gardiner

Charles Wall has been promoted to general superintendent of the Gardiner, Oregon branch of the Long-Bell division of the International Paper company, A. J. Myers, general manager at Gardiner, announced Saturday.

Wall has been assistant to Myers, since moving to Gardiner from Vernonia in 1954.

Net Men Take Beating Saturday from Pirates; Tally 2nd Win Over Banks

After absorbing a defeat last Saturday night at the hands of the Neahkahnie Pirates by a score of 54-36, the Vernonia Loggers rebounded with their second win of the year at the expense of Banks on the Braves home floor.

Final score of this game showed the Loggers topping the Banks five 53-47. After jumping off to an early game lead of eleven points, the local team managed to maintain a seven-point spread over the losers throughout most of the contest.

Banks made their only serious threat late in the fourth quarter, closing the gap to three points, but quick baskets by Akers and Howard put a stop to the threat and Vernonia went on to record their second win in three games of the still early basketball season. This Friday night the Loggers play Clatskanie, one of the strong favorites to win the North Coast league.

Next Member Meeting Set; Suggestion Heard on Possible Finance Means

January 8, was selected as the date for the next membership meeting of the Vernonia chamber of commerce when directors and committee chairmen met Monday evening. A potluck dinner will precede the meeting and Sam Gordon, bridge expert, former business advisor and CPA will be invited to speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyer were present and displayed a line of doll clothes and patterns that she is interested in marketing. It is a very simple pattern that even the youngest sewers can make. A meeting with the new industry committee was scheduled.

The industry committee reported on the new sawmill going up on the old Garner site and that negotiations are still going on for several other projects.

The Highway 99W Alternate association meeting was announced for December 11 at Gaston.

The retail trades committee reported having a follow-up meeting but only half a dozen people showed up for it, so nothing was accomplished.

A combined list of resources is being compiled by the Columbia County Development Commission, according to another report.

The Clean up, Paint up, Fix up campaign winners were: 1st, for home improvement, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burns; 1st, Yard of the year, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buckner, 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Solomonsen, 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moreland; a certificate of merit will go to the Vernonia Trading company and honorable mention to the city water department plant.

A report on the visit to the Rice home on the Sunset highway was given by the Rock club chairman, stating it was a most interesting exhibit.

The agriculture committee had received word from Don Coin Walrod to remind all persons

Ken Nanson Gets Special Mention

Vernonia residents had their pride in a favorite son given an extra large boost Tuesday when Slat Gill, Oregon State basketball coach, described Ken Nanson, senior from Vernonia, as the player who comes nearest to fulfilling his top potential of any he has coached in 30 years at Oregon State. Ken was further described as spring-legged and "tall" for an even six-footer, whose contribution on defense was not only effective but positively stifling against Oregon and Portland.

Nanson also accounted for 37 points for OSC in those games with one-handed push and jump shots.

BOX SCORE:	Points
Vernonia	
Don Savage	5
Dick Crowston	9
Larry Akers	7
Bill Howard	14
Jim Nanson	14
Jerry Dinger	2
Mike Mullins	2
Elvin Stiff	0
Byron Hawkins	0
Marion Knoll	0
Banks	Points
Mac Steward	6
Darrell Allen	6
Bob Trussel	11
Clyde Nunn	2
Dave White	12
Dick Lilly	3
Ken Allen	5

The Loggers JV's tallied a loss and a win also, dropping their encounter with Neahkahnie 49 to 40 and overriding Banks 56 to 27. Hawkins with 15 and Mullins with 12 were high scorers against the Junior Pirates while Mullins with 11 and Bender, 10, topped the list against Banks.

who raise cattle to register on December 19 when there will be a meeting for this purpose.

Lyman Hawken was present and told of two organizations he knew of who were financing an ambitious program by the selling of Christmas trees. The chamber agreed to write for information regarding this product with the idea that a like plan might be worked out for this group.

It was announced that there would be a meeting of the Friendship Jamboree committee the second or third week in January. The old committee will call the meeting and there will be a new committee selected.

New members of the Chamber are: M. C. Mask, The Pine Cone; Howard Sampson, Oregon Journal dealer and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meyer.

Postal Volume Gains Momentum

"The mounting volume of Christmas mail makes it more important than ever for everyone to 'Mail Early for Christmas'." Postmaster Bateman said today. He said further, "Last year we handled a total of 158,000 pieces of mail between December 1 and 25. So far this year, the post office has already received and sent many Christmas cards, letters and packages, and the real heavy rush is just getting underway."

If any Christmas card envelopes are larger than 9"x12" or smaller than 2"x4" they can be sent only by first class mail because such cards require hand cancellation.

If Christmas card or letter is enclosed in a gift package, merely add the appropriate letter postage to the postage for the package itself and indicate the presence of a letter or Christmas card inside the package.

In conclusion, the postmaster said, "We can make it a much merrier Christmas for everybody if you will just follow these three simple rules: Wrap your Christmas gifts securely; address your gifts and cards correctly; and mail them now!"

Post office hours from now until Christmas are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays included.

East Teams Win Grade Jamboree

The annual grade school basketball jamboree and pep night was held in St. Helens at the McBride school last Friday evening. Seven teams from Columbia county and the Estacada grade school participated. Vernonia defeated Estacada in the first game by a score of 11 to 6. The East teams defeated the West by a score of 58 to 48. East teams were Estacada, McBride, Scappoose, John Gumm. West teams were Vernonia, Clatskanie, Rainier and Westport.

The Toppers scheduled two games before the Christmas holiday. Yesterday Westport played here and Monday the Toppers will go to St. Helens to meet McBride.

Credit Union Extends Scope

At a meeting held last Friday evening at the Curl home by the board of directors of the Vernonia Federal Credit Union, the boundaries for its operation were extended into the Buxton and Birkenfeld areas. Previously they had been limited to a six mile radius of Vernonia.

Some planning was also done for the annual meeting which will be held in January and at which officers will be elected.

Short Outages Explained by Cooperative

Bonneville power administration work in connecting circuits at Keeler substation made it necessary to switch loads on December 5 and 6. The switching resulted in seven short interruptions to members receiving service from Vernonia, Timber and Elsie substations.

The Keeler substation which is located near the Sunset highway and Cornelius Pass road junction will help to give better service to Bonneville customers in the Washington and Tillamook county areas. This will also provide improved service to the cooperative at Timber affecting the Timber, Vernonia and Elsie substations.

On December 6, a limb blew through the transmission line between Timber and Elsie. This caused a four-hour interruption in service at the Elsie substation and affected the Elsie Jewell area.

A tree through a line in the Chapman district caused an interruption affecting four or five families on December 6. The high wind that day also caused other scattered interruptions resulting in individual outages.

County 4-H Club Officers Train

Thirty seven 4-H club members and 5 leaders enjoyed a day of fun and entertainment while attending a 4-H recreational training meeting on November 23 at the Rainier elementary school.

Mrs. Ann Weigant, Oregon State college, recreational specialist from Corvallis taught the club members new and interesting games that they can use in 4-H club meetings and other activities.

The meeting was opened with Charles Adams, Clatskanie, leading the salute to the flag and Charles Stevely, Warren, leading the 4-H pledge.

Wendell Curry, principal at the school gave the 4-Hers a few words of welcome and complimented them for their fine work as 4-H club members.

Charlotte Klein led the group in a few songs to the accompaniment of Marie Combs at the piano. Betty Combs entertained with two accordion numbers.

Robert Stevely, county extension agent in charge of 4-H club work, talked to the group on "The Importance of Being a 4-H Club Officer" and "What Makes Good Meetings."

Attack Claims R. Peterson

Word was received here Wednesday morning of the death the previous night of Russell Peterson, 64, of Newberg who formerly resided here in the Kist district on the place now owned by the Joe Johnsons. They moved to Newberg in 1951 after a heart condition made it impossible for him to continue with farming. Arrangements were pending word from relatives.

While here, Mr. Peterson was director of the West Oregon Electric cooperative from January, 1947 to February, 1951. He was also an active member of the Vernonia Grange.

Vroman to Reopen Shop

Word was received here Wednesday that Lyle Vroman is returning to Vernonia and hopes to reopen his barber shop this week end. He moved to Silverton several months ago.

Sophs Sponsor Dance

The sophomore class will sponsor a dance following the basketball game Friday night.

BLOODMOBILE SLATES VISIT

A visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile has been scheduled for Vernonia for next Thursday, December 19 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., according to word received Tuesday. The need for blood now is urgent due to the high accident and illness rate at this time of year. The quota for Vernonia is set at 60 pints.

As in the past, persons who donate may earmark their donation for some person if they so desire. Replacements are still needed for blood used for Danny Lawler and a number of teachers and others had already pledged to give for that cause when the bloodmobile came here. Also, Mrs. Ben Sharar who expects to have heart surgery in the near future would appreciate a back-log in her name in case it is needed.

Mrs. Irene Minger is chairman in charge of arrangements and the bloodmobile will be at the IOOF hall.

Monday Program Presents Author

The third national assembly program for this school year will be presented Monday at the high school at 2:45 and will feature Dr. No-Yong Park, lecturer and author on Far Eastern problems. He was born in Manchuria of Korean parentage and has made this subject a life-long study. His Oriental background, Occidental training and Mark Twain-like sense of humor make him an interesting as well as informative speaker.

The lecture is open to all who wish to hear him.

Dentist Slated For PTA Meeting

Dr. Reed Oldroyd, the dentist who comes to Vernonia each Wednesday from West Slope, will speak to the P.T.A. Monday evening on the subject of dental health. He will also show a film on the subject.

The meeting will be held in room 4 at the high school and musical numbers will round out the program.

Former Vernonia Boy in TV Spot

Local persons have been interested in catching the Supper Club TV program which originates in Portland and is seen Thursday evenings at 7:00 o'clock on channel 12 since they discovered that the pianist is Lawrence Knauss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Knauss, former Vernonia residents.

Property Tax Levy in State Hits Record Breaking \$167 Million

Despite lower property taxes in 12 of Oregon's 36 counties, property owners in Oregon will pay a record-breaking \$167,015,491 in property taxes (including assessments and per acre fees) in the 1957-58 tax year, according to a compilation just released by Oregon tax research, the state taxpayer association for Oregon. This all-time peak is \$7 million higher than the state-wide total of \$160.1 million levied last year. On a per capita basis, it amounts to \$96.12 for every man, woman and child in the state.

Of the \$167.1 million levied for the current year, \$105.9 million, or 63 per cent was for the schools. The 36-county school levy showed an increase of \$3.8 million over last year's school levy, despite an estimated \$4.9 million property tax offset for schools voted by the 1957 regular legislative session.

Scout Group Organized at Friday Meet

A meeting of the newly formed Boy Scout committee took place Friday evening at the grade school and John Harris has been named as chairman of the committee. Harvey Redmond was named as institutional representative from the PTA which will act as sponsoring group for the Scouts this year and Marvin Meyer was appointed as assistant scout master. Another assistant also is needed and will be chosen later.

Other members of the committee to date are Henry Anderberg, John Chamber, Lyman Hawkins Jr. and Marvin Kamholz.

Several ladies were also present Friday evening and made preliminary plans for forming a mothers' club after the first of the year.

Scoutmaster Caron has announced that first meeting for the boys who wish to be in the troop will be held this evening at the scout cabin in the city park at 7:00 p.m. He emphasizes that all boys over 11 years of age are welcome and they need not have been Cub Scouts to be eligible for Boy Scout membership. This first meeting has been called for Thursday evening but a regular meeting night will not be established until boys are signed up and the most advantageous time is determined.

Cattlemen To Register Here

A registration day to assist cattlemen of the Nehalem valley, including both beef and dairy, to register for the coming referendum on a beef commission will be held in Vernonia Thursday, December 19, announces Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent. Registration will be at the West Oregon Electric Co-op from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

To be eligible to vote cattle owners, regardless of the number owned, must register prior to the voting. The deadline for registration has been set as December 24.

To create the beef commission, a two-thirds majority of all growers voting must favor it and the total voting growers must represent at least one-third of the production in Oregon in the last crop season or year. In this case it will be based on the number of cattle and calves on Oregon farms as of January 1, 1957.

Office to Close for Week

The office of selective service, Local Board No. 2, at St. Helens, will be closed all of the week December 16 to December 21, an announcement from the office indicates.

The additional \$10 per census child for basic school support approved at the special session, which also is to be a direct property tax offset, will first take effect in the 1958-59 levies.

The twelve counties which showed a decrease are: Coos, Curry, Gilliam, Grant, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Tillamook, Wasco, Wheeler, and Yamhill. Largest decrease was in Yamhill county, where the levy was down 5.7 per cent from the prior year.

The taxes levied in Columbia county for the current year amount to \$2,012,757, an increase of 2.7 compared with the 1956-57 levy. Of this county-wide total, \$1,315,116 was for school purposes, compared to a school levy of \$1,348,583 last year.