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The grade school band directed by William B. Johnson will present a concert at the Washington school at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in which 16 selections will feature a wide variety of music. For the past several weeks, the band

has been working especially on Latin American rhythm and three types, the Tango, the Samba and Mexican music will be included in the repertoire.

The band is composed of 80 students from the 5th through the 8th grades. They appeared

earlier this year at Clatskanie at the Columbia county teachers' institute and were very well received.

There will be no charge for Sunday's concert and it is hoped there will be a good crowd both

as an encouragement to the band and as an opportunity for the people of Vernonia to see the excellent work they are doing. They will be appearing in their new uniforms, also. Names of the band members on page 3.

Dime Fund Now \$275

To date, \$275.21 has been turned in here for the March of Dimes fund, according to Mrs. Frank Serafin, local chairman. This does not include any that might have been sent in times folders received through the mail since they go directly to St. Louis and the report on them has not been received.

The teachers' march gathered \$186.79. This was considered very good when viewed in comparison to other communities in the county. The march in Clatskanie brought in \$22.22; Seaside, \$15.00; Rainier, \$10.18 and St. Helens, \$10.

Other funds received here are as follows: High school, \$14.44; grade school, \$8.87; Neighbors of Woodcraft, \$8.15; Do-Si-Do club, \$19.25; containers from stores, \$20.34 and a personal donation of \$7.39.

Company Asks Increase for Phone Charges

An application for increased telephone rates was filed today, February 13, 1958 with the Oregon Public Utilities Commission by the Oregon Telephone Company.

Continuing increases in wages, taxes and other operating costs, as well as the effect of inflation were given as major reasons for the proposed adjustment by L. E. Cross, district manager for the company.

Actually, Cross explained, the proposed rates are modest and will amount to less than two cents per day in the telephone bill of the average subscriber.

As an example, in the Vernonia exchange, the proposed increases include:

Business Service: one party—present \$8.40, proposed \$9.50; two party—present \$7.15, proposed \$7.95.

Residence Service: two party—present \$4.75, proposed \$5.25; 4 Party-Suburban—present \$4.00, proposed \$4.30.

"Since our last general rate increase was filed higher wage payments and increased state and local taxes have added over \$550,000 to our operating expenses," said Cross. "Taxes, alone, increased 24 per cent in 1957 over 1956.

"According to present plans we shall spend over three million dollars in the state in 1958 for new construction. These construction dollars will come from investors and we must maintain adequate earnings if we are to attract investment capital. A financially healthy company means more and better telephone service for everyone.

"To give some indication of our tremendous growth in this state," said Cross, "at the close of World War II, our plant value had risen to about \$17,000,000. Today it is about \$20,500,000.

"Despite our tremendous growth in recent years, the steady increase in population and greater use of the telephone make it necessary for us to continue to expand our plant and facilities. Increased prices for almost everything we buy to provide telephone service have reduced our earnings to the point where our ability to attract investment funds is endangered. A rate adjustment now will mean more and better service for the future."

Two Students On PU Honor Roll

The honor roll released last week at Pacific University, Forest Grove, listed two Vernonia boys among the few who had achieved a straight 4 point grade for the fall semester. They were William Albert Braun, mathematics major and Thomas Holce, science major. Both are seniors this year and are preparing for teaching careers. Bill has been doing practice teaching this year at Vernonia high school and Tom is now getting in practice at Hillsboro.

W.T. Graves Funeral Held

The large crowd that filled the Evangelical United Brethren church last Friday afternoon for the final rites for Wilbur T. Graves was a fitting tribute to a person who was so closely allied with the community and the flowers that banked the front of the auditorium were a true expression of the esteem in which he was held by old and young.

Mr. Graves, a native Oregonian, was born at Sheridan February 19, 1875 on his father's donation land claim. His parents had both come to Sheridan as young people in 1877 by covered wagon train and were married at Sheridan in 1882. Mr. Graves was the tenth of their 11 children born and raised there, only two of whom survive him.

Mr. Graves spent his early life at Sheridan, then moved to Hoquiam, Washington for a few years before coming to Vernonia in 1924, when the Oregon American mill began operations. He had lived here continuously since that time and worked at the mill until his retirement in April 1947. He was a life member of the International Woodworkers of America.

July 5, 1907, he was married at Sunnyside, Washington to Mabel Crawford. Last year they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception.

The services Friday were conducted by Rev. F. M. Knoll, pastor of the local E.U.B. church of which Mr. Graves was a member and Dr. Ernest Malton of the Sellwood Baptist church in Portland. Organist and pianist were Mrs. L. H. Thomas and Mrs. Lois Clark and Mrs. Lona Weidman was soloist. Casket bearers were Arthur Oveson, A. W. Gardner, Arthur Nanson, Allan Ray, T. F. Keasey and L. E. Stiff. Burial was in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery and arrangements were entrusted to Fuiten's Chapel in the Hills, Vernonia.

Survivors include his wife Mable; three sons, Thomas of Tigard, Morris of Gold Beach and Hale of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Christine Bogue of McMinnville and Mrs. Nellie Chapman of West Palm Beach, Florida; and eight grandchildren.

Help Wanted Saturday on Salvage Work

Men not now working who want to do a good turn will have the opportunity to work for a worthy cause Saturday, the day scheduled to tear down several houses located in the O-A flat area.

Announcement of the work day and plans for use of the lumber salvaged from the buildings was issued earlier this week by W. A. Davis. The lumber gained from the work will be used later to construct a 24-foot by 135-foot chicken house for Verl Barker who is gradually losing his sight.

Details announced for the work day are: men who intend to participate should bring with them a wrecking bar and hammer and report to or call either Davis or Harry Culbertson for instructions.

Five of the O-A houses have been purchased by the Lions club, C. L. Anderson, International Paper Company, American Legion auxiliary and the 40 et 8 to provide the lumber.

Donations will be needed in addition to the lumber in order to provide roofing and foundation materials for constructing the chicken houses. These donations may be sent to the Lions club, to Culbertson or to Davis. Help in the construction has also been assured by the blind foundation.

Nehalem River Work Completed

Some 25 miles of stream system of the north fork of the Nehalem river have been made more accessible for salmon and trout migration by a series of improved projects conducted by the Oregon fish commission over the past nine months.

The latest north fork Nehalem improver project—a concrete fishway over Waterhouse falls (located 1 1/2 miles upstream from the Highway 53 bridge)—was finished by the commission's engineering division last week. Although only nine feet in height, the Waterhouse falls had been a serious barrier to salmon and trout at most water stages, according to Harry C. Warren, fish commission engineering director.

"During construction of the Waterhouse falls fishway, considerable numbers of silver salmon were able to surmount the barrier through temporary fish passage facilities that were installed," Warren said.

2 BRIDGES TO BE REPLACED

The Columbia county court yesterday announced with the Oregon state highway department in the construction of two bridges at M.S. #6.25 and M.S. 58.16 on the Molokai highway, the same to cost approximately \$208,880.

"The bridges will be built with portions of P&S funds available to the State of Oregon for use on the state highway system and does not come out of Columbia county's allocation and in no way affects the amount available to our county for county road purposes," according to John W. Whipple, county judge.

The locations of these two bridges are understood to be between Pittsburg and Vernonia, replacing two narrow existing bridges across the Nehalem river.

Drama Club to Give Programs

Saturday, February 15th, the Vernonia high school drama club will present the first of two evening programs scheduled for this school year. This Saturday's entertainment will consist of a trio of plays, two of which will deal with the responsibilities and obligations of man to society, and the other is a humorous reading.

Those who are in the cast of the first play, "No Greater Love" are Lorraine Cunningham, Judy Featherston, Don Tunnell, Allen York and Joyce Sullivan.

The second play, "A More Perfect Union", will be presented by Vicki Serafin, Charlotte Hult, Janelle Thomas, Carol Cotton, Freda Cotton, Darlene Bernardi, Mary Millis, Nina Sampson and Penny Hayes.

Refreshments will be served between curtain times.

Tickets will be on sale starting Wednesday, and will also be sold at the door Saturday night. Curtain time for the first play will be 8:00 p.m.

Musician On Assembly Bill

Galen Miller Harvey, pianist and organist, will be presented at the National Assembly program at the Washington school tomorrow, February 14, at 2:45 p.m. He presents a variety program and is a humorist as well as a skilled performer. The public is invited to see his program.

Blue, Gold Dinner for Cubs Intended Feb. 21

At the Cub Scout committee meeting held February 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serafin, final plans were made for the annual Blue and Gold dinner to be held Friday, February 21. The affair is just what each den mother and the mothers of her den planning their own menu. Den 5 will make coffee and punch for the dinner. Each den is going to invite a guest and their families and they are as follows: Den 1, Service Commissioner; Bill Holter and Dr. Harold Pessin, Reserve church; Den 3, Leslie Caron, scoutmaster; Den 4, Mrs. Earl King, PTA president; Den 5, Mayor Don Bayley; Den 6, Harold Proehl, superintendent of grade schools; Den 7, Don Lawler, institutional representative, and Don Fowler, assistant cub-

master; Webelos 1, Marvin Heger, neighborhood commissioner. The next committee meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Larry Brady.

317 Drivers Lose Rights

Information released by the state department of motor vehicles for the period January 27 to 31 showed a total of 317 licenses suspended throughout the state. Only Grant and Harney counties had no suspensions in that period and six others had only one each. They were Benton, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Wallawa and Wheeler. Multnomah county topped the list with 103 suspensions.

In Columbia county for that period, two licenses were suspended.

States Make License Deal

A new reciprocal agreement on licensing passenger cars went into effect in Washington, Oregon and Idaho January 1. The agreement will permit a person to move from one of the three states to another without having to buy a new automobile license immediately. The owner will be able to operate his car in the new state on the old state's plate until the old plate expires.

Caylite Board Elected Monday

Sam Hearing Jr. was elected as president of the Caylite Candle factory board of directors at the annual meeting held Monday evening at the factory. Other officers and directors elected were Art Ostrander, vice-president; Mrs. Evelyn Heath, secretary-treasurer and James Caywood and Dwight Strong, directors.

Reports of officers for 1957 were heard also Monday evening and plans were made for the coming year. An inspection of the plant was made to observe improvements during the past year and to plan development for this year.

League Leaders Deal First Loss In Conference Play by Loggers

The league leading Hood River Dragons were dealt their first conference loss of the season by the Vernonia Loggers last Friday night 62-60. The game was close all the way with the Loggers fighting back from five points behind at half to win the thriller in the last five seconds on Bill Howard's pair of free throws.

Vernonia trailed during most of the first half and Hood River, mainly behind the shooting of guard Dick Albrecht went out at the end of two quarters 3 points up, 30-27. At the start of the second half, the Loggers dropped 3 points behind and then settled down to their task and started the slow climb back up. Two

sophomores played important roles in this half. Fred Bender took up the rebounding strength lost when Dick Crowston fouled out, and Mike Mullins held Albrecht, who had scored 15 points in the first half to 3 in the second. Leading the Vernonia scoring was Howard with 20, Nanson with 16 and Crowston with 12.

Coach Kerry Moran, happy with the win, which is one of the biggest upsets in the A-2 ranks this year thought that Hood River played well, but that the Loggers, finally realizing their potential, were not to be denied. Friday night the Loggers are again at home against the second place Rainier high Columbians.