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Christmas Cheer

1958

It's a great joy to wish you a Merry Yule and to say "thank you" for your friendship during 1958!



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Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kamholz

Melvin Schwab

Mrs. Lesta Garner

Mrs. Ethel Larsen

Mrs. Rita Shipley

Mrs. Grace Peachey

Mrs. Austin Dowling

Mrs. Mildred Tupper

West Coast Posts New Authorized Rate Raises

West Coast Telephone company, complying with the Oregon PUC's December 13 rate-increase order, announced new schedules December 22 for all exchanges in its three districts in the state.

Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan cut back the company's request for \$629,000 in local rate relief to \$250,543, necessitating a complete recomputation of the tariff schedules originally filed in Salem February 13, 1958.

Roy Peterson, West Coast general commercial superintendent, and five aides worked continuously for more than 50 hours recomputing the rates so as to arrive at the proper number of dollars and maintain the spread between classes of service.

"Oregon PUC staff members were very complimentary about the speed with which we had spread the rates and the form of our newest filing," Peterson said.

Effective date of the local exchange rates allowed by Morgan was December 16. New toll rates

and service connection charges which were called for in the order went into effect December 13. All will be pro-rated to adjust to the company's billing cycles.

Lyle E. Cross, West Coast's Beaverton district manager, explained that the company has sought a higher rate of return to enable it to pay a reasonable dividend, make an adequate accumulation of surplus and provide a sound base for anticipated growth.

Cross advised that the old and new rates in the district's Vernonia and Clatskanie exchanges compare as follows:

| | Business Service | |
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| | Old Rate | New Rate |
| 1 party | \$6.40 | \$9.65 |
| 2 party | \$7.15 | \$8.10 |
| 4 party | \$6.15 | \$6.60 |
| Suburban | \$6.15 | 6.60 |
| | Residence Service | |
| | Old Rate | New Rate |
| 1 party | \$5.80 | \$6.60 |
| 2 party | \$4.75 | \$5.35 |
| 4 party | \$4.00 | \$4.20 |
| Suburban | \$4.00 | \$4.20 |

FFA Boys Name Speech Choice

Roger Ostrander has been selected to represent the Vernonia high school Future Farmers of America chapter in the district speech contest to be held January 8 at Hillsboro. He was chosen from among twelve junior and senior boys who competed locally.

Final selection of Ostrander was made when he and Byron Hawkins, as top two contenders, spoke before the Vernonia Lions club.

Ostrander talked on the modern method of haymaking called pelleting. Speeches were graded on voice, stage presence, power of expression, general effect and response to questions.

Third and fourth place winners here were George Brown and Jack Lindsay.

C of C Meeting Date Set

Due to lack of a quorum Monday evening, the chamber of commerce board of director's meeting scheduled for that evening was not held. The next meeting is set for January 8 and at that time, plans will be made for the quarterly membership meeting.

Net Men Take Measure of Viking Five

The Vernonia Loggers, looking more impressive with each outing, travelled to Tillamook to play the Tillamook Catholic Vikings and sent their hosts down to a 76-45 defeat. Vernonia jumped off to a first quarter lead, and although the Loggers led throughout the first half, the Vikings stayed in contention and trailed at the half-way mark by only eleven points, 31-23. After four quick points by Tillamook, the Vernonia team settled down to the business at hand and quickly spread the gap to twenty five points.

The reserves took over in the fourth quarter and demonstrating that they can also play the game well, upped the winning margin to thirty-one points.

Coach Kerry Moran was again well pleased with the entire team effort and felt that the squad has made real improvement with each game and is fast shaping up into a well balanced team, mixing a strong tough defense with a potent offense. Dick Crowston led the Vernonia scoring, tallying twenty-two points, and Bill Howard swished through sixteen, more.

The Loggers now take a five day vacation from the hardwood floor after which they will resume two a day drills in an effort to avenge the early season setback they suffered at the hands of their next opponent, Rainier. The local team will try and combat the extreme height advantage by speed and shooting in the high school gym Friday, January 2.

Service Saturday For Helen Dove

Mrs. Helen Dove, wife of high school principal Eugene Dove, passed away Thursday morning at their home on A. street following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Dove had suffered with multiple sclerosis which was first diagnosed in 1941. She had been unable to walk unassisted since 1949. Death was directly attributed to an accidental fall at her home Thursday morning.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dove were held Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Evangelical United Brethren church with its pastor, the Rev. F. M. Knoll officiating. Robert Sargent, pastor of the Christian church sang "Under His Wings" and "My Home-Sweet Home", with Miss Mary Ann Clark and Mrs. Lois Clark serving as organist and pianist. Casketbearers were Carlton Moran, Harold McEntire, Tom Bate-man, Guy Thomas, Wesley Bolmeier and Sam Hearing Jr.

Concluding graveside services and interment were Saturday afternoon at the Masonic cemetery at Cottage Grove with arrangements entrusted to the Fuiten and Davis Chapel in the Hills Mortuary, Vernonia.

Mrs. Dove was born April 15, 1909 at Cottage Grove where she attended school and grew to womanhood. She then attended and was graduated from the Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland, following which she returned to Cottage Grove to teach.

She taught at Cottage Grove until her marriage there to Eugene Dove on June 2, 1935. She then taught at Marcola, Eugene, Portland and Springfield before failing health forced her retirement in 1946. She had lived in Vernonia for the past seven years.

Surviving is her husband, Eugene Dove, Vernonia; a sister, Mrs. Harriett Kintzly, Springfield; a half sister, Mrs. Hazel Spencer, Albany; an aunt, Mrs. Harriett Bartles and a cousin, Marie Hill both of Springfield, Oregon.

Yule Decorations Enliven Season

This year, Vernonia seems to have blossomed forth as never before with attractive Christmas decorations and a drive around town in the evening is recommended as a part of the Christmas celebration.

An outstanding display which is attracting much attention and which is notable for pointing up the true meaning of Christmas which is so often lost in the shuffle, is the nativity scene at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Curl. Carols which are played

during the evening add to the enjoyment of it.

Other high points among the many to be seen are the reindeer and sleigh in the Grant Thayer yard, the prettily decorated homes along South First avenue, the Frank Lange and Wilbur Davis homes on State street, the Glen Hawkins and Guy Thomas homes in Riverview, the twinkling tree in the George Laird yard and other decorated trees and lights on houses too numerous to mention. A tour up and down the various streets reveals points of interest on nearly every one.

The community tree decorated by the Lions club on the lot by the shay is beautiful and outstanding. It, and the new candle decorations, added to the usual street decorations, have made Vernonia a cheery place this Christmas season. This project of the Lions club is one much appreciated by all residents.

Capacity Crowd Views Program

Approximately 1000 persons attended the annual Christmas program at the Washington grade school Monday evening. The auditorium was filled to capacity for the program which featured the play, "Stars Over Christmas," which told the story of Christmas in several places and times as recalled by the stars.

A welcome by the kindergarten and selections by the high school chorus and the combined bands of the grade and high school were also included in the program.

Mrs. Dorothy Sandon was general chairman of the program and the music was under the direction of Robert Thornton and Mrs. Carol Smith.

A large decorated tree, furnished by the E. P. Stamm Tree Farm, was the focal point of attention as Santa Claus made his appearance at the end of the program and passed out treats to the youngsters.

Over 700 bags of candy furnished through contributions from the people of the community were distributed.

School closed at noon Tuesday with Christmas parties in the various rooms and a school lunch featuring hamburgers as a treat.

Sheriff Names Deputy Officers

Spencer Younce, sheriff-elect, announced last week that his deputies will be Fred Roediger, now with the sheriff's office, and Darwin E. Shaw who was with the state police game division from 1953 to 1956.

The appointments become effective the first of the year when Younce takes over his duties as sheriff.

Dens to See TV Show

Mrs. Ellen Hanson, den mother for den 5, and Mrs. Rena Brady, den mother for den 1, will take the Cub Scouts in their dens to Portland Friday, December 26, to attend the Heck Harper Pioneer Club program which appears on Channel 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The boys hope to be seen on the program.

Hill Addition to Benefit City; Gift Adds Value

An Editorial

There has been some talk about a referendum petition against the ordinance annexing the O.A. hill property to the city. This ordinance is the one read for the first time last Monday evening and which was to be read the second and third times last night at the special council meeting.

The ordinance procedure for adding the hill to the city was drawn up by attorneys for the city according to legal requirements. There seems also to be some thought that if the property is not annexed, the city cannot sell the houses on the property in question.

Such is not the case because the city is now the owner of the property even though it is outside city limits because title was transferred when the Long-Bell Division of International Paper company made the gift recently. A deed for the gift has been issued and recorded.

If Long-Bell had not desired to make this gift to the city, the property would have been disposed of in some other manner and sold to prospective purchasers anyway. As it is, the city received a gift, the value of which has been estimated to amount to at least \$75,000, and which stands to benefit the community in several ways.

First, as money comes in from rentals and sales of houses, the fund for construction of a sewage disposal plant will be increased. The state sanitary authority informed city officials several years ago that this plant must be built and has more recently set the deadline for 1960. Cost of this plant, which will replace the present inadequate disposal facility, has been placed at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

A second benefit is the additional storage facility for water. This storage tank, located atop the hill, has a capacity of 100,000 gallons and, should the city construct such a tank new, the cost would be at least \$35,000. By spending a little less than \$3000 the O.A. tank can be placed in top condition and incidentally, the construction of such a tank was recommended by the city engineer seven years ago in order to round out needs, to fully modernize the city water system. This tank completes this phase of the program.

A third point to consider is the assessed valuation which is now listed at \$506,545 for the city. With the addition of the hill to present city boundaries, this valuation will increase and as a result, present tax levies can be expected to decrease. It is not possible to give definite figures for this decrease because the county assessor has not listed a separate valuation for the hill.

Fourth, the city can expect additional money from two state sources, the state liquor allocation and the state highway street fund, both of which are determined on a per capita basis. During the fiscal year from July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958 the city received \$9586.09 from the state street fund and \$2956.11 from the liquor allocation, the former amounting to \$6.39 per capita and the latter \$1.94 per capita.

Shouldn't these points be considered before the city is called upon to foot the expense of a special election.