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Highway 99WA Slates Annual Member Meet

The annual membership meeting of the Highway 99W Alternate Road association will be held in Vernonia Wednesday evening, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. It will be a dinner meeting at the Masonic temple served by the Nehalem Social club.

Election of officers and the regular agenda of business will take place and the guest speaker will be Tom Edwards, construction engineer from the state highway department who will be accompanied by his assistant D. J. Barbee, who is in charge of highway design.

Everyone who is interested in the proposed alignment of this highway from McMinnville, Forest Grove, Vernonia, Apiary cutoff, Rainier across Longview Bridge to Highway 99 at Kelso, is invited to attend. Secure tickets at the Chamber of Commerce office or at the door before the dinner.

Wooden School Talk Reprinted

A section from the Congressional Record for February 16 which was brought to the Vernonia Eagle office this week carries the re-print of a talk which had been given by Lee Wooden of Jewell before the students at Vernonia high school recently. The speech had previously been carried in the February issue of Ruralite. It was reprinted in the Congressional Record at the request of Senator Richard Neuberger.

A preface to the speech gives this information: "Seventy-seven year old Lee Wooden, president of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative association and pioneer Clatsop county timberman and farmer, tells people he has retired. Lately, he has been making a hobby of bringing to the young people of his state an awareness of the meaning of rural electrification."

In his speech he gives a history of the establishment and development of the REA program and tells of its affect on the country and brings out the fact that without it, many families would still be without the conveniences afforded by electricity.

Wooden is also a member of the board of directors of West Oregon Electric Cooperative.

Jamboree On Agenda

A general Jamboree meeting has been called for this Friday evening, March 6 at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon building to discuss various plans for carrying out this year's event. All organizations that possibly can be asked to have representatives there and all interest individuals also are urged to attend.

The steering committee met last Friday evening to discuss program and financing plans and their findings will be reported Friday evening. Some appointments have been made, also and will be announced at the general meeting.

Forestry Talk Wins Top Place

Byron Hawkins, representing the Future Farmers of America chapter at Vernonia high school, took first place in a speech contest at the meeting of the Clatskanie Soil Conservation district at Clatskanie last week. He competed against boys from the Clatskanie and Rainier chapters. His speech was on forestry conservation and won for him a \$10 prize.

Next Wednesday evening, March 11, the boys from the local F.F.A. chapter will present a program for the Natal Grange in which they will give demonstrations to show activities they have carried out this year. This will be presented at 9 p.m. and the meeting will be opened to visitors.

During spring vacation, March 18-21, Byron Hawkins, Dave Ruediger and their instructor, Welcome Rumbaugh, will attend the state F.F.A. convention at Corvallis.

License Gives Right to Shave

With Oregon Centennial beards coming into prominence in Vernonia more and more and with added pressure being exerted on those who continue to shave, it was inevitable that some means of protection should be devised for their safety.

Hence, the Smoothie license was placed on sale this week by the chamber of commerce. To date, sales are going well and men who wish to secure licenses may get them at the C of C office in the city hall, from Mrs. Dick Burns at the City cafe or from Lou Towne.

Council Sells More Houses On Hill Area

Three more houses on the O.A. hill were sold by the city council Monday night to bring to 11 the number so far sold or bargained for. Those sold by Monday night's action were number 3 to Charles Rosier, number 5 to Charles Minger and number 23 to Reuben Pederson.

In other action Monday night, Guy Thomas, manager of the West Oregon Electric cooperative was present and after some discussion, an agreement was reached regarding the tearing down of the old power lines on the hill and construction of a new one. According to the agreement, the poles will be placed in the alleys where possible.

The bid of Richard Meyer was accepted for the removal of trees from the row of houses along the highway.

The recorder was instructed to notify all residents of the O.A. hill that the property is now within the city limits of Vernonia and subject to all city ordinances and regulations.

Leslie Caron, Scoutmaster, and E. V. Robertson were present and asked permission to make improvements on the Scout cabin and also asked assurance that the Scouts could continue to use it. Permission was granted and they indicated plans for asking assistance from some organizations and individuals.

The council also authorized the park committee to inspect the cabin and make necessary repairs in wiring and other items to make the cabin safe.

Fire Chief R. L. Thompson was present and requested that the city purchase a new resuscitator which is up to date and operates automatically and is more easily used than the old one which has been in use for many years. After discussion and demonstration of the unit, the council voted to purchase it.

To Show Proofs

Representatives from the Woltz Studios will be at the VFW hall Wednesday, morning March 11 from 11:30 a.m. to noon to show proofs of the pictures taken at Vernonia children last month. Parents who wish to see the proofs may do so at that time.

GROUP PREPARES MARCH 14 EVENTS

Ticket sales for Town and Country day events are going ahead well according to Chamber of commerce committee members in charge of the event. Tickets are on sale for the smorgasbord which will be held at the Legion hall from 6:30 to 8:30 March 14 and for the dance which will follow it. FFA boys at the high school have been assisting cham-

ber members with the ticket sale. The committee has announced that tables for parties will be available at the smorgasbord. Also, plans are to decorate the hall and give it a festive air for the affair.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the six-piece Music-Makers dance band from Rainier.

The whole affair is designed to be outstanding entertainment and should rank high among such affairs ever held here. Everyone is urged to get tickets and not miss out on any of the fun.

All persons who have items to donate for the white elephant sale which will be held during the afternoon on Town and Country day are urged to let the committee know about them so that they can determine how much will be available for auction. Either Dick Burns or Lou Towne should be contacted and if necessary, they will arrange to have articles picked up.

To accommodate persons who wish to bring articles in this Saturday, the old post office building will be open from 1 to 2 p.m. At other times, things may be left by contacting Burns or Towne who will open the building. It will also be open the morning of March 14 to receive late articles.

An auctioneer from Hillsboro is donating his services for the auction.

Lions International Director Slated as Speaker; 200 Expected

Ted G. Peterson, Seattle, director of Lions International, will be speaker for the banquet Saturday evening at the 36-0 district Lions meeting which will be held here all day Saturday. Peterson is a past president of the Ballard district Lions club at Seattle where he has a record of 11 years perfect attendance. He also is a past zone chairman and district president.

He is a member of the Washington state senate and a member of the interim fisheries committee. He has been active in youth programs in Seattle, including five years as Hi-Y leader, three years as chairman of Northwest YMCA, three years as Scout leader and president of Ballard Boys club.

Approximately 200 Lions from district 36-0 which includes Northwest Oregon, are expected here Saturday. District Governor Royal Chapple will be in charge of the meeting which will start with a general assembly at 10 a.m. after which it will break up into discussion groups. Rooms in the high school and Washington school will be used.

Local entertainment will be provided by the grade and high school music departments under the direction of Miss Carol Smith and Robert Thornton.

Quentin Cox, chairman of the Oregon Centennial commission will speak at the noon luncheon. Both the luncheon and banquet will be at the Washington school cafeteria and members of the PTA will assist with the serving.

Harold McEntire, president of the Vernonia club, has been in charge of making arrangements for the district meet.



TED G. PETERSON

George Derrick Rites Thursday

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon at the Fuiten and Davis Chapel in the Hills for George L. Derrick, aged 94, who passed away on Tuesday at the Crestview Nursing Home at Scappoose. He had been in a Portland hospital for some time before being transferred to the nursing home the week before his death.

Mr. Derrick was born at Eugene January 17, 1865. He was the son of pioneer parents, his mother coming to Oregon in 1850 as a girl of 14 by covered wagon from Independence, Missouri, a trip that required six months, and his father coming west around the Horn as a young man. He was one of 15 children, and is survived by only one brother, Hubert Derrick of Fallon, Nevada.

He had lived at Elsie for 50 years before coming to Vernonia last year to make him home with his nephew, George H. Derrick, who lives on Mellinger road. Other survivors included two nephews and four nieces.

Rev. A. L. Argo of the Baptist church officiated at the services which were under the direction of the Atkins Sunset Chapel, Warren, Oregon. Burial was in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Services Held For Joe Johnson

Joseph M. Johnson 48, who in recent years had made his home on the Peter Bergerson place on Timber route passed away Sunday morning, March 1 at the Emanuel hospital in Portland.

Funeral services were held at the Fuiten and Davis Chapel in the Hills mortuary, Vernonia with the Rev. F. M. Knoll, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren church officiating.

Concluding services and interment were at the Memorial cemetery.

Joseph Martin Johnson was born April 23, 1910 at Spokane, Washington where he spent his early life. As a young man he moved to Portland and then later lived for several years at Cornelius before moving to Vernonia nine years ago. He was a bookkeeper and had spent most of his lifetime working as a bookkeeper in the lumber industry.

April 25, 1942 at Silverton he was united in marriage to Florence Anna Ohler, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Janet Marie, Karen Ann and Joann Lee Johnson, all students in the Vernonia schools; his parents, Neils and Emma Jensen and a brother, Richard Jensen, all of Timber route, Vernonia.

He had been a member of the Vernonia high school board of directors for the past year.

Successful Season Ends

The Vernonia Loggers closed out a highly successful season last week, earning themselves a very respectable 15-5 won and lost record for the 1952-1953 basketball season. It is interesting to note that Vernonia has defeated the two teams, Star-of-the-Sea and Corbett, involved in a playoff for the state tournament berth from this district.

Even though this league voted the Loggers out of contention, the Vernonia team did earn some fine recognition in the Oregonian state poll which listed them the number nine team in their class throughout most of the current season.

Considering there are well over a hundred B schools in the state this shows the respect the local Blue and Gold warriors earned for themselves throughout the state. Coach Kerry Moran felt that although not being considered for league or district honors definitely made itself felt, the team demonstrated on many occasions the spirit and desire necessary to overcome this difficulty, playing what he thought was the best brand of ball that he has had in the four years he has been at the Vernonia helm.

For the season, the Loggers averaged 61 points a game, while holding their opponents to 46. This is very good considering that it was an entire team effort since in many of the games Coach Moran played all of the boys on the squad an equal amount of time and each of the boys used contributed to the fine record.

Of the five games lost, two were by one point, one was by three points, another by six points and the biggest loss, to Clatskanie, a team Vernonia beat in their second meeting, was by 14. Each of the teams that defeated Vernonia, like Clatskanie, suffered a defeat themselves at the hands of the Loggers in one of their two games.

A check of the record books and score books that are available and cover a period of approximately ten years or more show that the current edition of the Vernonia squad established three new school marks: the high single game score of 88 points, the high single game individual score set by junior Fred Bender with 35 and the most games won in a single season with 15 victories. Scoring honors for the season

went to four-year letterman Bill Howard with 273 points, closely followed by Bender with 271. Next came the leading rebounder of the squad, Dick Crowston, with 186. The first five were rounded out by Mike Mullins with 169 and Byron Hawkins with 92.

Things also look up for the coming seasons with the varsity squad having seven boys who saw action returning again. These players were very effective during the current campaign and will be bolstered by junior varsity squad members who, under the direction of assistant coach Clark Anderson, also enjoyed a very fine season.

Boys making varsity letters were: Bill Howard, fourth award; Dick Crowston, third award; Mike Mullins, Fred Bender, Craig Davies, Leonard Hunneman and Elvin Stiff, second awards and Byron Hawkins, Marvin Mask and Ted Bodenhamer, first awards.

All in all, with Vernonia playing its first full season against schools of a comparable size, it was a very good season—one which the squad, the school and the town can be proud of.



THE SWEEPSTAKE trophy from the Gay Nineties parade at Forest Grove last Saturday was brought home by a Vernonia entry part of which is pictured above. They also took first place in the open class. The entry was James Johns, who is pictured here receiving the award, and

Don Webb dressed as trappers with the burros belonging to Johns and the Webb dog. They were followed by their "squaws," Mrs. Don Webb and Douglas Johnson. The trophy is on display at Bill's Hardware.