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Second Dinner Announced for This Saturday

The Vernonia Ministerial association is having another men's fellowship dinner at the City cafe Saturday, January 23 at 6:30 P.M. Those who attended the last dinner enjoyed the fellowship and this dinner is in response to requests for more like it.

The dinner will also be a farewell for Rev. Ronald Persyn of the Nazarene church who will be moving to Gresham by the end of January.

Along with the dinner will be the film showing and a tape narration of the famous painting "The Crucifixion" in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California. This is the largest painting in the world, 195 feet long and 45 feet high. Instead of Christ being on the cross, as most artists picture Him, in this picture He is shown just before he was placed on the cross. Seeing these slides and hearing the narration along with music will be almost like taking a trip to Glendale.

All men who can be encouraged to attend the dinner. Tickets are \$1.25 each.

Credit Union to Pay 4% Dividend

Members of Vernonia Federal Credit Union voted to pay a four per cent dividend on 1959 savings at their annual meeting Saturday night, January 16 at the West Oregon Electric Co-op. meeting room.

Other business included the election of new board members for two year terms. Those elected were Mrs. Owen East, Wally Noakes and Mrs. Gerald Russell. Elected to the supervisory committee were Owen East and Miss Frances Dinger. Re-elected to the credit committee were Mrs. M. B. Steers Jr. and Sam Hearing Jr.

Dick Schmidt, an officer of the Tektronix Credit Union, was the principal speaker. He stressed the possibilities for growth of a community credit union.

Schmidt also pointed out that credit unions in the United States were first started in 1909. The fiftieth anniversary last year was marked by the greatest gains in credit unions to date.

Following the annual meeting, the board of directors met and re-elected George Koski as president. Wally Noakes was elected vice-president; Mrs. Gerald Russell was re-elected treasurer and Mrs. Owen East was re-elected clerk.

Following the meeting coffee and doughnuts were served.

New Agency Hours

New hours for the liquor agency in Vernonia will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. effective Monday, February 1.

Petitions Ask Election to Extend Union High District

An effort to consolidate all schools within the area included in the Vernonia union high school district is now being made with the circulation of petitions addressed to the board of union high school district I asking them to call an election as provided by law and present to the voters the proposition of extending the district to include the elementary grades.

The Oregon revised statutes under which the petitions have been drawn states as follows:

"Any union high school district, may, when authorized by the legal voters of the district, extend the course of study in the district to include five years above the seventh grade or six years above the sixth grade, and in like descending order may extend its course to include any or all grades of the schools of the union high school district in the manner provided in ORS 335.495 to 335.505."

If 100 signatures are secured on the petitions and they are presented to the board, they will then be obliged to call an election in all the districts served by the

union high school within 30 days.

If such an election is called and a majority of those voting and a majority of the districts voting are favorable, it will have carried. In that event, all elementary boards will automatically go out of existence and the union high school board will function until the next annual election when it, too, will go out of existence and a new five-man board will be elected from the district at large to administer the new consolidated district.

It is expected that petitions will be filed with the high school board by the end of this week.

Council Grants Use of Hall for Hearing; Considers Interior Work

Permission for use of the city hall by the public utility commission for a public hearing about closing the S.P.&S. station here was granted by city councilmen when they met Monday evening. The hearing date will be announced later.

The council will give future consideration to an application by Jake VanZee for the cemetery sexton position the members decided. They also heard a letter stating that title insurance without reservations would now be written on the O.A. subdivision

by the St. Helens Title and Trust.

Formerly, purchasers of O.A. property had been faced with accepting title insurance with a public usage clause written into the deed and some were reluctant to buy when clear title insurance could not be obtained.

The new fire station came up for consideration, first with the decision to carry \$7000 insurance on the station and second that interior finishing work is to begin. The fire department is ready to finish the floor after preparatory work by C. J. Schaumburg and additional heating is to be installed when wiring is completed.

The council heard a report that the Home Water association is in difficult financial condition because of discrepancy between gallonage readings of the city meter and the total meter readings of users in the association. The council will consider a rate reduction amendment to the ordinance regulating charges.

H. C. Hertel asked councilmen about plans for developing the south park area and was told the area would be put in shape for this summer. The Vernonia Society through Lester Sheeley is interested in having its annual picnic there this year.

The engineering survey of the proposed sewage lagoon site is to be completed soon and when estimates and preliminary plans are ready, a spokesman for the engineers will be brought in to explain the lagoon system at a public meeting.

The council also approved furnishing materials for traffic signs to be made by R. F. Chetwood for the police department; ordered rock to solve a drainage problem on Nehalem street; paid a bill for ambulance laundry and discussed storage problems for city machinery to keep equipment out of the weather.

West Oregon Revenue for '59 Increases

West Oregon Electric Co-op. has just experienced its greatest year, manager Guy I. Thomas announced this week. Total cooperative revenue was \$305,972.59, a gain of 7.83 per cent over 1958.

Kilowatt hour sales climbed to 22,975,848 kwh, an increase of 12.6 per cent over 1958 and showed the greatest gain in three years.

Leading the increase were the industrial and larger commercial consumers who used 15 per cent more and totaled \$62,159 for 1959.

The average residential user climbed to 9994 kwh for the year from 8842 kwh in 1958. Farm users averaged 8905 kwh for 1959 which was up from 7752 kwh. All residential and farm users paid an average of 1.26 cents per kwh which is the lowest cost for power members have ever paid in this area.

The cooperative showed a net margin for 1959 of \$1122.

In reviewing the progress of the past year, Mr. Thomas felt that the adjustment period due to the change in economic conditions in the Nehalem Valley is past for the cooperative. Greater growth can be expected from now on.

State Policeman Discusses Safety

Sargent Krieger of the Oregon state police spoke on driving safety and courtesy at Crown Zellerbach's monthly safety meeting on January 12. He stated that a good way to avoid accidents and be a safe driver is to practice defensive driving.

This can be accomplished by following the three C's: 1. Concentration, be alert; 2. Courtesy, don't insist on the right of way; 3. Control, don't follow too closely, and maintain prudent speed.

He stated that the four most frequent violations are failing to signal, failing to stop at stop signs and traffic signals, following too closely and failing to dim headlights.

The four greatest causes of accidents are drunk driving, reckless driving, violation of the basic rule, and passing without sufficient clearance.

Sargent Krieger also answered questions on motor vehicle operation and violations.

Movie Available

The new movie, "Rescue Breathing," showing the new artificial respiration methods, will be available for organizations in the Vernonia area during the week, February 1 to February 5.

The movie is being provided by Ruralite services to West Oregon Electric cooperative during that time. Any group desiring to see it should contact West Oregon Electric, announced Manager Guy Thomas.

School Selected To Take Part in National Survey

Vernonia union high school has been chosen as one of the 15 Oregon high schools to participate in the first scientific comprehensive national inventory of the talent of youth in the United States which is to be conducted during March. The national inventory of aptitudes and abilities will survey 1,000 public, private and parochial schools throughout the nation, scientifically selected to represent all types of secondary schools in all regions of the country.

The survey is being made through the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, supported by the United States office of education, with assistance from the National Institute of Mental Health and the office of Naval research. Funds for the project are provided primarily by the United States office of education.

Leading educators, presidents and secretaries of national educational and professional associations form the national committee for planning, outlining and carrying out the project. Under them, there is a coordinator for each region and Dr. J. Spencer Carlson of the University of Oregon is the regional coordinator for Oregon.

This inventory of talent of youth coincides with the national 1960 census year and the fact has been stressed that Project Talent should be regarded in the

same light as the census. It is not a test to be passed or failed but a report designed to evaluate the potential talents of the high school students.

Project Talent is the first scientifically planned inventory of human talents: the aptitudes and abilities of a people. In it a scientifically selected sample of half a million high school students will be given a two-day series of examinations. The scores from the tests will be made available to the individual school to be used as the school wishes but Project Talent will not evaluate specific schools nor compare one student with another.

The project has been carefully designed to fill an important national need for facts regarding the identification, development and utilization of human resources. The plan also includes a follow-up study of the students tested to seek to determine what these people are doing in their jobs or in higher education one year after graduation from high school and also will try to follow their activities over a 20 year period.

It is a singular honor for Vernonia high school to be selected as one of the schools to be used in this survey. It can be of benefit to the school in recognizing the abilities and desires of the students and providing the proper education to develop their talents.

Year of Change Indicated by News

October 22

Over \$300 was grossed at the Lions club hotcake feed held Saturday at the City Cafe.

Approximately 200 members, families and friends attended the 15th annual meeting of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative at

Judy Towne Wins Top Homemaker

Notice has been received at Vernonia high school that Judy Towne has been named as the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for this school and is among the ten highest girls in the state of Oregon. Senior girls at Vernonia high school took the test some time ago which was given in high schools throughout the nation in the annual search by General Mills for the Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The ten top in Oregon are now being reviewed by the science research association to select the state winner who will receive a \$1500 scholarship and the chance to represent the state in the national competition and a runner-up who will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Towne.

Ownership of Store Changed

The ownership of Brunsmann Hardware and Electric has been transferred from Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brunsmann to Bert and Dave Brunsmann starting as of the first of the year, an announcement this week indicates.

Along with word about the change in owners was the notice that the store will establish new opening hours effective February 1. On that date the store will open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Pete Brunsmann would have completed 15 years as owner of the store in March. He has spent 45 years in the retail and wholesale hardware and furniture business except for three years spent in army service.

the West Oregon building Saturday. Highlight was the burning of an \$89,000 note paid this summer.

October 29

In the school reorganization vote Monday, Vernonia and Birkenfeld favored and Mist rejected the plan that would have combined the three districts for administrative purposes.

Over 400 polio shots were given at the clinic held Thursday at the Washington school.

November 5

Laws Electronic Service was opened Saturday afternoon by George Laws in the Brickel building.

Scheduled for reopening this weekend was the Pine Cone with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Larson as new proprietors.

The Vernonia high school chapter of the National Honor Society was formally instituted this week with the initiation of 13 charter members chosen from the junior and senior classes.

November 12

The high school choir car wash held Saturday netted \$52 for the choir sweater fund.

November 19

Remodeling work on the former Safeway building to prepare it for use as a new city fire hall started Monday with Clarence Nance as contractor on the job.

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Alien Reporting Response Good

Immigration officials are well pleased with the response of aliens in the State of Oregon to address report requirements.

Aliens have until the end of January within which to submit their report of address to the government. Forms for the purpose may be obtained at any post office or any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Aliens who are minors must also report, but the parent or legal guardian should submit the report for an alien child under 14 years of age.

Netmen Take Measure of Tallest League Team, Win in Eastern Division

The Vernonia Loggers met the tallest team in the COWAPA League last Friday on the Vernonia floor and managed to chop them down to size in true Logger fashion by a score of 53-37. Vernonia jumped off to the lead and held a slim margin throughout the first half of play, leading at the intermission by one point, 16-15.

Following the jump that started the second half of play, the visiting Seagulls managed to get their only lead of the game, when they headed the Loggers 17-16. That one point margin startled the Vernonia five, and sounded the death knell for Seaside. When the smoke had cleared, the Loggers had regained the lead and at the end of the third quarter the scoreboard read 35-21 in favor of the home team.

Using reserves through much of the fourth quarter, the Ver-

nonia team coasted home with the victory. Impressive in the win was the rebounding of Logger center, Fred Bender. Playing against two boys, one of which scaled six feet nine inches and the other six feet eight inches, he more than held his own, especially in the decisive second half, and cleared rebound after rebound to get the Logger fast break started.

Coach Kerry Moran was also pleased with the evenly divided scoring, a trademark of the Vernonia team this season. Marv Crowston led the way with ten points, followed by Huntman and Bender with nine, and Mike Mullins with eight. The win brought the league record of the Loggers to 1-1 thus far.

The Loggers travelled to Hood River Saturday to take on the

team that is currently tied for the eastern division COWAPA League lead with a 3-0 record and scored an easy win over their hosts, the Blue Dragons, by a 27 point margin, 59-37. This marks the seventh win in eight starts for the Loggers this year.

Vernonia took quick command of the game with a ten to nothing score and were never threatened the rest of the game. Leading at half time, 27-16, the Loggers, using reserves in much of the second half, ran up leads of as much as 31 points, and closed out the game well in front.

Good defense paved the way, with the Vernonia team completely dominating the rebounds, blocking shots, stealing the ball on numerous instances, and playing good offensive ball, making the most of the opportunities these advantages gave them.

Again the Loggers shared the scoring responsibilities with Fred Bender high point man for the game with 13, followed by Doug Bellingham, Mike Mullins, and Leonard Huntman with 10 points each. One of the best indications of good team balance is evenly divided scoring and certainly, as Coach Kerry Moran has pointed out many times, the Logger squad has demonstrated this fact.

The Loggers enjoyed a day off following a rugged week of games and travel but Tuesday saw them back at work to prepare for the league leading Neah-Kah-Nie pirates who sail into town Friday night. A win for the Vernonia team would put them in a first place tie, and with this in mind the Loggers are working hard to make the most of the opportunity Friday night's game is giving them.