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Bids Opened For Lagoon Construction

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening of this week, bids were opened for the construction of the sewage lagoon and two bids were accepted for different phases of the work, both subject to approval of the United States public health service due to the federal grant which will pay one third of the cost of the project.

The bid of Loyd B. Read of Portland for the construction of the pumping station and the piping for \$29,065.25 and the bid of John Havlik Jr. of Scappoose for the excavation and embankment work for \$16,021 were the ones given approval. As soon as these can be cleared with the health service, work will begin, possibly by the first of August.

Charles Brown, new resident in house 106 O.A. hill, appeared before the council with the problem of the nearness of house 105 to his. Only seven and a half feet separate the two houses. He expressed his desire to acquire additional space if the house could be razed. The premises will be examined and considered later.

An offer of \$1500 for houses 101 through 105 was rejected as too low.

A resolution was adopted approving the sale of house 30 on Mississippi avenue to Eugene R. Stutz for an offered price of \$1300.

Consideration was given to the problem of low water pressure in the Capitol Hill area. Residents of that area were asked to help by curtailing sprinkling and irrigation. After some other projects are completed, consideration will be given to a booster pump and larger pipe.

Mrs. Harvey Redmond, park attendant, asked help with dealing with persons who have created a bad situation by rowdiness. Assistance will be given and another guard station at the pool is to be arranged for by Councilman C. E. Miller.

The council ordered a call for bids for pipe for the extension of the sewer on State street and it is published in another section of this issue.

A hose tower for the fire department is to be started soon with Charles A. Thomas in charge. Some foundation work is to be done on house 25 on O.A. hill which is occupied on a rental basis after the Jamboree rush is over.

Chief of Police A. D. Lolley stated that he, Lee Jessee and Van Zee will police during the Jamboree but asked additional help, especially during the parade.

Residents of O.A. hill were assured that they had watering rights. Where old standpipes are inoperable, residents may install their own by connecting to the regular service line to their houses.

SOME STORES TO BE OPEN SUNDAY

For the convenience of visitors here this week end, some stores have indicated plans for staying open part of Sunday. The Specialty Shop in the Schaumburg building will be open and a large display of Caylite candles is there. Sam's Food store, Linn Grocery, and Sunnyside Service have indicated they will be open for varying hours on Sunday. The drug store will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Others are considering the move but have not given a definite reply.

Festive Appearance Indicates Friendship Jamboree Ready

Vernonia began taking on a festive air last week end when members of the Jamboree committee, with the assistance of West Oregon Electric men and equipment and other volunteer help put up the street decorations for the Fourth Vernonia Friendship Jamboree which starts Friday. Today, the "new look" is being given to windows, and vacant buildings as displays of many and varied sort go into them. There will be about 36 exhibits in all. All persons putting in displays are reminded to put a card in the window with their name and the classification of their exhibit on it. A directory of the exhibits will be found on page 10.

A complete Jamboree program will be found on page five. A few things have been added since that was composed. For instance Monday evening, work was started toward cleaning up the old engine 105 which it is hoped can be moved onto the tracks and fired up and used for runs between the sheds and the main line for the enjoyment of local rail fans and visitors alike.

Activity in the lot across from the West Oregon building indicates that kiddie rides and some carnival attractions will be placed there. Other local concessions will be found along bridge street and will include a fishpond arranged by the Mt. Heart club for the enjoyment of kiddies, the ball toss sponsored by the firemen and a food concession sponsored by the Jamboree committee on the Nance lot at Second and Bridge.

The kick-off Friday evening will be the bowling tournament start at Dessy's Bowl and the

Mighty Hunter ball at the Legion hall at 8:30 p.m. for which the KOIN-TV orchestra will play. At that, the Mighty Hunter will be crowned and awarded prizes, including a radio donated by Milo Burke of the Heinz Construction company. Competition in that field is keen as is evidenced by stories elsewhere on this page.

The winners of the fish story contest will be announced at the dance, also and awarded prizes of fishing tackle.

Saturday morning will see activity bright and early in several areas for the Million Dollar Golf Tournament will start at the Vernonia Golf Club, the Third Annual Pacific Northwest Horseshoe Tournament will start in the city park and the Jamboree Handicap Bowling Tournament will continue at Dessy's Bowl in River-view.

The parade is to form at the depot at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Harry Sandon and Mrs. Lloyd Callister will register entries and assign numbers which do not indicate position but are for identification. Judging of entries will start at 10:30 a.m. and the parade will start as soon as the train pulls in and unloads. It will be stopped just south of the depot so as not to interfere with the parade lineup. Parade entries are still invited.

The horse show will take up Saturday afternoon. It will be held in the city park as in previous years and will start at 1:00 p.m. The Washington County Sheriff's posse has sent word it will be here and many other clubs have been invited and are expected for the parade and the

show. The Wranglers from Warrenton, the junior group for Clatsop county, are coming and will put on a show.

Saturday will climax with a square dance at the Legion hall sponsored by the Do-Si-Dos.

Sunday, the golf and bowling tournaments continue. That day will start off with the cowboy breakfast in the city park which is put on by the Mt. Heart Social club. All local people are invited to join with visitors for the breakfast which will be served from 6:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The big excursion train will arrive at 11:30 and passengers will go to the Legion hall for dinner. Legion auxiliary ladies are "up to their ears" in chicken for that and are busily preparing all that goes with it.

The city officials and workmen, along with volunteers have done a splendid job of getting the new south park area ready for the Vernonia Society picnic and that gives promise of being the best one yet. All local residents are urged to turn out to visit with former residents and renew friendships as well as to make new ones.

The logging show will be held in the city park Sunday afternoon, starting at 1:30 p.m. Just prior to that, at 12:30 p.m., the firemen will stage the final of their water fight. Several other fire departments are expected to enter so that eliminations will be required to determine champions.

The Junior Legion baseball game has been changed from afternoon to evening and will take place at the high school field at 8:00 o'clock under lights.

More Hunters Tell Stories of Prowess

OSCAR SHIFFER
Oscar Shiffer once hog tied a bear and brought it into Timber. This happened many years ago but he related the incident this week while being interviewed as a candidate for "Mighty Hunter."

It seems that Mr. Shiffer had trapped the bear and he made the boast that he could hog tie and bring the bear into town. Naturally the other residents wanted to see this feat accomplished. So with the help of one of the railroad employees he took some clothesline out to tie the

Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, a delegation will leave the West Oregon office for the Camp 8 rifle range for the target shoot by the four Mighty Hunter candidates which will be a deciding factor in determining the winner. Candidates are Oscar Shiffer and Cass Bergerson whose stories appear here and Robert Spencer and Albert Schalock whose stories appeared earlier. Anyone wishing to accompany the group may join them at the West Oregon office or at the rifle range.

bear. After considerable struggle, they got the bear tied and packed it out to the road. They then trucked it into Timber. Shiffer says he well remembers all the advice given from a distance by the people standing well back from the bear.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa almost 77 years ago, Mr. Shiffer came to Portland by way of Kansas when he was six years of age. In 1892 the Shiffer family moved to Banks.

Shiffer moved to Timber in 1910 while the PR&N railway (now a part of Southern Pacific)

was building through to the coast. There he worked on clearing a right-of-way for the railroad and then worked in the woods. For several years he was Washington County road supervisor for the Timber area. He also built the first garage in Timber. It is still in operation, currently operated by Remus Branson.

For many years Mr. Shiffer was interested in trap shooting. He won the P.I.T.A. state shoot at Gearhart in 1942 and the A.T.A. shoot in Salem in 1947. He was one of the organizers of and served as president and secretary of the Sunset Gun Club at Banks.

While he was being interviewed, one of his daughters called from Portland. She stated that he raised four daughters who love to hunt as much as he does. There are also 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

CASS BERGERSON
Cass Bergerson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergerson who were among the earliest settlers of the Upper Nehalem Valley, lays claim to the rights to compete for the Mighty Hunter title because of his life-long participation in the sports of fishing and hunting in this area. Peter Bergerson came to the valley in 1892 and purchased 160 acres in the Kist district. He also acquired an additional 160 acres through a preemption claim. It was on that place that Cass was born and grew up.

Cass states that he began hunting and fishing as soon as he was big enough and in one instance he thought he was big enough for one sport that almost proved his undoing. In those days, there

were no game laws and every settler along the Nehalem river had a spear as standard equipment. A small creek ran past the Bergerson house and salmon went up it in the winter. When Cass was only four and his father was away from home, he took the spear to the creek and attempted to spear a salmon. Result: he went into the creek head first.

Rumor has it that when he was a pupil at the Kist school the main sport at recess was shooting humming birds on the fly. Cass held the record for 25 years for 2000 birds and three teachers.

In 1918 Uncle Sam called Cass to service in World War I. Because of his deadly accuracy with the rifle, it was felt it would not be humane to let him fight against the enemy so he spent a good deal of his time washing pots and pans.

After the war, he took up hunting as his avocation and got his share of deer, bear, coyotes and other game. He still never misses a deer and elk season in the fall and since his retirement, has added fishing for salmon in the Columbia river to his list of favorite sports.

One story that has come to light is that once Cass tracked an animal from Hershey road to the Scappoose road without once getting off the track. He was never able to get a shot at it but Frank Floeter was very pleased to get back one of his cows that had been gone for two years.

Because of Cass's frontier background and hunting ability, those who have placed his name in nomination feel he has a good chance of becoming the Mighty Hunter.

PROCLAMATION

We, your mayor and city council, hereby proclaim Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24 as Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Days and urge all citizens of Vernonia to do all possible to enjoy those days themselves and make all who come here feel welcome and have a good time. We pride ourselves on friendliness, so we urge all citizens to circulate among the visitors with friendly hellos, handshakes and smiles.

We are glad to note the many yards that have been mowed, houses spruced up and other improvements made for this occasion and we exhort all others to use the remaining hours to make every corner of the town look its best for our guests.

Join with the old timers Sunday so that they may know those who are carrying on the tradition of Vernonia as the finest place on earth to live.

George W. Johnson, Mayor
C. E. Miller
R. L. Spencer
H. H. Sturdevant
L. E. Stiff

Legion Divides Astoria Games

Vernonia split a doubleheader with Astoria at the high school baseball field Sunday in Junior Legion baseball. Astoria won the first game 11-4 while Vernonia won the second game 5-3.

Huntman was the losing picture in the opener with Paulson of Astoria the winning pitcher. Huntman struck out seven batters while giving up eight bases on balls and seven hits.

Wayne Larson was the winning pitcher in the second game while Hoffman was the loser for Astoria. Larson struck out eight while allowing six hits and seven bases on balls.

The split gave Vernonia a season total of three wins and five losses in league play. They closed out the league season with this game.

The final game of the season will be with Jesuit here on Sunday night as the finale of the Jamboree. The game will start at eight and will be played under the lights.

A large local crowd is hoped for for this game.

District 47 to Open Bids for Bus Route Job

The school board for the unified district 47, joint, Vernonia, will meet tonight, Thursday, July 21, at the Vernonia high school building to open bids for a school bus for the Birkenfeld area to transport pupils living on Fishhawk road to the Mist grade school and to transport high school students living on Fishhawk road to the highway to meet the Vernonia high school bus.

All persons interested in being at this meeting or submitting bids are urged to note the correct date given here and in the call for bids listed elsewhere. In its first publication the date was incorrectly given.

Paving Company Reports Work

The M and M Paving company of Forest Grove which has been doing black topping in this area for the past several weeks, reported this week that in addition to the work done at the schools they have done work for 23 individuals who have had sidewalks, driveways and yard areas black-topped. The company had to cease operations here this week because of work waiting elsewhere but they will return here in August to do work for a number of others who have already signed up for it. If there are others who wish to have work done then, they may leave their names at the Vernonia Eagle office or the city hall.

Those who have had work done to date include: R. E. Archibald, Ralph Krieger, Ed Miller, Don Tiffney, Melvin Schwab, Derl Roberts, John Serafin, Louis Towne, L. G. Bowerman, Wilbur Davis, Charley Hickman, H. J. Buffmire, W. H. Grosche, Guy Thomas, Marvin Kamholz, Owen East, Mathilde Bergerson, Frank McCabe, R. L. Spencer, A. D. Lolley, Albert Childs, George Johnson and Paul Weidman.

This work has been a big improvement for the city of Vernonia and property owners who have had it done are to be commended for their contribution to general civic betterment in this way.

Fire Enlivens Pinochle Party

Not every hostess enlivens a pinochle party with a fire, but that was the case Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Richard Nightwine. She was entertaining with two tables of pinochle when it was discovered that the Nightwine barn was on fire.

Attempts made to call the fire department at first were unsuccessful as the phone was out of order. Mrs. Bob Thompson jumped in her car and rushed to town but before she got there the call got through and the truck was pulling out. It was too late to save the barn, but they saved the garage which was close to the barn, and kept the fire from spreading to other buildings. The forest service truck and crew from Pittsburg also came to the scene and helped control the fire.

The barn and about a ton of hay were a total loss. Mrs. Nightwine got a cow out of the barn without injury.

After the excitement died down, the ladies completed their pinochle game. Those besides Mrs. Nightwine and Mrs. Thompson were Mrs. Ralph Krieger, Mrs. Cliff Fetherston, Mrs. Hilding Berg, Mrs. Wm. Ritz, Mrs. Harry Emmons and Mrs. Don Huss.

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