

EUB Church To Observe Anniversary

The 75th anniversary of the Vernonia Evangelical United Brethren church will be observed this coming Sunday, September 16, and an invitation is extended to everyone to attend services planned for that day, according to Raymond B. Targgart, pastor. Letters have gone out to many former residents as well as to former pastors of the church and many of them are expected for the occasion.

The observance will start with the 11:00 a.m. service and it will be followed by a potluck dinner and an afternoon program which will include a review of the history of the church and informal talks by those who have played parts in its development through the years.

All local persons attending the dinner are asked to bring large hot dishes and either a salad or dessert. It is expected that many of those coming from elsewhere will also bring potluck but local residents are asked to provide ample to care for those from a distance who find it inconvenient to do so. Friends and all persons interested in the event are asked to join with members in this observance.

Users Fail to Name Officers

Between 50 and 60 persons attended a meeting at the Vernonia fire hall last Saturday evening which had been called for the purpose of electing officers for the West Oregon Cooperative Users association.

Shortly after 8:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Hans Slette, who had been named August 6 as chairman of a committee to circulate petitions asking for a special meeting of the West Oregon Electric cooperative members to investigate and determine justification for the recent raise in rates of light and power to consumers.

Chairman Slette stated that the sole purpose of the Saturday evening meeting was to elect officers for the organization to be known as the West Oregon Electric Users association. He then asked Lester Sheeley to read the by-laws which had been drawn for the organization.

From that point on, the chairman had little opportunity to conduct a meeting. Various of those present began asking questions as to why an organization of this nature was organized and what it expected to do. The chairman answered queries with a statement that this meeting was not for such discussion but for the election of officers. However, others posed similar questions and several spoke concerning their feelings on the matter. It appeared that the majority of those present opposed the formation of such an organization.

When it became evident to the chairman that those in opposition intended to make it virtually impossible for the purpose of the meeting to be accomplished, he declared the meeting adjourned.

Informal discussion continued for some time after adjournment.

Schools Close September 17

Schools in Columbia county will be closed September 17. All teachers are participating in a county institute designed by a teacher committee dealing with educational implications of industrial development.

The main speaker will be Robert Drager, industrial supervisor of the Oregon planning and development commission. Mr. Drager has had the opportunity in many projects related to industrial development in Oregon.

Members of the St. Helens port commission will serve on a panel to discuss what is being done in the expanded port district in Columbia county.

In the afternoon the teachers will be guests of the Port of Portland on a tour of some of the port facilities on the Willamette river. Teachers will board the Portland, a stern wheeler, at Swan Island and will receive a guided river tour.

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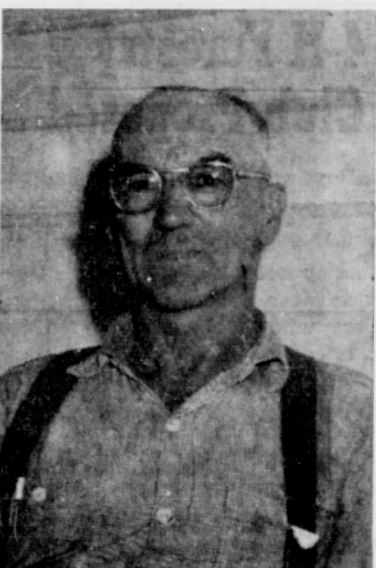
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Candidates



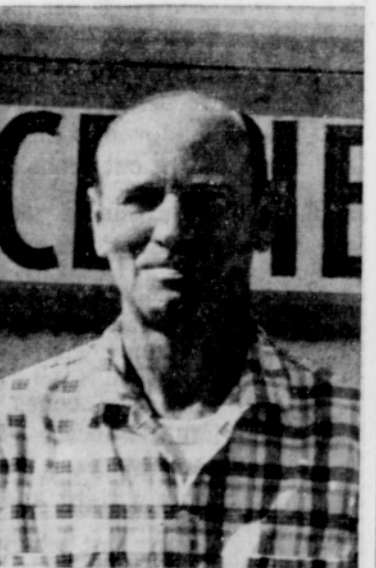
NOBLE DUNLAP
District 2



ROBERT U. MATHEWS
District 2



GEORGE L. SMITH
District 5



HANS O. SLETTE
District 5



DUDLEY P. SPOFFORD
District 5

Board Positions to Be Sought by Five at Annual Cooperative Meet

The five candidates for the positions of directors on the board of the West Oregon Electric cooperative have furnished information about themselves to acquaint members of the cooperative with them and their qualifications.

In district 2, which includes Birkenfeld, Mist, Pittsburg and Chapman, the nominees named at the meeting held at Natal August 28 are Noble Dunlap, incumbent, and Robert U. Mathews.

In district 5, which includes the portion of Vernonia west of the SP&S tracks, Timber route up Beaver creek and to and including Timber, those nominated August 29 were George L. Smith, incumbent, Hans Slette and Dudley Spofford.

October 20, at the annual meeting of the cooperative, one director will be elected from each of the two districts.

A brief statement of facts about each of the five is as follows:

Noble Dunlap, incumbent, district 2, is a native of Mist and has spent most of his life in this vicinity. His home is a 90-acre farm near Natal.

He has been interested in power problems of the valley for many years and was elected to the Nehalem Basin PUD board and was treasurer of that organization until it was made inactive following the formation of West Oregon Electric in 1944 when he then became a member of the cooperative board and has served continuously. He has held the office of vice president and president at various times. He is a veteran of World War I and is a member of Vernonia Post American Legion. He also belongs to the Vernonia Barracks of Veterans of World War I.

He is a long time member of the Natal Grange and was master for 14 years. He is active in Columbia county Pomona Grange and was Pomona master for six years.

He also served two terms on the Vernonia high school board of directors.

Robert U. Mathews, nominee for director from district 2 will oppose Noble Dunlap at the election October 20.

He has lived in the valley since 1910 when his parents moved from Portland to the Mellis homestead on the Burn road south of Mist. In 1942 he moved to his present place on the Nehalem river.

Since 1948 he has been in partnership with three brothers on their cattle farm and logging operation. Prior to that the Mathews brothers operated a steam sawmill and logged.

He has been active in community affairs, is on the school district 47 budget committee, had served as a director of Mist school board for over nine years, has served on the Vernonia high school board and has been on the Columbia county budget committee at various times since 1937.

George L. Smith, incumbent director for district 5 first came to Vernonia in 1936 when his family moved here. He completed high school here.

During World War II he served in the Coast Guard. Following the war he worked for a time in Long Beach, California. On returning to Vernonia he worked for the Long-Bell Lumber company as a welder at Camp McGregor until operations there ceased. He then purchased the machine shop there and moved it to his home on Timber route, Vernonia. He operates the machine shop on a part time basis. For the past two years he has worked for Crown Zellerbach Co. on the E. P. Stamm Tree Farm.

He has been on the Cooperative board since 1957.

Hans O. Slette, moved to Vernonia three years ago when he purchased the Sunnyside Service and Grocery about one and a half miles south of Vernonia. Just prior to moving to Vernonia they had lived near Dallas, Oregon for about six months following a move from Concord, California where the Slettes had lived for a number of years.

While living in Concord, Mr. Slette had been in various positions from driving truck to Western Regional Manager for Dealer's Transit, Inc. of Chicago. He also was employed by Leonard Bros. Transportation Co.

Mr. Slette has belonged to the Eagles Lodge. He holds a withdrawal card in the Teamster's union.

Dudley P. Spofford, has lived in Vernonia most of the time since 1926 when he moved here with his family from Southern Idaho.

Since coming to Vernonia he has worked in the woods and mills. He first worked for the Oregon-American Lumber Co. in 1926. For a number of years he was a contract logger in partnership with Ray Taylor of Mist. For the past five years he has been employed by the Allied J&H Lumber Co. In his spare time he assists Mrs. Spofford in the family greenhouse venture, Spofford's Gardens and Floral Service.

He is chairman of the Christian Church board of trustees and also president of the Vernonia Federal Credit Union.

JVs Schedule Rainier Game

After three weeks of practice, the Vernonia JV football team under Coach Manning Bomberger will have their first game of the season this Tuesday, September 18, at the high school field against Rainier.

Coach Bomberger now has a squad of 22 boys which includes 16 freshmen who have turned out for their first year of football.

Coach Bomberger reports that he has been well pleased with his boys during his pre-season drills and has singled out several first year players who have impressed him so far: Roger Medges at fullback Jerry Hanson at end and Gonzales Cox at center. Cox is the heaviest man on the team at 170 pounds.

The JV's will play a six game schedule with Rainier, Clatskanie, Banks and Star of the Sea. All home games will start at 7:00 p.m. A complete JV schedule and roster will be published next week.

Boys Asked to Enter Contest

Tuesday evening of this week Coach Bob Wendel announced the start of a punting and passing contest for boys aged 11, 12 and 13. All boys interested in this can sign up at the grade school bulletin board and become acquainted with the rules at that time.

Saturday, September 29 from 10 to 12 the boys will practice at the high school football field.

On October 6 they will hold the semi-finals from 10 to 11 and on October 12, at halftime between the Vernonia - Banks game, the boys will stage the finals.

There will be three winners whose names will be engraved on a plaque and placed on display at the grade school. The awarding of prizes is not allowed as it would damage the boys' amateur status.

School Figures Increase

Monday of this week, new students who entered the schools in district 47 joint increased the figures given last week by 18 and brought the total enrollment to the highest figure since 1957, the year the mill closed.

Eleven new students were in grade schools and seven in the high school. The total grade school enrollment is now 479 with 366 at Washington school, 75 at Lincoln school and 38 at Mist. The high school now has 174. Total enrollment as of Monday was 653 as compared to 680 in 1957.

BLM Approves 10-Acre Park

A park with facilities for 45 overnight campers will be built on the Scappoose-Vernonia road about 10 miles from Vernonia at no cost to the county for building or maintenance, according to an announcement made last week by Columbia County Judge John Whipple.

In excess of 10,000 acres of O and C lands managed by the Federal Bureau of Land Management are located in Columbia county and the erection of this park is a

part of the recreational program recently adopted by 18 O and C counties.

The park will be on the East Fork of the Nehalem river adjacent to the highway in section 7, township 4N, 3W between the Walt Floeter place and the road into the Peter-Glenn tree farm. People familiar with the area can identify the approximate location by the old trestle 23.

Accommodations will include picnic tables, fireplaces, restrooms and ample drinking water. Cost of construction and also of maintenance will be provided for by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The name Scapponia, derived from the names Scappoose and Vernonia has been given this new recreation area and park.

Paul W. Arrowsmith who is in charge of the recreation program for the Bureau of Land Management, stated this week that the site includes approximately 10 acres. Work of clearing brush, making roads and laying out trails will be done this winter.

The sum of \$5000 is budgeted for the development during this fiscal year and they expect to spend more in the future to expand the facilities according to the interest shown in its use.

He stated that facilities should be ready for use by next June.

Judge Whipple stated that Columbia county is fortunate to land this new park and should be proud to have a facility for the use of both residents and visitors.

Loggers Meet Rainier First

Friday night of this week at 8 p.m., the 1962 rendition of the Vernonia Logger gridiron squad will take to the turf at Greenman Field to play their first tilt of the season against the always tough Rainier Columbians. The Loggers this year under the tutelage of Coach Bob Wendel will once again sport the T formation, but a new wrinkle has been added on defense with the local eleven slated to use a 4-5-2 to try and stem the attack of the Columbians.

The local eleven will once again be one of the lighter squads in the league, averaging 170 pounds on the line and 155 in the backfield. Injuries have been kept to a minimum and the local squad should be at full strength Friday evening.

With the loss of nine lettermen from last year's squad, Coach Bob Wendel will definitely be building this year. Friday night of last week the Vernonia squad played the alumni with the latter proving just a little too much for them offensively. The local eleven did show, however, that they weren't going to be a pushover for anyone this year.

The tentative starting line-up as given by Coach Wendel is:

Center, Ed Kamholz; guards, Delbert Bush and Bill Pringle; tackles, Mark Medges and John Hildebrand; ends, Bob Grimsbo and Terry Larson; quarterback, Grant Bowerman; halfback, Boxer Cox and Dan Steele; and fullback, Harvey Redmond.

On sale this week are the season tickets to all athletic events for \$8.00. Prices at the gate will be adults \$1.00; grade school 50 cents and pre-schoolers, 25 cents.

Firemen Host For Fire Meet

The Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department will be host Wednesday evening of next week, September 19, to the Washington-Columbia County Fire Fighters association, according to Ralph Sturdevant, Vernonia fire chief. A different city plays host to the group each month.

Sturdevant also stated this week that the fire call Sunday evening, September 9, was the first one for the Vernonia department in three months. The last call was May 18. The Sunday call was to the DeLemos home on OA hill and was for an overheated oil stove. No damage was incurred.

Lions Open Season Meetings With Dinner at Scout Cabin

Members of the Vernonia Lions club opened the fall season with a dinner held in the Scout cabin at the city park at which they entertained their wives with a ladies night program. The delicious steak dinner was served by John Wilde.

Special guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Cass Bergerson and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Robertson who were invited in appreciation of the great amount of assistance the men had given to the Scout cabin project. Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welch had also been invited for the same reason but were unable to attend.

Bruce Roberts, pastor of the Christian church, became a member of the club.

Art Gardner was given the District Governor's attendance award in recognition for the number of new members he has brought into the club in the past five-year period. Art also holds a seven-year perfect attendance record.

Joey Acaturri, program chairman, created a lot of hilarity by

calling on some of the members, for extemporaneous two - minute speeches. Some of those called on were Neil Zimmerman who was asked to tell how he married his wife and John Jensen who was asked to explain why he didn't have a wife.

Acaturri also acted as auctioneer for several prizes that were left over, and proved to be a shrewd auctioneer when he was able to sell the same item several times. Darrold Proehl and Joe Magoff, engaged in several golf matches, on the park grounds.

Following the meeting, Bill Horn, zone chairman, held a zone meeting at which three members, from the Rainier club were present.

The Vernonia club will meet again next Monday evening, September 17, at the fire hall at 6:30 p.m. for the regular dinner meeting and business session. The St. Helens club is expected to make a visitation here at that time.

Prior to the meeting, there will be a short meeting of the board of directors at 5:50 p.m.